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THREE SHOTS AT LAUNCH CONTAINING CAPTAIN OF U. S. CRUISER TENNESSEE.

Batteries of Turkish Forts at Smyrna Stop Visit of Naval Officers—Ambassador Morganthau Thereupon Ordered His Vessel From Turkish Waters—Report Comes From Chios, in the Aegean Sea, After the Tennessee Arrived at That Grecian Port Ship Engaged in Relief Work. . . .

Chios, Aegean Sea, Nov. 17.—The American armored cruiser Tennessee arrived in this port today. It is stated that yesterday while the captain of the Tennessee was in the ship's launch, which was flying the American flag, on his way to pay the customary visit on the Turkish officials at Smyrna, three shots were fired on the boat by the forts.

The American Ambassador, Henry Morgenthau, without investigating the incident, it is said, immediately ordered the Tennessee from Turkish waters at the request of the Turkish officials.

Ombous Silence of Captain Decker.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Captain Decker of the cruiser Tennessee made no mention of any incident at Smyrna, in a dispatch received at the navy department early today, reporting her arrival at Chios, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Navy department officials interpreted the lack of any mention of a reported hostile demonstration against the cruiser's launch at Smyrna, as assurances that none had occurred. They said it was impossible that the Tennessee's launch through misunderstanding may have attempted to run into Smyrna harbor during prohibited hours. Turkish port regulations make strict provision in this respect, and it was thought possible that the forts might have warned the Tennessee.

Captain Decker would not necessarily report such an incident.

Berlin, (via The Hague and London), Nov. 18.—An official war bulletin given out in Berlin today sets forth that the operations on the eastern front are progressing favorably. The Germans apparently are using another victory at Wloclawek to the greatest advantage. The Russian armies defeated near Lipno are today probably in the vicinity of Plock, and the forces defeated near Wloclawek are now near Kutno and Leshtysa.

"For the continuation of operations, the bulletin goes on to say, it will be of the greatest importance for the German troops from the region of Soldau to make further progress against the right wing of the main Russian army. If the Russians intend to retire behind the Vistula such a retreat, considering the extremely bad conditions of the roads, would be most difficult; consequently the Russians probably will prefer to make a definite stand when the German and Austrian forces attack.

The papers of Berlin declare again today that the fall of Belgrade, Serbia, is imminent.

London, Nov. 17.—Contrary to expectations the weather seems to have had more effect on the operations on the western battle front than in the east. Here the Germans are making desperate efforts to divert the Russians from East Prussia by resuming a vigorous offensive at two points near the center of the long frontier line. Berlin exports, judging from the reports reaching London, have been discussing the German retreat from Warsaw with great candor. They declare they are as proud of the skill with which this movement was accomplished as are the English of their retirement from the battle of Mons.

Stonewall Jackson Tactics.

They admit also that the efforts of the Germans to emulate General "Stonewall" Jackson's famous flanking movement failed of success by a narrow margin and only because the Russians were not caught napping.

The German people were promptly informed of the withdrawal of their troops from the Warsaw front, but they got only meagre news of the progress of this retreat until the retiring armies, having covered something like a hundred miles, were in sight of their own borders.

Germans Confident.

The Germans seem confident of a favorable outcome to their renewed offensive movement near the river Warthe, and their ability to resume the aggressive shows strikingly the advantage which the possession of a strategic position gives a warring power. It is the opinion of British ob-

servers that the Germans are determined to force the invaders from East Prussia and that they are striking two blows, one from the north and the other from the northwest in the general directions of Plock and Kutno with the object of paralyzing the Russian advance along the southern frontier of East Prussia.

Tomlinson-Allen.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Allen, on Main street in the presence of a number of friends of the contracting parties Mr. Singleton Tomlinson and Miss Eva Allen, were happily united in marriage by Rev. W. M. Gilmore.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. A. B. Allen, the popular carrier on rural route No. 5 and possesses many desirable accomplishments and a sweet disposition, and is justly popular among her host of friends. The groom is a popular young man living near Louisburg and possesses splendid business ability. He is a brother of Mr. Phil Tomlinson, near town and has many friends among whom he is especially popular.

The bridal party were given a reception at the home of the grooms brother, Mr. Phil Tomlinson on Wednesday night, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson will locate in Louisburg and occupy a residence on South Kemmore Avenue, which he has recently purchased.

Rev. Mr. Wilcox to Conference.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox, who has served as pastor of Louisburg Methodist church and financial agent of Louisburg Female College the past two years, left Monday for Washington, N. C., to attend the annual meeting of the Methodist Conference. During these years he has done a great work for this change & besides a great good to the soul, he has to his credit the completion of the College Annex and the addition of the Sunday school room to the Methodist church, soon to be complete. This represents an investment of around \$20,000.00. He is a strong man and has been a great help to the church, as the report made in the services Sunday night show; and our people are especially anxious for him to return to this work for the remainder of the time limited by Conference.

LOUISBURG TOBACCO MARKET

Prices Holding up Well and Much Satisfaction Prevails.

The Louisburg Tobacco Market has been holding a desirable place among the leading markets the past week, having made sales equal to and exceeding many of the stronger, if possible, markets. The prices have been, good and although heavy sales have been on hand each day, show no signs of falling. The demand seems good and strong and the buyers are becoming more anxious for the better grades. Quite a large number of satisfied farmers have been present on the sales the past week.

Franklin Superior Court.

The regular November term of Franklin Superior Court convened in Louisburg on Monday for the trial of Civil cases only with His Honor H. W. Whedbee, Judge presiding. This was a very small and uninteresting docket and has attracted very little attention. The case of Robeson vs. McLean, the school case from Franklinton bearing a money question of less than 29 cents was tried and non-suited, an appeal was taken.

Nothing else of any importance was found. The only other interesting feature being the case with which Judge Whedbee put business methods into the business of the Court.

Basket-Ball.

Quite an interesting game of basket-ball, although the score was excessively large, was played in the Farmers' Union Warehouse here between Ingleside and Mapleville Saturday afternoon. The line up was for Ingleside Marvin Davis, c.; F. B. Scruggs, r. f.; Herbert Johnson, l. f.; Paul Edwards, r. g.; Joe Hayes, j. g.; for Mapleville, Clyde Harris, r. f.; G. M. Beam, l. f.; Frank Perry, c.; Alex. Wilson, r. g.; Jessie Champton, f. g.; Willie Fuller substitute.

The score resulted Mapleville 25 Ingleside 15 many errors caused a number of the runs. Quite a number of pretty plays were made.

PARENTS TO MEET IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT FRIDAY

Arrangements Will Then be Made for "Community Service Days" to be Celebrated December 3 and 4, in Every School District and December 5 in Every County Seat.

Plans are making for a great observance of "Community Service Week," December 3, 4, 5, throughout our county and throughout the State. To set the movement going everywhere State Superintendent J. W. Joyner has sent a notice to public school teachers asking them to notify all parents to attend a parents' meeting to be held in each school district, Friday, November 20, at 3:30 p. m. The object of this meeting is to make plans for the proper observance of the three "Community Service Days" two weeks later—"Public Roads, Grounds and Buildings Day," December 3, "School and Neighborhood Improving Day," (North Carolina Day) December 4—the two just mentioned to be observed in each school district—and then a county meeting at each county seat, "County Progress Day" December 5.

On Thursday, December 3, "Public Roads, Grounds, and Buildings Day," the people are to meet in each school district to do some physical work for the improvement of roads, school and church buildings and grounds, cemeteries, etc. They may work on the roads, repair the church or schoolhouse, clean off the cemetery or school grounds, plant trees and shrubs, etc., etc.

On Friday, December 4, the big day, to be observed as "School and Neighborhood Improvement Day" in every public school from Currituck to Cherokee, the older people, as well as all the boys and girls, are urged to meet together at every schoolhouse in all-day picnic meetings, hear the reports of the local survey, and discuss the following ten topics:

1. Report on rural census and discussion of it.
2. Is our school term long enough? If not, how can we lengthen it, and get more teachers if needed?
3. Should we have more attention given to agricultural, industrial and domestic science subjects? Can we form a corn or canning club?
4. How can we improve schoolhouses and grounds? Do we need a school farm?
5. Are the roads in the neighborhood what they should be? If not can we better them?
6. How can we improve sanitary and health conditions in our community?
7. How can we better encourage more reading by young and old? How can we get a better school library and more books and papers for old people? How can we help any illiterate grown people to read?
8. How can our farmer co-operate to better advantage for raising home supplies, better marketing, getting more live stock better machinery rural telephones, keeping out of debt? etc.?
9. How can we get a better get-together and pull-together spirit among all our people? Do we need a better organization of farmers and farmers wives, picnics, singing school, debating societies, more recreation, etc.?
10. What do we need for the improvement of our county? Better roads? A country fair? A county farm-life school? A whole-time county school superintendent? A demonstration agent? A county school commencement? Other plans.

Plans are also making for "County Progress Day", December 5, the full program to be announced later.

We hope there will be a full attendance at all parents' meetings and that every school district will plan not only for an enjoyable celebration, but also for starting definite movements for progress in every community.

Carranza Wants Villa

To Leave Mexico If He Does

Washington, D. C. Nov. 17.—Secretary Bryan announced today that receipt of a message from American General Sillman at Mexico City saying the newspapers there had published the text of a telegram from General Gutierrez approving the conditions set by General Carranza for his own retirement.

Mr. Sillman reported that a telegram from General Carranza to General Gonzalez, which was transmitted to General Gutierrez, stating the willingness of the first chief to deliver

the executive power under certain conditions, also was published. Mr. Sillman's dispatch made no mention of just what the conditions were.

Secretary Bryan said he had no advices from any other source to show what stipulations finally had been agreed upon, but that there had been discussion in previous dispatches of the wish of Carranza that he and General Villa leave Mexico.

When the cabinet met it considered these latest phases of the situation. The feeling of officials was that an understanding had been reached which would bring peace.

In some quarters it was suggested that Carranza's conditions of retirement would not be made public and that Gutierrez actually would not be installed into office in Mexico City until both Carranza and Villa had left the country.

Naco, Ariz., Nov. 17.—Both the Maytorena and Hill forces resumed firing early today and stray bullets flying over the American border struck Mrs. A. F. Krohn, wife of a southern Pacific railroad official, in the head. The wound is not serious.

Mrs. Chifton Entertains.

Mrs. M. S. Chifton was the charming hostess of the Tuesday Afternoon book Club the past week at her home on Church street. "Germany" was the timely subject for the afternoon, the study being based on Stoddard's Lectures.

Mrs. D. F. McKinne read a comprehensive paper on the subject of Germany as a whole. Mrs. J. L. Palmer gave an interesting story of Berlin. "How Schubert's Serenade Came to be Written" was told very interestingly by Miss Sallie Thomas Williams, after which Mrs. A. H. Fleming and Mrs. W. E. White sang it very sweetly, Mrs. W. E. Uzzell accompanying with a violin obligato.

Delicious salad, cream and coffee courses were served. Besides a goodly attendance of members, the following visitors were present: Miss Edna Allen, Mrs. S. A. Newell and Mrs. R. G. Burroughs, of Henderson.

Franklin County Union.

The Franklin county Union meeting will meet at Bunn beginning Friday night, November 27th. The opening sermon will be preached Friday night by Rev. D. T. Bunn.

Saturday 10:00 a. m. Devotional meeting, led by Mr. Clarence Pearce, "What are the greatest needs of our church today," general discussion by patrons and representatives from each field: 2nd—"How may those needs be supplied," "Open Conference.

Afternoon—"What is a standard Sunday school and how it may be reached" by Rev. W. M. Gilmore. "What is a standard B. Y. P. U. and how it may be reached" by Rev. Walter Hartzell.

Sunday 10:00 a. m. Sunday school 11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. G. M. Duke.

Young People's Missionary Society Meets.

The Young People's Missionary Society met Tuesday night, with Miss Mary Stuart Egerton. They were all very much interested in their work for the Bazaar, and were requested to bring articles they had made, which consisted of many useful pieces. After sewing for quite a while, refreshments were served, and the Society adjourned to meet next Tuesday night with Miss Eleanor Cooke. Those present were: Misses Margaret Hicks, Eleanor Cooke, Bettie Stallings, Ollie Floyd, Lucy Phelps, Louise Meadows Clara Young, Kate High, Lura Bet Person, Jennie Maeon, Mary Stuart Egerton, and Eleanor Thomas, Mesdames J. A. Fodges, Joe Mann, and M. C. Pleasants.

Old Fiddler's Convention.

We are requested to state that there will be an old fiddler's convention given at Ingleside Academy on Saturday night, November 21st. All old fiddlers are invited to attend and take part. There will be several nice prizes. The performance will begin at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to come out. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

Big Sale.

The big sale at P. S. & K. K. Allen's Department store which began yesterday is proving right popular. The prices as advertised are very attractive and interesting, and the goods of a high quality. See their advertisement in this issue.

MR. D. F. MCKINNE SERIOUSLY CUT

By One of Three Ellington Brothers.

Quite a lot of excitement was aroused yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock when it was learned that Mr. D. F. McKinne, of the firm of McKinne Bros. Co., had been seriously cut about the throat by one of the three Ellington brothers, who live near the Wake County line.

From what we can learn it seems that L. R. Ellington, M. F. Ellington, and J. B. Ellington were in town yesterday and in the afternoon were in McKinne Bros. store in conversation with Mr. D. F. McKinne upon some subject when one insulted Mr. McKinne whereupon he proceeded to resent the insult. This the others did not like and in taking a hand one stepped up to Mr. McKinne from the rear and proceeded to use the knife, inflicting ugly wounds on each side of the neck. Medical attention was immediately summoned and the wounds, which are considered of a serious nature, dressed.

The three Ellington boys were arrested in a few minutes by Constable R. W. Hudson and Deputy Sheriff Stone and arraigned before Justice of the Peace, A. W. Alston, who committed M. F. and J. B. Ellington to jail without bail till today at 12:00 o'clock, when a trial will be had, L. R. Ellington was allowed to give \$50 bond for his appearance here today.

Franklin County Baraca and Philaethea Union.

Platform: Young Women at work for young Men and young Men at work for young Men, all standing by the Bible, the Bible school and the church.

Our Motto: We do things: Phil. 4:13 Our aim: Franklin county for Christ. The Franklin county Baraca and Philaethea Union held its first regular meeting with the Cedar Rock Baptist church on the first Sunday and Saturday before November.

The Saturday night session was opened by the address of welcome by Mr. T. H. Sledge; response by Mr. R. W. Montgomery. The roll was called and each class responded with a two minute talk. Mr. Clarence Pearce, President, presided and did it well. Prof. Beam, of Mapleville gave a very interesting and instructive address on Baraca and Philaethea work. The address by Prof. Allen, of Warrenton, was very inspiring; Prof. Allen, is a prominent Baraca worker in the State and arouses interest and enthusiasm in this work wherever he goes.

Miss Byrd led a Round Table discussion and short conversation Service in the afternoon. The very presence of Miss Byrd is an inspiration, nine more classes joined the Union. We hope that every class in the County will join at our next meeting which will be held with the Franklinton classes the first Sunday in May 1915. Reporter.

Near 115 Years Old.

Hinton T. Mayo, a most remarkable old negro of this county died last Friday in the ripe old age of 102 years old and from the best of information we can receive was in all probability 115 years old. From his own statement he was grown when John Quincy Adams was President the first time, which was in 1824 and was well matured in 1836 when he helped to cut the right of way for the old Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, now the Seaboard Air-Line from Gaston to Raleigh. He was a remarkable old negro in the fact that he enjoyed the best of health until a short while ago. In 1913 he made a crop by himself and another this year, but on account of an accident from breaking a colt, which finally resulted in his death, he was unable to do much of his work. He was a Magistrate for five years. His home was near Rocky Ford, about nine miles from Louisburg.

Mr. E. W. Morris Dead.

Mr. E. W. Morris of Franklinton, died Wednesday Nov. 4th, 1914. He was born in Henderson, served in the Civil War, and lived the most of his days after the war, here in our midst, an example to the young, an honor to the old. In every public work for the up lift, and improvement of the town had community he was a leader in every moral enterprise he was a bulwark of strength. Three score years and ten were his days. Born of good family, he reared a good family, the beauty and adornment of his town. Ed Morris was known for his gentility and hospitality. He was optimistic in temperament to his dying day. He

looked for the best and saw the best in his fellow man, both white and black. He was lover of mankind, spurned none, helped all who came in his reach he drew men and made them his friends. His friends know his departure by his fire-side a chair set vacant. In his town, a man's place is unfilled. He is missed in his last days, he wanted to live that he might help us who needed him, but he was not afraid to go. He was a lover of nature and in the midst of nature's most striking beauty he slept to wake in the beauty of his holiness taking with him a life well spent in his Master's service.

Mr. Morris is survived by his wife and seven children; Messrs Leo Morris, of Rocky Mount, R. W. Morris, of Birmingham, Ala., W. D. Morris, Mrs. T. W. Whedbee, Mrs. J. S. Morris, Miss Minnie Morris, of Franklinton, and Miss Katie Bet Morris, a teacher in the schools of Clayton. Two sisters survive him, Mrs. Bettie S. Cox and Mrs. C. B. Green of Durham.

A host of friends and relatives from Durham, Oxford, Wake Forest, Youngville and Clayton were present at his funeral.

Bill Allen.

"Old Uncle" Bill Allen, colored a respectable old darkey died at his home near town Saturday. Uncle Bill assisted in the raising the first Confederate flag in Louisburg, and particularly assisted in the splicing of the flag pole. He was not without his peculiarities, however, as he was known here as about the only man in the County who had purchased his coffin many years ago. About five years ago his home was burned and Uncle Bill saved his coffin at the expense of many other things. He was a right successful and obedient old negro and had many friends among the white people.

Big Basket-Ball Game To-morrow.

Mapleville will play its second Basket-Ball game with the Wake Forest Graded school to-morrow afternoon in the Farmers' Union Warehouse promptly at three o'clock. This will be a hard fought game from beginning to end as the teams are well matched. In the other game Wake Forest defeated Mapleville by two points, and the Mapleville team is determined to turn the table on Wake Forest in this game. Both teams are in better shape than they were for the first battle, and the game will be better from every standpoint.

Prof. J. R. Crozier, who has been so successful in coaching the Wake Forest College team, will accompany the Graded school team & referee the game. Prof. Crozier is one of the best coaches in the South and it is well worth the admission to see him referee the game.

Don't forget the time, place and admission 10c. and 15 cents.

China's Generosity.

The generosity of the Chinese church is noteworthy. One report says they gave \$2.50 per capita. The majority of these were humble people with incomes running from five to fifteen dollars monthly. Farmers rented land and tilled it for the Lord; schoolgirls did without breakfast and gave the money to the church, and students, as pastors, received \$5 monthly, when as officials they would have gotten \$100.

One young man teaching in a mission for \$5 a month had the privilege of teaching Li Hung Chang's grandsons English an hour daily for \$30 a month. He gave the \$30 each month to support a boy in college for a year.

Masonic School.

The officers of the local Masonic Lodge are conducting a Masonic school every Monday night from 7:30 to 10:00 o'clock to which every Mason in good standing is invited. The class is doing a good work as many are making use of the opportunity to learn the work.

Cotton.

Cotton sold on the Louisburg market yesterday for 7 1/2 cents per pound. Since the opening of the cotton exchange prices seem to be gradually crawling up, cotton seed are worth 25 cents a bushel on the local market.

Awkward.

Normandie—"Can you dress with in your income?"
Bertram—"Yes, but it's like dressing in an upper berth."—Pennysylvania Punch Bowl.