

Farmers Union Rally in Lumberton, Saturday, September 12th. Don't fail to attend. State Pres. Alexander will speak.

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U. S. MAY PROTECT CHRISTIANS

England Would Approve Sending of American Warships to Turkish Ports to Care for Christians in Case of Mohammedan Uprising — Turkey Expected to Join Germany — Britain Orders German and Austrian Officers From Egypt — War Notes.

Washington Dispatch, 6th.

German and Austrian Consular officers have been ordered by British authorities to leave Egypt immediately. Rumania has announced officially that if she abandons her position of neutrality, it will be to follow the course taken by Italy.

Great Britain has informed the United States that she would look with favor on the sending of American warships to Turkish ports to care for Christians in case there was a Mohammedan uprising against them. These developments in the highly critical situation brought about by the feeling of the Triple Entente that Turkey is certain to join the conflict on the side of Germany and Austria were conveyed today in official dispatches to the United States Government.

While the cruiser North Carolina has been sent on a mission of relief it generally is understood she will rendezvous in Eastern Mediterranean waters for salutary effect of her presence. There is talk of sending the Tennessee with her to be ready for an emergency in Egypt.

Great Britain is apprehensive, it is understood about the possible insurrection against her rule in Egypt. Khedive Abbas, the native ruler is said to be in sympathy with Germany and Austria. He is closely related by blood to the reigning house of Turkey.

Press Dispatch, 6th.

The Allied armies defending the road to Paris have again come into contact with the German right wing on the banks of the River Grand Morin which runs east and west, somewhat south of the Paris line.

An official statement issued by the French War office says the Allies' advance troops came into touch with the German forces, which seem to be covering the River Ourcq towards the southwest, the movement of the main body of the German right wing and a small engagement resulted in an advantage to the French.

The town of Maubeuge, where it is reported British troops are assisting the French garrison, it is said to still be resisting German assault.

From Berlin by way of Amsterdam comes a report that the Germans are attacking the forts at Nancy and that Emperor William and the general staff are watching the operations.

The British official war information bureau has issued a long general survey of operations of the British army during the past week and in addition a list of British casualties which shows a total of more than 15,000 men up to September 1.

The statement, which is based on a report from Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces at the front speak highly of the spirit of the British soldiers and their achievements. It declares that while the British losses are heavy they are not one-third of the losses inflicted by the British troops on the Germans.

The statement closes with a call for more men.

Berlin reports that 3,000 British prisoners have reached Doberitz.

A bombardment has begun of the fortifications at Cattaro, an Austro-Hungarian seaport, by the French fleet, and advices from Cetinje credit the Montenegrin troops with the defeat of the Austrians at Boljanitz.

France is calling out 1915 recruits and in this way will add 250,000 men to her forces within a few months.

The German Reichstag, represented by members of all parties, has promised its full support to whatever measures the Minister of Marine deems necessary. Appropriations will be made for the replacement of ships lost and to carry out the program of construction already arranged.

A British steamer of the Wilson Line, with hundreds of passengers aboard, has foundered in the North Sea after striking a mine. Most of those aboard were saved.

Russian official announcements describe a strong offensive movement against the Austrians on September 4. The 45th Austrian regiment of infantry surrendered, 1,600 men being

DR. ALEXANDER COMING.

State President of Farmers Union Writes That He Will Be in Lumberton September 12—Don't Fail to Attend this meeting.

It has been stated in The Robesonian that Dr. H. Q. Alexander, State president of the Farmers' Union, would address a meeting of the farmers and business men in Lumberton Saturday of this week, September 12. The following letter was received Saturday by Mr. Grover Britt, secretary-treasurer of the Robeson County Division of the Farmers Union: "Mr. Grover Britt,

"Dear Brother:—
"I expect to arrive in Lumberton on the 9:45 train Saturday morning September 12th. Hope we will have a great day and that much good will be done the cause. Try to get out all the people.

"I am yours fraternally,

"H. Q. ALEXANDER."

As will be seen from a news item elsewhere in this paper, Dr. Alexander has called a conference of farmers to be held at Raleigh Friday of this week to devise ways and means of saving the cotton crop. He will come to Lumberton direct from the conference and no doubt will have a special message for the farmers. Every farmer of Robeson county should avail himself of this opportunity of hearing Dr. Alexander. Always an earnest and entertaining speaker, he will have a special message at this time.

Don't let this opportunity of hearing this noted speaker pass you by. It is expected that one of the largest crowds that has gathered in Lumberton in many moons will be here Saturday. Will you be one of the number. It will pay you, and pay you well. "Better fix up and come along."

Church Notes.

Rev. Dr. W. B. North filled his pulpit at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday morning and evening for the first time since the first Sunday in August, having been away on his vacation, which he spent with Mrs. North and their children at the home of Mrs. North's parents in Greenville county. A special feature of the music at the morning service was a solo by Miss Mildred McIntyre.

Rev. J. Frank Gorrell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, began last week taking the month's vacation which was given him by his church recently, so there was no preaching service at that church yesterday and will not be by the pastor during this month. Mr. Gorrell was confined at home with malaria a part of last week but his condition is better today. He will probably spend part of his vacation away from home.

Reserve Bank System by Oct. 1.

Washington Dispatch, 4th.

After an all-day conference with clearing house delegates from many large cities, Federal Reserve Board announced tonight it would proceed immediately with the organization of the 12 reserve banks provided for by the new currency system. It generally is accepted the system can be put in operation about October 1. The actual opening may be delayed, but it was said the 12 banks would be ready to do business within the next six weeks.

Messrs. R. M. Guy, and A. T. Phillips of the Globe Swamp section are in town today.

taken. German troops, marching to the aid of the Austrians, were attacked, but the result of these operations has not been made known. A German official statement says the Allied troops are in retreat between Paris and Verdun and that the German troops are pursuing them. It adds that in the eastern theater of war the Austrian attack on Lublin continues and that the Austrians are engaged in dispersing the Russians.

Late advices say train services between Paris and Dieppe have been suspended.

Allies Agree to Stand Together.

Russia France and Great Britain signed an agreement at London Saturday that none of the three would make peace without the consent of all three nations. Officials at Washington believe that that means the war will be prolonged and will be fought to a decisive end.

STATE MEETING FRIDAY.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander Announces Conference at Raleigh—Farmers Urged to Attend—To Perfect Plan to Save Cotton—State Warehouse Association May Become Necessary.

Charlotte Observer, 10th.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander of the county president of the North Carolina Farmers' Cooperative and Educational Union, last night issued a call for a general convention of tobacco and cotton growers of the State, to be held in Raleigh on Friday, September 11. The meeting is not to be one of members of the Farmers' Union, as such, though it is hoped that every Union will be represented but is for the farmers as a whole. The object is to devise ways to protect the crop from low prices.

Dr. Alexander last night issued the following call:

"After counselling with Governor Craig, Mr. Clarence H. Poe and others, hereby call a convention of cotton and tobacco growers of North Carolina in the court house at Raleigh, at 11 o'clock a. m. on Friday, September 11. All farmers who can do so should attend this convention. I especially urge the members of the Farmers' Union to see that every local union is represented. I fear that the Government plan of financing the cotton crop will not relieve the situation unless it is greatly enlarged and extended.

"Let us meet in convention and devise ways and means to save cotton crop of the State.

"All State and county papers please copy.

"H. Q. ALEXANDER."

Will Need Money.

Doctor Alexander received a telegram from Governor Craig yesterday afternoon urging that he take this step. The Mecklenburger thinks that the problem of warehousing can be arranged without difficulty, but he is unable to see from what source the money will be forthcoming. Only 40 of the 72 National banks in the State have joined the National Currency Association. The other 416 banks in this Commonwealth are State banks. Dr. Alexander believes that it will be found necessary for the State to form a State warehouse Association and issue certificates according to the plan suggested in Friday's Observer by Mr. E. M. Cole, but at a lower rate of interest than Mr. Cole had suggested.

Now that fuller time has been allowed for the discussion and study of this brand new problem, it is likely that impracticable ideas will soon be weeded out and the weak points in the stronger propositions will be sufficiently strengthened as to make possible a practicable workable and efficient scheme. The meeting this week will be of the highest importance to every interest in the State and the attendance will doubtless be large.

Among the Sick.

The condition of Mr. Eli Parham, who has been sick at his home on Chippewa street for some weeks is very much improved.

Frank Jr., small son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLeod, who had been right sick for some time with typhoid fever, has almost recovered.

Mr. H. B. McPhaul, who had been sick with typhoid fever in the James Sanatorium, Laurinburg, for 93 days, was able to return to the home of his brother, Dr. W. A. McPhaul here Tuesday of last week, and has been out since Friday. He had a long siege of it and his many friends are rejoiced that he pulled through.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister and Master H. M. Jr., went Saturday to Richmond, Va., to be with Mr. McAllister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McAllister, who are taking treatment in a hospital there. Mr. McAllister returned this morning, but Mrs. McAllister and son will remain in Richmond for several days. Mr. McAllister reports the condition of both his father and mother much improved.

Death of Mr. W. C. Willis.

Mr. W. C. Willis, aged 37 years, died Friday at his home in Howellsville township. Mr. Willis had been suffering for several months with tuberculosis. He was a bachelor.

"Rudolph the Tailor," May Be At Front.

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SPECIAL VARIETY TAX.

Washington Dispatch, 5th.

Democratic members of the Ways and Means committee virtually agreed today upon commodities susceptible to special taxation to realize \$75,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 requested by President Wilson to offset the loss in customs receipts caused by the conflict in Europe. What shall be taxed to raise the other \$25,000,000 has not yet been determined, scores of commodities and means and means of taxation being proposed. The committee will meet next Tuesday and expects to complete the bill next week. It is certain that beer and fermenting liquors will come first among articles taxed. The additional beer tax will be either 50 or 60 cents a barrel probably 50 cents, producing \$32,000,000 a year. A tax of twenty cents a gallon is probable on domestic wines bringing in from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

From a taxation on proprietary medicines and preparations of all kinds and on soft drinks it is hoped to raise approximately \$20,000,000 while a small additional revenue tax of distilled liquors probably not more than 15 cents a gallon, would bring the total tax on whiskies, etc., to \$1.25 a gallon. From these sources it is estimated \$76,000,000 would be assured.

After The War.

Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, whose ideas are always good, says he is looking for business to boom in America when the war is over. Mr. McNeill says he well remembers the times just after the war between the States and how his father sold cotton for 40 cents per pound. He does not claim that it will sell for that price after the present war is over, but is dead sure it will bring a swell price. His idea is to hold on to the cotton till there is a demand for it and profit thereby.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. P. F. Bristow of Lumber Bridge is attending court today.

Mr. J. F. Blackwell of route 7 from Lumberton is in town today.

Mr. Peter Wallas is spending the day in Wilmington on business.

Mr. N. Jackson of Rowland, route 2, is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. D. R. Rhodes of Bloomingdale is a Lumberton visitor today.

Dr. T. B. Ayers and Mr. J. P. Graham of Proctorville are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. A. C. Davis and son, A. M., of Fairmont, route 1, are among the visitors in town today.

Messrs. F. C. Smith and N. W. Jenkins of Fairmont are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. Herbert Newbold of Raleigh arrived Saturday and spent the weekend in town with friends.

Mr. J. J. Oliver, rural mail carrier from Marietta, was among the visitors in town this morning.

Miss Ella Thomas of Lilesville arrived yesterday and will spend some time in town visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Boylin.

Mr. R. McA. Nixon, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, returned Friday from Wilmington, where he spent several days visiting relatives and friends.

Messrs. A. P. Page and J. E. Phillips will leave this afternoon for the western part of the State, where they will spend some time. They will be away about two weeks and will visit some points in Virginia while away.

Mr. Tom Myers a local contractor, returned yesterday from Charlotte, where he attended the North Carolina Deaf and Dumb Association, which was in session last week. He reports a fine meeting. He came back by Rome Dispatch, 6th.

The coronation of Pope Benedict XV took place today in St. Peter's Basilica. The ceremony was imposing in its solemnity. The Sistine Chapel was used for the occasion to avoid pomp during the war. The entire pontifical court, numbers of the Roman aristocracy of his old home at Asheville and spent a short while.

A lazy liver leads to chronic dyspepsia and constipation.—weakens the whole system. Doan's Regulax (25c per box) act mildly on the liver and bowels. At all drug stores.

TOWN VS. BELL COMPANY

Effort Will Be Made to Adjust Without Suit Differences in Regard to Moving Poles Off Elm Street.

R. C. Lawrence and H. E. Stacy returned Friday night from Raleigh, where they went to argue a motion before U. S. District Judge H. G. Connor to dismiss a bill in equity filed by the Southern Bell Telephone Co., to prevent the town of Lumberton from enforcing an ordinance which requires all telephone poles to be removed from Elm street. The Southern Bell Telephone Co. was represented by Mr. L. R. Varner of the firm of McLean, Varner and McLean, and Judge Palmer of Atlanta, their chief counsel. By consent of all parties, the motion was continued until the 22nd of October, and in the meanwhile Judge Palmer agreed to come to Lumberton with an engineer to see if the differences between the town and the telephone company can't be adjusted without suit.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

More Hose For Fire Department — Unsightly Building to Be Removed Water Department.

At a meeting of the town council Friday afternoon the town clerk and treasurer was instructed to pay all cash.

It was ordered that privilege license be made transferrable on payment of \$1 for every \$5 paid for license.

The superintendent of the light and water department was instructed to file reports at the end of each month with receipts and disbursements.

It was ordered that the old blacksmith shop building at the foot of Fifth street be removed because of its unsightly appearance. This building belongs to the town.

The chief of the fire department was instructed to purchase hose sufficient to equip department to comply with the recommendation of the Underwriters Association.

—Mr. Milton Warwick of Allenton killed an alligator at the Warwick mill pond, near Bellamy Saturday. The gator was about four feet long.

—The Civic Association will meet Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the library room at the graded school building. All the ladies in the town are cordially invited to attend.

—Messrs. S. K. Nash and Colin Phillips have been camping on the banks of Lumber River about six miles from town up the river since Saturday afternoon. They are hunting and having a good time in general. Messrs. J. D. McLean and L. L. Whitley went up and took supper with them last evening. They will come tomorrow.

—Miss Julia Culbreth who has been a guest for a few days at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Page, will go tomorrow to Maxton to be present Wednesday at the opening of Carolina College, where she is teacher of voice. Miss Culbreth spent most of the vacation at Lynchburg and Richmond.

—Sam Jackson and Mary McPherson, colored, were happily married in the office of Register of Deeds M. N. Folger Saturday afternoon. Justice A. P. Caldwell officiated and after the few words that seemingly made them the happiest of their lives had been said and they had answered the command "salute," they were turned loose as one.

—By a change in schedule which went into effect on the V. & C. S. this morning one may leave Lumberton at 9:50 a. m., reach Elizabethtown at noon, leave Elizabethtown 3 p. m. and arrive at Lumberton at 6:25 p. m. No other change has been made. Heretofore the train between St. Pauls and Elizabethtown made the trip from the latter place in the morning and back at night.

—Mr. Frank Gough and daughter, Miss Lina, and son, master Frank, Jr., will leave tomorrow for Winston-Salem, where they will spend some time visiting Mr. Gough's sister, who is sick in a hospital here. Mr. Gough will go to New York and Baltimore before returning to purchase goods for Messrs. White & Gough's large department store of which he is junior member. Miss Lina and Master Frank will not go any farther than Winston-Salem.

WATCH — Watch the label on your paper if renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Mutt and Jeff in Panama will open the theatrical season at the Lumberton open house next Monday night 14th.

—A street preacher did some loud preaching on the streets here Saturday afternoon. He preaches loud and a long time.

—Rev. A. J. Groves of Bakers, pastor of the St. Pauls circuit, returned Saturday from Greensboro, where he assisted Rev. F. L. Townsend in a series of meetings.

There will be a called communication of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock for work in the third degree. All brethren are requested to be present.

—Mr. W. B. Prevatt, policeman of Wade, Cumberland county is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Prevatt is a former Robesonian and says he finds no place just like Robeson in which to live.

Mr. J. M. Sellers of Mt. Eliam was in town Saturday. Mr. Sellers says crops are in good generally on the "Mount," but the worms are harvesting quite a bit of the late tobacco crop.

—Miss Sallie Patterson returned Thursday night from Lillington, where she was maid of honor at the wedding Wednesday night of Miss Flora K. Register of Lillington and Mr. F. Arrowood of Elise.

—Miss Lula May Johnson, who has been in the mountains of Western North Carolina for several months is expected home today and will start teaching at the National cotton mill tomorrow.

—At the Pastime theatre, Thursday afternoon and evening, the Famous Players company will present the "Port of Doom," thrilling mystery of the sea, featuring Miss Laura Sawyer, one of the leading moving picture actresses of America.

Mr. D. G. Williams of route 3 from Fairmont was among the visitors in town this morning. Mr. Williams says most of the farmers down his way are realizing good prices for their tobacco, which helps out quite a bit during these war times.

—St. Pauls Messenger: The farmers and business men here have organized, and at a meeting held here last Friday afternoon it was decided to store all the cotton that is for storage at the cotton mill, as the facilities there are ample and the insurance will be at a lesser rate.

—Mr. B. Tolar of Rennett is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Tolar attended yesterday near Tatum, S. C., the funeral of Mr. Louis Spiers, who died suddenly Saturday at Hope Mills. Deceased is survived by his wife and two daughters, one of the daughters being the wife of Mr. W. J. Tolar, a son of Mr. B. Tolar.

As will be seen from a notice published elsewhere in this paper, the partnership heretofore existing between Miss Lillian A. Ferguson and Mr. W. B. Gragg has been dissolved. Miss Ferguson will continue to conduct the studio in the Carlyle building on Fifth street. Mr. Gragg may open up another studio here but has not definitely decided.

—St. Pauls Messenger: Rural Policeman Townsend and Chief Newton caught Fred Butler at a house near Smith's Siding Saturday night, and he was carried to jail in Lumberton Saturday. Butler is a rather diminutive cotton mill lad with a reputation. Several times he has been in the clutches of the law, but he has always escaped punishment hitherto. Last Thursday night he fired a shot into a window of the cotton mill here. He had a gun on when he was arrested.

—Mr. Robert Pate, who lives in Howellsville township, was among the visitors in town Saturday afternoon. He was carrying a severely cut hand as the result of a runaway Friday morning before day. Mr. Pate with some other parties were foxing and a horse which Mr. Pate was driving proceeded to run away proper. Turning the buggy to which he was hitched over and throwing Mr. Pate out. Besides the ugly gash on his hand he was somewhat shaken up all over. Mr. Pate says it looked very much like somebody was going to be "kilt."