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GERMAN CRUISERS BOMBARD ENGLISH COAST TOWNS

Hostile Squadron Then Escaped Under Cover of Mist—For First Time in Centuries England Struck by Foreign Foe—Attacks of No Great Significance, Declares English Admiralty.

London Dispatch, 16th. For the first time in centuries England has been struck by a foreign foe. A squadron of swift German cruisers crept through the fog last night to the eastern coast and turned their guns against the Britons.

When day broke they began bombardment of three important towns—Hartlepool at the mouth of the Tees, Whitby, 35 miles southward, and Scarborough, noted as a pleasure resort, 15 miles beyond. Hartlepool suffered most. There two battle cruisers and an armored cruiser were engaged. The British War Office fixes the number of dead at Hartlepool as seven soldiers and 22 civilians.

At Scarborough, shelled by a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser, 13 casualties are reported while at Whitby two were killed and two were wounded.

Men, women and children of the civilian population were left dead or wounded, struck without warning while at work. In all the casualty list totals 110, according to the official estimates, of whom 31 are known to be dead.

At Hartlepool, churches were damaged and the gas works and lumber yards were set afire, while the abbey at Whitby was struck. The Balmoral hotel at Scarborough received the effect of a shell. A number of houses and shops were shattered and partly burned in each of the towns.

The hostile squadron escaped in the mist after an encounter with coast guard vessels.

A wave of intense anger has spread over England because of the attack. Bitter denunciation is heard everywhere of a policy which permits shelling of undefended towns.

In its official report the British Admiralty says that such an attack is devoid of military significance.

WARSHIPS TO CANAL ZONE

American Warships Will Guard Against Neutrality Violations by Belligerent Ships.

Washington Dispatch, 15th. President Wilson and his Cabinet decided today to send American warships to the Canal Zone to guard against neutrality violations by belligerent ships. Just how many ships will be dispatched will be determined after a full report has been received from Governor Goethals, of the Canal Zone and Captain Rodman, naval officer at the canal.

Both Secretary Garrison and Secretary Daniels made it clear today that the delay in acting on Colonel Goethals' request for destroyers was due to lack of information. Mr. Garrison explained that the colonel had asked for destroyers without specifying the purposes of their use. In reply to a message of inquiry, Colonel Goethals explained that wireless regulations were being violated in canal waters and referred to the misuse of the Canal Zone as a base of supplies. The War Department again asked for specific instances of what had occurred but tonight no further information had been received.

More United States Troops Ordered to Naco.

Washington Dispatch, 15th. Further demonstration was made by the United States Government today of its determination not to tolerate continued firing by the Mexican factions at Naco, Sonora, into American territory.

President Wilson, after a brief discussion with his Cabinet, instructed Secretary Garrison to comply with the request of Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss at Naco, Arizona for reinforcements to handle a possible emergency situation. Three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery were ordered to Naco.

The general understanding tonight in Administration quarters was that as soon as the additional American forces were in position on the line the United States would return any artillery or infantry fire which might come from Mexican territory. As it will require three days for the troops to reach Naco, the Mexican factions have virtually that much time to comply with the American demands or be shelled out of their positions.

All Debts Paid and Plenty to Live On at Home.

It is seldom indeed that you hear a farmer say that he is "slap" out of debt and has plenty of meat and bread at home, but that is what Mr. C. A. Britt of route 1 from Orrum remarked yesterday when he paid his Robesonian subscription. However if all the farmers lived at home and lived on home-grown supplies, as does Mr. Britt, many more of them could say the same thing and smile.

Mr. U. S. Page returned this morning from LaGrange, where he faced his angry father-in-law, who had threatened to take his life on sight for stealing and marrying his daughter, mention of which has been made in recent issues of The Robesonian. Mr. Page is still very much alive, and will leave tomorrow with his bride for LaGrange.

UNION VERY MUCH ALIVE

Well-Attended and Enthusiastic Meeting of Farmers' Union—Officers Elected for Ensuing Year—Will Recommend Laws in Interest of Farming Classes—Storing Cotton.

It has been remarked by some that the Farmers' Union in Robeson county was dead, but judging from the well-attended and enthusiastic meeting held in the court house here yesterday, it is very much alive. Since the last meeting a live local has been organized at Red Springs, and Union spirit seems to be brewing all over the county.

It being the last meeting for the year, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, D. H. Britt, Lumberton, route 6, re-elected; vice-president, W. P. Barker, Lumberton, re-elected; secretary-treasurer, F. Grover Britt, Lumberton, re-elected; chaplain, Rev. Jno. Prevatt, Raft Swamp; conductor, H. F. Townsend; door keeper, Roy Stone, re-elected; executive committee, J. W. Hodgkin, Red Springs, J. E. Carlyle, Buie, Wm. S. Johnson St. Pauls, V. A. Bullock, Center, N. A. Townsend, Ten Mile; cotton grader, J. D. Gibson, Red Springs. Mr. Jno. T. Singletary of Back Swamp was recommended for county business agent and Mr. W. K. Culbreth of Raft Swamp as county organizer. These are appointed by the executive committee.

W. P. Barker, D. H. Britt, N. A. Townsend, J. T. Singletary and D. P. McLeod were appointed a committee to memorialize the members of the Legislature in regard to passing laws essential to the interest of the farming classes.

The report of the committee on storing cotton showed that arrangements had been made for storing some two thousand bales of cotton in Lumberton, and the space has almost been taken. Bonded houses have also been opened at Fairmont and Marietta by this committee. Quite a bit of cotton is being stored in the houses at these points.

All the old members were urged to pay up their dues for 1915 and try to enlist as many new members as possible, as it is a time when organization and co-operation are greatly needed among the agricultural classes.

The next meeting will be held here the third Wednesday in March, 1915.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mrs. J. E. Carlyle Fell On Sleep Some Time Monday Night—Retired Apparently in Usual Health and Found Dead Tuesday Morning—Funeral Yesterday.

Mrs. J. E. Carlyle, aged about 55 years, was found dead in bed at her home near Raft Swamp Tuesday morning by her husband. A four-year old child was sleeping in bed with Mrs. Carlyle, but knew nothing of when death came. Deceased seemed to have been in the best of health when she retired Monday evening. She is survived by her husband and six children—four sons and two daughters—and was a sister of Mr. N. P. Andrews of Lumberton. The funeral was conducted from the home yesterday at 2 o'clock p. m. by Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of Raft Swamp Baptist church, of which deceased was a loyal and faithful member, and interment was made near the home in the midst of hundreds of sorrowing friends.

Mrs. Carlyle was one of Robeson's most consecrated mothers, whose death brought grief to many fond hearts.

Death of An Infant.

Georgia Beatrice, 5-weeks-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sipher, died at the Sipher home, First and Cedar, Tuesday morning at 3:30. The funeral was conducted from the home Tuesday at 12 o'clock by Rev. J. F. Gorrell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and interment was made at Regan's church, Howellsville township.

Remains of Mr. Geo. Hudson Interred Here This Morning.

The remains of Mr. Geo. Hudson, aged about 50 years, who passed away at his home in Charleston, S. C., Tuesday arrived here last evening. Services were conducted at the grave by Rev. W. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, and Rev. W. B. Combs pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, today at 10:30 and interment was made in the Meadowbrook cemetery.

Deceased never lived here, but married a daughter of the late Conard Godwin, of Lumberton. Interment was made beside the body of his wife, who was buried here a little over a year ago and who was a first cousin of Messdames L. H. Caldwell, C. B. Skipper and E. B. Freeman of Lumberton.

Mr. J. W. Holcomb of Purvis is among the visitors in town today.

The graded school will close tomorrow for the holidays and the spring term will not begin until January 5, instead of December 29, as at first intended. A recess of two weeks was determined upon in order to give time for some needed work to be done at the school building.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

POWDER EXPLODES; 3 INJURED

Ten Pound Can of Powder Exploded in Store of Bullock Bros., at Mt. Eliam Last Night—Three People Injured—Two Men Have Miraculous Escapes.

A near-fatal powder explosion occurred in the store of Bullock Bros., near Mt. Eliam last night just after dark, when a 10-pound can of powder in the hands of Mr. Henry Ammons in some way became ignited. Mr. Ammons was severely shaken up and it is expected that he will lose his right eye from the effects. Mr. J. W. Bullock, who was nearby, is almost bald-headed, the powder singed his hair. Master Johnnie Stone was also burned about the face. Most all the lights in the building were blown out and the goods mixed up to some extent. It is said that both Messrs. Bullock and Ammons had a miraculous escape.

IN ITS NEW HOME.

The National Bank of Lumberton Will Give a Reception Tomorrow Evening in Its Elegant New Home Invitations reading as follows have been sent out:

You are cordially invited to attend a reception in the banking rooms of The National Bank of Lumberton Friday evening, December the eighteenth, nineteen fourteen from 8 to 11 o'clock.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF LUMBERTON.

Lumberton, N. C. The bank will be at home in its new building, Elm and Third, one of the handsomest buildings in this part of the State, tomorrow. This is the oldest bank in the county and numbers among its directors some of the foremost business and professional men in the town and county. Mr. A. W. McLean is president, Mr. C. V. Brown, cashier. Many people will take advantage of this "house-warming" to inspect the bank's new home.

DON'T FORGET
♦ The Christmas dinner for ♦
♦ the inmates of the county ♦
♦ home. ♦
♦ Superintended by Miss Liz- ♦
♦ zie Caldwell. She asks the la- ♦
♦ dies to assist her all they can ♦
♦ by sending something cooked, ♦
♦ and the gentlemen to send fruit. ♦
♦ Send to her home not later ♦
♦ than the 24th. ♦
♦ "He that hath pity upon the ♦
♦ poor lendeth to the Lord; and ♦
♦ that which he hath given, will ♦
♦ he pay him again.—Prov. 19:17. ♦
♦ 'Tis more blessed to give than ♦
♦ to receive. ♦
♦ Why? ♦

\$8,064 in Pensions Turned Loose in Robeson.

It was stated in Monday's Robesonian that Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper received Monday morning warrants for pensions for the old soldiers and soldiers' widows of Robeson county and that they were ready for distribution. Some who are entitled to pensions saw that notice and have already come in for their money. The pensions of various amounts to be distributed make a total of \$8,064, which is a neat sum to be turned loose in the county during times like these. The amounts are as follows: two totally blind, \$120 each; three of the first class, \$72 each; two of the second class, \$60 each; 4 of the third class, \$48 each; 120 of the fourth class, \$32 each; 108 widows, \$32 each.

Stewards of St. Paul's Circuit Will Meet December 21.

A meeting of the stewards of St. Paul's circuit will be held at Barker's church Monday, December 21st, at 2:30 p. m. All the stewards are urged to attend.

Among the Sick.

It has been reported here that Mr. L. R. Hamer, one of Robeson's largest and best-known planters, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis at his home, near Raynham, Sunday.

PERSONALS

Mr. Matthew Gregory of Saddle Tree is a Lumberton visitor today.
Mr. E. Z. Lamb of Fairmont, route 2, is a Lumberton visitor today.
Mr. H. O. Floyd of Baltimore, near Fairmont, is in town today.
Mr. E. F. Lamb of route 4 from Lumberton is in town today.

—The Palace Meat Market, of which Mr. Grover Pope was manager and owner, has been closed. Lack of business is said to have been the cause. Mr. Pope bought the fixtures of the market from Birmingham and Company some 15 days ago.

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup
"When my boy, Ray," was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house for I know that it is a positive cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairsville, Pa. For sale by all dealers.

BUIE NEWS BATCH.

Much Small Grain Will be Planted—Horse Drops Dead—President Hill Talks to Philadelphus Pupils—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, Dec. 15.—Messrs. Paul Steed and Bascomb Ashley were among the business visitors in Maxton Monday.

The farmers through here are almost through gathering their present crop and are preparing for another year's crop. Much small grain is going to be planted through here.

We are sorry to report Mr. Bascomb Ashley having the misfortune to lose a very fine horse Monday. While on his way to Maxton the horse dropped dead.

Dr. Hill of the A. & M. College of Raleigh made a very interesting talk before the Philadelphus high school boys and girls Friday night. He emphasized the fact that the boys of today should be properly taught the art of farming, as much so as the doctors and lawyers are taught their vocation in life. That they should know the kind of fertilizer to use and the proper lands for the different kinds. He also made it very interesting for the girls by advising them that they should learn housekeeping, and the ways to make home life happy.

Messrs. W. K. Brown and I. T. Brown and Miss Nannie B. Brown, together with Mr. J. F. McKay, were among the visitors in Lumberton Friday.—Mr. R. A. Melving spent Wednesday in Fayetteville.—Mr. I. P. Ray visited his brother Mr. James Ray at Laurinburg Saturday evening.—Mr. Charlie Hall is spending a few weeks in Fayetteville visiting friends.—Mr. A. T. McCallum of Red Springs spent a short while in Rowland Saturday evening.—Mr. John McLeod is spending several days with friends near Laurinburg.—Mr. W. K. Brown, after spending several days with home folks, returned to Birmingham, Ala., Saturday.

TAR HEEL TOPICS.

Children Taking Pasteur Treatment—Into New Residence—Personal. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Tar Heel, Dec. 16.—Mr. W. H. Monroe of Fayetteville spent a few days here last week on business.

Mrs. Dan Brisson visited her parents at Dublin recently. Several from here spent last Monday in Elizabethtown on business. Mr. T. G. Empe of Wilmington was here last Thursday. Mr. Hartwell Monroe of White Oak, R. F. D. 1, spent part of last week with relatives. Mr. Dolf Dunham was in Wilmington on business recently. Mr. John Dowless has moved on Mr. J. E. Monroe's farm here. Mrs. M. E. Calihan returned to her home here after spending several weeks with relatives and friends in Cumberland.

Two children of Jas. Robeson, Sadie and Salter, and Louise Fisher, daughter of Mr. Harvey Fisher, are in Raleigh taking the Pasteur treatment.

Mr. C. H. Monroe has moved into his new residence. Miss Blanch Greene attended the teachers meeting at Elizabethtown last Friday.

Mr. Archie Robeson, who is going to school at Bladenboro, came home Friday afternoon. Miss Belle Monroe spent several days with relatives on R. F. D. 1 from White Oak.

Oyster and Fruit Supper at Oakton Tomorrow Evening.

Mr. H. F. Purvis of Oakton was among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. Purvis asked The Robesonian to announce that there would be an oyster and fruit supper at the Oakton school house tomorrow evening. A good time in general is expected, and the public is invited.

Keep it Handy For Rheumatism
No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your Rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected parts, relieve the soreness and draw the pain. You get ease at once and feel so much better you want to go right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25 cents of any drugist and have it in the house—against Colds, Sore and swollen Joints, Lumbago, Sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle today.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

Property to Be Sold to Pay for Street and Sidewalk Paving—Amounts Due for Water and Sewer Connections Must Be Paid—Ordinance Requiring That Sidewalks be Kept Clean—Other Matters.

At the regular monthly meeting of the town fathers, held Thursday evening of last week, the following business was transacted:

It was ordered that a retaining wall be built along the sidewalk abutting the property of Messdames Nannie Stephens and J. F. Stewart, Fourth Street. The work has been begun.

The town clerk and treasurer and town attorney were instructed to advertise and sell at once all property for which account for street and sidewalk paving has not been settled. The superintendent of the light and water department was ordered to collect all amounts due for water and sewer connection.

At the request of the Civic Association, an ordinance was passed requiring all occupants of houses in town to clean off sidewalks in front of them and keep them clean.

Mr. S. S. Stephens, driver of the fire truck, offered his resignation, to become effective December 26, which was very reluctantly accepted. Each member of the board expressed appreciation to Mr. Stephens for the valuable service rendered and attention given work. Mr. T. Jasper Rowan will succeed Mr. Stephens. The compensation will be \$40 per month.

The following bills were approved for payment as soon as conditions will justify: Burney Brothers, crating cannons for shipment, \$5.05; Miss Minnie Lennon, getting out paving specifications, \$10; L. H. Caldwell, supplies for town, \$1,219.40; R. D. Caldwell and Son supplies for town \$197.01.

Saloom Saleeby was allowed rebate on \$500 worth of property.

RAFT SWAMP NOTES.

Mr. J. T. Townsend Not Able to Come Home—Train Wrecked—J. B. and B. S. Ry. Coming Along—No Hard Times.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. F. D. 6, Dec. 15.—Mr. G. L. Townsend of this section returned home Friday from the State Hospital, where Mr. J. T. Townsend has been for some time. He says that the condition of Mr. Townsend is unimproved and not such that he could bring him home. The doctor told Mr. Townsend that he could not let Mr. J. T. Townsend come back with him, for he might get bad off and would not last long, while if he would let him stay it might prolong his life.

Mr. Daniel Townsend from down about Boardman is visiting his people in this section. One of the Beaufort County Lumber Co's. trains, south-bound, was wrecked Saturday afternoon at the Y just a cross the Holly Swamp. Three cars left the rail. There was no one hurt and no one killed. The Jacks Branch and Bear Swamp Railway has come out for the last month. The captain says last year he could not get a farmer to work with him, but this year he can get all he wants.

All the hogs will soon be salted down, keeping them for hard times, and there is no hard times in this country—everything is good as we could wish for.

Christmas Bazaar at Marietta. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Marietta, Dec. 14.—The Ladies Aid Society of Olivet Methodist Church will hold their Christmas bazaar on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week. They will occupy the Gregg store opposite the depot. Besides the number of fancy articles which will be for sale, they will have many good things to eat. When in town please pay them a call.

Music Recital at Graded School Tomorrow Evening.

A recital will be given in the auditorium at the graded school tomorrow evening by the older pupils of Miss Macie B. Glasgow. It is regretted that this will conflict somewhat with the reception which the National Bank of Lumberton will give in its new home tomorrow evening, but it has been planned for some time and Miss Glasgow asks The Robesonian to state that it will be over in time for those who care to do so to attend the reception. It will begin at 7:30 and will be over by 9:30. The public is cordially invited.

The graded school will close for the holidays Friday and will take two weeks for Christmas instead of only one week, as at first intended.

Entertainment at Ten Mile Tomorrow Evening.

There will be an entertainment at Ten Mile school house tomorrow evening. The public is invited.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mother's Favorite.

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise any one in need of such a medicine to give it a trial." For sale by all dealers.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. L. Wilson and Joanna Kinlaw; W. A. Edwards and Launette Carter.

—A nice horse belonging to Mr. P. P. Green laid down and died Monday night. The cause of death is not known.

—The Sanitary Steam Laundry, which was operated for a few days by Messrs. Olmstead and Glenn, has closed its doors.

—Mr. C. B. Meares, who for some time had been living at Maxton, has returned to Lumberton and accepted a position in the City Barber shop.

—Mr. H. H. Anderson of Fair Bluff is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Anderson takes The Robesonian, pays for it, and says he considers it the best semi-weekly in America.

—Mr. A. T. McLean moved his insurance office Monday from the McLeod building, Elm and Fourth, to the fourth room upstairs in the new National Bank of Lumberton building, Elm and Third.

—Rev. Father George Watkins of Wilmington will conduct services at the opera house at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. This is the regular third Sunday service of the Catholics.

—"Neptune's Daughter," a magnificent moving picture production which it takes two and a half hours to produce, drew a large crowd to the Pastime theatre last evening—Miss Annette Kellerman, who is featured in seven splendid reels, is advertised as the most perfectly proportioned woman in the world. To see this elaborate production in larger towns one often has to pay anywhere from 35 to 75 cents. The prices here are 10 and 25 cents. The last show begins at 8 o'clock this evening.

Meeting of Board of Stewards of Chestnut Street Methodist Church.

The first meeting for the Conference year of the stewards of Chestnut Street Methodist church was held Tuesday evening in the ladies parlor at the church, Mayor A. E. White was re-elected chairman of the official board, which position he has held acceptably for a number of years. Mr. L. T. Townsend was elected secretary to succeed Mr. W. H. Humphrey, who was reluctantly relieved of the duties of this office at his own urgent request. Mr. Humphrey served in this capacity for many years faithfully and efficiently. Mr. G. M. Whitfield asked to be relieved of the duties of treasurer but at the urgent request of the board agreed to retain the office for another year with the understanding that he is to be relieved at the end of this year. Mr. Whitfield has been treasurer for the past six or seven years and has performed the duties of the office with great efficiency, devoting much time to the work. Miss Vivian Townsend and Mrs. B. W. Page were re-elected organist and choir leader, respectively, which positions they have held for the past few years, giving to the church most highly appreciated and valuable service. Mrs. John C. Fuller was elected assistant organist.

The salary of the pastor, Rev. W. B. North, was fixed at the same figure as last year, \$1,500, and the routine work of revising the assessments was attended to.

Mr. J. Clyde Martin of Lumberton Claims a Bladen County Bride.

A beautiful wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Singletary, who live near Yorkville, Bladen county, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock when their daughter Miss Minnie became the bride of Mr. J. Clyde Martin of Lumberton. Mr. Martin, who is junior member of the firm of Gilmore & Martin, has many friends here, who wish for the young couple a pleasant and prosperous future.

Quite a number of the bride's friends from Bladen accompanied the bride and groom to Lumberton and last evening a reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sanderson. They will board at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spivey for the present.

Superior Court.

The week's term of civil court, which convened Tuesday at 10:45 with Judge C. M. Cook of Louisburg presiding, is grinding away, but grinding slow indeed. Quite a number of cases have come up, but all but two have been continued. These are: Mrs. A. H. McLeod vs. H. F. Bissell et al, non suit. The plaintiff took appeal to the Supreme Court. Jno. L. McNeill vs. W. R. McNeill, verdict for defendant.

The following out-of-town attorneys have been here to attend court this week: Messrs. G. B. Patterson, B. F. McLean, Maxton; A. P. Spell, Red Springs; E. L. Wooten, Rowland; T. A. Lyon, Fayetteville; A. L. Brooks, Greensboro; S. B. McLean, Maxton.

Sick Headache

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by all dealers.