

## THREE WARSHIPS OF ALLIES SUNK BY MINES IN THE DARDANELLES

London, Mar. 19.—The operations in the Dardanelles, in which the British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and the French battleship Bouffoy were sunk, and a German submarine was destroyed, and several other warships were damaged, were reported today from the staff headquarters in the center of operations in the war zone today.

There were no other reports of importance reported except the sinking of two more British submarines by German submarines and the occupation by the Russians of Memel, a German port on the Baltic, which was announced in the German official communication. Memel is a town of considerable importance in northern Prussia and the presence there of German troops indicates that the Russian government has decided to attempt to bring down through Prussia in an endeavor to surround the Germans to fall back from southern Poland.

As the north Poland has been transformed into an immense bog by the Marshal von Hindenburg has started his offensive against Prussia. It is declared that it is impossible, except at widely separated high places, to move, let alone to fight.

The Germans, however, seemingly anxious always to be doing something, have started an offensive in central Poland, where they have commenced an attack on the Russians in the region of the Pillova river. There also is heavy fighting between the Carinthians and Bukovina. It is the heavy snow.

On the western front no operations of great importance have taken place, although the French continue their efforts to wipe their way forward in the Champagne and Arras regions and the British still are active in the little bit of territory remaining in their hands.

The military situation in regard to Austria and Italy remains obscure, but there are persistent reports in

### CHANGES IN JERSEY GUARD

Trenton, Mar. 20.—General orders were fully complied with today issued by the adjutant general's office reorganizing the National Guard in several particulars designated to bring it into closer conformity to the organization of the regular army. The annual inspection of the guard which has been going on since February 1st, were finished today.

One of the principal changes effected by the reorganization of the establishment of an ambulance company, with headquarters at the new armory in Red Bank. Capt. Peter F. Rafferty of the medical corps is in command. The formation of the ambulance company will result in a decrease in the prescribed strength of the field hospital, which is reduced from fifty-seven to thirty-three enlisted men.

### ATTEND TEACHERS MEETING

Misses Adelaide Old, Mildred Harris and Mary Chauncey of Bethaven, were here today attending the meeting of the county teachers.

### VISITORS TODAY

Mrs. J. E. Porter and Misses Jones and Broome of Aurora, were visitors in the city today.

### FOR POSTUM

Messrs. J. P. Hilliard and T. R. Landing of Norfolk, Va., are in the city in the interest of the Postum Cereal Company.

### COMPRESSOR'S CREEK NEWS

Mr. O. R. Mayo attended the meeting of the Head Camp, Woodmen of the World, at Durham last week.

Messrs. Jeter Wiley and Rayfield Booth of Pamlico county, were here last week.

Mr. Allen Taylor of Chowan county, was here Saturday and Sunday, the guest of Mr. O. R. Mayo.

Mr. L. R. Mayo, son of Mr. J. W. Mayo, and Miss Marie Jones were married last Saturday night at the home of Mr. H. O. Mayo, brother of the groom. Rev. W. B. Trotman of Aurora, performed the ceremony. We wish them every happiness and long life and prosperity.

## WHERE YOU CAN WORSHIP ON TOMORROW

### First Methodist Church

West Second street, Rev. E. M. Sciens pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., with sermons by the pastor.

Sunday School, E. R. Mixon, superintendent, will meet at 9:45 a. m., Baraca class, W. M. Keas, teacher, meets at the same hour.

### First Presbyterian Church

Gladden street, Rev. H. B. Georight, pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., with sermons by the pastor to which the general public has a cordial invitation.

Sunday School, C. M. Brown, Jr., superintendent, will meet in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Bonnet street, Rev. N. Harding, rector. Morning and evening prayer at the usual hours 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., with sermons by the rector.

Sunday School, E. K. Willis, Jr., superintendent, and Bible Class, H. S. Ward, teacher, meets at 3 o'clock. All most cordially invited.

### First Baptist Church

Market street, Rev. R. L. Gay, pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., with sermons by the pastor. Morning subject, "Scriptural Giving." Evening subject, "Souls Gifted."

Sunday School 9:45 a. m., W. G. Privette, superintendent. Strangers and visitors cordially invited.

### Christian Church

Market street, Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. In the absence of the pastor Dr. J. C. Caldwell, president of the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, will preach at the morning and evening hour.

The Bible School will meet at 10 o'clock, W. O. Ellis, superintendent. The public is cordially invited.

## ASHEVILLE BREAD TO BE WRAPPED UP

Since the people don't always appreciate the danger they run from various kinds of disease especially typhoid fever, an account of unwrapped bread, Asheville's watch health officer, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds at this point is guarding his flock. It was in 1910 that Asheville passed an ordinance requiring that bread be wrapped before being exposed for sale or for delivery over the city. But since that time, it appears, this ordinance has slept, waking only for short intervals.

"Now," says the health officer, "this ordinance must be enforced."

The trouble seems to have been not so much with the bakers and grocers, but with the people themselves. They didn't demand wrapped bread. Most of the bakers said they wanted to give the people what the people wanted but they were not interested in clean bread enough to demand it. As to the increasing expense of wrapped bread, there is no argument, since wrapping it on the wholesale plan or at the bakeries must be cheaper than on the retail plan at the shops and groceries. The dear people as a rule already pay for its being wrapped at one place or the other, so it is largely a question of getting it wrapped before it gets dirty instead of afterward.

These bakers, be it said to their credit, did not object to bread wrapping on the same score as did the bakers of Dayton, Ohio. The Dayton bakers based their objection on the ground that if bread was wrapped at the bakery, by the time it reached the consumer the paper was so dirty that it ruined the sale of the bread.

There can be question about unwrapped bread being dirty. Bacterial examinations of unwrapped bread as delivered to the consumer invariably show large quantities of bacteria and frequently filthy, sewage bacteria, probably from the hands or coat or shirt sleeves of delivery boys to say nothing of street dust, questionable baskets or sales counter. Then, too, there is the occasional fall from the wagon, basket, or arm of the delivery boy to even more questionable floors and sidewalks only to be picked up by the same hands that carry and drive the horse.

The danger from all this would not be so great were it not for the fact that as a rule bread is eaten without being washed or cooked, hence the rich field for typhoid by the contact method.

Asheville is to be congratulated. So is every other town that believes in eating clean food. From present indications it won't be long before many other towns fall in line.

## "SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE" APRIL SECOND

M. Cohan's mystery farce comes to the New Theater here Friday night, April 2nd, is a play which amuses, perplexes and entertains all at once. The time is dead winter and the hotel is closed. The caretaker has a telegram from a friend who is to remain twenty-four hours. Enter the friend, William Hallowell Magee a popular novelist of the George Barr McCutcheon type. He has come from New York to the lonesome spot on earth, a summer hotel in winter to write a 10,000 word novel in twenty-four hours, and thus win a wager of \$5,000. The caretaker assures him that he will not be disturbed for there's not a person within miles, and none can get in, as there's only one key. The caretaker then gives him the only key to Baldpate, and leaves him to his task. The curtain goes down as the clock strikes midnight and the tap of the typewriter upstairs shows that the novelist has lost no time.

In Act 1, the writer has not been long at work when there is a rattle at the lock of the door and the owner of the second key to Baldpate, enters. Complications follow fast, and it develops that there are Seven Keys to Baldpate. Hermit, safes, rubber reporters, graft, politicians, police, pistols, blackmail, murder, love ghosts—we defy any man to remember one-tenth of the details of the plot, for Mr. Cohan has spared no pains to make his satire on the "best seller" a real satire. A thur Marchmont and Louis Joseph Vance in their palest days have nothing on this piece for melodrama, but the author has so skillfully introduced his laughs that the play never has a chance to get serious and the audience is perplexed up to the last not knowing whether they are viewing a farce, a melodrama or a satire.

### FROM PINETOWN.

Miss Isabel Parker of Pinetown, spent the day in the city.

### LOCAL ELKS INITIATE NEW CANDIDATE

Washington Lodge R. P. O. E. had a great meeting at their home last night, there were seventy-five members present. Four new members were taken in and the degree of Elkdom conferred. After the business meeting was over light refreshments were served and the new brothers made to feel at home. Washington lodge of Elks is growing rapidly and the personnel of the order is composed of the most representative citizenship, consisting of lawyers, doctors, farmers and business men. Their home is comfortably fitted up and the membership assembly there every night and exchange views and ideas with reference to business methods, and the order is doing much for the uplift and progressiveness of the city.

Early in April the order will put on an Elk minstrel composed of local talent and the public may look forward with pleasure to the event.

### CHAMPION KITE MAKER.

Mr. Zeph Potts, manager of the local office of the Postal Telegraph Company, is the champion kite maker of the city. Several days ago he sent one on at the ball ground, which was the largest ever seen here. To say the climax he has constructed one 6 3/4 feet wide by 10 feet high and on the first windy days that rolls around an exhibition will be given at the ball ground with this gigantic flyer. This kite has been christened "The Postal" and is on exhibition at the Postal office on West Main street.

## TO RIGIDLY ENFORCE NEUTRALITY—OTHER ITEMS FROM CAPITOL

### (Alice Lee Moque)

Washington, D. C., March 20.—It is known that owing to the British Embassy having called the attention of the State Department to what appears to be the "lax enforcement of the law," the government is reported to have taken rigidly enforce neutrality by all the United States ports. New trouble has arisen from the recent indictments in New York in connection with ships which are alleged to have furnished coal to German warships in violation of American neutrality. While no general orders have yet been issued it is said that the collectors at the ports of New York and Boston have been warned to closely scan the manifests of all vessels which ask for clearance, and to make such investigation as may be necessary to satisfy them that their papers conform to their cargoes and that no signs of an attempt to violate the neutrality laws is discovered. Where there is even a suspicion of anything wrong the case is to be referred to Washington, but it is known that the Treasury Department relies largely upon the collectors of the ports to handle each situation carefully and wisely as it arises.

### SECRETARY DANIELS AND PARTY VISIT NORFOLK.

Secretary Daniels accompanied by Mrs. Daniels and a large party of friends made a charming voyage down the Potomac on the Mayflower to Norfolk to attend the launching of the U. S. S. Pennsylvania. Among the Secretary's guests were Mrs. Hall, president of the society of Sponsors, and Miss E. Benham secretary and treasurer of the society.

At Norfolk, the Governors of Pennsylvania and Virginia and their parties joined the company on the Mayflower and accompanied the Secretary and his guests to Old Point Comfort, where their hosts gave a beautifully appointed luncheon at the famous Chamberlain Hotel. The small tables at which the guests were seated were profusely decorated with spring flowers and on the menu was a number of delicious dishes, for which the hotel's cuisine is famous.

Secretary Daniels before leaving for Norfolk, formally announced that the entire Atlantic fleet would be assembled near New York some time between May 1, and the middle of June, to take part in manoeuvres. The Navy's War College at Newport already has the proposed rendezvous under consideration and is expected to recommend specific plans and also Rear Admiral Dewey, chairman of the General Board of the Navy, has been asked by the Secretary to sketch out a series of plans for the navy's part in the joint manoeuvres. Admiral Dewey and other officials of the navy, it is said, are enthusiastically in favor of the plan and believe the Atlantic fleet will be greatly benefited by the manoeuvres. Secretary of War Garrison has not yet decided if it is reported, whether the army has sufficient available funds to take part in the affair but it is believed the people of the United States, who pay for the maintenance of the two great fighting arms of the government will be given an opportunity to see of what value they would be if the great port and city of New York was suddenly attacked by an enemy as a result of an unexpected war.

### WOMEN IN MISSISSIPPI GETTING IN LINE.

A meeting has been held in Meridian, Miss., to launch a Woman Suffrage Club. One of the most gratifying things about the growth of suffrage sentiment in the southern states to the women of the country working for the suffrage cause is the admirable stand taken almost without exception by the papers of the sunny south. The Meridian Star in a able editorial apropos of the launching of the new suffrage organization states: "We wish to call the attention of those promoting this movement to one thing in particular; the fact that the privilege the women of Mississippi and many other parts of the world are seeking that of casting ballots does not carry with it the obligation to vote if they do not care to do so. This is a point that many advocates of woman suffrage have overlooked and opponents have consistently failed to notice." Suffragists from Maine to California will agree with this plain exposition of fact by the editor of the Star, too long disregarded, and will be gratified by the fair and square position taken by the Meridian Star and other southern journals on the subject.

### PRESIDENT BURNS THE MIDNIGHT OIL.

While the seats of the solons at the capitol are vacant, every department of the government is now carefully engaged in most careful work. Spring cleaning is in the air. The tulips, hyacinths, jonquills and other bulbs are peeping up in the flower beds in all our parks. The last week has been particularly balmy, and the President has taken advantage of the lovely weather to enjoy a motor ride as often as possible.

Three battleships, six torpedo boats, two sea-going submarines and sixteen coast defenses were appropriated for by the Sixty-Third Congress. Adequate provision has also been made for naval aeroplanes whose great value has been demonstrated in the European war. With all the peace propaganda, peace parties, and openly avowed determination of the President to use all the power at his command to enforce neutrality, Congress and the administration are working together to wisely insure "Safety First" for the nation. The subject of national defense is being discussed not only here but in every city and village in the country. The opponents of armament for defense are a negligible minority," declares the Washington Times. "Popular sentiment is practically all one way." Secretary Bryan is working hard, but still wears his serene smile and a little post-Dove of Peace grace the level of his coat, bearing a sprig of green in its bill.

Almost any night pedestrians who happen alone about midnight on the south side of the White House will notice that the windows in the President's private office on the second floor are still brilliantly illuminated. It is known that the President works diligently for hours until long past midnight working alone at his desk over diplomatic questions, the problems brought up by the European war. Every note and state paper of any importance since Mr. Wilson became president has received his closest personal attention and before having been dispatched has received his personal endorsement. Secretary Bryan freely admits he is not an expert on matters of international law. When a knotty diplomatic question arises, the Secretary of War calls to his aid eminent advisers: Professor John Bassett Moore, Mr. R. L. Lansing, Counsellor of the State Department, J. B. Scott, secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and other illustrious students of diplomatic usage, who all aid him in plotting our ship of state safely thru the international hurricane belt caused by the great world war.

### SAVS BAKER.

Just as you are, I wouldn't change a thing. That is the way we would like to see you in the home and in modern photography. BAKER'S STUDIO.

### BYNUM—PAGE.

Hon. and Mrs. J. L. Mayo are in receipt of the following invitation: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allison Page invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Florence to Mr. Fred Williamson Bynum on Wednesday evening, the seventh of April at nine o'clock Methodist Episcopal Church, Aberdeen, North Carolina.

### New Theater

TONIGHT ASSOCIATED FILMS 3—Reels—3

Next Tuesday Adapted from Sir Walter Scott's greatest story "The Heart of Midlothian."

Prices 5c and 10c.

### A FETTERING HEADQUARTERS OPENED IN WASHINGTON.

The anti-suffragists have taken a vacant shop on Fourteenth street and the bare show window is now decorated with several much faded five cent cotton flags which have been stuck in a couple of flower pots filled with hard dry soil. Poor drooping ferns, poorly nourished and lacking water are struggling to keep alive like the association they try to.

To complete the window's most appropriate adornment a sign reads "All opposed to Woman Suffrage come in and see" while near by, propped up against the dim glass is a gray notice about "Twilight Sleep" a well known suffragist laughingly declared, that the twilight sleep of the good ladies had already lasted too long without any advantage to the race. Without a doubt the selfish disregard of the crying need of their sister women is hard, dry soil in which the anti-suffragists must naturally die a slow and lingering death. On the other hand, the suffragists of Pennsylvania are sending out a joyous little bouquet which says: "Plant your garden with seed in April or May, and have golden blooms for our jubilee day." The Bible well says: "By their fruits (and flowers) ye may know them." Already in this city the fairest of the ospital's meads are showing yellow flowers. Not only to testify that the spring is here, but that spring is in the heart of an ever-increasing army of women who are not working for themselves, but for their tottering sisters to aid them in their struggle for daily bread.

### MARCH SOUTH IN HISTORY.

1716—France declared war against England.

1792—The French government adopted the instrument since known as the guillotine, it had been in use in various countries several centuries before.

1818—Bonaparte succeeded throne of France on his return from Egypt.

1864—Fishes in the Mississippi reached the greatest height ever known. Several specimens of the Fall River fish, which by the strange Tennessee men were called "Giant Fish" were taken.

## BONNER ANTI-LIQUOR LAW IS INVALID

Montgomery, Ala., Mar. 19.—The Bonner anti-liquor shipping law recently passed by the legislature, was declared unconstitutional today by Judge Gaston Gunter, in a decision rendered in the City Court. This law provides that no person may receive more than one quart of liquor per month and that the express companies cannot legally make such deliveries. A test case was instituted by J. E. White of Pensacola, Fla., who sought to have the Southern Express Company to accept quarts of whiskey to Ramer, Ala., congress. The law went into effect last month.

### WEST POINT MEN TO DINE.

New York, Mar. 20.—Graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, will have their second annual feast at the Astor Hotel tonight.

General Horace Porter will be the guest of honor. More than one thousand invitations have been sent out and the committee has received a large percentage of favorable replies.

One of those who says that he expects to be present is General Geo. W. Goethals. Others prominent on the guest list. At the dinner all ranks will be forgotten and the youngest graduate will be on a plane with a major general.

Among the toasts will be speeches showing life at West Point as it is today and as it was years ago. No one not a graduate of the Academy can attend.

## MRS. DUMAY ENTERTAINS YESTERDAY

Mrs. A. M. Dumay very pleasantly entertained a few of her friends yesterday afternoon at her home in West Main street from 3:30 to 6 o'clock complimentary to Mrs. Chas. Fuller and Mrs. Chas. Fuller, Jr., who are here on their yacht "The Cle" from Pawtucket, R. I.

The afternoon was spent in embroidery and crocheting. During the evening refreshments were served in two courses.

Those who enjoyed Mrs. Dumay's hospitality were: Messdames Chas. Fuller, Chas. Fuller, Jr., E. W. Ayers, H. B. Mayo, John Cowell, Geo. T. Leach, A. D. MacLean, Frank Short, Ed. Jeannette, Grant Harrison, Frank Moss, John Gorham, and Misses Bessie Harvey, Mary Cowell and Annie Cox.

### AT COUNTY HOME.

Rev. H. B. Searight will exchange appointments with Rev. R. V. Hope and preach at the County Home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Arrangements are invited to attend.