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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

**Engineer Employed.**—Mr. E. W. Myers has been employed by the city as engineer of street construction work at a salary of \$200 a month, his duties to begin March 15 and continue as long as needed.

**A Surgical Patient.**—Mrs. E. M. Hollingsworth, of Mt. Airy, who came to Greensboro recently on a visit to Mrs. J. W. Patterson, is a patient at St. Leo's hospital, where she underwent a successful operation this week. Her condition is reported as satisfactory and she is expected to be able to return home soon.

**New School Buildings.**—The city commissioners yesterday afternoon authorized Architect W. L. Brewer to prepare plans for two new school buildings that are to be erected as soon as possible, one for the white and one for the colored race. The white school building will be erected on Bragg street and the colored on East Washington street.

**Increased Receipts.**—The Greensboro postoffice receipts for February showed a marked gain over February of 1914, the amount of the gain being \$744.35. The total receipts for the month were \$10,204.07 against a total of \$9,459.72 in 1914. An increase has been made in both January and February over the same two months in 1914, this gain being \$268.47.

**John R. Tucker Dead.**—Mr. John R. Tucker, a well known citizen, died yesterday afternoon at his home four miles south of Greensboro. Death was caused by heart failure, which followed a severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. Tucker was 76 years old and is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter. The funeral and interment will take place at Pleasant Garden this afternoon.

**Fire Alarm Sounded.**—The city commissioners this week purchased a siren for the fire department stations which will serve in the place of ten ordinary fire alarms, thus greatly increasing the efficiency of the alarm service at a low expense. The machine cost \$275, while each alarm box costs about \$100, and the electrical mechanical repeating box now purchased will sound ten new localities on the big fire bell and in all the fire alarm stations.

**Head Consul.**—Mr. George F. Wise, of this city, was yesterday elected head consul of the Woodmen of the World in North Carolina at a meeting of the order held in Durham.

**Mrs. W. J. Armfield Dead.**—Mrs. W. J. Armfield, a member of one of Guilford county's leading families, died yesterday at her home in High Point. She had been ill for several weeks. She was 64 years old and is survived by her husband, one daughter and five sons.

**Attempted Suicide.**—A young woman who gave her name as Katherine Batchelor and her home as Danville, Va., attempted to end her life at the European hotel about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning by swallowing a glass of water in which she had dissolved two deadly poison bichloride tablets. After she had swallowed the poison the young woman telephoned the night clerk, who summoned a physician. The poison was pumped out of the young woman's stomach, and while she is still very sick and in a serious condition, it is thought that she will recover. It is said that the dose of poison swallowed by the young woman was sufficient to have killed half a dozen persons.

**Doing a Good Business.**—Many readers of The Patriot will be interested in the announcement that the Guilford Creamery Company's business is growing from week to week. The creamery now has 158 regular patrons and is making an average of 250 pounds of butter a day. This means that the creamery is paying out something like \$2,000 a month to the farmers and dairymen in this section, and The Patriot is informed by the managers that they would like to increase the payroll to \$10,000 a month. Mr. Glenn E. Yoder, of Catawba county, has charge of the butter-making department of the creamery. Mr. J. Frank Coble, who formerly lived on Greensboro Route 6, has acquired an interest in the business and will be connected with the creamery in the future.

**Merchant Killed.**—Mr. Claude Herndon, proprietor of Herndon's pharmacy, was called to Durham Tuesday night by a message announcing that his father-in-law, Mr. B. N. Mann, had been waylaid and assaulted. Mr. Mann was found in an unconscious condition on the corner of Peabody and Dillard streets and died soon after being removed to the hospital for an operation. Mr. Mann was a well known merchant of Durham, and it is thought that he may have been assaulted with the intention of robbery.

**Negroes Hold Meeting.**—A mass meeting of the colored people of Greensboro was held at the county court house Tuesday night in behalf of the movement for the establishment of a public library for the benefit of the colored population of the city. The principal address was made by Rev. J. E. Wallace, president of Bennett College, who spoke on "The Value of a Public Library to the Community." Many of Greensboro's best colored people are taking a lively interest in the establishment of a public library here under the Carnegie foundation.

**W. R. Moore Dead.**—Mr. W. R. Moore, a well known and highly esteemed citizen, died Tuesday at his home at Guilford College at the age of 69 years. He had been a sufferer from paralysis for some time and the end was not unexpected. Mr. Moore was a native of Wayne county, but had resided at Guilford College for the past 17 years. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter. The children are: Mr. A. K. Moore, of Greensboro; Mr. L. W. Moore, of Wilmington, and Mrs. F. E. Morton, of Durham. The funeral was held from the residence yesterday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. Albert Peele. Interment was made in the Guilford College burying ground.

### RANDOLPH MURDERER IN JAIL AT ASHEBORO

Ernest Kime, who killed his brother-in-law, Frank Garner, by cutting his throat at his home in Randolph county Sunday afternoon, as briefly related in Monday's Patriot, was arrested at his home late Monday evening and carried to Asheboro and committed to jail. He was captured by a posse led by Deputy Sheriff Coble, of Liberty.

It is reported that there was an old grudge between Garner and Kime, but it is not known that this had anything to do with the killing. It seems that Kime went to Garner's home Sunday afternoon in a drunken condition and was ordered off the place by Garner.

The report has it that Kime, after being driven to the road by Garner, drew his knife and slashed his brother-in-law's throat, the wound inflicting almost instant death. The killing was witnessed by the dead man's children.

Kime made no resistance when arrested and accompanied the officer peacefully to jail in Asheboro.

### Mexico Would Unite Against Invaders

A dispatch from El Paso, Texas, says General Villa declares that in the event of intervention of foreign troops to subdue the Carranza forces he and all other Mexicans would unite against the invaders.

Villa denied recent interviews in American newspapers, which, he said, had just been called to his attention, in which he was quoted as saying that he would not oppose armed intervention on the part of several powers "to reduce Carranza to order," provided that he would be made commander of such a move.

"There is nothing more grotesque and absurd than such an assertion," said the message from the northern leader, "since I always have insisted that all our troubles be settled solely among ourselves. Should some nation invade our territory, I would be ready to fight against it until I would see the entire country in the possession of Mexicans only. All of us would fight united against the enemy."

### No Recess Appointments

Washington, March 9.—President Wilson, it became known tonight, has decided not to give recess appointments to a number of persons whose nominations for federal offices were rejected by the senate during the last session. This decision, however, does not apply to nominations on which the senate merely failed to act.

### SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Judge C. C. Lyon is presiding over a civil term of Superior court that convened Monday morning. The first cases called were suits for divorce and the following were granted: Thomas Welborn vs. Ollie Welborn, colored; Emma Adams vs. J. T. Adams, white; Benlah Tyson vs. George Tyson, white.

The greater part of the court's time Monday and Tuesday was consumed in hearing arguments on exceptions filed in the referee's finding in an action brought by Mrs. Isabelle Fisher against Miss Maud Fisher and others, the case arising out of the administration of the Fisher estate by Mr. C. A. Bray as trustee. The case has been in the court for some time and upon agreement by both sides to the controversy the matter was referred to Mr. T. C. Hoyle. In his report to the court Referee Hoyle found the facts to be in favor of Trustee Bray, whereupon counsel for Mrs. Fisher filed exceptions. Judge Lyon has not yet rendered his decision in the case, but is expected to do so before the present term of court ends.

Yesterday Judge Lyon signed two judgments which were rendered two terms of court ago, but were argued last term on motions to set aside the verdicts. The suits were those of John T. Hunt, administrator, vs. the North Carolina Railroad Company, and J. R. Bell vs. the city of Greensboro. The former was for \$15,000 and the latter for \$1,000. No arguments were made yesterday.

The motion in the Hunt case to set aside the verdict was based on the claim that the damages given were excessive and that the evidence showed contributory negligence on the part of the deceased. P. M. Hunt, upon whose death the suit was based.

The motion in the judgment against the city was advanced on the plea that the city was not responsible for the death of the little girl by drowning near the water-works, for which suit was brought. Both cases will go to the Supreme court.

### German Cruiser at Newport News

Newport News, Va., March 10.—The German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, after a marine wrecking scouring of Pacific and Atlantic oceans which culminated in the sinking of an American sailing ship in the South Atlantic ocean January 28 last, limped into this port today and anchored for supplies and repairs. She brought with her rescued crews and passengers of American, British, French and Russian ships and lies at anchor tonight in Hampton Roads proud of her trophies of war that crunch the bottom of the sea, but in a state of mechanical exhaustion from the strain of a 55,200-mile journey.

The German cruiser began her scouting for the ships of the enemies of the Fatherland ta Tsing Tsau, China, last November under master-ship of Commander Thierichens and put into this historic port today with the admitted sinking of eight merchant ships, three British, three French, one Russian and one American. The sinking of the American ship, the William P. Fyre, a sailing vessel bound from Seattle to Queens-town with 5,200 tons of wheat, most concerned American port officials here and the Washington government.

H. H. Kiehne, of Baltimore, is the master of the American ship and after leaving the Eitel Friedrich with Customs Collector Hamilton today he told a dramatic story of his experience. With him were his wife and two children.

### Fifteen Steamers Sunk

London, March 9.—Fifteen British steamers sunk out of a total of 8,734 vessels of more than 300 tons which arrived at British ports or departed from them from January 21 to March 3 was the record of achievement of German submarines, according to figures issued by the British admiralty. Vessels of all nationalities are taken into account, excluding, however, those used by the admiralty for naval and military purposes. Twenty-nine members of the crews of the steamers torpedoed lost their lives.

The total number of vessels which arrived at British ports during this period was 4,619, while the number which departed was 4,115.

### MISSIONARY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN REIDSVILLE

A missionary conference of the Greensboro district of the Western North Carolina Conference is to be held in the Methodist church in Reidsville today and tomorrow. The program is as follows:

**Thursday Morning.**  
Devotional service, Rev. W. R. Lambeth.

Report of district secretary, Mrs. A. E. Fordham.

Young People's work, Mrs. Richard Wills.

Children's work, Mrs. Lucy H. Roberson.

Noon devotional service, Rev. T. C. Jordan.

**Thursday Afternoon.**  
Devotional, subject, "Stewardship," Rev. W. R. Lambeth.

Young People's reports.

Social service and welfare work, Mrs. Blanche Carr.

Temperance, Rev. Dr. J. H. Weaver.

Publicity, Mrs. Arch Wilkinson.

Reports of Junior Divisions.

**Thursday Evening.**  
Devotional service, Mrs. Blanche Carr.

Children's entertainment.

Address to young people and children, Miss We Tsung Zun, a Chinese student of Greensboro College for Women.

**Friday Morning.**  
Devotional service, Rev. Dr. J. H. Weaver.

Institute work, "Our New Plans and Methods of Work," Mrs. Frank Siler.

Report of Conference, Mrs. John D. Huffine.

Our literature, Mrs. J. V. Wilson.

Reports of adult societies.

Noon Bible lesson, Mrs. Frank Siler.

**Friday Afternoon.**  
Devotional service, Mrs. Lucy H. Roberson.

Mission study, Rev. T. C. Jordan.

Pledges.

Unfinished business.

Place of next meeting.

### 1,000 Kentucky Farmers in a Fox Drive

Lexington, Ky., March 9.—A thousand farmers, mounted on fleet horses, armed with pitchforks and accompanied by dogs, today made a raid on Kentucky river cliffs, in Owen county, where for years hundreds of foxes have had their dens, and slaughtered many of the little pests. Today's drive was the result of a public call, issued early in the week to the farmers of Owen and adjoining counties, where for months farmers have suffered heavy losses to their sheep flocks and poultry yards, and the answer was immediate. Foxes were starting for their dens in inaccessible parts of cliffs, killing lambs and poultry, and then get to their dens before the farmers could get their guns into action. This winter depredations were so serious that today's heroic measure was adopted.

Farmer's dogs jumped several foxes on their way to dens, and finally drove foxes back into natural depression in such a way that it was easy to kill them. Of course, there are many left, but farmers fear no more raids on their lambs or poultry.

### Railroads Must Be Allowed Profit

In an opinion announced Monday the Supreme court of the United States laid down the principle that it is beyond the power of the state to require a railroad to carry one commodity or class of traffic at a loss or nominal profit even though adequate profit is obtained from its business as a whole within the state.

Under the principle the court annulled the West Virginia two per cent rate law as to the Norfolk & Western and the North Dakota lignite coal rate law as to the Northern Pacific and the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie railroads. Justice Hughes announced the decision. Justice Pitney alone dissented.

The court held that when a state selects one commodity or class of traffic for regulation it must apportion to it a proper part of all general expenses and then allow substantial compensation.

### Women on School Boards

The legislature of Tennessee has passed a law permitting women to serve on school boards. The North Carolina legislature passed a similar law two years ago, but very few women have been appointed on school boards in this state.

### ENGLAND WILL CONTROL MUNITIONS OF WAR

London, March 9.—The house of commons today gave the government authority to take over the control of the country's entire engineering trade and to place it under a combined management for the purpose of increasing the output of war munitions. This drastic action was the outstanding feature here of the day's war news. Although public interest in the bombardment of the Dardanelles continues at a high pitch, there was little news from the land battles.

With the war area extending and the size of the army and navy constantly increasing, the government found that something must be done to keep the fighting branches supplied with arms and ammunition. The fleet bombarding the Dardanelles alone is using an immense quantity of ammunition.

### Fighting in East and West

In the East and West fighting between the Germans and the allies continues. The Russians claim another victory in the region of Augustow in North Poland, a short distance from the East Prussian frontier, which threatens to break communication between the Germans near the Lower Niemen and those before Ossowitz.

In Central Poland the battle which had promised to develop on the Pilica river seems to have died down, owing, as Petrograd puts it, to the Russians being too strong for the Germans, who were forced to abandon their offensive and fall back under a Russian counter-attack.

Things have changed little in the Carpathians although the Russians, according to their reports, apparently have improved their position on the Hungarian side of the Dukla Pass. Petrograd claims an Austrian defeat near Svidnik, on the Ondawa river, a considerable distance inside of Hungarian territory. The Austrians, however, still are attacking the Russians south of Boligrod on the Galician side of the mountains, east of the Dukla Pass.

The Vosges mountains, the Champagne district and the Arras region continue to be the scenes of hard fighting in the west but apparently neither side has gained any distinct advantage.

General Louis Botha's campaign against German Southwest Africa, which has been almost lost sight of owing to the bigger events in Europe and Asia, is progressing. One of Botha's armies, advancing in the south, is reported to have occupied a German camp north of Ukamas, 40 miles north of the border, and to have captured a large number of tents, provisions, clothing and transport animals.

### Board Split by Lawyer's Voice

Los Angeles, Cal., March 9.—Attorney C. W. Hackler's sonorous voice rose in eloquence as he addressed the jury trying a damage suit in Judge Houser's court when a report, sharp as a revolver shot, reverberated through the courtroom.

The jurors, lounging in their chairs, jumped. Court attaches sprang to their feet. The court reporter was the first to discover the cause. He looked in the empty witness box to see if someone was concealed there with a revolver.

Then he chuckled. A crack in the board constituting the front of the box told the story. The solid board had split from top to bottom.

"The effect of a wound upon the epithelial tissue"—words spoken at a certain pitch formed the keynote which set in motion an overwhelming vibration of air currents and split the board, said those who ought to know.

The face of the witness box, a smooth thin board as responsive as the sounding board of a piano, caught the vibration, jarred the molecules which held it together, and bang!

### Uniform Doesn't Carry Indemnity

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has warned enlisted men of the navy that they must not resist arrest by civil authorities; that they are amenable to local regulations as other citizens. It has been customary for men in the army and navy to act on the assumption that a man attired in one of Uncle Sam's uniforms could not be arrested for an infraction of the civil law, but the warning of Secretary Daniels will doubtless put a crimp in this notion.

### AMERICANS WARNED TO LEAVE MEXICO CITY

Washington, March 9.—American citizens again have been warned to leave Mexico City in view of the critical situation.

Secretary Bryan announced tonight that transportation on facilities would be sought for as many as desired to leave.

The battleship Georgia and the armored cruiser Washington were ordered by Secretary Daniels, after conferences with President Wilson, to proceed immediately to Vera Cruz.

Consular messages from Vera Cruz stated that it was reported there that the evacuation of Mexico City began last night.

Enrique C. Lorente, General Villa's Washington representative, received a message saying Zapatistas occupied Mexico City today immediately on the evacuation of Obregon's troops.

These were the principal developments today in the Mexican situation, the importance of which today overshadowed in official Washington interest in the European war.

In a sense, there was an absence in official quarters of apprehension that drastic measures would be required to enforce the American note. The movement of warships to Mexican waters and the warning to Americans it was admitted, however, had been decided on out of an abundance of precaution. The entry of Zapata forces, it was believed, would relieve the situation, as it would mean the reopening of communication north to the American border.

The sending of the warships to Vera Cruz, it was stated on high authority, was for the purpose of convincing Carranza of the determination of the United States to take drastic steps if necessary.

In view of the interruption of railroad communication between Mexico City and Vera Cruz except for military purposes, the state department was prepared to insist that trains be provided for Americans who desire to reach the sea.

The Carranza agency here issued another denial tonight of reports of General Obregon's activities.

President Wilson himself indicated that some of the reports about conditions in the capital were exaggerated, but said the fear of outrages and the food famine had brought about a serious situation.

### Stand Off Death Seven Weeks

Washburn, Wis., March 8.—Lafayette Reuter, 23 years old, whose every breath during more than seven weeks has depended on friends and relatives, who have kept him alive by means of artificial respiration, died today. This was one of the most peculiar cases that came to the attention of physicians in this vicinity. Last fall Reuter was stricken with nerve paralysis, which affected the muscles of his arms and legs, and later the muscles of the pulmonary region. Relatives and friends have forced air into the young man's lungs by pumping the chest with their hands.

During the entire illness the victim remained conscious and gave instructions as to how best to pump his chest.

### Submarine Men Outcasts

The British admiralty announces that it is not justified in extending honors to the captured crews of German submarine boats, owing to their methods, and that it is intended to segregate them under special restrictions, pending their possible conviction at the conclusion of peace.

The admiralty states that this ruling applies to the 29 officers and men of German submarine U-9, recently sunk off Dover.

The policy to be adopted toward the crews of German submarines is in answer to the demand of Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, retired, and others that such men be tried for murder, and the admiralty statement indicates that the government has this in mind.

### Financial Conference

May 10 has been selected as the date for the Pan-American financial conference in Washington, at which the ministers of finance and leading bankers of Central and South American countries will meet financiers and treasury officials of the United States to discuss the establishment of more satisfactory financial and commercial relations between the nations of the western hemisphere.