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IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

Happenings of This and Other Nations For Seven Days Are

What Is Taking Place in the Southland Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs.

European War

Greece is said to be in the same position of Italy. The king and cabinet are opposed to hostilities and the populace is eager to fight.

The Italian populace is clamoring for war, it is said. The cabinet is waiting to learn what will be Austria's decision regarding peace before taking any definite step.

Reports from London and Paris state that all the belligerents, both Germany and the allies, fear that Austria may sue for a separate peace on account of the recent Russian successes in the Carpathians, which they say now gives the Muscovites the complete command to the Hungarian

The German-Austrian line in the east is reported to be gradually weakening before the advance of the Russian Cossacks.

German submarines are reported to have sunk several neutral vessels, including Argentine and Norwegian

The liquor ban has been placed in the armies of all the belligerents. Decrees have been issued by Emperor William, Emperor Nicholas, King President Poincare.

forces sweeping down upon the Hun- ed on a criminal charge. garian plains through the Carpathian

at Austria, although the German am- urge the Democratic party to fight the er Karlsruhe, said, "we got in withbassador at Rome is doing all he can liquor traffic and make the prohibition out being seen by the enemy and we to urge the Italian government to keep out of the war.

The Bulgarian raiders who have been committing depredations in Serbia have made several invading excursions across the Greek border. The Athens government is concerned over this incident, and it is believed both Servians and Greeks will take the mat ter up in a way that may result seriously to King Ferdinand.

A German submarine is reported to have sunk the Italian steamer Luigi recently for Naples.

Parties in Austria and Turkey have as being weary of so much war. Turthe autumn of 1911 and has lost in every campaign.

Servia is again greatly exercised and property were destroyed. Fiftythree Servian officers were wounded rolling on the White House lawn on in the encounter when driving the Easter Monday. neighboring enemies back into their punishment of the invaders.

The French report the capture of the summit of Mt. Hartmanns-Weilerkopf by French troops from the Germans. The German defeat was marked by a bloody battle in which the French claim to have outgeneraled the enemy in every point.

The Russians claim to be rapidly pushing on through Galicia through the Beskid mountains and breaking the Austrian line in several places.

Domestic

The building contractors of Chicago have declared a lockout against every union which allows its wage clai mhas been taken by this governagreement with the employers to ment toward England and France. lapse. It is feared by the incoming city administration, headed by Mayorelect Thompson, second Republican since 1892, that a general labor strike will ensue and bring the new city gov- fice by President Taft, to quit Belernment in under embarrassing condi-

Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former dictator of Mexico, who attempted to with the American commission for the make himself perpetual president of Belgian relief. It is said the Germans the southern republic on assassination objected to his activities in Belgium of President Madero and later driven on account of his sister being Lady Alpected to land within a few days at ish minister to Brussels. No informastate Huerta intends to plan another expressed his views freely against the revolution in Mexico and oppose both German sentiment.

publicly charged by a Chattanooga cit- General Villa has authorized his repreizen of playing politics since he en- sentatives in Washington to say he tered office in January.

Swine in Old London. We hear much today of the dangers who lost an ear from the same cause. of the London streets, but we are The letters certified the cause of the the invitation of the Westchester spared some of the perils of an ear- accident, lest later on the uncharitable County Democratic Club of its ban-Coroners' Rolls for the City tells how law. the many swine wandering about the streets were once London's greatest Luisances. In 1322 an inquest was held on a child who was attacked in

parents' shop. And a little earlier Star.

ney bus as dangerous and declares such action would be merely upholding the electric The New York Safety First Federing the electric public service corpora-

The battleship Georgia, which has been doing duty at Vera Cruz has been relieved by the gunboat Wheeling. The Georgia will rejoin the Atlantic fleet.

Accountants state they have found a discrepancy of between \$16,000 and \$20,000 in the accounts of former Congressman James H. Cassidy of Cleveland as receiver of the Pittsburg

Coal company. Mayor Donn M. Roberts of Terer Haute, Ind., arrested in January, with eighty-nine others on the charge of defrauding the November elections. has been found guilty in federal court in Indianapolis. Mayor Roberts is credited with being the Democratic

boss of southern Indiana and an aspirant for governor in 1916. The charges were preferred by the Democratic early hours of the morning, the Gerstate and federal officials at Indianlitical chances.

Chicago, considered one of the supplies. strongest Democratic strongholds of the country, was swept by the Republimes reported destroyed, made this licans in the municipal election. Hen- port in almost helpless condition, ry Hale Thompson was elected mayor over Robert M. Sweitzer, Democrat, only scanty provisions for her crew by the surprising plurality of 130,000. It is said the support of Mayor Car- British merchant ships sunk in the ter H. Harrison, defeated for the Dem- South Atlantic. The 15,000-ton cruiocratic mayoralty nomination by Sweitzer, went to Thompson.

The time for the Prinz Eitel in Newport News harbor has expired and the vessel still remains in American British ship Chasehill, captured, was waters. It is now believed she ex- allowed to proceed, taking to shore pects to intern.

Washington

Secretary of State Bryan has refused to issue a passport to Jack George, Emperor Franz Josef and Johnson, the ex-champion pugilist, for terned Prinz Eitel Friedrich which his traveling abroad. Secretary Bry- arrived here about a month ago after British and Russian reports declare an says the Stars and Stripes cannot similar thrilling and effective war opthe Teutonic dams in Austria are giv- lend any protection to any man evad- erations for the German arms, the ing way to the horde of Muscovite ing his country or who stands indict- Kronprinz Wilhelm came dashing

the residence of the secretary of state, Captain Paul Thierfelder, formerly For Our Rivers and Harbors. Italy is said to be prepared to strike | Secretary Bryan said he intended to | navigating officer of the German cruisquestion an issue of the 1916 cam-

Statistical reports made to President Wilson and Secretary Redfield show that business conditions throughought the United States as a whole are better than at any time since the panic of 1907 during the Roosevelt administration, when thousands were suddenly thrown out of employment in every Northern city.

Secretary Daniels of the navy is receiving congratulations for being the Parodi, which sailed from Baltimore first official in the world to place a restrictive ban on drink on any of the military and naval forces. His order expressed their desire for peace and was first ridiculed. Now that the European crowned heads have followed key has been at war continually since his example, the secretary has been lauded by the prohibitionists of the

country. Miss Margaret Wilson, elder daughover the Bulgarian situation owing to ter of the president, who acts as offia raid made within her borders by cial mistress of the White House since Bulgarian forces in which much life her mother's death, entertained the children of Washington at a big egg

The United States Supreme court own territory. This is the fifth at- upheld the Florida statute to sell or tack of its kind since the outbreak of ship immature citrus fruit. The dethe European war. An official note cision was handed down by Justice has been sent by King Peter to King Day, who said the Florida law was Ferdinand asking for indemnity and valid until such time as there might be further legislation on the question

by congress.

Foreign The American note to Germany has been read in the reichstag and declared to be evasive. The United States is charged by the German war party, now in control of the national assembly, of violation of neutrality. President Wilson's personal address to congress regarding the Mexican situation in August, 1913, was quoted and cited as an example of neutrality the German government feels it should expect from the United States, and not the partial action that the Germans

The German authorities in Belgium have ordered Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester of the United States under Roosevelt and dismissed from ofgium at once. Mr. Pinchot is acting on a special commission for the state department in his work in connection

the Carranza and Villa-Zapata forces. The Villa-Zapata troops are again in Governor Rye of Tennessee has been complete possession of Mexico City. has entered the Mexican capital

letters patent were issued to an infant

The recently published Calendar of off in the pillory by the knife of the wrote President Van Cortlandt of the Smith of Raleigh and A. V. Cobb of reversed; McRainey vs. Railroad, Sawed-Off Sermon. fortune knocks it doesn't borrow a day. her cradle by a pig which had wan- battering ram for the purpose of dered in through the open door of her | breaking the door down.-Indianapolis

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KRONPRINZ WILWELM REACHES NEWPORT NEWS AFTER LONG SEA RAID.

DESTROYED MERCHANTMEN

Slipped in By British Warships and Captain Says He Can Go Out the Same Way.

Newport News, Va.-Steaming her way at full speed, passing four Allied warships off the Virginia capes in the man converted cruiser Kroaprinz Wilapolis. Roberts avers that the whole helm, another of the remarkable merthing is but a scheme to ruin his po- | chant raiders of the South Seas, arrived in this port and asked for fuel and

The Kronprinz Wilhelm, many with less than 25 tons of coal and of 500 men and 61 prisoners from ser came with a record of 15 merchant ships of the enemy captured, 14 of them sunk, nine British, four French and one Norwegian. The more than 300 prisoners from previous raids. The value of the ships and cargoes destroyed officers of the

Withelm estimated at \$7,000,000. Following in the wake of the inbravely through a lane of enemy war-In a public statement issued from ships and her commander Lieutenant can go out the same way."

Most of these were sent to South American ports at various times on German ships which met the raider in response to wireless call. The sixty one one board who were landed here are British sailors taken from the steamship Tamar, destroyed March 25 and Coleby, destroyed March 27 last. The toll of destruction credited the Kronprinz Wilhelm include the follow-

British steamer Indian Prince sunk September 4, 1914. British steamer La Correntina, sunk October 7, 1914.

French bark Union, sunk October 28, 1914. French bark Anne de Britagne, sunk November 21, 1914.

British steamer Bellevue, sunk De cember 4, 1914. French steamer Mont Agel, sunk

December 4, 1914. British steamer Hemisphere, sunk December 28, 1914.

British steamer Potario, sunk January 10, 1915. British steamer Highland Brae sunk January 14, 1915.

British schooner Wilfred M., sunk January 14, 1915. Norwegian bark Somatha, sunk Feb

ruary 5, 1915. French passenger steamer Guade loupe, sunk February 23, 1915.

British steamer Tamar, sunk March British steamer Coleby, sunk march

27, 1915. British steamer Chasehill, sunk February 22, 1915.

ANXIOUS TO LEAVE TAMPICO

Three Hundred Americans Have Applied Fr Transportation. Washingotn .- Three hundred unamployed Americans have appealed to the state department for transportation from Tampico to the United States. The situation there was reported officially to be serious. Food

city is expected. Rear Admiral Capterton with the cruiser Washington went to Tampico from Vera Cruz on his own initiative to join the gunboats Petrel and depend on the general himself.

is scarce and an early attack on the

Great Commercial Congress to Meet. Mr. Hudson Returns to Office. Washington.-The sixth annual conever assembled in this country.

McAdoo Says Prosperity is Here. Washington.-Declaring that only illness prevented him from accepting "now planted upon secure economic foundations' is becoming more pro-

"The financial and economic situsaid, "is the strongest in the world."

PITTSBORO, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C., APRIL 14, 1915.

GOVERNOR CRAIG APPOINTS COMMISSION PROVIDED FOR BY LEGISLATURE.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

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

Raleigh.

Supreme Court, Judge W. J. Adams the road work, especially the selfof the Superior Court, ex-Judge W. P. perpetuating power of the road com-Bynum of Guilford, L. V. Bassett of mission and its powers that super- the High School Debating Union of days of his youth as he followed the Edgecombe and Hugh G. Chatham of sede the county commissioners and North Carolina. The final triumphant occupation of shepherd. His playing Winston-Salem are commissioned by Governor Craig as a commission for the revision of the North Carolina system of court procedure and the formulation of a uniform system of inferior courts. These appointments were announced by Governor Craig and it is understood that Chief Justice Clark, who will head the commission, will call the commission together & McCrary and Manning & Kitchin. soon for organization and for project- Appearing in the case for the defanding the work that devolves upon the ant board of highway commissioners commission under Resolution No. 43 are E. E. Raper, Phillips & Bower of the recent Legislature authorizing and Walser & Walser of Lexington, the creation and the appropriation of \$500 for the expenses of the commis-

sion, which is to include clerk hire. Chief Justice Walter Clark has written to the other members of the spe- ing to Cashier A. S. Carrson of Colcial commission for the revision of lector Watts' office, went to nearly court procedure and formulation of a \$200,000 over any previous month in d by Governor Craig calling a meet- North Carolina, the record prior to ng here April 17 for organizing and the past month, having been the projecting the work to be done.

Washington.-The river and harbor bill of the last session of Congress provided that the sum of \$25,000,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Secretary of War in making improvements, to be recommended by the chief of engineers.

Under this act the following amounts have been made available for works of river and harbor improvement in North Carrolina as fol-

Waterway from Norfelk, Va., to sounds of North Carolina, \$5,000; waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort Inlet, \$400,000; Scuppernong River, \$2,900; Shallowbag Bay, \$2,000; Fishing Creek, \$1,000; Pamlico and Tar Rivers, \$35,800; Bay River, \$1,-900; Conttentnea Creek, \$1,000; Smiths Creek, \$1,400; Neuse and Trent Rivers, \$22,500; waterway from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet, \$9,-000; Beaufort Harbor, \$17,000; waterway connecting Core Sound and Beaufort Harbor, \$2,000; harbor at Morehead City, \$3,800; New River, including inland waterways between Beaufort Harbor and New River and between New River and Swansboro, \$37,-000; Cape Fear River above Wilmington, (locks and dams), \$173,000; Cape Fear River at and below Wilmington, \$150,000; Shallotte River, \$1,100; Waccamaw River, North Carolina and South Carolina, \$40,000.

Governor Craig Names Delegate. J. Frank Wilkes is one of 10 dele-

gates appointed by Governor Craig to represent North Carrolina manufacturing interests at the Southern Industrial Council at Chattanooga, Tenn., April 27-30. The governor also named 10 agricultural and 10 professional men as delegates.

Will Provide Farm Laborers.

The United States Department of Labor, immigration division, has written to the State Department of Agri- Compliments Major Graham. culture here for the names of 100 farmers in this state who desire to hire provide the information wanted.

Internal Revenue Collections. Internal revenue collections for the aggregated \$405,579 compared with \$371,717 during February.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, state farm demonvention of the Southern Commercial stration agent, has returned from Co-Congress, to be held 'in Muskogee, lumbus in Polk county where he ad- of North Carolina of the following pat- county of Guilford to build a new from power by President Wilson, is ex- lan Johnstone, wife of a former Brit- Oklahoma, the last week in this month dressed a large gathering of farmers, ents: John H. Ashburn, Ararat, towill be presided over by Senator Dun- teachers, and school children on rally New York, where he will be met by tion has come from Berlin regarding can U. Fletcher, of Florida, president ady, speaking along the general lines liam F. Byram and R. P. Phronebar- here. The last Legislature passed an 15:19; II Tim. 3:12), but as our Host a number of his followers now exiles the incident nor from Minister Whit- of the organization, and will be par- of farm demonstration. Mr. Hudson ger, Charlotte, current-supply system enabling bill in the matter, subjecting he has spread a banquet in their very in United States. Spanish advices lock, but it is believed Mr. Pinchot had ticipated in by representatives of naprior to that had been in Greenville, for electric railways; Cornelius S. E. the final issue to a vote of the people. presence while the world goes on tional and international organizations, | S. C., where he attended a meeting | bringing to one platform the most im- of the United States and state officials joint; John Y. Savage, Scotland Neck, port leaders of constructve thought in of demonstration work, which was to step-ladder; Lynn B. Tillery, Rocky favorable to the erection of a hand- the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38; I John the fields of agriculture, immigration, consider general plans of co-operation. Mount, guage; Robert E. Wall, Wilmunicipal efficiency and foreign trade Mr. Bradford Knapp, special agent, son, stamp-canceler; Vick Chemical is a decided division as to the kind this anointing was an essential prepwas present.

Governor Names Fish Commission. Governor Craig announces the appointment of the State Fish Commission which he appoints under the prolier age, says the London Chronicle should say that the ear had been cut quet in New York, Secretary McAdoo the recent Legislature. Ed Chambers error; Powell vs. Powell, Robeson, club saying the national prosperity Bertie county are appointed for terms Robeson, new trial; Herring vs. Atlan-If a man fails to open a door when nounced and widely diffused every Governor Craig also directs the com- ror; Lumber Company vs. Cottingham ation in the United States," the letter Gibbs was appointed by him as shell- Town of Venable, Orange, no error; are determined that the county shall fish commissioner two years ago. Motsinger vs. Sink, Forsyth, new trial. go forward.

Davidson County Road Case Heard. The Supreme Court heard exhaustive argument by counsel for and against the noted Davidson County road law passed by the recent Legislature creating a county road commission that is self-perpetuating and having authority to issue \$300,000 in bonds for road building. This is the case in which Judge Lyon refused to issue an injunction against the commission's taking up the work assigned to it by the legislative act.

It was in the very last days of the legislative session that opponents of road bonds in Davidson got wise to the fact that Representative Leonard in co-operation with H. B. Varner and others, had gotten through a \$300,000 road bond act and they tried vainly to have the act recalled, and then proceeded with indignation meetings at Lexington and with the effort to procure restraining order from the court. They are raising no question as to the constitutionality of the act, but are making the fight on the legal-Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the ity of the details of the machinery for the township commisioners for road work and the machinery for the condemnation of lands in locating new highways or straightening roads al-

ready established. The case is entitled Hargrave et al vs. Board of Highway Commissioners, and counsel for the plaintiffs are S. E. Williams, W. O. Burgin, McCrary

Record Federal Tax Collections. Federal tax collections for the month of March, just passed, accordsystem of inferior courts, just appoint- the history of the fifth district of month of February, 1915, when the total collections were nearly \$695,000. The tax collected from the different taxable sources in this district are as follows: Special taxes, \$672.05; tobacco, snuff, cigars and cigarettes, \$830.697.24; opium license and blanks, \$836.40; documentary and proprietary stamps, \$8,620.67; wine stamps, \$21. The total amount collected for the month of March aggregates \$852,-

Several New Charters Granted. Wilmington Steam Laundry Company, of Wilmingotn, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$20,000 subscribed by Charles T. Harper, W. A. French and

Jesse Price. The Rockingham Storage Warehouse Company, of Reidsville, capital numbers of other classes of commer-

cial products. The Efird Mercantile Compasy, of Durham, capital \$50,000 authorized selves at the debaters table on the ence will ofttimes restore the sick, and \$15,000 subscribed by W. L. Efird, left. Both teams exercised remark- weary, sorrowful or sin-buffeted child Winston Salem J. B. Efird, J. W. Efird able composure and showed evidence and W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte for of excellent training for the final general mercantile business and with forensic clash. The two girls in planauthority to establish branch stores ning to combat the points of their elsewhere in this state.

The Riverside Brick Company of their arms around each other. Charlotte capital \$60,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by W. R. tory remarks said that it was with Taliaferro Jr., H. A. Morson and C. D. the highest sense of satisfaction that Taliaferro.

Hog Cholera Serum Reduced.

Raleigh.-Announcement is made by Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham that the Department of Agriculture has now, in compliance with the special act of the recent Legislature, put down the price of hog cholera serum \$1.25 to 75 cents the 100, which makes the serum cost the farmer about 15 cents a dose for the vaccination of a hog. The work of distrubuting the serum is under the direction of the state veterinarian.

Maj. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, received a letter from Mr. farm labor. Commissioner W. A. Gra- Garland Daniel, Secretary of the Cenham will take steps immediately to tral Carorlina Fair, of Greensboro, in the North Carolina Board, and several the secretaries of the North Carolina circuit of fairs he was directed to express to the commissioner the appre-Eastern Carolina district during March | ciation of the various fairs for the interest that the department of agriculture had taken in the fairs.

Patents For Tar Heels.

Washington.-Davis & Davis, patent attorneys, report the grant to citizens bacco curing and yellowing pan; Wil- sioners in extraordinary meeting that are Christ's have enemies (John lison, Granville county, railway-rail There is an almost unanimous senti- feeding upon the husks. He also anoints Company, Greensboro, trade-mark.

Decisions of the Supreme Court. Fowie vs. McLean, Beaufort, modified and costs of the appeal divided; Batts vs. Thompson, Wilson, affirmed: vision of the fish commission act of Stanland vs. Rourk, Brunswick, no ending January 1, 1919. Mr. Freeman tic Coast Line, Pender, no error; is the Republican member required. Bank vs. Wilson, Cumberland, no ermission to elect H. L. Gibbs as fish et al, Robeson, affirmed; Guthrie vs. commissioner and explains that Mr. City of Durham, reversed; Llyd vs.

TWO WILSON CIRLS

MISS LALLA FLEMING AND MISS ETHEL GARDNER VICTORIUS AT CHAPEL HILL.

DEBATE ON MARINE SUBSIDY

They Uphold Negative Against Stewart Cowles and Cowles Bristol of Statesville.

Chapel Hill.-Misses Lalla Fleming and Ethel Gardner, 16 and 17 years old respectively heaped undying glory on the Wilson High Schol and inscribed their names upon the Aycock memorial cup as the champions of 1915 in victory in the mammoth contest was on the harp is famous and he made won from Statesville High School, represented by Stewart Cowles and Cowles Bristol. The winning team cham- 15-24). The word "Psalm" is from the pioned the negative side of the query: Resolved, That the United States strument. The Hebrew title of this should adopt the policy of subsidizing its merchant marine engaged in foreign trade."

The third annual debate was held in Memorial Hall, attended by 2,000 visitors, school principals, superintendents, citizens of the village, students and members of the University fac- time is man's natural time on earth. ulty. Concentrated and vitalizing in- The rest is in the future. This Shepties, 250 high schools and interested not want." It is his business to care audiences of 50,000 citizens of the for his sheep. We are the sheep. Commonwealth centered on the final Jesus is the Shepherd, and his sheep outcome of the comprehensive State- obey his voice (John 10:4, 5). We wide debate. The winners triumphed shall not want for food, for drine, for over 998 other debaters in 91 counties and over 250 schools.

The winning debate of the championsh'p series which had its origin or in the time of storm. back in March in the preliminaries President Edward K. Graham presided over the finals and E. R. Rankin was secretary. The presentation of Gehee, W. S. Bernard, and E. Greenlaw and V. P. Graham.

decision in favor of the Wilson.

The debating teams entered hall attended by the officers of the contest and the ushers. Tremendous cheering, that fairly shook the walls of Memorial Hall was the reception accorded the youthful orators. The at times and he knows where to lead, \$50,000 authorized and \$7,600 sub- championship cup occupied a stand providing at the same time both food scribed by W. A. Turner and 50 oth- just in the center of the platform. At ers for general bonded sotrage ware- the right of the cup the bright, keenhouse business, including tobacco in eyed girls of the Wilson School took all forms, cotton building material and the desk provided for the debaters. The Statesville debaters, Stewart his bosom" until it is revived. Many Cowles, 15 years old, and Cowles are the ways he revives us. A word, Bristol, 17 years old, seated them- a sentence, a paragraph, or an experiopponents would often lovingly throw

President Graham in his introducthe high school folks of the state were guests of the University. "When the University sees you she sees herself and sees an occasion that represents North Carolina. She sees tions on this occasion more than on any other."

Health Campaign in Orange. Washington, D. C .- Orange county has been selected by the United States Public Health service as the next North Carolina county in which the Federal Government will co-operate with the North Carolina Board of Health in waging a campaign for sanitation. Dr. Lumsden, of the Public Health Service, Dr. W. S. Rankin, of which he stated that at the meeting of other surgeons will co-operate in the work. The campaign will last from May to November. It is expected that the work will be given good publicity by University correspondents and because of first hand observation by University students.

Guilford Votes on June 1. Greensboro.-June 1 was set for an election on \$250,000 bonds of the court house by the county commis- his enemies, man and beast. They ment in the county, it is believed our heads with the "oil of gladness," some, adequate court house, but there 2:20, 27 R. V.). For the ancient feast of building.

Two Chatham Townships Vote Bonds. this Matthews Township, the advo- ity and the angel of judgment which cates of the \$50,000 bond issue for follow the wicked (Ps. 35:6; 140:11), good roads won by a handsome ma- There is a perpetuity of blessing as jority. This was one of the hardest | well as the penalty of sin. The psalmfought contests the voters of this ist leaves the feast for his dwelling township ever engaged in and the vic- house which shall abide "to length tors are elated over the splendid vic- of days." This is to be interpreted tory. The \$50,000 bond issue for good in its fullness only by the New Testaroads in Gulf Township, Chatham ment (John 14:1-3; I Thess. 4:16, 17). County, carried by a safe majority. The progressive citizens of Chatham

INTERNATIONAL

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LESSON FOR APRIL 18

THE SHEPHERD'S PSALM.

LESSON TEXT-Psalm 23.
GOLDEN TEXT-The Lord is my Sheperd.-Ps. 23:1.

This is the most famous of the shepherd king's writings. Probably written in his later life, he borrows his figure from the experience of his youth. The relation of the lamb to David is a type to him of his relations to God. Israel's greatest poet had ample time for meditation in the the first official use of music in the worship of Jehovah (see I Chron. 15: Greek, and first meant a stringed inbook is "Praises." Of the 150 psalms David is expressly credited with 73. To fully study this, the sweetest of

all psalms, we must consider it verse by verse. (1) "My Shepherd." The lamb is David. The Shepherd is Jehovah. The terest from 91 North Carolina coun- herd so provides that the lamb "shall

grace, for quietness, for companionship, for guidance and for welcome back to the fold at the end of the day (2) "He leadeth me." "The Lord is held over the state began at 8 o'clock. my Shepherd because (a) he bought me; (b) he feeds me; (c) he leads me." -Robertson. To fully comprehend

the deep significance of this psalm we the Aycock cup was made by C. E. must try to know the land of Palestine McIntosh of the State Department of and the habits of eastern shepherds; Education. The judges of the contest how they feed their flocks, know were Prof. H. H. Williams, L. P. Mc- them by name, and keep constant vigil against the danger of flood and wild beasts. The Lord is an individ-The judges rendered a unanimous ual shepherd, interested in the one as well as the whole, and as such attends to each individual's need. He provides a place for us to "lie down in pastures of tender grass;" he also causes us to walk beside "waters of quietness." He makes us to lie down

> and drink. (3) "He restoreth my soul." The Shepherd revives our faintness. If the lamb is too weak, he carries it "in of God. He also leads-remember he does not drive-and his paths are paths of pleasantness and of peace. His paths are "right tracks," not the delusive ones of sin. We cannot walk in these paths without his leadership, without his strengthening rest, without the invigorating food and drink which is provided for us by the

Good Shepherd. (4) "Yea though 1 walk." Just as every need has been and will be provided for (Phil. 4:19) even so will every fear be banished. The flock has North Carolina's hopes and aspira- passed beyond the "tender grass" and "waters of quietness" into new and strange experiences, into the "valley of deepest darkness," not alone the experience of physical death but all of life's experiences that are shrouded by thick, impenetrable darkness, for the Christian does not always walk in paths of light. Sometimes we scarcely see the Shepherd, but we may always hear his voice. Dark valleys may lie between two excellent pasturage grounds even as Bunyan suggests in Pilgrim's Progress. Death is a shadow, not a substance, for the sting of sin has been removed (I Cor. 15:54-57). Why not fear? "For thou art with me" and he is stronger than any possible enemy. There are dangers which we cannot cope with, but as he is with us "we are able."

(5) "My cup runneth over." Here the figure changes. Jehovah is now the bountiful host. What a repast he has spread! David as a shepherd and as a fugitive from Saul knew the pinch of hunger and the satisfaction of eating in peace, in the very presence of

aration. (6) "I shall dwell . . . forever." Goodness and mercy pursue the psalm. Siler City.-In the election held in ist in marked contract with the calam-Everlasting fellowship, communion and companionship with the Chief Shepherd, the "great Shepherd of the sheep."