

# THE MEBANE LEADER.

"And Right The Day Must Win, To Doubt Would Be Disloyalty, To Falter Would Be Sin."

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A new fall line of goods is just being opened at Nelson-Ray and Co. Something very attractive. The best Lion brand rust proof Corsets. See their nice supply of dry goods.

A postal from Mr. Wilbur McFarland who has spent his summer vacation in Oklahoma indicates that he is on his way back home.

H. E. Wilkinson and Co. changes their ad in this week's Leader. The Cable Corsett and Easter Brown hose is what they wish to especially direct your attention to. They have lots of other goods, don't fail to see them.

C. C. Smith would take great pleasure in showing you through his recent purchased select line of mens and boys clothing. He has suits to suit you don't forget call.

## Just Hit The Spot

Is the confident announcement of the Burlington Coca Cola Bottling Co. The fact is this is the most popular drink on the American continent. Try it if you have not done so.

## School Opens Shortly

Don't fail to have your children's eyes examined and have glasses fitted to help them in their school work. Dr. S. Rapport will be at Mebane, at Dr. Hurdle's Dental Office, Wed. Sept. 15th.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. P. church will give an auction sale Saturday afternoon in the new store next to Smith and Miles. They will have one hundred cakes and Mr. J. M. Thompson will auction them to the highest bidder. They will give away four prizes 1/2 barrel of flour for the best cake 48 pounds for the second best 24 pounds for the third best and 12 for the fourth best. This flour will be given by Mr. J. G. Rodgers who represents the Hyco Milling Co. They will have lady judges who are competent of judging any class or kind of cooking.

If you want accommodation matter in the Leader it must reach the office in time.

## A Fall Suit?

Mr. J. S. Clark has in stock and is offering to the trade, a very nice line of men and boys suits, fit and make guaranteed the best. Don't fail to see ad on fourth page.

## Grows Commoner

Mr. Bryan's organ grows Commoner with every issue. Its last number, in an article over the signature of the editor and owner, deals with the questions arising out of the sacrifice of American lives through Germany's barbarous methods of submarine warfare as though the victims were the real culprits in the case. This is an exhibition of mental obliquity and moral masochism which should destroy the last vestige of public confidence in Mr. Bryan's judgment or respect for the quality of his patriotism. He admits "The right of American citizens, under international law, to travel through the danger zone on the merchant ships of belligerent nations," but claims that they should waive that right in consideration for their own safety and their country's welfare, and that, in exercise of that right they should suffer death, the government should not permit their unlawful killing to "drag it" into hostile relations with the country committing the crime. Under what stress of necessity the American passengers on the Arabic were seeking by the only route open to them a return from exile to their own land Mr. Bryan does not stop to enquire. He takes for granted that "the few persons" thus sacrificed have for mere reasons of pleasure and convenience encountered the risk of losing their lives and therefore he concludes that settlement of the issues provoked by their unhappy fate shall be postponed until the restoration of peace and this would mean, of course, that in the interval Germany

might go on killing Americans at pleasure, secure in the knowledge that the protection of its citizens was a matter of small concern to the United States, compared to the avoidance of trouble with Germany. All this is a monstrous perversion of reason and sentiment. The sort of peace purchasable by adoption of it as a rule of national conduct would be incalculably more costly to the American people than any consequences at all likely to follow upon a bold assertion of their rights and positive avowal of their resolve to maintain them. It is high time that the manhood of this country should spew Mr. Bryan and his invertebrate counsels out of its mouth. Salus populi is not to be found by pursuing paths of sickly sentimentality.—Va. Pilot.

There was a time when any Texas county would have felt quite able to handle a few Mexican raiding bandits without calling upon the army for help. But times seem to have changed down there or the real Texas has disappeared.

## MEBANE GRADED SCHOOL TO OPEN THE COMING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6th.

The Mebane Graded School will open her doors again the ensuing Monday to the youth of this community. All the members of the faculty have been elected and will arrive on Thursday. The teachers for the coming year are as follows: Prof. Fred Deese, Supt. Miss Louise Steel, of Columbia, S. C. assistant in the High School and Music teacher; Miss Mary Hoover, Monroe, N. C. sixth and seventh grades; Miss Mary Henderson, Davidson, N. C. fourth and fifth grades; Miss Nell Shellem, Ansonville, N. C. second and third grades; Miss Ella Bell, University, N. C. advanced section of the first grade and Miss Lottie Watkins, Henderson, N. C. first half of the first grade. Mr. Deese says that in selecting the new teachers that he and the Board sought to get the best prepared teachers available, and consequently they secured only graduates of the leading colleges of the country. Every parent should have their children register the first day and keep them in school the entire session. A new teacher has been added to the faculty—a very accomplished one too, thus the school ought to be in a better position than ever before to serve the people. The new teacher, Miss Steel, is a graduate of Granada College, Miss, both in the academic and music department. She took post graduate work in the Kansas City Mo. college. She is also a graduate of the conservatory of music of Philadelphia. She taught as substitute in the State Normal of Texas, and for the past two years she has been teaching in the American School South America. Tuition for music will be two dollars per month. X. Y.

## TOM WATSON IS NOT ASHAMED OF LYNCHING.

## Neither is He Ashamed of the Charge That He Is To Blame For Franks Death.

Thomas E. Watson is not ashamed of the fact that northern and eastern editors are charging that he is to blame for the lynching of Leo M. Frank. His weekly "Jeffersonian," which made its appearance on the streets of Atlanta last Thursday morning, and which the newspapers sold like hot cakes, is devoted principally to a defense of the lynching, which Mr. Watson who heartily commends. Mr. Watson has the distinction of being the only man who has dared to come out in print and actually commend a lynching and praise the lynch-ers. Mr. Watson also makes no bones of claiming to know more than the public knows about the events of the night of the lynching. Without saying where he got the information, Mr. Watson gives alleged information which will be new to the public and which has not appeared in any of the newspaper accounts

## MEBANE AND SWEPSONVILLE TIE FOR THE CUP

By taking the games from Burlington and Graham on last Saturday, Mebane and Swebsonville tie for the Cup. Swebsonville won the first half of the series and Mebane the last, so the tie will be played off at Graham in a series of five games.

The Alamance Baseball League has been altogether a success, and was composed of six well matched teams. The last half of the series was contested very severely by Mebane, Swebsonville and Burlington, but Mebane, through the all-round work of every member of her team, copped the last half by a good margin. A lot of the credit belongs to "Doc" High, Mebane's pitcher, who was master of the situation at all times, losing but two games in the series. Also every member of the team played air-tight ball. Among those can be mentioned Dr. Thompson, "Tiny" Gaston, and second-baseman Brown. All of the other players deserve a lot of credit.

The first games of the Series to be played between Mebane and Swebsonville, will be played at Graham, Sept. 4th; a double-header will be staged. The other games will be scheduled later. These games will be the most hotly contested of any games ever witnessed in Alamance County. Swebsonville has a very strong team and will fight every inch of the ground. But with "Doc" High on the mound for Mebane, there is but one guess as to the outcome. No one can miss seeing these games, if they wish to see great exhibition of national pastime.

## Storm Is Gathering.

Germany is becoming more and more divided into two large camps and parties on the question of the fate of Belgium. A veritable storm is gathering around the Government over this problem, in an agitation which is still largely private and because discussion in the press and in public speeches is prohibited but which suppression only makes more intense.

## List of Letters

List of advertised letters for week ending August 28 1915.  
1 Letter for Miss Nancy A. Jones  
2 " " " " Mr. B. A. White.  
1 " " " " John W. Webster  
1 " " " " H. C. Hauck  
1 " " " " Noah Richmond  
These letters if not called for will be sent to Dead Letter office Sept 11 1915.  
Mebane N. C. J. T. Dick P. M.

Spain is about as likely to join in the war at the instance of Germany as it is to commit suicide. If there were any strong inducement to tempt it, the Spanish Government knows that very few British, French or Italian ships would suffice to make an end of Spanish commerce and blockade the Spanish coasts. It is not credible that even Berlin diplomacy deludes itself with any such wild theories in regard to Spain.

## The Honor Roll

The following good citizens have paid their subscription since our last published list.  
J. F. Terrell  
L. E. Sykes  
L. R. Thomas  
R. Y. Mebane  
Highfill Jobe  
Dr. W. T. Ralph  
S. C. Riggs  
Alex Tinnin  
George C. Woodworth  
J. M. Workman  
W. J. Smith  
H. D. Scarboro  
C. E. Johnson  
J. L. Patillo  
C. S. Harris  
T. M. Crutchfield  
H. Lohengal  
Dave Qualls  
H. G. Dorsett  
G. W. Williams  
L. G. Wilkerson  
Mrs. M. F. Wimmers  
Rob Smith  
A. W. Sykes  
W. A. Shanklin  
J. C. Favett  
Ernest Shanklin  
Clay King  
R. M. Kenlon  
There are a number of subscribers who are amply able to settle for the Leader that are neglecting an honest obligation.

## Better To Be Sure Than To Be Sorry.

(New York Sun)  
There may be those who criticize Mr. Wilson for playing golf or taking a leisurely automobile ride in diplomatic crises instead of walking the floor anxiously at the White House; but it strikes us that the President knows the way to remain cool and keep his feet on the ground.

When the Lusitania was torpedoed and the American people were speculating whether the outrage did not mean war, Mr. Wilson sought the golf links as if nothing were on his mind; and yesterday he wisked off in an automobile to be gone most of the day, while the story of the sinking of the Arabic was still coming in and the country was scanning the last note to Germany and asking whether the Arabic's destruction were not an answer to it.

There are times when thinking hard is not conducive to clear thinking and the forming of sound conclusions. It is better, then, to let the mind relax and return to the subject, later with faculties fresh and alert. In the last year Mr. Wilson has had to do a deal of hard thinking, and the strain must often have been very great. A little golf, a long ride in the open air, is a relief that no sympathetic person would deny him. It makes for calm and deliberate judgment when all the facts are in, as in the case of the sinking of the Arabic, which puts upon Mr. Wilson the greatest responsibility of all in a long and trying series of events. Take your time, Mr. President.

## Big Shipment of Gold Arrived in Safety

Nearly \$20,000,000 in gold, and securities worth \$25,000,000 the second largest shipment sent from London to strengthen British credit in this country, arrived in New York Saturday on a special train, guarded by 38 armed men. The shipment came direct by rail from Halifax, N. S., to which port it was taken on a British warship, conveyed by smaller craft. On the way to New York the train was preceded by a pilot engine and car.

The gold and securities were consigned to J. P. Morgan and company, for account of the British government.

The first large shipment of gold and securities received here August 12, including about \$19,500,000 in gold and \$30,000,000 in securities.

## Explosion in dePont Mills

Two workmen were killed and considerable property damage was done by an explosion of two black powder mills of the duPont company in the upper Hagley yards in Wilmington Del. Sunday.  
The two reports were heard more than a dozen miles away. Hundreds of windows in nearby houses were broken. Several hundred pounds of powder exploded, completely destroying the mills. The first to go was a tuse mill, which set off the second plant.  
The cause of the explosion has not been determined, but officials say it possibly was due to a spark or to grit in the powder.

## MEBANE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15th

Dr. S. Rapport, of Durham, will be at Mebane, at Dr. Hurdle's Dental Office, Wed. Sept. 15th. For the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Eye-strain and headache relieved by my correctly fitting glasses.

Physical perfection, or even approaching perfection is a desirable thing, but for a young man to have the only, and chief thing to recommend him be that he resembles a human bull in his behavior. Oh well let him go at that. Good manners are expensive, and it requires good blood to appreciate them

## "Compulsory" Diversification

(From The Newbern Sun.)  
Cotton has at last been dethroned and for the first time in many years another crop has taken its place. Corn now comes first and cotton second. This change in the crops of the South can be traced directly to crop diversification and the war in Europe. The doctrine of crop diversification has been preached for many years without being heeded but thanks to other things that helped to a certain extent the lesson is being learned. The farmers will fine later that their being compelled to diversify was the best thing that ever happened to them.

## Mr. Bryan's Responsibility

This is a poor time for Mr. Bryan to volunteer advice on the subject of our relations with Germany. The responsibility for the crisis that has been reached rests in a very large part upon him.

When he informed the Austrian Ambassador that the President's Lusitania note was not to be interpreted literally and that it was sent to placate public opinion in the United States, he opened the way for everything that has followed.

This false and foolish statement was immediately communicated to Berlin, and it has influenced the action of the German Government ever since. The President's solemn warning was not taken seriously because Mr. Bryan as Secretary of State let it be known that it was not to be taken seriously. Then he resigned from the Cabinet as a protest against a second warning, and Berlin has deluded itself in the belief that he rather than President Wilson is the true spokesman of the American people.

Mr. Bryan's friendship for peace is doubtless no less sincere than vociferous, but it Germany's murderous submarine policy finally forces the United States into war, Mr. Bryan will be in no way to blame than any other man except von Tirpitz.—Va. Pilot

## \$250 00 Offered For Free

The trunk of the oak tree to which Frank was hanged was covered with cotton bagging. The tree is guarded day and night. Mr. Frey, owner of the place, reiterated that he had been offered as high as \$250 for the tree. He refused to sell.

"I did not need the money," he said, "and besides, Mary Phagan's folks don't want the tree cut down. Several of her people came out here. They hugged and patted that old tree and then they stood and looked upward for a long time. I think they must have been praying."

## Russian Smoker.

(From The Wall Street Journal)  
Some years ago an American business man, wishing to get freight through a Russian port, approached the Government agent with a request for expedition. He was told delivery might be made in some weeks. The American protested that he must have those goods immediately.

"Have a cigar," said the Russian official, pushing a box toward the American and leaving the room. The American opened the box, found it empty and dropped in 50 roubles. Russian came back, looked at the box, pushed it toward his visitor and as he again left the room, remarked, "Have another cigar."

The American dropped 50 more roubles in the box, the Russian official returned, looked at the cigar box and politely remarked, "Your goods will be delivered tomorrow, Sir."

## Jury List

Jury List Drawn for September Term Superior Court beginning September 13th and continuing for two weeks, for the Trial of Civil Cases. FIRST WEEK.

Geo. W. Vestal No. 2, A. M. Sharpe No. 2, J. W. Sharpe No. 12, A. T. Spoon No. 1, J. W. Pegg No. 6, S. Lee Bradshaw No. 9, Caud Cates No. 12, J. H. Gilliam No. 4, W. R. DeBauler No. 11, J. A. Holt No. 10, E. Russell No. 8, R. W. Fitch No. 5, A. A. Teague No. 9, E. W. Pritchett No. 4, W. H. Holt No. 6, L. E. Atwater No. 12, J. G. Braxton No. 8, J. L. Hurdle No. 5, D. A. White No. 10, James Jones No. 3, Louis H. Sharpe No. 7, Otis Murray No. 5, Albert Dickey No. 4, W. H. Councilman No. 5, E. P. Trollinger No. 12, W. T. Perry R. B. Hensley No. 3, Claud F. Coble No. 8.

## SECOND WEEK

H. H. Simpson No. 15, J. L. Christie No. 10, G. L. Amick No. 12, J. L. Davis No. 12, A. C. Neese No. 12, J. B. Rogers No. 15, W. J. Florence No. 6, A. G. Porterfield No. 5, Nathan Stuart No. 8, W. R. Andrews No. 8, D. L. Simpson No. 4, J. H. Rascoe No. 5, A. Lewis No. 4, Jos. Erwin Cant No. 4, Adolphus No. 1, J. G. Rogers No. 12, John Sutton No. 4, George Morgan No. 5, J. Barker No. 4, J. F. Baldwin No. 12, J. G. Pike No. 1, W. C. McAdams No. 6, J. C. J. F. Lynch No. 12, H. E. Wilkerson No. 10, J. Thompson No. 13, W. W. Davis No. 9, Elias Coffin No. 3, J. R. Loy No. 3.

"Long, cold winter due, say Indian prophets," with the old, story of trees putting on thicker bark, squirrels laying up earlier stores and birds already steering southward—a regular killjoy assemblage of bad-weather signs. But the prophets might have waited until after Labor Day and the last of the Saturday half-holidays.

## Washington News Letter

More than a week has passed since a German submarine sank the White Star liner Arabic with the loss of two American lives, and the American government still is without the detailed and official information necessary to shape its course. In the official silence which has surrounded the White House, the only notable development was a statement given out that "as soon as facts regarding the Arabic are ascertained our course will be determined."

If after a full investigation of the facts, the Washington administration is convinced that Germany committed a "deliberately unfriendly" act in this instance, diplomatic relations between the two governments will doubtless be immediately severed. But President Wilson is determined that this government shall do nothing rashly, and a call only after it has received full information in regard to the attack upon the Arabic.

In view of the action of the European allies in putting cotton on the contraband list, Secretary McAdoo announces that he will, if necessary, deposit \$30,000,000 or more in gold in the Federal reserve banks at Atlanta, Dallas, and Richmond, without interest, for the purpose of enabling these banks to rediscount loans made on cotton by national and state banks in these districts. Mr. McAdoo considers it his duty to use every available means in power to help the cotton producer of the South in the circumstances, and that it is a matter of economic importance to the entire nation that those who have produced the cotton crop shall have a fair opportunity to dispose of it gradually and not be forced to sell it at a sacrifice.

Details of the present situation in Mexico were laid before the Secretary of State by Senor Jose Olivera Cardoso, the Brazilian Minister to Mexico, who is now in Washington, and who acted for the United States in Mexico since this government's break with Huerta in 1914. Considerable importance is attached to the talk between Mr. Lansing and Senor Cardoso, because of the present critical relations of this government with Carranza.

Complaint is being made by railroads of the recent change in the transportation of public moneys between the Treasury here, the subtreasuries and the banks by registered mail, instead of by express. Both the railroads and express companies will be deprived of the revenues from transporting these funds, but the railroads, like the express companies, will by no means be relieved of the service, since they must carry the moneys whether they are sent by mail or express, and the railroads are used in either case. For carrying the money and securities the railroads will receive no compensation whatever until another government weigh of the mail is made to determine the tonnage being carried.

Sometimes when someone whom we love has quit the grind and push and shove of life, and closed the little door which shuts him out for evermore from things from this mundane sphere we pause to drop a selfish tear. But when we think that narrow door shall open to those he loved of yore that he will wander hand in hand with those he loved through Gloryland, that he, 'yond the arching blue, will be with friends he used to know, that he, beyond the arching blue, will be with those forever true, that never ache and never pain will come to visit him again, that he will put his years aside as a worn garment and will 'bide forever in the ways of youth, when we can realize that truth, then still with tears our eyes are dim; but all for us, and not for him.—Judd Mortimer Lewis.

## No Random Talk.

Mr. Victor S. Bryant, of Durham, who addressed the State Firemen's association at New Bern this week, paid his respects to the Southeastern Underwriters' association which controls insurance rates in this state, and told how it has discriminated against the state, charging what rates it pleases, and freezing out competition. Mr. Bryant, who is of the ablest lawyers in the state, wasn't talking at random. He got his facts first hand when he as a member of the legislative committee, investigated the insurance companies and learned of their high-handed methods of doing business. But any attempt to touch the insurance combination has failed. When the effort is made the large interests it controls directly and indirectly begin to cry out that the insurance companies will leave the state, and that puerile bluff frightens the weak kneed. A pitiful exhibition of cowardice when it isn't corruption.—Statesville Landmark.

## The Fate of Poland

It was Thomas Corwin who nearly 70 years ago, warning the United States senate against all suggestion of the annexation of Mexico, referred to Napoleon as the "blind instrument of Providence" for that he forced Russia, Austria and Prussia to atone for their dismemberment of Poland. He spoke of the wrath that was past—the uprisings of the Polish patriots themselves and predicted a greater wrath to come. But none of his predictions of a free Poland, and the predictions of no other statesman or historian of free Poland as the result of strife among the three powers that, in the latter half of the 18th century, united for the partition of the coveted country and the subjugation of her brave people.

Thus it is that the climax of the Austro-Germans' remarkable drive in eastern Europe may make history of the most impressive and significant character conceivable—the gaining of people's independence. It is not to be believed that the Russians can retake Warsaw, or any of the richest portions of their Polish province, even if their plan of war now contemplates another massing of millions of men toward the Prussian and Austrian borders. It is to be believed that the Teutonic allies stand now, in relation to Poland, where Napoleon stood 109 years ago—as its liberator, though, under how different circumstances are from motives how different! The governments at Berlin, Vienna and Petrograd have vied one with another in promises of Polish autonomy, soliciting the aid and loyalty of the people whose cities they seized through two centuries, whose lands they have laid waste and whose homes they have ruined.

Yet for all this annually history and all this paradox of promised benevolence it would appear that the fate of Poland is about to be determined as the poles have fought and pleaded that it be determined. It has become commonplace to predict that this war will achieve the universal triumph of democracy—quite as gradually, perhaps, as has been the spread of popular government since the American revolution, but nevertheless surely, and with the causes and catastrophes and royalist-ordered barbarities of this war as the underlying motive. And whether or not any of these promises of Polish autonomy shall be kept, certain it is that in the day of greatest triumph of democracy no powers of Europe will find it desirable to hold the territory as a province and its liberty-loving men as subjects! If liberty is not soon granted by reason of a royal promise it will be forced by reason of the people's passion for it at a time when resistance will be most difficult.—San Antonio Express.

## A Corrupt and Seditious Popaganda

No fault can be found with German purchases of munitions of war in this country. No fault can be found with the secret methods used by German agents to evade the British blockade. Such activities involve no violation of neutrality. On the contrary, they are in accord with the American interpretation of neutrality and with the historic practices of the United States. The indictment against Germany lies in a corrupt and seditious propaganda directed against the peace and welfare of the United States and supported by hypocrisy and falsehood. In view of the German purchases of military supplies, as proved by The World, the German campaign for an embargo on munitions of war is probably the most impudent and shameless piece of mendacity of which a great nation was ever officially guilty.

None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.—Romans, xiv-7, 9.

## Powder Plant Blown Up

With a shock that was felt for 40 miles, the glazing mill of the American Powder company, which, since the European war began, has been working to capacity, blew up early Sunday near Acton Mass. So far as known nobody was killed. The actual money loss was not heavy but it was stated that work on large orders possibly would be held up several weeks. In surrounding towns, particularly in Maryland, many windows were shattered. The mill has been closed down since Saturday afternoon, and the police believe the explosion was caused with intent to cripple the plant.