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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

Boys' Interest.—Mr. R. M. Clapp, of the Guilford Motor Car Company, has purchased the interest of Mr. W. W. Strain in the business.

Elected Moderator.—Rev. C. P. Noble, pastor of the Presbyterian church of High Point, was elected moderator of Orange Presbytery at the session held in Mt. Airy last week.

Holding Meeting.—The Seventh Day Adventists are holding a tent meeting on the King property, on North Greene street. Services are held every night and are attended by large crowds.

Revival Meeting.—A revival meeting is in progress at the Oak Ridge Moravian church. The services are being conducted by Rev. C. E. White, of this city, and Rev. F. Walter Crain, of Bethania.

Fishing Trip.—Messrs. F. C. Bigles, L. M. Ham, H. M. Chamblee, Dr. M. Stafford and Dr. J. K. Wheeler returned Saturday from an automobile trip to Morehead City, where they spent several days fishing.

Om Committee.—Mr. A. W. McAlister and Rev. J. Walter Long, of this city, have been appointed members of the committee on community service for the state of North Carolina, the headquarters of which are in Raleigh.

Work Begins.—Regular class work at the State Normal and Industrial College was begun this morning. Over 700 students have been enrolled, this being about 100 in excess of the number registered for the opening last year.

Will Open October 5.—On account of inability to get the new building ready earlier, the opening of the Jamestown high school has been postponed until October 5. The school's prospects for the new term are most flattering.

Long Automobile Trip.—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lampman have returned from an extended automobile trip to Canada. They left Greensboro six weeks ago and visited a number of points both in this country and Canada.

Criminal Court.—A week's criminal term of Guilford Superior court commenced this morning at 10 o'clock, with Judge T. J. Shaw on the bench, and Judge Justice having exchanged courts for two weeks. A civil term will be held next week.

To Speak at Banquet.—Mr. George Stephens, one of the leading business men of Charlotte, has accepted an invitation to make an address before the physical department of the Greensboro Y. M. C. A. at a banquet to be held in the near future, probably on the night of October 4.

Here From West.—Mr. T. R. Snyder, of Kansas City, Mo., leaves today on his return home after a visit to his aged father and other relatives near Climax and in High Point. Mr. Snyder left Guilford for the West nearly 20 years ago and this is his first visit to his old home in 22 years.

Return to Old Home.—Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Harris, who moved to Greensboro about 15 years ago, have returned to their old home in Edgecombe county. Mr. Harris owns a good farm near Tarboro which he will cultivate. Until recently Mr. Harris was an employe of the North Carolina Public Service Company and he has the distinction of having run the first electric street car ever operated in this city.

Conditional Pardon.—Governor Craig has granted a pardon to W. F. Stinnett, a white man of this city, who was convicted last November of selling liquor and sentenced to the roads for 20 months, the pardon being conditioned on good behavior in the future. Stinnett is a cripple and has a wife and several children. His pardon was recommended by several court officers and Dr. W. M. Jones, the county physician.

Protest Presented.—Guilford's protest against the 10 per cent increase in the assessed valuation of real estate in the county was formally presented to the corporation commission Friday by Messrs. W. C. Boren, chairman of the board of commissioners, and John N. Wilson, county attorney. They argued that the increase is not warranted by conditions and asked that the assessment be agreed upon by the tax assessors and the commissioners be allowed to stand. A reply from the corporation commission is expected soon.

In Quest of Health.

Mr. W. M. Combs, who recently resigned the position of manager of the savings department of the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company, left Saturday night for Saranac Lake, N. Y., to spend some time for the benefit of his health. During his absence Mrs. Combs and little daughter will visit relatives in Aialta.

Shoffner-Welker.

Mr. Charles A. Shoffner, of Climax, and Miss Lillian Myrtle Welker, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Welker, of southeastern Guilford, were married in this city Saturday night. The ceremony took place at the home of Mr. C. C. Fields and was performed by Rev. Shuford Peeler. Mr. and Mrs. Shoffner are well known young people and have many friends who wish them every happiness in life.

Good Concert.

The concert given at the Smith Memorial building Friday night by a class of children from the Odd Fellows' orphanage at Goldsboro was a splendid entertainment and was enjoyed by a good audience. This was the last concert of the season and it was stated that the receipts here were greater than they had been at any other place. The class left the orphanage early in June and gave 82 concerts while on the tour.

To Present Portrait.

At a meeting held Saturday afternoon the members of the Guilford county bar decided to present a portrait of Col. James T. Morehead to the Supreme court of North Carolina, the presentation to be made in response to an invitation extended by the justices of the state's highest court. Messrs. R. R. King, G. S. Bradshaw and T. C. Hoyle were appointed members of a committee to arrange the program for the presentation exercises, which will take place in the Supreme court at Raleigh on Monday, November 1. Col. Morehead is the oldest member of the Guilford bar and one of the state's most distinguished lawyers and citizens. He and Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, of Winston-Salem, are among the very few men who have had the honor conferred upon them while living of having their portraits presented to the Supreme court.

AMERICAN PRODUCTS DECLARED FORFEITED.

The British prize court has condemned the greater part of the American products forming the cargoes of four steamships. The products, valued at several million dollars, are declared forfeited to the crown. All the goods on these vessels, consisting principally of American meat products, are confiscated, with the exception of a small proportion which the court released to claimants.

The case has been pending for several months. The steamships were seized last November, and, although efforts were made by the American owners to obtain an early trial, the British authorities set the hearing for June. The hearing closed last month and judgment was reserved until a few days ago.

In a lengthy judgment, Sir Samuel said it was plain these ships were carrying toward Copenhagen, when captured, more than 13 times the amount of goods which under normal circumstances would have been taken to that port. That fact gave practical and overwhelming assurance that the goods were intended to find their way to Germany, although, of course, it did not prove conclusively that they were destined for an enemy of Great Britain.

Two Papers Resume Publication.

Webster's Weekly, of Reidsville, which suspended publication about a year ago, has been revived by Mr. M. L. Misenheimer, formerly editor of the Madison Herald and more recently of the Lexington Herald. Associated with Mr. Misenheimer is Mr. S. W. Cayton, who was connected with the Weekly for many years while the paper was under the management of the late John R. Webster.

The Gibsonville Times, which suspended publication during the dull summer months, has made its appearance again. Mr. L. T. Barber, the editor of the Times, is one of the liveliest and most progressive citizens of Gibsonville and deserves the support of the people of the community in the efforts he is making to give them a home newspaper.

Both of these newspapers and those connected with them have the best connections of the Patriot for news.

VILNA CAPTURED BY GERMANS

RUSSIAN FORCES MUST FIGHT THEIR WAY OUT OR RETIRE BEFORE TEUTON FORCES.

The Russian city of Vilna, at which the armies of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg had been driving and which was stubbornly defended until nearly surrounded by hostile forces, has been occupied by the Germans.

Vilna, a city of some 170,000 inhabitants on the Warsaw-Petrograd Railway line, has been the object of a German offensive movement for weeks past in the course of the widespread operations of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg on the northern end of the extended battle line in the east. After the fall of Kovno no fortress barrier remained before the Germans moving on Vilna, but stubborn defensive measures were taken by the Russians to hold back the Teutonic advance, Vilna being the northern key position on the important railway line running southeastward to Rovno, which the Russians were striving to retain.

The fall of Vilna had been anticipated for several days, the German encircling movement having developed sufficiently to make it apparent that its abandonment was only a question of time. Last week Petrograd dispatches stated that Vilna, as well as Dvinsk, another of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's objectives, had been emptied of stores and abandoned by government and private institutions. It was declared that neither point was regarded as of further strategic importance, except as a section of the general front, and that it was not the purpose of the Russian general staff to defend Vilna at all costs.

With the capture of Vilna the Germans seem likely to find the way more easily opened to Dvinsk, virtually the entire railroad line leading northwestward to that city now apparently being in their hands.

Russians Surrounded.

The Germans have succeeded in almost if not entirely surrounding a portion of the Russian army fighting in the railway triangle between Vilna, Lida and Vileika. The Russian forces in this district either must fight their way out eastward or retire in a southeasterly direction, for the only railway left entirely in their hands is that which runs from Vilna to Lida, and thence to Baranovitchi.

The Russians express confidence in the outcome of the battle, which must be decided before complete success falls to one side or the other, but with their northern armies closely held along the Dina and the German flank well protected by their cavalry which recently occupied Wisdy, across the Vilna-Petrograd railway, it seems impossible that any aid can come to them from that direction.

The battle seemingly must be fought out between the troops now in the district between Vilna, Lida and Slonim, with the assistance of any reinforcements that can be spared to hold the German force which has reached Vilska.

Danville Young Men Arrested Here.

Five young men from Danville, Va., who came to Greensboro in an automobile Saturday afternoon were arrested upon their arrival on the charge of an assault of a rather unusual nature. While passing the home of Mr. H. W. Lambeth, north of Brown Summit, it is alleged that one of the young men threw a partially filled bottle of beer from the car, the bottle striking Miss Minnie Lambeth. Mr. Lambeth, the father of the young lady, telephoned to Brown Summit and had the number of the automobile taken. He then telephoned the number of the car to the sheriff's office and requested the arrest of the young men. The arrest was made a few minutes after the arrival of the party in the city. The young men are W. M. Steed, E. P. Melton, J. H. Osborne, A. C. Erpes and R. A. Benton. They gave bond in the sum of \$250 for their appearance before Justice of the Peace Collins tomorrow afternoon for a preliminary hearing.

Another School Building.—The city commissioners have purchased a lot at the corner of Cypress avenue and Dewey street, in the northeastern part of the city, upon which a school building will be erected in the near future. The lot was purchased from the Summit Avenue Building Company for a consideration of \$1,000.

NO MORE ATTRACTIONS OUTSIDE OF FAIR GROUNDS.

The last session of the legislature passed a law which has the effect of prohibiting the operation of amusement devices or stands for the sale of anything within a quarter of a mile of an agricultural fair during the progress of the fair. Following is the text of the law:

"That every person, firm, officer or agent of any corporation, who shall temporarily expose for sale any goods, wares, foods, soft drinks, ice cream, novelties, or any other kind of merchandise, or who shall operate any merry-go-round, Ferris wheel, or any other device for public amusement, within one-fourth of a mile of any agricultural fair, during said fair, shall pay a tax of \$100 in each county in which he shall carry on such business, whether as a principal or agent: Provided, this section shall not apply to any business established 60 days prior to the beginning of such fair.

"That every person mentioned in the preceding section shall apply in advance for a license to the board of county commissioners in the county in which he purposes to peddle, sell or operate and the board of county commissioners may in their discretion issue license upon the payment of the tax to the sheriff, which shall expire at the end of 12 months from its date.

"That any person violating the provisions of the two preceding sections, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$50 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, at the discretion of the court.

"That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

"That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

DEAD BODY OF COLORED MAN FOUND IN ROAD.

John Headen, colored, who resided between Jamestown and Groome-town, was found dead in the public road a short distance this side of Jamestown about 2.30 o'clock yesterday morning. His chest had been crushed in and his right shoulder badly mashed, and the supposition is that he was run over by a heavy automobile. The discovery was made by Earl Coltrane and several other young men who were returning to Greensboro in an automobile. They reported the matter to Sheriff Stafford and returned with the officer to the scene of the accident and assisted in bringing the body to Greensboro. Coroner Stansbury is holding an inquest over the body today.

Headen was in Greensboro Saturday afternoon to collect some money that was due him for labor. The sum of \$2.25 was found in one of his pockets and a package of groceries was lying by his side. Headen was about 37 years old and leaves a widow and four young children, the youngest being a baby a week old.

Miss Caldwell Resigns as Librarian.

Miss Bettie Caldwell, who has been librarian of the Greensboro public library since the founding of that institution 14 years ago, has tendered her resignation, asking that she be relieved of the duties and responsibilities of the position in order that she may be able to take a needed rest. The trustees of the library declined to accept the resignation, but voted unanimously to grant Miss Caldwell a year's leave of absence and expressed the hope that at the end of that time she might take up the work again.

In her letter of resignation Miss Caldwell asked that Mr. W. Shelton Houston, who has been her faithful and competent assistant, be elected to succeed her. The trustees unanimously elected Mr. Houston to serve as librarian during the year's leave of absence granted Miss Caldwell.

Portugal Still Restless.

Portugal is experiencing a new insurrectionary movement, according to a report from Paris. This time the trouble is not only in Lisbon but in the principal provincial cities of the republic. It looks as if on that account the rising were more serious than some that have preceded it. The Portuguese experiment in republicanism has not been altogether convincing. The government has been only mildly successful in keeping the peace, and it would not be surprising at any moment to find a monarchical movement definitely.

TWO FIGHTS WITH MEXICANS

SHOTS FIRED ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE RIVER—LITTLE DAMAGE DONE.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 17.—American cavalrymen had two fights with Mexicans across the Rio Grande today, one here and one near Donna; about 60 miles up the river. In both clashes the American soldiers were fired upon and returned the fire without themselves suffering any casualties.

Ten American cavalrymen in the Donna fight, which lasted two hours and a half this afternoon, reported they were fired upon by about 200 Mexicans and believed that they had hit 17 Mexicans.

Twenty American cavalrymen fought on the outskirts of Brownsville for half an hour with Mexicans on the opposite bank of the river. After the fight one Carranza soldier was taken to Matamoros, probably fatally wounded, but tonight Carranza officers denied emphatically that any of their men joined in the battle.

Col. A. P. Blockson, American commander at Fort Brown here, reported to Major General Funston at San Antonio tonight that the Mexicans started the firing near Brownsville.

The trouble at Brownsville began when Juan Diego, a Mexican resident of Brownsville, reported to Colonel Blockson that for two or three days snipers on the Mexican side had been shooting into his ranch on the river front.

This morning Diego said a bullet struck his house and another killed one of his horses. Colonel Blockson sent Lieut. E. L. N. Glass with a detachment of Troop C, third cavalry, to investigate. Arriving at the Diego ranch house, Lieutenant Glass heard a shot near the river.

He divided his command, sending one squad up the river, while he led the other down. Glass himself went out upon the river, where half a dozen rifles opened fire on him, and Glass replied with a pistol, while his men came forward on a run, opening fire on the Mexicans.

The firing soon died down. Glass's men reported that they saw two Mexicans run to cover and also reported they could see seven or eight other men approaching from up the river on the Mexican side. However, before these reinforcements reached the Mexican position they were engaged by the detachment which Glass sent up the river. Then a lull came and two Mexican officers rode up on horses, waving their swords. Glass asked what the firing by the Mexicans meant.

The officer, after a couple of questions, replied, according to Glass: "They are only irresponsible persons."

Then the officers, using swords as whips, were seen to drive some men away from the levee.

Germany's Note on the Hesperian.

Germany's note informing the United States that there is no reason to believe the liner Hesperian was sunk by a submarine has reached the state department.

Secretary Lansing said no action in the case was contemplated at this time. There is no evidence before the department to prove whether the liner was attacked or struck by a mine.

The German note declares all reports received from submarine commanders indicate that there was no submarine in the vicinity when the explosion which wrecked the Hesperian occurred, and expresses belief that the vessel was blown up by a mine, in view of the nature of the explosion and the fact that it was well forward.

Although dispatches from London and Queenstown at the time stated that the Hesperian had been torpedoed, the explosion occurred when the vessel was about a hundred miles outside of the zone in which German submarines usually operate, and so far as is known nobody on board has claimed to have seen a submarine or torpedo.

Approaching Marriage.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Mr. Ben S. Barnes, of Maxton, formerly of Greensboro and a brother of Mrs. E. L. Stamey, of this city, and Miss Martha Allen, a daughter of Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston. Their marriage will take place in the fall.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY MEN HOLD BIG MEETING HERE.

The "get-together" meeting of officers and employes of the Southern Railway held in this city Friday night was attended by a number of officers and over 1,000 employes, many of the latter being accompanied by members of their families. The meeting was held in Neece's hall, which was crowded to its capacity. The employes present were from the northern district, embracing the Washington, Danville, Richmond, Norfolk and Winston-Salem divisions.

General Counsel Jeffries, who presided, struck the keynote of the meeting when he said that the management of the Southern Railway considered its greatest asset to be its experienced employes and that when one of them is killed or injured the company has suffered an irreparable loss. Speaker after speaker drove home the slogan that the Southern Railway does not want to hurt its men and that it is taking every possible step to prevent injuries.

President Fairfax Harrison stressed the fact that there is no real courage in taking unnecessary risks and that the truly brave man will be as careful to protect himself whenever possible as he will be quick to face danger and death when they lie in the path of duty.

Others who addressed the meeting were: Trainmaster J. A. Bolich, of Winston-Salem; Engineer M. C. Glenn, of the Danville division; Attorney T. C. Linn, of Salisbury; Agent E. H. Marsh, of Spencer; Superintendent of Agencies W. H. Gatchell, the "Billy Sunday" of the Southern Railway organization; Roadmaster U. D. Knight, Conductor C. W. Fowler, Machinist E. M. Couble, of Spencer; Attorney John N. Wilson, of Greensboro; Section Foreman S. H. Pillows and Bridge Foreman G. H. Flynt.

JUDGMENT SIGNED IN THE COURT HOUSE CASE.

Before adjourning Superior court for the term Thursday afternoon, Judge Justice signed a judgment in the litigation concerning the title to a portion of the county court house property. The decree is not to the liking of either side to the controversy, and attorneys for both the county and the individual property owners entered notice of an appeal to the Supreme court. The judgment as signed by Judge Justice favors the county as against the Caldwell and Porter heirs and is against the county relative to the property that has no direct outlet except through the court house lot.

The property owners in whose favor the decree is made are Judge W. P. Bynum, Col. John A. Barringer, A. Wayland Cooke, John Barker and W. T. Sockwell. The court holds that these owners have easements in the court house property such that Guilford county could never dispose of any part of this property, or use any part of it not now in use, for county or other building purposes, without the consent of the individual holders. It is held that the Porter and Caldwell heirs have no such easements, because their property has an outlet on West Market street and would therefore not be affected by any disposition of the county's property.

The contention of the county has been that these property holders have easements only in so far as having assured to them an open space through which outlet could be gained; that these easements have no bearing upon any part of the property outside of such a space. The Supreme court will pass on this point.

To Assume Protectorate Over Haiti.

Formal recognition has been accorded by the United States to the new government in Haiti, headed by President D'Artiguenave.

This action, which will materially strengthen the position of the existing government, is in line with the intention of the Washington administration to negotiate a treaty by which the United States will assume a virtual protectorate over Haiti, supervising her financial and police administrations. The treaty is now before the Haitian congress for ratification and its negotiation could not be completed without recognition of the government.

Although the convention has been vigorously opposed by some elements in the congress, its ratification within a few weeks is considered certain.