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PRICE FIVE CENTS

A NORWAGIAN STEAMER SUNK

The Regin Goes Down Off Dover, Destroyed Either by Mine or Submarine—Crew Was Saved.

ZEPPELIN BOMBARDS CALAIS; FIVE KILLED

Railroad Shed Destroyed—Craft Evidently Guided by Pilot Familiar With the Vicinity of Attack.

London, Feb. 23.—The Norwegian steamer Regin was sunk off Dover this morning, either by a submarine or by a mine. The crew of 22 men were saved. The Regin was carrying coal from the Tyne to Bordeaux. The vessel sank in ten minutes after being struck.

Zippelin Attack. Calais, Feb. 23.—The Zeppelin, which yesterday bombarded Calais was apparently driven by a pilot who was familiar with this vicinity for he came from the sea directly to Fontenette, crossing the city at its greatest width, at a height of about 1000 feet. The first six bombs dropped by the Zeppelin fell near the railroad track wrecking a shed and shattering windows. Others fell in a garden and on the roof of a little house in the Rue Bazinien. An old man and a little girl, sleeping in the garret of the house and the family of four on the ground floor were killed in the ruins. All but a baby were killed.

TWO UNIDENTIFIED GUESTS LOSE LIVES IN HOTEL FIRE

Windsor Hotel in Birmingham Destroyed—Feared Others May Have Died in Fire.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 23.—Two unidentified guests lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Windsor hotel here this morning and it is feared that others also succumbed to the flames. Eight men, including four women, were killed. Several stores and other buildings near the hotel were burned. The loss is estimated to exceed \$200,000.

TROUBLES OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

The following cases were called in Police court today:
The cases against the men and women arrested Sunday in the raid on the Carrier building were continued until tomorrow, the court advising the defendants to move out of the building.
Yesterday afternoon S. L. Forbes was arrested in connection with the cases on charges of leasing a building for disorderly purposes and Arthur Campbell was arrested for keeping and maintaining a disorderly house. These cases were also continued until tomorrow.
Bob Boyles was given a sentence of three months on the roads on charges of retailing to Ward Mitchell, with appeal bond fixed at \$250.
Will Porter, colored, was given six months on charges of larceny.
Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of James Reed, colored, charged with larceny.
Frank Remington, colored, was given 30 days on charges of larceny with appeal bond fixed at \$200.
T. M. March was tried on charges of embezzlement, it being alleged that he stole \$3 from Maggie Bailey yesterday and tried to escape. He was caught on a train at Blountmore by the police and, probable cause being found in the case today, was held for Superior court under a bond of \$300.
Two "drunks" were up.

WHEAT PRICES MAKE DROP TODAY—NEARLY FIVE CENTS

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Wheat prices made a big drop today. May delivery falling nearly five cents as soon as the trading began. This month sold at \$1.88 1/2 against \$1.92 1/4 for Saturday's close. July tumbled 4 1/2 to \$1.77.

REVENUE BILL NEAR READING

Senate Committee Recommends Bigger Appropriations for Submarine and Aviation Equipments.

SENATE MAY NOT GET THROUGH SUPPLY BILLS

Several Democrats Fear It Will Be Necessary to Adopt Emergency Resolutions at Close.

(By W. T. Best.)
Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Continued consideration of the revenue act in the senate yesterday came nearer rising to the dignity of general interest than anything that went before the general assembly in either house. The upper body is near the middle of the act and will probably get to a reading by Wednesday or Thursday.
To the western people nothing done could have bigger interest than the Weaver bill providing \$20,000 for the preservation of the summit of Mount Mitchell. When the senate passed it the opposition was slight. Senator Muse thought \$12,000 would do the work. The salvation of the mountain forests is certain now.
This was brought about by the quick action of Governor Craig last year when he saw the devastation of the Mitchell forests by the lumbermen. Had he not interposed with a suggestion that the forest slayers wait on the legislature, Mount Mitchell would now be a waste beyond reclamation within this generation. The house is yet to act.
The house session started some local measures that will be heard from. The Stacy-Cooper fund from New Hanover manifested itself in the slaying of Senator Cooper's senate bill creating a new ward in Wilmington and naming a commissioner at the behest of the city council. Mr. Stacy of the lower house, had petitions calling upon him to make another recommendation in his bill. The two could not agree and have not been able to do so for a time. Mr. Stacy tabled Mr. Cooper's bill. The two find agreement on these city measures impossible and the two do not get together on statements of fact. The younger representative has given some pretty warm statements to the representatives of the Wilmington papers.
To Represent Carter.
Telegrams sent here Sunday, and Saturday night to Judge Frank Carter led Raleigh to the conclusion that he would be here and personally ready to appear before any committee that might take up his recent controversy with Solicitor Abernethy.
Judge Carter has retained Messrs. Manning and Kitchin of the local bar to represent him in the event any action is taken upon the Clark resolution. The committee has not passed upon it yet and there may be nothing for the committee to work upon. Judge Carter had not come to Raleigh yesterday evening and the hotel men in whose care the telegrams have been do not know what the judge's course will be.
Representative Ellis, of Madison, presented the action of his bar, one highly complimentary to Judge Carter. The Madison man is a very strong friend of the judge and does not believe that anybody can find anything against him that need embarrass him.
Speaker Wooten's condition is favorable, according to Dr. Hubert Royter who is attending him.
"The wound has been dressed and the wound in satisfactory condition," the physician says. "He has a slight fever and is still suffering some pain. So far his progress has been as good as we could wish."
Senator Rivers Johnson, who was with Mr. Wooten when he was injured and will Aycock killed, is entirely well. Mr. Johnson having received slight injuries. But for the fact, it is very doubtful whether the Speaker could have received aid in time to save him.
The unknown party which is reported to have passed the injured legislators by, was not without human kindness. The occupants of the car gave the alarm by telephone as soon as they reached Raleigh and caused a machine to be sent out for the stricken men.

LECTURE COURSE IN FIRST AID TO INJURED

For the past several weeks a class in first aid to the injured, composed of twenty-five or thirty ladies in the city, has been taking a course of lectures under Dr. James M. Lynch. The lectures have been held twice a week in the Parish house at Blountmore, and those attending them are very enthusiastic over the course of instruction given. On last Friday afternoon the class stood its first examination, which was conducted by Dr. Joseph Adams.

Russian Tenth Army Now At Bay On Russian Territory

There Are Some Indications That Russians Have Started Counter Offensive, But Reports Are not Confirmed—Combat in Galicia Becoming More Violent—Sanguinary Struggle for Possession of Passes Continues—Rheims Has Been Violently Bombarded.

London, Feb. 23.—The Russian tenth army which, according to an official report of Grand Duke Nicholas, the commander of the Russian forces in the field, lost one of its corps in the last big battle in East Prussia, is now standing at bay along the line of the Narew-Bohr-Nieme rivers in Russian territory. The last Russian official communication relates many isolated engagements, which may mean that a counter offensive is now in progress, but there has been no confirmation of this indication. On the southern flank also the Russians are reported to have gained some local successes, but these are not admitted by Vienna, which claims that all the Russian counter attacks have been repulsed with heavy

loss to the Russians.
Both sides report the capture of many prisoners and while the fighting is without definite results there is evidence that the struggle for the mountain passes has been very sanguinary and that the combat in Galicia is assuming more violent character.
Artillery engagements were the distinguishing features of the activity in the west during the past 24 hours, with the French claiming the destruction of a heavy German gun at Lombaertzyde, and admitting that the city of Rheims has again been violently bombarded.
The only recent activity in the air is provided in a single Zeppelin which dropped bombs on Calais yesterday. The only

incident of note concerning the submarine blockade was the safe arrival of the Cunard liner Orduna, from New York, February 13.
Nothing so far has been heard in England of the two German submarines reported to be overdue at Cuxhaven, concerning the safety of which the Germans are said to be anxious.
Petrograd, Feb. 23.—The Austrians and Germans have been repulsed at several points, according to an official statement by the Russian general staff issued last night. It is stated that in eastern Galicia, southeast of Stanislau two Austrian brigades lost were driven off with a loss of 1500 prisoners including 20 officers and they also lost several machine guns.
The fighting continues on the right bank of the Bohre and Narew rivers in isolated engagements. The guns of the fortress did effective work at Osmowetz. The Russians have taken Jedwazno and several villages on the left bank of the Vistula. Five hundred prisoners were taken in these engagements.

WILL GREENSBORO PLAY THE LOGAL ASSOCIATION

Negotiations Have Been on for Past Week, But no Decision Reached.

The oft-repeated phrase, "off again, on again, gone again," seems to apply with great exactness to the proposed game of basketball between the Y. M. C. A. teams of Greensboro and Asheville. Negotiations have been pending for several weeks and when it was thought to be finally settled that the "basketballers" of the two cities would meet, there comes a hitch in the arrangements that cause all the dickering to end. It has finally come to a show-down, however, and the teams will either meet soon, or one of them will have to withdraw with the knowledge that it has simply crawled out of the matter.
The manager of the local association team was in conference with the Greensboro manager yesterday afternoon over long distance telephone and the following propositions were put to the down-staters by the management here: It was proposed to play the game in Stateville, some time this week and Asheville to have charge of the gate receipts, guaranteeing the expenses of the Greensboro team. In case of any money lost on the venture, Asheville was to stand all the loss and any profit accrued was to be equally divided between the two teams. The management here would mail a check to the place of the game and this check would be sufficient to cover the transportation and hotel bills of the other team. Another proposition was to have a game in each city and the same guarantee was to be offered with the Greensboro club having the choice of the first game in its city. It was also offered to play in Spartanburg, on a mileage basis with each team sharing the possibilities of profit and loss. The Asheville manager stated that the other team's representative talked in a very business like manner yesterday and seemed very eager to make the "pull-off" and promised a decision in the matter either yesterday afternoon or last night. So far, nothing has been heard regarding the acceptance or refusal of the proposed plans.

THOMPSON SETON NO LONGER CHIEF SCOUT

New York, Feb. 23.—Ernest Thompson Seton, artist and author, has retired as chief scout of the Boy Scouts of America, according to announcement today.
Kemp, the latter a colored ex-Pullman car porter, took much pride in seeing that Uncle Sam's premises are kept in spotless condition. These men are under the supervision of Assistant Postmaster Bradford, who is custodian of the entire building.

PLATO WEBB GIVEN 30 DAYS FOR CONTEMPT

At the trial in Police court today of Lazie Henson on charges of retailing, the defendant being found guilty, Plato Webb, employed by the city and a state's witness in the case, was adjudged in contempt of court and sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail.
Webb refused to answer the questions of the court, even after he had been warned by the court that he would be adjudged in contempt if he failed to answer the questions, he still refused, after which the court imposed the contempt sentence.

TODAY BEGINNING OF BERLIN "BREAD DAYS"

London, Feb. 23.—Today was first "bread day" in Berlin and every German under the plan, received a ticket early this morning for his entire supply. Every member of the imperial family was included in the plan.

GOV'T. PROPERTY TO BE IMPROVED

Changes That Will Make U. S. Property Here Model in Sanitation.

J. R. Fain, superintendent of construction in the United States Treasury department, spent yesterday here going over plans with assistant postmaster J. C. Bradford, with a view to paving the western approach to the United States court house and post office building in this city. While no official statement of plans has been given out, it is considered practically certain that this driveway, lying inside the triangle formed by Patton avenue and Government street, will, as soon as possible, be paved with vitrified brick.
This space, which is now covered with macadam, is used for a hitching yard for the eight horses of the rural carriers, and the two that draw the mails to and from the railway station. And although the janitors in charge of the building sweep the yard, flush it with water and sprinkle it with lime, the loose surface of the macadam cannot be kept clean. In summer it is a breeding place for flies, and in winter it is covered with a thick coat of mud. For these reasons Postmaster Guderger and his assistants have been anxious for some time to have this driveway paved so that it can be cleaned as easily as the tiled flooring on the first floor inside the building.
The completion of this work will make the abode of the representatives of the federal government probably the most completely sanitary building and surrounding grounds in the city. It is plain truth with no exaggeration that the postoffice building has been noted by all the government inspectors visiting it, as well as by all observing persons, for its scrupulous cleanliness of floors, windows and walls. Twice a week the janitors scrub the floors, adding a powerful disinfectant to the water. The cuspidors, also, are treated with a solution that will kill the hardest germs. And to the credit of Uncle Sam, it must also be said that his quarters here add absolutely nothing to the dark evil known as the smoke nuisance. The furnaces are fed with coke, and as a result they throw out heat without smoke, and the fumes are not lined with soot. This achievement alone would be an object lesson to the whole city, and any lessening whatever of the volume of smoke daily poured into the atmosphere is a public benefit.
There are many alleys and driveways throughout the city that are in much worse condition than this driveway has even been. In the opinion of many persons, and one of the first comments made on the announcement of this improvement at the postoffice building was the hope that the example might inspire others.
The aid that these improvements will give to the anti-fly campaign here is worthy of note. Dr. L. M. McCormick, city bacteriologist, has often inquired why the federal government did not clean up this yard and make it a model for the city.
Mention should be made of the excellent force of janitors who keep the building in such satisfactory condition. E. R. Randall, head janitor, assisted by T. B. Creamsan and Elsha

WEST ASHEVILLE PEOPLE DEDICATE NEW LIBRARY

Services Held Last Night Were Attended by Large Number—The Program.

The dedication of the reading room, recently started at West Asheville, took place last night at the Baker building at 7:30 o'clock. The reading room was made possible by the magnificent gift of Captain J. E. Ray of Asheville, who donated over 100 volumes and various periodicals to the cause of founding a public reading room for the citizens of the town. The meeting opened with the singing of America by the members after which a vote of thanks was given to Captain Ray for his generosity in donating the books. Several excellent addresses featured the program. Rev. Mr. Armstrong of the West Asheville Methodist church and Prof. Robinson of the West Asheville school both gave interesting talks and several prominent residents of the community also appeared on the program. A number of young men who reside in the neighborhood favored the audience with several vocal selections which were greatly enjoyed by all present. It was decided at the meeting that the reading room would be kept open Tuesdays and Fridays in the afternoons from 3 o'clock to 6 and at night from 7:30 to 9:30. Mr. Robert Wells and Miss Dorothy Atkinson will have charge of the reading room the first week and the men of the town will assume responsibility at night. At the conclusion of the program, hot chocolate and wafers were served by the committee which has charge of the rooms. The committee is composed of the following members: Mrs. P. B. Orr; Mrs. Florence Wells; Mrs. H. B. Brookshire and Mrs. Charles Lansberry.

MADAME BERNHARDT PASSES GOOD NIGHT

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WOULD INCREASE DEFENSE MONEY

Senate Is Near Middle of the Measure—Evidence of General Interest in the Bill.

SALVATION OF MOUNT MITCHELL FOREST SURE

Made Practically Certain by Passage in Senate of Weaver's Bill to Appropriate \$20,000.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Appropriations for national defense occupied the attention of both houses of congress yesterday. The senate discussed until late the army application bill carrying approximately \$103,000,000, while the house continued debate on the fortifications bill.
While progress was being made on both these measures, the senate committee on naval affairs practically completed consideration of the naval appropriations measure and the senate passed for four minutes to pass without debate the pension bill carrying \$104,000,000. In the passage of this bill the senate appropriated at the rate of \$41,000,000 a minute.
Increases for submarines and aviation over provisions of the house bill were recommended by the senate committee upon \$1,000,000 for aviation instead of \$300,000 as authorized in the house bill, and also recommended the construction of six sea-going submarines instead of one, and sixteen instead of eleven of the smaller type submarines, the former to cost more than \$1,400,000 each and the latter not to exceed \$550,000 each.
Senator Smead proposed an amendment for the authorization of 50 sea-going and 25 of the smaller coast defense submarines. Another proposal by the senate committee is an amendment to the section abolishing the naval plucking board, which would require all naval officers to spend at least half their service at sea.
Notwithstanding the progress being made on appropriations in the senate there were indications that not all the bills could be passed whether the ship purchase bill is reported back from the conference committee or not. Several democratic senators said they feared it might be necessary to adopt some emergency resolutions in the closing hours of the session. So far as the shipping bill is concerned nothing has yet been done by the conferences and republican leaders propose to have some appropriation measures still before the senate next Saturday when the conference committee is to report.
The committee may report a disagreement at that time. Considerable discussion preface consideration of the army bill, necessitating a night session. In urging prompt action, Senator Chamberlain explained the absence of provisions for reorganization of the army with the statement that the shortness of the session would not permit proper consideration. He said that the reorganization and reserve army bills pending would be pushed at the next session of congress.
Many speeches were made in the house during the fortifications bill debate. Representative Fordney of Michigan, republican, predicted that with the treasury revenues falling off next year the administration would have to enact a so-called war tax revenue measure, issue bonds as in 1895, increase import duties, or materially reduce government expenditures.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE IS TO BE ALLOWED FOR TELEGRAMS

According to Information Given out here by the Postal Telegraph company today, the British and French censorship authorities will now permit telegrams inquiring about relatives in the earthquake zone in Italy to pass written in plain Italian language.

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DUTCH-GERMAN PATROLS CLASH

Proximity of Border Guards Causes Trouble Because of Expression of Diverse Opinions.

EACH PATROL MOVED BACK SEVERAL YARDS

No Conversation Between the Guards Is Permitted—The Anti-War League Active in Holland.

Amsterdam, Feb. 23.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The Dutch and German soldiers who have been patrolling on opposite sides of the boundary line since the war began have been ordered to withdraw from close contact on account of the fact that a number of disagreeable incidents have occurred. Up to the beginning of February the Dutch soldiers and the Germans paced side by side and carried on conversations. It appears that trouble sometimes arose through the expression of diverse views, so the commanders of the patrols have now separated the men by a distance of 100 yards. Between the small strip of territory separating the Dutch from the German sentries no one is permitted to go except on chance of being immediately shot.
Behind the frontier line on both sides have been erected field fortifications in the shape of trenches and gun emplacements. Those in Dutch territory are so placed as to render impossible any surprise inroad into the Netherlands, and they are defended by strong bodies of troops. On the opposite side in Belgium the entrenchments face away from the Dutch frontier, and are evidently intended to offer shelter to the German army in case it should find itself obliged to retire from its present positions in Flanders.
There is a strong feeling among the Dutch troops that the Germans will be forced over the frontier in Limburg should the allied forces eventually push them out of Belgium. This little strip of Holland, forming a sort of appendix to the south is bounded on the west by Belgium and on the east by Germany. It is very narrow and would offer great temptation to a retreating army trying to get away from its pursuers. The Dutch realize this and are determined to oppose any such action by every means in their power.
On the other side of Holland the greatest attention of the Dutch government is directed toward the prevention of attempts to smuggle contraband articles over the frontier from Holland into Germany. These attempts are frequent owing to the profit attached to such transactions. The precautions taken against such "runs" are of the most extreme severity. The frontier line is patrolled night and day and the troops engaged in this work are frequently changed so that they may not become too intimate with the inhabitants of the frontier districts and so be inclined to display laxity in their vigilance.
While these efforts to maintain a strict neutrality are maintained there has been some criticism of the Dutch government in consequence of its action in keeping such a large number of troops under arms. Premier Cort van der Linden, however, maintains that the position taken has been the only correct one under the circumstances and declares that the government is sure that "the Netherlands will, neither now nor in the future, surrender her rights to anyone without a struggle."
There is a strong movement among a section of the people in favor of an appeal for intervention in the interests of peace. There exists an "Anti-War League," which recently has displayed great activity and petitions are placed everywhere for signature asking the Queen of the Netherlands to make some move in this direction.

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FIRE ON AEROPLANE

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 23.—Six Swiss soldiers opened fire yesterday on an aeroplane, which is said to have been German, and which flew over Bern. The machine was struck by nine bullets and the pilot was forced to land at Sarrette.