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

Farmers' Union to Meet.—The McLeansville Farmers' Union will meet at the school house at McLeansville Thursday, July 29.

Will Meet Here Next.—The North Carolina Builders Exchange, in session at Asheville last week, decided to meet in Greensboro next year.

Convention Tomorrow.—The Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Convention of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference will meet at Elon College tomorrow for a three days session.

Sell Insurance Business.—R. W. Murray has sold his insurance agency business to the Real Estate and Trust Company. Mr. Murray is a well informed insurance man and had one of the oldest agencies in the city.

Dr. Lyman Here.—Dr. H. C. Lyman, department superintendent for the International Sunday School Association, is conducting a department of religious education at the summer school of the negro A. & T. College.

Institute Opens.—The two-week teachers institute of the State Normal and Industrial College will open tomorrow morning. This is also a part of the summer school course. Several hundred young women are at the college.

Engagement Announced.—Mrs. A. E. Kimball entertained Thursday afternoon, announcing the engagement of her cousin, Miss Robah May Kerper to J. Randolph Lowell, of Charlotte. The wedding date has not been announced.

Funeral Thursday.—Funeral services over the body of Erwin Hodgkin Bowman were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Teobeth church and were conducted by Rev. W. O. Good. The pallbearers were: Mabel Wright, Myrtle Ooffin, Pearl Wintley and Lovelia Jennings.

Dr. Banks Leaves.—The last lecture of a series of one week was delivered by Dr. Edgar J. Banks at the Normal College last night on the "Bible and the Spade in Palestine." The lecture was regarded by those who have been attending constantly as one of the most interesting of the group.

Old Officers Re-elected.—At Thursday's meeting of the stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad Company, held in this city, the old directors were re-elected, and these in turn elected the old officers. W. H. Wood of Charlotte, is president, and J. P. Cook of Concord, is secretary and treasurer.

T. M. Mitchell Dead.—Mr. T. M. Mitchell died yesterday afternoon at St. Luke's hospital, following a long illness. He was 60 years of age and is survived by a widow and five sons, Henry, Clarence, John, Thomas and Joseph, and three daughters, Mrs. A. Luther, Mrs. R. L. Satterfield and Miss Annie. The funeral was held at White Oak this afternoon.

Workmen Injured.—The severe wind storm Thursday afternoon did considerable damage in places. Trees were blown down, corn blown over and other damage done in the country. In Greensboro the ammonia condenser of the Piedmont Ice and Coal Company's new plant was blown on the roof, breaking through and slightly injuring two workmen.

Governor Not Coming.—Governor Craig has declined the invitation of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce to attend the banquet to be given August 4, when Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will be the principal speaker. He has decided not to accept any invitation to appear at a public gathering until September 1. While the governor is not a sick man, he feels that he needs a complete rest and will remain in Asheville until the latter part of August.

Mrs. L. R. Greason Dead.—At her home, 208 Gilbert street, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Mrs. L. R. Greason died after an illness of three weeks of typhoid fever. The deceased is survived by her husband and five children, four boys and an infant daughter seven weeks old. A father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Tesh; one sister, Miss Clyde Tesh; three brothers, Ed. Noah and Russell, all of this city, also survive. Funeral services were held at Mt. Hope church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Shuford Peeles. Mrs. Greason was a devoted member of the Mt. Hope church for a number of years.

Picnic Wednesday.—Members of the Sunday school classes of the Westminster Presbyterian church and the Friends church will go for a picnic next Wednesday, July 14, to Guilford Battle Ground. Those going on the outing will leave here on the regular train at 8:20 in the morning and will return on the regular train in the afternoon, leaving the Battle Ground at 6:30. A big basket dinner will be served on the ground, and a real good time is assured.

Three Arrests Made.—Deputy Marshal J. L. Boger went to Asheboro Friday to serve warrants on a couple of parties wanted by the authorities here. Mr. Boger returned from Reidsville Wednesday with D. B. Philippi, who was wanted by authorities in Asheville on the charge of blockading. Philippi was captured near Reidsville. He gave bond to the amount of \$300 for his appearance at the November term of United States District court at Asheville.

Peaches Go North.—Eleven trains of perishable freight, including peaches, vegetables and chickens, passed through Greensboro yesterday for the Northern and Eastern markets. There were seven trainloads of peaches, three of vegetables and one of poultry. The peaches came from Georgia, the vegetables from various trucking districts in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, and the poultry from Tennessee. The trains averaged 25 cars each.

Caught in Dwelling.—George Thompson, a negro, was arrested in the home of Dr. J. W. Griffith, on Church street, early Saturday morning after he had broken in at a window. A woman living nearby had seen the negro break the window and go in. She notified the police station. Policeman McCuiston responded and gathered up some men to surround the house. He then went in and found the negro trying to hide. Dr. and Mrs. Griffith are out of town and the house was not occupied.

Funeral of Mrs. Orrell.—The body of Mrs. J. V. Orrell, who died at her home in Spray at 9:30 o'clock Friday night, was brought to Greensboro yesterday. The funeral party drove immediately to Greene Hill cemetery and interment was made at 1 o'clock. The services at the cemetery were conducted by Rev. T. M. Greene, of Spray, who accompanied the body, assisted by Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, of this city. The services were in charge of the Daughters of Liberty, Dan River council No. 8, of which the deceased was a member.

CARRIED AN ASSORTMENT OF STOLEN ARTICLES.

Deputy Sheriff Boatman Clark Friday morning arrested a young man on Mr. Julius Cone's property near White Oak on a charge of trespass, and the charge was later changed to larceny. When searched he was found to be a walking department store. He had on his person five watches, of Elgin and Waltham make, three of which were ladies' size and the other two large size, a ladies' necklace, four Waterman fountain pens, silk hose, men's supporters, a new shirt, a new Palm Beach suit of clothes, a new pair of rubber bottom shoes, a safety razor and a set of blades. He was, in reality, properly fitted out for a trip to the exposition and had enough timepieces to carry him through without having to trouble with changes in time.

The young man appears to be about 20 years old, and weighs in the neighborhood of 120 pounds. He bears tattoo marks on each arm. He first gave his name to the officer as Young, and said that he came here from Lynchburg Thursday night. Later he declared that his name is Johnson, and move! his headquarters from Lynchburg to Baltimore. Still later he said that his name was Lee Smith.

He was committed to jail to await an investigation.

Big Contract Let.

The Marshall Field interests awarded the contract Saturday to the Gallivan Company, of Greenville, S. C., for the construction at Spray of a three thousand horsepower steam power plant, a bleachery, the fine arts gingham mills and the erection and completion of mills for making bed sheets and pillow cases, potentially the largest plant of its kind in existence. This means an investment of one-half a million dollars new capital in Rockingham county.

Miss Lilly Troxler, of Brown Summit, was in the city Thursday.

DR. ALEXANDER SPEAKS TO GUILFORD FARMERS.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county, president of the State Farmers' Union, addressed a meeting of the Guilford County Farmers' Union in this city Saturday. He spoke on the subject of rural credits and was heard with interest by an interested and attentive audience as he outlined the nation's banking system and pointed out its defects.

He declared that our present laws are made for the protection of the money lender and not for the protection of the borrower; that fifty years ago the farmers owned nine-tenths of the property in this country and now they own less than four-tenths; that the farms of the United States average an indebtedness of \$1,720 per farm, the total indebtedness of the farmers being \$2,793,000,000, and on this the farmers are paying interest at the rate of nine and ten per cent. He explained how the value of gold was a fictitious value conferred on it by legislation; that cotton or corn might just as well be the basis, but the magnates want something that is scarce and hard to get so that it can be controlled by just a few; that the high cost of living is caused by the great multiplicity of agents handling manufactured products and money as well. He said that it takes the total wheat crop to pay the indebtedness of the farmers.

Dr. Alexander's address was highly complimented by those who heard him. In his address he quoted Dr. McKeever, of Kansas, who was here recently, as asking him why the farmers didn't send farmers and educators to the legislature instead of lawyers; that Kansas used to send their lawyers, but they had quit it and were sending farmers and teachers to their legislature and were having laws made to suit the people.

EIGHTY VOLUMES ADDED TO GREENSBORO LIBRARY.

The management of the Greensboro public library announces that 80 new volumes will be added to the circulation of the institution today. Fifty of these volumes go in the children's department, while 30 volumes are of fiction and will add materially to the attractiveness of the library among its adult patrons. The fiction volumes are:

Slim Princess, by George Ade; Tower of London, by William Harrison Ainsworth; Open Market, by Josephine D. Bacon; Loneliness, by Robert Hugh Benson; Batticry, by Charles N. Buck; Eagle's Mate, by Anna Alice Chapin; Far Country, by Winston Churchill; In Honor of the Big Snows, by James O. Curwood; Polly of Lady Gay Cottage, by Emma S. Dowd; Polly of the Hospital Staff, by Emma C. Dowd; The Financier, by Theodore Dreiser; Biography of a Prairie Girl, by Eleanor Gates; Salomy Jane's Kiss, by Bret Harte; Man Who Forgot, by James Hay, Jr.; Mr. Pratt's Patients, by Joseph C. Lincoln; Her Weight in Gold, by George B. McCutcheon; Million Dollar Mystery, by Harold McGrath; Air Pilot, by Randall Parrish; Miss Billy, by Eleanor Porter; Miss Billy Married, by Eleanor Porter; Miss Billy's Decision, by Eleanor Porter; Polly Anna Grows Up, by Eleanor Porter; Trail to Yesterday, by Charles A. Seltzer; Country Boy, by Edgar Selwyn; On the Seaboard, by August Strindberg; Susan Clegg and Her Friend Mrs. Lathrop, by Anne Warner; Hitherto, by Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney; Rose Garden Husband, by Margaret Widdener; Master Key, by John Fleming Wilson; Intrusion of Jimmy, by P. G. Wodehouse.

Aged Man Found Dead in Bed.

Mr. Thomas H. Sanford, who resided in the McLeansville section, was found dead in bed at his home Thursday morning. He had complained of feeling a little unwell, but there was nothing to indicate that his condition was serious or the end was so near. Mr. Sanford was 78 years old and a highly respected citizen. He had been a resident of the McLeansville community for the past five or six years, having moved there from Virginia, Va.

The funeral and interment took place at Buchanan Baptist church Friday morning at 11 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. J. C. DeLancy.

C. D. Turner, of Hillsboro, was among Thursday's visitors to the city.

REPLY IS NOT SATISFACTORY

GERMANY'S FAILURE TO MEET DEMANDS BRINGS ABOUT GRAVE SITUATION.

Germany's reply to the second American note regarding the sinking of the Lusitania and submarine warfare was delivered to Ambassador Gerard, in Berlin, Friday night and the official text is expected to reach Washington today. Briefly summarized, the German reply is embraced in the following:

First, reiterated assurance that American ships engaged in legitimate trade will not be interfered with nor the lives of Americans upon neutral passenger ships to pass freely and turn the confident hope that the American government will see that these ships carry no contraband; such ships to be provided with distinguishing marks and their arrival announced a reasonable time in advance. The same privilege is extended to a reasonable number of neutral passenger ships under the American flag, and should the number of ships thus available for passenger service prove inadequate Germany is willing to promise America to place four hostile passenger steamers under the American flag to ply between North America and Europe under the same conditions.

As Viewed in Washington.

Official Washington takes a grave view of the situation produced by Germany's refusal to meet the demands of the United States growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania with a loss of more than 100 Americans.

Upon President Wilson rests the burden of deciding the policy which the United States is to follow. Quietly and carefully he is considering the situation, and the country may expect him to act with deliberation as well as firmness when he has examined all phases of the promise.

Secretary Lansing withheld comment. As soon as the complete official text of the German reply arrives he will begin a careful study of it and then will go to Cornish for a conference with the president. The president will then return to Washington to lay before the cabinet the course upon which he has determined.

What action the United States will take officials could not predict with certainty. Some of those who have been familiar with the president's point of view, however, pointed out that there seemed to be but one course open with dignity and honor to the United States—the continued assertion and exercise of the rights of neutrals on the high seas in accordance with the established principles of international law. Responsibility for any rupture which might subsequently ensue between the United States and Germany, it was declared, would then fall upon the Berlin government.

There is as yet no definite crystallization of opinion among officials as to details, but the distinct tendency is toward a reiteration, not only in formal note, but in actual practice of the principles for which the United States has been contending. The unanimous verdict of high officials was that the German reply was thoroughly unsatisfactory and leaves the situation exactly at the point where it was in the days immediately following the sinking of the Lusitania.

While the continued exercise of American rights in the future is urged as a logical course to be followed, it is recognized also that the United States cannot abandon the demands it has made for the disavowal of intent to drown Americans and the question of reparation.

Germany's refusal on these points may lead, it is believed, to steps by the United States to show its disapproval of the last note. Whether Ambassador Gerard might be recalled or a complete severance of diplomatic relations ordered was again discussed in official circles as well as among diplomats.

Officials familiar with diplomatic precedent and international usage declared that the American government before taking any definite steps probably would send a note to Germany formally rejecting the proposal to permit the unrestricted use of American passenger ships or for hostile merchantmen under the American flag provided they carried no munitions of war. In the same note formal notification probably would be given to the German government of the intention of the United States to continue to exercise its rights with

the announced expectation that they would be respected.

There is little disposition in official quarters to hurry a decision on the momentous questions involved. Since the negotiations began two months ago, it was pointed out, there have been no belligerent ships carrying Americans torpedoed without warning. Since German submarine commanders have made their practice square with international law to that extent, officials do not believe the refusal of the German government itself to give explicit assurances will be followed by any over acts involving further loss of American lives.

RALEIGH MISER IS FOUND DEAD IN HOUSE.

Charles B. Abt, aged 56, a simple-minded miser residing since Christmas in a Raleigh suburb and known to have had several hundred dollars on his person, was found dead in his room Friday with only 52 cents near him. The man is believed to have been worth between \$15,000 and \$20,000, most of it in gold, and a round of the banks disclosed that he had not quite \$3,000 in bank. Three bank officers said that he had recently withdrawn deposits, and two stated that he had placed money in their institutions. All told, however, the sum left with them was less than \$3,000.

In the room where Abt was found were his two trunks, burst open and their contents scattered on the floor; two money bags, in which he was believed to have kept his gold; a small leather pocketbook containing 52 cents and a rusty 38 calibre pistol, with one chamber empty, one chamber with a loaded cartridge and three chambers with exploded shells. The ugly looking weapon was under his body, and a pistol hole extended through him from side to side. The ball entered under the left arm pit and ranged upward. Abt was left-handed, and might have taken his own life, though officers doubt this.

The last seen of the old man, who moved to Raleigh from Millbrook, Christmas, was Saturday, July 3, when he made a deposit at one of the banks. At about the same time he withdrew his money from the other bank, though the actual amount withdrawn was not learned. Bankers were amazed, however, on learning of his death. Some of them estimated that he was worth at least \$15,000 and others asserted that nobody knew how much more. He had sold a farm for \$7,000, on which \$4,000 was paid in cash.

ACTIVE ANTI-TYPHOID CAMPAIGN BEGINS.

The anti-typhoid campaign in the county will be commenced tomorrow. Dr. W. M. Jones, county health officer, will have the co-operation of Dr. J. T. J. Battle in the work. The physicians will include Stokesdale, Oak Ridge, Summerfield, Gibsonville, Pleasant Garden, Whitesett and the mill villages near Greensboro in their weekly itinerary, and vaccine will be administered at one of these places every day in the week except Mondays and Thursdays. These days will be devoted to other health work. The following is the program mapped out for the next 30 days:

Tuesdays, July 13, 20, 27 and August 3, Stokesdale in the forenoon, Dr. Battle; Oak Ridge in the forenoon, Dr. Jones; Summerfield in the afternoon, Drs. Battle and Jones.

Wednesdays, July 14, 21, 28 and August 4, Pleasant Garden in the afternoon.

Fridays, July 9, 16 and 23, Whitesett in the forenoon; Gibsonville continued July 9 and 16.

Saturdays, July 10, 17, 24 and 31, court house from 9 to 1 o'clock; White Oak mills from 2 to 3:30 o'clock; Proximity mills from 3:45 to 5 o'clock.

Sues For \$15,000.

S. D. Eubanks and his sister have filed notice of an interesting suit against the Southern Railway in Durham county. It is alleged in the complaint that the railroad moved the grave of their mother in Spartanburg, S. C., without asking the consent of the children. The mother had been buried 12 years, and it is said that the railroad company ran a spur track across the graveyard, and moved the grave without asking or seeking the consent of the relatives. For the mental anguish occasioned by this act the children are asking compensation to the amount of \$15,000.

SHIPMENTS OF COTTON WILL GO LONG ROUTE

The J. E. Latham Cotton Company, of this city, has just sold another large order of cotton to a Russian buyer and the cotton must be carried a distance nearly equal to the distance around the globe before the Russian buyer gets it. The cotton was raised in Mississippi and from there it was shipped to Greensboro; from here it will be shipped to New York. There it will be loaded on a ship, and will thence be carried down the Atlantic coast, through the Panama canal, across the Pacific to the eastern coast of Asia, in the vicinity of Moscow, its destination. Soon after the outbreak of war Mr. Latham sent his son and another trained man to Europe. They have visited all of the neutral and belligerent countries of northern Europe and have been successful in opening up some markets for cotton for the Greensboro concern. Young Mr. Latham has returned to New York and is expected home in a few days. He has been in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Germany and Russia. He has seen some of the war at close range.

After all the rate through the canal is not so very high. It costs only about a cent and a quarter a pound to ship cotton from New York to Vladivostock. To ship it to the western coast of Russia would cost more than half as much. Most of the ships that carry cotton also carry munitions of war to Russia. The munitions are heavy and take but little space, leaving a great deal of room for such lighter articles as cotton.

CARRANZA WILL SET UP A GOVERNMENT.

Washington, July 11.—Dispatches to the Carranza agency from Vera Cruz tonight announced that General Carranza was sending officers of the various departments of his government on a special train to Mexico City to set up a civil administration.

General Lopez de Lara, newly appointed governor of the federal district, started from Vera Cruz with his staff several days ago, and is believed to have taken charge in the capital last night when, according to state department reports, the Zapata forces evacuated after making a last stand against the victorious attacking army under General Pablo Gonzales.

No details of the situation in Mexico City came today either to the state department or to the Mexican agencies. The department has heard nothing since the brief consular message announcing that the Carranza forces had occupied the city. The Carranza representative had a dispatch from General Gonzales, dated at the field headquarters 5 P. M. yesterday, and delayed in transmission, telling of the evacuation and saying a detachment had been sent southward to cut off the retreat of Zapata's army. This message said:

"Mexico City is being evacuated by the Zapatistas and the constitutional forces are occupying the capital tonight. There was severe fighting this morning in the outskirts of the city between Guadalupe and Rio Consulado, which is within the city limits. The Zapatistas lost 3,500 men, four pieces of artillery and a great quantity of small arms and ammunition. Immediately after the morning defeat they began a hasty evacuation of Mexico City, fleeing south."

"The retreating Zapatistas were pursued by a portion of the Gonzales army while a heavy detachment was sent southward to cut across on their flank several miles south of the city."

RUDE DISTILLERY IS FOUND IN GREENE.

Sheriff Stafford had on display in front of the court house Saturday a distilling outfit that had been found the day before in Greene township. It was a rude sort of affair, with wooden sides and galvanized sheet iron over the bottom, ends and top. The "worm" was of ordinary tin pipe, in several sections.

It was a very rude affair, but appeared to have been doing business for some time. The still was reported a few days ago by a Greene township man. Deputies Phipps and Weatherly went down and got the "plant," but the owner was not about.

Miss Annie Jones has gone to New York to take a course in music.