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THE WEATHER

Partly overcast tonight and Wednesday. Northwest winds.

U.S. WILL ALLOW U-BOAT QUEST'N TO DRIFT ALONG

QUIET PREVAILS IN BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE TODAY OVER THE ISSUE.

NOT YET SETTLED

Senator Gore Feels That the United States Is Still in Grave Danger and May Reach the Breaking Point With Germany.

Washington, Feb. 29.—In the senate and house quiet prevailed today, so far as any discussion of the submarine issue with Germany was concerned, except for the reading of a letter, submitted by Senator Tillman of South Carolina, in which D. F. Dennington, of New York, expressed the opinion that persons who traveled on belligerent owned vessels were "fools," and "in nine cases out of ten ought to be killed for being fools."

Leaders on both sides seemed content today to let matters drift so far as the submarine question was concerned. To questions as to what Congress and the country will do if the Germans persisted in carrying out their plan to sink armed merchantmen without warning after March 1, they replied, "wait until the vessels are sunk."

While acquiescing in the demand of the President to be allowed to carry on diplomatic negotiations and to handle the situation through the state department, senators who have gone on record as being opposed to having the United States involved in war over the present issue with Germany today expressed concern as to what was going to happen if Germany did persist in carrying out the orders of the admiralty. Senator Gore, whose resolution warning Americans to keep off armed belligerent owned merchantmen is still pending before the senate, said that he did not expect to make any move at this time to have it adopted.

The senator said that if Congress and the President waited until after German submarines had sunk armed merchantmen without warning, it would be too late to take such steps as he had suggested for keeing Americans safe and avoiding further complications. He pointed out that at such a time, when American lives had been sacrificed, it would be hard for Congress not to back up the President, even if it meant reaching the breaking point with Germany and going to war.

GIVES POINTERS ON THE TOBACCO CROP

V. B. Shelburne Advises Farmers Of Beaufort To Put In A Normal Crop, Making It As Bright As They Can.

(By V. B. Shelburne)

Since my return from Kentucky a great many people have asked me how I thought tobacco was going to sell this coming season. This question is very hard to answer, but as the Burley crop is short about one hundred and twenty million pounds, and the Old Belt crop of Virginia and North Carolina short also, I should think our Eastern crop would sell well. The Burley crop of Kentucky is practically all used for home consumption, but little of it being exported, and therefore with a shortage of about one hundred and forty millions of pounds of smoking and chewing tobaccos used in this country and to be made up from this section I cannot see why our crop should not make the farmer money.

I don ot wish to advise any planter to over-crop himself, or to neglect any crop for his money crop; but I would advise the people to put in a normal crop, making it as bright as they can. I also know that our immediate section has a better chance to raise a good crop than any other in the Eastern belt; from the fact that our lands for tobacco are comparatively new, not having had tobacco grown on them but a few years. Therefore the potash in our soils has not been exhausted, and our available supply is greater than in the sections further west of us which have raised tobacco for a longer term of years. Potash cannot be bought this year in large quantities at any reasonable figure.

Wherever possible it is better to put new land in tobacco, or land that has raised one crop of tobacco, or land that has been in tobacco one or two years ago, and in corn or turned out since that time. A great many of our people think our manufacturers wish a heavy-bodied large piece of tobacco. This is not true, only in the tip grades which usually run heavy from standing longer in the field and drawing the full strength of the plant. Our crop is desirable for its color qualities, its mildness for the use of cigarettes and medium heavy pipe tobaccos, though by this I do not mean it should be papery. The bright high colored medium size tough tobaccos, not thick, have been high for years and are likely to continue so.

While in Kentucky this winter I made numerous inquiries among the best growers and find they all use a tobacco planter, thereby doing away with the necessity of waiting for a season to plant by, saving labor, and by the quickness of the planting making a more uniform growth. Also there the tobacco is planted in 3 foot 8 inch rows, from 14 to 18 in the hill, and topped high. This gives about 800 hills to the acre, and in bright colors as is wanted, gives more leaves to the acre and makes up the weight to the acre. Bright color and heavy bodied tobaccos do not grow together. The yield last year in the Blue Grass of Kentucky was about 2200 pounds to the acre, this year it is about 1200 pounds, caused by wet weather. I do not think our lands will make the quality when planted this close on the acre, but I have thought for some time past that our farmers did not plant close enough in the hill, and that a four-foot row all over the field was better than a four-foot row every fourth row. I think that a four-foot row and an 18 to 24 inch hill according to the strength of the land is better. This gives a good working row, plenty of sunlight to the root of the plant to ripen and mature it, and a greater number of plants to the acre, about 600, and topped right will make a bright tough piece of tobacco.

TOM THUNDERBOLT PROVES TO BE AN ELUSIVE PERSON

"Suspicious" Muttered Local Officers When They Saw Negro With Large Jug Under his Arm.

That the old saying, "appearances are deceitful" is more often true than not, was found out by Officers Nye and Hodges last night while they were searching for a negro whom they suspected of having too much liquor on his person.

Tom Parrisher, while passing near J. L. Phillips' store, came across a negro who had evidently been drinking too heartily and who was quite hilarious. Mr. Parrisher asked the his name and he replied that it was "Tom Thunderbolt." On his way up town, Mr. Parrisher notified Officers Hodges and Nye and they started out on a hunt for "Mr. Thunderbolt." When they approached Mr. Phillips' store they saw a negro slinking off with a jug under his arm.

"Suspicious!" they ejaculated, and followed upon his trail. In a minute and he was in the clutches of the law.

"Where did you get that monkey rum?" one of the officers asked him.

"I bought it off'n Mr. Phillips," answered the scared negro.

"Come along," said Mr. Nye, and started off for jail.

"Hold on a minute," advised Mr. Hodges, "let's see what the stuff looks like."

He pulled out the stopper.

It was kerosene.

The negro was released, his "monkey rum" returned to him, and the officers are still looking for Tom Thunderbolt.

FEW MARRIAGES

February Saw the Union of Small Number of Couples in Beaufort County.

In spite of the fact that this is the leap year month of the leap year the marriage business in Beaufort county hasn't been anything to brag about. The following licenses were issued during the last two weeks:

W. F. Woolard and Miss Bela Gray Cutler, of this city, R. F. D.

W. H. Henning to Miss Ida Edwards, of South Creek.

A. T. Warren to Miss Lizzie Wilkinson, of Ramsonville.

ATTEMPT TO STEAL $1,000,000 FROM U. S. MAIL VAN

New York, Feb. 29.—It became known here today that a daring attempt to steal a sum estimated at $1,000,000 consigned to New York York banks, had been made on Saturday morning by burglars who broke into a United States mail van while it was on a ferry in transit from the Jersey Central Railroad.

EVERYBODY WILLING!

—Schilder in Carthage (Mo.) Press.

SAYS WAYOME CLUB DESERVES SUPPORT

Local Business Men Urges That Club Be Supported. Solves Problem Of Finding Suitable Recreation Place For Boys.

"I wish you would give those boys of the Wayome club a write-up some day," stated a prominent business man this morning to a Daily News reporter who was out scouting for news.

"Those boys ought to be congratulated for what they have done," he continued. "I was up there myself a day or two ago and I was agreeably surprised. They have three well-furnished rooms and I noticed that everything was in good order and that those boys who were present behaved themselves in an orderly manner and evidently appreciated the pleasures that the club affords them. Various books and magazines were on the tables, checkers and other games were there for the amusement of those who cared for these pastimes and two excellent pool tables were located in another room.

"The club solves a big problem in the way of providing a place of recreation for our young men and the merchants of the city should see to it that the institution is supported so that it can be kept up in the style which it maintains at the present time. I wish some of the older men would make it a point to drop in and visit the boys occasionally. I believe if they did so they would realize the worth of the club and would be willing to do all in their power to see that it was kept up."

GLEE CLUB HERE THURSDAY EVENING

University Organization Started Yesterday on Seven-Day Trip Through the State.

The University of North Carolina Glee Club yesterday started out on a seven-day trip. The club will give a concert in the New Theatre here Thursday evening.

A report from Chapel Hill Sunday said: "The University Glee Club has for the past week been perfecting its technique preparatory to starting out on its trip Monday. By day and by night the sounds of violins, guitars, pianos and vocal harmony have proceeded from the college chapel, where the club practices at all available times. The quartet has been putting the finishing touches to its humorous songs. Preston Epps, the director, has been perfecting the difficult passages in his baritone solos, and the mandolin club twisting the last few knots in its rag selections."

Earle Harris, a well known pianist; W. C. Wright, Jr., a noted violinist; Mebane Long, accordian manipulator, and Wimberly and Kinslaw, comic sketch artists, accompany the club, together with a large number of other college musicians.

We may not be doing any of the fighting, but we are doing a deal of spitting across the pond at the other fellows.

NEW THEATRE
TO-NIGHT
V. L. S. E. Presents
"The Blindness of Virtue"
in 6 parts
With EDNA MAYO and
BRYANT WASHBURN
Scenes of Niagara Falls
1 reel
Prices 10 & 15
The Best Motion Pictures in town
The World before Your Eyes
ALL ST.

LOCAL WOMEN INTERESTED IN POLITICAL ISSUE

That the women of Washington are interested in politics and acquainted with the present critical situation between the United States and Germany was proven by a conversation which occurred in the post office this morning while several young men and women were waiting for the mail.

"I can't see why President Wilson should have been so yielding in all the other foreign matters that have been brought up, and then should slam his foot down so hard on the armed-merchantmen proposition," said one of the men.

Various opinions were expressed.

"I believe," finally said one of the young ladies, "that the effects of married life are beginnig to make themselves felt on the president and that he just can't help being grouchy."

That ended the discussion.

HAS A RECORD FOR HARD LUCK

If there is one man in Beaufort county who has a right to complain of the treatment that the fates have handed him during the last six months, that man is Frank Smith, a farmer, who resides near the Martin county line.

Following is a list of the misfortunes that Mr. Hodges has had to contend with since last August:

Death of baby.
Illness of self and wife.
Death of a cow and two pigs.
Bad luck with crops.
House partially destroyed by fire.
Loss of horse, which fell in ditch and broke its leg.

Ordinarily, a man laboring under these circumstances would be willing to lie down and quit. But there evidently is no quitting in the blood of Mr. Hodges.

"I believe that my luck is due to turn," he said this morning, when seen on the streets of the city. "Bad luck cant' follow a man all the time and I'm hoping for a change. Lord knows, I need it bad enough."

BELIEVED THAT DAVE EVANS HAS BEEN CAPTURED

NEGRO IS ARRESTED AT BAYBORO WHO ANSWERS EVANS' DESCRIPTION EXACTLY.

SHERIFFS LEAVE

State Library Comp. McLawhorn Have Left for Bayboro to Identify the Negro Who Is Being Held. Reward of $300 is Offered.

(By Eastern Press)

New Bern, Feb. 29.—A negro answering to the description of Dave Evans, the escaped convict who three weeks ago killed Joe McLawhorn, deputy sheriff of Pitt county, was arrested in Pamlico county this morning as he was stepping off the boat from Elizabeth City. Chief of Police Lupton of this city was immediately notified of the arrest and asked to send an exact description of Evans. This was found to tally in every way with that of the negro being held.

Sheriffs Windley, of Beaufort county, and McLawhorn, of Pitt county, have been notified of the man's arrest and have started for Bayboro to see whether he is Evans.

A reward of $300 is offered for Evans' arrest. As feeling against Evans is high in Pitt county, he will probably be placed in the Craven county jail for safe keeping.

C. W. HENDERSON FOUND DEAD AT HIS HOME

(By Eastern Press)

New Bern, Feb. 29.—C. W. Henderson, one of the most prominent residents of Vanceboro, was found dead at his home early this morning. As no signs of foul play were to be found, it is believed that his death was due to heart failure. He is survived by a wife and several children.

For once we will welcome the advent of the baseball season with joy. 'Twill be a welcome diversion from our Mexican assassinations.

GERMANY'S NEW POLICY GOES IN EFFECT TONIGHT

CAN CONCEIVE NO REASON WHY SHE SHOULD POSTPONE DATE OF ACTION.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS

Will Be Careful Not to Torpedo Merchant Vessels That Do Not Carry Guns. Note Is Delivered to Secretary Lansing.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Germany can conceive of no reason why she should postpone the date of putting into effect the new instructions to her submarine commanders to treat as warships enemy merchant ships armed "defensively."

She will, however, take precautions not to torpedo merchant vessels that do not carry guns.

This in substance is the note delivered to Secretary of State Lansing yesterday by German Ambassador Count von Bernstorff. Ambassador Bernstorff also reassures the United States government that Germany has no intention of revoking the pledges already given in the Lusitania controversy. In short, the German government has apparently taken at face value Secretary Lansing's letter of February 12, in which he declared that there was no reason why a merchantman should carry a gun because "a merchant ship carrying even a small caliber would be able to use it effectively for defense against a submarine."

Ambassador Bernstorff also called attention, privately, to another section of Mr. Lansing's letter with regard to the same subject follows:

"If a submarine is required to stop and search a merchant vessel on the high seas, and in case it is found that she is of an enemy character and that conditions necessitate her destruction and the removal to places of safety of persons on board, it would not seem just nor reasonable that the submarine should be compelled while complying with these requirements to expose itself to almost certain destruction by the guns on board the merchant vessels."

GOING TO NEW BERN.

Several of the young people of the town left this afternoon for New Bern, where they will attend the Leap year dance that is to be given in that city tonight.

AURORA IS FIRST TO EXPRESS DESIRE OF JOINING LEAGUE

Letter Received By Mr. Warren This Morning To That Effect. Will Send Delegation Here On March 15.

Word was received today by Lindsay C. Warren from Aurora to the effect that the baseball team of that city was enthusiastic about the proposed re-organization of the Eastern Carolina league and that Aurora would undoubtedly be represented at the meeting which is to be held in this city on March 15 and at which various cities in this section of the State will be represented.

The letter was written by W. A. Thompson, a prominent lawyer of Aurora and also an enthusiastic base ball fan. Mr. Thompson stated that a meeting had been held in Aurora and that the formation of the league had been thoroughly discussed. Several business men were present at the meeting and stated that they were willing to support an Aurora team in the league.

Aurora is undoubtedly one of the strongest baseball towns of its size in the State. Practically every resident is a fan and is willing to do everything possible to turn out a winning team. Last year the team from that city turned out an excellent team and some exciting games took place with Washington and other towns in this vicinity. Should the league be organized it is assurred that the Aurora aggregation will make a strong bid for the pennant.

Mr. Warren expects to hear from the other cities within a few days.

CLARK-MOORE.

Louis Clark and Miss Lillie Moore were married Sunday at Chocowinity, by Rev. J. M. McKenzie in the presence of immediate friends and relatives. The couple are well known in Washington and have many friends in the county. They will make their home in Chocowinity.

FAVORS IMPROVING THE RED HILL ROAD BY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Local Citizen States that Plan is the Only one Left Open. Lays Stress Upon Importance of Road to Local Merchants

Washington, N. C., Feb. 29, 1916.

Editor Daily News:

Dear sir:

I have been reading with interest the proposed plan for putting the road between this city and Red Hill in good condition. I believe that the only plan for fixing this road will be through private subscriptions. Mr. Shelburne's suggestion along this line is an excellent one and if it is acted upon, with the proper men behind the movement, I think it could be carried out successfully.

The Red Hill road is one of the most important in the county, as far as Washington is concerned. More trade comes over it for Washington than any other road that I know of. Therefore I think that the merchants of the city should be willing to contribute liberally towards improving this road. [illegible]

It seems practically certain that the people will not vote bonds for road improvement in the near future. If the merchants of Washington wait for them to do that, they will undoubtedly have to wait several years. In the meantime, that trade which rightfully belongs to Washington, will go elsewhere because of the present condition of the roads. The same holds good with reference to our tobacco market. If we start work at once and try to have this road in good shape by summer we will be able to market many thousands of pounds more, because the farmers can carry their crops here no matter what the weather is like.

I hope that the Chamber of Commerce will take this matter up at its next meeting. It is too important a project to be neglected and it means much to the city.

Very truly yours,

CITIZEN.