

SAY BRITISH CENSOR IS NOT ALWAYS FAIR

English Editors Complain Constantly That He Discriminates Between Papers.

London, April 26.—The vagaries of the British censorship have long ceased to be regarded as an outrage, as they were at first considered, and have even fallen from the position next assigned to them of being a bad joke that had to be endured.

As the Morning Post points out, if an item of news appears in the Italian press it is to be assumed that the Germans have full information through the German ambassador in Italy.

"It is not," it says, "in the nature of a staggering disaster which might dismay the nation, but merely that sort of reverse, sad in itself but not of great magnitude, which must be expected in the major operations of war."

Here again is the charge so frequently made against the censorship that it insists whenever it can upon suppressing any news that is not favorable to the British arms, while it consistently exaggerates that which is favorable.

The day before yesterday the military expert of the Daily News naturally took Sir John French's despatch, which appeared in the paper that morning as his theme.

Some days ago a provincial newspaper man telegraphed a number of London papers to the effect that some obstruction had been struck by a torpedo boat, naming the precise locality and associating with it the sinking of the U 29.

A provincial newspaper published a similar report and its editor was fined £10 (\$50). This editor in his defense quoted from a London evening paper an

account of the sinking of a submarine which was much more definite in character and yet had been allowed to pass unnoticed by the censor.

This discrimination by the censor between journal and journal is a constant cause of complaint. It may be done unwittingly but it is annoying just the same.

There was also considerable wonder as to what advantage it could be to the enemy for this piece of news to be kept from the knowledge of the English people, or even from the enemy himself, who would, however, be sure to know it pretty well as soon as the English press.

Women Cannot Be Notaries

Raleigh, May 25.—The supreme court holds the woman notary act of the recent legislature unconstitutional in State vs. Knight from Buncombe. The opinion was delivered in the final batch today along with adjournment for the term.

Chief Justice Clark filed a lengthy dissenting opinion, insisting the act should be sustained. Justice Brown concurring. The controlling opinion was written by Justice Allen and holds that women not being voters are ineligible to office; that notary public is a public office and the legislature cannot change the status by declaring them "positions of public trust."

If such a course was pursued, says the court, some action could be taken as to every other office created by legislature and not mentioned in the constitution, and they could be filled by women.

A New Picture Show for Hickory Soon.

Mr. J. Lee Stone left Wednesday for Charlotte to purchase the necessary equipment to open a new picture show in Hickory in the store room formerly occupied by Lowe & Co. Mr. Stone has leased this building for five years. This show will open as soon as arrangements can be made to get the furniture and fixtures here.

Marriage Last Sunday.

At the home of Rev. J. E. Barbe last Sunday at 3 o'clock Mr. W. A. Turner and Miss Camilla Propst were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Barbe. The Democrat extends to them all the happiness that life can afford.

Modern Farming.

"How many head o' live stock you got on the place?" "Live stock?" echoed the somewhat puzzled farmer. "What d'ye mean by live stock? I got four steam tractors and seven automobiles."—Judge.

Man Takes His own Medicine Is An Optimist.

He has absolute faith in his medicine—he knows when he takes it for certain ailments he gets relief. People who take Dr. King's New Discovery for an irritating Cold are optimists—they know this cough remedy will penetrate the lining of the throat, kill the germs, and open the way for nature to act. You can't destroy a Cold by superficial treatment—you must go to the cause of the trouble. Be an optimist. Get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery to-day.

AUSTRIA AND ITALY ARE GETTING AT IT

Advance Guards Clash; Italian Adriatic Towns Are Bombarded.

Little or no time has been allowed to elapse between the declaration of war and actual fighting between Austria and Italy. Austrian aeroplanes, destroyers and torpedo boats early today descended on the Italian coast of the Adriatic and bombarded several towns, including Venice; while in the Tyrol and on the eastern frontier Italian and Austrian advance guards have fired the first shots.

The plan of campaign has not yet been disclosed, but it is generally believed attempts to inflict a quick and decisive defeat, or, at least, one that will discourage the Italians, will be undertaken, largely by the Germans under Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

It is said the German troops, with heavy guns, aeroplanes and Zeppelins, already are passing through the valley of the River Adige in the direction of Verona, and that rapid and fierce blows will be delivered almost immediately at the Italian center. This, the Germans doubtless believe, would serve to hold off an Italian advance from the Province of Venice, where the flat nature of the country would give the Italians a greater chance of success.

Throughout Austria and Germany there is bitter denunciation of Italy which for the moment has replaced England as the most hated enemy. In the Allied countries on the other hand, Italian intervention is hailed with delight and in the Italian quarters of London and Paris there have been enthusiastic demonstrations and cheering farewells to the Italians leaving to join the colors.

Roumania, Greece and Bulgaria have made no move. The Government of Bulgaria has reiterated that it will continue neutral so long as Bulgarian interests are not directly affected, and it sees no reason why they should be. The opposition, however, is voicing the opinion that Bulgaria should seize the opportunity to join with the Allies.

Bulgaria may be drawn in through a question which has arisen with Turkey over the seizure by Turkey of a number of Bulgarian railway cars loaded with goods. Sofia has lodged a protest against this action. Roumania may be affected by a change of fortune in the battles in middle Galicia. Russia here is delivering a strong counter-offensive and has regained some ground along the San north of Jaroslau.

The most important battle, however, is that raging southeast of Przemysl, where the Austrians and Germans are making repeated attacks in an endeavor to break the Russian line and thus relieve the pressure the Russians are bringing to bear on the Germans who crossed the San.

Fighting also is in progress in Courland, along the East Prussian frontier and in Central Poland, where the Germans have attempted an offensive along the Rawka River. None of these actions apparently has been decisive, although heavy losses have been suffered on both sides. Russia expresses satisfaction with the situation along her front. Heavy fighting has been resumed in the west from Arras to the sea and both Germans and French claim the advantage. It is evident that the Allies do not intend to relax their efforts on this front, although a big general movement has not yet been undertaken, the present operations having as their object improvement in their positions and forcing the Germans to counter-attacks.

The Allies have landed ad-

ditional troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula and, although progress there must continue slow, there is every confidence here that the resistance of the Turks will be long broken. The loss to the Allies is heavy, as is shown by the casualty lists, but it is asserted that the Turks are suffering much more severely, as they are under cross-fire from the ships.

Germany Sides with Her Ally.

Berlin, via London, May 24.—No arrangements have been made for the departure of the Italian Ambassador from Germany. The public learned of Italy's declaration of war with remarkable calmness and today seemed more bent on enjoying whitsuntide holiday outings than worrying about the latest accession to the ranks of Austro-Hungary's enemies.

Street demonstrations took place late last night and small crowds paraded the streets at an early hour this morning singing patriotic songs and cheering for Austria-Hungary. The paraders attempted to make a demonstration before the Italian embassy, but all approaches to the embassy had been closed by the police.

What comment is heard on the situation is not flattering to Italy. Her action in declaring war against her former ally is generally regarded by the populace as "political brigandage." The average German declines to take the Italian military menace seriously and seems to consider that Italy's onslaught will merely put off the ultimate victory of the Teutonic allies without rendering victory doubtful.

In discussions of the official Italian Austrian for the declaration of war the comment is heard everywhere that it took Italy a long time to find out that the treaty of alliance had been violated, it being argued that Italy's note on this subject was dated in December and that it required months longer to determine that the violation of the treaty constituted a reason for war.

Southern Tries Out New Style Engine.

Salisbury, May 24.—The Southern Railway Company today tried out between Spencer and Greensboro a new style engine, the only one of its kind. It is known as a "two-in-one," and is really two engines combined. The engine parts of a small engine are placed under the tender of a large engine and so connected up that one engineer can manipulate both engines, using one at a time or both as occasion may demand. The trial today was satisfactory, the engine pulling 79 cars, a weight of twenty-seven hundred tons. Tomorrow several hundred tons more will be added.

The new combined engine idea originated in the draughtsman department of the Southern at Washington and this first engine was built at Spencer. General Manager Coapman witnessed the testing today. Engineer John Sprager handled the new monster.

Some Forms of Rheumatism Curable.

Rheumatism is a disease characterized by pains in the joints and in the muscles. The most common forms are: Acute and Chronic Rheumatism, Rheumatic Headache, Sciatic Rheumatism and Lumbago. All of these types can be helped absolutely by applying some good liniment that penetrates. An application of Sloan's Liniment two or three times a day to the affected part will give instant relief. Sloan's Liniment is good for pain, and especially Rheumatic Pain, because it penetrates to the seat of the trouble, soothes the afflicted part and draws the pain. "Sloan's liniment is all medicine." Get a 25c. bottle now. Keep it handy in case of emergency.

Patronize and help your paper as you would any other enterprise because it helps you and not as an act of charity.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM WEST HICKORY

Local and Personal Items of That Hustling Town and Community.

West Hickory, May 25.—The West Hickory Band gave an ice cream supper on the vacant lot near Mr. Ed. Hawn's Saturday night. There was a large crowd present and everybody enjoyed the fine music furnished by the band and also with the nice ice cream.

Mrs. J. M. Abbe and daughter, Miss Mary, of Drexel, were here Saturday and Sunday visiting the family of Mr. Jim Abbe.

Miss Carrie Berry has returned home after spending several days with relatives at Drexel.

Mr. Connelly Potat of Drexel, was here Saturday visiting the family of Mr. P. Berry.

Everything at the Ivey Mill seems to be on a boom at present. The production during the past week was the largest that it has ever been since the work has been chanced on satteen. Last Saturday they shipped out 52 bales of cloth, the average being about 1750 yards to the bale. It looks like prosperity has struck the Ivey in full blast.

Miss Ola Lawter, who has been at Caroleen for several weeks visiting her sister, has returned home.

Mr. Eli Clay of Lenoir, is here on a visit to his son, Mr. J. B. Clay.

Mr. Robert Hawn went to Drexel Saturday to visit Miss M. J. Potat.

Commencement at Chapel Hill.

Chapel Hill, May 26.—Preparations are being made in Chapel Hill for the approaching 120th commencement of the University of North Carolina. The exercises begin on Sunday, May 30, and the concluding event of the four-day occasion comes with the commencement address on June 2nd. Judge A. Mitchell Palmer, of Stroudsburg, Pa., prominent in political affairs at Washington, will deliver the commencement address.

The opening event is the baccalaureate sermon in Gerrard Hall on Sunday morning, May 30th. Bishop J. A. McKay, of Birmingham, Ala., will make this sermon to the graduating class of approximately 80. The sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Dietz-Byers.

The home of Mrs. W. L. Abernethy, on Tenth Avenue, was the scene of a pretty quiet wedding Sunday evening, being witnessed by only the family and a few most intimate friends, when Rev. A. L. Stanford united in marriage Mr. Carl Dietz and Miss Bessie Byers.

Mrs. Dietz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Byers, of Caldwell County, and is an attractive young lady; while the groom is a promising young man of this city, being possessed of innumerable good qualities, and their many friends wish them unbounded happiness.

Whole Family Dependent.

Mr. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ohio, writes: "Our whole family depend on Pine-Tar-Honey." Maybe some one in your family has a severe Cold—perhaps it is a baby. The original Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is an ever ready household remedy—it gives immediate relief. Pine-Tar-Honey penetrates the linings of the throat and Lungs, destroys the Germs, and allows Nature to act. At your Druggist, 25c.

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Local and Personal Items of Interest

Miss Lenore Sourbeer was a Lincolnton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. J. E. Lowe, of Mullinax, S. C., was a week end visitor to his brother, Mr. G. C. Lowe.

Mrs. L. B. Gwin left Tuesday for Gastonia where she will spend some time with her parents.

Mr. Bonner Knox has returned to Hickory from Davidson, where he has been in school for the past session.

Mr. Cecii Bost has returned home from the University of North Carolina where he has been at school.

Rev. B. A. Yorke will preach at Grace Chapel next Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at Houch's Chapel at 3 p. m. A full attendance is desired.

Mr. J. T. Prevette and mother, Mrs. Alice Prevette, of North Wilkesboro, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Prevette.

Rev. H. G. Kopenhaver, for six years principal of the Star-town High School, has resigned and will go to St. Paris, Ohio, to take up work as pastor and teacher.

Mr. Richard Little, who was recently elected superintendent of the Newton Graded Schools, has decided not to accept and the board will have to look out for another man.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elliott and daughter, Miss Kate, went to Greensboro this week to attend the Shriners' meeting. From there Miss Kate went to Durham to attend a house party.

Mrs. Beard's school has closed for the year. We are informed that this has been the most successful term she has ever had. The school will open again in the fall.

Mr. R. T. Ashcraft, of Charlotte, bought the Lowe & Company stock sold here last Tuesday. Mr. Ashcraft has not yet decided what disposition he will make of the stock.

Dr. H. L. A. Bernethy took Mrs. Marvin Clay to the Long Sanatorium Sunday for an operation for a growth or tumor. After an examination Dr. Long said it was too late to operate and she returned home.

The North Carolina Classis of the Reformed Church in session in Newton, Monday evening recinded its action of Saturday when it barred girls from Catawba College at Newton and made Claremont College of this city the school for girls. They placed Claremont in the hands of the trustees and Corinth Church of this city to be operated by them for the next two years as they see fit. The classis adjourned Wednesday.

Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. E. J. Sox, pastor.

Next Sunday, May 30.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m., conducted by the Superintendent, Mr. T. J. Yount.

Preaching service at 11:00 a. m., conducted by the pastor, Sermon on "The Absolute and Universal Need of a New Birth by Water and the Spirit."

"Then said Jesus unto those Jews that believed on Him, if ye continue in my words, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

White Man With Black Liver.

The liver is a blood purifier. It was thought at one time it was the seat of the Passions. The trouble with most people is that their Liver becomes black because of impurities in the blood due to bad physical states, causing Biliousness, Headache, Dizziness, and constipation. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clean up the Liver, and give you new life. 25c. at your Druggist.

COMMENCEMENT AT LENOIR COLLEGE CLOSES

Annual Concert Wednesday Eve Brings Present School Year to an End.

With the graduating exercises Wednesday morning and the annual concert Wednesday night the twenty-fourth annual commencement exercises at Lenoir College came to an end, closing a most successful school year, both in number of students enrolled and in the individual averages made by the students.

Rev. A. R. Beck of Dallas, made the annual address to the College Luther League in the college auditorium Sunday night. The opening service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Young of Nescopeck, Pa. Miss Ruth Corpening sang "More Love to Thee, O Christ," as an offertory. The speaker took as his theme "The Problem of Truth Possession," with Proverbs 23:23, "Buy the truth and sell it not," as a scriptural basis for his talk. All present were delighted with the thought and polish of the address.

The sub-freshman declaimers' contest was held in the auditorium Monday morning and the judges awarded the medal to Abel Kenneth Hewitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hewitt of this city. His subject was "Opportunities of the Scholar."

The Junior Orators' Contest was held Monday evening. The medal in this contest was awarded to M. Joseph Klutz, whose subject was "Greater America." (Continued on Page Two.)

Girl Can Eat Again After Sixteen Years.

Miss Katherine Besse, of St. Louis, eighteen years old, for the first time in her memory, has just dined. Since she was two years old she never had taken food in a normal manner, her esophagus having been rendered useless as a result of eating lye. An operation by Dr. Francis W. Kirsch restored her throat and the passage leading to the stomach to normal.

Miss Katherine, when a small child, drank part of a solution of lye which was being used by her mother.

The corrosive burned away the membranes of her throat and esophagus and they became closed by the growing together of tissues.

In order to save the child's life, an operation was performed to provide an opening through her breast into her stomach. Through this opening she was nourished by food placed direct into her stomach.

Being unable to swallow, the girl knew little of the taste of food. She would rinse her mouth with water, or occasionally chew a bit of food for the taste, but she could not swallow it.

Apparently, however, the girl was none the worse. In fact, few of her friends knew that she did not eat as others did.

Recently Dr. Kirsch undertook the feat of clearing the stopped-up passage leading to the stomach, and, using a pliable steel rod, he began probing the throat and esophagus. One at a time the structures in the passage were opened, until on Monday the final steps were taken.

An incision was made and the stomach sewed to the end of the long unused esophagus. The old opening was sewed up, and Miss Besse ate for the first time in sixteen years.

Dr. Kirsch says that for a time Miss Besse must content herself with liquid food, but that within a month or so she will be able to eat whatever she desires.

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