

# THE DUNN DISPATCH

## JARVIS COUNTY FIGHT LAUNCHED

Mass Meeting of Citizens Today Enthusiastic and Determined—Large Delegations Will go to Raleigh

Jarvis County has passed through its embryonic stages. Two years ago an unsuccessful fight was made before the General Assembly of North Carolina for its formation from the counties of Sampson, Cumberland, Johnston and Harnett counties. But failure did not destroy the determination and desire of its adherents and supporters, and today at 2:30 o'clock a mass meeting of a large number of citizens living in the proposed county was held at the Metropolitan Theatre in Dunn. It was decided to renew the fight with all the vigor possible. Judge C. J. Smith announced the purpose of the meeting and a permanent organization was effected with Judge C. J. Smith as presiding officer and J. P. Pittman as secretary. Several short suggestive talks were made by representative citizens, among them, P. S. Cooper, J. L. Wade and Geo. L. Cannady. An organized lobby was appointed and money raised to carry the fight to the Legislature.

The following township committees were appointed, of which Mayor Geo. K. Grantham was made the leading spirit. The Aversboro committee is composed of the following gentlemen: G. K. Grantham, A. F. Surles, J. W. Turnage, and G. M. Tilghman. Grove, N. T. Patterson, W. H. Turlington and W. H. Parrish. Banner, A. L. Barefoot, C. T. Johnson and Charles Johnson. Meadon, Primrose Johnson, W. J. Morgan, Mordecai Lee and J. W. Weeks. Newton Grove, J. B. Williams and L. Williams. Mingo, H. L. R. Draughton, W. S. Strickland, L. L. Jackson. Washbrook, Lovett Warren, R. H. West and A. W. Daughtry. Black River, Charlie Spell, J. A. Culbreth and Isaac Strickland. Duke, T. L. West, E. R. Thomas and E. W. Smith.

The duties of these members are to solicit members for the Jarvis County Club and to keep the new county on any and every occasion, here, there and everywhere. An Advance Committee composed of J. C. Clifford, P. S. Cooper, O. P. Shell, A. F. Surles, C. C. McLellan, J. L. Wade, V. L. Stephens, J. H. Pope and C. J. Smith was appointed to go to Raleigh on Friday, February 26, to get matters in shape for the fight before the House Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, which will take place Monday, March 1st. A large delegation of citizens who reside within the borders of the proposed county, will journey to Raleigh next Monday with the determination to win or die. Already a score or more have pledged to make the trip and to work for Jarvis county with all their might.

The bill which provides for the formation of Jarvis county was introduced by Representative Brummitt. Its number is 1,326 and was drawn by Mr. J. C. Clifford, one of this section's leading attorneys.

The territory embraced in the proposed county is as follows:

Beginning at mouth of Silver Run Creek in Cumberland county, at Cape Fear river, runs thence west across Cumberland and Sampson counties to the southeast corner of Mingo township in Sampson county, thence a direct line to the southeast corner of Newton Grove township on Wayne county line, thence the Wayne county line to the Johnston county line, thence a direct line across Johnston county north of Benson to the northeast corner of Grove township in the Johnston and Harnett lines, thence the western line of Grove township to the Cape Fear river, thence down the Cape Fear river to the beginning. The spirit which prevailed at the mass meeting today was of the winning sort. After the meeting adjourned the fight was oozing from all parts of the hall; enthusiasm was rampant. If all indications are true, Jarvis county will spring full fledged into the sphere of government—a lusty infant with every prospect of attaining full growth.

## "AS YOU LIKE IT" CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKay delightfully entertained the "As You Like It" Club Tuesday evening February 23rd, from 8 to 11 o'clock. After a short business period dainty score cards were passed around by the hostess and a spirited game of Rook was entered into. At a seasonable hour delicious refreshments were served. Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. McKay's hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Mattox, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Newberry, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wade and Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Townsend and Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Coltrane. The guests were Mrs. McD. Holiday, Misses Mary McKay and Meta Harper and Mr. Prentice Bassell.

## TAFT SAYS WE ARE THREATENED

Face to Face With a Crisis: Must Stand by the President

Morristown, N. J., Feb. 22.—The United States is threatened with a serious invasion of its rights as a neutral by the warring nations of Europe, and in preserving its commerce with those nations is face to face with a crisis, is the opinion of former President William H. Taft. In the solution of that crisis, should it arise, no jingo spirit must be allowed to prevail, Mr. Taft advised, neither pride nor momentary passion should influence judgment.

"And when the president shall act," Mr. Taft declared, "we must stand by him to the end. In this determination we may be sure that all will join, no matter what their previous views, no matter what their European origin. All will forget their differences in self-sacrificing loyalty to our common flag and our common country."

Mr. Taft's reference to the situation confronting the United States was made at the conclusion of an address today before the Washington association of New Jersey. Quoting a reservation in the treaty of Algiers, proclaimed in 1907, and entered into by the United States and eleven European nations including most of those now at war, Mr. Taft said:

"Our interest in the present war, under the conditions that exist, is limited as set forth in this reservation, to-wit: "To preserving and increasing the commerce of the United States with the belligerents; to the protection as to life, liberty and property of our citizens residing or traveling in their countries, and to the aiding by our friendly offices and efforts in bringing those countries to peace."

"Our efforts for peace," he continued, "have been made as complete as possible, for the president has already tendered his good offices by way of mediation between the powers, and they have not been accepted."

"In preserving the commerce of the United States with the belligerents, however, we are face to face with a crisis. We are threatened with a serious invasion of our rights as a neutral in trading with the belligerent countries. What certainly is an innovation upon previous rules respect to neutral commerce and contraband of war has been initiated by the belligerents of both sides. The planting of mines in the open sea and the use of submarines to send neutral vessels to the bottom without inquiry as to their neutrality when found in a so-called war zone of the open sea, are all of them a variation from the rules of international law governing the action of belligerents towards neutral trade.

## POPE SAID TO BE BOYCOTTING PEACE

Asked Kaiser on What Conditions Germany Would Consider Peace

Rome, Feb. 22.—The Giornale D'Italia today says Pope Benedict is reported to have sent to Emperor William recently a communication asking on what condition Germany would consider peace proposals.

Reports to the secretary of state of the Vatican, says the Giornale D'Italia, show that Germany, although maintaining an excellent military position, feels seriously the consequences of the war, and has modified materially her views on peace. The paper adds:

"The pontiff considers such a condition of affairs lends itself favorably to diplomatic steps. He is reported again to have interpellated Emperor William to know on what conditions Germany would be disposed to negotiate peace, observing that in any case the military honor of Germany is safe."

## NORTH CAROLINA UNRECOGNIZED

How a Defective Law Excludes North Carolina From Her Rights and Privileges

"If this objectionable clause had not been in your law, the entire state of North Carolina would now be the registration area for deaths," writes Wm. J. Harris, Director of the Bureau of Census, in a letter just received in the office of the State Board of Health. This was in reference to the admission of North Carolina to the registration area of the United States.

The objectionable clause referred to by Director Harris is an amendment tacked on to the Vital Statistics Bill as it passed the Legislature two years ago. This amendment made it practically impossible to obtain the registration of deaths outside of towns of 500 and over in population. With the amendment struck out it would be the duty of the undertaker, or person acting as such to file a death certificate with the Local Registrar, or one of his deputies, in exchange for the burial permit within three days after the death occurred. Such an exchange of death certificates for burial permits is like giving receipts for money paid, the only business-like method of doing things.

With our present law, neither the Federal Government nor any one else knows whether North Carolina is registering 60, 75 or 80 per cent of her deaths, and it would be manifestly unfair to give any statistics compiled from North Carolina from such records, a place or standing among similar statistics compiled by other states of the union that are doing good work but without such a job should law.

## FROM THE FRONT

Duke, N. C., Feb. 21, 1915.—Mr. W. A. Colville died Sunday morning and was buried at the Aversboro Cemetery at 11 o'clock. Rev. S. W. ... pastor of the Baptist church conducted the funeral services. Mr. Colville was in his eighty-second year and contracted pneumonia a few days ago and the end came suddenly. He was a highly respected citizen of Harnett county who has always lived and for many years known as "Uncle Sam."

For the past twenty seven years he had been a total abstainer from drinking and lived an upright life. He spent several years in the Free Will Baptist church, and was a member of the Civil War Veterans Association. He was a large quantity of lumber from Harnett county to Johnston going down the Cape Fear river. Three years ago when he was in the cotton mills Co., he was in Harnett, N. C. He was a close friend to the authorities and remarked one day that he was tearing up a piece of land hunting ground to build a mill. In his old age he was still very healthy and was much liked by all. Two of his sons survive him.

The box and ... given Monday night by the Board of Visitor of the Hospital was a great success. Three reels of pictures shown the following words on the screen: "Barnett, N. C. and 8 years. Typhoid ... and 2,000 saved. ... of faithful and ... doctors and nurses ... Hospital." The ... and a ruddy face ... of 3 years greeted the ... The father of the boy ... hospital for saving ... boxes of lunch were sold ... by Martha Washington. The ... of the word Luba ... acquaintances was ... receipts of the ... \$75.4. The Robena ... with ... Wednesday afternoon. ... had been transacted it was agreed that the club would place for the use of the school three sanitary drinking fountains, one in the building and one on each end of the play grounds.

For the pleasure of the members and visitors Mrs. Smith had arranged a game of Progressive Heart Dice and a salad course for refreshments. Only four members were absent and the following visitors were present: Miss Emma Young, of Dunn, Miss Eunice Elliot, of Linden, and Miss Flora McQueen, of Duke.

The Erwin Cotton Mills Co. have always taken a lead in the progressiveness of Harnett county. They established the first graded school in the county, they were among the first to get good roads and have taken a foremost stand in improved methods of farming. Their most recent move is the purchase of a 60 horse power gasoline-toraxone traction plow. For three years they have been using large quantities of dynamite blowing stumps and getting their lands in shape for such a plow and the work with it will be watched with much interest by the good farmers of Harnett county.

## OTHER DUKE ITEMS

Duke, N. C., Feb. 24.—Mention was made yesterday in the notes from Duke of the success of the box and luba party given by the board of lady visitors of the Good Hope Hospital. It was learned later in the day that the success was even greater than mentioned, for when the managers desired to settle with the Lyceum manager for the use of the Lyceum, the pictures and the electric current used, the Lyceum manager would not receive compensation, but said he desired to contribute the night's work to the Hospital. The board of lady visitors and all concerned are extremely thankful to Mr. W. B. Johnson for his courtesy and wish to extend to him their cordial thanks.

A very unique way of doing welfare work has been inaugurated by Mrs. E. L. Hassell of our community. Mrs. Hassell for a long time was a very ardent church worker and visitor, but owing to her health she is not able to get around so much as she once did. She has now enrolled a class of girls from eight to fourteen years old with not more than twelve in the class, who meet at her home every week and she teaches them embroidery, crocheting, and to make pine needle baskets. Mrs. Hassell expects to hold the class until she has taught them how to do the work well and then open another class. While the little folks are busy with the work she reads them some good story or something interesting. To keep up the interest she

## ANGIER LOCALS

Attorney F. T. Dupree spent Monday in Smithfield on legal business. Mr. Devereaux Matthews, of near here, has returned from Richmond, Va., where he went for an operation of the eye. Dr. C. E. Young accompanied him and it is reported that he is getting along well.

Messrs. W. S. Murchison, Will Moore and Thompson, of Benson, were visitors here Monday. They were here on business relative to the establishment of an electric light plant.

Capt. Joe Wimberly suffered a very painful accident to his eye one day last week while supervising some work on his section. Monday being a legal holiday several of the high school pupils took advantage of the occasion by taking a stroll to the Harrell school house to witness the erection of "the flag" to the new school building.

The many friends of Assistant Postmaster Wilson will regret to learn of his confinement at his home on account of a severe case of influenza. It is hoped that he will soon be out again. Chas. J. Williams, of the State Bank & Trust Company, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives at Dunn.

Rev. Mr. Osborne, the new pastor of the Methodist church here, filled his first regular appointment last Sunday morning and night, preaching to a large and appreciative audience at both services. He succeeds Rev. Frank Culbreth.

Miss Jackson, of near Dunn, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. June Williams. The Dispatch is a welcome visitor to our town and is considered one of the best local papers in this section of the State. It is well edited and clean typographically and should receive the support of every loyal "Harnettite."

Make-Believe Marriage After 20 Years a Real One. Salisbury, Feb. 21.—Last midnight when Register of Deeds J. C. Deaton was called upon to issue a marriage license a domestic tragedy was brought to light that would have furnished excellent material for a Bret Harte story.

Some 20 years ago A. C. Gibbons and Lucy Litaizer after a trip into South Carolina decided in the foolishness of their young love that they would "make-believe" they were married. The story they told of the Palmetto State wedding was believed and the young couple set up house keeping at Woodleaf, in Rowan county. For a score of years they have lived the tranquil life of a rural couple rearing the nine children that have come into their home and enjoying the simple life of the community.

## WAR FACTS SET FORTH

History of the First Six Months of the Most Audacious War, Told by C. W. Barron.

The articles that have been issuing under the title "The Audacious War" are published today in book form by Houghton, Mifflin Company. They are prefaced by the now famous war poem "I" by the Boston News Bureau poet, Bartholemew F. Griffin, and by the following preface by Mr. Barron.

The Scotch have this proverb: "War brings poverty. Poverty brings peace. Peace brings prosperity. Prosperity brings pride. And pride brings war again." Shall the world settle down to the faith that there is no redemption from an everlasting round of pride, war, poverty, peace, prosperity, pride and war again? But it was not primarily to settle, or even study this problem that I crossed the ocean and the English Channel in winter. As a journalist publishing the Wall Street Journal, the Boston News Bureau and the Philadelphia News Bureau, and directing news-gathering for the banking and financial communities, I deemed it my duty to ascertain at close hand the financial factors in this war, and the financial results therefrom.

I found myself on the other side not only in the domain of the finance embracing this war, but unexpectedly in close touch with diplomatic and Government circles. The whole of the war, its commercial causes its financial and military forces its tremendous human sacrifices, the conflicting principles of government, principles of government, and the world-wide issues involved, all lay out in clear facts and figures after I had gathered by day and night from what appeared to be a tangled web.

I learned who made this war and why at this time and for what purposes, present and prospective; and from facts that could not be set down categorically in papers of state No papers "white," "gray," or "yellow," could present a picture of the war in its inception and the reasons therefor.

There is no powerful organization over nations to keep the peace in Europe or of the world as Nations are in organization over states, and States over cities to insure peace and justice, without strife or human sacrifice.

The immediate causes of this war, and I believe they have not before been presented on this side of the ocean, are connected with commercial treaties, protective tariffs and financial progress.

It may be wondered that in our country, which is the home of the protective tariff system and boasts its great prosperity therefrom, there has been as yet no presentation of the business causes beneath this war. Our great journalists are trained to find interesting, picturesque and saleable news features from big events. Details of war's atrocities and destructions are to most people of the greatest human interest, and rightly so. As a country we have no international policy and European politics and policies have never interested us.

Germany is buttressed by tariffs and commercial treaties on every side. Years ago I was told in Europe that the commercial treaties wrested from France in 1871 were of more value to Germany than the billion dollars of indemnity she took as her price to quit Paris. But I did not realize until I was abroad this winter how European countries had varied by tariffs, and that Germany and Russia were preparing for a great clash at arms over the renewal of commercial and tariff treaties which expire within two years and which had been forced by Germany upon Russia during the Japanese war.

## WIRE NETTING OVER BUCKINGHAM PALACE

London, Feb. 9.—The north wing of the Buckingham Palace, containing the living apartments of the royal family, is being covered with a wire netting about twenty feet above the roof. Additional anti-air craft guns have been stationed in the neighborhood of the palace.

Almost every day many additional preparations are being made to fight airships over London. While many of the art treasures in the museum have been removed to places of great safety, there have been vigorous complaints in some papers that many of the most valuable pictures, sculptures or objects of art should still remain exposed to the possibility of aerial attack.

and hardest working European Nation, he is not entitled to overness or world empire. But few persons on this side have comprehended the relation of our great war to the greatest commercial prizes in the world; the shores of the Mediterranean. Asia Minor with its Bagdad Railroad headed for the Persian gulf, Mesopotamia with its great oil-fields, undeveloped and a source of power for the recreation of Palestine and all the lands between the Mediterranean, the Indian ocean and Asia Minor.

The greatest study for Americans today is the spirit of Nations as shown in this war, and great lessons in the finance, business patriotism and justice that stand forth in the British Empire as never before. She is rolling up tremendous war power within her empire and throughout Europe, encircling the German war-power. But she is likewise looking to her own people and her own workers filling her own factories and every laboring hand to the full that she may keep her business and profits at home, and with her business and profits and accumulated capital and income prosecute the greatest war of history.

She is not unmindful in any respect of what the war may set her way in the breaking away and the breaking-up of Turkey, she sees a clear field for Egypt, the realization of the dream of the British Empire—the development of the whole of Africa by a Cape to Cairo railroad, and she sees her own empire and peoples being the world in power, wealth and justice, and with a sweep and scope for enterprise and development beyond all previous dreams of this generation.

The United States with hundreds of millions of banking reserves released and lying base for a business expansion double any we have had before seems suddenly paralyzed in its business activities, and comprehending only that the loaf of bread is a cent higher and a pound of cotton a few cents lower, it is wondering on which side of its bread the butter is to fall.

Meanwhile, it talks politics, asks if prosperity here is to come during or after the war; and having little comprehension of the meaning of the National throbs that on the other side of the globe are pulsating the world into a new era of light, liberty and expansion by individual labor, it refuses to take up its daily household and go forward.

In the hope that these pages may be useful to my fellow countrymen in giving them the facts of this war, its commercial causes, its financial progress, its sacrifices in humanity—sacrifices that could not be demanded but for a greater future—these papers are taken, as completed in my financial publications in this month of February and placed before the reading community in book form, as requested in hundreds of personal letters.

They were never conceived and written with any idea of their permanent preservation. They were prepared for the banking community, which demands news-facts and figures discriminatingly presented. The banker wants the truth; he will make his own argument and reach his own conclusions. The reader will readily see that these chapters are day-to-day issues aiming to present the news from the standpoint of finance must be primarily the truth of humanity. They do not claim to be from beginning to end a harmonious book-presentation of the war, but it is believed that they contain the essential fundamental war-facts; and the aim was to present them in most condensed expression. They cover the first six months of the most Audacious War. Whether it is to continue for another six months or sixteen months is not material as the character of the peace and what is to follow. No greater problem can be placed before the world than that of how the peace of Nations may be maintained. Having cleared my own mind upon this subject, I submit it to the youngest, sturdiest, best organized, ... (Continued on page two.)