

EXCEPTION TO NEWS ARTICLE

Southport Citizens Take Offense at Submarine Story in The Dispatch.

The Dispatch last night received the following letter by mail from Southport:

"Southport, N. C., Feb. 15, 1917.

"Dear Sir—Your little paper, in its so-called 'news' from and of this city, (which you in your ignorance designate a 'village,' though it has been incorporated over 25 years) have gone from fancy to fiction, to your latest creation, published in your issue of the 13th inst., which we unhesitatingly pronounce libelous and untrue. "Your continual effort to get a laugh at the expense of the citizens of Southport, through some perverted 'news' reported from here, has gained the contempt of our people. It is not to be expected that our people could reach your ideals of what a community should be. But when you keep publishing them as cowards and rubes, there should be at least an atom of fact for such publications, and not a repetition on every possible occasion that our people were weaklings and sleepers, shivering and running to shelter, whenever a noise was heard over head, or a box or barrel came floating down the river.

"There is nothing in the records of the people of this city and county that has the slightest warrant for placing them in the hysterical class. Rather have they ever been first to meet any threatened danger, and meet it half way. As your readers are fully aware of the character of our people, we cannot see the object of making your Southport 'news' and local comments on our people, the basis for such repeated disparagements of our citizens. It might be that we could tell something of those who supply you with this kind of 'news' of Southport, but we believe that according to the ethics of your profession, The Dispatch stands sponsor for all matter published in its columns, regardless of how such matter may have been secured. "As this is the first time we have openly taken issue with you concerning what you print of Southporters, and taking decided issue with your article published in yours of the 13th inst., we ask in all fairness that you give this letter as much prominence in your paper, as you have given the article above referred to, and in truth all other articles applying to this place and its people. And this at an early date. This is but an expression of what our citizens think regarding your attitude towards them.

"Yours,
"C. B. St. GEORGE,
"CHAS. G. GAUSE,
"JAS. B. CHURCH,
"Citizens' Committee."
"P. S.—If you will not publish the above, except for pay, publish it at your regular ad. rates and the bill will be paid by us, when you publish, or in advance, if you question our credit."

(The Dispatch regrets that the article in question offended the Southport citizens, or rather three of its citizens, since there seems to be no evidence that the protest is from more than that number. The reporter who wrote the article, while perhaps showing bad judgment in his treatment of the subjects as it now develops, never had any idea of reflecting upon the good people of Southport and the story was given to him by a man who lives there, or near there, and used in good faith by this paper. There was nothing in the article, however, as we see it to call for the criticism of the "Citizens' Committee," space for whose views is cheerfully given. The citizens of Southport know that the assertion of the "Citizens' Committee," that "your continual efforts to get a laugh at the expense of the citizens of Southport," is untrue and unjust. This paper has no desire to reflect upon Southport and never has so far as



THE HARDEST CONFESSION TO MAKE

The other day I simply had to go to the shops to purchase a number of clothes for my picture. Calling Ethel on the 'phone she agreed to go with me. As I would try on the various things, Ethel would tell me frankly how she thought they looked, and I am helped to no small extent by her criticisms. One suit I tried on was a macron broadcloth with black fox trimming, and although it was becoming, I had doubts whether it would photograph attractively or not. "What do you think about it, Ethel dear?" I asked her. "This is where I fail you, Anita," she replied, "for I don't know the first thing about color values in photography."

There was no dilly-dallying. She simply didn't know, and refused to say what she merely surmised. Later I asked her opinion on something else about which she was not sure, and she again admitted ignorance. Coming down to the studio with me, she sat in a cozy chair outside of the camera's range and watched me play a number of scenes in which I wore the macron suit which had brought down with us in the machine. The costume mistress coming into the studio spied the suit and exclaimed:

"Oh, Anita, that will photograph beautifully. You wise little scamp! How well you know how colors will look on the screen. Where did you ever get that suit?" I told her how we had been doubtful as to whether it would screen well or not, and that I was greatly relieved by her opinion. Soon it was time for Ethel to leave, and after taking her to the door I returned to my director to finish the few remaining scenes which we were to do that day. On my way home, however, an hour or so later, I read a wonderful article by Dr. Frank Crane who says that the phrase, "I don't know," is the hardest in our tongue to voice. He goes on to state that unless we are sure of a thing we don't know it. A hazy recollection in the deep recesses of our brain is not knowing, and only very wise persons know what they don't know. "How like Ethel that is," I thought to myself. "She certainly had some idea how the suit would photograph, but she really didn't know and would not say she did."

TOLD TERRIBLE TALES AT PROBE

(Continued from Page Seven) cussions against the prison camps was connected with the Kitchen administration. Narrating one of these events, resting briefly and starting into another, Mr. Mann stopped him and said: "That was during the Laughinghouse administration, wasn't it?" "I'll get to the Mann directly," the young machinist said. He said over the present management knows. There are no better people in the world than those of the Cape Fear section and none in the Cape Fear section better than those of Southport. The Dispatch has often joined hands with Southport in trying to get for that place some enterprise or government recognition and we shall continue to aid Southport in any way we can, regardless of the attitude of the "Citizens' Committee." Again we express regret that one of our reporters in an unguarded moment should have used a story given him in good faith by one of the citizens of the place that offended the good people of the city of Southport, or even a small number of the people. (The Dispatch.)

THREE STEAMERS LEFT NEWPORT NEWS TODAY

(By Associated Press.) Newport News, Va., Feb. 16.—Three steamers, two Entente and one neutral sailed from Newport News today on voyages which will carry them through the zone of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare. They were: The British steamer Harmattan carrying a cargo of about 800 horses for Liverpool; the British steamer Marmari, for London, and the Dutch steamer Oosterdyk, of the Holland America Line for Rotterdam. The Marmari and Oosterdyk cleared yesterday but were unable to leave port last evening on account of a dense fog which hung over Hampton Roads and Chesapeake Bay. The Harmattan has on board about forty American horse men.

seer Busbee, then, now the warden, beat many prisoners and "he never struck a lick without bringing the blood," Pace said. He gave the names of some. One of these, Pace said, was George Lambeth, of Greensboro. "And that boy has scars which he will carry to his grave if he is living now," Pace said.

He said Mr. Busbee had beaten a boy of 16 or 17 named Brewer while the chap was down in the dirt, his head and body bled, and turned the handle to which the strap was attached and hit him over the head. Mr. Busbee heard the testimony without even smiling. Pace said Moses Speaks, an old white man, half-witted, was repeatedly beaten. The old fellow is now in the criminal insane department of the central prison in Raleigh and "if he is living has scars that will stay forever with him," he said.

Pace said Captain Rhem, the old soldier who looks so good, was not as good as he should be. "I have seen him whip, have seen men whipped at his command and sometimes with out him knowing it," Pace said. "I believe Captain Rhem is influenced by others."

When he represented Captain Rhem as swearing, the old gentleman broke into a broad smile. "Don't you know Captain Rhem never swore?" Representative Joyner asked. Pace stuck to it. The old soldier kept smiling. As for himself Pace had never been beaten. He had dodged it by working when he had appendicitis and when the leash was held above him. He was not taking any chances on it. He was forced to work many times when too ill. He finally was doctored and offered to pay for an operation which he has not yet had. Dr. Register had interceded for him. "And but for him many a fellow would be in his grave," said Pace.

Attacked By Mann. When Pace said Captain Rhem refused him the newspapers "because you know too damned much already," the superintendent smiled and became a deep study. Soon Pace was in the hands of Mr. Mann. "What has become of that young unfortunate girl whom you debauched and ruined?" Mr. Mann said. Pace had said he served six years for seduction under promise of marriage and his alleged victim was a woman of 23 and a hotel waitress, he explained.

Mr. Mann's voice shook with emotion. The committee did not all seem to care for the humiliation, but Darden, of Halifax, and Joyner, of Northampton, insisted upon answer. Mr. Mann pointing a finger at him, said he could not put his character against that of Christian and Rhem. The ex-prisoner said he knew nothing of the woman and didn't want to hear anything. She had testified falsely and he had served his time. And Mr. Mann like Mr. Pace, had left the impression of having just a trifle too much feeling in the case. The committee adjourned until Friday afternoon.

Mr. Wilson for two and one-half years demonstrated his ability not to be "hurried into war." No other citizen of the United States has undergone the same test. Mr. Wilson won't be "hurried" even now.—Springfield Republican.

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