

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

What Has Occurred During the Week Throughout This Country and Abroad.

EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

Gathered From All Parts of the Globe and Told In Short Paragraphs.

European War

The first ships to suffer from the Kaiser's British war zone proclamation were a French steamer and a Norwegian tank steamer.

England has decided to hold the American steamer Wilhelmna laden with foodstuffs for German ports.

No progress is reported along the eastern war front.

In the west both Germans and French are claiming victories.

Germany's proclamation placing British waters in the war zone in the effort to break the English blockade on German food importations has now gone into effect.

French victories are reported all along the path from the Oise river to the sea.

Berlin is celebrating the constant news of further victories in eastern Prussia and Poland.

In the Champagne district the French successes have been marked by the capture of two hundred German prisoners.

Empire William is expected to order 5,000,000 Germans of the independent class who are unable to give military service out of the empire during the rest of the war.

Foreign

Rumors cabled from Madrid that Spain had declared war against Mexico are unconfirmed.

England has replied at length to America's second note regarding the use of neutral flags.

Sir Roger Casement, leader of the Separatist party in Ireland, who is now in Germany will appear in Christiania to uphold his charges that the British minister to Norway and the English government have conspired to kill him.

Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, has notified the state department at Washington that American shipping is now assured of safe entry into Belgian ports.

General Carranza, with 1,500 men, is reported to be marching on Monterey to attack that city.

The Chinese government has served notice on the Japanese ambassador to State Bryan, Ambassador Gerard, Emperor William, Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, and Herr von Jagow.

The five important figures in the world's limelight now are Secretary of State Bryan, Ambassador Gerard, Emperor William, Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, and Herr von Jagow.

American Consul Silliman has left Mexico City for Vera Cruz, where he will henceforth negotiate with the Carranza government.

James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, has been invited to a conference regarding the contents of the American note by Emperor William at his eastern war headquarters.

Domestic

Harry Chandler of Los Angeles, son-in-law of Gen. Harrison G. Otis, owner of the Los Angeles Times, has been indicted by the federal grand jury on the charge of planning a military invasion of the Mexican province of Lower California.

The ter-centenary of Shakespeare's death is being planned for general observance throughout the United States by the American Drama League.

Harry Thaw's trial has been set for February 23, the same date as the Leo Frank hearing in Washington.

The lower house of the Nebraska legislature has passed a bill making tipping unlawful.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt may be called as a witness in the congressional investigation now being held in Wheeling of Judge Alston Dayton of the West Virginia federal bench.

Frank P. Walsh of Kansas City, the chairman of the federal industrial relations commission, has publicly stated that John D. Rockefeller controls the Rockefeller Foundation.

Mary Garden, the grand opera prima donna, has sailed for France aboard the English liner Adriatic and will resume her work among the French troops in the trenches.

Mrs. Ellen Mary McClellan, widow of Gen. George B. McClellan, Grant's predecessor of the Union forces in the Civil war, died of pneumonia at Nice, France.

President Wilson and his cabinet held an extra session to consider the importance of the German intention to maintain the British war zone declaration.

Secretary Garrison told the national woman's party, headed by Mrs. Robert M. LaFollette, that he was strictly opposed to the idea of federal manufacture of war munitions.

Congressman Bartholdt of Missouri in making his farewell speech in congress before his retirement next month, denounced the American press for its anti-German attitude.

Secretary Walcott of the Smithsonian institute told the house naval committee that although it was an American, Samuel P. Langley, who made the first heavier-than-air flying machine in history, his country had been the last to develop air craft.

The Wilson administration merchant marine bill passed the house of representatives after fourteen hours' debate and attempted filibuster by the Republicans.

Congressman Hurler has introduced a bill providing for a federal censorship of the moving picture films.

Although the merchant marine bill passed the house, it has met with strong opposition in the senate where it is said it is likely to meet the same fate as the original bill.

Representative Parks reviewed the Senator's achievements, and said he was one of the potential figures in American history and one of the great constitutional authorities of Congress and conspicuous in moulding American foreign relations.

AMERICAN STEAMER EVELYN BLOWN UP

CARRYING COTTON FOR BREMEN SHE STRIKES MINE IN THE NORTH SEA.

WAS NOT IN NEW WAR ZONE

First Government Insured Vessel Lost.—Sensation Resulted From the News at Washington.

Bremen.—The American steamer Evelyn which sailed from New York January 29 with a cotton cargo for Bremen was sunk by a mine off Borkum Island in the North Sea.

The vessel's captain and 27 of her crew were saved. The nationality of the mine which destroyed the Evelyn has not been established.

The Evelyn is the first American vessel to meet with disaster as a result of a sea warfare of the European nations.

Washington.—The United States government was advised officially of the destruction of the first American vessel on the high seas since the outbreak of the European war.

After a conference with President Wilson, Secretary Bryan cabled Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to make an exhaustive inquiry as to the facts, and if the crew was landed in either of their respective jurisdictions.

Although the extent of the sea zones of war proclaimed by Germany was never defined exactly, the Borkum Islands are considered far distant from the danger areas of submarines.

The sinking of these five vessels and in addition, the British steamer Viscount Humphreys was reported from Buenos Aires February 18.

The Buenos Aires dispatch, however, said that the German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm and not the Karlsruhe, sank them. This version probably is correct, as it was given by men on board the Holger.

Twilight Sleep Operation. Raleigh, N. C.—The condition of Speaker Emmet R. Wooten, of the House of Representatives, injured in an automobile accident recently continued to grow worse.

John Barclay Moon Dead. Richmond, Va.—John Barclay Moon, chairman of the Virginia Debt Commission, for 20 years counsel for the University of Virginia, and widely known as an attorney, died suddenly at his home in Albemarle county.

Canal Tolls Reduced 20 Per Cent. Panama.—Under instructions of Secretary Garrison changes are being prepared in the regulations for computation of Panama Canal tolls which, it is estimated, will decrease revenues from the classes of freight affected approximately 20 per cent.

Eulogies on Senator Bacon. Washington.—Eulogies were delivered in the house on the late Senator Bacon of Georgia.

RETAIL PRICES OF CORN FOR THE PAST WEEK. Town No. 1 White Yellow or Mixed No. 2

Table with 4 columns: Town, No. 1 White, Yellow or Mixed, No. 2. Lists prices for various towns like Charlotte, Elmore, Moore, etc.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Movements Due and Their Local Effects For the Cotton States, Feb. 28 to March 7, 1915.

Carothers Observatory Forecast Sunday, Feb. 28.—The week will open with a cool wave in the Eastern Belt as previously forecast and with warmer weather prevailing in Western Belt.

Monday, March 1; Tuesday, March 2; Wednesday, March 3.—A Cool Wave is due to overspread the South Monday and Tuesday, it is believed, without precipitation, and it will bring 10 degrees cooler weather, with light frosts in Eastern Belt nearly to the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts.

Thursday, March 4, to Sunday, March 7.—Rain setting in Western Belt Thursday will overspread the South Friday and Saturday in advance of the cool wave. This movement will cover the South Saturday and Sunday with moderately cooler weather, minima ranging around 50 degrees, with clearing.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Short Paragraphs of State News That Have Been Condensed for Busy People of the State.

The State Inter-collegiate Peace Oratorical Contest, held at Meredith College in connection with the third annual convention of the North Carolina Peace Society in progress there, resulted in the first prize going to S. S. S. of Atlantic Christian College and the second prize to Earle Levitt of Wake Forest College.

Samuel M. Hamrick, ex-postmaster of Hickory, died at his home a few days ago. He was 50 years of age.

The baseball team at the University is rapidly taking on shape.

Dr. C. V. Reynolds of Asheville, was elected vice-president of the Tri-State Medical College for North Carolina.

The Catawba Creamery Company has plans for the erection of an addition to its creamery building which will cost in all \$6,000 or \$7,000.

The North Carolina Society at Washington gave a banquet recently in honor of the speakers were: Secretary Daniels, Representatives Pace and Steadman, Dr. H. P. Claxton and P. D. Gold.

Members of the Good Roads Association of Asheville and Buncombe county, meeting in sixteenth annual session, went on record as favoring the construction of sand clay roads for highways which lead into the main thoroughfares.

The costly new municipal water and lighting plants at Washington, N. C., will probably be put into service about the 20th of this month.

From Newport News there sailed an English merchantman with a load of horses for the English government, and with F. C. Herndon, a veterinarian of Rocky Mount in charge.

MARKET REPORTS.

Cotton, Cotton Seed and Meal Prices in the Markets of North Carolina For the Past Week.

As reported to the Division of Markets, North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and Department of Agriculture, Raleigh.

Table with 4 columns: Town, Price of mid-ling cotton, Price of cotton seed per bushel, Price of meal per ton. Lists prices for various towns like Farmville, Kinston, etc.

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100-6 HOUSE VOTE ON ANTI-JUG LAW

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE BILL PROHIBITS DELIVERY OF LIQUOR IN STATE.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People Gathered Around the State Capitol.

Raleigh. After strenuous arguments of nearly three hours the house voted 100 to 6 for the Grier bill for the prevention of shipments of intoxicating liquors from points without the state to points within the state.

Before the special order-hour arrived for the bill to be taken up, Representative Cameron moved that the special order be displaced and set for next Wednesday to give the senate time to develop its amendments.

Argument on the bill began at 12:30, Mr. Grier opening for the bill and arguing that the measure is constitutional, that it will not in any way operate to the detriment of the Democratic party in the passing of it.

Representative Hutchison made the most vigorous speech against the bill. He said that his people knew where he stood. He had voted against the prohibition bill in 1908.

He charged that the petitions that were flooded the legislature were worked up through manufactured sentiment stirred up by Supt. R. L. Davis of the Anti-Saloon League.

There was adopted a resolution as to the death of Engrossing Clerk William F. Aycock and the president was directed to appoint a special committee from the senate to accompany the remains of Mr. Aycock to Freeport where the interment was made.

Discuss Suffrage Bill in Senate. Scarcely had the session in the House of Representatives over the Judge Carter-Solicitor Abernethy investigation episode abated when the senate started an exceptionally spirited and spicy discussion of the Hobgood woman's suffrage bill.

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Tax Newspapers Running Contests.

Following final approval of the three remaining sections of the revenue bill, the House passed the bill on second roll-call reading and it took its place on the calendar for final reading and passed.

The house in committee of the whole adopted the Mintz amendment to section 57 of the revenue bill changing the special tax on newspaper circulation contests from \$50 for weeklies and \$150 for dailies to \$10 for weeklies and \$25 for dailies.

Two Big Features in House. The House passed by a large majority the Seawell insurance bill to give the State Commissioner of Insurance the power to raise or lower the fire insurance rates after the manner of the law in Kansas.

These were the two big features of the House proceedings. The passage of the Seawell bill was without debate having come over as unfinished business from the long discussion of the measure.

Endorse Ship Purchase Bill. A joint resolution introduced in the senate by Senator Ward and in the house by Representative Grier of Iredell, passed both branches of the Legislature endorsing the Administration ship-purchase bill.

\$20,000 For Mount Mitchell. The Senate received from the Committee on Appropriations the bill for \$20,000 to be appropriated for the purchase of a portion of the forest covered top of Mount Mitchell.

Many House Bills Passed. Improve the roads in Albemarle township, Stanly county; provide for local improvements in municipalities; authorize bonds by Hot Springs.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 28

SAMUEL, THE VICTORIOUS LEADER.

LESSON TEXT—1 Samuel 7:3-17. GOLDEN TEXT—Hitherto hath Jehovah helped me.—1 Samuel 7:12 R. V.

Having prepared a "guilt offering," 6:4-9, the Philistines started the ark back towards Shiloh. As a punishment for their sacrilege and perhaps for their boastful pride, God punished the men of Beth-Shemesh and finally the ark finds rest in the house of Abinadab, 6:10-21, 7:1, 2. For 20 years Israel was under discipline in bondage, v. 2.

"And Samuel spake . . . saying," vv. 3-8. It is possible that at times Samuel was a fugitive, but that he was praying, teaching and preaching "the word of Jehovah" we are assured. At last Israel was "drawn together," v. 2 R. V. margin. Undoubtedly Samuel's pure life and his faithful witnessing had as much to do with this assembling as did the oppression of the Philistines.

Samuel told the people plainly that in order to be delivered from the Philistines Israel must "return unto Jehovah with all your heart." The putting away (judging) of sin and all idols is the first step of any real, genuine repentance.

Such a gathering was an evidence of that unity of the people of God which they possibly did so with no thought of forsaking Jehovah, but rather with the idea of "enriching" their worship. Such liberality, such a federation of religions is weakening to the cause of faith, Matt. 6:24, 1 John 2:15, James, 4:4. Samuel might be called "narrow," but his exhortation to Israel that they return to the love and worship of Jehovah, to the obedience of his laws with whole-souled devotion, was the first, and the most essential requisite to their freedom.

Israel's response (v. 4) meant not alone self-denial, but a revolt against the Philistines. This meant also the giving up of amusements and profits which might accompany such worship. The word "heart" includes the will, affections, motives and powers of soul. Not merely a surface emotion, but a deep change of heart and character.

It is sad to recall that this was a reformation, not a regeneration (ch. 8:8); but such is the history of an emotional reformation. One day, however, we shall see that one will last, Rom. 11:26. Samuel is a type of Christ as a prophet and also as an intercessor, Heb. 7:25. Gathering the people at Mizpah ("a lookout") he caused the people to look to God. Such a gathering was an evidence of that unity of the people of God which must ever precede prevailing prayer.

Ps. 99:6, Heb. 10:25. The meeting began by a prayer by Samuel who was nearest to God. They then poured out water upon the ground, a symbol of their utter helplessness, also of the pouring out of their hearts before God, II Sam. 14:14; Ps. 62:8. Israel also "fasted"—an expression of sorrow for sin which was so deep that they could not eat, and a sign of the humiliation of self and an earnest desire to find God, Dan. 9:3, Acts 13:2, 3.

"And Samuel offered . . . a burnt offering," vv. 9-12. Twenty years of bondage bred a spirit of fear in the hearts of the Israelites and in their extremity they turned to Samuel to intercede for them. Christians have a better one as their intercessor, I John 2:1; Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34. Israel no longer places its trust in an outward symbol as when formerly they sent for the ark, ch. 4:3. All real prayer is preceded by sacrifice, and the only ground we have upon which to approach a holy God is to shed blood, Heb. 10:19, John 14:6. This is also a type of entire consecration.

The lamb of Samuel's sacrifice is a type of our Christ who entered into God's presence for us "by his own blood," Heb. 9:11, 12. Having thus properly approached God, Samuel cried for Israel, and "the Lord heard him," John 17:9. In the midst of this the Philistines gave battle (v. 10) even as Satan often makes his fiercest assaults upon us in the midst of our holiest exercises. God "thundered with a great voice," v. 11, marking, bringing discomfiture and fear to the enemy, I John 5:14.

The Heart of the Lesson. This lesson is a great revelation of the power and effectiveness of intercessory prayer. "Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name," Ps. 99:6, seem to place Samuel at the head of Israel's intercessors even as Moses and Aaron led the prophet priests.

Prayer for others is not only a duty, but a privilege and joy as well. Too few Christians are interceding for others. The sincere prayer for others is inevitably followed up by service for others, even as Samuel's prayer was followed by his service judging Israel.

This lesson also emphasizes the need of appreciation of God's mercies. Abraham erected his altars; Jacob and Joshua erected memorial stones to recall signal blessings; Samuel calls the one he erected "Ebenezer" for "Hitherto hath Jehovah helped us."