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ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 4, 1915.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

ONLY 2 FORTS REMAIN INTACT

Allied Fleet Has Reduced Nearly All of Dardanelles Forts, According to a British Officer.

Russians Said to Have Lost Much of Best Artillery in East Prussia and Poland, Recently.

London, March 4.—Interest here centers in the Russian campaign which has gradually shifted to the extreme south end of the battle line.

The bombardment of the inner forts of the Dardanelles was resumed Thursday morning.

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CHARGES REFERRED AGAINST SOUTHERN

Senate Sub-committee Recommends That Commission Take up Coal Rates.

STATE OF SIEGE EXISTS IN DISTRICT OF TRIPOLI

Rome, March 4.—A state of siege has been proclaimed in the greater portion of Cyrenaica.

ANOTHER STANDARD OIL CO. STEAMER HAS BEEN SIEZED

London, March 4.—The Standard Oil company's steamer Platania bound for Malmo, Sweden, has been detained at Kirkwall, Scotland.

GERMAN AVIATOR BOMBARDS WARSAW, BUT NONE INJURED

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ANARCHISTS ACCUSED OF DYNAMITE PLOT INDICTED

New York, March 4.—The grand jury has indicted Frank Abarno and Charles Carbone, anarchists accused of plotting the dynamite war against churches and wealthy men.

GOETHALS NOMINATED FOR MAJOR GENERAL

Washington, March 4.—Col. George W. Goethals has been nominated for major general in recognition of his services in the construction of the Panama canal.

HOUSTON TEEHEE IS NAMED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson has nominated Houston Teehee of Tahlequah, Okla., as register of the treasury to succeed Gad Parker.

FIRE EPIDEMIC IN CITY TODAY

A Total of Five Fires in Two Hours Brought Out All Equipment of the Department.

Second Largest Number of Fires in One Day in the History of the Fire Department.

A veritable epidemic of fires broke out in Asheville this morning at 8:09 o'clock and until 10:02 o'clock a total of five fires in five different sections of the city had broken out.

At 8:49 o'clock an alarm was turned in from No. 116 Haywood street, the Revell flats, to the rooms occupied by Mrs. George Matbis.

At 10:02 o'clock the department was called to No. 96 Cumberland avenue, the home of Mrs. Lula Hartsock.

At 10:20 o'clock this morning, one fireman was detailed to answer the telephone during the morning to tell the people who inquired where the different fires had occurred.

CASE AGAINST JUDGE A. G. DAYTON DROPPED

Washington, March 4.—Impeachment proceedings against A. G. Dayton, federal judge in the northern district of West Virginia, have been dropped by the house judiciary committee.

Bordeaux, March 4.—Sarah Bernhardt, whose condition was considered excellent for several days after the amputation of her leg, February 22 has suffered a reaction.

TWO INJURED WHILE ESCAPING AT FIRE

Col. and Mrs. Bowman at Hospital Suffering From Injuries.

ESCAPE WAS CUT OFF WHEN FIRE WAS FOUND

Handsome Home on Strawberry Hill, West Asheville, Burned to the Ground Last Night.

While being let out of a second floor window of their beautiful country estate, Strawberry Hill, in West Asheville, about midnight last night, to escape from the flames which were destroying the house, Mrs. P. G. Bowman fell about ten feet to the ground.

When the fire was first discovered Col. Bowman made a rope of some bedclothes and in attempting to let Mrs. Bowman out of the second floor window, all other avenues of escape having been cut off, by some means she slipped and fell about ten feet.

A large crowd of people, neighbors and people from West Asheville, the burned residence being located nearly a mile from the end of the carline, appeared on the scene, but they were unable to render any aid owing to the great headway the flames had made.

SPRING-LIKE WEATHER STIMULATES BUSINESS

Farmers Are Coming to City for Supplies for Spring Plowing.

During the past few days, since the roads throughout Buncombe county have dried out and can be used by all kinds of vehicles, Asheville has been filled with farm wagons and trade with the people from the county has increased very much in this city.

Hardware implements and supply stores report a good business now from the farmers, nearly all of whom are preparing for the spring plowing and making arrangements for the planting of the crops for this season.

San Francisco, March 4.—Frank G. Drum, a San Francisco capitalist, and Warren Olney, Jr., chief counsel of the Western Pacific railroad, have been appointed receivers of the Western Pacific by Federal Judge Van Fleet.

MR. WORK OUT NEW JUG BILL

Conference Committees May Be Able to Evolve Something That Will Satisfy the Lower House.

GOV. GLENN COUNSELS AGAINST REFERENDUM

Says People Do Not Want to Vote on Any Question Now—Hard Words Used on House Floor.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, March 4.—The house failure to concur in the senate-slaughtered anti-jug bill has resulted in a conference committee from each house which may at this late date work out something that will satisfy the members of the lower body who voted with such unanimity for that bill.

Representative Grier of Irredell, who led the fight, carried in his pockets some of the most mandatory telegrams that any member has borne this session. They came from Greensboro, Weldon and elsewhere, the bar of Weldon strongly appealing to the Irredell representative to refuse concurrence in the senate measure.

As luck would have it ex-Governor Glenn came to town. It was as pure an accident as ever happened. He counseled against the submission of the jug law to the people and said the folks do not want to vote on it.

House Passes Fish Bill.

Thursday night the primary bill which was trimmed somewhat artificially by the senate will be up in the house for a special hearing.

There was a great lot of bills reported favorably to the house committee, the biggest lot yet turned in during any "morning hour" of the session.

Robert of Rockingham—Require the burial of dead bodies of animals. The house resolved the senate report on the Grier anti-jug bill and refused to concur in the amendments referring the act to the people for ratification.

The senate thereafter concurred in the appointment of a conference committee and President Daughtridge named as the senate members of the committee Senators Nash, Gilliam and White. It is significant that all three of the senators named are really opposed to the Grier bill as are Doughton and Whitford and possibly others of the committee from the house.

63rd CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED

business and another long argument was launched. A vote was reached and the amendments were adopted and the bill passed and sent to the senate for concurrence.

JUDGE FRANK CARTER AT HIS HOME HERE

Expresses Appreciation for Words of Confidence Expressed by Friends.

Judge Frank Carter arrived in Asheville yesterday after, on accompanied by J. S. Adams, A. Hall Johnston and J. E. Swain of this city, who with Ex-Governor W. W. Kitchin and Judge J. S. Manning represent Judge Carter in the hearing pending before the legislative committee.

Judge Carter refused to give an interview to a newspaper representative but expressed his deep appreciation of the many people who have expressed confidence in him since the Carter-Abernathy trouble started several days ago.

U. S. COURT IS NOW IN SESSION HERE

Case of Gilbert vs. Hopkins May Be Tried During This Term.

Judge James E. Boyd, of the United States court for the western district, and his private secretary, L. L. Blalock, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Greensboro to attend the March session of federal court here, taking apartments at the Battery Park hotel.

The Hague, March 4.—The German government has informed Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American minister to The Netherlands that arrangements had been made to grant safe passage through the naval war zone to American relief ships bearing supplies for people of Belgium.

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LOCAL FIRM RECEIVES CARLOAD SAXON CARS

The Asheville Automobile company this morning received a carload of Saxon cars, from the factory in Detroit and they will be unloaded during the day and taken to the showrooms of this firm on Church street.

SEAMAN'S BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, March 4.—President Wilson has signed the seaman's bill which is designed to improve the working conditions of seamen and improve in life saving equipment.

Both Houses End Sessions Shortly After Noon, After Remarkable Efforts to Complete Program.

TWO APPROPRIATION MEASURES NOT PASSED

Senate Adopts Substitute for Joint Resolution Giving the President Power to Prevent Violations.

Washington, March 4.—Congress adjourned sine die today. The senate adjourned at 12:04 o'clock; while the houses ended its sessions at 12:18.

The total appropriations made during the session are approximately \$1,120,484,324, several millions under the record of former congresses.

Two appropriation measures failed. The current appropriations for the postoffice and for the Indians were extended for the next fiscal year. After refusing to accept the Indian bill, the senate later reversed its decision and passed the bill; but the house refused to agree to some minor amendments.

During the closing hours of congress President Wilson signed a number of important bills and promoted Colonel Goethals for his services in building the Panama canal.

The administration ship purchase bill, the Philippine bill, rural credits legislation and the ratification of the treaties with Colombia and Nicaragua, all had pressed measures, fell by the wayside.

In the senate several members, long prominent in public life, among them Senators Root and Burton, will retire to private life. In the house Representative Underwood said good-bye to sit in the next senate; while three score or more other house members retire.

Washington, March 4.—With only two bills of the billion dollar appropriation program remaining in doubt, the Sixty-third congress entered on the last calendar day of the historic session, worn by an all night struggle over a mass of minor bills which had been suffered to accumulate during the last month.

The Indian bill had been agreed on in conference, but in the senate the conference report met a determined filibuster. In conference on the post-office appropriation bill a sharp battle was waged throughout the night and it seemed at times as if the measure might be abandoned at the last minute.

By unanimous vote the senate last night adopted a substitute for the joint resolution passed earlier in the house enlarging the power of the president to prevent infringements of American neutrality by vessels leaving ports of the United States with men or supplies for belligerent warships.

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, that, from and after the passage of this resolution and during the existence of a war to which the United States is not a party; and in order to prevent neutrality of the United States from being violated by the use of its territory, its ports, or its territorial waters as the base of operations