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TREMENDOUS PROBLEM RAISED

Report That Great Britain May Place Naval Base in Bermuda Islands — May Involve Life of Monroe Doctrine.

Washington Dispatch, 3d.

Keen interest has been aroused in official circles here by a report, reaching the State Department, that Great Britain is contemplating a great Naval base in the Bermuda Islands. It is authoritatively stated that the British Government has made inquiry concerning the plans of the United States for protection of the Panama Canal for protection of Panama canal routes and has been suggested that this indicates an intention to safeguard British shipping through the Isthmus as is done in the Mediterranean.

Officials realize that the problem raised is a tremendous one, involving as it may the very life of the Monroe Doctrine and marking perhaps a complete revolution in foreign naval policy in the Western Hemisphere for it is expected that if Great Britain changes her naval policy in American Atlantic waters, other European Nations probably will follow suit. While these changes may be expected in the Atlantic waters and the West Indies officials likewise realize that with the opening of the canal, the United States must contend with Japan for domination of the Pacific.

The British Royal Navy abandoned its naval stations in this country about 10 years ago, when the United States gave up the idea of construction of the Nicarauan Canal, and set about digging the big waterway across Panama, whose approaching completion bids fair to revolutionize international relations.

SOUTHERN EXPRESS CO. MUST PAY UP.

Owes State \$20,000 in Back Taxes—Corporation Commission Issues Orders to Come Across.

Raleigh News and Observer, 2d.

The Southern Express Company owes the State of North Carolina more than \$20,000 according to the calculations of the Corporation Commission and yesterday Chairman Travis issued an order to pay up.

It is one of the big finds. It covers four years, but does not include the first five months of 1913. The Commission makes sharp dissent from the express company's way of computing revenues and declares its position "utterly untenable."

The issues are joined warmly on the company's interpretation of gross revenues. The company contends that gross revenues means revenues after the expenses of transportation have been deducted. It deducts the amount paid the carriers before it lists the taxes. The commission says this is exactly what should not be done.

"If the express company has the right to deduct its entire transportation expense and to treat the remainder as gross expense, why should it not deduct other expenses of operating its business? the commission asks, "and at what point would it cease to deduct expenses before getting down to what its gross revenues would be? It is very apparent that it comes nearer reporting its net revenue than its gross revenue."

In finding this little item of \$20,000 and more, the commission believes it has done the State a service as it feels it did when it ran athwart the States Trust bank scheme.

Residence Near Buie Burned.

Mr. Lon Smith, who lives near Buie, had the misfortune Friday night of losing his house and practically all of its contents by fire. Mr. Smith and family, consisting of wife and eight children, were in the house. Mr. Smith awoke about 12 o'clock at night and noticed that it was unusually bright outside and went out and found the roof of his house in a blaze, parts of it having fallen in. A sewing machine and one or two other things of little value were saved. The origin of the fire is unknown. It is understood that Mr. Smith had no insurance.

Tobacco Farmers Faring Well.

Tobacco farmers are faring the best ever this year so far as high prices are concerned. Last Tuesday over \$15,000 were paid out for the weed at Fairmont and Thursday over \$18,000 were paid out. That kind of money being scattered over the county makes it better for all classes of people.

"I have been somewhat costive, but Doan's Regula gives just the results I desire. They act mildly and regulate the bowels perfectly."—Geo. B. Krause, Altoona, Pa.

HANDS OFF MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

President Evolving Plan of Non-Interference — Senate Foreign Relations Committee Will Hear Both Sides.

Washington Dispatch, 2d.

While President Wilson has not yet announced the policy which he thinks the American Government ought to pursue toward Mexico, there is every reason to believe that he is evolving a plan of non-interference in the internal affairs of the Southern Republic.

Two incidents today emphasized the trend of affairs toward an attitude of friendly non-interference. It became known that the President in conference with members of the House military affairs committee had discouraged the idea of making preparations for a volunteer army. Likewise Secretary Bryan's request for an appropriation of \$100,000 with which to transport destitute Americans from Mexico in emergencies developed a feeling in official circles that the American Government would endeavor in crisis to remove Americans expeditiously from the troubled zones.

This procedure it is felt would minimize the chances for international difficulty, as any destruction of property would be cared for through indemnification and there is every indication incidentally that the Wilson Administration will pursue a vigorous policy toward recovering damages to foreign property in Mexico.

With Americans out of Mexico or at least out of those parts where chaos may develop the United States Government would feel less responsibility for the progress of events and would assume the role of an observer rather than a participant, the latter position being one, despite strong efforts from many quarters, is fairly well determined. President Wilson will not countenance. He never has allowed the thought of armed intervention to enter his consideration of a solution for the Mexican problem. but on the other hand, his efforts in working out a policy for the American government in this situation and those like it in the future are directed toward a peaceful program.

Hope that the Mexican factions will agree on a Provisional President to succeed Huerta still prevails here. The Constitutionalists, however, are making repeated representations that if permitted to obtain arms on an equality with the Huerta Government, they soon would triumph and restore peace.

With the idea of obtaining first hand information about the situation, especially in connection with the pleas being made to lift the embargo on ammunition, the Senate foreign relations committee has determined to permit a number of persons representing the factions in Mexico to appear before it.

General Eduardo Hay, who took part in many of the battles in the Madero revolution, as well as in the present conflict, a former Speaker of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies will give Senate foreign relations committee the Constitutionalists side of the argument next week.

Suggestions were made today that Mrs. Francisco Madero, widow of the former President, and Alfonso Madero a brother, be invited before the committee. It is said that they would refute the statement of conditions recited by Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson recently and there is a feeling among Senators that they should hear both sides in the controversy over the events which led to Madero's death.

The Senate committee, likewise, desires to be in a position to understand the general situation when President Wilson submits to them his recommendations or policies.

Road Machinery Sold at Auction.

At noon today at the court house County Attorney E. J. Britt sold for the county commissioners the following road machinery and equipment belonging to former road district No. 1: 2 harrows, 2 road scoops, 3 road drags, a traction engine and 7 cots. The entire outfit brought \$252.10. The town of Lumberton bought one road scoop, Lumberton township bought the 3 road drags, and Sheriff R. E. Lewis bought the traction engine, the price paid for the engine being \$175.

Father of Dillon (S. C.) County and Town Passes—Brother-in-Law of Mrs. C. B. Townsend of Lumberton.

Dillon Herald, July 31: Mr. James W. Dillon, the father of Dillon county and town and their oldest and most highly esteemed citizen died here at his home on Tuesday afternoon, about three o'clock.

Deceased was a brother-in-law of Mrs. C. B. Townsend of Lumberton.

CHURCH NOTES.

Meetings at First Baptist Church Continue and Interest is Increasing—Rev. C. H. Durham Declines Call to Brown Memorial and Decides to Remain in Lumberton—Other Church Notes.

The series of meetings which began at the First Baptist church a week ago this evening will continue for a few days longer. Much interest is being manifested and the attendance seems to be increasing with every service. Since the meeting began there have been about 20 additions to the church. The meeting may be brought to close Wednesday evening, but nothing definite has been determined as to that. Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, pastor of Grace Street Baptist church of Richmond, is preaching sermons of great power and effectiveness. Services are held at 9:45 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. There were no preaching services at other church in town yesterday. Some of the merchants are closing their stores for the morning service.

Rev. C. H. Durham, who has been pastor of this church for the past 13 years, announced at the service last evening that he has declined the call to Brown Memorial church in Winston-Salem, which call he had under consideration for the past two weeks or more, and will remain in Lumberton. When this announcement was made the entire congregation, which numbered some 600 or 700 people and filled the large church to its capacity, rose en masse and sang joyfully "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Small wonder that this spontaneous demonstration of affection and joy at the decision Mr. Durham had reached brought tears to that much-loved pastor's eyes. People of all denominations in Lumberton are glad that Mr. Durham is to remain here. He is a great power for good and the entire town and county are to be congratulated upon his decision.

Mr. H. E. Stacy will address the Epworth League of Chestnut Street Methodist church at the regular service at 7:30 o'clock next Sunday evening.

Rev. R. L. Byrd of Tolarville is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Byrd assisted Rev. W. R. Davis in a series of meetings held last week at Smyrna and he will begin a series of meetings this week at Tar Heel Baptist church, of which he is pastor.

A series of meetings began at the Broad Ridge Baptist church, ten miles south of Lumberton, yesterday. Rev. Dock Barnes and Rev. J. I. Stone, Jr., will do the preaching.

Race for Governor Will Be Interesting

Wilmington Star.
Congressman Godwin is reported as believing that the sixth district will furnish the next Governor of the State, and picks his man in the person of A. W. McLean, of Lumberton. There is no objection to the selection of Mr. Godwin that we know of, but there will be some pretty strong contestants for the honor, if rumors current are to be taken. We have it that Mr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, will be in the race; and Attorney General Bickett apparently is certain to be in the race. Doubtless, there may be others. It has been hinted that Secretary Daniels, of the Navy, may want to run.

In time we shall know who will run, but from what we hear it may as well be settled that we shall have a race that will be interesting from start to finish. Mr. Bickett is a taking sort of man; Mr. Poe is strong with the farmers; Mr. McLean is likely to draw abundance of support, and Mr. Daniels—he is liable to be hard to handle. What with the Senatorial fight, and the general change in State offices all along the line, including Treasurer Lacy, there is promised abundance of political interest in 1914.

Eighteen Killed in Mine Explosion.

Tower City, Pa., Dispatch, 2d.
Eighteen men were killed and two seriously injured today in a double explosion in the East Brookside mine of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, near here, by a double explosion of what is believed to have been dynamite and gas: Thirteen men died in the first explosion and five men met death in the second blast after a heroic attempt to rescue the first victims. One of the rescuers escaped.

It is not known exactly what caused the explosions, but the miners at the colliery are inclined to the belief that the first explosion was that of dynamite and the second was caused by the dynamite explosion. The dead were scattered for a distance of about a quarter of a mile. Only three men were taken out alive and one of these died on the way to the hospital.

"THE MAN FROM INDIA."

An Interesting Visitor From All Over Whose Native Land is India.

Lumberton has never had a more interesting visitor than Mr. L. Fritz, "The Man from India," who blew into town last week from All Over. Mr. Fritz is a card writer and his place of business is on the shady side of the street, in front of Mr. A. Weinstein's store mornings, and in front of the Pastime theatre afternoons and evenings. Behind a little table that a less expert penman would consider too small to give room for flourishes Mr. Fritz performs the most difficult feats of penmanship with easy nonchalance. Gaping crowds standing all around do not disturb him in the least. He says he has written and slept undisturbed on the streets of large cities while thousands were passing. He is certainly an artist with the pen. While you wait he will pen your name on a card in lines so beautiful and artistic that you would find it hard to believe that he did it without the "sensible and true avouch of your own eyes." One of the most remarkable things he does is imitating one's handwriting. He'll glance at a perfect stranger whom he never saw before and proceed to write that man's signature so much like the man himself signs his name that, nine times out of ten, it would get money at the bank—if the man's name was good for it.

Mr. Fritz says he was born in India 71 years ago, but it is hard to believe that he has not got his dates mixed, for he does not look a day over 55 years old. He consumes a quarter of a pound of tobacco a day, which means that he smokes a pipe practically all the time when he is awake. He travels all over the world and has had varied and interesting experiences. He says he recently saw a man for whom he wrote some cards 37 years ago in front of the Vatican at Rome.

Besides being an artist with the pen, "The Man from India" is a most interesting character. He will be in Lumberton about a week longer, when he will pull out for some other good town; for he is a "bird of passage," "a rolling stone," who is as smooth as the proverbial rolling stone ever gets to be.

NEGRO'S NOMINATION WITHDRAWN.

President Nominates an Indian to be Register of the Treasury.

Washington Special, 2d to Wilmington Star.
President Wilson today withdrew the nomination of Adam E. Patterson to be Register of the Treasury and substituted that of Gabe E. Parker, of Oklahoma, a full blooded Choctaw Indian.

By withdrawing Patterson's name and substituting that of Parker, a man other than a negro will hold the office of Register of the Treasury for the first time since Grover Cleveland's day, when he named a negro "to boss white men and white women" and for the first time in the history of the United States a full blooded Indian will hold a position of first responsibility at the seat of government.

Senator Overman and many other Southern Senators took a firm stand against appointing a Negro to this place and the President was told that his nomination would never be confirmed by the Senate. Being convinced that this was true, Mr. Wilson reluctantly withdrew the negro's name. P. R. A.

Effort to Hasten Progress of Tariff Bill.

Washington Dispatch, 2d.
In an effort to hasten the progress of the tariff bill, leaders on both sides in the Senate determined today to support a movement to have the sessions begin next week at 11 a. m., instead of at noon. The Senate will sit seven hours a day under this arrangement and the leaders hope the extra hour will serve to get many campaign speeches out of the way.

Cotton Damaged by Heavy Rains.

It is said that rains, the heaviest that have fallen in years, have damaged cotton crops considerably in the Fairmont and Orrum sections within the last two weeks. Some say the crop has been cut off one-half.

The annual camp meeting at Falcon—nearest railroad point Godwin, on the Atlantic Coast Line between Fayetteville and Wilson—will be held August 14-24.

A household remedy in America for 25 years—Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. For cuts, sprains, burns, scalds, bruises. 25c and 50c. At all drug stores.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Jack Edmund, Youthful Careless Handler of Gun, Placed Under \$300 Peace Bond and Must Give Up His Gun—Other Cases.

Jack Edmund, the small boy about 12 years old, son of Mrs. Agnes Edmund, who shot three small children about two weeks ago, mention of which was made in The Robesonian at the time, was given a hearing Saturday before Assistant Recorder R. A. McLean. As will be recalled, Stephen Croft and his little sister Frances, children of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Croft, who live about 5 miles from town on the Carthage road, and their little cousin Ben Dore of Charlotte, who at the time was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Croft, on Monday afternoon two weeks ago were on their way home from town in a buggy driving a mule. A little dog owned by the Croft children was following along, and in passing the home of Mrs. Edmund, north-western part of town, Jack's dog ran out and started a fight with the Croft dog. The Croft dog was getting the better of the Edmund dog and Jack ran in the house and got his gun and fired it, part of the load taking effect on the three children in the buggy.

Recorder McLean placed the boy under a \$300 peace bond to stand until January, 1st, 1915, his mother paid all costs in the case and the doctor's bill for treatment of the children, and the boy's gun was ordered taken away from him.

Messrs. Edwin McMillan, Grady Hayes, and Frank Parnell, and Frank and Will Oxendine, colored, have all been before Recorder McLean since last issue of The Robesonian to answer charges of riding bicycles on the sidewalk. In all these cases judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Barn Filled With Tobacco Burned.

Mr. J. A. Edmund, who lives near Mt. Elham, lost a barn filled with tobacco Saturday night. Mr. Edmund says the tobacco burned was easily worth \$200.00. The barn caught from the flues on the inside.

The county commissioners and board of education are holding their regular monthly meetings today.

Messrs. S. McIntyre, L. R. Varner, R. C. Lawrence, J. Dixon McLean and R. E. Lee were among the Lumberton attorneys who left this morning for Elizabethtown, where this week they will attend Bladen county court.

The county pension board—Col. S. J. Cobb of Parkton, chairman; Major W. H. Graham of Rowland and Mr. S. J. Thompson of Long Branch—met today in the office of the Clerk of Court C. B. Skipper, who is ex officio some time ago that Mr. R. H. applications for pensions.

Mr. Mack Byrd, who lives near Proctorville, was taken this morning to the State Hospital for the Insane at Raleigh. He was accompanied by Mr. Willis Britt. Mrs. John West, of Wishart's township, was also to have been taken this morning to the hospital, but she was unable to make the trip.

Quite a number from here attended Friday the big Sunday school picnic at Centenary church, near Rowland, among them Messrs. C. B. Skipper, Frank Gough, E. B. Freeman, Pope Stephens, Lawrence Parker and H. E. Stacy. Mr. Stacy was speaker of the day. Messrs. Gough and Skipper made short talks. This picnic will be held next year at Asbury church at Raynham.

Mr. W. A. Porter, who has been The Robesonian's efficient and faithful foreman for more than two years, has resigned in order to accept a similar position in his home town, Concord, and leaves for Concord this evening. The Robesonian gives him up with regret. Mr. W. J. Walker, a brother of the paper's linotype operator, succeeds Mr. Porter. He arrived Saturday from his home at Roberta, Ga.

Mrs. T. N. Higley and two daughters, Misses Ina and Emma, came home Friday. They were away about two weeks, spending the time at Rockford and Rural Hall. This trip was taken for Mrs. Higley's health, she having been unwell for a year or more, and she had intended staying away much longer, but her condition became much worse after she left home, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, and she had to be brought home. Miss Mary Conoly, a trained nurse from the Thompson hospital, returned last Tuesday to Rural Hall and returned with Mrs. Higley. Mrs. Higley's condition today is thought to be somewhat improved.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Cotton today, 11 1/2 cents.
Hail is reported to have fallen in several sections of Robeson county last week, but the stones seem to have been small, and no damage to crops has been reported.

The regular meeting of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., will not be held tomorrow evening on account of the meetings being held at the First Baptist church.

Miss Cora Page began work this morning in Mr. L. H. Caldwell's store. Miss Page has held this position before and has a host of friends who will be glad to learn that she is back at Mr. Caldwell's.

St. Paul's Messenger: The Western Union people say that they will run a line into St. Paul's this fall. We hope they will; this isolation is dismal. We need some way of communicating with the outside world.

The executive committee of the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union—Messrs. W. K. Culbreth, Dan H. Britt, W. S. Johnson, V. A. Bullock, W. N. Townsend, Jno. E. Carlyle and N. A. Townsend—met in the court house here today. A good bit of business was transacted, but not of a nature to be made public.

"The Higher Mercy," a Civil War story in which President Lincoln played a prominent part, Vitagraph, and "Terrible Teddy," by Essany, will be two interesting pictures shown at the Pastime theatre this evening. "A Mistake in Spelling," Vitagraph, and "Silver Wing's Two Sisters," Pathe Indian picture, will be shown tomorrow evening.

Mr. W. E. Perry of Birmingham, Ala., is spending some time in the county visiting relatives. He and his brother Mr. A. H. Perry, who lives near Parkton, are in town today. Mr. Perry arrived at Parkton Friday and says that he expects to return home the last of the week. Mr. Perry left the county 21 years ago and this is his first visit home. He is in the jewelry business in Birmingham. He says the greatest changes have been brought about since he left "Old Robeson."

Red Springs Citizen: Mr. Monroe Gaddy has returned from Oxford University, England, where he went in September, 1910, after winning one of the Rhodes scholarships. While at Oxford he studied law, receiving his degree on July 5th, 1913. For three years he was a member of Hertford College lawn tennis team, acting as honorary secretary during the season of 1912 and captain in 1913. Mr. Gaddy also traveled during his vacation in England, Scotland, Wales, France and Switzerland.

Fairmont Messenger: Superintendent V. C. Eaker, for the past year our efficient and popular grade school superintendent, has handed in his resignation to the school committee, he being in New York City at the time. It is not known just why Prof. Eaker resigned, for he had been granted an increase in salary, we understand, and had been re-elected to head the school for the coming term. The people here liked Mr. Eaker very much, and profound regret is felt by them since he is not coming back. We hope the board of trustees will succeed in securing as good a superintendent.

It was stated in The Robesonian some time ago that R. H. Crichton had resigned his position as bookkeeper in the office of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings Cotton Mills, which position he has held for the past three or four years, effective August 15, after which time he will be associated with his father-in-law, Mr. C. M. Fuller, in the livestock business. Mr. Earl Thompson, who has been deputy register of deeds for the past few years, will succeed Mr. Crichton at the cotton mill office and Mr. M. N. Folger, who had been a clerk in the office of his father-in-law, Register T. N. Higley, will succeed Mr. Thompson.

Judge Z. T. Fulmore of Austin, Texas, who has won large success in his adopted State since he left his native Robeson 43 years ago, has been visiting relatives and friends in the county for several days. He was at Red Springs part of last week and spent Saturday and Sunday night in Lumberton a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McAllister. He went yesterday to Rowland, where he was born, and will return to Texas after visiting relatives in that section for a few days. Judge Fulmore formerly contributed some interesting articles to The Robesonian and has promised to write again for the paper when he gets back home. This was his first visit to Lumberton in 8 years and he of course noticed wonderful changes in the town.