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BIGGEST SALE TODAY

More Than 300,000 Pounds Tobacco Sold on Lumberton Market Today.

PRICES ON ALL GRADES HAVE ADVANCED.

All Warehouses Filled to Overflowing and Loaded Wagons Lined Up on Streets at Noon—Prices Go As High as 58 Cents.

More than 300,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on the Lumberton market today, the heaviest sale of the season. All the warehouses were filled to overflowing and dozens of loaded wagons were lined up on the streets about the warehouse at noon.

While the rains kept many away from the market Monday, Tuesday and yesterday, more than 100,000 pounds were sold yesterday and the prices of good tobacco were higher than heretofore. Tobacco sold as high as 58 cents the pound yesterday and the prices today were about the same as yesterday.

According to the tobacco men, the prices on all grades have advanced during the last few days, the advance on the best grades being about 10 to the hundred.

WOUNDS PROVED FATAL.

Hub Hammond Died at Hospital Last Night as Result of Wounds Received When Shot by J. V. Oxendine Sunday.

Hub Hammond, Indian, who was shot by J. V. Oxendine, also Indian, Sunday evening, died last night at the Thompson hospital, where he was taken soon after the shooting.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Hammond was shot with a shotgun at the home of Oxendine, six miles north of town after he had fired two shots at Oxendine with a pistol. The lead struck Hammond's left arm and penetrated his left side. The left arm was amputated soon after Hammond reached the hospital and it was first thought that he would recover.

Oxendine came to Lumberton immediately after the shooting and gave himself up to Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Monday was released under a \$200 bond. It is said both Indians were drunk when the shooting took place.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Mr. H. H. Pittman of Fairmont Passed Away Last Night—Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. H. H. Pittman, a well-known citizen of Fairmont, died last night at 9:15 at the Charlotte sanatorium, following an operation for stomach trouble. Deceased was around 50 years old and is survived by his wife and two children. The remains were brought to Lumberton over the Seaboard today and were taken to Fairmont by Messrs. Stephens & Barnes, local undertakers.

The funeral will be conducted from the Baptist church at Fairmont at 5 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. J. R. Miller, pastor of the church, of which deceased was a member.

Mr. Pittman had been engaged in the drug business at Fairmont for several years, being manager of the Pittman drug store, and was one of Fairmont's leading citizens.

Don't Neglect Anti-Typhoid Vaccination.

Only thirteen cases of typhoid fever have been reported in the county this year and there are now only three known cases in the county. However, Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, fears that the wet weather may cause an increase in the number of cases of fever and that is a good reason for taking the anti-typhoid vaccination.

TAR HEEL TOPICS.

Crops Good—Curing Tobacco—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Tar Heel, July 23—Mr. John Elmore of Wilmington is spending some time here on business.

Messrs. I. H. Brisson and son, Josh, visited relatives at Dublin last Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. E. D. Melvin and J. F. Lockett were in Lumberton Thursday on business.

Miss Lula Moore of Wilmington visited relatives here recently.

Mr. David Jones of White Oak attended church here last Sunday.

Mr. W. D. Melvin spent a short while in St. Pauls last Friday.

Curing tobacco seems to be the bread in this section.

Mrs. Braxton Martin went to St. Pauls last Tuesday.

Miss Mary Bedsole, who lives near Elase, is visiting relatives here.

Crops in this section are real good.

CROPS NOT MUCH DAMAGED.

Local Rainfall Has Not Been as Heavy as Previous Records—Lumber River Has Not Near Reached Flood Stage—County Demonstrator Dukes Thinks Crop Damage Slight So Far.

Rain has fallen here every day for the last eight days, the total rainfall during the eight days being 5.70 inches. The heaviest fall was recorded yesterday, according to the report of Mr. B. M. Davis, local government weather man, the rainfall for the day being 1.42 inches. The rainfall for the other seven days ranged from .34 to .83 of an inch.

The rains seem to have been general from Florida to Washington and in many sections much damage has been done by swollen streams. Lumber river has not yet reached anything like flood stage and unless the rains continue for some time, it is not thought the lowland crops about the river will be damaged except by the excessive rains. The rainfall here for any one day has not been near so heavy as at a number of other times in the past. Mr. Davis recalls that a number of years ago the rainfall for one day was more than 4 inches.

It is feared that the continued rains have damaged crops to some extent, but Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, thinks the damage so far has been slight.

A rise of 55 feet in the Cape Fear river, according to a dispatch of last night from Fayetteville. The river last night was 48 feet, a stage it has reached only 3 times before in its history, and was rising 5 inches an hour.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT

Some of the Stringent Penalties of Measure Passed By House of Congress.

The prohibition enforcement which passed final reading in the House of Congress Tuesday contains the following stringent provisions:

Use of liquor as a beverage on any public conveyance, train, boat or jitney bus is prohibited.

Broad powers are given under the search and seizure section of officers charged with enforcement of the law. They may enter a dwelling house in which liquor is sold and seize it, together with implements of manufacture.

Seizure of all craft or vehicles used in the transportation of liquor is authorized.

Enforcement of the wartime act and the constitutional amendment is provided for in the measure and in practically the same manner.

For first offense violators the maximum fine is \$1,000 or six months imprisonment, and for subsequent offenses fines range from \$200 to \$2,000 or one month to five years in prison.

Enforcement of both the wartime act and the amendment is reposed in the Internal Revenue Bureau and the Department of Justice.

Representative Pou, Democrat, of North Carolina, an ardent prohibitionist, voted against the bill after having pointed out that a law so severe as not to permit a farmer's wife to make a bottle of blackberry wine for her own use never could be enforced.

OUT BARKERS WAY.

Rain Hinders Handling Tobacco—Picnic at Ten Mile July 26—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 1, July 21.—It's rain and more rain in this section. Farmers are having a time getting their tobacco in on account of rain.

I guess it's not right for the farmer to raise the weed, like aunt Sophia said. Some of the farmers in this section are disgusted with tobacco, they say they will never set out any more.

Mrs. McIntyre of Gulf spent part of last week with friends in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Mode Meares spent last week-end with relatives at Barkers.

Mr. W. M. Powers is spending a while with his grand mother, Mrs. D. M. Wishart, on R. 5 from Lumberton.

Mrs. I. J. Flowers and son, Linwood, and little daughter, Erma, spent the week-end with Mrs. Flowers' sister, Mrs. Mark Powers, at Barkers.

Mr. J. M. Kinlaw returned home last week from Wilksboro, Wilkes county, where he spent 10 days.

Rev. J. L. Powers spent Monday and Tuesday with home folks.

Mr. Bunyan M'White is driving a new car.

Messrs. J. L. Britt and John Powers were Lumberton visitors Friday.

Little Dorothy Powers of Durham is spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Graham.

Tobacco barn parties are all the

RACE RIOTING SUBSIDES.

Disturbances in Washington Have Resulted in 5 or More Deaths and Wounding of Hundreds.

Streets of the national capital were patrolled again last night by a force of cavalry, infantry and marines numbering more than 2,000 men, and officers were hopeful that there would be no further serious disorder.

Revised figures given out yesterday for the period of disorders since Monday, showed 5 dead and at least 10 fatally wounded. Hundreds were less seriously hurt and jails and hospitals literally were overflowing.

Regarding the race riots in Washington, Mr. J. P. Humphrey, who formerly lived near Orrum and is now a street car conductor in Washington and who sent The Robesonian a wire which was published Monday, writes under date of July 21:

"I was in charge of the car when the soldier came and took the negro off. He knocked the negro 10 feet after he got him on the ground. I saw about 30 men after one negro on the avenue last night from car window. He tried to escape on passing car but could not. They had caught him before I was out of sight.

"The feeling against the negroes here now is very strong and it is rumored that there will be a riot again tonight, but the militia claim to have the thing well under control. Congressmen claim they will do something to prevent further outbreaks of hostilities. But no mistake, they gave a few negroes a good time last night.

"The general public is now aroused. There have been 6 white women attacked in less than a month. The negroes here have been practically running the town, but a few nights like last night and Saturday night will put the fear of God in their hearts."

Monday night Mr. Humphrey wrote: "The city is in turmoil tonight. It is rumored that several have been killed and scores wounded. I saw several shots fired at negroes from my car. They chased negroes all over the city tonight, in fact they had a hell of a time here tonight—no joke."

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Mr. Durham Stone of the Mt. Elim section arrived home yesterday from Hampton Roads, Va., having been given a discharge from the U. S. navy.

Capt. F. Eli Wishart arrived home Tuesday, having been given an honorable discharge from military service. Capt. Wishart had been stationed at Camp Jackson for several months prior to his discharge Monday, July 14. He spent a few days in Florida after he was discharged.

Mr. E. L. Whaley arrived home this morning from France, having been given an honorable discharge from the army. Mr. Whaley was attached to the aviation department of the army and spent 11 months overseas.

WAR ORPHANS OF FRANCE DYING FROM MALNUTRITION AND SHOCK

The children of France have not yet emerged from the shadow of the war. With peace assured, and a happier future opening before them, it becomes increasingly evident that the child life of France has suffered a shock from which it is difficult to rally; while the birth rate has dropped to 8 to each 1,000 population.

The Fatherless Children of France, an American organization co-operating with a similar one in Paris of which Marshal Joffre is the head, reports that of the children receiving American aid to the extent of 10 cents a day under its plan of securing American god-mothers for the little French war waifs, its records show an average of 700 children's deaths per month since the armistice. The help of the American godmothers came too late to save these undernourished nerve-shocked little ones.

Mrs. Walter S. Brewster of Chicago, vice-chairman of the Fatherless Children of France, has been appointed chairman of a campaign to secure American aid for the 60,000 little war orphans whose names were on the lists of the organization as "unadopted" before the signing of the armistice. Ten cents will care for a child for an entire day; \$3.00 for a month; while for \$6.50 a year the donor may select a child from the lists at the organization's headquarters and be placed in correspondence with it. To adopt a child or make a donation write for information to Mrs. Walter S. Brewster, Room 634, 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

go in this section. / Don't forget the picnic at Ten Mile next Saturday, July 26th.

With best wishes to The Robesonian.

Mr. William Fuchs of Wilmington arrived this morning and will spend some time here visiting friends.

AMERICA'S AIR SERVICE IS GOING TO PIECES

Plans for Defense of United States and Its Possessions by Air Are Being Abandoned for Lack of Pilots and Experienced Flyers.

The following is taken from a copyright article from Washington by David Lawrence in the Greensboro Daily News:

America's air service is literally going to pieces. Plans for the defense of the United States and its possessions by air are being abandoned because there are not enough pilots and experienced flyers to handle service squadrons. Defense of the Mexican border which has been in progress for the last fortnight and is half complete, cannot go forward. Airplane companies are going out of business and Japan is asking the United States to sell her large quantities of Liberty motors manufacturer for use in France but not used.

These facts may startle the average reader—such things, he will say, cannot be going on in Washington after all the hula-hula raised about aircraft during the war. Yet these statements can be verified at the air service of the United States army today.

They probably will come out some day in the course of congressional inquiries—after the damage is done—but as usual when one branch of the government is Democratic and another is Republican the interest of the public gets a severe jolt. Congress, dominated by the Republicans, has cut down the size of the army and the money available for its use. The War Department, managed by the Democrats, is quietly following out the program set by congressional appropriations and neither President Wilson nor Secretary Baker is raising a voice in protest. Neither side is accepting responsibility for what is happening but the big fact is that the air service on which the American people have been relying for coast defense and border patrol is shortly to be brought almost to the same status which it had before the European war began in 1914.

Congress started the ball rolling by cutting down appropriations for the army. The War Department finding itself without funds to keep commissioned officers has now ordered that before September 30 next, all officers holding temporary commissions be discharged and that the peace-time army be commanded only by officers in the regular army. Unfortunately the air service was one of the smallest branches of the army before the war and the order hits the aerial establishment harder than any other.

Under the new requirements only 250 officers are allotted to the air service. These must be regular army men. It so happens that out of that 250, only about one-fourth actually have had flying experience. The great bulk of America's great flying corps of thousands of pilots came from civil life receiving temporary commissions.

The permanent officers however will be responsible for the aerial defense of the United States and outlying possessions. It is estimated that there would be officers enough only for three squadrons if the whole number could be assigned to this duty.

So the air service must practically abandon its defenses in Hawaii and the Philippines and must forego its plans for the defense of the Mexican border. It had been planned after the recent hearings before Congress that seven service squadrons be mobilized for duty on the Mexican border. Brig-Gen. William E. Mitchell who commanded the American air forces on the western front made a hurried trip through Texas and mapped out a system of defensive operations. Seven squadrons were to be equipped and nine airdromes built at convenient stations between Yuma and Brownsville stretching across the entire length of the international line. Four of these airdromes were to be used for patrol work and three for bombardment purposes. About 170 airplanes were to be used, including about 100 bombing machines.

Not Even One Squadron. This work had been half completed when the war department's order was issued. Now it is doubtful whether there are enough officers available to man a single squadron. Originally, it will be remembered, the war department informed Congress that a total of 56 squadrons or 2,500 officers and 22,000 men were needed for the protection of the United States in the air. Only one half of that number of enlisted men are now available but they are useless without officers—experienced pilots.

What is the solution? Some members of Congress like Senator Harry New, of Indiana, Republican, think it must lie in an independent air service. Otherwise, if kept together with the army and navy, aeronautics will suffer the usual neglect which befalls auxiliary branches of the army and navy. It is urged also that separate committees on aeronautics be created.

Not only are there military necessities involved in concentrating all the aircraft under a single department of the government but the whole question of safeguarding the lives of

NEWS ITEMS FROM ORRUM.

Fine Prices for Tobacco—Personal and Other Items.

BY W. JEROME STEPHENS

Orrum, July 21.—Farmers are busy trying to get through curing tobacco and pull fodder, which will soon, by the looks of the prospects, be the general order of the day.

Mr. H. Warwick, brother of Mr. I. H. Warwick of our town and a well known merchant of Robeson county, has opened a cash store in the old E. C. Nye stand on First and Main streets.

Sorry to report Mr. Tom Nye on the sick list.

Rev. I. P. Hedgpath filled his regular appointment here Sunday evening, and preached a fine sermon.

There will be a party at the home of Mr. I. H. Warwick Wednesday night.

Mr. Titman Britt and mother, Mrs. Nathand Britt, of our town were Chadbourne visitors Sunday.

Lots of the farmers of our section have sold their first curing of tobacco, some at Lumberton, others at Fairmont, and all report fine prices. Can't say which is the best market.

Proud to report the condition of little Master Raymond, son of Prof. R. L. Pitman, who has been sick for some time, is improving.

Mr. J. R. Lawson, our road overseer for this township, is doing something. He is just the man we need, say all the old prosperous farmers of our section whom we are proud of.

Sorry to report Mrs. J. R. Lawson on the sick list. Mrs. Lawson has been in a hospital at Charlotte but will return home soon.

Our town was made glad the other day when Mr. Bud Foyd, son of one of our most progressive farmers, Mr. Andrew Foyd, returned home. Lots of our soldier boys are returning home.

RIGHT TO STORE LIQUOR IN ONE'S HOME STANDS.

The prohibition enforcement bill, drastic provisions and all, was adopted Monday section by section by the House, but a man's right to store liquor in his home stood up against all attacks. On the final count, only three votes were recorded in favor of an amendment to make home possession of intoxicants unlawful.

"Two German prisoners of war consigned to the director of military intelligence, Washington," landed in New York Monday. The mysterious prisoners, who landed under heavy guard, formerly were German officers of high rank whom the American military intelligence corps prevailed upon, before the inauguration of the American offensive in 1918, to deliver plans of the German general staff covering the proposed movements on the western front, and other detailed information of inestimable value. It is believed that these plans enabled Gen. Pershing to cut the cost of the American advance practically in half. It is believed that German officers have organized a vendetta aimed at the lives of these traitors.

civilians from the flights of inexperienced pilots is involved. Similarly the United States must co-operate with foreign governments in setting up landing fields for international flights.

Again, a separate air service would take charge of aerial development overseas. England is today planning a mail service north and south through the continent of Africa from Cairo to Capetown. Dirigibles already have crossed the Atlantic. Army aviators tell me it is feasible to establish mail communication by air between North and South America and across the Pacific to Hawaii, Guam, the Philippines, Japan and China.

Ambitious Projects Killed. Many projects for transcontinental flying are before the air service. Mail service between New York and San Francisco by air is predicted within a short time. Civilian and military phases of aeronautics were just beginning to become an absorbing study for the daring aviators returned from overseas. By a single war department order and by a single cut in appropriations by Congress, all these ambitious projects are suddenly dashed to pieces and the air service itself reduced to a mere fragment. More than 9,000 planes, 27,000 motors and 1,000 balloons of all types must be cared for. The work has hitherto been done by temporary officers. Some of the 250 permanent officers must now be assigned to that duty. The experienced flyers go back to civil life—they will soon lose the knack of flying. Funds are not available to recruit and train new pilots. Thus does the controversy between the executive and legislative branches of the government—each with opposite political desires to satisfy—involve in most serious fashion the public interest and defense of the United States.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Children's story hour will be held Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Alf. McLeod.

—Mr. Lacy T. Edens of Rowland is doing some special work in connection with compiling the tax records for the year 1919 in the office of Mr. J. M. McCallum, county auditor.

—Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd has issued license for the marriage of A. C. Edwards and Cora M. Williamson; J. Henry Johnson and Docia Odum.

—Mr. Oliver A. Meares and small son, Braxton, of R. 5, Lumberton, spent Tuesday in Fayetteville. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Meares, who had been a patient in a Fayetteville hospital for some time.

—Mr. M. J. McFadyen of Cameron has accepted a position as cashier at the local Seaboard freight depot.

—Mr. McFadyen recently returned home from overseas and was employed by the Seaboard here before entering the army.

—Calvin F. Lowrey, a well-known Indian of the Buie section, presented the editor yesterday with one of the finest watermelons he has ever seen, and it was as delicious to the taste as it was pleasing to the eye in its 45 pounds of fatness and uniformity of shape.

—Mr. L. S. Currie, whose home address is Lumberton, R. 7, has accepted a position in the time department of the Tallassee Power Co. at Badin, beginning work Monday of his week. Mr. Currie held a position with this company before going into military service.

The Robesonian is informed that President Hobgood of Oxford college, whose ad. appears in another column, took on his recent visit applications for rooms for the next session of this old and famous school from eight Robeson county girls. This speaks well for the college and the county.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stubbs have leased the building and fixtures of Thompson hotel from Miss Anna Thompson and will conduct a hotel at the same place on the second floor of the old Columbia hotel building. They will keep regular boarders and also take care of transient business.

—Mr. Thos. S. Golden, formerly in the insurance business in Lumberton, now located in Fayetteville, was a Lumberton visitor the first of the week. Mr. Golden was transferred from Lumberton to Pulaski, Va., from which place he entered military service, and was discharged about a year ago.

—Miss Kathryn Beaman returned Tuesday from New Bern, where she spent some time at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Suter, Jr. She was accompanied home by her small niece Dudley Suter. Mrs. Suter, who intended to come also, with another daughter, to visit her father, Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, was detained at home but may come later.

—In mentioning in Monday's paper the superlatively delicious cantaloupes raised by Mr. W. H. M. Brown of Buie, mention was inadvertently omitted of a couple watermelons of the finest, rare meat and of a flavor to make a body oblivious even to the incessant rain for a spell—a cheering but not inebriating portion—which Mr. Brown presented to the editor out of the kindness of his heart.

—On the tax books of Lumberton township appear the name of one man, Mr. Zach Clewis, and his seven sons, all of whom live within a radius of two miles and get their mail at the same postoffice. Mr. Clewis is 78 years old and the ages of his sons range from 28 to 50 years. There is nothing at all unusual about a man having seven sons, but it is not often a family so large all live so near together.

Wanted a Receipt to Show That He Was Married.

Emma Jennings and Adolphus Brown, colored, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd about 5 of the clock yesterday afternoon. Justice F. Grover Britt officiated and at his request the groom saluted the bride after the ceremony. After the words had been spoken Adolphus kept waiting around the office and after a spell he informed Register of Deeds Floyd that he wanted a receipt to show that he was married. When questioned as to why he wanted the receipt, he intimated that he was afraid some other man might claim his elect.

Mr. J. R. Herring of Barnesville, is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mrs. Mac Gray and son, Eugene, have returned from Blowing Rock, where they spent a week.