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LOCAL NEWS

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO READERS OF THE PATRIOT FAR AND NEAR.

Mrs. Welker Dead.—Mrs. Emily Jane Welker, an aged and well known woman of southeastern Guilford, died yesterday at her home in the Mt. Hope church community.

To Undergo Operation.—Mrs. P. T. Hinchell, of Summerfield, entered St. Leo's hospital Friday to undergo a serious operation, which will be performed as soon as the attending physicians think she is strong enough to stand it.

Buy's Business.—Mr. R. G. Stockton, who recently moved to Greensboro from Florida, has purchased the wholesale grocery business of the Smitherman Company, which went into bankruptcy a few weeks ago.

Dr. Branson to Speak.—Dr. E. C. Branson, of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, will deliver an address in the auditorium of the Jamestown high school building tomorrow night and the public is cordially invited to attend.

A. C. Wray Dead.—Mr. A. C. Wray, who had been ill for several months, died yesterday afternoon at his home near Guilford Battle ground. He was 71 years of age and a highly respected citizen. The funeral will take place at Pisgah Methodist church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Officers Elected.—The recently elected board of directors of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Charles W. Gold, president; Marmaduke Robins, first vice president; C. C. Hudson, second vice president; Garland Daniel, treasurer; J. C. Forester, secretary.

Social Welfare League.—The following officers of the Social Welfare League of Greensboro have been elected for the ensuing year: A. W. McAllister, president; J. Norman Wills, vice president; E. J. Harold, secretary; F. C. Boyles, general treasurer; R. M. Middleton, treasurer of the charity fund; Mrs. Blanche Carr, social welfare work.

Dr. Alderman a Visitor.—Dr. Ed. A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, and Mrs. Alderman were visitors at the State Normal and Industrial College Tuesday. Doctor Alderman spoke briefly at the chapel exercises. His remarks were reminiscent. He was a teacher of literature, history and geography in the college in its early days.

First Load in 14 Years.—Mr. J. T. Bennett and young son, of Brown summit Route 1, were welcome callers at the Patriot office yesterday. Mr. Bennett had just sold the first load of tobacco he had brought to the Greensboro market in 14 years and was so well pleased with the result that it is a safe bet that it will be the 14 years until he brings another load to this market.

Declared Bankrupt.—The William Ader Furniture Company, of Winston-Salem, Tuesday filed a petition for voluntary bankruptcy in the United States court here. Judge Lyman granted the decree and referred the matter to J. E. Alexander, of Winston-Salem, referee in bankruptcy. The liabilities of the bankrupt company are scheduled at \$4,908, and the assets amounting to \$7,733.

Held Under Bond.—W. C. Lindbeck, a farmer of the county, was held under a hearing before Justice of the Peace D. H. Collins yesterday on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property. J. E. Dillon made the charge, naming the defendant of a pair of mules on a mortgage for \$325. The defendant was held for the Superior court under a bond of \$500.

Stockholders Meet.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Carolina Public Service Company was held here Tuesday, when the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. Bird of New York; E. C. Deal, of Greensboro; L. H. Hole, of New York; R. J. Hole, of Salisbury; F. H. Williamson, of Flemington; N. J. T. H. Vanderford, of Salisbury; and Eugene B. Coler, of New York. Mr. Williamson is the only new member of the board, he being elected to succeed Mr. Z. V. Taylor, who retired from the board in an effort to discourage the belief prevalent in the quarters that the North Carolina Public Service Company is under the domination of the Southern Power Company interests.

Mrs. Crutchfield's Funeral.—The body of Mrs. C. E. Crutchfield, who died in Lakeland, Fla., last Saturday night, was brought to Greensboro Tuesday morning and carried to the home of Mr. D. G. Patterson, on Gorrell street, from which place the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Shuford Peeler and interment made in Greene Hill cemetery.

Hannah-Petty Wedding.—Mr. James Hunt Hannah, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Martha Tomlinson Petty, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Petty, were married in the Moravian church in this city Tuesday evening. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Edward Rondthaler, of Winston-Salem, in the presence of a number of invited friends. Upon their return from their bridal trip Mr. and Mrs. Hannah will be at home in Norfolk.

Special Term.—Judge James E. Boyd convened a special term of United States District court in Charlotte Tuesday to hear arguments in an injunction suit which the Tryon Light and Water Power Company is bringing against the mountain resort town of Tryon, which has sold \$25,000 in bonds to construct a new waterworks system, claiming the company now operating does not furnish an adequate water supply for the town.

Clerk Appointed.—Judge C. C. Lyon, who is presiding over a civil term of Guilford Superior court, yesterday signed an order appointing Mr. Charles G. Rose, a prominent lawyer of Fayetteville, clerk of the Superior court of Cumberland county to succeed Maj. A. A. McKeithan, who died a few days ago. Judge Lyon made the appointment by virtue of the fact of being the resident judge of the Superior court district in which Cumberland county is situated.

Grocery Robbed.—The grocery store of Hodgkin & Co., on Spring Garden street, a short distance west of the State Normal and Industrial College, was entered by hungry thieves Monday night or Tuesday morning and relieved of a quantity of canned goods and other eatables. An entrance to the store was effected by breaking one of the plate glass windows in the front with a rock. The officers have been unable to discover anything that would seem to reveal the identity of the thieves.

Vital Statistics.—The vital statistics for Guilford county for 1914, exclusive of Greensboro, High Point, Stokesdale and Summerfield, show a big margin between the deaths and births in favor of the latter. There were 861 births and only 397 deaths. The statistics for the towns named are made separately and were not included in the list held by Register of Deeds W. H. Rankin. The greatest number of births in any township was 162 and the least 22; while the greatest number of deaths was 83 and the least 7.

Big Damage Suit.—The Superior court has been engaged since Tuesday morning in trying a suit for \$30,000 damages brought by John T. Hunt, administrator of P. M. Hunt, against the Southern Railway. The argument of counsel was concluded yesterday morning and Judge Lyon charged the jury this morning. P. M. Hunt met his death last summer while crossing the railroad tracks at the fair grounds crossing west of the city. He was in an automobile which was struck by an incoming train from Winston-Salem. Three or four other men in the machine jumped and escaped injury.

Had Splendid Year.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company was held at the banking house on South Elm street yesterday, when most gratifying reports were received from the officers and directors as to the business of the past year. The reports showed the affairs of the company to be in a prosperous condition, with over \$2,000,000 of assets, 16,121 open accounts and net earnings for the year of 11 3-10 per cent on the capital stock of \$300,000. Upon the adjournment of the stockholders the directors, all of whom were re-elected, met and re-elected the officers of the company, who are: J. W. Fry, president; J. S. Cox, vice president; W. E. Allen, secretary and treasurer; W. M. Ridehour, assistant treasurer; W. M. Combs, manager savings department.

Mr. W. B. Merrimon has gone on a business trip to Washington, New York and Hartford, Conn.

ATTACK ON KING'S PALACE

GERMAN AIRCRAFT MADE RAID TUESDAY NIGHT—SEVERAL PEOPLE KILLED.

German aircraft made their long threatened raid on England Tuesday night and attempted to blow up with bombs the king's royal residence in Sandringham, county Norfolk.

King George and Queen Mary, who have stayed at Sandringham with their family, only Tuesday returned to London.

It is not definitely known whether the raiders were Zeppelins or aeroplanes, but Zeppelins were reported as passing over the North sea in a westerly direction and some believed these were the raiders.

The night was dark and cloudy, which made it impossible for the people in the town over which they passed to distinguish even the outlines of the raiders, though the whirr of their propellers and the droning of their motors could be heard.

A Zeppelin is reported to have been brought down by a warship at Hunstanton, a few miles north of Sandringham.

Bombs were dropped in Yarmouth, King's Lynn, Sandringham, Cromer, Sherringham and Beeston. Everywhere, except at Beeston casualties and damage to property resulted.

The first place visited was the widely known seaside resort and fishing town of Yarmouth.

A man and a woman were killed, a number of persons were injured and much damage to property was done by the raiders. Their visit lasted less than 10 minutes.

Four or five bombs were dropped in Yarmouth. When the attack began the authorities gave instructions that all lights be extinguished and other precautionary measures were taken. Few signs of panic were seen during the raid.

F. P. HOBGOOD, JR., CHOSEN MASONIC GRAND MASTER.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons tonight elected Frank P. Hobgood, Jr., of Greensboro, grand master to succeed John T. Alderman, of Henderson, retired. A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, was advanced to deputy grand master; Claude L. Prigden, of Kinston, to senior grand warden, and George S. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, was advanced from the appointive office of senior grand deacon to the first elective officer of junior grand warden.

The grand lodge received today the reports of the Masonic orphanage at Oxford and Masonic and Eastern Star home at Greensboro, both showing splendid conditions.

The home at Greensboro, opened within the year with 65 capacity, reports its \$10,000 debt taken care of in a 100-day campaign for donations, and there are being pressed at this time two classes of pledges to the maintenance fund that will assure ample means for the full capacity service at the home. One is pledges of \$100 each by the lodges, payable \$25 annually, and the other individual pledges of \$5 per year for five years. The home wants 100 of the lodges pledges and has secured 51; it wants 1,000 of the individual pledges and has quite a large number.

Trouble in New York

Governor Whitman, of New York, has not yet been in office three weeks, but already there is every indication of a break between him and the Republican state leaders. The trouble seems to be that the governor takes his promises of reform and retrenchment seriously, while the bosses are principally interested in ridding Democrats out of office, with a view to putting their own men in, and in preventing the abolition of positions they wish for their own crowd. Altogether the possibilities of a first-class row seem excellent.

Returns to Old Job.—Mr. C. M. Waynick, who has been holding down a desk on the Charlotte Observer for several months, has returned to Greensboro and resumed his former position as city editor of the Daily Record. Mr. Waynick is an energetic and capable young newspaper man and has many friends in Greensboro who are glad to welcome his return to his first love.

JOHN SWAIN SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

Mr. John Swain, of Pleasant Garden, is in St. Leo's hospital suffering from a serious bullet wound inflicted by an unknown highwayman and the officers of the law are exerting every energy to capture his assailant. The shooting occurred last evening about 7 o'clock near the South Buffalo bridge, about a mile south of the city limits.

Mr. Swain had spent the afternoon in Greensboro on business and was returning to Pleasant Garden. Just after he had crossed the bridge that spans South Buffalo creek two negroes jumped from the side of the road and called to him to halt. One of the negroes seized the horse by the reins and the other one laid his hands upon Mr. Swain, who cried for help and attempted to beat off his assailant. In a moment the negro drew a revolver and fired at Mr. Swain, who fell in the road. Both negroes then ran off.

Mr. Swain's cries were heard by several young men returning to the city from a hunting trip and they hurried to his assistance. In response to a call, Sheriff Stafford and several deputies and police officers were on the scene in a few minutes.

The wounded man was carried to St. Leo's hospital, where an examination showed his injury to be of a very serious nature. The bullet entered his right side and penetrated the liver.

The officers spent the night searching for the two negroes, but met with no success. The search was renewed this morning.

ALLIANCE TO OVERTHROW CARRANZA AND VILLA.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 20.—A movement has been started in Mexico to eliminate both Carranza and Villa, it was learned tonight in authentic reports from the interior.

Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Carranza's chief, heads the movement with Gen. Eulalio Gutierrez, the national convention's provisional president, who recently fled from the capital. They have agreed together and with several of the Carranza and Villa leaders, it is reported, to organize an independent movement to establish a lasting peace.

This agreement, it was said, dates back to the early part of the present month.

Several prominent Villa officials have been jailed or met execution as a result of the new movement, it was reported here.

Luis Benavides, General Villa's private secretary, is reported in jail at Mexico City.

The troops which left Mexico City with Gutierrez have formed a junction with Obregon's column and are preparing to enter the capital, according to reports.

A Real Trade Balance.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—For the first time in history the United States is "experiencing the sensation of a real trade balance" in its favor, Dr. Edward E. Pratt, chief of the federal bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, told the Illinois Bankers' Association at a dinner here tonight.

"As a result of development abroad during the last six months," Doctor Pratt said, "we have turned the corner and are facing a new era of business expansion in this country—an era which has made this term 'home market' obsolete and archaic, and put in its place the unfamiliar term 'world market.'" He explained that while the export excess in favor of the United States had ranged annually for fourteen years from \$250,000,000 to \$650,000,000, "invisible factors" had made this only an apparent favorable balance."

J. P. Morgan Optimistic.

J. P. Morgan called on President Wilson Monday and told the chief executive that there had been a marked improvement in general trade conditions as affecting international exchange and that increase in exports to Europe had decreased greatly American indebtedness to Europe.

Mr. Morgan mentioned the credit of \$12,000,000 recently established by the Russian government in the United States through Mr. Morgan's banking firm and explained that there was to be no direct loan of money to the Russian government. On leaving the White House, he said the arrangements for the credit loan would go forward.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS NOTES

A BRIEF SURVEY OF WHAT IS TRANSPIRING IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Dies Suddenly.—John T. Edwards, a merchant of Rocky Mount, died yesterday while on his way from his home to his store. He was 35 years old.

Bonds For Roads.—Lee county, which two years ago voted \$100,000 for road improvement, last Saturday voted another \$100,000 for the same purpose.

Live Stock Meeting.—The first meeting of the North Carolina Live Stock Association convened in Statesville Tuesday and will be in session through today.

Confederate Memorial.—Gabriel J. Boney, who died in Wilmington recently, left \$20,000 to build a monument or memorial to the Confederacy, to be erected in Wilmington.

Masonic Meeting.—The 128th annual communication of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons met in Raleigh Tuesday and will adjourn this afternoon. The membership of the Masonic fraternity in this state is about 24,000.

Girl Drowned.—Two children of J. W. Throckmorton, of Stokes county, going home from school, attempted to walk a log across a swollen stream. Both fell in and the 11-year-old girl was drowned while the 10-year-old boy managed to reach the bank in safety.

Want Law Changed.—The directors of the North Carolina Merchants' Association, in session at Durham this week, went on record in favor amending the constitution by constitutional convention. The merchants are particularly anxious to eliminate the homestead exemption.

Engineer Killed.—Thomas S. Stone, of Raleigh, a locomotive engineer on the Seaboard Air Line, lost his life when a through passenger train from New York to Jacksonville was derailed at Osgood, six miles north of Sanford, Tuesday night. His colored fireman was seriously injured. No passengers were hurt.

Judge Ruffin's Statue.—The statue of Chief Justice Ruffin, which has been placed in position in the administration building in Raleigh, will be unveiled February 1. Chief Justice Clark will make the principal address, Judge Crawford Biggs will make the presentation speech and the statue will be accepted by Governor Craig.

Played Around Dead Mother.—Mrs. Virginia Helms, wife of Thomas Helms, was found lying dead in the yard of her home in Union county a few days ago, her three little children playing about their dead mother's body, unconscious of the awful reality. It is supposed that Mrs. Helms dropped dead while walking about the yard. The husband and father was away from home at the time.

French Draw Near German Frontier

Heavy snowfalls in France and in Flanders have confined fighting almost entirely to artillery engagements. There has been one exception, however, southwest of Verdun, near Pont-a-Mousson, where the French are reported to have approached a few hundred yards nearer the German frontier.

Military men attach considerable importance to operations in this region, for, they say, in conjunction with the continued French pressure on the German lines west of the fortress of Perthes, they will check, if against Verdun, around which they have had a half circle drawn since they invaded France.

Of the progress of the battles in East Prussia and Poland the official reports give less information than usual. Loquacity seems to be avoided when a big new movement is commencing, such as that which the Russians are carrying out between the east Prussia border and the lower Vistula. In this operation, as far as can be judged, from the scant details furnished, the Russians are making a big sweep to the west and north, evidently trying to prevent Field Marshal von Hindenburg's forces from joining the German troops in east Prussia.

Saved 476 Lives.—American revenue cutters saved 476 lives and gave assistance to 210 vessels valued with their cargoes at more than \$9,000,000 during the last fiscal year.

MATTERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Judiciary committee No. 2 of the house has voted to report favorably the Dunning bill to divide the state into two judicial districts to be known as eastern and western, the eastern to consist of districts 1 to 10 and the western of the districts 11 to 20. The change is to be effective with the beginning of the next fall terms of Superior courts.

Another bill introduced in the house provided for three calendar circuits of Superior courts, so that a circuit requires four instead of six months, each judge completing the state in six years.

Representative Doughton in the senate introduced resolutions to limit the present session of the assembly to 40 instead of the constitutional limit of 60 days. The rules committee are considering these measures.

In the house Thomas, of Anson, introduced a bill to empower the governor to appoint a commission consisting of two Superior court judges, one Supreme court justice and two lawyers to recommend changes in judicial procedure.

A resolution passed by the house tenders felicitations to Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, of Charlotte, and expresses the hope that she will speedily recover from serious illness.

A bill offered in the senate by Senator Cooper would amend the law as to sales of corn meal so that packages can be of any weight, just so they show weight and whether bolted or unbolted.

The first effort to break the power of the so-called insurance trust in North Carolina was made yesterday in the house by Representative Seawell, of Lee, when he introduced a bill to enact into law practically the recommendations of a committee appointed which investigated the matter in a thorough manner and made its report to the governor, who later transmitted the same to the general assembly.

A bill was also introduced in the house yesterday to repeal the long and short haul clause of the justice act. There has been much discussion of this act, the smaller railroads claiming that it practically put them out of business.

Sit Steady in the Boat.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—The most interesting and significant thing in legislative sessions today was the initial joint conference of the senate and house committee on finance, with Chairman Doughton, of the house, presiding. The net outcome is that there is unanimous opinion expressed to "sit steady in the boat" or "stand pat" in matters of taxation and appropriations. All seemed to agree that in the light of the recent vote on the constitutional amendments especially the tax amendment, the plan for the revision of the assessments and taxing system of the state as recommended by Chairman Travis, of the state tax commission, is a good thing but that in view of the existing conditions it is not advisable to make these revisions at this time.

Indeed, members of the joint committee seemed of one opinion that there will be no increase in appropriations at this session and, furthermore, appropriations for permanent improvements at state institutions will have a very great falling off compared with appropriations two years ago when there was a \$500,000 bond issue for permanent improvements. This time it is the declared purpose of the committee to have no bond issues provided at this session and maintenance provision for state institutions that may not stint them in this respect is hinted at as about the best that can be expected.

Engineers Better Paid Than Governors.

Governors of seven states could make more money in a locomotive cab on some Western railway runs than they now receive as chief executives, according to a statement of James M. Sheehan, attorney for Western railroads, whose engineers, firemen and hostlers are demanding higher wages and better hours, in outlining the railroad side of the case of the board of arbitration in Chicago. Sheehan declared the annual salaries of the governors were smaller than wages received by some of the locomotive engineers of Western railroads, who ask increases which, he said, would amount to \$40,000,000 a year.