

HAVE DECIDED ON PLAN FOR DEFENSE

CANVASS OF CONGRESS SHOWS
MOBILE ARMY OF 150,000
WILL BE PROVIDED.

FAVOR NAVAL PLAN

Five Year Naval Program is Looked
Upon with Favor, with a Big U-
Boat Fleet, Coast Fortification
"Most Efficient in the World."

Washington, Feb. 22.—A careful
canvass of sentiment in Congress on
the subject of national defense dis-
closes that the final measure of pre-
paredness to be enacted into law will
include:

An increase in the standing
army to about 150,000.

Federalization of the National
Guard of the States.

Organization of a volunteer
corps through civilian training
camps, subject to call in war
time, to number between 75,000
and 100,000.

Immediate accumulation of
immense stores of ordnance,
ammunition and equipment to
supply these troops.

Addition of armament to the
coast defenses of the country
intended to make them the
"most efficient in the world."

Initiation of the Adminis-
tration's five-year naval program
providing for the first year two
battleships, two battle cruisers
and auxiliary ships.

U-Boat Type Submarines.

Legislation to prescribe aban-
donment of the present type of
submarine for the German U-
boat type and the still larger
fleet submarine, of which three
already have been authorized.

Large appropriations for train-
ing the naval militia and in-
creasing its strength; great
stores of naval ordnance sup-
plies and ammunition; minds
and anti-aircraft guns.

Provision will be made for a
fleet of air craft for both land
and naval defense, and the train-
ing of aeroplane pilots and op-
erators.

A clear majority of both House
and Senate favor these preparedness
measures. While the entire pre-
paredness plan heretofore has en-
countered stiff opposition among a
considerable group of Democrats, this
opposition is now subsiding. With
the support now pledged by Repub-
licans, the Administration is certain
to get the measure of preparedness
for which it has asked, with prob-
ably a little in addition.

BATH IS STIRRED UP OVER CITY ORDINANCE

Feeling is at Fever-heat Over Proposed Law for Keep-
ing Live Stock off the Streets of that City.

Not since the stirring times in its
earlier history has the town of Bath
been so excited or so greatly agi-
tated as it is at present over a pro-
posed ordinance to forbid livestock
from running at large through the
streets of the old town.

The population of the city is split
on the question and the citizens are
rapidly lining up on one side or the
other. At the present writing it is
hard to see which side has the most
adherents but the odds appear to
be in favor of those who are sup-
porting the ordinance.

So tense has the feeling become
that those who are on one side of
the question absolutely refuse to
have anything to do with the other
side. As an example of this, the fol-
lowing conversation is alleged to
have occurred yesterday between one
of the merchants in the town and
one of the town commissioners.

"I'd like to buy a barrel of flour,"
said the commissioner, "upon enter-
ing the store, 'but before I pay you
I'd like to know whether you have
signed the petition for keeping the
cows off the streets.'"

BELIEVE GERMANS ARE PREPARING FOR BIG ATTACK

Paris, Feb. 22.—The arrival
of the Kaiser last week at
Charleville, in the French Ar-
denne, where the German
General Headquarters on the
western front are located, lends
color to the belief entertained
by all French military critics
that the Teutons are about to
deliver a heavy blow in France.
Reports that the German
Crown Prince has massed 100-
000 reserves and a huge num-
ber of heavy guns to support
an attack on Verdun are cred-
ited, but it is believed that this
stroke will be in the nature of
a big diversion while another
great force attempts to blast
its way through the French
defenses.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR LIBRARY FUND

Will Be Held at Elks' Hall Tonight.
To Start Promptly at Eight
O'Clock.

The cabaret entertainment, which
is to be given tonight at the Elks'
hall for the benefit of the library
fund, will begin promptly at eight
o'clock. The committee, in charge
of arrangements, had completed the
decorative work and the placing of
the tables this afternoon and every-
thing is in readiness for the event.
It promises to be well attended.

An enjoyable program of singing,
recitations and dancing will be re-
spected during the earlier part of the
evening. Dancing by all present will
be permitted later.

BILLY SUNDAY LEAVES TRENTON

Got Over \$21,000 for His Stay in
That City. 16,000 Hit the Trail.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 22.—"Billy"
Sunday ended his forty-two days'
campaign in Trenton last night. Af-
ter preaching his final night sermon
to 12,000 persons the evangelist
caught the 9:32 train.

He was presented with a draft for
\$21,951.33, the voluntary offering of
those who had attended during the
week. In addition, a check for \$377
will be forwarded to him. He was
also given a check of \$100.

More than 16,000 persons to "hit
the trail."

HALCYON CLUB WILL GIVE EXTRA DANCE

Event Will Take Place on March 2.
Cards Will Be Issued.

The Halcyon club, at the meeting
which was held last night, decided to
give an extra dance on March 2, at
the Elks' Hall from 10:30 to 2:00
o'clock. Cards will be issued and
can be had at Worthy & Etheridge's
drug store on that date.

EARTH TREMOR WAS FELT HERE LAST NIGHT

SHOCK IS REPORTED TO HAVE
EXTENDED OVER STATES OF
THIS SECTION. NO SERIOUS
DAMAGE DONE.

Tremor in Washington Lasted Less
Than a Minute. Was Very Slight.
In Other Cities Dishes Were
Knocked Off Shelves.

A distinct earth tremor was felt
in Washington yesterday evening
shortly before seven o'clock. The
vibration, however, was very slight
and of less than one minute's dura-
tion. Many citizens this morning
expressed ignorance of the tremor
but there are others who emphati-
cally state that they felt it.

The shock is said to have extend-
ed over North and South Carolina,
Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee. In
some of the cities further west the
tremor was more violent and caused
damage to dishes and other house-
hold articles that were not securely
fixed.

No serious damage is reported any-
where.

HAMMER IS RECONCILED SAYS LETTER TO BUTLER

Butler Admits Receiving the Letter.
But Won't Reveal Its Contents.

Washington, Feb. 22.—It was
learned from the department of jus-
tice today that a formal letter had
been sent to Senator Marion M. But-
ler and District Attorney W. C.
Hammer, informing both gentlemen
that the charges brought against
Mr. Hammer in connection with the
Randolph county election contro-
versy had been dropped and that Mr.
Hammer was completely exonerated.

When seen last night Mr. Butler
admitted that he had received a let-
ter from the department but would
not reveal at this time its contents.
He said he would only say that he
had received the letter and that he
had answered it. He intimated that
he would have something further to
say as soon as he heard from this
letter.

The condition of Thomas J. Pence,
secretary of the Democratic national
committee, and said to be the most
powerful man in the Democratic ad-
ministration, with the exception of
President Wilson is about the same.
Mr. Pence has been in the emergency
hospital 52 days today, and at times
his friends were alarmed about him.
Dr. Carey Grayson, his physician,
said today, however, that Mr. Pence
was holding his own, and if anything
he was a little better, and that he
hoped to have him out of the hos-
pital shortly.

GIVE WOMEN THE VOTE AND CHILD LABOR WILL CEASE

Washington, Feb. 22.—That child
labor in the mills and factories of
the south would be stopped if the
women of the country were given
the vote, was the belief expressed
by Frank Morrison of the American
Federation of Labor, in an address
before the Kate Gordon chapter of
the United States Woman Suffrage
conference at the New Ebbitt. Mr.
Morrison stated that his organiza-
tion for a great many years has been
opposing child labor. John B. Fen-
nos, treasurer of the American Fed-
eration, also spoke.

BOX PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT.

The public is cordially invited to
attend a box party at Pineville school
house on Friday night, Feb. 25th.
The proceeds will be for the benefit
of the school. Come and help.

PROMPTNESS.

Avoid indecision. Promptness
is a great leader, while procrastina-
tion lags behind. Today is
master of the situation. To-
morrow is an impostor who is
almost sure to bring failure
with him.—James T. Fields.

The Lure of the Reef.

"How did Jack come to break with
Miss Sweetheart?" He used to say she
was as good as gold.
"Yes, but you see he's got acquainted
with a girl who has gold."—Boston
Globe.

PUT IT IN GOOD RUNNING ORDER.



—Taylor in Los Angeles Times.

SONS OF REVOLUTION HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Enjoyable Affair Took Place At Knights of Pythias Hall
Last Night. New Officers of Society Also
Elected At Annual Meeting.

The annual business meeting and
banquet of the North Carolina So-
ciety of the Sons of the American
Revolution was held last night; the
business session being held in the
offices of Judge Stephen Bragaw and
the banquet following at the Knights
of Pythias hall.

New Officers Elected.
The following new officers were
elected: Frank H. Bryan, president;
Major York Coleman, of Ruther-
fordton, vice president; R. T. Bon-
ner, of Aurora, secretary-registrar;
W. B. Harding, treasurer; John G.
Bragaw, Jr., historian; Rev. F. B.
Rankin of Rutherfordton, chaplain;
C. M. Brown, Sr., S. W. Clark, of
Norfolk, R. L. M. Bonner of Aurora,
Dr. J. C. Rodman and Henry Clark
Bridges, of Tarboro, board of man-
agement; Henry C. Bridges, trustee
in the national board of manage-
ment.

Banquet Well Attended.

The Knights of Pythias hall was
beautifully decorated for the oc-
casion, large branches of Long Leaf
pine adorning the walls and many
small American flags, pine cones and
miniature cherry trees attractively
decorating the table. The decoration
of the hall and the serving of
the banquet were under the super-
vision of the Rector's Aid Society of
St. Peter's church. The appropriate
decorations and the excellence of
both the banquet and the serving
attracted much favorable comment
on the part of the members of the
Society and their guests. Seven
couvres were served.

Excellent Addresses Made.

President Frank H. Bryan acted
as toastmaster for the occasion and
ably introduced the various speak-
ers of the evening. J. D. Grimes
made a brief but interesting talk on
the many times of work of Benjamin
Franklin. Miss Lida T. Rodman,
State Regent of the D. A. R., ex-
plained some of the activities of that
organization. Judge Stephen C.
Bragaw made high tribute to the
character and work of George Wash-
ington and illustrated some of the
noble characteristics of our first
president. E. A. Daniel in an en-
tertaining manner, explained the
cause of the revolutionary war party
and the events which led up to that
affair. An impressive talk on the
assistance rendered to the United
States by Lafayette during the rev-
olution was made by H. C. Carter.

The work of Alexander Hamilton
was extolled by E. L. Stewart. A
forthright address by H. S. Ward on
the career of Patrick Henry con-
cluded the speeches.

Upon the conclusion of the ban-
quet, a vote of thanks was extended

to those present to the Rector's Aid
Society for the capable and excel-
lent manner in which they had at-
tended to providing and serving the banquet.

Those present were Judge and
Mrs. Stephen C. Bragaw, Mr. and
Mrs. John Bragaw, Jr., Mr. and
Mrs. W. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs.
E. L. Stewart, Miss Lida T. Rodman,
R. T. Bonner, Miss Bessie Connolly
and W. H. Harding, Mr. and Mrs.
H. S. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Brown, Jr., C. M. Brown, Sr., Miss
Janie Myers, Miss Marjorie Myers
and Frank H. Bryan, Mrs. Harrell,
of Tarboro, H. C. Carter, Miss Lottie
Bonner, Miss Dorothy Bonner, Miss
Dora Bonner, Miss Helen Shaw and
Lyndon Shaw, Miss Madeleine Ellis-
worth and Carl Goerch, E. A. Daniel,
Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Grimes.

The next annual meeting of the
society will be held at Rutherford-
ton.

FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN IN "GRAUSTARK" TONIGHT

The New Theatre will offer their
patrons tonight Essanay's six-reel
feature "Graustark" featuring those
well known stars, Francis X. Bush-
man and Beverly Bayne. Of course
every one knows the story as the
book of "Graustark" has been read
by millions of people in this coun-
try, and so is very one acquainted
with the two film stars that are tak-
ing the lead in this great feature. It
is full of thrills and romance
throughout the entire six reels, and
promises to be one of the best pic-
tures ever shown in this city. There
will be two performances tonight,
one at 7:30 and another at 9:00.
Prices are 10 and 15 cents.

CHAUTAUQUE CLUB
POSTPONES MEETING

The Chautauque Literary and
Scientific Circle will hold their reg-
ular meeting on Thursday night, at
the Public library instead of tonight,
owing to conflicting events.

UPHEAVAL AGAIN? CARRANZA TO LEAVE LIBERTY COUNTRY

Was Feb. 22.—Re-
ports to the Navy Department
from the east and west coasts
of Mexico indicate that the up-
heaval against Carranza in
Mexico is growing. Similar
reports have been received by
the War Department. All are
of the same tenor, indicating
that events are expected to
shape themselves soon decisively
against Carranza.
It was said at the Navy
Department that warships from
the naval bases at Guantana-
mo, will be sent to Vera Cruz.

BANKERS ARE AT GREENVILLE

Meeting Being Held in That City
Today. Local Men Are in
Attendance.

Local banking houses are well
represented at the bankers' meeting
which is being held in Greenville to-
day. Several left on the early morn-
ing train and others made the trip
via automobile. They expect to re-
turn late tonight.

Among those who left here were
Sam Pegram, John A. Mayo, Henry
Morgan, L. A. Squires, John Havens,
Jesse Ross, J. B. Sparrow, B. G. Moss
and A. M. Dumas.

PINK LADY PROMISES TO SCORE BIG HIT

At last local theatregoers are to
see that wily talked about inter-
national musical comedy success.
"The Pink Lady," which is booked
for one night, Wednesday, March 1,
at New Theatre. The reasons for
the marvelous success of this truly
delightful musical comedy are not
difficult to detect, for it has every-
thing that makes for popularity and
general appeal in this form of en-
tertainment. It is full of color and
life, tells a snappy story, which by
the way, is taken from the clever
French farce, "Le Satyre" and Ivan
Caryll has given it a list of char-
ming musical numbers, which besides
having musical worth, are of the
catchy, irresistible type that linger
after one leaves the theatre. "The
Pink Lady" is under the manage-
ment of John C. Fisher.

SPALDING & BROS. READY TO GIVE A LOVING CUP

Will Award Cup to Winning Team
in Case Eastern Carolina League
Is Reorganized.

While in Baltimore recently, W.
H. Russ of this city called upon A.
G. Spalding & Bros., the largest
dealers of sporting goods in the
United States and informed the man-
ager of the Baltimore store of the
attempt that was being made to re-
vive the old Eastern Carolina base-
ball league here. He inquired whether
the firm would not consent to
award a cup to the championship
team of this league, providing that
the league was organized this sea-
son. No definite promise was given
at the time, but this morning Mr.
Russ received the following letter:
Baltimore, Md., Feb. 19, 1916.
W. H. Russ Bros. Company,
Washington, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Referring to our conversation re-
garding the possibility of a base
ball league in your section, will say,
we will be very pleased to offer a
handsome Spalding trophy in the
form of a silver cup; photograph of
the team and a letter from you under
donated to the winning team of the
league, provided, of course, the
league went through the season on
regular schedule.

We are pleased to offer this tro-
phy free, and would add that in
certain sections where we have made
this offer in the past, it has been
taken up enthusiastically, and it
seems to act as an incentive to the
players to get together.
Any further information you wish
please advise us.

Yours truly,
A. G. SPALDING & BROS.

LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION TO MEET

The Loyal Temperance Legion will
meet tomorrow afternoon at four o-
clock with George Dall. All mem-
bers are requested to be present.

CONVICTS SEEN AT CHOCOWINITY LAST EVENING

WERE OBSERVED CROSSING
FIELDS, BENT OVER IN ORDER
TO AVOID DISCOVERY.

SEARCH RESUMED

Officials Left Here This Morning to
Take Up New Case. No Word
Has Been Received of Whereabouts
of Evans, the Murderer.

There now appears to be little
doubt but that the three escaped
convicts from Pitt county are hid-
ing in the vicinity of Chocowinity. De-
velopments which occurred last night
help to strengthen this belief.

One of the colored residents of
Chocowinity late yesterday evening
saw three negroes crossing his field
a short distance from his house.
They made their way across the open
lot in a crouching position, evidently
to avoid as much as possible any
chance of being discovered. The
resident immediately communicated
with Will Patrick and the latter
called up the sheriff's office here.

Deputies left here this morning
with bloodhounds and will again
resume the hunt.

Evans' Whereabouts a Mystery.
No word has been received by of-
ficials of either Pitt or Beaufort
county regarding the whereabouts of
the negro murderer, Evans. The
general belief of the Pitt officials is
that he is being concealed by friends
in that county. A thorough search
of all the negro houses in the county
was begun yesterday and continued
today.

RECORDER'S COURT

Heaviest Docket in Some Time Was
Disposed of in Court Yesterday
Afternoon.

One of the heaviest dockets that
has been brought up before the re-
corder in one afternoon was dis-
posed of yesterday.

Joe Alligood, Lovett Alligood,
Noah Haddock and Oliver Credle,
charged with being intoxicated, were
fined costs. Oliver Credle, on the
same charge, was fined \$2 and costs.

Charles Murray, C. Frank and Al.
Layson were fined \$5 and costs for
assault.

Hattie Brown, Lulu Cogdell and
Yank Bemby, colored, were charged
with being intoxicated. Hattie was
fined \$2 and costs and the others
costs.

Lawrence Murry, gambling, \$4
and costs.

Osborne Bryant, gambling, \$6 and
costs.

W. H. Ward, gambling, \$4 and
costs.

Levin Grimes, gambling, \$4 and
costs.

Joe McNair, gambling, part of
costs, on account of disability to
work. All of these were colored.

James Clark, speeding, \$2 and
costs.

Dave Little, speeding, \$3 and
costs.

W. C. ATERS, Clerk.

NOTICE.

The City Clerk's office will be open
at night until 9:30 until March 1,
for the convenience of the taxpayers
of the city. On March 1st all prop-
erty on which the tax has not been
paid will be subjected to levy and
sale in accordance with law.

W. C. ATERS, Clerk.

NEW THEATRE

TO-NIGHT

Essanay offers
FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN
& BEVELY BAYNE
—in—
"GRAUSTARK"
6 reels
Full of thrills
and Romance
Prices 10c & 15c