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The Undoing of Henderson.

Prof. T. C. Henderson, the superintendent of public schools of Transylvania county for twelve years, has been undone.

Another good public servant with a record of faithful service and remarkable achievement in educational progress in this county has been sacrificed apparently through the scheming of the near-sighted and selfish policy of Mr. George Wilson, who misrepresented Transylvania in the legislature this year.

It came about this way. Mr. Henderson occupied a position wherein he could have been a strong spoke in the political wheel, but he stuck to principles rather than to politicians. Mr. Wilson has a record that has always been outspoken against progress and in this he has crossed Mr. Henderson's path in the matter of school taxation. Mr. Wilson went to the legislature and of course his going unmistakably foreshadowed the undoing of Mr. Henderson. This was evidently one of the objects of his mission to Raleigh and it was his business to see that those he appointed on the educational board would carry out his wishes. This he accomplished.

There is considerable regret over the action of the board, because Mr. Henderson has a remarkably good record to his credit, as was shown in the review of his work given in last week's News. The News could not see in the face of the facts that a change would be for the better except as to the extent it would gratify the one who planned to unseat Mr. Henderson.

As to the new board, it has, it is reasonable to assume, accomplished the mission for which it was created. We trust that it will not hamper the progress of the work to be done by Mr. Mitchell. He is a man of ability and lots of enthusiasm. His work at Penrose shows that he stands for progress, increased school taxes, better school buildings, etc., and we trust that he will not be frustrated in his efforts by any short-sighted policies of the authorities. While we regret that conditions called for a change, so long as progress is the watchword of the board the News will throw the weight of its influence in that direction and help make the most of the educational system of Transylvania county.

Let us continue forward and not turn back.

The Exemption Board.

Before recommending to President Wilson persons for appointment on the local exemption board Governor Bickett was cautious to seek men of good character and free from strong political influences and those not in the office-seeking class. In naming Dr. C. W. Hunt, and Messrs. G. E. Lathrop and Ora L. Jones he got what he was seeking. It is a board before which every man will receive due consideration in the matter of rights for exemption; a board that will endeavor to serve patriotically and fairly and one with which the politicians and their friends will have no special sway of influence. Those who appear before them should have no cause to fear anything but a fair deal. The members of the board have been highly complimented by the government in the appointment and the latter will no doubt have no cause for disappointment in the service they will perform with justice, fearlessness and impartiality.

Canning and Drying.

Home canning and fruit drying methods are treated exhaustively in illustrated booklets for free distribution by the government. Farmers' Bulletin 839, entitled "home canning by the one-period cold-pack method," with 39 pages, and Farmers' Bulletin 841, entitled "drying fruits and vegetables in the home with recipes for cooking," consisting of 29 pages, can be had without cost by writing the Division of Publications, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The News has received one copy each of these booklets, which treat the subjects exhaustively and interestingly with profusely illustrated matter. This is valuable information and in view of the importance of this work and interest in these subjects locally, the booklets should be in many homes.

Farm Demonstrator.

Without fanfare and blare of trumpets the board of county commissioners is marching to the tune of real progress. The board this week showed where it stands in the matter of progress by deciding to employ a farm demonstration agent—a very wise course and one that meets with the approval of the most progressive element of the county.

The undertaking is no experiment. The value of the work has been thoroughly tested throughout the county. Of course there are some who object to the employment of a demonstrator, but under the present arrangement the county has only \$200 at stake and would not be making a mistake even though it had to foot the whole salary.

CANTATA POSTPONED

The cantata oratorio to be at the Methodist church, which was announced in last week's issue of the News for Sunday night, was postponed, owing to the lack of electric power, till Sunday night, July 15.

GOOD NEWS

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IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

happenings of This and Other Nations For Seven Days Are Given.

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in the South-land Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs.

Domestic

Mr. Griffin of the Chicago board of trade says that the exchanges of the country will give wholehearted support to the administration's food control proposition.

According to information from Washington, Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, Ga., will be the site for a big base hospital. It is not known what disposition will be made of the Seventeenth infantry now stationed there.

A New York dispatch says that so quietly did the regiment of marines sent to France slip out of the navy yard that not even the men engaged in a baseball game in the yard knew they had gone.

Four hundred coal operators, representing the great fields of both bituminous and anthracite, pledged themselves at Washington to sell their products at a fair and reasonable price after they had been frankly warned by Assistant Attorney General Lewis that unless they established a fair selling price and proper regulation of the industry, their output would be taken over by the government.

The United States cruiser Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila, ran aground in the fog off Block Island, N. I., June 26. The cruiser is reported in a bad position, with considerable water in her hold. William M. Babby, machinists' mate, lost his life when he was struck on the head by a falling hatch.

The Olympia caught in a fog off Block Island, N. I., was on her way to target practice. Details of her exact position could not be learned. The vessel had been assigned as the flagship of the coast patrol fleet of the second naval district.

Coal operators say they will confer with the defense council's committee "to the end that production may be stimulated and plans be perfected to provide adequate means of distribution."

W. J. Harris, chairman of the general trade commission, in Atlanta, Ga., for a business trip of several days, is out in a statement advising against the purchase of coal at the present prices, which he says are outrageously high and absolutely without justification or fairness.

Washington

Secretary Daniels, delivering the commencement address at the naval academy at Annapolis, stated that the United States is demonstrating to the world that a democracy of a hundred million people can wage war efficiently and with unity of spirit.

Secretary Daniels says that those who told us men of military men would not enlist under the selective draft have been mistaken, because the facts show that registration day was indeed a day of consecration to the ideals of democracy.

Food prices in the United States advanced on an average of 5 per cent from April 16 to May 15, according to the bureau of labor. During the year ended May 15 they advanced 29 per cent.

War department officials will go no further than to say that General Pershing's khaki clad men will be augmented as rapidly as expedient by a considerable contingent of other trained troops.

Commissioner Root is in a Moscow hospital with a severe cold. He made two speeches there in one day while the temperature was 104 in the shade, and contracted such a cold that it was deemed advisable to treat him.

A Copenhagen dispatch says that although Bulgaria is opposed to breaking off relations with the United States the fear is expressed that Premier Radoslavoff may have been compelled to purchase concession, for which he went to Berlin, by a sacrifice of American relations as part payment.

The food control bill has been amended in the senate so that the food administrator shall not have power to impose individuals' rations or regulate their meals.

The members of the exports council will meet in a few days to organize and to recommend to the president a series of proclamations which will put the new law into active operation.

President Wilson says the free trade of the country will not be arbitrarily interfered with, but will be intelligently and systematically directed in the light of full information with regard to needs and market conditions and the necessities of the people and the armies at home and abroad.

When the order came to prepare immediately an expeditionary force to go to France, virtually all of the men now across the seas were on the Mexican border. General Pershing himself was at San Antonio.

The Russian mission was received in the senate June 26, when Ambassador Boris A. Bakmeteff made an address pledging Russia's continuance in the war.

Washington is running over with attorneys and others in the interest of the whiskey interests and prohibition, and President Wilson's life is anything but a bed of roses.

The price of soft coal to the average home will vary with the freight charges and retailers' profits, as it is announced the miners have agreed to reduce the price \$2.50 per ton.

President Wilson has barred "bone dryness" from the food control bill. The bill will probably permit the manufacture of beer, wines and other light beverages.

The interstate commerce commission has denied the plea of the railroads for a horizontal increase of 15 per cent in freight rates.

The interstate commerce commission announces that increases in the freight rates on coal, coke and iron ore will be granted.

The interstate commerce commission says that the gloomy forecast of jeopardized incomes, seen by railroad officials early in 1917, have not been borne out by the figures available for later months; rather to the contrary.

The United States' export policy will be determined by President Wilson only after a most thorough study of its international aspects. The president is anxious that no injustice shall be done even the smallest neutral.

It is not yet known whether Brazil's break with Germany means that she will enter actual hostilities, but it is confidently expected that Brazil will follow the United States.

A Petrograd dispatch says Major General Scott, chief military member of the American mission, is on an extended tour comprising the whole Russian front.

The advance guard of the mighty army the United States is preparing to send against Germany is on French soil.

In defiance of German submarine, thousands of seasoned regulars and marines, trained fighting men with the tan of long service on the Mexican border or in Haiti or San Domingo still on their faces, will soon be fighting alongside the French, the British, the Belgian, the Russian, the Portuguese and the Italian troops on the western front of the modern Armageddon.

Press dispatches from France show that Major General Sibert commands the first force sent abroad. General Pershing is, of course, commander-in-chief of the expedition.

The United States, it is admitted in allied capitals, has set a record for the transportation of troops to the fighting zone.

The United States troops in France will put no burden on the allied troops already there. The troops will be fed, clothed, armed and equipped by the United States government.

President Wilson certainly is having difficult questions put up to him, and to his judgment falls the success or failure of America in the world war. The latest question put to him is, whether prohibition shall be put in the food control bill.

European War

Greece has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. It is expected that she will soon declare war against the central powers, due in most part to the incompatibility of an existing war in her territory without her active participation.

Premier Lloyd George, speaking in Glasgow, Scotland, says the war will continue until the aims of the allies have been fully attained.

Lloyd George says Great Britain's food supply will hold out if the submarine war is kept within its present bounds and the people practice frugality.

Picked Germans are being hurled at the French front, with success at some points and failure at others.

It is freely predicted that the present Russian upheaval will result in a Russian republic, as that form of government is the only possible kind that will be in harmony with the spirit and principles of the whole Russian question.

The steamers Ultonia of the Cunard line, 6,593 tons; Haverford of the American line, 7,432 tons; Buffalo, Wilson liner, 2,582 tons, and The Manistee, another Cunard vessel, British cargo-carrying vessels, have been torpedoed and sunk by German submarines.

General Halg has adopted prize fighting tactics against General Hindenburg. He first leads from the right, then from the left, following from the center and then mixes it up so that von Hindenburg is up in the air, according to dispatches from the front.

The Canadians have taken another hack at the German line protecting Lens, the coal center in the department of Pas de Calais, and have been rewarded with further gains.

In Belgium the Germans are bombarding French and Belgian positions incessantly.

The Canadian troops operating around Lens, the great coal mining center which the Germans captured from the French; are slowly encircling that center, and it is reported that the Germans have all but ceased mining operations. This seems to forecast that the Germans realize that their tenure of this position can only be short-lived.

Only patrol parties of the infantry are active on the western front, and only small bits of territory have been attacked for several days.

The Canadians have captured another trench on the Lens-Arras road, but further attempts have been repulsed by the Germans.

Reports from allied centers are to the effect that the British are now engaged in blazing the way for a new thrust at the German lines with the hope of driving them farther back while the summer weather holds out, to strive for the mastery in France.



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