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THE WAR.

Plenty of people have contended that the war would never come to this land of ours. But it has, and is here. For a week or more German submarines have been operating on our Atlantic coast sinking any ship that they dared to tackle. The columns of this paper tell of the sinking of our ships and of the loss of lives of our citizens. It now comes to light that many of our citizens have lost their lives in these attacks and that a dozen or more ships have been sunk. About twenty thousand tons of shipping has been destroyed in these attacks, which means as much as five or six large ships. One vessel destroyed was a very large one, being of something like 8,000 tons.

This is the effort of Germany to carry the war into this country. In the future we may expect to hear of more of this kind of loss, for it is now certain that Germany can get her submarines to these coasts and that she is disposed to fight us here in our own land. In the beginning of this war, four years ago, she said that she would be able to whip this country in a year, and this is her first effort to attack us at our own front door.

DESECRATING THE SABBATH.

The ministers of this city came before the commissioners of the Town last Tuesday afternoon at the regular meeting and asked that measures be taken to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath day in our town. Rev. Geo. D. Herman was spokesman for the ministers and, at some length, told of conditions here that are not as they should be in a civilized and enlightened community. At some length he told of the tendency of the times and of the steps that lead, finally, to ruin. He reasoned that the fatal step that Germany made was when the Sabbath day in that country was changed from a holy day to a holiday. And while we are sending our citizens to correct world conditions in the face of shot and shell, it is the duty of our people to correct evil tendencies in our own town and among our own people. To do this he asked that laws be enacted that will aid in bringing about conditions that are favorable to living the best life possible.

After the subject had been discussed at some length an ordinance was made that allows nothing to be sold in this town on the Sabbath except drugs and medicines and meals served on tables, and then these sales must not be made behind doors and windows that are screened.

The purpose of the ordinance is to put a stop to the conducting of business on the Sabbath. The tendency of the times is to convert the day into a day of pleasure and this often calls for cigars and tobacco, sugar and lemons, ice and salt, gasoline and oil, and along with these common items are sold a large number of other things. The custom has gradually developed of putting off buying on Saturday and make the necessary purchases Sunday morning.

Now those who favor a change in our methods of living on the Sabbath see that the tendency is altogether in the wrong direction. If the grocery store would remain open it would do a good business. If the barber shop would remain open on the Sabbath plenty of customers would come. The same is true of the printing office and the blacksmith shop and the shoe shop and of every other place in town. And so they argue that there is good reason for making no exceptions to the general rule of a suspension of business when Sunday comes.

At the meeting of the Commissioners Tuesday Mr. J. B. Sparger was re-elected as a member of the Water and Light Commission, his two year term having expired.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

It is an easy problem to meet and discuss the social problems of a community and to enact laws as to the regulation of the conduct of people. It is an altogether different problem to enforce these laws. It is hard to get any set of citizens in charge of the executive department of a town government who will enforce laws as the more strict element of the citizens desire. There are the two extremes of society, one is represented by the man who would have a wide open town, and the other is represented by the man who would not allow his children to play on the lawn on the Sabbath. Somewhere between these two extremes is a happy medium. To say that Bill Jones shall not have his cigar and then let Mr. So and So drive his automobile all day Sunday raises questions that often Bill Jones is not able to understand. And so it becomes a matter of education, largely. The viewpoint that a man takes depends upon his education. Why should not one man be allowed to buy and smoke a cigar on the Sabbath and another be allowed to drive an automobile all day Sunday? These are questions that could be discussed to the enlightenment of all of us, that is if the discussion is made in the right spirit and for the benefit of bringing about a better understanding of what is right and proper as to the manner in which the Holy Sabbath should be spent. The News would welcome some contributions along this line.

POLITICS

In Surry county last Saturday a spirited contest for the office of State Senator developed. The friends of each candidate rallied to the support of his favorite and quite a little interest was thus created.

The result of the primary was as follows, Mr. R. L. Haymore receiving the nomination by a large majority, Mr. S. E. Marshall coming in for second place and Mr. Jesse T. Copeland receiving 83 votes in the county.

The vote by township was as follows:

	H'y'm're	M'rah'l	C'pl'nd
Bryan,	43	0	1
Dobson,	56	31	9
Elkin,	21	7	13
Eldora,	22	26	17
Franklin,	6	2	14
Long Hill,	26	0	0
Marsh,	29	12	0
Mt. A'y No.1,	78	64	0
Mt. A'y No.2	100	28	1
Pilot,	28	6	2
Rockford,	16	0	14
Shoals,	7	2	0
Siloam,	4	37	0
Stew'ts Cr'k	29	12	0
Westfield,	130	8	2
Totals,	595	175	83

Young Men Register.

The registration of the young men coming of age during the past year was held at Dobson and Mount Airy Wednesday of this week and 208 registered in the county. The Registration was so quiet that one would hardly know that anything out of the ordinary was taking place in the county.

ORDER COAL NOW.

The United States Fuel Administration has designated this week as "Early Order Week" and urges everyone to place their order NOW for coal for the coming winter with their local coal dealer. By doing this you will enable the administration to know just what quantity each county will require and the production at the mines will be increased if possible to take care of the needs of the people. The local dealers will not be able to tell you definitely that they can fill your order but by placing same now you stand a much better chance of getting coal than by waiting later.

G. C. LOVILL,
 Chm. Local Fuel Com.

Food Notice.

The food regulation in reference to the amount of flour that an individual can use has been modified to this extent: That each person is allowed to use as much as three pounds a week instead of one and one-half pounds. While this modification has been made yet, the Administration requests that all persons use as little flour as possible as the supply of wheat is very short.

This June 5th, 1918.
 W. F. Carter, Co. Food Adm'r.
 Dr. Moir Martin has returned from a business trip to Richmond, Va.

THE WAR AT HOME.

If any one thinks that the war is not here at our own door the reading of the following story may bring light. Be it known before reading the story that for many hundreds of years the civilized nations have had agreements by which non-combatants, that is, people who are not actually fighting in the war, were not to be attacked by armed forces. This left the women and children safe in all civilized countries. Savages in all lands have never failed to murder women and children and the aged and infirm when they could. The reading of the story that follows will show to any one that Germany has reverted to the methods of the savage and hesitates not to attack women and children, and attack them in the dark as would an assassin. All of which she will answer for later. The story follows:

Lewes, Del., June 4.—Nineteen survivors, passengers and crew, of the submarine steamship Carolina, were landed here today and brought a harrowing tale of the sea, the news of the loss of 16 of their number and a remarkable rescue of a girl while they drifted helpless on the ocean during a severe thunderstorm Sunday night. Ten boats left the Carolina before she was sunk by the German submarine U-37, all passed through the same storm and the survivors here said they had felt sure all were lost. They expressed great joy when informed that most of the Carolina's company had been saved.

The 19 persons landed here were brought in by a British vessel that picked them up more than 25 miles off the Delaware capes. They were taken in charge by the naval authorities and cared for at the station near Cape Henlopen. In the meantime, no one was permitted to see them, but they made full statements to naval officers. None of them had any knowledge that the submarine had shelled the lifeboats.

The story of the survivors did not become public until they were taken to the railroad station late this afternoon and left for New York. One of their number, however, was detained. He is a German member of the crew and will be held pending an investigation.

Carolina Warned Sunday.

According to the survivors, the Carolina was warned late Sunday afternoon by wireless to look out for submarines. The steamer was advised that a three masted schooner had just been sunk and was cautioned not to show lights. At 6 o'clock Sunday evening, a submarine appeared above the surface close to the Carolina. She was about 350 feet long, survivors said, and later was identified as the U-37.

"The submarine signaled something which our captain could not make out" said one of the survivors, "and then the U-boat raised the German flag. We were ordered to heave to and the captain, fearing that the submarine would shell the steamer if he did not obey the order, signalled the engineer to reverse the engines and stop.

"A German officer with an armed guard came alongside and gave orders to our captain to lower all boats and leave the ship in 20 minutes. Of course, it would be useless to say that none of us was frightened, for where there are more than 300 on a ship about to be sunk there must be some timid ones. Good order was maintained, however. The sea was smooth and there appeared to be no elements of danger. Nobody thought of a storm and the German officers appeared to show consideration to the passengers as they hurried to leave the steamer.

Motor Launch Capsized.

"In going through the steamer, the Germans found a fireman who had been left behind and ordered a lifeboat to return for him.

"When this last boat was clear the Germans shelled the Carolina seven times. Then she burst into flames, sinking slowly.

"After we had drifted for I do not know how long, there were faint flashes of lightning on the horizon and later when the puffy wind began to strengthen we instinctively knew there was trouble ahead.

"The storm came; quicker than we expected it. The wind blew like a gale and kicked up a nasty sea. The boats pitched and soon became separated. We, who were in a motor launch, seemed to be alone in the storm. Rougher and rougher became the water and the boat rolled and pitched. Finally she capsized and all of the 35 in her were thrown into the sea. She was righted and capsized again while we clung to her. This occurred several times. The storm passed and the sea began to calm. It was pitch dark.

"Finally we kept the launch righted but she was full of water. We clung to her and baled out the water with our hands. Some could not stand the strain, became exhausted, let go their hold and sank. It was terrible. We bailed out enough water to let one of us in. Then he bailed furiously and enough water was scooped out to permit a second to get into the launch. We kept on bailing until the launch

was able to bear the weight of a third and a fourth.

But Nineteen Left.

"We kept this up all night. When the last was helped over the side we found that there were but 19 of us. Sixteen had gone."

With the coming of daylight the hopes of the survivors rose with the sun. The sea had calmed, but daylight revealed nothing but the broad expanse of the Atlantic. All hands came to the conclusion that none of the other boats had safely come thru the storm and that all in them must have perished.

After a while an object was seen in the water. There was no way to reach it as the launch had lost her gasoline and oars. The launch, however, drifted close and the survivors were startled to discover a girl alive clinging to the bodies of two drowned men. The bodies were incased in life belts, but the girl wore none. She appeared to be a good swimmer and with her own efforts and clinging to the two bodies for support she managed to remain afloat. The launch got near enough to her to effect her rescue and it proved to be Elona Donato Virola, of Porto Rico. She is one of the two women landed. She was one of those in the launch and became separated from it when it capsized. The identity of the two dead men is not known. Their bodies were left and the launch continued to drift until Monday afternoon when it was picked up by the British vessel. All the passengers and crew suffered from exhaustion, but were well on the way to recovery when they left for New York.

Thirteen by train and five, who missed the train, went to Harrington, Del., by automobile, where they connected with a train northbound from Norfolk. The two women brought ashore wore but little clothing and they were supplied with complete outfits by the women of Lewes.

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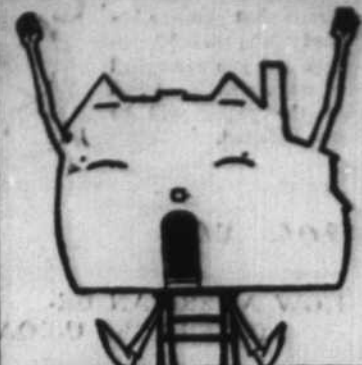
A New Enterprise.

Down on Church Street is a busy factory that has just been started.

Mr. Bausley Beasley is operating a stove mill that is cutting out barrel staves in a hurry, requiring the services of a number of men and boys.

The mill was put in operation this week and the machinery is working like a charm. The staves are cut from three foot blocks after being first steamed for several hours. The staves are sliced off the block, thus there is no waste from the cut of the knife which takes the place of a saw.

The indications about the new plant are that Mr. Beasley is preparing to do a large business. He has a truck and is hauling the logs and timber from the country as well as buying from the farmers.



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