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Evacuate Gallipoli

of the Allies Completely Withdrawn From Gallipoli Peninsula—British Battleship Sunk By Mine, No Loss of Life.

The Associated Press dispatch to morning's papers said in complete evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula by the British and French forces, the withdrawal of the troops from the summit of the Hirtstein, south of Hirtmansberg in the Vosges mountains, the sinking of the British battleship King Edward VII after it had been in contact with a mine, are the leading features in the war.

A British soldier wounded was the casualty suffered in leaving the Gallipoli Peninsula and the British were able to remove all guns, except 17 old ones which were destroyed.

There also was no loss of life in the sinking of the King Edward VII only two men aboard the pre-dreadnaught were wounded. In the case of Hirtstein, Berlin says 20 officers, 1,033 chasseurs and 100 guns were taken. Paris, in adding to the evacuation, says it was to the capture by the Germans of the hill to the north of Hirtstein.

The remainder of the Western front little activity has been shown either side, except in the usual bombardments and mining operations. Comparative calm prevails in the Austro-Italian theater.

AMERICAN POLICY.

President Tells What It Means in Address to Scientific Congress.

In a Washington Dispatch. The United States government's American policy was revealed in an address by President Wilson in an address before the second Pan-American Scientific Congress Thursday. He explained the proposals submitted to South and Central American diplomats by Secretary Lansing as a basis for an effective agreement between all the republics of the Western Hemisphere, "not only the international peace of America but the domestic peace of America."

The programme as outlined by the president proposes that all the American nations shall take concerted action to guarantee to each other absolute territorial independence and territorial integrity.

He agreed to settle all pending boundary disputes as soon as possible, by amicable processes.

He agreed to handle all disputes arising among them by patient, impartial investigation and to settle them by arbitration.

He agreed that no revolutionary expedition shall be outfitted against or sent to revolutionists shipped to neighboring States.

The president said the Monroe doctrine always had been and always should be maintained by the United States on its own authority, but that the doctrine did not disclose what attitude the United States would assume towards other nations of the hemisphere and consequently the nations had been distrustful of the United States.

Peru, was selected for the next session of the Pan-American Scientific Congress, which meets in 1921, the centennial of Peru's declaration of independence. The choice was by the executive committee was suggested by the delegation from Peru, whose chairman, Ambassador Mújica, is president of the congress. There was virtually no opposition.

W. W. Neal in a New York Hospital.

The Marion Progress of last week says W. W. Neal, accompanied by Mrs. Neal and Dr. G. S. Kirby, left the city last week for New York City, where he entered a hospital for an operation. Mr. Neal underwent the operation the latter part of the week and his friends will be pleased to learn from favorable reports have been received concerning his condition.

The item will be read with interest by many News-Herald readers, Mrs. Neal having been before her marriage Miss Addie Malone, of Morganton.

TWO TONS SMOKELESS POWDER EXPLODES.

Three Men Killed and Many Hurt in an Explosion at Du Pont Powder Plant.

Philadelphia Dispatch, 10th.

Three workmen were killed and a number severely burned early today in a terrific explosion of two tons of smokeless powder at Carneys Point plant of the Du Pont Powder company. The force of the explosion was so great that it lifted a ferry boat, which was just leaving the dock at Carneys Point, partly out of the water, breaking all the windows and smashing a part of its cabin. None of the passengers, most all of whom were employed at the Du Pont plant returning to their homes in Wilmington, across the river, was injured. The report of the explosion was distinctly heard in this city, 25 miles distant.

According to an employee who witnessed the accident, the explosion occurred in No. 2 wet house and No. 2 blending tower of Plant No. 2, shortly after the midnight shift of work. He declared it was caused by outside influences and it was reported that two men with dynamite and nitroglycerine in their possession had been arrested. This report, however, could not be confirmed.

Death of Mrs. O. C. Carter.

Mrs. O. C. Carter, after an illness of several weeks, died at her home here last Friday night. On Sunday before Christmas Mrs. Carter suffered a stroke of paralysis. She had been a semi-invalid for years, being totally blind for a number of years. Her patience in her affliction and kindly disposition had won for her the admiration of a host of loving friends whose hearts have been saddened at her passing.

Surviving are two daughters, Misses Cornelia and Ophelia Carter, who with loving care have tended their mother's every need, and a son, Mr. Dan Carter, of Wilkesboro. One sister, Mrs. William Avery, of Quaker Meadows, also survives.

The funeral services were conducted from the Carter home Sunday at 12:30 o'clock by Mrs. Carter's pastor, Rev. C. E. Gregory, and the body laid to rest in Forest Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Carter was in her 74th year. She was a member of one of the most prominent families of this section and related to many of the most influential families of the State. A thoroughly consecrated Christian the influence of her well-spent life will long be felt. Sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved children and relatives in their sorrow.

President's Plan For Pushing Defense Program—Probably Includes Series of Speeches.

Washington Dispatch, 10th.

President Wilson may put the question of national defense before the country in a series of speeches as one means of getting the necessary legislation through congress.

The president today received several invitations to speak at banquets or meetings here, in Blitmore and New York within the next month and other invitations are known to be coming. Officials intimated today that the president might take advantage of the invitations to lay the administration plan for national defense directly before the people. As soon as the submarine controversy is entirely cleared up the president intends to devote his whole attention to getting the national defense plans through congress.

TO WEST INDES.

Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt Will Leave New York February 15.

New York Dispatch, 8th.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt will start on February 15th on a trip to the West Indies, from which he will not return until April 1, it was announced today. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt.

A Surprise Marriage.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

Miss Sudie McCarthy, daughter of Mr. Jack McCarthy, quietly left home Sunday morning and went over to Rev. Mr. Sherman's and was married to Mr. Arthur Graham, of Earl, N. C. They went to Morganton and caught No. 11 enroute to the home of the groom. Glen Alpine, N. C., Jan. 12, 1916.

END OF LUSITANIA CASE IN SIGHT.

Secretary Lansing and Von Bernstorff Confer—Will Pay For Lives Lost.

Washington Dispatch, 10th.

Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, and Secretary Lansing had another conference on the Lusitania matter today which both agreed should be confidential.

The Ambassador plans to confer again with the Secretary within a week and not again on the subject. That fact is taken by those conversant with the status of the case that Germany and the United States have approached a point in the negotiations where only one more exchange between Washington and Berlin will be necessary before the long controversy is ended.

American officials described the situation as "very hopeful" and reflected the view that satisfactory settlement is in sight, which include indemnity of 115 American lives lost and some expression of regret or disavowal which will be mutually satisfactory to Germany and the United States.

The impression grows among administration officials that the nationality of the submarine which sank the Persia will never be disclosed.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

Morganton Banks in Fine Condition—Old Directors and Officers Each Re-elected.

The stockholders of each of the Morganton banks held their annual meetings on Tuesday night of this week. Each declared the usual dividend.

At the First National Bank the old directors were all re-elected and they in turn re-elected the present officers. Mr. A. M. Kistler is president, Mr. I. I. Davis vice-president, Mr. A. M. Ingold cashier and Mr. J. A. Claywell, Jr., assistant cashier. The directors are Messrs. A. M. Kistler, I. I. Davis, S. R. Collett, W. C. Ervin, A. M. Ingold, K. C. Menzies and C. H. Geitner. Also all the old directors at the Bank of Morganton were re-elected. Of these Mr. C. A. Spencer is president, Mr. F. P. Tate vice-president, and other members of the board are: Messrs. J. E. Erwin, W. E. Walton, E. W. Phifer, J. L. Morgan and B. S. Gaither. The old officers, Mr. W. E. Walton, cashier, and Mr. Gordon Tate, assistant cashier, were re-elected.

The Prosperity Wave Increasing in Velocity and Scope.

The wave of prosperity, started some time ago, seems to be increasing in velocity and scope. The Federal Reserve Board in a bulletin recently issued, shows that the Richmond district, which includes North Carolina, is in a very prosperous condition. All the merchants did a good Christmas business and the farmers are getting excellent prices for their products. In this bulletin the Board says:

"The department stores and retailers now are generally busy, settled cold weather and the holiday seasons have materially stimulated business. There is no lack of employment. Skilled labor of almost every kind is in demand at full prices.

"With the softening in the price of cotton in November there was noted a decided tendency to store some of the unsold portion of the crop. While the market has recovered, this same tendency persists in many directions, but not to such an extent as to prevent the liquidation of debts due for settlement.

"Lumber is noticeable improving, under a broadening demand. Coal operators are fully engaged on a profitable basis. Credit is easy, and while there is no evidence of abuse, is being freely used by manufacturers and jobbers in caring for fresh orders withheld over a long interval. While both sellers and buyers of commodities express themselves as satisfied with the present outlook, neither, as a class, are over trading. The result is a healthy trade condition. General conditions are highly satisfactory."

In the apportionment of the \$250,000 to the counties by the State Board of Education, Burke, with 7,091 children receives \$2,193.67.

DRUG STORE DEAL.

Dr. Harry Riddle Buys Stock in Leslie's Drug Store—Business to Be Enlarged.

Dr. Harry Riddle, who until last week was druggist at the State Hospital, has purchased from Dr. W. A. Leslie stock in Leslie's Drug Store, and this week took up his duties there. Plans are being made for enlarging the business considerably. A large seed warehouse will be built in the rear of the building and other improvements made.

Dr. Riddle, who thus becomes more closely identified with the business interests of the town, recently led the class taking the State examination before the Pharmaceutical Board.

Mr. Lawrence Erwin, who has held a position with Leslie's Drug Store for several years, has taken a position as bookkeeper for the Morganton Furniture Company.

MUST READ NEWSPAPERS.

Prussian Judge Says It Is the Duty of Every Citizen.

Statesville Landmark.

The newspaper should hold in grateful remembrance the judge at Osnaburg, Prussia, who held that the reading of newspapers is a duty of the citizen. Residents in a neighboring village sold a quantity of wool contrary to the regulations and pleaded in defense that the particular regulation was not placarded in the village as has been customary and appeared only in the newspapers, which they did not read. The court ruled that "persons who now read no newspaper act culpably and cannot plead ignorance of war-time regulations as justification," and the defendants were sent to jail. That may have been a little hard on the defendants in that particular case, but on the main proposition the decision was a common sense one. In these days when the newspapers are sources of general information, when anybody now keep well posted by reading the papers, those who fail to do so and get in trouble as a result, have only themselves to blame and deserve little sympathy.

New Drug Store for Morganton.

For some time there have been rumors of the opening of a third drug store in Morganton, and that its establishment some time next month is to be a reality will not be unexpected news to many of our readers. Dr. Ralph Kibler, an "old" Morganton boy, who has conducted for several years a drug store in Spartanburg, has leased the Hogan-McGimsey building on Main street and will shortly open a new drug store. The present occupants of the building, T. C. Morgan & Co., will move back into the Pitts & Giles building, two doors above their present location. This building is now being made ready for their occupancy and they intend moving about February 1st.

Lynching at Goldsboro.

Since a news item appearing in another column of this issue was printed there have been fearful developments in the Goldsboro murder last Thursday. John Edwards the negro who confessed to taking part in the killing of Anderson Gurley, a farmer, was removed from the Wayne county jail early Wednesday, taken to the scene of the crime and lynched.

Richards was hanged to a tree and his body was almost cut to pieces with bullets.

The jailer declared that a mob of more than 200 masked men visited the jail shortly after midnight and forced him to produce the keys of the cell in which Richards had been confined.

Over Three Hundred Were Probably Lost On Persia.

London Dispatch, 6th.

An announcement made tonight by the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company says that the number of persons on board the steamer Persia who have not been accounted for aggregates 336. Of these 119 were passengers and 217 members of the crew.

Dr. L. W. Alston, of Savannah, who recently purchased the Tillinghast property, was here this week attending to preparations for greatly improving the place.

Mr. D. A. Kanipe, of Marion, was in Morganton Wednesday on business.

LITTLE BOY SHOT.

Sad Accident Near Chesterfield.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

A very sad accident occurred Saturday afternoon, January 8th, when little Willie Carswell, the five-year-old son of Mr. Elijah Carswell, was shot and killed.

The little boy went with his two older brothers and two neighbor boys to hunt for pine. They had an old pistol in the crowd and while trying to load it, the hammer slipped and it went off, shooting Willie, who was standing in front of the gun, putting six shot in his heart, killing him instantly. His mother and baby brother died about three years ago. He has a father, one sister and two brothers living.

Willie Carswell was an unusually bright boy and loved by all who knew him. He was the joy and brightness of his home. His grief-stricken father has the sympathy of all the people in this great sorrow. But it is sweet to know that Willie is happy with the angels and that we can see him again some day. Jan. 12, 1916.

BUSINESS PROSPERITY.

Country Most Prosperous, But We Must Prepare For the Slump That Will Come at the War's End.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield, in a memorandum on business conditions transmitted to President Wilson, pictures the country as in the most prosperous state of its history. The warning is added, though, that war's inflation of commerce will last only until war's end and that business foresight alone will prepare the United States for peace.

The slump that will follow the war abroad, the summary declares, must find Americans ready to take their share of the world's trade unhampered by provincial notions. False values created by unusual conditions he fears may lull the United States into a fancied commercial security.

"It is not to be expected," the Secretary says, "that our business movement will continue in its present form. No one dreams that we can now or in the future maintain an export movement of more than five billions actual value or that we may sanely expect an apparent net balance in our favor on merchandise transactions of three billions in one year.

"It is alike impossible and undesirable that these things continue. It is impossible because the world has not the power to pay to any one nation such vast sums for any long period in addition to the waste of war. The nations are not spending their incomes in our markets, but their capital, and vast as it is, there are limits to which the continuance of the processes is undesirable, for it would make us the Midas among the nations and produce a moral overstrain that would be dangerous.

"We shall be subjected through having such a giants strength to the temptation to use it like a giant. Every evil that excessive power brings to men would threaten us."

Opportunities for a normal prosperity after the war are outlined, the Secretary pointing out that the United States has jumped to first place among the nations in international trade.

"Whether we shall remain the first," the memorandum continues, "depends upon the vision and energy of our bankers, manufacturers, merchants and farmers. We have for the first time in our history a sound system of finance."

Bills to make illegal in South Carolina employment of children less than fourteen years old, and to amend the new prohibition laws so that only one quart of liquor per month may be shipped into the State to any one individual instead of one gallon, as at present allowed, are among the principal issues to come before the South Carolina general assembly, which convened Tuesday in regular session.

Mr. Decatur Newton, of Raleigh, a former resident of Morganton, has been visiting his father and brother, Mr. P. F. Newton. Many old friends were glad to welcome him back home.

Mr. C. F. Hudson, a theological student at Wake Forest, left Tuesday morning to resume his work at that institution.

Miss Netta Bridgers is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lee Latta, in Hickory.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

Davidson county is making plans for a fair next fall.

The Ford assembling plant, recently established in Charlotte, turned out its first car Tuesday.

A course in printing will be added to the Winston-Salem graded schools and a plant is to be purchased for that purpose.

Figures from the census bureau state that during the past decade North Carolina has passed from sixteenth in point of population to fourteenth.

The Seaboard Air Line railroad has bought 100 acres of land at Hamlet and will build shops at that place for the construction and repair of cars—mostly freight cars.

Major B. G. McDowell, 83 years old, died Saturday at Bristol, Tenn. He was a native of North Carolina and served in the Confederate army in the Sixty-Second North Carolina regiment.

The Boone Democrat says that Mrs. D. C. Coffey, of Shull's Mills, Watauga county, intended to give her 8-year-old daughter a dose of calomel and administered arsenic by mistake. The child died in 15 minutes.

The town of Salem is 150 years old. It was on January 6 that a party of eight men arrived from Bethania and felled the first tree in making the clearing for the erection of the first house in the town. Plans are being made to celebrate the event.

The fourth annual meeting of the North Carolina Live-Stock Association will be held at Salisbury January 25, 26, 27 and 28. There will be live-stock, meat and dairy products contests. Many prominent speakers are on the program. Reduced rates are offered on the railroads.

Marion Butler has filed a petition and affidavits from Randolph county citizens with President Wilson, preferring charges against W. C. Hammer, United States District Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, and requesting his removal. There are five charges, which relate to alleged practice of fraud in connection with the election of November 3, 1914, and alleged non-performance of duty as district attorney.

The State Supreme Court filed opinions in 20 cases Wednesday morning and adjourned for the term, the spring term to open February 7. The case of most public interest decided was State vs. Samuel Preston Christy and Ida Bell Warren, Forsyth county, in which the defendants are under sentence to electrocution for the murder of G. J. Warren, husband of the woman. The Superior Court's convictions and death sentences are affirmed. Unless the Governor intervenes it is said that Mrs. Warren will have been the first woman to have been electrocuted in the State.

Last Friday there was registered in the office of the register of deeds of Rowan county at Salisbury one of the largest papers of the kind ever recorded there. It was a paper transferring all the water rights and other property of the Southern Aluminum Co., of Paris, France, to the Tallahassee Power Co., of North Carolina and Tennessee. The consideration was in excess of \$5,000,000. This paper was recorded also in Stanley, Cabarrus, Montgomery, Davidson, Granville and Person counties, this State, and Halifax county, Virginia. The emergency revenue stamps to cover the registering of this document amounted to \$4,909.

We Live Longer.

University News Letter.

For several centuries the length of human life has been increasing. Better living conditions have prevented many of the needless deaths of infants, children and young adults.

In recent years the gain in this country has been about 15 years per century. In Prussia the rate of gain has been twenty-seven years.

The reason for this difference lies in the fact that Prussia has utilized modern knowledge of sanitation and has vested her sanitary officers with authority to make and enforce sanitary laws.

Mr. Gray Murray left Monday to re-enter school at Mars Hill.