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## POU FOR GREAT NAVY

**Strengthen Fleet or Relinquish Colonial Possessions.**

**Naval Authorities Say we Will Need A Navy Three Times the Size of That Now in Commission.**

Willis G. Briggs, the Washington Correspondent of the Raleigh Post, sent the following dispatch to his paper Saturday:

Washington, June 17.—"The United States must do one of two things, either relinquish her colonial possessions, which is so highly improbable that it might almost be termed impossible, or increase the size and force of the navy," said Congressman E. W. Pou, the able representative of the metropolitan North Carolina district, today. Mr. Pou spent only a few hours in Washington. He came this morning, visited several state departments on business for his constituents and returned to Smithfield on the afternoon train. He has been studying closely the progress of the war in the far east, and is unstinted in his praise of President Roosevelt's great diplomatic stroke in bringing the belligerents to a termination of the bloody war.

"Recent events have convinced me," observed Mr. Pou, "that the president is right in his insistence upon an enlarged navy. Our distant possessions make a stronger fleet a necessity, and the day appears remote when the United States will give up the islands she now holds."

The views of Mr. Pou are especially significant at this time, for two reasons; first, because the attitude of the last congress was hostile to augmenting the number of warships, and second, because this is a question which is certain to come up at the session next winter. Indeed, plans are now being prepared by naval officers which would place this country in a position to play a leading role in the world drama.

The North Carolina congressman spoke only for himself, not for his party, but with his conviction that a greater navy is needed, he may find himself voting with the Republicans on this great question, unless there is a similar change of heart among his brethren of the minority.

High naval authorities here have given the unofficial opinion that the United States will need a navy three times the size of that now in commission. In other words, a fleet of between 75 and 80 battleships, a like number of cruisers and a proportionate number of torpedo boats will be requisite. Of course it is not proposed to ask congress next fall for the enormous sum this would require, but it is the ideal to which some of the navy men aspire.

The leaders of the majority party in congress, it is believed, now desire only what they conceive to be a reasonably healthy increase in the American fleet. Such a program as was mentioned above, which is not dreamed of outside of the navy circles, would require an expenditure of \$80,000,000 a year additional for ten years.

### Dying of Famine

is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearloss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me. Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at Hood Bros. drug store, price 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottle free."

## CLAYTON NOTES.

Mrs. T. H. Atkinson, of Washington, D. C., was a visitor to our town for a few days recently.

The Baracas will give an up-to-date lawn party on the Parsonage lawn, on Friday evening 8-12, in honor of the young ladies.

The Selma-Clayton excursion to Thomasville Orphanage, was a success in every way. The crowd was one of the best-behaved we have ever seen. Plenty of dinner and to spare. Good exercises by the orphans. Everything lovely. Let's go again next year sure.

Our folks are going to take in Sealey's pond Tuesday June 27th. On that date Mr. Sealey has announced that he will draw off the pond and let any one fish with seine who will pay \$5.00 per seine. This is your chance to have the fishing frolic of your life, besides "Gene" Oneil will be there with all kinds of cold drinks "Johnnie on the spot."

On Monday evening Mr. John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, delivered one of the most powerful temperance lectures, in the academy hall we have ever had here. The vast audience was charmed. On Thursday evening there will be a temperance lecture by Dr. Beaman, of Trinity Church of Durham. Dr. Beaman needs no introduction to our people.

Some very inelegant and unnecessary rumors have been circulated in connection with the prohibition election. The best way to treat a rumor is not to treat it at all until the truth is ascertained. This would eliminate any strife and hard feelings which will certainly come if the rumors are heeded. Let our people be friendly still if they do differ on some things.

About 20 new names were added to the registration list for the election to be held here next Monday. Some of these are from the factory and were formerly cut out on account of the authorities not knowing positively where the town limits were. Last Friday the lines were run according to the charter and are established so that there may be no further misunderstanding.

Clayton's Invincibles will play Raleigh at the Fair grounds Thursday afternoon, June 22nd. Up to this date Clayton has not suffered a single defeat, although they have played Raleigh, including Trinity's crack pitcher. Every man on Raleigh's team is a college player and nothing but piney-woods rooters on ours. The players on Clayton's team are as follows: Randall, C. Shell, p. Ellis, first b. Young, second b. Ellington, short stop, Williams, third b. Duncan left field, Robertson centre field, Blanchard, right field.

June 21-05.

YELIR.

### Shooting Near Selma.

Van Sharp, a white man, was brought here Sunday and lodged in jail for shooting L. W. Batchelor, another white man. Batchelor was carried to the Wilson Sanatorium for treatment, and at last reports is said to be getting along very well.

According to the best information obtainable the trouble occurred at a saw mill at Neuse river near Selma about the payment of wages. Words were disputed, next a blow and then a shot, Sharp having been down. He then fired while his antagonistic was on him, so we are told. The hearing was had Saturday afternoon and Sharp was bound over to court under a bond of \$1000, in default of which he was sent to jail.

### A Bad Scare.

Some day you will get a bad scare when you feel a pain in your bowels, and fear appendicitis. Safety lies in Dr. King's New Life Pills, a sure cure, for all bowel and stomach disease, such as headache, biliousness, costiveness, etc. Guaranteed at Hood Bros. drug store, only 25c. Try them.

## KENLY NOTES.

Miss Leone Edgerton, who was visiting friends near Lucama, returned home Monday.

Prof. Hollomon, of Elon College has been here several days working life insurance.

Miss Janie McNeil, went to Benson Tuesday to spend some time with friend and relatives.

Mr. J. W. Darden and Miss Ross Darden went to Falcon Wednesday to visit relatives and friends.

Miss Kate Darden from near Godwins who has been spending several weeks here with relatives returned home Wednesday.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of Beulah township Sunday School Association, they decided to hold the next convention July 20, at Carter's Chapel, near Micro.

Mr. Jno. Oates, of Fayetteville, gave a temperance lecture here last Friday night, which was greatly enjoyed. He is one of the best temperance lecturers we have ever had the pleasure of hearing. We feel it did good for the cause here.

The Boyett post office was discontinued a few weeks ago, and all the office supplies turned over to this office and all mail addressed to that office now comes here. The office was discontinued because of a R. F. D. Route from Lucama passing there.

### A Death.

With sadness her friends and relatives mourn and deplore the death of Lillie Watson, wife of John H. Watson, near Kenly. She died June 10 after an illness of only about 10 days. Her funeral was preached Sunday at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. R. W. Horrell, of Selma, and the remains entered in the family grave yard. Having seen in the future before dying, she stated she was prepared and willing to go which is much consolation to the bereaved whom she left behind. She leaves a husband, three children and an aged father and mother and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The deepest sympathy of her friends is extended to the bereaved family.

"Do not weep, grieve and mourn, The one who's under the sod; She's sleeping till resurrection morn, And then will go home to God."

A Relative.

### At Rest.

On June the sixteenth the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lassiter in Bentonville township, and bore to heaven their baby boy, Kenneth Earle, aged one year, seven months and twenty-three days. He was a bright little boy, the light and joy of the home. Though his illness was of short duration, he suffered intensely, and as the little life ebbed away, we could but say: "Not our will O, God, but thine be done."

Oh! how it hurt our hearts to see the lid of the casket close over the little form we loved so dearly; lips we never more shall press and know that we shall never again hear the patter of the little feet, nor that sweet little voice.

Yet God needed one more jewel to adorn his home, and we must not refuse Him who said: "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

May the thought that they have a bright jewel up in heaven comfort the bereaved parents.

AUNT ANNIE.

### Sunday School Picnic.

There will be a Sunday School and basket picnic at Bentonville Johnston county, July 4. All Sunday School people are cordially invited to attend. Rev. N. H. Guyton of Newton Grove and Prof. J. P. Canaday of Benson will be on hand to make appropriate lectures.

E. T. WESTBROOK, Supt.

## WEEKLY CROP REPORT.

**Weather Last Week Was Fine for Farmers.**

**The Cotton Getting Along Well as Also Tobacco, But Corn Is Not Up to the Top Notch. Gardens Improving.**

The Weekly Crop Bulletin for the week ending Monday, June 19, 1905, for North Carolina says:

"Another week of excellent weather has been experienced, favorable in its main features both for the rapid growth of crops and for farm work. The mean temperature was about 75 degrees, or moderately above normal, and although no very high temperatures occurred, the nights were warmer than during the preceding week, so that no check to growth occurred. The rainfall was irregularly distributed; too much rain fell in several central-eastern counties, chiefly in portions of Wayne, Craven, Halifax, Washington, Bladen, Vance and Franklin, also in a few western ones; at many places in these counties rain fell on every day of the week, but it was mostly small in amount and gentle in character; heavy washing rains were reported from only a few widely separated places. On the other hand, drought prevails over a number of counties along the immediate coast line (Currituck, Tyrrell, Hyde and Onslow), and also in a large number of western counties, where the soil is getting dry and hard, and rain is much needed. Generally over most of the State farm work is now well upland in excellent condition, crops have been well cultivated, are mostly clear and have continued to improve. In a few counties grass and weeds have not yet been subdued.

"Cotton has nearly all been chopped and cultivated, and where it has been kept clean it has improved considerably, but the crop is still grassy in some counties; squares are beginning to form on early cotton; lice continue to prevail in some places. Corn has improved, but is not doing very well, and it is doubtful whether the effects of poor stands will be entirely overcome; much of the crop has been laid by in silk and tassel; planting is practically over, and late planted in lowlands is coming up rapidly. Tobacco continues to do well, though some correspondents report that the plants are running to seed (buttoning) too early. The wheat harvest is nearly over, except in the extreme west; the straw is abundant, but the grains are not well filled; in some counties cutting was interfered with by frequent rains, the grains being over ripe but too wet to handle. Gardens have improved and vegetables of all kinds are abundant. Irish potatoes are yielding very well in many places, though some are rotting in the ground in wet localities; sweet potatoes are growing rapidly. In most western counties where mowing is under way, the conditions were quite favorable for curing hay. Early apples and peaches are ripening and coming into market; apples are poor, peaches of better quality and more abundant; the blackberry crop is good; blackberries are ripening; there are some reports that grapes are rotting considerably.

"Rains reported: Nashville 1.30, Goldsboro 1.48, Lumberton 1.56, New Bern 1.48, Weldon 1.62, Wilmington 0.10, Hatteras 0.80, Ramsur 1.55, Lexington 0.73, Selma 1.21, Moncure 1.16, Greensboro 0.64, Raleigh 0.29, Marion 2.02, Hendersonville 3.00, Asheville 2.50."

Judge Shaw at Mecklenburg court, when negro boys were arraigned for larceny, permitted their parents to give them a good whipping under the supervision of the police. That is a method of punishment that ought to be adopted more generally, says an exchange.

## BENSON NEWS.

Miss Sue McNeil, of Fayetteville, is here visiting Mrs. E. F. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Daniel, of Fayetteville, were in town on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Monroe Beasley returned home from Rocky Mount where he has been contracting and building.

Mr. R. F. Smith made a trip to Lillington last Tuesday in the interest of the Benson Telephone Company.

Mr. N. T. Ryals left a few days ago for Chapel Hill, where he will attend the University Summer Law School.

Mrs. J. W. Whittenton left last week for Western North Carolina where she will spend some time visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. W. Benson and children left last week for Chapel Hill where they will spend a few weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. R. F. Smith is moving his entire stock of furniture, organs and undertakers goods into the building next door to Seth Allen & Bro. and formerly occupied by Preston Johnson.

SOLON.

### Gattis-Kilgo Case Non-Suited.

A non-suit is ordered in the case of Gattis vs. Kilgo, an order to this effect having been made this afternoon after hearing exhaustive argument by ex-Governor Aycock for and Col. T. M. Argo against the motion, which was lodged yesterday at the conclusion of the evidence for the plaintiff, on the ground that the plaintiff had not made out a case of malice in the publications complained of: In announcing the ruling Judge Moore simply stated that as averse as he might be to take a case from the jury, he was satisfied that under the ruling of the Supreme Court in the last appeal and in the light of the evidence introduced by the plaintiff at this trial, there was no ground upon which the case could stand for a continuance of the trial. Plaintiff will appeal to the Supreme Court. Judge Moore this afternoon issued a rule against J. Rowan Rogers, ex-sheriff of Wake, and J. P. Sorrell, a prominent farmer, of Cedar Fork township, for them to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court for approaching R. M. King and S. P. Marcom, drawn as jurors in the Gattis-Kilgo case, and suggesting to them that the defendants in the case would look to their interests.

Hearing of the case will come up tomorrow morning.—Raleigh Dispatch June 16.

### Masonic Picnic.

Hall of Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M., Smithfield, N. C. The brethren of the various Masonic Lodges of Johnston county are earnestly request to meet with the brethren of Fellowship Lodge No. 84 and join them in a public installation of officers and bring baskets and have a basket picnic on July 14, 1905 at their Hall in Smithfield, N. C. There will be a Masonic address by some prominent member of the craft.

W. S. STEVENS, W. M.  
H. COLE, S. W.  
C. S. POWELL, J. W.

IRA T. TURLINGTON, Secy.

### Huge Task.

It was a huge task, to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease, as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone, I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. drug-gist; price 50c."

## ARCHER DOTS.

We regret to note that Mrs. J. A. Batton is seriously sick.

Mr. J. W. Barnes has finished up his corn which is said to be the finest in this section.

Nearly 50 of our people went on the Selma-Clayton excursion to Thomasville last week.

Mr. James Liles and his daughter, Miss Lillian, of near Raleigh, visited relatives here last week.

The past few days of good weather have enabled the farmers to clean their crops and put them in pretty fair condition. Crops are looking better and growing nicely.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. R. Hinnant which occurred at her home near here last Monday. The enternment was made in the family burial ground Tuesday afternoon.

Last Saturday morning as R. F. D. Carrier Bissett was approaching Sealey's pond the dam gave way and the water poured through rapidly. Mr. Bissett crossed to deliver Mr. Sealey's mail, but had to re-cross at once in order to get back at all that day. Mr. Sealey will rebuild the dam at once. No more fishing will be allowed until the pond is again filled with water. June 20, 1905. S. L. W.

### In Jail for Contempt.

Ex-Sheriff J. Rowan Rogers and J. P. Sorrell are in Wake jail for attempting to influence jurors in the Gattis-Kilgo case.

After a long hearing and argument Judge Moore yesterday afternoon found Messrs. J. Rowan Rogers and J. P. Sorrell guilty as for contempt in having tampered with and attempted to influence Jurors King and Marcom, summoned as regular Jurors in the case of Gattis vs. Kilgo, which was non-suited on Friday.

Rules for contempt were issued on Friday afternoon and promptly served on the two respondents.

After finding the facts, both as to their acts and as to their unlawful purpose an intent, Judge Moore imposed a sentence of thirty days in jail and a fine of \$50 on each respondent.

Both parties appealed, but later Judge Moore remitted the fine and the respondents withdrew their appeal and went to jail.—News and Observer 18th.

### SELMA NEWS.

Three fair days and oh! how the farmers have been killing grass.

Mr. John H. Parker has returned from Louisville, Ky., where he attended the reunion of the old veterans. While away he visited Jeffersonville and New Albany, Ind. He says he had a fine time.

Mr. R. M. Nowell has been in Raleigh, with his brother who is critically ill at the Hospital there, since Sunday. Hon. C. W. Richardson went to see the sick man Tuesday night returning Wednesday afternoon and reports that the physicians say it is only a question of time with him.

SENEX.

### Good Service on A. & N. C.

The Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad is giving a splendid service between Goldsboro and Morehead City. Two trains are run each way daily, leaving Goldsboro at 8 a. m. and 3:45 p. m. An extra train is run each Sunday, leaving Goldsboro at 7:00 a. m., arriving at Morehead City at 10:30; returning, leaving Morehead City at 5:50 p. m. and reaching Goldsboro at 9:20. Fair for round trip on this train from Goldsboro \$1.50.

Last Saturday in the Federal Court at Raleigh Victoria Moore, of Wilson county, was found guilty of taking a letter from the postoffice and destroying same and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary by Judge Purnell.