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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

**Causey-Pope.**—Mr. J. F. Causey and Miss Evelyn Pope, both of this city, were married yesterday afternoon at the home of Rev. R. M. Andrews, who performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

**Vital Statistics.**—During the month of November 26 births were reported to the city health department, of which 14 were white and 12 colored. The same number of deaths were reported, 11 being white and 15 colored.

**Criminal Court.**—The December criminal term of Guilford Superior court convened this morning with Judge J. L. Webb, of Shelby, on the bench and every prospect for a busy term. There are 100 or more cases for trial.

**Season's First.**—The first snow of the season fell Saturday afternoon and night and yesterday morning found the ground covered to a depth of about six inches. The sun came out this morning and the chances are that the snow will not remain long.

**Has Appendicitis.**—Mrs. E. P. Land is a patient at St. Leo's hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis a few days ago. She is recovering very satisfactorily. Mrs. Land was in High Point on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Carter Dalton, when stricken.

**Only One Case.**—So far this season only one case of smallpox has developed in Greensboro and the patient has fully recovered. Practically everybody within a radius of two blocks of the case was vaccinated promptly, this doubtless preventing the disease from spreading.

**New Corporation.**—The secretary of state has granted a charter to the White Manufacturing Company, of Kimesville, to engage in the manufacture of cotton goods. The authorized capital is \$50,000 and the incorporators are Dr. G. A. Foster, of Liberty; H. A. White and H. L. Nance, of Winston-Salem.

**Grocers Fail.**—Jennings & Co., who have been conducting a grocery and fruit store in the McAdoo hotel building, Saturday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court. The assets are scheduled at \$1,500 and the liabilities at \$2,000. Messrs. F. M. Jennings and J. W. Westbrook compose the firm.

**Back on Duty.**—Dr. F. C. Hyatt, the city health officer, who spent practically all of Sunday night, December 5, pinned beneath his overturned automobile at Elon College, suffering much from exposure and several injuries, has resumed his work and apparently is no worse for his unpleasant and dangerous experience.

**Mrs. W. A. Greeson Dead.**—Mrs. W. A. Greeson died Friday afternoon at her home at Glenwood, following an illness of several weeks. The funeral and interment took place Saturday afternoon at Mt. Hope church, the services being conducted by Rev. Shuford Peeler. Mrs. Greeson was 41 years old and is survived by her husband and three children.

**D. M. Trollinger Dead.**—Mr. D. M. Trollinger died Friday morning at his home at Revolution. He leaves four sons and four daughters. The funeral took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at Palm Street Christian church, McAdoo heights, and was followed by interment in Greene Hill cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Wicker, of Elon College, and Rev. A. Shelton Smith.

**Aged Woman Dead.**—Mrs. Adelaide Matilda Person died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Robinson, in the eighty-seventh year of her age. The body was carried to Franklinton, the old home of the family, for the funeral and interment. Mrs. Person leaves three daughters—Mrs. H. M. Robinson, of Greensboro; Mrs. W. B. Goodwin, of Emporia, Va.; and Mrs. Mary Cooper, of Franklinton.

**Soaked For \$5.30.**—Mr. R. L. Fogleman, of Greensboro Route 2, was a defendant in Municipal court Friday and paid a fine and costs of \$5.30 for selling a hog's head in the city that had not been inspected. He was informed by the court that he might sell all the uninspected sausage and spareribs he saw fit to dispose of, but since then the city commissioners have ruled that these products also must come under the inspection law.

## ALL MEAT MUST BE INSPECTED

CITY ORDINANCE TO APPLY TO ALL ALIKE IN THE FUTURE—MARKET MEN KICK.

The city commissioners have ruled that hereafter the ordinance requiring the inspection of fresh meats offered for sale in Greensboro shall be enforced and must apply to all alike. No distinction is to be made between the man who conducts a meat market as a regular business and the farmer who sells a few pounds of sausage, spareribs or other products of his porkers at hog-killing time. Heretofore the farmer selling sausage, spareribs, etc., from hogs of his own raising has not been required to submit to the inspection law.

The action of the commissioners was taken in response to a vigorous protest on the part of the meat market men of the city, who complained that their business was being seriously interfered with by the sale of uninspected meat. It was pointed out that a number of men are engaged in the business of buying hogs and cattle and selling the products in Greensboro in disregard of the law taxing meat dealers and requiring the inspection of meat offered for sale.

The market men claim that they should be protected against this unfair competition on the part of men who pay no rents, license taxes, inspection fees or other expenses of doing business, but who peddle meat indiscriminately throughout the city.

While the inspection law is to be enforced more rigidly in the future, the farmer who wishes to sell fresh meat of his own raising will not be required to submit the whole carcass of the dead animal for inspection. It is stated that it will be sufficient for him to bring the liver and lungs of the hog or other animal he has killed to the city inspector.

It is plain that the city commissioners were not seeking the applause of the public when they listened to the protest of the market men and decided upon a strict enforcement of the inspection law. The farmers don't like the law, and the people of the city who enjoy pure pork sausage, spareribs, etc., do not regard with favor any regulation that will tend to lessen the supply of these products. The farmer is their sole source of supply when it comes to buying pork sausage, for that is a product that is a stranger to the market man. The market man may know how to make pork sausage, but if so, he keeps the formula to himself. He grinds up unsalable scraps of beef and hog meat and palms it off on his customers for pork sausage.

Hence it is not strange that the sympathy of the consumer in Greensboro is with the farmer and against the market man in this affair.

## Rev. C. E. M. Raper Died Yesterday.

Rev. C. E. M. Raper, a well known minister of the Methodist Protestant church, died at a sanitarium in this city yesterday morning, following a long illness. He was 55 years old and a native of Davidson county. He is survived by his widow, one son, George R. Raper, of Winston-Salem; two daughters, Mrs. J. B. York, of Rameur, and Miss Treva Raper, of this city, and a sister, Mrs. W. J. Osborn, of this city.

The funeral and interment took place this afternoon at Hickory Grove church, the services being conducted by Rev. R. M. Andrews, of this city, and Rev. A. G. Dixon, of High Point.

Mr. Raper had been a member of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference for 32 years and had served pastoral charges in various parts of the state, his last work having been at Shelby. On account of the condition of his health, he was not given an appointment at the session of the conference held in this city a few weeks ago.

## Death of G. S. Bradshaw, Jr.

Mr. G. S. Bradshaw, Jr., the second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bradshaw, died early this morning in a Richmond, Va., hospital, where he had been for a few days for treatment. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made, but it will probably be held tomorrow from the home of the bereaved parents, on Church street. For some time Mr. Bradshaw had made his home in Fayetteville, where he was engaged in the hotel business with his brother-in-law, Mr. R. T. Rosemond. It was not generally known here that he was ill and the news of his death comes as a shock to his friends.

## PROTECT AMERICAN RIGHTS

VIGOROUS RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT ARE PRESENTED TO CONGRESS.

The long-expected storm in Congress over the administration's conduct of the defense of American rights on the seas broke in Congress Friday, when Senator Hoke Smith, Democrat, demanded an investigation of Great Britain's interferences with neutral trade and Senator Lodge, Republican, replied with a demand that an investigation include the loss of American lives.

"The body of an innocent child, floating dead on the water, the victim of destruction of an unarmed vessel, is to me a more poignant and a more tragic spectacle than an unsorted bale of cotton," declared the Massachusetts senator.

To Senator Smith's resolution for an investigation of trade interferences Senator Lodge, who is the ranking minority member of the foreign relations committee, offered an amendment for investigation of the law and the facts in the submarine attacks on the Lusitania, Falaba, Hesperian, Arabic, Gulfight and Ancona and of the plots and conspiracies against the neutrality of the United States to which President Wilson referred in his address to Congress Tuesday.

Both resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee. Their introduction has served to bring out the first debate of the session on a subject to which all minds had turned.

Sensors on both sides of the chamber were drawn into the discussion, which was precipitated by a vigorous speech by Senator Smith in support of his resolution.

"I wish to extend the scope of the resolution by my amendment," said Senator Lodge as the Georgia senator concluded, "because if we are to take up this question of the violations of our rights, I want to put it not on the lowest ground alone but on the highest ground as well. I think it is of great importance that we should vindicate our rights as a neutral in trade if those rights have been violated, but I think it is far more important that we should extend protection and assure security to American citizens, for I don't believe that any government can long retain the respect of its own people if it does not give them the protection to which they are entitled.

"Although I am as anxious as anyone can be to care for our rights in trade if they are violated, to me American lives are more important than American dollars. If this investigation is to go on, and especially if Congress is to take action, I want it to take in all the violations of our rights that may have occurred. The most important is the violation which has affected American lives or the security of an American citizen—man, woman or child—and the next most important are those pointed out by the president of the United States in his message the other day when he referred to the destruction of property, accompanied by destruction of life in the United States, and stated that conspiracies in alien interests are going on within our own borders.

"I am not willing to get into a passion over an infringement of our trade and then allow American citizens to lose their lives and have it go by in frigid silence. I think the United States stands for something higher in the world than mere trade and mere dollars. I don't want to see our citizens wronged in their properties, but I think we should also stand, and above all, for morality and humanity in the dealings of nations with each other."

Senator Works, of California, asked Senator Lodge if his amendment was comprehensive enough to include investigation of parts played by citizens of the United States in sending ammunition on ships which had been attacked or destroyed. He was assured that it was meant to include inquiry into all angles of the general subject of the belligerent interference with American ships.

Sensor Hoke Smith, replying, to Senator Lodge, intimated that there had been an effort made to bury all objections to interference with American shipping by "sentimental protestations of horror at losses of life," and that some of this effort, at least, had been influenced by profits from the sale of ammunition.

"Those who have considered it most necessary to criticize Great

## ALLIED FORCES FALLING BACK

BRITISH AND FRENCH RETREAT FROM SOUTHERN SERBIA TOWARD SALONIKI.

The Anglo-French forces have commenced a general retreat from southern Serbia and it is suggested that their destination is the region of Saloniki. This retreatment was necessitated not only by the superior forces of Bulgarians and Germans, but to a threat of an outflanking movement from Petrovo, where the Bulgarians have arrived, and also to danger to their line of communication from Bulgarian irregulars who had crossed the Greek frontier.

Both the British and the French forces, who are well supplied with artillery and machine guns, engaged in a four days battle in which they inflicted heavy losses on the Bulgarians, who fought with desperation and the greatest courage. Attack after attack was repulsed, but the Bulgarians still came on and each evening the allies fell back to new positions where events of the day before were repeated.

The question now rises whether the Bulgarians and Germans will follow the allies across the Greek frontier and what attitude the Greek government will adopt. King Constantine has promised to use his army to protect the retreating force if they undertake to re-embark and has shown his good faith by preventing Bulgarian raiding bands from destroying the allies' communications, but it is doubtful whether the allies will agree to evacuate Saloniki, which under the guns of their ships would provide a good defensive position and a base from which other operations could be undertaken. It is on this point that negotiations between Greece and the entente allies is now proceeding.

While retreating from southern Serbia the allies have been given effective assistance by the Montenegrins and Serbians who fled into Albania. This is shown in the resistance which both the Serbs and the Montenegrins are offering invaders. The Montenegrins have been fighting a series of rear guard actions and delivering counter-attacks which the Austrians admit seriously delayed their advance. The Austrians are now attempting a new advance from the region of Berani, west of Ipek.

The Serbians, who are now receiving supplies from the Adriatic coast, are still showing activity. The Italians also have reinforced the garrison at Vlona (Avlona), from which place they are sending relief to the Serbians coming from Ochrida lake district.

There is no further news from Mesopotamia, where, according to last accounts, the Turks were attacking Kut El Amara and had actually reached a point on the river below that town, but the success of the Russians in dispersing a band of Prussian rebels under German and Turkish officers at Sultan Bulak pass, on the road to Hamadan, it is believed will ease the situation in that part of the world.

Much activity is reported on the Gallipoli peninsula, where it is reported fresh German artillery is arriving, and on the Isonzo front, where the Italians have gained more ground in the direction of Gorizia. Along other fronts no important changes have occurred.

## Condemned Men Carried to Raleigh.

Ed. Walker and Jeff Dorsett, colored, the condemned murderers of Mr. John Swaim, of Pleasant Garden, who are to be electrocuted in the state penitentiary on Friday, January 21, were carried to Raleigh Saturday by Sheriff Stafford and Deputy Sheriff Highfill and delivered to the authorities of the state prison. Neither Walker nor Dorsett appeared to be greatly concerned when informed that the date of their execution had been fixed, and they left Greensboro stoutly maintaining their innocence. It is not probable that any further effort will be made to save their lives.

Britain for interfering with neutral trade" said the Georgia senator, "have been persons, who, to say the least, have not lost anything in their trade."

Sensor Walsh, of Montana, declared that seizures of American copper had ceased only because American citizens had agreed to ship their copper under rules laid down by the British admiralty.

## TENSE SITUATION DEVELOPS

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY MAY BE BROKEN OFF.

Diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona with the loss of American lives. All officials in Washington continue to preserve silence over the negotiations with Austria, but through the veil which has been drawn about the situation is seen a crisis just as grave as that which attended the submarine negotiations with Germany.

The question of continuing diplomatic relations may be said to depend upon a satisfactory reply to Secretary Lansing's note, which now probably is before the Vienna foreign office, demanding a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, reparation for the lives lost and assurances that passenger ships shall not be attacked without warning or an opportunity for non-combatants to take to places of safety.

Officials of the state department will not discuss the American note even so far as to say if they know whether it has reached Vienna or when they expect to permit publication of it in this country. It is taken for granted, however, that the communication cabled last Tuesday must have been delivered before this and a reply is anxiously awaited.

A further complication developed when it was disclosed that an Austrian submarine which shelled the American Standard Oil tank ship Petrolite, in the Mediterranean last week, sent a boarding party and took part of the ship's provisions. This news came in a consular dispatch from Algiers.

There probably will be no action by the state department until more complete reports are received, showing the exact circumstances under which the vessel was attacked. If the tanker was shelled while trying to escape in disregard of warning, no complaint could be made. When she did stop and submit to search, however, the submarine commander, on finding her a neutral ship bound on legitimate business, had no right to seize her property.

Warships in need of food often have held up merchantmen without regard to nationality and taken what they wanted, giving receipts to assure ultimate payment for what was taken. Under such circumstances, it is said, the governments concerned have not been inclined to regard the proceeding as a very serious breach of their rights, provided a merchantman was not left without sufficient supplies to make port.

## GUILFORD LEADS STATE IN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY.

A report just issued from the office of the secretary of state in Raleigh shows that Guilford leads all the counties of North Carolina in the number of automobiles owned, the amount of taxes paid on the machines and the number of automobile dealers.

The figures show that there are 1,280 automobiles in this county returned for taxation; that the license taxes paid to the state and county amount to \$7,397, and that there are 15 automobile dealers in the county.

Mecklenburg county comes second with 1,105 automobiles and \$6,745.50 in taxes. Guilford leads Mecklenburg by \$651.50 in the amount of taxes paid and 175 in the number of machines. Last year Guilford was only \$10 ahead of Mecklenburg in the amount of taxes paid.

Guilford also leads in the number of motorcycles, there being 85 of these death-courting machines returned for taxation in the county as against 74 in Mecklenburg.

According to the figures, about one person out of every 500 inhabitants in Guilford county—including men, women and children, both white and colored—owns an automobile.

## Bryan Cited For Contempt of Court.

New York, Dec. 11.—William Jennings Bryan, in an order signed by Supreme Court Justice Whitaker today, was declared in default for failure to answer a summons to appear as a witness in the suit for alleged libel brought by Petros T. Tatanis against D. J. Vlasto and S. J. Vlasto.

The court also issued an order requiring Mr. Bryan to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court. This was made returnable December 23.

## ENTIRE TOWN IS DESTROYED

FLAMES WIPE OUT HOPEWELL, VA.—NOT A SINGLE BUILDING LEFT STANDING.

Hopewell, Va., Dec. 9.—This mushroom town of 25,000 people, grown up since last summer with the great new gun cotton plant of the Dupont Powder Company, was completely destroyed by a fire which started today in a restaurant and did property damage estimated at from one to three million dollars. The Dupont works, outside of the settlement, was undamaged. Villages A and B near Hopewell, built to house the families of married employes of the factory, also escaped.

Scenes of wild disorder accompanied the fire and citizens lynched a negro for looting. There was no loss of life otherwise and only a few minor injuries were reported.

Martial law was proclaimed tonight with the arrival of six militia companies, rushed from Richmond by order of Governor Stuart. The thousands of homeless men, women and children had been sent to Petersburg and Richmond, but many men remained to guard what little property they had been able to save.

The fire was said to have been caused by the overturning of an oil stove, though there were rumors that it had been incendiary. These rumors first were given credence in many quarters because of the arrest last night at the gun cotton factory of a man whom factory officials said, had attempted to put a charge of nitroglycerin in one of the beater houses and had been under surveillance for several days.

The fire raged from 1.45 P. M., until nearly 9 P. M. Available fire-fighting apparatus was utterly inadequate to cope with the situation, the flames eating their way through the flimsy frame structures quickly thrown up during the early days of the town last summer, like so much tinder.

Several times sparks set fire to mule sheds of the explosive factory, but the flames which followed were quickly extinguished.

Hopewell policemen, assisted by a special force of the powder company, held the situation well in hand until the troops arrived. There was the greatest confusion and bewilderment, but few attempts at looting.

Many of those who had personal belongings and household goods removed them to places of safety. Surrounding the community which lay in ashes early tonight could be seen men, women and children seated upon such belongings as they had been able to save. It was not unusual to see men standing near by with freely displayed revolvers to protect themselves against robbery.

As soon as it was realized that the place was doomed, the police, assisted by experts from the powder plant, began dynamiting buildings.

Fanned by a 20-mile-an-hour northeast wind, the flames swept over Hopewell at a rapid rate and burned themselves out when they reached a lumber yard situated at the intersection of Woodland avenue and the tracks of the Norfolk & Western Railway.

Not a building in the town proper was left standing, the two banks, the Hopewell State and the Farmers and Mechanics, were destroyed. However, the officers managed to save all their cash and securities on hand and removed them to Petersburg.

## Meat and Milk Inspection.

The report of Dr. W. A. Hornaday, the city milk and meat inspector, for the past month shows the following items: Beeves inspected, 134; hogs, 128; veal, 94; sheep, 52; dairy permits granted, 8; visits to dairies, 41; cows tested for tuberculosis, 98; cows condemned for tuberculosis, 18; bacterial tests for milk made, 16; samples of water collected and sent for analysis, 11. The inspector condemned 320 pounds of meat as unfit for use.

Coletrane-Farrington.—Mr. Kyle Coletrane and Miss Mae Farrington were married Thursday night at the home of Mr. Martin Causey, on Greensboro Route 1, the ceremony being witnessed by a few friends and relatives of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Coletrane are at home to their friends at their residence in Sumner township.