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ENGLISH COAST TOWN RAIDED.

Warships Engage British Battle But Little Damage Done—English Towns Attacked and Several Persons Killed.

London Dispatch, 25th. German battle cruisers attacked English naval forces engaged the Germans were driven off. German warships opened fire on the coast before departing. Two men and one child were killed. The material damage apparently was small.

The engagement two British light cruisers and a destroyer were hit, but undamaged. Announcement of the raid was made today.

Lowestoft is on the North sea coast 100 miles to the northeast of London. It is almost opposite the German coast. On previous occasions attacks have been made on the English coast by German warships. The most recent raid was made on December 1914. The towns of Scarborough, Hartlepool, and Lowestoft, about 150 miles north of Lowestoft, were bombed and about 130 persons were killed. The German vessels escaped. Lowestoft, now raided for the second time by warships, is the most important resort. This town has been attacked on several occasions by Zeppelins.

Rutherford College Commencement.

Commencement at Rutherford College begins Sunday, May 7th and ends May 10th.

Program for commencement year is:

M. C. A. sermon Sunday, May 7th, p. m., Rev. Albert Sherrill of Rutherford; annual concert, May 8, commencement sermon 11 a. m., Rev. John Kirk, Statesville. Commencement exercises Wednesday, the 10th. Commencement address by Rev. W. W. West, Raleigh, and alumni exercises by Rev. W. W. West, Charlotte.

Superintendent Kerley Has Operation.

Interested friends here and elsewhere are much concerned over the operation of Superintendent A. C. Kerley who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Grace Hospital last Saturday. The attack was acute and operation was an immediate necessity. He is getting along as well as could be expected, and it is hoped there will soon be signs of improvement in his condition.

Registration Books Open Today.

Registration books for Morganton will be opened today by Registrar W. L. Kirksey at Kirksey's store; for No. 2, J. L. Nelson, registrar, the books will be open at Cox's store every Saturday from today until the 20th of May. On Saturdays the regular polling place, the court house.

Service Begins at Methodist Church.

Rev. E. K. McLarty, of Winston-Salem, arrived yesterday and a series of special services began at the Methodist church last night. The meeting probably extend through two Sunday. Dr. McLarty is a strong preacher and no doubt the services will be well attended.

Next Week.

A special term of Burke criminal court ordered by the Governor opens Monday, Judge Henry Lane presiding. There is a full docket. The important case to be tried is that of Charles Mace, the alleged wife-killer.

Morganton autoists have considered the Burke road inaccessible by automobiles and until last Sunday a man had never attempted the ascent. Mr. A. C. Chaffee, accompanied by E. D. Alexander accomplished the feat of climbing the mountain in a car Sunday. The trip is considered quite remarkable in mountain driving.

Frank Amos, of Newton, spent several days here and at Gibbs, returned Sunday to Kelsea, Va.

RIOT IN DUBLIN.

Twelve Persons Killed in Disturbances in Ireland—Rebels Quelled By Army.

London Dispatch, 25th. Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, announced in the house of commons today that grave disturbances broke out in Dublin yesterday. He added that troops had been sent to the Irish capital and that the situation was now well in hand.

Mr. Birrell declared that 12 persons were killed before disturbance was quelled. He also announced that four or five soldiers were killed. The rebels were in possession of four or five different sections of Dublin.

GLEN ALPINE NEWS.

Jap at Statesville—Transmission Line Being Completed—School Closing Near—Forest Fires.

Correspondence of The News-Herald. I was away last week in attendance on Federal Court at Statesville. I was very much impressed with the charge that Judge Boyd gave to the grand jury. Burke was well represented and from the number of cases considerably in the lime light. Blockading seems to be very prevalent in our county but I don't think Burke can be much worse than her neighbor counties. They remind me of the case of the "Killkenny Cats"—put them all in a bag and it would be hard to know which came out first. We have an efficient set of officers and a sheriff who is fearless in the discharge of his duties and while they capture stills from a gallon tin coffee pot size up to 8 or 10 gallons with 100 to 150 gallons of beer, I saw a still while in Statesville, capacity 110 gallons, which was recently run in and 5000 gallons of beer poured out. This is not reflecting on the citizenship of Iredell county, for you will find as good people there as in any county of the State. To tell the truth there is moonshining going on all over the State when the chances are in favor of avoid detection. This thing can be stopped but it will take years to educate that class of people out of this rut.

The Catawba Light & Power Co., which is under the capable management of Mr. H. L. Millner, have about completed the transmission line right of way from Nebo to Morganton and contracts have been awarded for the poles, which are now being cut. Work on the dam will start in the near future. This is good news for this section and there is already rumors of a cotton mill going up here. This will give Morganton what she has long needed—an all day and night power.

The boys came back from the State University with Prof. Giles. Those in the debate from the high school here were Messrs. Macky Carswell, Thomas Carrison, Dewey Powell and Felix Grisett.

Mr. W. P. Simpson, who was a high school graduate here last year, has just finished a commercial course at the Asheville Business College and has his "shingle" out ready for anything that comes in his line.

Mrs. M. A. Byrd is very ill at her home. Mr. M. D. Arney, sawer at one of Mr. J. D. Pitts' mill was adjusting the saw guide while the saw was running and got the ends of two of his fingers cut off by the wrench slipping.

The lads and lassies are looking with longing eyes for the school commencement which will take place May 7th, 8th and 9th. Rev. M. S. Giles will preach the annual sermon Sunday the 7th at 11 o'clock. Prof. M. H. Stacy, Dean of the State University, will deliver the address. The concerts Monday and Tuesday nights promise to be of unusual interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Procter and Miss Eva Hicks, of Salisbury, have been visiting relatives here. Dr. M. Neil and wife and Mr. Jennings Philips, of Salisbury, were the guests of the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hicks.

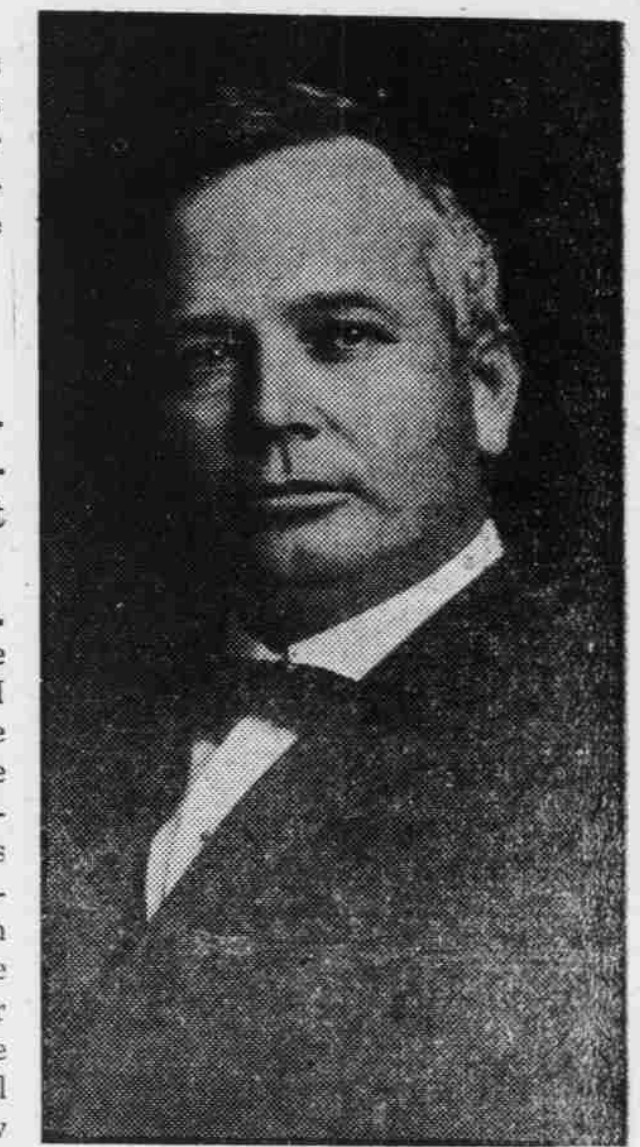
A disastrous fire which started from over the C. C. & O. has been raging for several days on Paddy's creek, sweeping anything before it, burning several dwelling houses, a Baptist church and two school houses and destroying a lot of valuable timber. Rain Monday night has partly checked the flames and the fire fighters may get it under control. JAP. Glen Alpine, N. C., April 26, 1916.

Mr. W. W. McCall, after spending several days here and at Gibbs, returned Sunday to Kelsea, Va.

BICKETT SPEAKS IN MORGANTON MONDAY.

Lieutenant Governor and Candidate for Governor to Be Here May 1st.

It is expected that a big crowd will hear Hon. T. W. Bickett, candidate for the nomination for governor, when he speaks at the court house next Monday.



HON. T. W. BICKETT, of Louisburg—in all probability North Carolina's next Governor.

day. It can be counted upon that whatever he says will be well worth hearing. His many admirers in this county are looking forward with much anticipation to his coming again to address the people of Burke.

Bridgewater Items.

Correspondence of The News-Herald. Miss Ona Jarrett, who has been in the sanatorium at Statesville for about two weeks, came home Saturday and will soon be able to be out among her friends again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Middleton, of Asheville, are spending this week with Mrs. J. W. Ballew.

Miss Frances Ballew is visiting her brother, Jay, at Marion Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Seals spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scott near Glen Alpine.

Miss Carrie Tate attended the closing exercises of Nealsville high school and visited her sister, Mrs. T. W. Wilson the latter part of last week.

Little Mary Olive and Lucile Conly and John M. Tate, of Marion, spent Sunday with Mr. Millard Tate, on Muddy creek.

Mr. Bob Shuford, who is to superintend the dredging on Hopper's creek near Dysartsville, was a pleasant visitor in Bridgewater Sunday.

The raging forest fires around Bridgewater Sunday afternoon apparently made a clean sweep of most everything which happened to be in its way and the leaping flames seemed to reach out and gather in things not in its way. It was only through the heroic efforts of at least thirty men that the Baptist church, graded school building and the new home of Mr. M. L. Hildebran, which was only partly finished, were saved.

It is reported that a small negro boy carelessly put fire in some dry trash, and we judge it didn't need to be fanned to get it started. April 26, 1916.

Forest Fires Raging in McDowell County.

Marion Special, 23, to Greensboro News.

A forest fire, originating at or near Hankins and covering in width several miles, has been raging for 24 hours in McDowell county and already has extended 20 miles toward Burke county. A church, a school building, a large mill and a dozen farm houses have been burned. It would be impossible to estimate the timber loss. A call reached Marion last night for help to fight the fire, and many automobiles loaded with fire fighters were rushed to the country but the fight was altogether in vain. Nothing but rain of some wide stream of water can stem the raging fire.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, Miss Mary Wilson and John, Jr., spent Easter with Mrs. Mary Collett.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Last Saturday's Convention to Elect Delegates to the State Convention.

A Democratic county convention to choose delegates to the State Convention on the 27th was held in the Court House in Morganton last Saturday.

All the townships were well represented except Lower Fork and Jonas Ridge.

The convention was called to order by County Chairman C. F. Kirksey who called J. H. Giles to the chair and requested M. S. Giles and T. G. Cobb to act as secretaries.

On motion, the temporary organization was made permanent.

A resolution endorsing Woodrow Wilson and his policies was unanimously passed by the convention.

A resolution endorsing the candidacy of Hon. Edmund Jones, of Caldwell county, for Attorney General, also received a unanimous vote.

Delegates and alternates to the State convention were chosen as follows:

Charles Walton, A. L. Lefever, Walter Lyerly, E. W. Hallyburton, G. E. Patton, C. E. Tate, F. C. Berry, J. P. Bumgarner, J. E. Erwin, J. R. Clodfelter, R. B. Moore, F. P. Tate, A. C. Avery, C. F. Kirksey, I. T. Avery, F. A. Hampton and John L. Barrow, and the chairman and secretaries of the convention.

ELECTION OFFICERS.

The County Board Names Registrars and Judges of Election.

The County Board of Elections, composed of R. L. Huffman, J. D. Cassels and S. Huffman, met Saturday and proceeded to appoint the registrars and judges of election for the primary and general elections. Below is the list, the registrar being named first, the second name being that of the Democratic, and the third the Republican judge:

Morganton No. 1—W. L. Kirksey, E. G. Claywell and R. Williams.

Morganton No. 2—Jno. L. Nelson, F. O. Walton and R. O. Huffman.

Lovelady—A. L. Lefevre, H. C. Goode and J. C. Berry.

Icard No. 1—W. A. Wilson, Henderson Berry and Will Jones.

Icard No. 2—A. G. Setzer, D. C. Hallman and Will Burns.

Lower Fork No. 1—Alex Harbison, J. B. Rhoney and R. P. Cloud.

Lower Fork No. 2—A. J. Wacaster, J. L. Mull and Amos Swink.

Upper Fork—W. A. Cook, Willie Mace and Charlie Hicks.

Silver Creek No. 1—L. F. Brinkley, W. E. Giles and J. Ed Scott.

Silver Creek No. 2—Collett Fisher, Lawson Houk and J. Y. Taylor.

Linville—R. V. McGimsey, Ural Rhyne and John Wise.

Upper Creek—Jones Kincaid, Lum Cox and W. P. Patton.

Jonas Ridge—W. M. Shuffer, S. J. Kincaid and Henry Daniel.

Quaker Meadows No. 1—Walter Harbison, T. W. Drury and S. D. Wall.

Quaker Meadows No. 2—L. M. Lynn, Sherman Teague and W. T. Brittain.

Lower Creek—C. C. Hensley, J. E. Lackey and W. A. Hood.

Smoky Creek—A. J. Smith, E. H. Tilley and J. R. Benfield.

New Duties of Registrars.

Under the new primary law, these officials will also act in the primary to be held on June 3rd. All registrars will transcribe names from the old books to the new books, and register any new citizens who have come into their precincts. The books will open Thursday, 27th of April and will close the second Saturday before June 3rd, that is, May 20th, 1916. The judges named for the general election will hold the polls for the primary.

During week days the registrars may keep their books at their homes or places of business, but on Saturdays they must be at the polling places.

R. L. HUFFMAN, Chm. Board of Elections.

The following candidates have filed their notice of candidacy and pledge with the Chairman of the Board of Elections for Burke county:

For Legislature—B. L. Lunsford.

For Sheriff—J. H. Hyams.

For County Commissioner—J. M. Brinkley.

Mrs. A. G. Brooks and little daughter and Mrs. G. B. Hogan, of Hamlet, spent several days this week with Mrs. W. B. Davis.

SERIOUS RESULTS OF FOREST FIRES

Have Been Raging For Past Week in McDowell and Upper Burke.

Much concern has been felt in this section because of the forest fires which have gained such foothold in McDowell county, and have burned over considerable area in western and north-western Burke. Dense smoke and at some places the flames themselves could be seen from Morganton the first of the week. Thousands and thousands of feet of valuable timber have been burned, and reports say that a number of schoolhouses, a church and several homes have been destroyed. The fire originated from a spark from an engine on the C. C. & O. road, and fanned by the brisk winds of the past week it has been almost impossible to get it under control. A good rain would indeed be a blessing.

Reports reaching Morganton Tuesday said the government had sent a large number of men to help fight the flames and also that the Southern railway has sent men to aid in the fire fighting.

AT FEDERAL COURT.

Two Unusual Incidents Which Attracted the Landmark Reporter's Attention.

Statesville Landmark. The following rather unusual incident occurred in Federal Court this week:

Col. William S. Pearson, who appeared for Jo. Vanhorn of Burke, admitted his client's guilt—the charge being distilling, etc. Furthermore, Col. Pearson voluntarily testified that his client had been in the Atlanta Federal prison three times, sojourning a year each time. The colonel didn't claim this as a virtue for his client, nor was he trying to make his situation more serious—but that's what he did, though unwittingly. In mentioning the three trips of his client to Atlanta as Uncle Sam's guest, the colonel insisted that the fact that Vanhorn was again in court after this experience was evidence that sending him to Atlanta wouldn't reform him. Wherefore the colonel prayed the court to release Vanhorn under a justified bond of \$500, which he was prepared to give, on condition that he appear at each term of the court for two years to show that he had not in any manner whatsoever, been connected with the liquor traffic. The suspended judgment and the bond, Col. Pearson insisted, would do for Vanhorn what Atlanta had failed to do.

But Judge Boyd didn't fall for Col. Pearson's line of talk. His honor thought that Vanhorn's attitude indicated that the Durke man was defying the law and the administrators thereof and that drastic treatment was needed. The Atlanta prison wasn't drastic enough but a term on the chain gang, Judge Boyd suggested, would be the proper medicine. Vanhorn was asked what he thought of the Atlanta prison and he said he thought he had enough of that. Then Judge Boyd ordered the case continued, Vanhorn under bond until next term, and at the same time instructed the district attorney to notify the solicitor of the Burke district that Vanhorn needed his attention, with the further information that the disposition of Vanhorn's case in the State court would have much to do with the further disposition of his case in the Federal court. That is to say, if Vanhorn gets from the State court the punishment Judge Boyd thinks he deserves, but which he was unable to give him, his honor will let it go at that; and he expressed the opinion that about a year on the chain gain was the medicine the Durke man needed.

Judge Boyd doesn't think much of chain gangs. He says that working a man on the roads, in chains, is too drastic punishment in ordinary cases. But his action in this case is evidence that he considers the chain gang a necessity for the Vanhorn type.

Mr. C. F. McKesson of Morganton (about everybody in Burke county calls him Charlie) appeared for Kelly York and Patterson Lail, two young men of Burke. Their guilt was admitted. "Your honor," said Mr. McKesson in his most appealing manner, "these boys have young wives and young babies at home, and we want you to let us go home and make a crop and then we'll come back in

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

The baseball season for the North Carolina league opened yesterday.

Bill Nye's old home at Skyland, near Asheville, was destroyed by fire early Monday Morning.

The Bank of Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, has been chartered with \$10,000 capital, paid in.

Lenoir college won from Catawba college at Newton the Easter Monday ball game, which is always the center of much interest in Hickory and Newton.

Former Representative R. N. Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, has announced his withdrawal from the contest for the congressional nomination from the seventh district.

Gastonia is making plans for the immediate erection of two school buildings to be built at an approximate cost of \$25,000 each, one in East Gastonia and the other in West Gastonia.

The State medical association, in session last week in Durham, selected Asheville as the place for the 1917 meeting. Dr. J. H. Shuford, of Hickory, was elected one of the vice-presidents.

Fire of unknown origin Sunday afternoon destroyed the plant of Chadbourn Lumber Company at Wilmington and about 300,000 feet of lumber on yards, entailing a loss of \$50,000 partially covered by insurance.

The Charlotte Festival Chorus is now organized and rehearsals have begun. Until the second week of August, when the great Summer Festival of America will be held at Black Mountain, North Carolina, the local chorus will rehearse weekly.—Charlotte Observer.

North Carolina has four survivors of the Mexican war. They are James N. Brown of Concord, Benj. Pritchett, of Senia, James M. Sweet, of Waxhaw, and John Curtis of Brayson City, Route No. 1, Box 57. In the United States there are only 510 survivors. In 1915 there were 680 and in 1914 there were 893.

Arledge-Hood.

Reported for The News-Herald:

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hood on Wednesday afternoon, when their daughter, Eva May, became the bride of Blaine Arledge, of Greenville, S. C. The wedding was a quiet affair, there being only a few guests present.

The maid of honor was Miss Grace Hood, cousin of the bride, and best man Paul Hood of Raleigh. Rev. A. C. Swoford officiated.

The bride was handsomely attired in a traveling suit of blue, with hat and gloves to match. The maid of honor wearing rose colored crepe de chine.

The bride is an attractive and accomplished young lady of many fine qualities. Mr. Arledge is a prominent and promising young business man very popular in his home town.

At 5:30 p. m. the happy couple took the west-bound train for a western trip. A FRIEND.

the fall and take whatever punishment your honor feels disposed to give us." Mr. McKesson's hope, of course, was if he could get his clients off at this term and they kept out of trouble until next term, the court would let them go. At the time, however, Judge Boyd wasn't disposed to adopt the suggestion of counsel, but after keeping Mr. McKesson and his clients on the anxious bench for two days he did practically as requested. Sentences of a year in the Atlanta prison and a fine of \$100 each were imposed on York and Lail and they were informed that if they kept the faith and paid the fines by the first day of the next term of court they need not go to Atlanta.

Mr. R. L. Patton, Jr., has made a contract with the Asheville Times to furnish them with daily cartoons. The first to appear was in yesterday afternoon's paper. All his cartoons have the signature "Pat." Morganton friends are proud of "Robert's" success, and because of the recognized merits of his cartoons, it is predicted that he will achieve even greater success.