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## GERMANY DECLARES UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WARFARE

### CAMPAIGN OF RUTHLESSNESS

Starvation Blockade of England Such as the World Has Never Seen Announced—U. S. Again Faces Severance of Diplomatic Relations With Germany  
Washington Dispatch, Jan. 30.

Germany has declared unrestricted submarine warfare. A starvation blockade of England, the like of which the world never has seen, was announced today in notes delivered to American Ambassador Gerard in Berlin and to the State Department here by Count von Bernstorff.

This begins the long feared campaign of ruthlessness, conceived by von Hindenburg, it is said here, on a magnitude never even contemplated by von Tirpitz.

Again the United States faces severance of diplomatic relations with Germany with all its eventual possibilities. President Wilson's repeated warnings of "a world afire" and Secretary Lansing's "verge of war" statement are being recalled in the capital tonight with feelings of apprehension and misgiving.

Germany's action is the super-crisis of all those that have stirred the American government in two and a half years of world war.

Peace and means of preserving peace have gone glimmering.

President Wilson has the task of deciding what shall be the course of the United States. Three immediate steps appear among the possibilities. The United States might solemnly warn Germany against a violation of her pledges; it might be decided that the German warning is sufficient notice of an intention to disregard those pledges and a sufficient warrant for breaking off diplomatic relations; it might be decided to await the results of the blockade and determine a course of the United States as the actual operations develop.

## SUPERIOR COURT

Jury Finds Deans and Rozier Not Guilty of Stealing Cotton—Trial of Negroes Charged With Murder of Neill Shaw Began This Morning—Special Verdict in Case of Walter McNair Will Not be Needed—Other Cases

Much of the term of criminal court so far has been taken up with the case of M. J. and Irvin Dean and Walter Rozier, charged with stealing cotton. The case was begun Monday afternoon and the jury rendered its verdict of not guilty this morning just after court convened. The defendants live near St. Paul and were bound over to Superior court by Recorder Butler of St. Paul.

The trial of Arch Bethune and Foster McMillan, colored, charged with the murder of the late Neill Shaw, was begun this morning. A special venire of 50 men was summoned from which to select a jury for the case. There is much interest in this case and no doubt many will witness the trial.

Other cases disposed of are: Will Marshall, colored, charged with murder; submitted to manslaughter and was sentenced to 4 months on the roads. Marshall struck another negro with a piece of iron and killed him while working on the R. & C. Railroad near town several weeks ago. Marshall claimed he did the killing in self defense.

Coot Leach, carrying concealed weapons; 30 days on roads. Leach was also tried on the charge of violating the liquor laws, but was found not guilty. The solicitor gave notice of appeal for the State.

John Everett, carrying concealed weapons; 30 days on roads.

Joe Alford, larceny and receiving; 2 years on roads.

Don Hardeley, larceny; one week in jail.

The case against H. H. Redfearn, former chief of police of Lumberton, charged with assault upon Prof. J. F. Love, was not prosed. Redfearn was given a jury trial before Recorder E. M. Britt on this charge and was found guilty and bound over to Superior court.

Herbert Culbreth, seduction; prayer for judgment continued till the July term of court, defendant to be placed under a \$1200 bond to show that he has paid the prosecutrix \$1,000 within 30 days.

Those Summoned on Special Verdict Tomorrow Need Not Come

Those summoned on special venire to come to court tomorrow in the case of Walter McNair need not come. McNair has submitted to second degree murder and the special venire will not be needed.

## WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Bill to Change Accounting Systems—Bill for Australian Ballot System—Fight on School Board Issue—Anti-Saloon League Bill—Other Bills of Interest

Mr. Brenizer introduced in the Senate Monday a bill to provide a change in the accounting system of the State departments and institutions and for counties, also to provide a special system for municipalities where the authorities decide to obtain such a system. The bill would create a special board—one member of the Senate, one member of the House and one appointed by the Governor by March 1—the members to receive \$10 per day and expenses while at work, subject to approval by the Governor. The work would begin April 1 and be completed by next January. The board would investigate the present systems in the State departments and institutions to ascertain the needs, the new system to be devised being required to make complete and accurate showing of the full effect of all transactions on State finances, a modern and complete accounting in every respect; also uniform accounting for the counties and a system for municipalities, the adoption of which would be optional with the municipal authorities, in which event the city would pay its pro-rata part of the cost of the system. The State departments and institutions would be required to put in operation the new systems by January 1, 1918.

Senator Warren introduced a bill Monday to divide the State into eastern and western judicial divisions with 24 districts and rotation in service of judges that would leave two judges always available for assignment by the Governor to hold emergency courts wherever needed and to take the place of any judge unable to fill engagements.

Mr. Seales offered a bill in the Senate Monday to establish a State home for girls and women.

Senator Thos. A. Jones of Asheville has introduced a bill to give the State the Australian ballot system, which would allow a man to enter a booth and vote in secret. There are many advocates of such a measure in every quarter of the State. It was referred to the committee on elections.

A bill has been passed abolishing treasurer's office in Yancey county.

Fight on School Board Issue Postponed

It was expected that a storm would break in the Senate yesterday over election or appointment of county boards of education as a State policy, but the matter was postponed till Tuesday of next week, when all bills pending in the Senate come up as a special order.

Anti-Saloon League Bill

The House ordered printed the Anti-Saloon League prohibition bill that was introduced by Representative Gardner, "by request", and the House committee on liquor traffic and the Senate committee on propositions and grievances have agreed on a joint hearing on the bill February 7.

It would limit liquors to two quarts of whiskey or three gallons of beer or wines per year and that strictly for medicinal purposes obtained through most intricate and exacting red-tape. Gardner, the introducer, says it is not such a bill as he would have introduced, ardent prohibitionist that he is.

The Senate passed the Seales bill to protect very young children by prohibiting separation of infants from mothers to place in foster homes. An amendment was voted to have the county commissioners and clerk of the court pass on the matter instead of the State Board of Charities.

The House passed the Hoyle bill providing that when juries recommend mercy in returning verdicts that carry penalties of death the judge may sentence to life imprisonment. The vote was 64 to 16.

Senator Gough of Robeson has offered a bill to prohibit spitting on floors of streets and railway cars, also a bill to prohibit fruit and news vendors from leaving trains at way stations.

Among bills of interest introduced are the following: to pay indigent and dependent soldiers \$50 a month; exempt from taxation private libraries of \$1,000 or less in value; make it unlawful to operate slot machines; amend the Revisal as to railroad passes so passes issued in other States can be effective in passing through North Carolina.

Raleigh Cor., Jan. 30. Wilmington Star: Representative McRacken of Columbus, arose to a personal privilege and denounced as false the report in the Raleigh Times of Saturday as to a discussion he had on the floor with Representatives Page and

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Work Resumed on Baptist Church—In Re Proposed Bond Issue for Roads—Measles—Egg Panic—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Jan. 30—Work on the Baptist church was resumed again today. The rainy weather has interfered considerably for the past week or so.

Mr. Chas. Bodenhammer, formerly of Pee Dee, has moved to our town and is occupying the J. D. Gillis residence, and is working as third trick at the A. C. L. railroad tower.

Mr. W. T. Moody has completed selling his stock of merchandise and we are sorry to lose him from our town and midst. We have not been advised where he will move.

Miss Ruby Stubbs spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks, returning to her school at Sherwood Sunday afternoon; also Miss Eva Stanley came up Friday night and spent the week-end with home folks, returning Sunday evening to her school at Wakulla.—Mr. H. C. Jones made a visit to Rockingham today.

—Mr. F. N. Fisher made a business trip up to Dunn and Benson today.—Mr. R. T. Gaitley of Rowland is on a visit to relatives in town tonight.—Mr. A. D. Thames of Wagram was a visitor to our town Sunday.—Mr. B. A. Hodges of Maxton spent Sunday with home folks.—Mrs. Joe Thames of Raleigh is visiting relatives in town.—Mr. John McArthur of St. Paul was a caller a while Saturday morning.

Several of our townsmen went to Lumberton last week and attended the laymen's meeting which was held in the Presbyterian church, and reported a good time; also report the roads in bad condition.

A word about the proposed bond issue for public roads. I hear good many persons expressing themselves on the question and all we have heard say unless it will be made a township unit they will oppose it; and that's the opinion of this scribe. This will give each township a square deal, and that's what the people want.

At last our little town has measles, and it is already causing the percentage of the school to drop off, although it is not in the school; but some country people are allowing their children to stay at home for fear they will catch it.

Since our last letter to The Robesonian we report the following on the honor roll: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Watts, January 21, a fine girl; Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie, January 22, a fine girl; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Canady, January 25, a fine boy.

You hear more complaint of colds and gripp now-a-days than anything else.

Our town is threatened with an egg panic, and when one comes to market the merchant plays hide with them and says, "can't get enough for home consumption." The price is high enough; but the fowls seem to be on strike.

Diplomatic Relations With Mexico to be Resumed Immediately

Full diplomatic relations with Mexico are to be resumed immediately in an effort by the United States to solve through formal channels the troublesome questions pending with the Carranza de facto government, and for its moral effect in aiding Carranza to restore order and set up constitutional government. It was announced after Tuesday's meeting of President Wilson's Cabinet that Henry P. Fletcher, confirmed as Ambassador to Mexico months ago, would leave for his post in a few days, accompanied by his embassy staff.

There has been no American Ambassador at Mexico City since Henry Lane Wilson was recalled after the killing of Madero and Huerta's assumption of power, and formal diplomatic intercourse has not existed since Huerta handed Charge Nelson O'Shaughnessy his passports April 23, 1914, upon the landing of American marines at Vera Cruz.

Townsend Bros. Make Assignment

Messrs. Townsend Bros. made a voluntary assignment Monday for the benefit of their creditors. Mr. J. D. Norment is named as trustee. The Messrs. Townsend have been running a gent's furnishing business for some years. The store has been closed for the past several days.

—Miss Mary Jones has accepted a position in the office of Dr. R. S. Bean.

Doughton as to a bill that was under discussion. He said he proposed to give the newspaper the opportunity to answer in Columbus county the defamation it had imposed through this report. He hoped that the reporter would get this statement of his straight.

## BUIE AND PHILADELPHUS NEWS

Death of Neal A. McMillan—Good Communities—Farmers Busy—Bad Roads—A Narrow Escape—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, Jan. 31—Our community was saddened on last Saturday morning to learn of the death of Mr. Neal A. McMillan, which occurred about 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Since young manhood he had been living alone, never marrying. He had lived in bachelor quarters up till about two years ago, when Mr. Dunk McMillan and family moved in with him. He was in his 87th year, and lived a remarkable life, true to his church and community. He leaves a valuable estate, some of the finest timbered land in the county.

We heard a well-known gentleman remark the other day that he believed he lived between two of the best communities in the State. He referred to the Philadelphus and Antioch communities. This same gentleman we have reference to lives in one of the best little towns we know of, this being Red Springs.

Mrs. W. S. McMillan, Miss Katy Smith and mother spent Friday in Lumberton.

Misses Emily, Maggie and Mamy Barrington, were visitors in this community Sunday.

Rev. W. D. Parker filled his regular appointment here Sunday, preaching an able sermon.

Mr. R. A. Melvin spent yesterday in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gibson of Red Springs, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Brown.

Farmers through here are taking advantage of days that it is not rough weather and are rapidly preparing for another crop.

Miss R. D. Buie spent Saturday in Lumberton.

Mr. J. B. Humphrey was a business visitor in Lumberton yesterday.

The general talk of the neighborhood is bad roads. Everywhere you start there is a bad road in Robeson.

Mr. J. A. Townsend is the latest purchaser of a Ford. He has already an Overland automobile.

Mr. Emmet McQueen came very near getting a mule run over the other day by a passenger train. He managed to get the mule taken out of the wagon, just in time to escape. The wagon was torn to flinders.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McMillan are spending today in Lumberton.

## CLARKTON NEWS NOTES

Protracted Meeting Begins 3rd Sunday—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton, Jan. 30—Mrs. Joe C. Burney after spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. D. A. McKee, returned to her home in Asheboro.

Mr. John D. Ward spent Sunday in Hamlet with friends.

Mr. Percy Smith of Elizabethtown was in town Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Huffman and little son, James, are spending a few days in Wilmington visiting relatives.

Miss Mary E. Kelly spent one day last week in Wilmington.

Miss Lois Breeden of McColl, S. C., is spending a few days in town visiting her sister Mrs. H. H. Clark.

On the 3rd Sunday in February there will be a protracted meeting at the Presbyterian church to run through the 4th Sunday. Rev. O. G. Jones, the Synodical evangelist, will assist the pastor, Rev. W. H. Goodman.

We are glad "Aunt Becky" is able to write again, for we always enjoy reading her pieces.

Spring time seems to come very early, as the past few days have been very much like spring time, though I expect we will have some more very wintry weather yet.

Mr. Geo. H. Currie returned home from Richmond after accompanying Mrs. Currie to a hospital there for treatment.

Advertising in The Robesonian Sells the Goods

Mr. O. I. Floyd, a merchant of Fairmont, was among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. Floyd recently ran an ad in The Robesonian's penny advertising time for sale. He says the ad certainly moved the lime.

9-Year-Old David Pierce a Victim of Measles

David, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pierce, who live at the National cotton mill, died yesterday afternoon at 4:45 of measles and complications.

—Miss Blanche Surlis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Surlis of Proctorville, won second prize, a Ford automobile, in the Wilmington Dispatch contest, which closed Tuesday.

## GRAND JURY'S REPORT

Rural Police Should Look Out for Violators of Law Against Plowing Into Roads—Jailer Should be Allowed More for Feeding Prisoners—Keeper of County Home Should Receive More

The grand jury completed its work yesterday and made the following report to His Honor Judge George W. Connor:

"We passed upon 15 bills of indictment, finding twelve true bills and three not true. This indicates careful investigation on the part of the solicitor in investigation of cases before sending bills and greatly facilitates the work of the grand jury.

"The grand jury in a body visited the county jail, and found same in good order and condition. Prisoners seemed well satisfied, both with their treatment and the food they were receiving. We recommend:

"1. That the jail porch be covered to prevent further leak and damage to building.

"2. That the compensation of the jailer be increased from twenty-five cents to thirty cents per heard per day, on account of the advanced cost of food supplies.

"3. That the heating plant of the jail be inspected and necessary repairs made in order that the heat may be more easily regulated at all times.

"We visited the several chain gangs by committees. We find three chain gangs in operation in the county. The men seem to be well treated, and we heard no complaint. We recommend that all the keepers be requested to give particular attention to the matter of sanitation of bed clothing.

"We visited the county home by committee, finding nine inmates—four white women, one negro woman, 2 negro men and two Indian women. We found the home in satisfactory condition. Mr. Flowers, the keeper, seems to be discharging his duty as best he can with the means at his hands. We do not think the keeper of the home is allowed enough for the proper maintenance of the home and recommend that the county commissioners take this matter up at the next regular meeting.

"We find the court house and grounds kept in good condition, offices kept in good order, and county officers courteous and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

"In going through our county we notice that it is the common and usual practice for farmers to plow up part of the road in turning around at the end of the furrows.

We have a strict law against this, but it is not being observed. We recommend that the rural policemen be on the outlook for the violators of this law and see to it that the law is enforced.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. BROWNE EVANS,  
Foreman.

## BROAD RIDGE BREEZES

Farm Work Delayed on Account of Rain—School Doing Fine—Measles Raging

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Broad Ridge (Lumberton, R. 4), Jan. 31—Farmers have stopped work for a few days on account of so much rain.

Mr. David Collins has purchased a new cart—not a car.

We were glad to have the pleasure of reading a long interesting letter from "Aunt Becky" in our last paper.

LeeRoyce, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lamb, died Friday as a result of sticking a knife in his eye about two weeks ago.

School is progressing nicely under the efficient management of Misses Jessie Floyd and Nina Bryan.

Wonder where "Aunt Sophie" has wandered to? We wish she would write some more interesting letters to The Robesonian.

The constant raging of measles makes several of us stay at home.

Tattling is the order of the day among the school girls.

A. W.

New Telephone Directory Being Prepared

The Southern Bell Telephone Co. will issue a new directory for Lumberton, Rowland and Fairmont and the farmers' lines running out from Lumberton on February 10. Any subscriber wishing to change a number should call the central office and make it known at once.

Another Big Day

Saturday of this week will be another big day at the store of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son. This firm will give away a \$4 Stetson hat, \$3 Jefferson hats, collars, pipes and boys' hats. Read the ad in this issue, which explains it all.

## COTTON MARKET

War News Causes Market to Go to Pieces

The fact that Germany has declared for unrestricted naval warfare caused the cotton market to go to pieces this morning. It was reported that March futures went down to 12:50 cents the pound. March futures were 17.48 yesterday. Prices have rallied some today, however, and the latest quotation on March futures was 14.89.

—Miss Lou Fisher has accepted a position in The Robesonian office.

—Miss Mattie Lee Shooter has accepted a position in the office of Dr. W. A. McPhaul.

—Mr. J. A. McAllister went Tuesday to Richmond, Va., where he entered the Hygeia hospital for treatment.

—The Pope Drug Co. has put in an up-to-date news stand in the Lorraine hotel. Miss Lennie Martin has charge of the stand.

—Seats have been placed in the new high school auditorium and morning exercises were held there for the first time yesterday morning.

—Mr. Prentice Barker cut his left foot with an axe while working on the Wildwood farm, Wisnart's township (farm belonging to his father, Mr. J. A. Barker) Tuesday. He is unable to be out. Dr. Knox dressed the wound.

—Mr. W. C. Boone of R. 2 from Lumberton, said when in town Tuesday that in a recent letter from his brother W. C., who is in China trying to teach them heathen how to raise tobacco, wrote that the tobacco business was booming there, a sale of \$50,000 being mentioned in one day, and that grasshoppers were so thick they would hold up trains.

—Rev. N. R. Pittman, who spent some time in the county with relatives and friends, left Monday evening for North, S. C., to visit a brother, and thence he will return to his home in Kansas City, Mo. He and Mrs. Pittman will move immediately after his return to Kansas City to Chicago, to make a home for their son, who has a splendid position on the staff of "System", the well-known magazine of business.

—Thompson hospital notes: Mr. Robert McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre, underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday. Miss Margaret Hall of Hope Mills underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday and is getting along nicely.

—Master Chas. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Brown, fell Monday and broke his collar bone and is at the hospital for treatment. Mrs. Nelson has been a patient at the hospital for a week. Mrs. W. H. Shooter of Lumberton will undergo an operation this afternoon.

First Public Entertainment at Gymnasium Will be Given February 9

The first public entertainment given in the local gymnasium since it was opened early in 1916 will be given Friday evening of next week, beginning promptly at 8:15. The purpose is to let the folks know what is being done. The program embraces tumbling (both ground and lofty), wire walking, heavy weight lifting, wrestling, work on horizontal bar, and free-for-all high jumping contest. A picked team of about 25 members will perform and some as good work as can be seen in a circus will be done. The committee that has the matter in charge asks The Robesonian to say that it is regretted that an invitation cannot be extended to the general public, that on account of the seating capacity the attendance must be limited to those receiving special invitations. The entertainment will last about an hour, or possibly an hour and a half.

All Because He Wouldn't Take Back the Egg

E. G. Parris, a Greek who works at the Olympia cafe, has a bad gash on the back of his head and there is a hole in a plate-glass window in one of the departments of R. D. Caldwell & Son's store as the result of the careless handling of a bottle. Parris says, by a young man about town Monday night. To repair the plate-glass window, it is said, will cost about one hundred bucks, it is said. How much to repair Parris' wound and feelings has not yet been indicated. Possibly a warrant will be sworn out and a hearing held later, when some interesting things may come out. Parris says that because he refused to take back an egg sold a few minutes before and restore the nickle for it the young man got het up and threw the egg at him, and that when he started for an officer the young man threw a bottle at him, with result as noted above.

Mr. M. M. Smith of R. 7, Lumberton is in town today.

## TIME EXTENDED

On account of the urgent request of a number of people who could not arrange to pay their subscription by Feb. 1, THE ROBESONIAN has decided to extend the time during which subscriptions may be paid at the rate of \$1.50 the year to midnight of February 5. This will give everybody an opportunity to mail or send in their money if they cannot come to town. Positively the price will be \$2.00 the year after midnight of February 5. Be sure to read ad on page 4 and ACT AT ONCE.