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WEATHER—Fair Tonight, Warmer Extreme West Portion, Frost Tonight, Probably Heavy, Thursday Fair, Moderate West Winds.

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OSTEND GETS SHOWER OF BOMBS; GERMANS PURSUE CZAR'S MEN

Berlin, Mar. 23.—The following report was given out today at the war office:

"Two French night attacks near Carrency, northwest of Arras, were repulsed.

"In Champagne German troops successfully blew up mines and repulsed a night attack north of Beausejour. Minor French advances near Combres, Apremont and Flirey were without successes. An attack against the German positions northeast of Bandonvillier broke down under the German fire. The enemy sustained heavy losses.

"Hostile aviators again threw several bombs on Ostend. No damage was done to the military establishments but several Belgians were killed or wounded. Northwest of Verdun a French aviator was shot down. A French air craft manned with two French non-commissioned officers was forced to land near Freiburg. The occupants of the aeroplane were captured.

"German troops are pursuing the Russians who were driven from Memel, east Prussia. The Germans occupied the Russian town of Krottingen, across the border from Memel, and freed more than 2,000 Germans who had been dragged away from their home by the Russians.

"Attacks made by Russian troops on both sides of the Orzyc river in Russian-Poland were repulsed."

Dardanelles, Mar. 16, via London, Mar. 23.—The allied fleet has made no attempt to reduce the Turkish defenses about Kilid Bahr and Chanak Kalessi since Mar. 7. Instead it has been endeavoring to sweep the straits for mines.

The correspondent of the Associated Press made a personal inspection of the effects of March 6 and 7 at Kilid Bahr and Kale Sultanie. Although the fire from the allied warships was accurate the Turks suffered virtually no losses in the Kilid Bahr works. At Fort Hamidieh the works were slightly damaged and one man was wounded. There was but one casualty in Fort Dardanus although a total of 300 heavy and 700 light shells were hurled at this position. The works were virtually undamaged.

In every case the damage wrought by shell fire on the shore forts was astonishingly small.

Since March 7th the fleet has remained outside the straits. No progress has been made since the Kum Kaleh and Sedd-el-Bahr forts were silenced by a cross fire. Such a cross fire as this is impossible inside the mouth of the straits. Turkish officers are optimistic.

London, Mar. 23.—An official press bureau statement this evening tells of a defeat inflicted on a Turkish force operating against the Egyptian town of Suez. It says:

"On March 22nd, at dawn, one of our patrols discovered a party of the enemy near El Kubri post, opposite Suez. Shots were exhanged.

"Aeroplanes estimated the number at about 1,000 composed of infantry, artillery and a few cavalry.

"The guns at El Kubri opened fire and inflicted casualties, whereupon the enemy retired and formed a camp eight miles east of the Suez canal.

"Early this morning, March 23, a force under General Sir G. Younghusband attacked and routed the enemy, who is now in full retreat.

"A prisoner says this force came direct from Birel Saba having taken 12 days enroute, and that General von Teumer and three other German officers were with it."

Berlin, Mar. 23.—The Overseas News agency today gave out the following:

"According to a detailed description of the Franco-British losses at the Dardanelles as given by an Athens newspaper, 2,000 men were killed and five warships sunk. Four other warships were damaged badly. The commander of the British battle cruiser Inflexible was killed and the members of the crew were drowned by the inrush of water. The French battleship Suffern was damaged seriously."

The British admiralty's account of the fighting at the Dardanelles on March 18th said the Inflexible was hit by a heavy shell on the forward control position and required repairs. Official records have given only three warships of the allied fleet as having been destroyed. They were the French battleship Bouvet and the British battleships Ocean and Irresistible.

WHEN A QUARTER OF A MILLION OF PEOPLE INAUGURATED THE VAST PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT SAN FRANCISCO

Transportation reports show that every state in the United States and most of the nations of the world were represented in the great throng of 250,000 people who inaugurated the Panama-Pacific International exposition at San Francisco on February 20. This picture, showing the mighty South gardens, gives a glimpse of a small fraction of the opening day throng. In the first five days of its progress the exposition had an attendance larger than the combined totals of the Chicago and St. Louis expositions and the ratio continues in a degree to justify predictions of the most spectacular success for the exposition.

BECKER'S LAWYERS WILL MAKE FINAL EFFORT TO SECURE A THIRD TRIAL

THE BECKER CASE.

June 16, 1912—Herman Rosenthal was shot to death in front of Hotel Metropole, New York.

Oct. 24, 1912—Charles Becker convicted of murder.

Feb. 14, 1914—Court of Appeals reversed the verdict and granted a new trial.

May 22, 1914—Becker convicted for second time of murder.

April 13, 1914—Leftie Louis Gyp the Blood, Whitey Lewis, and Dago Frank electrocuted at Sing Sing.

New York, Mar. 24.—[illegible] for Charles Becker, the [illegible] police lieutenant, twice convic[illegible] the pricipal in the murder by g[illegible]men of Herman Rosenthal, a New York gambler, will today go before the Court of Appeals in a final effrot to secure a third trial for their client. The argument is based on the many conflicting statements made by the witnesses whose testimony convicted Becker of complicity with the gangsters in the murder of Rosenthal, and on the claim that public clamor and newspaper zeal influenced the decision.

The brief in which Beckers lawyers enumerate their contentions is the longest ever submitted in a criminal case in New York county. It contains 750 printed pages. Some of claims made by the lawyers on which they hope for a new trial, are as follows:

That the charge of Supreme Court Justice Seabury, who presided at the second Becker trial was "unfair, erroneous and highly prejudicial."

That Becker's guilt was not established beyond a reasonable doubt

That his conviction "was brought about by newspaper clamor, the zeal of the prosecutor and natural desire of the actual murderers for self-protection."

That the testimony of Jack Rose one of the chief witnesses for the State, "reeks with duplicity and falsity."

That Becker's lawyers were not permitted to introduce at the second trial the written confession of Frank Cirofici, known as "Dago Frank," one of the four gunmen electrocuted on April 13 of last year as one of the gunmen who shot Rosenthal. This confession, the lawyers claim, would prove clearly that at least one of the gunmen, "Dago Frank," had never heard that Becker was behind the murder.

That the testimony of Mrs. Lillian Rosenburg, widow of "Leftie Louis" another of the executed gunmen, and who testified for the state at Becker's second trial, was "highly incompetent and improbable—worthless so far as it has any value in connecting the defendant, Becker with the gunmen or the commission of the crime."

That the second Becker trial was staged in an atmosphere designedly hostile to the defendant, an atmosphere created by the clamor of New York newspapers.

It is said that the two aleged con[illegible]ons of "Dago Frank" and Jas. [illegible] a colored witness, will play [illegible]ortant part in the Becker ap[illegible] to be heard today. Dago Frank, the gunman, confessed to Warden Clancy two hours before his execution at Sing Sing in April of last year, as follows:

"I did not do the shooting. The men who fired the shots were Gyp, Louie and Vallon. I was five miles away at the time. So far as I know Becker had nothing to do with the case. It was a gamblers' fight. I told some lies on the stand to prove an alibi for the rest of the boys. I was in Bridgie Webber's when the arrangements were made. I did not know what they were, but I knew something was coming off."

Marshall, the negro witness, whose testimony was one of the strongest links in the conviction of Becker, made an affidavit in Philadelphia last month, setting forth that his words on the stand were false, and indicating in writing that the New York District Attorney's office influenced him to testify as the prosecution wished, under threat of arrest and imprisonment. On the strength of this alleged confession, Becker's lawyers sought a new trial last month, but Justice Barlow S. Weeks of the Supreme Court denied the plea, on the ground that the affidavit did not constitute grounds for re-opening of the case.

Becker, who is in Sing Sing under sentence of death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, is hopeful of a third trial. His friends are exerting every energy in his behalf.

State Library Comp.

GOVERNMENT MATERIALLY ASSISTING

The Federal government is not only helping the Southern States eradicate the cattle tick, but it is also helping improve the grade of cattle in the territory freed of the tick. We have recently assisted a half-dozen parties in Cumberland and Hoke counties in getting in some pure bred beef bulls. The Bureau will send a man to select good bulls for parties desiring them, and willl also put you in touch with all the breeders so that the very best price may be had. Advice is freely given regarding the handling and feeding of bulls, and suggestions as to the best methods of building up a good herd of beef cattle.

The government spent $400,000 in the Southern states last year in the work of tick eradication and live stock improvement. Beaufort county, being a part of the government, contributed her share towards paying this big sum. But what ben efit did she derive from such an enormous appropriation? None! Wayne county got $8,000 of it, and Cumberland and Harnett counties were equally as fortunate. A like amount is being spent this year and probably as much or more, will be spent on tick eradication next year. Beaufort county may have her share of it for merely the asking. The Department of Agriculture wants to help you get rid of the cattle tick, hog cholera, piney woods cattle and hogs, and to help you have good hogs and good cattle free from disease. Is there any reason why you should not grasp the opportunity?

M. G. SMITH,
U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

EXPECTS TO LEAVE SOON.

Miss Sallie Carrow, the efficient head trimmer at Madam Littler's expects to leave Monday for northern markets to purchase a fall line of millinery.

LEFT FOR NEW BERN.

Mrs. Thos. J. Latham and daughter, Mrs. A. L. Betts left on the Norfolk Southern train this morning for New Bern to attend the Convention of the North Carolina Woman's Baptist Missionary Union now in session in that city.

LIVESTOCK MEN AT THE FAIR.

San Francisco, Cal., Mar. 24.—The eighteenth annual convention of the American Livestock Association opened this morning at the Exposition, with many stock raisers present from the west and middle west. In honor of the stock men, the exposition officials have designated Friday as American National Live Stok Assolation Day.

MEETINGS IN THE INTEREST OF MISSIONS

This week is being observed by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church as a week of prayer and self denying, giving in the interest of Foreign Missions. An interesting program was perfected, and all the ladies of the congregation, whether members of the Missionary Society or not, have been cordially invited and urged to attend. The following time and places of meetings have been and will be observed:

The meeting on Monday was held with Mrs. A. W. Thomas. Tuesday afternoon with Miss Mattie Fowle. This afternoon the meeting was held with Mrs. Ellsworth. On tomorrow afternoon they will meet with Mrs. Isaac Buck at 3:30 o'clock.

Friday night at 8:00 o'clock, with Miss Bettie Harvey. At this meeting the self-denying envelopes will be brought in and a prayer and praise service held. The meetings are expected to bring forth good results for the cause

RETIRING "KNIGHT."

The Beau of the village has retired from active service until after Lent.—Exchange.

Mr. E. R. Walker of Wilson, was in the city on yesterday.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

1588—Bombs first used at a seige in Holland. Galen, bishop of Munster, is said have been the inventor of bombs.

1603—Elizabeth, Queen of England, died, aged 70, had held the sceptre 45 years with ability; her reign was one of great prosperity.

1663—Albemarle Colony, in North Carolina founded by emigrants from Virginia.

1730—British Parliament passed an act prohibiting any subject lending money to a foreigner or other nation.

1744—War between France and England declared.

1776—Died, John Harrison, a mechanic, who made the first chronometer.

1783—Spain acknowledged the independence of the United States.

1794—Insurrection of the Poles. Russians evacuated Cracow and Kosciusko took possession.

1848—Insurrection at Kiel, with object to separate Schleswig Holstein from Denmark.

1878—British training ship Eurydice foundered, 330 lives lost.

1882—Died, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the poet. Was born February 27, 1807.

1914—The Japanese Cabinet resigned.

FUNERAL OF MR. GEORGE ON TOMORROW

Mr. John George, who died at the Johnson-Willard Hospital at Richmond Tuesday morning at 5:30 o'clock, was carried to an undertaking establishment where a special service was held at 5:30 o'clock, in the afternoon. The remains were then carried to the station, followed by the student body of Richmond College, of which the deceased was a graduate, and arrived here at 2:30 o'clock this morning on a Norfolk Southern train accompanied by his mother, brother, Frank, his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Coppedge, and Mr. W. T. Green, a representative from Richmond College. On arriving here the remains were carried to the home of his sister, Mrs. C. C. Coppedge on East Main street. The funeral will be conducted from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. L. Gay, Rev. C. M. Rock from Greenville, and Rev. J. H. McKenzie of Chocowinity, will conduct the services.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brothers of Raleigh, his sister, and Mrs. L. T. Dickie of Henderson, a relative, are expected to arrive in the city today to attend the funeral.

ANOTHER THEATER

Read the ad of Bell & Morris on the fourth page of this issue, and learn how to secure a ticket which will admit you to their theater for one month.

NOW HEAD SALES LADY

The new head sales lady at Clark's began her second day this morning. Considering her wide popularity and adaptability in this line of business, this store is fortunate in securing her services.

Mr. R. M. Beal of New Bern, was here yesterday on business.

JERSEY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Newark, N. J., Mar. 24.—The 58th annual session of the Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened today, under the direction of Bishop Theodore S. Henderson of Chattanooga, Tenn. Social service, pensions for retired clergymen and evangelistic work are the main subjects for discussion at this year's conference.

ROLLER SKATERS AT CAPITAL.

Washington, Mar. 24.—A professional roller skating meet will begin here tonight, and events will be pulled off each night until Saturday. Jack Woodworth, who landed within one notch of the championship crown in the New York meet, is one of the star skaters of the meet.

"THE SQUAW MAN" HERE ON TOMORROW

"A Woman's Triumph," a Paramount production at the New Theater last night in four reels was without a doubt one of the best pictures that this house has yet shown under the Paramount program. The plot, moral and scenery was splendid, and held the good sized audience spellbound from start to finish. For tomorrow matinee and night this house will offer their patrons a six reel feature in which the Jesse L. Laskey Film Company will present "The Squaw Man" with the well known actor, Dustin Farnum, in the title role. The matinee will be at 4 p. m., especially for ladies and children.

Dr. E. W. Dunn of New Bern, was here yesterday on professional business.

HONORS FOR GRANDSON OF PRESIDENT GARFIELD

Williamston, Mass., Mar. 24.—The Williams College basketball team has elected as captain for next year James Garfield, Jr., a junior grandson of the late President Jas. A. Garfield. Young Garfield has played on the varsity football team did great work on the track team and is the president of the junior class at Williams. His uncle is the president of Williams College.

HON. CLAUDE KITCHIN.

Hon Claude Kitchin, the successor of Oscar Underwood as leader of the Democratic wing of Congress, and who will have charge of the Administrations measures in the House of Representatives for the next two years, is 46 years old today He is from North Carolina, of a family which has been distinguished in several generations. His father, William H. Kitchin, was also a member of Congress and his brother, Hon. William W. Kitchin was recently governor of North Carolina. Claude Kitchin was born at Scotland Neck, N. C., March 24, 1869. Like his brother he was educated at Wake Forest College, and entered law practice. He was elected to the 57th Congress and has continued to hold his seat up to the 64th.

Mr. Kitchin stands six feet tall, is of a commanding appearance, and he is never spectacular or dramatic. His speeches have been few, but they were all forceful and delivered at a time when they counted heavily. His popularity with all factions is what won for him the floor leadership of the Democrats in Congress. Mr. Kitchin married when he was 19 and has nine children.

O. HENRY CLUB MEETING.

The O. Henry Book Club will meet with Mrs. A. M. Dumay tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at her residence in West Main street.

FROM GRIMESLAND.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Proctor, Miss Earl Proctor, Mrs. W. S. Galoway, and Mrs. T. S. Proctor of Grimesland, spent the day here yesterday shopping.

TO TAKE THE "FOOTE" TO WASHINGTON

C. D. Bradham, Commander of the North Carolina Naval Militia is in receipt of orders from the Adjutant General, requesting that he detail a squad from the Washington division of the militia for the purpose of going to Norfolk and taking charge of the Torpedo boat, Foote, which has been at that port for some time undergoing repairs. Commander Bradham has conformed with these orders and the men will leave Washington on Friday and will return to that port with the Foote just as soon as possible. The boat will be located at Washington for a few weeks and will then be brought to New Bern where it will be stationed. The Foote was located here before being carried to the Norfolk yard for repairs. The Naval Reserve's training ship Elfrida is now at Norfolk undergoing repairs and will be returned here as soon as these are completed.

The above item from the New Bern Journal of yesterday seems to be in error in several instances.

Firstly, the boat will be brought directly here from Norfolk where it will be stationed this summer and not carried to New Bern in a few weeks.

Secondly, the boat was located here last summer after which it was carried to the Norfolk yard for repairs.

Mr. W. B. Rodman, Jr., and a squad from the Sirth Division ion here will leave Friday for Norfolk and return with the boat.

The authority of our statement is based on information received from members of the local division.

AT HAWKINS SCHOOL HOUSE.

The play "A Daughter of the Desert," will be presented by Woodard Pond School at Hawkins School House on Saturday night, March 27th. The proceeds of the entertainment will be donated to Woodard Pond School. Admissoin 25c, school children 15c.

FROM VANDEMERE.

Mrs. C. S. Whichard of Vandemere, spent the day in the city.

MR. AND MRS. SWINDELL HERE

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Swindell of Blounts Creek, were Washington visitors on yesterday.

HERE FROM BATH.

Dr. J. T. Nicholson and Miss Mary Nicholson of Bath, were in the city yesterday.

New Theater

TONIGHT
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Thursday Matinee and Night Jesse L. Laskey Presents
"THE SQUAW MAN."
In Six Reels, Starring Dustin Farnum.

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