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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

**On the Job Again.**—Jim West, the well known caterer, who has had charge of the refreshment stand privileges at the Guilford Battle Ground fourth of July celebrations for many years, is on the job again this year.

**Death of Infant.**—George Mintree, the 14-months-old son of Mrs. J. P. Mintree, died yesterday morning. The funeral was held from the home this morning at 11 o'clock and interment made in Greene Hill cemetery. Mrs. Mintree's husband died in a sanitarium at Laurel, Md., about ten days ago.

**Two Courts on Hand.**—Terms of both Federal and Superior courts were convened in Greensboro this morning. The Federal court will continue until the business is disposed of, but the Superior court, which is for the trial of civil actions, will last only through the week. It will be followed next week by a criminal term.

**Too Much Liquor.**—James Modlin, a white man of Jamestown, was arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Guy on the charge of having in his possession an unlawful quantity of whiskey—to-wit, a suitcase full, which he is said to have brought with him from Lynchburg. He is to be given a hearing before a magistrate in this city today.

**Music Building.**—Plans are under consideration for the music building it is hoped to erect at Greensboro College for women to care for the needs of the large and growing music department of that institution. The tentative plans as agreed upon call for a building containing an auditorium with a seating capacity of 800, 30 practice rooms, several studios, a director's room and two society halls.

**A New Church.**—A Presbyterian church has been organized at Pleasant Garden with a charter membership of 20. Rev. Dr. E. C. Murray, pastor of Alamance church, has been holding services at Pleasant Garden for several months preparatory to the organization of the congregation. The Baptists also are talking of establishing a church at Pleasant Garden. Heretofore the field has been occupied exclusively by the Methodist denomination.

**Memorial Services.**—A large crowd attended the memorial services at Hines' chapel yesterday. Services were held at 11 o'clock in the morning and again at 1:30 in the afternoon. Children's day exercises were held in the forenoon and in the afternoon a sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Wicker, of Elon College. The Woodmen of the World conducted a memorial service over the grave of Mr. George N. Wyrick, a deceased member of the order.

**Receivers Named.**—Upon the petition of attorneys for the creditors, Judge T. J. Shaw, sitting in chambers in this city, Friday afternoon appointed receivers for the Gold Hold Consolidated Company, which has been operating gold and copper mines at Gold Hill, Rowan county, under the management of Walter George Newman. Charlie Montgomery, of Gold Hill, and Fred W. Downs, of Salisbury, were named as receivers. The mines are closed down.

**Closing Exercises.**—The closing exercises of the Jamestown high school, which closed two weeks ago, were held Friday night in the Methodist church at Jamestown. An interesting address was delivered by Mr. Thornwell Haynes, superintendent of the High Point graded schools, and diplomas were presented to the six members of the graduating class by Mr. E. J. Coltrane, principal of the school. The graduates are: Nettie Groome, Vivian Hayworth, Bertha Hayworth, Berta Cook, Rennie Gibbons, Nervie Williard and Van Wheeler.

**Farmer Acquitted.**—Squire D. H. Collins Saturday heard a charge of vagrancy brought against Henry Parrish, of the Colfax section of the county. The warrant was sworn out by a neighbor, J. Q. Farrington, who testified that Parrish was not providing for his family and was starving his horses and cows. A large number of people from Friendship and Deep River townships were present as witnesses. After hearing the evidence Squire Collins concluded that the prosecution was malicious and taxed Mr. Farrington with the costs, the bill amounting to \$21.50.

**Mrs. R. P. Dicks Dead.**—Mrs. Robert P. Dicks, formerly of Randleman and Greensboro, died Friday night in New York, where the family has resided for the past few years. She had been ill about a week and the news of her death came as a great shock to friends here. She is survived by her husband, who is connected with the New York office of the Hunter Manufacturing and Commission Company, and three young children. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Dicks was Miss Lydia Lee, of Sumter, S. C. and the funeral and interment took place in that place yesterday.

**Mr. Harold Leaves.**—Rev. Earl J. Harold has resigned his position as secretary of the Social Welfare League and left a few days ago with his family for his former home in Indiana. Mr. Harold came to Greensboro some years ago as the successor of Rev. Stephen Myrick pastor of the Asheboro Street Friends church. After serving the congregation a while he retired from pastoral work and became secretary of the Greensboro Inter-Church Association, which later was merged into the Social Welfare League. His successor has not been announced.

**For Law Library.**—The Greensboro lawyers at different times have discussed the question of establishing and maintaining a law library for the benefit of such members of the bar as might care to join the organization, and two or three years ago the matter was carried to the point of procuring a charter from the state. The attorneys are agitating the question again, and it appears that an effort is to be made to perfect an organization under the existing charter. A library to be used in common would save the lawyers much money every year in the purchase of books for their individual libraries.

**May Move Station.**—A representative of the postoffice department was in the city a few days ago investigating the advisability of moving the parcel post terminal station from the Huffines building, near the depot, to the postoffice building. The people at the postoffice, who are badly crowded now, are unable to see how their working quarters could accommodate another force of men and several additional tons of mail matter a day, but it is possible that those higher up may not agree with this view. The postoffice department people want to move the station in order to save the rental of the quarters now occupied.

**Water For Whiskey.**—In Municipal court Saturday Charlie Smith, colored, was given a sentence of four months on the city streets for selling a pint of water to a white man named Pegram. The white man gave the negro the money to purchase whiskey, and the liquor not being accessible and the negro desiring to hold on to the coin, he filled a bottle with plain water and passed it off for new corn whiskey. The white man squealed to the police and the negro's arrest followed. In passing sentence Judge Brown announced that he had little sympathy with the prosecution in such cases, but under the law the defendant was guilty of obtaining money under false pretense.

**Aid For Serbians.**—A movement for the relief of the people of Serbia has been taken up by a number of the ladies of Greensboro who recognize the need of these people, and especially in the matter of clothing. Owing to the epidemic of typhus in Serbia, a great deal of clothing has been burned, this being a step to prevent the spread of the terrible disease. It is stated that the need for new clothing is very great, and it is pointed out by those behind the movement here that aid for the Serbians now may really be aid for this country, since medical men have expressed fears of the plague being transmitted to America. All who desire to contribute to this cause are asked to send packages to the Y. W. C. A. rooms.

**Fruit Crop Short.**—The fruit crop in North Carolina will be only forty per cent. normal, according to figures compiled by State Horticulturist W. N. Hutt from six hundred reports through the mountain, piedmont, coastal and sandhill sections of the state. The cause of the shortage in the crop appears to be the pear blight, which is general not only through North Carolina, but other states in the South.

## J. C. WHARTON DIES SUDDENLY

PASSED AWAY WHILE ON VISIT IN SALISBURY—FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Mr. John C. Wharton, one of Guilford's oldest and best known citizens, died suddenly Saturday night in Salisbury, to which place he had gone Thursday on a visit to two of his daughters, Mrs. S. C. Smith and Miss Lizzie Wharton. There was no premonition of the end, death coming quietly and peacefully, as befitting the closing of a long, well-spent and serene life. Mr. Wharton appeared to be in his usual health and good spirits and during the afternoon had taken a stroll on the streets of Salisbury. During the evening he went to the bathroom to take a bath preparatory to retiring for the night, and when he failed to leave the room after an interval of some time, his daughters made an investigation and found his dead body reclining in a chair.

Accompanied by members of the family and several friends, the body was brought to Greensboro yesterday morning and carried to the residence of Mr. E. P. Wharton, a son of the deceased.

The funeral is to be held from Westminster Presbyterian church this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The services will be in charge of Rev. C. E. Hodgkin, the pastor, who will be assisted by Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church; Rev. R. Murphy Williams, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, and Rev. Dr. Byron Clark, of Salisbury. Interment will be made in the family plot in Greene Hill cemetery.

Mr. Wharton was in the ninety-second year of his age, having been born in the Alamance church community September 27, 1823. He was married in 1844 to Miss Rebecca Rankin. Mr. Wharton settled on a farm a short distance northeast of Greensboro, where he remained until he retired from active business. For many years he had made his home in this city with the family of his son, Mr. E. P. Wharton.

Early in life Mr. Wharton connected himself with the Presbyterian church, of which denomination he was a faithful communicant until death. He had been a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church for 52 years, having been elected to that high office in 1863, while a member of the First Presbyterian church of this city. He transferred his membership to Westminster Presbyterian church upon the organization of that congregation and was one of the first men chosen as an elder of that church.

Mr. Wharton was a most companionable man and retained an active interest in the affairs of life until the end. He grew old in years; his spirit remained youthful.

Mr. Wharton is survived by four daughters and three sons, who are: Mrs. W. B. Ratcliff, of Marion; Mrs. W. H. Graves, of Gloucester; Mrs. S. C. Smith and Miss Lizzie Wharton, of Salisbury; Messrs. E. P. Wharton, of Greensboro; Jesse R. Wharton, of Butte, Mont., and William S. Wharton, of Newberg, Ore.

## TOMBSTONES STOLEN FROM PLEASANT GARDEN GRAVE.

Occasionally one hears or reads of ghouls entering a cemetery and robbing a grave of a dead body or stealing jewelry from a recently buried corpse, but in all the history of graveyard robberies we believe it remains for Guilford county to provide the scene for the theft of a tombstone—two of them, in fact.

There is a grave in a family plot in the cemetery at Pleasant Garden that formerly was marked by neat stones at the head and foot that now has nothing to designate the name of the person sleeping beneath the sod. It is said the stones were removed in the night-time recently and either destroyed or secreted. One report has it that they were carried away to a secluded spot and buried.

Naturally the strange occurrence has created more or less talk in the community. There is a pretty well defined idea as to why the stones were removed and who directed the work of removal.

The tombstones over the graves of the other members of the family were left unmolested.

Mr. J. F. Gossett, of southern Guilford, favored The Patriot with a pleasant call Friday.

## BATTLE ON GALICIAN FRONT

TEUTONS THE AGGRESSORS ON NEARLY THE WHOLE OF THE FIGHTING LINE.

A great battle, with the Austro-Germans nearly everywhere the aggressors, is raging along the whole of the Galician front and a decisive conclusion to the entire Russian campaign in Galicia is in sight, according to a report from Austrian field headquarters.

Przemysl is said to have been cleared of Russians and the Muscovite forces are reported to be in retreat eastward, except one band, which is making a stand on heights southwest of Medyka, which the Austro-Germans are attacking. To the south of Przemysl an Austrian army has broken through the Russian line and is advancing on Mosciska on the railway line leading from Przemysl to Lemberg.

In the Stry region Vienna advises say the Russians are in full retreat while on the Pruth line Russian attacks have been repulsed with severe losses.

On the western front Berlin reports the recapture of most of the trenches lost to the French in the La Petre forest and also a defeat of the British near Givenchy. Heavy losses, it is declared, were inflicted on the British.

Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces, in reporting on this latter movement, says the British had occupied the German trenches during the night, but were unable to hold them after daylight. The Teutons, according to General French, are maintaining a heavy bombardment on the British trenches at Hooge.

Paris chronicles progress for the allies north of Arras, the capture of a trench at Souche, and the repulse of a German counter-attack at Neuville St. Vaast. In this region Paris claims a gain of about 300 feet.

Farther east the Germans are said to have tried ineffectively to shell Verdun with a single long range gun and also to have thrown a few projectiles at St. Die, while the French have bombarded the southern front of the entrenched camp at Metz.

Fighting on the Austro-Italian frontier has not assumed great proportions, although the Austrians report the capture from the Italians of two summits on the east ridge of Kreuzberg. Battles are in progress on the Carinthian frontier and in the coastal district near Karfreit.

Italian reports say that the mobilization of Italy's forces is now complete. It is added that, although the encounters with the Austrians thus far have been merely outpost skirmishes, they invariably have reported Italian successes and given the Italians advantageous positions on Austrian territory.

German submarines are still showing much activity. The Danish steamer Cyrus, the British steamers Iona and Inkum and the fishing steamer Chrysothrasus and a trawler have been sent to the bottom. The crews of all the vessels escaped, although two of the Iona's men are said to have been seriously and two slightly wounded by shells from a submarine as they were launching the boats preparatory to leaving the steamer.

## Defeat For Turks.

A report from London says the allies, in their offensive on the Gallipoli peninsula, captured and held two lines of Turkish trenches along a front of nearly three miles. In Mesopotamia the British forces have received from the Turks the surrender of Amara and taken more than 2,000 prisoners, 13 guns, a gunboat, barges and steamers. The pursuit of the Turks, who were dispersed into the marshes, continues.

As in all trench warfare, the allies found their general advance on the Gallipoli peninsula hindered through the inability of part of their force to penetrate wire entanglements which artillery fire had not sufficiently destroyed. This left other sections of the force open to an enflading fire and therefore part of the ground gained had to be given up. Some also was lost when the Turks counter-attacked.

A gain of 500 yards on a front of three miles in this sort of fighting, however, is considered satisfactory by the British, particularly as it induced the Turks to counter-attack, in which they suffered heavy losses.

Rumania in Crisis.  
Rumania is going through a crisis

similar to that experienced by Italy before the latter country entered the war. Those who favor neutrality and those who favor war are holding demonstrations at Bucharest, where political parties are getting into shape to put forward their views. The general opinion in London is that Rumania will join the allies when Italy gives the word and that Bulgaria will follow her lead.

## GREENSBORO BOY HELD ON FALSE PRETENSE CHARGE

Forrest Wysong, a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wysong of this city, and a student at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts during the session just closed, was given a hearing before a magistrate in Raleigh Thursday afternoon under the charge of obtaining money by false pretense. He was held for the next criminal term of Wake Superior court under a bond of \$200.

It appears that young Wysong, who is of a mechanical turn of mind, conceived the idea of building a flying machine, and not being possessed of the necessary funds, induced Stephen C. Bruner, of Raleigh, to invest \$500 in the venture. The machine was to be used for exhibition purposes and Mr. Bruner was to share in the profits. The machine was built in one of the shops at the A. & M. College and when it was completed the college authorities, acting, it is said, upon the suggestion of Wysong's father, would not permit the young man to operate it.

Lawrence Hutton, a son of Rev. J. R. Hutton, and Harry Wharton, a son of Mr. H. W. Wharton, were interested with young Wysong in the flying machine venture, but they are not implicated in the legal proceedings further than being summoned as witnesses.

The prosecution largely bases its charge of false pretense against Wysong upon the allegation that the young man, while conferring with Mr. Bruner as to the investment of the \$500, stated that a similar sum had been deposited in one of the Greensboro banks for the venture by Mr. H. W. Wharton, the father of one of his associates.

## MOST GENEROUS OFFICER OF THE LAW ON RECORD.

It is pretty well understood that Sheriff Stafford has a big-hearted and accommodating set of deputies. They are usually willing to do anything in their power to make the way of the transgressor as smooth as possible, and not one of them has ever been accused of gloating over the misfortunes of a fellow being. They have been known to sit up all night with a man under arrest (for a consideration, of course) to keep him from being locked up; but one of these deputies capped the climax Friday when he went down in his pocket to the extent of \$52 to keep a man out of jail.

The man under arrest was charged with passing worthless checks, and he didn't deny the charge, and as it was the fourth or fifth time he had been headed for the Guilford county jail recently—always escaping imprisonment by the skin of his teeth—it appeared to be a perfectly safe bet that he would board with Jule Dillon for a few days this time.

The man was arrested just about dinner time and asked Sheriff Stafford for a little grace before being locked up. This was agreeable to the sheriff, who went to his dinner while the prisoner was left in his office in the custody of the officer who had made the arrest. When the sheriff returned from dinner there was no prisoner in the office, and upon inquiry he ascertained that one of the deputies had "softened" to the man and put up the money to square the charge against him.

Sheriff Stafford is expecting to see this particular man under arrest again almost any day, but he says he has almost despaired of ever seeing him in jail, where he ought to be.

## Enemies Work Together.

The Charlotte Observer says that a German from the ship tied up in Wilmington harbor and a Belgium who made his escape from Antwerp when that place was shelled, are at work in peaceable companionship at the North Carolina town of Warsaw, in Duplin county. One is a hotel porter and the other does general jobs.

## REPLY TO THE GERMAN NOTE

DEMANDS TO KNOW DEFINITELY IF RULES OF WARFARE ARE TO BE OBSERVED.

President Wilson read to his cabinet Friday the draft of a note to be sent to Germany demanding adherence to the humane principles of international law in the German government's conduct of maritime warfare as affecting neutrals. Comparatively brief, but described as insistent and emphatic, the communication will be cabled not later than today and probably will be delivered to the German foreign office tomorrow.

The cabinet approved the note as a whole. The principle is fixed and unalterable that the United States must know definitely and promptly whether Germany intends to ignore visit and search rights and continue torpedoing vessels without warning, or whether rules of maritime warfare which have governed for centuries will be followed.

The alternative course is not stated, but it is generally known that the United States, in the event of an unfavorable reply, will discontinue diplomatic relations with Germany.

The note sets aside as irrelevant all contentions of the German reply except one—whether the Lusitania was armed—and restates the position taken by the United States previously that the Lusitania, after official investigation by competent inspectors, sailed from an American port with no guns aboard. It further calls Germany's attention to the fact that the Lusitania did not attempt resistance but was torpedoed without warning.

The arrival of a communication from the German government Friday expressing regret for the attack on the American steamer Gulfport, offering to pay indemnity as soon as a claim is presented and details arranged, and making a further promise to take into consideration any facts which the United States may have on the dropping of bombs by German airmen upon the American steamer Cushing, made unnecessary any discussion of these cases in the new note to Germany.

The cabinet meeting lasted two hours and at its conclusion all the members had agreed to the principle set forth in the note. It was stated that the sending to Emperor William by Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, of Meyer Gerhard, an attaché of the German colonial office, as special envoy to carry messages from the embassy and to outline the American points of view would not delay the dispatch of the note.

In German quarters in Washington, it is expected that the German reply will be withheld until Gerhard had arrived and explained the situation. This, it is estimated, will take at least a fortnight as the boat on which the envoy sailed would not bring him to Denmark much sooner.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS.

Deeds transferring the following real estate have been filed in the office of the register of deeds during the past few days:

C. C. Wimbish to Ada M. Wimbish, a lot in Whitsett, Rock Creek township, \$10 and other considerations.  
Vernon Coble to David S. Coble, 189.37 acres in Clay township, \$3,684.37.

W. J. Edwards to Robert W. Harrison, 12 acres in Morehead township, \$40.

W. C. Tucker to F. L. Foust, a lot in Pleasant Garden, Fentress township, 100 by 385 feet, \$1,250.

J. S. Moore to Mrs. A. E. Fordham, Misses Geneva and Nora Ball, a lot on Oak avenue, city of Greensboro, \$500.

Julian Milling Company to T. A. Tannett, 1 1/4 acres in Clay township, \$125.

Ogburn Brothers Realty Company to F. F. Baynes, six lots in Summerfield, Bruce township, \$150.

L. H. Hatley to W. A. Wyrick, 32 acres in Madison township, \$480.

George W. Pritchett to W. H. Matthews, a lot on Dakota street, city of Greensboro, 50 by 149 feet, \$300.

W. A. Aydlette to Guilford Insurance and Realty Company, 75 acres in Monroe township, \$100.

J. P. Lanning to Lena Dick, a lot on Fifth avenue, city of Greensboro, \$3,350.