

WEATHER—Probably cloudy tonight and Friday.

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## BRITISH AND GERMANS HAVE NAVAL BATTLE IN THE NORTH SEA

### The German Fleet Is Reported To Be Bottled Up In Kiel. Hundreds of Germans Have Been Carried to Amsterdam. Americans Have Offered To Enlist in Paris. The Bank of France Has Reopened. Cruisers of Russia and Germany Reported Sunk.

It is reported that the London Stock Exchange will reopen on Friday on a cash basis.

(Special to The Daily News)

Paris, Aug. 4.—It is officially announced that five German cruisers are now in Mexican waters and that the French fleet has been sent to destroy them. The French cavalry surprised the German troops near Bedford. Nearly all the newspapers are suspended.

London, Aug. 5.—The German cruiser *Emmel* and Russian cruiser *Anton*, both of the *Wielki* class, Saturday night a fierce battle, are both sunk.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—One of Germany's largest Zeppelin airships attempted to pass over the fortifications of the Herzeb Plateau of Belgium. Guns beat shells through the envelope and the crew of twenty-six Germans perished.

Haitian, Aug. 6.—The White Star liner *Cedric* and *Cunard* *Mauretania* have put in here to escape the German cruisers.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The Belgians crushed the entire German army corps. The Belgians gave way and the Germans advanced without waiting for their infantry. On the outskirts of Vise the Belgians stopped and the German rushed into a trap and were driven back into confusion. The supporting columns came up and the Belgians retreated into Liege. The artillery and machine guns mowed down the German advanced. The aeroplanes notified the artillery of the exact position of the invaders when enabled the effective use of the artillery at long range. It is reported that the Crown Prince has left Berlin to take command.

Paris, Aug. 5.—The Bank of France has reopened.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The war office estimates that the German losses were eight thousand dead and two thousand captured.

London, Aug. 6.—It is reported that the German squadron is bombarding Sweaborg, England, the Gibraltar of the Baltic.

More Germans and English have been wounded during the various naval engagements in the North Sea. All brought here state that no engagements of consequence are reported. The German fleet is now bottled up in Kiel.

Amsterdam. Hundreds of Germans that were wounded were brought here from Liege.

Rome, Aug. 5.—Dispatches from Nish state that Serbia has assumed the aggressive against Austria. The Serbian government has established her base at Belgrade.

Paris, Aug. 5.—Hundreds of Americans today offered to enlist in the service.

Brussels, Aug. 5.—The Germans were driven back from Liege. They are thirty-five hundred dead. Belgium captured hundreds of prisoners. The Germans attempted a last night attack Liege and they were repulsed, with heavy losses.

The German troops brought up their heavy artillery for the purpose of renewing their attack on Liege. Many Germans have deserted on arriving in Belgium territory. The German command has passed their infantry along the frontier and ordered to shoot all deserters. The Germans in addition have been ordered to shoot all civilians that are carrying arms. At Vise an 18-year-old girl was reported for shooting a German officer.

The Germans lost three thousand at the Vise battle. It was of the fiercest fighting and is still in progress. General Von Emmich, the German commander, is directing the forces personally. It is reported that additional army corps are coming to the aid of the Germans. The French

## 'QUO VADIS' ATTRACTION AUGUST 14TH

'Quo Vadis,' George Kleine's superb photo-drama spectacle that aroused so much enthusiasm in New York and crowding the Astor Theatre, duplicated its success in Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston; will be presented for the first time in Washington, N. C., on Friday, the 14th, at The New Theatre, and there will be a matinee Friday.

From every viewpoint this is the most marvellous achievement in the photo-drama realm and richly deserves its success. It is dramatic, spectacular and thrilling at the same time. The multitude of incidents contained in Henry Sienkiewicz's world-famed story from which the pictures were made have been more than faithfully reproduced and all the romantic and historic values retained. For lovers of romance the beautiful story of the Roman youth Vintivus' great love for the sweet young Christian girl, Lydia, is graphically visualized as well as the companion story of Petronius' affection for his slave 'Buntes.' To the admirer of history and searchers for thrills nothing can be more satisfying than the vivid picture of the infamous Nero and his court, with its horrible though spectacularly gorgeous feasts and orgies; and they can find even more sensation in the reproduction of the tyrant's pleasures in the Arena, the chariot races, gladiator combats and the reading of the faithful band of Christian martyrs by the ferocious lions, and in that crowning spectacle illustrating his infamous and imbecilic vanity, the burning of Rome. Those who profit by and enjoy the lessons taught in the story take pleasure in the illustrated history of the birth of Christianity in Rome, the trials and experiences of the Christians, the teachings of Peter and Paul and the visitation of the Saviour to Peter on the Appian Way as he is about to desert Rome. In its entirety it is the most satisfying entertainment yet conceived in the broad field of motion photography.

The photo-drama is divided into three acts with an intermission of eight minutes between each and consumes two hours and fifteen minutes at each performance.

The matinee performance Friday will begin at 3:30 p. m., and the evening performance at 8:30 p. m. There will be only one show at each matinee and night. So every one going should go early.

The President of the United States has proffered his services as mediator to the European nations at war. The German Ambassador will leave England Thursday by dispatch boat. Both at St. Petersburg and Berlin, the German and Russian embassies, respectively, have been attacked by mobs.

The capture of several German steamers by the British is reported and the British cruisers *Amphion* has sunk the Hamburg-American line steamer, *Koenigin Louise*, recently converted into a mine-layer.

Russian frontier patrols have penetrated ten miles into Germany. Travelers returning from the North Sea bring word that no hostile parties were to be seen.

## MRS. WILSON LYING NEAR DEATH'S DOOR

(Special to Daily News.) Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—The life of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of President Wilson, hangs in a slender thread. She, rallied this morning after a restless night. There is little hope entertained for her recovery. Artificial respiration and the administration of oxygen may cause her to linger longer. The President is constantly at her bedside. He has cancelled all engagements.

## Edward L. Stewart



## RESPONDS TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME AT BELHAVEN

The District Convention of the Odd Fellows of the Second District met in Belhaven this afternoon and tonight the first session was devoted to business and the evening session was an open one to which the general public had a cordial invitation. Our townsman, Mr. Edward L. Stewart, responded to the address of welcome. It is needless to state that if he proved equal to the occasion. Mr. Stewart is one of the honor graduates of the University of North Carolina. Since his graduation he has been a rising member of the Washington bar. After receiving his license to practice law he associated himself with Judge Stephen C. Bragaw and the firm was dissolved when Judge Bragaw was elevated to the Superior Court bench. Mr. Stewart since becoming a member of the local bar has made an enviable reputation as a speaker and advocate. He is a son of ex-Mayor E. T. Stewart and enjoys the confidence and good will of the entire county. He is an enthusiastic member of the Improved Order of Red Men, having been their orator on several occasions and as an Odd Fellow stands among the first. This evening he responds to the address of welcome at the district meeting now in session at Belhaven. The Daily News is confident he will prove equal to the occasion, for no member of the Washington bar is more attractive and magnetic as a speaker.

## An Improved Road Will Improve The Through Area

That an improved road will increase vastly the productivity of the area through which it runs has now been satisfactorily demonstrated by studies conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture in Virginia. Conditions in Spotsylvania county were investigated with particular care, and the results have proved surprising. In 1909 the county voted \$100,000 to improve 40 miles of roads. Two years after the completion of this work the railroad took away in 12 months from Fredericksburg, the county seat, 71,000 tons of agricultural and forest products hauled over the highways to that town. Before the improvement of the roads this total was only 49,000 tons annually; in other words, the quantity of the county's produce had risen more than 45 per cent. Still more interesting, however, is the increase shown in the quantity of the dairy products. In 1909, these amounted to 114,815 pounds, in 1911 to 273,028 pounds, an increase of practically 140 per cent in two years. In the same time shipments of wheat had increased 50 per cent, tobacco 31 per cent, and lumber and other forest products 48 per cent.

In addition to this increase in quantity the cost of hauling each ton of produce was materially reduced. In other words, the farmers not only produce more, but produce more cheaply, for the cost of transportation to market is of course an important factor in the cost of production. From this point of view, it is estimated that the \$100,000 spent in improving the roads in Spotsylvania county saved the farms of that county \$41,000 a year.

In the past two years the traffic studies of the Federal experts show that approximately an average of 65,000 tons of outgoing products were hauled over the improved roads in the county an average distance of 8 miles, or a total of 520,000 "ton-miles." Before the roads were improved it was estimated that the average cost of hauling was 20 cents a "ton-mile;" after the improvement this fell to 12 cents a "ton-mile," or a saving of 8 cents. A saving of 8 cents per mile on 520,000 "ton-miles" is \$41,000 a year. The county's investment of \$100,000 in other words returns a dividend of 40 per cent annually.

Because this saving, in cases of this character, does not take the form of cash put directly into the farmer's pocket there is a widespread tendency to believe that it is fictitious profit, while as a matter of fact it is just as real as source of profit as an increase in the price of wheat.

In Dinwiddie county, Va., for example, where peanuts are one of the staple crops, the average load for two mules on a main road was about 1,000 pounds before the road was improved. After its improvement, the average load was found to be 2,000 pounds, and the time consumed in hauling the larger load to market was much reduced. In other words, one man with a wagon and two mules could do more than twice as much work with the improved road than with an unimproved road. This is the explanation of the extraordinary rise in the total output of agricultural products in a county with a good road system.

## YOUNG MAN FALLS THROUGH PLATE GLASS

Yesterday afternoon Eugene Tankard, aged about 12 years, a son of Mrs. John Tankard, who resides on Bridge street, while attempting to turn on the electric light of the office of Dr. P. A. Nicholson, fell from the chair. After this he fainted and fell through the plate glass window at Dr. P. A. Nicholson's office. He was unconscious at the time and carried to his home. The young man is all right today, as if nothing had happened.

## HOME FROM REUNION AT TARBORO

Mr. Sylvester Fleming has returned from Tarboro, N. C., where on yesterday in company with Mr. W. H. Stancill, R. R. Warren and James H. Hoy, he attended the Old Soldiers' Day given annually in that county. The occasion was enjoyed immensely, everything good to eat and hospitality reigned supreme. These annual gatherings have been given in Edgecombe for years. This year the Board of County Commissioners appropriated a neat sum and the members of the board individually gave \$5 apiece.

## HOUSE PARTY AT VANCEBORO ENJOYABLE

From July 30th to August 5th Miss Lula Aldridge, of Vanceboro, N. C., gave a house party in honor of her friends. The guests present were Misses Alma Richardson and Gladys West, of Dover; Ethel Roebuck, of Stokes; Irene Hardison, of Washington; Jennie Turnage, of Ayden, and Hannah Cutbrell, of Aurora.

## ORGANIZE A FIRST CLASS BALL TEAM

The Washington boys are going to organize a first-class baseball team for the rest of the season. Washington needs a first-class team, and if the citizens of Washington will only partially support the boys in their efforts Washington will see some first-class ball before the season is closed. There is nothing to give a town more support than sports such as baseball. Washington has always been in the forefront in this particular and there is no excuse why it should not be repeated this year. Let's get together and organize a team the equal of in Eastern Carolina. We will do it. What say the citizens?

Let's build in Washington Park.

## HOTEL LOUISE ADDITIONS ARE PROGRESSING

The improvements to the Hotel Louise will in all probability be completed within the next sixty days. The contractor, H. J. McDuffie, superintendent, is now finishing the fourth floor which is an addition to the hotel. The plumbing is also practically completed. When the addition of the hotel is complete there will be 70 sleeping rooms, with all modern conveniences for the guests. The front of the hotel has been changed in such a way as to make it attractive and inviting. The electric elevator is being installed. When completed no hotel in Eastern Carolina will compare with the Louise in appointments, conveniences, etc. It will be a credit to growing Washington.

## ARRESTED IN NEW BERN FOR HIS CRIME

Sheriff George E. Ricks went on New Bern Tuesday afternoon and brought back to this city Frank Garrison, alias Fred Simmons, who was arrested in Jernin's Alley Monday night by Chief of Police Lupton and Captain Lon Bryan. The negro was wanted in this county for the larceny of a suit of clothes. Stealing clothes must be a forte of his, for he has faced the same charge in court before. The New Bern Sun says that he is well known in that town and bears the reputation in certain colored quarters as a conjuror, fortune-teller. The offender is now safe in Beaufort county jail.

"LITTLE BOY BLUE." The country is dance crazy. Questions of national importance are ignored, the best selling novels have fallen off in demand, the moving picture houses are not doing so well, the regular theatres are complaining, but the dance whirls on. He is therefore a wise theatrical producer who instead of ignoring the public taste in this matter goes ahead and caters to it.

For this reason the new Viennese musical comedy, "Little Boy Blue," which will be seen here early this season, will be strongly welcomed. It is announced by the management of this piece that the best dancing chorus possible, at the highest salaries ever paid the "merry merries," has been engaged for the tour. These girls are not the typical Broadway courtesans erroneously called show girls, but beautiful young women, who can sing and who can certainly dance.

Society dancing on the professional stage has brought about one glorious thing. The prancing, jumping, resin-voiced "pony," who used to shriek from the oakum curls of a many-wig and try to entertain exclusively the tired business man in the front row, is now sent to the discard; that is back to school or the home for aged ladies, as the case demands. Her place has been taken by the girl of average height. The "medium" now reigns supreme on the American stage, and it is due to the fact that gracefulness and dignity have found their places at last in our public dances, and meaningless agility, no matter how cute in its baby socks and spring-heels, has been spanked and sent home.

The first act of "Little Boy Blue" is laid in the Cafe Tabarin, Paris. The producer of the famous maxim scene in "The Merry Widow" surpassed it in this great stage picture. The resplendent interior is continuously filled with expert and beautiful women doing the latest society dances. "Little Boy Blue" is termed an "up-to-date laugh and dance show."

HAVE RETURNED. Mrs. Francis Gardner and Mrs. George Paul and daughter, Louise, returned yesterday from Ocean View where they have been spending some time.