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ONE BIG BRITISH STEAMER IS SUNK

The Netherlee of 4,227 Tons Was the Prize Victim of German Submarines in Zone.

BRITISH PUSHING AHEAD IN MILITARY FIELD

French are Confined Themselves at Present to Raiding Operations With Success.

(By Associated Press.) During the morning and early afternoon only one large vessel was reported a victim of the German submarine campaign...

In the field of military operations the British are pushing ahead on the Somme front, according to their latest report...

Berlin reports these operations to have been a series of attacks extending from the Serre to the Aisne river...

The French on the west front are confining themselves at present to raiding operations...

Outpost encounters and surprise attacks in comparative small force are the only events on the Russian front...

HUDSON RIVER FROZEN OVER DISTANCE 3 MILES

Navigation is Greatly Interfered With Around New York-Cleveland, Ohio, Experiences Coldest Weather Since 1883.

New York, Feb. 12.—A drop in the temperature to three degrees above zero at 7:30 today brought to this city the coldest weather of the season...

40 Degrees Below at Saratoga. Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 12.—It was 40 degrees below zero in many places in this vicinity this morning...

Coldest at Cleveland Since 1883. Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 12.—The thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero here this forenoon...

ARRANGING EXHIBITS OF PURE BRED CATTLE, HOGS

Representatives of Agricultural and Development Work of State's Leading Railroads to be Held in Wilmington Wednesday of This Week.

Wilmington, Feb. 12.—A meeting of the representatives from the Agricultural and Development Department of the large railroads operating in the State will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, February 7th...

Mr. John Busby came in this morning from a business trip to Greensboro.

INNACIO BONNILLES WILL REPRESENT MEXICO

Member of Mexican Delegation of Recent Joint Commission to be Ambassador From His Country to United States.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 12.—Innacio Bonnilles, one of General Carranza's representatives on the Mexican-American joint commission...

FIRST AMERICAN VESSEL TO BE SUNK MAY CAUSE WAR.



The sinking of the American steamer Housatonic off the Scilly Islands, Saturday, Feb. 3, is the first overt act against the United States committed since the German declaration of the new ruthless submarine warfare...

bears on the case: "If this invertebrate confidence on my part in the sobriety and prudent foresight of their purpose should unhappily prove unfounded, if American ships and American lives should in fact be sacrificed by their naval commanders in heedless contravention of the just and reasonable understandings of international law...

vious dictates of humanity, I shall take the liberty of coming again before the congress to ask that authority be given me to use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people in the prosecution of their peaceful and legitimate errands on the high seas. I can do nothing less."

U. S. WILL REFUSE TO ENTER A DISCUSSION

Cannot Enter Into Any Discussion of Submarine Situation While Ships Are Going Down

OFFICIALLY ADMITTED GERMANY PROPOSED PLAN

Germany Put Submarine Warfare Into Effect Without Consulting the American Government.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 12.—Sharp refusal to consider hints for a discussion of the submarine situation with Germany unless it be preceded by the abandonment of the campaign of ruthlessness and restoration of the Sussex pledges was forecasted today...

Officials admitting for the first time the receipt of such offer through the Swiss minister regard the suggestion as attempting to belittle the issue and weaken the government's position...

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FREIGHT WRECK AT HARRISBURG.

Southern Main Line Blocked Below Concord and Train Made Up to Take on No. 36 Passengers.

The main line of the Southern Railway was badly blocked at Harrisburg, some miles south of Concord, yesterday morning by a freight derailment. No. 36, Northbound, was caught the other side of the wreck and a train was made up here and sent down in the afternoon to take on the passengers and transport them on north, and this train also took the place of No. 46, the local northbound passenger train...

Street car traffic was interfered with for a time Sunday on account of the power being off at the Southern Power Company's sub-station where a switch change was being made.

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LIVES ARE LOST IN HOTEL FIRE

Kennwood Hotel in Minneapolis Destroyed by Fire Early in the Day.

ONE WOMAN JUMPED TO DEATH FOR THIRD FLOOR

Police and Firemen Agree That There Has Been a Considerable Loss of Lives.

(By Associated Press.) Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 12.—Between 15 and 20 lives are believed to have been lost in a fire which today destroyed the Kennwood hotel, a four-story building of this city. A score of persons are injured, some seriously by jumping from the upper stories to the ground below. One woman was killed when she jumped from the 4th floor...

Police and fire department officials believe that a score of persons may have lost their lives by being precipitated into the basement by the crumbling of the floors of the burning building and are buried beneath six layers of ice which have formed. Many of the guests of the house were transient and the full loss may never be known...

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Will Be Held Wednesday Evening at the Tabernacle With Rev. J. C. Rowe Presiding—Material Arriving for the New Church Building.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Tabernacle Dr. J. C. Rowe, presiding elder of the Salisbury district, will conduct the mid-week service and following it will hold the first quarterly conference of the year for the First Methodist church.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF FIRST M. E. CHURCH

Material is arriving for the new church which the First congregation has in course of erection. Work on the building will be resumed as soon as the weather will permit and it is expected that the structure will be completed before the next annual conference.

At the Tabernacle yesterday morning Mr. O. D. Hinnant, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. boys work at Wilmington, made a splendid talk on the needs of the boy life and what the association is doing to help the boy.

At the evening hour the pastor, W. A. Lambeth, spoke on the words of Jesus, "I am the True Vine." He gave a most interesting exposition of the meaning of the sentence showing in four ways what the vine stands for and what it does.

At both services yesterday at the Tabernacle the chorus choir with its double quartette rendered splendid music.

The Sunday school of First church has added a teacher training class of young women with Miss Nina DeBerry as teacher.

JAMES W. GERARD IN SWITZERLAND

German Ambassador Returning From Berlin Met at the Border Swiss Minister From U. S.

GREETED BY CITIZENS ON CROSSING THE BORDER

The Former Ambassador Says He Has Made No Statement and Will Make None.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Official report of the arrival of Former Ambassador James W. Gerard and his suite at Zurich, Switzerland, reached the State Department today from Minister Stovall at Berne. The dispatch added nothing to the information already received.

A Zurich dispatch states that Mr. Gerard reached the border and crossed into Switzerland at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. He was met by Minister Stovall and representatives of the Swiss army, while a military guard of honor was in waiting with a large delegation of citizens, who greeted the returning ambassador.

The trip from Berlin was made without noteworthy incident, although some curiosity was displayed by those who gathered along the route through Germany.

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Mr. M. S. Varner, a former Salisbury man who is now engaged in the insurance business in Concord, is here for treatment, having been in ill health for some time.

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CANVASSERS ARE TO MEET TONIGHT

Men Who Are to Canvass the City for the Y. M. C. A. Will Be in Conference Around Table.

ALL CANVASSERS ARE TO BE AT EVENING MEET

The Canvassing for Funds for the Community Y. M. C. A. is to Begin Tuesday Morning.

This is to remind you of the supper Monday night, February 12th, to be given to the captains and team workers of the whirlwind campaign of the Community Young Men's Christian Association. We have a real task before us that requires the loyal support of every man on the team. Plans will be outlined and a list of prospective subscribers given to each team.

The committees announced in the Post of Saturday are expected to be at the store room adjoining the Colonial theatre this evening at 7 o'clock, and will hold a conference around the boards, preparatory to a march on the community tomorrow in the interest of the boys and girls of the community.

The supper is to be served by the ladies of St. Luke's Guild and every member of the several committees is expected. At this time and place full details of the canvass will be given. The cards will be distributed. All plans agreed to so that Tuesday there will be nothing to do but advance on the public and seek the money needed for the work.

On Sunday Messrs. Huntington and Hinnant spoke to several audiences in the city and laid the work before the public and pastors added an endorsement of the work in their pulpits.

MRS. INNES FACES LARCENY CHARGE

Woman Once On Trial Charged With Killing Beatrice Nelms is Again in the Front in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Victor E. Innes was placed on trial here today on a charge of larceny after trust. Two years ago Mrs. Innes and her husband were acquitted in San Antonio, Texas, of the charge of killing Beatrice Eloise Nelms, of Atlanta, whose disappearance has never been cleared.

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ennis is desperately ill at their home on West Innes street with pneumonia.

A SALISBURY MAN KILLED BY FALL FROM A DERRICK

Mr. Harris B. Holder, a Stack Painter, Receives Injuries Resulting in His Death—Remains to be Brought to Salisbury for Interment.

Mr. Harris B. Holder, aged 20 years, 6 months and 7 days, son of Mrs. Alice M. Holder, living at 529 South Church street, this city met with injuries at Neverson Sunday resulting in his death shortly afterward.

The young man was employed as a stack painter at the rock quarries of the Harris Granite Company at Neverson and fell from a derrick at that place. He was rushed to a hospital in Raleigh where he died several hours afterward.

The remains were taken in charge by the Uzzle Undertaking Company and will arrive in Salisbury tonight and be conveyed to the home of his mother and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from St. Luke's Episcopal church and be conducted by the rector, Rev. W. W. Way, the interment taking place in the Chestnut Hill cemetery.

Mr. Holder was well known to many Salisburyans, and leaves a wife and one child. In addition to these the mother and other relatives survive. Much sympathy is expressed for his mother who is a widow and who is heartbroken over the death of her son. His father was the late Stonewall J. Holder. He had been working at Neverson, a granite town near Wilson, for some time.

NEW AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR LANDS IN TIME FOR TROUBLE



Count Tarnowski, the Austria-Hungary ambassador to the United States, who was able to come here because Great Britain guaranteed him safe passage, landed the day the German note to the United States was published, and when the question of the dismissal of the envoys of the Central Powers was being discussed in Washington. He reached here just in time to get into the trouble.

ANOTHER 'BONE DRY' BILL IS OFFERED

Senator Jones Offers Measure Said to Be Divorced From Anti-Saloon League or Davis.

SENATE KILLS BILL TO CEASE EXAMINATIONS

Senator Jones Tells Body it Wouldn't Pass Ten Commandments if Judge Clark Favored.

(Special to Post.)

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—A "bone dry" bill, which he was careful to declare was divorced from either the anti-saloon league or Rev. R. L. Davis, was introduced in the Senate today by Jones of Lincoln. It would utterly outlaw the stuff as commerce, preventing even its shipment for sacramental purposes, but allow it personally made for that use and would permit physicians to have two quarts monthly as the individual now does.

Senator Jones says he is not offering this measure as a party affair, and that four Republicans have joined him.

"I want to know whether this legislation is for prohibition," he said. The Senate alone worked today. It killed the bill designed to do away with private examination of married women. This was one of Chief Justice Clark's many dissents and Senator Jones declared, as his measure died, "The Senate would not pass the Ten Commandments if Judge Clark favored them."

FOURTH AMERICAN SHIP SAILS

The Freighter Owego Leaves New York for Genoa With a General Cargo of 2,500 Tons—Master and Part of Crew Americans.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 12.—The fourth ship under the American flag to sail from this port for a European destination since Germany renewed her unrestricted submarine warfare got away at night. She was the freighter Owego, bound for Genoa and carrying a general cargo of 2,500 tons. Her master and many of the crew are Americans.

HOLDING AMERICANS IN GERMAN EMPIRE

Foreign Secretary Zimmerman Requests Swiss Government to Ascertain Status of Crews of German Ships Interned in United States.

Berlin by wireless to Associated Press via Sayville, Feb. 12.—Foreign Secretary Zimmerman today informed the Associated Press that he had requested the Swiss government to make inquiry in Washington regarding the status of the crews of the interned German ships in American ports.

Pending an answer to this inquiry the 72 Americans taken by a German raider and brought in by the Yarrowdale and whose release had been agreed to are being held in Genoa, the foreign secretary stated.

WORKING TIME AT SPENCER INCREASED

Beginning at Once the Southern is Adding Time to All Workers in Various Departments.

ADDS MANY DOLLARS TO THE MONTHLY PAYROLLS

Work Has Started Enlarging the Storehouse Platform for Southern at Spencer.

(By A. W. Hilda.)

Spencer, Feb. 12.—Effective today the Southern Railway shops in Spencer increased its working time to nine hours per day. The order applies to all departments and will mean a considerable increase in the pay rolls at Spencer. Machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths and some of the other crafts now get 42 cents per hour and time and a half after nine hours service. While it is not stated it is presumed the increase in working hour applies likewise to all of the ten different shops on the Southern system.

Work has been started for the enlargement of the storehouse platforms for the Southern Railway in Spencer. An extension is being built at the West end of the platform which, when completed, will make the platforms and storehouse something over 600 feet long. The enlargement is made necessary to take care of the heavy supplies being handled here.

The congregation of Spencer Methodist church is arranging to start work on a new house of worship to cost something like \$25,000. The old church building, erected 15 years ago, will be torn away and the new edifice will occupy the same ground including an additional lot well located in the center of town.

A CONGRESSMAN IS AFTER THE BAKERS

Representative Raney is Asking That the Heads of the Bakers' Association be Called to Give What They Know About the Matter of High Cost Bread.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 12.—Charging that there is a concerted effort to put up the price of bread Representative Raney, of Illinois, in a letter to the Federal Trade Commission and the department of agriculture, which have been directed by the President to make an investigation into the high cost of food, suggests that certain men be called to explain what they know about the matter.

The list of names includes the President and the Secretary of the Bakers association.

Mr. Raney charges that the bakers are maintaining a lobby to prevent a favorable action on the pending bill to repeal the tax on flour which will open the market to about sixty millions of bushels of corn annually.

BARACA-PHILATHEA UNION MET SUNDAY

Quarterly Convention Held With Park Avenue Methodist Church Sunday Afternoon—Addresses by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of First Methodist Church, and Mr. O. D. Hinnant, of Wilmington.

The Salisbury-Spencer Baraca-Philathea Union held its regular quarterly meeting in Park Avenue Methodist church Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, the same being largely attended. Nearly all organized classes of the two organizations in the two towns were represented and much interest and enthusiasm was shown.

The reports of the various classes was dispensed with. President J. C. Kepler presided and Mr. E. W. Tatum was secretary.

The principal address was made by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of the First M. E. church of Salisbury, and this was a most excellent discourse, being one of the best yet heard by these bodies of Christian workers.

Mr. O. D. Hinnant, secretary of the boys work of the Wilmington Y. M. C. A., was also present and made a splendid talk, this being addressed particularly to boys and the work among the boys.

The next quarterly meeting will be held with the Spencer Methodist church, the date to be selected by the executive committee.

Mr. T. E. Vandenberg, of the revenue department with headquarters in Greensboro, spent Sunday and today in the city with the pastor.