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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

New Lawyer.—Mr. Julius C. Smith, of High Point, who has just been granted license by the Supreme court to practice law, was sworn in before the Superior court of Guilford county Thursday.

Mrs. Royster Improving.—Mrs. George H. Royster, who is in a hospital in Richmond, Va., for treatment, is improving very satisfactorily and is expected to be able to return home in a few weeks.

Over 200 Enrolled.—The Greensboro training school for Sunday school teachers and workers, embracing members of all the white Protestant churches in the city, now has an enrollment of over 200.

Revival Meeting.—A revival meeting was begun at Westminster Presbyterian church Friday night and will be continued through the present week and perhaps longer. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Hodgkin, is being assisted by Rev. Robert King, of Kernsville, and the services are well attended.

For Robbing House.—John Henry Walker, colored, was given a hearing in Municipal court a few days ago and held for the Superior court on the charge of breaking into and entering the servants' quarters at the home of Mr. R. F. Dalton, on West Spangore street. He was held under a bond of \$150.

Judge Clark Tonight.—Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina Supreme court, will make a speech in the county court house tonight in advocacy of woman suffrage, his address having been postponed from a previous date. Judge Clark is one of the most earnest advocates of woman suffrage in the state.

Held Under Bond.—A. Horwitz, who was given a hearing last week before United States Commissioner Collins on the charge of violating the bankruptcy law by withholding property from the trustee in a bankruptcy proceeding, has been held under a bond of \$1,000 for the term of United States District court to be held in this city in June.

Married Thursday Night.—Mr. Edgar M. Greeson and Miss Blanche Greeson were married last Thursday night at the home of Rev. J. E. Spenk, pastor of the First Lutheran church, who performed the ceremony. The groom is an employe of the city as a member of the auto fire truck company and his bride has made her home in Greensboro for some time, having been in the employe of the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

S. W. Brooks Dead.—Mr. S. W. Brooks, who had made his home in Greensboro for several years, died yesterday morning at his home on Price street. The funeral will be held from the residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. C. E. Hodgkin. Mr. Brooks was 80 years of age and a native of England. He is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters. One of the daughters, Mrs. M. J. Westcott, resides in Greensboro.

Goes to Concord.—Mr. W. Giles "Gabe" of this city, has moved to Concord to become editor and manager of the Chronicle, a Republican weekly paper published in that town. Some years ago Mr. Mebane was on the staff of the Greensboro Daily Industrial News and did splendid newspaper work. For the past 14 years he has been traveling. Mr. Mebane has many friends in Greensboro and throughout the state who will wish him well in his new venture.

Guilford Jessup Arrested.—Sheriff Stafford wore a satisfied smile when he returned to town Friday morning and announced that he had arrested Guilford Jessup, who was wanted for the part he took in a fight at the last Fourth of July celebration at Guilford Battle Ground. The other participants in the affray were arrested with little difficulty, but Guilford Jessup didn't want to be arrested and migrated to West Virginia. He returned to Guilford county last week, and Sheriff Stafford was advised that he might be found at the Piney Grove school Friday afternoon. Following the "lead," the sheriff followed his man to the Piney Grove school and took him in custody. Jessup gave bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance at a preliminary hearing.

GUILFORD ALUMNI BANQUET

NOTABLE OCCASION SATURDAY NIGHT—SEVERAL STRONG SPEECHES HEARD.

The Guilford College alumni banquet, which was held at the Guilford hotel Saturday night, was a notable occasion and was attended by a large number of former students of the college. Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., was the guest of honor and Mr. William A. Blair, of Winston-Salem, was the toastmaster.

The address of Dr. Sharpless was a plea for the preservation of the old standards in the educational world and was listened to with the deepest interest. He said a man educated by the old standards has a bent of mind that will serve him well in every relation of later life. The men who conceived and founded the government of the United States received only that sort of training. In their college days they never dreamed of attempting to prepare themselves to found a new government; but their intellectual capacity was so prodigiously developed that they were ready to meet any emergency.

Dr. L. L. Hobbs, who is soon to retire as president of the college, spoke on "Guilford's Place." He reviewed briefly the splendid work Guilford has done in the past as evidenced by the lives of the notable men and women she has turned out. Mr. J. Elwood Cox, chairman of the board of trustees, spoke of the endowment of the college, which has grown from \$60,000 in 1905 to \$180,000 at the present time.

Home Burned.—The residence of Mr. John Dean, about three miles south of Greensboro, was destroyed by a fire that was discovered about 5 o'clock Thursday morning. The fire had made such progress when discovered that there was little time left to save any of the household effects, although all the members of the family escaped without harm. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

A Bold Robbery.—Raymond Fair, a young white man, was arrested shortly before midnight last night a moment after he had broken a plate glass window in Bernau's jewelry store and taken about \$150 worth of jewelry. Three police officers who were going down South Elm street heard the crash of breaking glass when they were two doors above the jewelry store and took Fair in custody before he had time to cross the sidewalk. He was locked up for a hearing today.

Recovering Nicely.—Miss Rebecca Phoenix, who recently underwent an operation at St. Leo's hospital for cancer and later was carried to Johns Hopkins hospital, in Baltimore, returned to the city Saturday, accompanied by her father, Mr. John J. Phoenix. The specialist who examined her in Baltimore gave a favorable report and advised that she return to Greensboro for further treatment in St. Leo's hospital. Miss Phoenix was treated in Baltimore by Dr. Howard Kelly, one of the most eminent cancer specialists in the country, and her friends will be glad to know that he holds out hopes of her early and complete recovery.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Following are among the transfers of real estate recorded in the office of the register of deeds during the latter part of last week.

H. B. Hoskins to Lillian I. Harper, property on Steele street, in High Point, for about \$2,500.

W. R. Self, trustee, to the Brown Real Estate Company, on South Cedar street, Greensboro, for \$1,000. Henry Farmer to Ernest Elliott and others, 15 acres, for \$225.

R. P. Gorrell to Gate City Motor Company, property on Chapman street, for \$375.

Gate City Motor Company to L. M. Ham, property on Chapman street, for \$375.

Joseph P. White to J. W. Terrell, lots in Gilmer township, for \$640.

Charles L. Sockwell to W. F. Martin, 236 acres in Washington township, for \$6,844.

G. H. Miles to May S. Miles, for \$50, a lot on Schenck street.

L. F. Thompson to G. R. Thompson, property on Gregory street, for \$300.

H. P. Cox to L. F. Thompson, property on Gregory street, for \$300. E. Fremont Edwards to Lewis Ogburn, 13 acres in Friendship, for \$225.

DENY ANY RESPONSIBILITY

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE REPLIES TO AMERICAN NOTE OF PROTEST.

The British foreign office Friday evening issued a note in reply to the representation of the United States government concerning the use of the American flag by British vessels.

The note says that the Cunard Line steamer Lusitania on her recent voyage from New York to Liverpool raised the American flag "to save the lives of non-combatants, crew and passengers." It adds that in spite of the fact that American passengers embarking on the Lusitania on her outward voyage for New York asked that the American flag be hoisted, "the British government did not give any advice to the company as to how to meet this request and, it is understood the Lusitania left Liverpool under the British flag."

After discussing the Lusitania incident the memorandum says: "The British government has no intention of advising merchant shipping to use foreign flags as a general practice or to resort to them otherwise than for escaping capture or destruction."

In conclusion the statement says: "The obligation on a belligerent warship to ascertain definitely for itself the nationality and character of a merchant vessel before capturing it and a fortiori (stronger reason) before sinking and destroying it has been universally recognized. If that obligation is fulfilled the hoisting of a neutral flag on board a British vessel cannot possibly endanger neutral shipping and the British government holds that if loss to neutrals is caused by disregarding this obligation it is upon the enemy vessel disregarding and upon the government giving orders that it should be disregarded that the full responsibility for injury to neutrals ought to rest."

"It is understood that the German government announced their intention of sinking British merchant vessels at sight by torpedoes, without giving any opportunity of making any provision for the saving of lives of non-combatants, crews and passengers. It was in consequence of this threat that the Lusitania raised the United States flag on her inward voyage.

"In regard to the use of foreign flags by merchant vessels, the British merchant shipping act makes it clear that the use of the British flag by foreign merchant vessels is permitted in time of war for the purpose of escaping capture. It is believed that in the case of some other nations there is similar recognition of the same practice with regard to their flags, and that none has forbidden it.

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Cargo Held For Prize Court. London, Feb. 10.—Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, announced today that the British government has decided that the American steamer Wihelmina's food cargo should be held for a prize court.

This declaration appears to make clear Great Britain's purpose to declare all foodstuffs for Germany contraband as well as to foreshadow other reprisals. The foreign minister, after reviewing the German methods of warfare and denouncing them as violations of all international usages, says:

"If, therefore, his majesty's government should hereafter feel constrained to declare foodstuffs absolute contraband or to take other measures for interfering with German trade by way of reprisals, they confidently expect that such action will not be, challenged on the part

TWO MORE VESSELS ARE SUNK

GERMAN SUBMARINE GETS IN ITS WORK OF DESTRUCTION IN IRISH SEA.

A German submarine appeared in the Irish sea Saturday and torpedoed without notice the British coasting steamer Cambank, of 440 tons register. Three of the crew were killed and a fourth was drowned while the men were taking to the boats.

Except for the loss of life, the sinking of the Cambank was not in itself a serious matter, but the presence of a German submarine near the route which the Atlantic liners take to and from Liverpool and along which many steamers pass daily, is certain to cause uneasiness.

The submarine yesterday found another victim in the little Irish coasting steamer Downshire. The Downshire was sunk not far from the spot where the British steamer Cambank was torpedoed Saturday. The Downshire's crew, however, were given time to escape in their boats, and, instead of waiving a torpedo, the Germans used a bomb.

The submarines up to now have demonstrated their ability to attack only slow steamers or those anchored, as a number of liners have passed to and fro in the Irish sea where the German craft have been at work, without being approached.

The Land Fighting. None of the official reports of the land fighting contains important information, although there are big battles in progress near the East Prussian frontier, where the Russians claim to have stemmed the German advance; in western Galicia where the Russians have become more active; in the Carpathians, and in Bukovina, where again the Russians have been reinforced and are resisting the Austro-German advance.

There seems to be little change in the relative positions in West Galicia and in the Carpathians, the battle lines remaining about as they were. A big battle is being fought north of the Nadworna-Kolomea line in southeastern Galicia, and according to German correspondents, the Russians have brought up large reinforcements from Stanislaw.

The Russian and Turkish forces again have come into touch in the Caucasus, in the Trans-Caucasus region, but the result of the encounter is not given.

There again has been a slackening in the activity in the west.

Dardanelles Bombarded. The British and French fleets bombarded the Dardanelles forts Friday with considerable effect. The bombardment was renewed Saturday with seaplanes and aeroplanes co-operating.

Besides desiring to bring Turkey to her knees, the allies in their attempt to force the Dardanelles aimed at an early release of the large stock of wheat which the allies wish to get out, both to relieve the markets and to provide Russia with necessary credit to pay for war material bought abroad.

"Lazy Husband" Bill Passed.

What is known as the "lazy husband" bill has been passed by the Indiana state senate without a dissenting vote. The bill provides:

"Every husband who neglects to support his wife and provide her with necessary food, clothing and medical attention, and every person having any boy under the age of 16 years or any girl under the age of 17 years depending upon him or her for education or support who willfully neglects to furnish the necessary food, clothing, shelter and medical attention for his or her child shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined any sum not exceeding \$500, to which may be added imprisonment in the county jail or workhouse for a period not exceeding six months."

Mr. J. R. Kernodle and young son, of Brown Summit Route 1, were visitors at The Patriot office Saturday.

of neutrals states by appeals to laws and usages of war whose validity rests on their forming an integral part of that system of international doctrine, which, as a whole, their enemy frankly boasts the intention to disregard, so long as such neutral states cannot compel the German government to abandon methods of warfare which have not in recent history been regarded as having the sanction of either law or humanity."

AMERICAN VESSEL BLOWN UP

VESSEL CARRYING COTTON IS SUNK BY MINE IN NORTH SEA.

The American steamer Evelyn, which sailed from New York January 29 with a cotton cargo for Bremen, was sunk by a mine Saturday off Borkum island, in the North sea. The vessel's captain and 27 of her crew were saved.

The nationality of the mine which destroyed the Evelyn has not been established.

The Evelyn is the first American vessel to meet with disaster as a result of a sea warfare of the European nations. She did not sink within the war zone included in the German admiralty's decree. Borkum island lies directly off the German coast at the mouth of the Ems river and is German territory.

News Received in Washington.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The United States government was advised officially tonight of the destruction of the first American vessel on the high seas since the outbreak of the European war. American Consul Fee at Bremen, cabled that the steamer Evelyn and her cargo of cotton bound for Bremen had been "blown up at Borkum" just off the German coast, and that the crew had been saved. The cause—submarine or mine—was not given in the dispatch.

After a conference with President Wilson, Secretary Bryan cabled Ambassador Gerard at London and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to make an exhaustive inquiry as to the facts, and, if the crew were landed in either of their respective jurisdictions, to furnish every care and convenience to Captain Smith and his men.

Although the extent of the sea zones of war proclaimed by Germany was never defined exactly, the Borkum islands are considered far distant from the danger areas of submarines. The waters of the vicinity and mined for defensive purposes and Germany always has piloted incoming ships through.

At the German embassy tonight, it was pointed out that the accident must have been caused by a mine as Germany, sorely in need of cotton, would not torpedo a vessel laden with such a cargo for German consumption.

No Ground For Action.

Early press dispatches from Berlin announcing the loss of the vessel by a mine caused a sensation in Washington where the tension has been more or less pronounced over the situation in the war zones since the dispatch of warning notes to both Great Britain and Germany. It was virtually conceded that if the cause of the accident was proved to be a mine, there probably would be no ground for diplomatic action by the United States, as the laying of mines is not prohibited by any international conventions now in force.

Fire in Wholesale District Friday Night.

Fire early Friday night gutted the building and destroyed the stock of the American Commission Company, a wholesale grocery concern doing business on South Davie street. The fire was discovered shortly before 9 o'clock and the firemen were on duty until 11 o'clock, and by hard work prevented the flames from spreading to the adjoining buildings occupied by the Patterson Company on the north and Stockton & Hire on the south.

The burned building was the property of Mrs. W. M. Ridenhour and was insured for about half its value. While no appraisal has been made, it is thought the damage to the American Commission Company is \$25,000 or more, partially covered by insurance.

A "Tadpole Statesman."

A bitter verbal clash between Representative Palmer and Farr, of Pennsylvania, on the floor of the lower house of Congress Thursday night held up final action on the annual pension appropriation bill. Debate took a wide range, and in the course of some remarks Representative Palmer said it cost a million dollars to elect a Republican senator from Pennsylvania. This drew a hot attack from Mr. Farr. In the exchange that followed Mr. Farr charged that Mr. Palmer had been a lobbyist and Mr. Palmer called Mr. Farr a "tadpole statesman."

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS NOTES

A BRIEF SURVEY OF WHAT IS TRANSPILING IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

A Candidate.—S. H. Hobbs, of Sampson county, who is prominently identified with the Farmers' Union in the state and nation, will be a candidate next year for the Democratic nomination for state commissioner of agriculture.

Belgium Refugees.—The first party of Belgian refugees that will settle in North Carolina arrived in Wilmington last week from New York and went to Columbus county, where they will settle on lands of a development company.

Dropped Dead.—Miss Mary McDonald, of Cabarrus county aged 65 years, dropped dead in the Southern Railway passenger station in Salisbury Friday. She was being carried by the sheriff of Cabarrus county to the state hospital for the insane at Morganton.

Graham Inauguration.—The formal inauguration of Dr. E. K. Graham as president of the University of North Carolina will take place April 21 and is to be made a notable occasion. Some of the leading educators in the nation will be present and make addresses.

Will Build Road.—The project to build a new sand-clay road from Ashtoro to High Point is assuming definite shape and it is expected that actual work will begin inside of 30 days. The route is by the Randolph county home, through the gap of Carraway mountain by the home of ex-Representative Thomas Redding, thence by Flint Hill and Frazier's Siding, and will be 23 miles long.

President Resigns.—It is understood in Statesville that Rev. Dr. J. A. Scott, president of Statesville Female college, will sever his connection with the institution when the present school term closes. The college trustees are expected to make definite announcement of the matter within a few days. Dr. Scott has been president of the college for many years and the institution has grown during his administration.

Schools For Orphans.—The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows has taken the position that orphan homes should be made public school districts and the children of those homes should share in the educational advantages of the state the same as the other children of the state. At present the children of the orphan homes are a nonentity so far as partaking of the state's educational advantages is concerned, it is pointed out.

TRAVELING MEN ATTEND SPECIAL MEETING HERE.

A special meeting of the North Carolina Council of the United Commercial Travelers was held in this city Saturday afternoon and was followed at night by a banquet in the Y. M. C. A. building. The meeting was attended by traveling men from all over North and South Carolina and was made notable by the presence of two supreme officers of the order—Grand Secretary W. D. Murphy and Grand Page T. J. Phelps.

The first meeting was held at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when Grand Secretary Murphy made an address to the various secretaries of the North and South Carolina councils. This was intensely practical and interesting to his audience. At 4.30 a meeting of the state council was held and the initiation was conferred by the degree team of the Greensboro council. The secret work was followed by an address by Grand Page Phelps.

Mr. C. C. Taylor served as toastmaster at the banquet and toasts were responded to as follows:

"Greensboro, the Home of the Traveling Man," Mayor T. J. Murphy.

"Greensboro Council No. 296," E. C. Caldwell.

"The Traveling Man as a Factor in Commerce," J. E. Latham.

"The Grand Council of the Carolinas," E. A. Hughes, grand counselor.

"The Order of the United Commercial Travelers as a Fraternity," T. J. Phelps, supreme page.

"The Best Asset of a Live City—the Traveling Men," C. O. Kuester.

"Unity, Charity, Temperance," W. D. Murphy, supreme secretary.

Mr. T. R. Kirkman, of Pleasant Garden, was among the callers at The Patriot office Saturday.