

ODDS AND ENDS.

There will be no office established at the summer White House at Cornish, New Hampshire, according to President Wilson's present plans. He will make several brief trips to Cornish to visit his family and short cruises on the yacht Mayflower, but plans to spend most of his time in Washington. This according to the information given out at the White House, is not because the President views the European or Mexican situation as especially critical, but because he believes it to be his duty to remain in Washington as much as possible in order to keep in close touch with public questions.

President Wilson has signified to the Minister from the Netherlands his willingness to serve as umpire when the pending arbitration treaty is negotiated between China and the Netherlands.

The official list of members of the House in the 64th Congress shows that of the 435 members, 230 are Democrats, 191 Republicans, 7 Progressives, 1 Independent and 1 Socialist, together with 4 vacancies and the 1st New York district not yet determined between Democrat and Republican.

At the reception given to Mrs. Story, the President-general of the D. A. R., and members of that society, Miss Margaret Wilson for the first time formally took her place as mistress of the White House, standing beside the President. For the first time, too, she had her sister, Mrs. McAdoo, who assisted in receiving, laid aside the deep black worn since the death of her mother, Miss Wilson wearing a severely plain gown of soft white material.

The latest business-aid service instituted by the government is a weed-waste exchange, conducted by the forest service of the Department of Agriculture. A furniture maker in Michigan wrote the Department, asking for suggestions as to the disposal of sugar maple blocks and sticks which were cut off in the process of furniture making. A scrubbing brush manufacturer who used small blocks for brush backs was located by the Department and the two concerns put in touch with each other, to their mutual benefit. More than 40 firms are now listed with the forest service, either having waste wood to sell or in the market for its purchase.

When the great German sea raider, the converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, put into port at Newport News recently, it was discovered that she had on board nearly a hundred men suffering with a disease known as beri-beri. This disease, which causes severe digestive disorders and an affection of the nerves of the extremities, with great pain and swelling of limbs and sometimes wasting of muscles and temporary or permanent paralysis, was until recently thought to be contagious and subject to quarantine; but recent experiments have proved conclusively that beri-beri is caused by improper diet, usually consisting of too exclusive rations of over-milled or polished rice. A sufficiently varied diet or the use of under-milled rice will prevent it.

According to the assertion made in an article recently published, 75 per cent of the buildings of the entire country are unpainted, and deteriorating at the rate of not less than 5 per cent a year, loss from this cause alone exceeding the annual loss from fire which itself has been estimated at \$250,000,000.

A nation-wide tax on dogs is being advocated by the Department of Agriculture as a probable means of putting an end to the great slaughter of sheep by dogs, reported from sheep raising States. From the date furnished the Department, it is estimated that the amount of money involved in loss from this cause aggregates \$144,267,000. A few months ago, when the leader of a pack of coyotes was killed in Sligo, Colorado, it was found to be a shepherd collie dog with a brass collar about its neck.

Peat covers one-seventh of the area of Ireland, and the deposits are estimated to contain nearly forty billion tons of coal. Some German peat, when dried, contains 45 per cent carbon and has nearly one-half the heating value of coal. Peat coke is used in Germany in many ways, one being as a substitute for charcoal in the manufacture of high grade ore.

From the seeds of the castor oil plant a German chemist has extracted what is said to be the most powerful poison known.

Seventy-five per cent of the work of manufacturing rifle ammunition for the United States Army and Navy is done by women.

It is estimated that a day of darkness in London caused by fog costs the inhabitants \$25,000 for gas, as well as a large sum for electric light.

The potatoes, planted originally for use in the manufacture of vodka, have, since prohibition was declared in Russia, been the salvation of the people of Poland, standing between them and starvation.

In the last five years Peru has produced 199,346,060 pounds of cotton. The United States last year bought \$1,224,508 worth of this Peruvian cotton.

Seven show steers from the Kansas Agricultural College sold in Kansas city recently for \$1,075.

On the flat top of Table Mountain, near Cape Town, a strong southeast wind produces a horizontal sheet of cloud known as the "Table cloth."

Philadelphia can't be as bad as Billy Sunday intimated. They are having grape juice banquets there now—not, however, in deference to Secretary Bryan's advice, but in sympathy with King George.

Farmers have had the toughest luck on record. The oldest piece of writing extant, a Sumerian tablet, written 4000 B. C. and recently translated at the University of Pennsylvania Museum, records a plague of locusts and caterpillars. The fields of these pests, a necromancer was called in who "broke a jar, cut open a sacrifice, a word of cursing he repeated, and the locusts and caterpillars fled." It is thought probable that, in this day and generation, the farmers might essay a part of that cure without waiting for the help of a magician.

The Washington Star says it is a good brand of fertilizer that will raise a mortgage.

"A municipal eating house in Germany formerly fed 20,000 unemployed, has been closed because all but 1,500 of that number are now employed."—News item. Profitably—in the trenches.

Mother and Wife Disagreed; He Drank Carbohc Acid.

Hickory Special, 1st, to Charlotte Observer.

Adolphus McGuire, aged about 35, died at his home in Highland last last evening just 18 minutes after a self-administered dose of carbohc acid, about two tablespoonfuls of the deadly drug being swallowed. Physicians who were summoned reached him just after he had passed away.

The deceased was a hard-working man with a family, holding a position with the Martin Furniture Company. He quit work there last evening, telling his superintendent that he would be back the next morning to finish up a small job, the shop not running on Saturday. On going home it seems that he found his mother and wife having some trouble about the children, which according to reports has been going on for some time. He ate supper and then took the acid.

Talking freely to a friend after having committed the deed, he expressed himself as being tired of the trouble which he had stood as long as he could; that he was prepared to die and willing to do so. He then gave his watch to one of his children and lapsed into unconsciousness. He and his wife were always on the best of terms.

Mr. McGuire had been a resident of Hickory for a good many years, coming originally from Davie county with his parents. He was a member of the Highland Baptist church and the funeral will be held from the home tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock conducted by Rev. W. N. Cook. The remains will then be carried to Warlick's chapel, Burke county, for interment. He is survived by a wife and four children.

Didn't Drink Nor Chew But Had Other Failings.

Monroe Enquirer.

Henry Starr of Oklahoma is a middle aged man, leads a most active life and has never taken a drink of whiskey, a chew of tobacco nor even a cup of coffee. He has, however, taken part in a number of bank robberies, and is now laid up with a wounded leg, the wound having been made by a pistol shot while he was trying to make a get-away after taking part in a bank robbery at Stroud, Oklahoma. No, Henry is not a model, although he does not drink nor chew.

Correct Prophecy.

Pee Dee Advocate.

The Newberry Observer says that the most correct prophecy yet made as to the length of the European war is made by the Augusta Chronicle. It says "it cannot last forever."

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TORPEDO SENDS AMERICAN SHIP TO BOTTOM OF SEA.

Captain Dies of Heartfailure From Shock and Two Seamen Jump Overboard and are Drowned.

London Dispatch, April 29th.

The American oil tank steamer Gulf-light, which sailed from Port Arthur, Texas, April 10, for Rouen, France, was torpedoed at noon Saturday off the Scilly Island, according to a Central News dispatch today.

The captain of the Gulf-light, according to the same advices, died of heart failure as a result of shock. Two seamen jumped overboard and were drowned.

The other members of the crew were taken by a patrol boat. The vessel was towed into Crow Sound and beached.

The French steamer Europe, from Barry for St. Nazarie with a cargo of coal, was torpedoed by a German submarine Saturday morning near Bishop's Rock and sunk says a Lloyd's dispatch from Penzance.

The crew was rescued by a steam drifter.

The submarine permitted the crew of the Europe to leave their ship, then shelled the steamer, which failed to sink. Meanwhile the skipper of the steam drifter Rosevine, attracted by the noise of the submarine's gun, investigated, whereupon the submarine started to chase the Rosevine.

The Rosevine sent up distress rockets and was proceeding toward the Scilly Island when a patrol boat which previously had not been seen owing to foggy weather, appeared. Together the patrol boat and the drifter went back toward the Europe, at which the submarine was still firing.

Half a mile off from the Europe the Rosevine picked up a boat loaded with members of the crew of the steamer. The work of rescue was interrupted by three shells from the submarine, which fell within thirty yards of the rifter.

Then, apparently alarmed at the appearance of the patrol boat, the submarine torpedoed the Europe, which disappeared in a cloud of steam and coal dust.

The submarine carried no number.

As to the Early Morning Papers.

Morganton people who have missed the early morning arrivals of the Greensboro and Charlotte paper will read with interest the following from the Statesville Landmark:

Taking the early morning train off the Western road has cut off all the western section of the State from the early morning mail delivery as well as the convenience of travel. The Landmark does not believe that the railroads should be compelled to run trains at a loss, even if there is some inconvenience to the public, but inasmuch as trains Nos. 15 and 16 which are taken off between Salisbury and Hickory, are to be continued between Hickory and Asheville, some of us can't see that the saving of the run between Hickory and Salisbury is so important as to deny the people on this end of the line the convenience of this train. It means a delay of 4 to 4 1/2 hours on early morning papers as well as the convenience of travel; and inasmuch as trains Nos. 15 and 16 are to be operated between Hickory and Asheville, it might be worth while for Statesville people, and others interested, to ask the corporation commission if it isn't about as important to continue the run between Salisbury and Hickory, with such connections on the main line as will give good service.

Baracas and Philatheas in Each Denomination.

At the North Carolina Baraca-Philathea Convention, held in Raleigh a few days ago it was shown that the number of class organizations in different denominations of the State is approximately as follows, not including Junior Baraca or Philathea classes:

Baraca—Baptist, 400; Methodist, 227; Presbyterian, 42; Methodist Protestant, 35; Christian, 30 Friends, 8; Moravian, 10; Reformed, 7; Lutheran, 5; Union, 19.

Philathea—Baptist, 454; Methodist, 245; Presbyterian, 50; Methodist Protestant, 35; Christian, 25; Lutheran, 15; Reformed, 5; Friends, 10; Union, 15.

Including Junior organizations, there are something over eighteen hundred in the State.

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

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CADETS FROM SCHOOL FOR DEAF MAY GO TO CHARLOTTE 20TH.

A Challenge Has Been Sent to the Horner Military School to Meet Them in a Competitive Drill.

Charlotte Observer, 2nd.

When the general committee which is preparing for the celebration of the Twentieth comes together to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock there will be submitted for its consideration a most interesting communication from Superintendent Goodwin of the North Carolina School for the eDaf at Morganton. The letter informs the committee that the Morganton school is anxious to help celebrate the occasion in Charlotte and would be especially pleased, if fate is so kind as to enable them to be here, to stack up against the Horner cadets in a competitive drill.

It need hardly be said that every effort will be made to bring the Morganton contingent on. Charlotte feels considerable and quite justifiable pride in the way the Horner lads drill, and from all accounts the Morganton institution is up-to-the-minute in this respect. In consequence a competition between the two would focus the attention of all who love "brass buttons."

Secretary Mark Williams is authority for the statement that considerable interest has been aroused in local military circles in a proposition looking to the securing of a number of military organizations from accessible points both within and without the State, for the purpose of holding maneuvers on a somewhat extended scale, not confined to competitive drills, although these would be a leading feature.

The presence of soldier boys adds greatly to the spectacular side of any patriotic celebration and local enthusiasts are busily at work endeavoring to ascertain what the chances are of putting on a military display during the week of the Twentieth. As yet, however, only the barest preliminaries have been arranged and the details of a possible feature of this kind are yet on the knees of the gods.

The Late John Bunny.

Exchange.

Bunny was 52 years old and was born in New York, of English parents Brooklyn. He was educated to become a priest, but worked in a railroad office to defray his school expenses. While there the chief clerk advised him to become an actor.

"Bunny," the chief clerk is reported to have said, "you are an awful thing as a clerk, but you talk loud enough to be a good actor."

Bunny also worked in a store. At the age of 19 he went on the stage. During his career of 29 years as an actor he had leading roles with many old-time stars, among them being Annie Russel. He had attained country-wide popularity as an actor before he achieved his great success on the screen.

His first professional engagement was in "Strangers of Paris," a Belasco production, in 1883. He later appeared as end man in several minstrel shows and in comedy roles in Shakespearean productions.

In the moving-picture world he was regarded, for a time, as the country's leading comedian. He was said to have received more than the President of the United States in salary and royalties. The amount of his compensation was never divulged to the public.

Central Highway to Be Opened Across the Mountain.

Marion Progress.

The formal opening of the Central Highway over the Blue Ridge will take place on Tuesday, May 11, and it is proposed to christen the road by having from 50 to 75 automobiles cross the mountain on that day. The trip will be made from Marion to Asheville and return, and all owners of automobiles along the Central Highway will be invited to participate in the celebration.

This gap from Old Henry to the top of the mountain will be used temporarily, or until the convicts have time to build the road by Round Knob and from thence to the Swannanoa Gap. This will require from six to eight months.

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