

DR. J. G. BLOUNT APPROVES PLAN FOR IMPROVING RED HILL ROAD

URGES MERCHANTS OF THE
CITY TO CONTRIBUTE LIB-
ERALLY TO PROJECT.

IMPORTANT WORK

City Couldn't Spend \$10,000 to
Better Advantage. Citizens of Cho-
cawville Promise to Lend Assis-
tance in the Work.

Any merchant in Washing-
ton, who would not gladly sub-
scribe towards building the Red
Hill road, ought to move out of
town. He ought to go to Ocracoke
or some other place where he
wouldn't be subject to any
taxation.

The above statement was made this
morning by Dr. J. G. Blount when
asked for his opinion on the plan
for improving the Chocowinity road.
"There is no more important road
in the country, as far as the residents
of Washington are concerned," ad-
vised the doctor. "We get more
business over that road than any
other that leads into the city. It
spends \$10,000 towards putting it
into shape, so that it will be pass-
able year in and year out. It would
be the best \$10,000 that the citi-
zens of Washington have ever spent
for any one single purpose."

"The people of Chocowinity have
announced themselves as being op-
posed to a bond issue for the road
purpose. Therefore, it is important to
see that road built at any time in the
near future. It will be up to us to
raise the money ourselves."

"I think the plan suggested is an
excellent one. I am willing to do
my part and I believe that every
progressive resident in Washington
will say the same for himself."

Dr. Blount was in Dr. P. A. Nich-
olson's office at the time he made
the above statement. Dr. Nicholson
also expressed himself as being
heartily in favor of building the road
and offered to make a cash contribu-
tion on the spot.

So far, there has not been heard
a single expression of sentiment
against improving the road. Every-
one appears to be in favor of it. The
matter will be brought up in the
Chamber of Commerce at the next
meeting and action will be taken at
that time—if not before.

Citizens Willing to Help.

W. J. Harding, who lives along
the Red Hill road, was in town this
morning and asked whether the peo-
ple in his neighborhood were willing
to help in the work. He stated that
he for one was willing to do all in
his power in the way of hauling rock
and providing a team for the actual
labor on the road. He added that
he believed his neighbors would be
willing to do the same thing. All of
them are anxious to see the road
improved.

ANOTHER WEDDING AT HOTEL LOUISE

Local Hostelry Maintains Its Re-
putation as Agent for Dan Cupid.

The Hotel Louise again obtained
publicity as a matrimonial bureau
yesterday when Miss Annie Wooler,
head waitress of this hostelry, be-
came the bride of Army Jackson,
assistant engineer on one of the Old
Dominion Steamship line boats. The
wedding took place in the hotel parlors
in the presence of a few im-
mediate friends. Rev. W. M. Gilpin,
pastor of the Methodist church, of-
ficiated. The couple will visit friends
in this section for a day or two and
will then make their home in New-
York.

J. A. Tucker, manager of the ho-
tel, has forgotten whether this is
the sixth or the twenty-fifth wed-
ding that has taken place in the
hotel and in which the bride was an
employee of the hotel.

The singing teacher demonstrated
how many people are having their
imaginations cultivated through
their voices.

WILSON'S ACTION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY HEATED DEBATES

President's Letter Has Stirred Washington Deeply.
"Volcano" Will Break Out in Congress Today

Washington, Mar. 1.—Not in the
memory of the oldest members of
Congress has such a serious situation
confronted Congress as that which
was presented last night when copies
of a letter written by President Wil-
son to Congressman Edward W. Fou-
r of North Carolina, acting chairman
of the House rules committee, asking
that immediate action be taken to
decide whether Congress was with
the President or against him in his
latest policy toward the foreign
powers, was made public late yester-
day afternoon.

Coming as it does less than a
week from the date of the White
House conference between Speaker
Clark, Majority Leader Kitchin and
Chairman of the House Foreign Af-
fairs Committee Flood, when these
gentlemen were asked to use their
influence to prevent discussion and
action of Congress on the proposed
resolution to warn Americans from
sailing on belligerent vessels, the
President's letter last night came as
a distinct shock to those who took
the chief executive at his word.

No one here last night even at-
tempted to minimize the gravity of
the question. None is found to doubt
that the President realizes that his
letter has set Washington afire and
will stir up the wrath of Congress.

HOSTESS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. Gorham Entertained Yesterday
Afternoon at Home of Mrs.
A. M. Dumas.

Mrs. John Gorham was hostess at
an especially enjoyable bridge party,
which was given at the attractive
home of Mrs. A. M. Dumas on West
Main street yesterday afternoon in
honor of Mrs. Mae Ayers. There were
four tables of bridge, the tables be-
ing conveniently arranged in the
pleasant sun parlor, the reception
hall, parlor and library. Miss Ayers
was greeted by Mrs. Gorham with a
beautiful ribbon travelling bag.
Refreshments were served in two
rooms. Mrs. E. W. Ayers assisted
Mrs. Dumas and Mrs. Gorham in
service.

Those present were Mesdames
Jesse Harrington, Lee Davenport,
William Rumley, James Ellison,
Walter Wolfe, Harold Washburne,
Ed. Willis, Mason Smith, George
Hackney, Jr., E. W. Brown, Lindsey
Warren, Sam Etheridge, Mrs. Whit-
aker, of South Carolina, Misses Mae
Ayers, Caddie Fowler, Mary Tankard,
Elizabeth Warren and Louise Part-
ridge.

ENGLAND NOW PUTTING WHOLE SOUL INTO WAR

London, Mar. 1.—The English
Government today assumed control
of practically all merchant steam-
ships as a result of Germany's an-
nouncement that she would subma-
rine without warning all armed mer-
chantmen in coastwise trade or those
at less than 500 tons.

All other have been compelled to
obtain Government licenses before
they will be able to sail. It is hinted
that this drastic step may be fol-
lowed by another governmental de-
cision fixing freight charges on British
shipping. There has been complaint
in many quarters that ship owners
have been reaping fortunes since the
irrepressible increase in rates of
shipping.

EXCELLENT PROGRAM AT NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The New Theatre will offer their
patrons tonight an exceptionally
strong bill of six reels, in which
Lubin will present a 2-reel feature
entitled "A Western Governor's
Humorist," with an all star Lubin
cast, and promises to be one of the
best pictures offered by this fine
company at this house for some
time. There will also be three other
reels of splendid pictures of good
dramas and comedy. This house is
now presenting a splendid program
every night, with some of the best
three reel feature pictures ever
shown in this city. The six reel fea-
ture pictures shown at the house
every Tuesday are lacking the house,
as the V. I. N. features the sec-
ond to third.

PLAN TO FORM COUNTRY CLUB

Ladies of the City Are Making Ef-
fort to Have Organization
Formed in Washington.

A movement, fostered by several
of the prominent ladies of the city,
is on foot to organize a country club
for Washington. Although it will
probably be a day or two before the
ladies will be ready to make definite
announcement of their plans, it is
understood that the club will be lo-
cated at Washington Park. It is
also asserted that arrangements have
already been made for a building.

A meeting of the ladies was held
today for the purpose of further dis-
cussing the plan. Some of the lead-
ing men of the town will then be
approached on the subject and asked
to assist their support.

It is believed that the club will
meet with the approval of a suf-
ficient number of local residents to
warrant its formation.

ITALIAN TRENCH "FILLED IN." 45 MEN CAPTURED

Berlin, Mar. 1.—Something new
in trench warfare is related in to-
day's official Austrian reports, which
tell of fighting on the Italian front as
follows:

"At dawn an Austro-Hungarian
detachment from the Gorizia bridge-
head position, attacked by surprise
the sleeping Italians near Pesuma,
filled in their trench and brought
back forty-five prisoners."

"After a heavy artillery prepara-
tion, the Italian infantry advanced
against our positions on both sides
of Monte San Michela and east of
Azzo. The Italians were repulsed
with unparliamentary losses, besides leav-
ing in our hands 127 prisoners, a-
mong whom were six officers."

\$10,000 FIRE DAMAGE TO HIGH POINT PLANT

Flames Destroy Part of Plant of
Rushin Coffin and Casket Co.
Little Insurance.

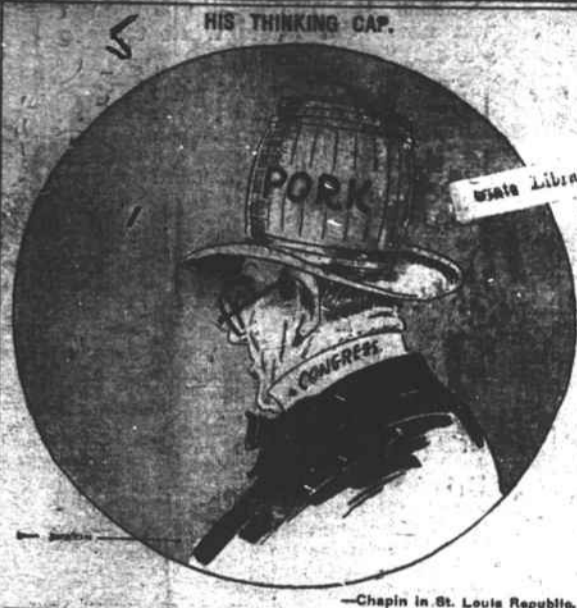
High Point, Mar. 1.—Fire of an
unknown origin last night destroyed
the machinery room, engine and
boiler room, and dry kiln of the
Rushin Coffin and Casket company,
situated near the plant of the South-
east Power company. The loss, ac-
cording to one of the owners, was
considerably in excess of \$10,000
with practically no insurance. The
store house, which contained prac-
tically all the valuable materials of
the company, was saved by the quick
work of the firemen. The value of
this portion of the plant was greater
than that destroyed, but it was
heavily insured.

THREE SQUINT EYEBOYS WORTH OF KENTUCKY

Nile de Janeiro, Mar. 1.—All Brazil
is preparing for the annual three
day Mardi Gras carnival, early in
March. The carnival, which is cele-
brated in Rio de Janeiro, is a gay
game of special claims to far over-
shadow that of Venice or of New
Orleans. It is estimated that \$1,
000,000 was spent on elaborate
parades alone last year.

REGULAR FACTS ABOUT WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Washington, Mar. 1.—Democratic
Leader Kitchin wears a smoking
drooping from a corner of his mouth
when a strict pipe, black with age,
is in his place.



—Chapin in St. Louis Republic.

LEFT HERE LAST NIGHT; WILL MARRY ON JOURNEY

The many friends of Miss Hattie
Cossens and Woodson VanHook were
greatly surprised this morning to
learn of their departure from Wash-
ington last night with the intention
of getting married between here and
Florida. Absolutely nothing was
known of the intentions of the cou-
ple until news of their leaving town
was learned today.

Relatives of Mr. VanHook stated
this morning that the couple intend-
ed getting married at the first sta-

tion at which the train stopped long
enough to give them time to have
the knot tied. It is believed that
they will be married at Charleston,
S. C., however. They will go to
Jacksonville, Fla., where they will
make their home in the future.

Mr. VanHook and his bride were
both employed in the Bank of Wash-
ington in this city and are well
known. The groom is the son of
Mrs. H. B. VanHook. His bride is
the daughter of Mrs. Blackwell Cos-
sens.

CONVOCATION AT BATH TODAY

Episcopal Clergy and Laymen in
Session There Today and
Tomorrow.

A number of the clergy and promi-
nent laymen of the Episcopal church
passed through Washington yester-
day and today on route for Bath to
attend the session of the Convoca-
tion of Edenton, which is to be held
in St. Thomas church in that city
today and tomorrow. Among those
who are there are Rev. R. B. Drane,
D. D., of Edenton; Rev. G. A. Ash-
by, of Elizabeth City; Rev. John R.
Matthews, of Greenville; Rev. C. P.
Parker, of Hertford; Rev. G. D. Ma-
lone, of Chocowinity; L. F. Ziegler,
of Edenton, and Theodore Partrick,
Jr., of Clinton.

PROMISES TO REVEAL BIG GRAFT IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Mar. 1.—Asserting that
the Easton-Rowe graft controversy
was a minor event compared to re-
velations which he would make Sey-
mour Steadman, attorney for Mrs.
Waller Page Eaton, former head of
the Social Welfare Department, who
has charged she had been compelled
to give up part of her salary for the
benefit of a member of Mayor Wil-
liam Hale Thompson's family, today
declared the world's biggest graft
witness who would reveal extensive
salary splitting in the city hall.

Today's hearing on the Easton-
Rowe case itself developed little of
interest.

ERROR IN NUMBER OF BILLS OF TOBACCO

In the article, written by Mr.
Shephard for this paper yesterday,
it was stated that if the tobacco
was planted in 3 foot 6 inch rows,
from 15 to 18 in the hill and topped
high, it would give about 800 hills to
the acre. This should have read
2,000 hills, instead of 800. Doubt-
less in the article, 800 hills was
mentioned. This should also have
been another "8" attached to it and
made to read 8,000.

AGED 100, HE OUTS TERTH

Washington, N. J., Mar. 1.—Ar-
thur J. Wick will celebrate his one
hundredth birthday tomorrow, which
has grown a full set of teeth during
the past three years. He smokes and
chews tobacco. His brother and sis-
ter died two years ago, aged 95 and
98, respectively.

His numerous nephews suppose,
and against the lawyer's expense, and
the paper's expense.

GIVES LEAP YEAR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Enjoyable Affair Took Place Last
Night With Jack Harris Acting
As Host.

Although Jack Harris was twenty
years old yesterday he has only been
able to celebrate at four of his birth-
days, the reason being that he was
born on February 29. When this
day does roll around every four
years, however, Mr. Harris makes
up for lost time and celebrates in a
most fitting style.

A large number of friends were
present last night at a party, which
was given in commemoration of Mr.
Harris' natal day. Various games
helped to enliven the occasion. Miss
Kathleen Willis won the first prize
in the leap year proposal contest by
getting the largest number of ac-
ceptances. Miss Florence Harris
won the booby prize. The following
were present: Misses Margaret Wick-
s, Kathleen Willis, Anna Belle Clark;
Gladys Allgood, Mary Bragg, Hattie
Davenport, Emily Mitchell, Ruth
Everett, Florence Harris; Messrs.
James Howard, Hubert Ellis, Wal-
ter Warner, Russell Willis, Archie
O'Neal, Pat Foreman, Henry Web-
ster, Eugene Harris and John John-
son.

Affect Small Portion of Shipping.

New York, Mar. 1.—Only a small
proportion of the shipping plying
between American and European
ports—a fleet of armed Italian mer-
chantmen—appears to be menaced
by the new Teutonic submarine pol-
icy which goes into effect at mid-
night.

British and French ships that have
arrived here and at other Atlantic
ports during the past year have car-
ried no guns.

FRANK LANE OF WILSON DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Wilson, Mar. 1.—Frank Lane,
a wealthy and influential citizen and
prominent in business and religious
affairs, died yesterday after a long
suffering illness. Mr. Lane was for
nearly 20 years a citizen of Wilson
and a pioneer in several lines of in-
dustry. He was the organizer of the
first company for the manufacture
of cotton oil products here and was
also interested in civic affairs. He
leaves a wife and three sons. The
funeral service will be held this af-
ternoon.

"Everybody works but father,"
but everybody works father when he
works.

CLAIM DAVE EVANS WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY PITT COUNTY MEN

Significant Events Followed Murder
of Joe McLawhorn, Which Tend
to Prove Negro is Dead

THE WRONG MAN AT BAYBORO

Sheriffs From Pitt and Beaufort Counties Went There
Yesterday on a Wild Goose Chase. Man Who
Was Held Has Been Released.

That Dave Evans, the negro who
killed Joe McLawhorn in Pitt coun-
ty last month, has been shot to death
by one of the possees, which started
on the hunt for him on the day fol-
lowing the murder, was the infor-
mation obtained this morning by the
Daily News from a reliable source.

The persons who gave out this in-
formation made public three impor-
tant points, which have not been
known to the general public but
which are especially significant.

1. After the first day's hunt,
the search for Evans was aban-
doned by the possees, with the
exception of a few individuals.

2. Thirty or forty pistol
shots were heard in the woods that
afternoon.

3. One of the three negroes,
who was captured, is alleged to
have been threatened with in-
stant death unless he told
where Evans was hidden.

If the information which the
Daily News received this morning is
authentic—and there is little rea-
son for doubting it, as residents of
Pitt county are also alleged to have
mentioned the same facts—the in-
cidents which followed McLawhorn's
death and led up to the death of
Evans were probably as follows:

A posse of citizens captured one
of the other negroes who had escap-
ed and threatened to shoot him if
he did not at once tell them where
Evans was concealed. The negro
gave the desired information and the
posse scattered to hunt for the mur-
derer. When they found him, they
stood him up against a tree and shot
him to death.

MEAT INSPECTORS BADLY NEEDED

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 1.—Because a
number of towns in North Carolina
have recently been deluded by un-
scrupulous meat dealers and in con-
sequence have been eating diseased
meat, the State Board of Health
feels moved to call attention to a
few statements and figures contained
in the report of Mr. J. H. Epperson,
meat and milk inspector for Dur-
ham. Probably the most noticeable
figures contained in the report is the
number of pounds of meats unfit for
food found during the seven months
Mr. Epperson has been on the job
in Durham. According to the fig-
ures, 2,356 pounds of pork were
condemned; 845 pounds of beef; 145
pounds of liver; 175 pounds of spare
ribs; 60 pounds of sausage; 737
pounds of fish and 120 pounds of
brains, a total of 4,487 pounds.

Besides this work of the inspec-
tor, and that necessary to obtaining
sanitary dairies and pure milk, his
report shows that all markets and
all hotels, all restaurants, hotels
and all other places where food is
served, whole sale and storage houses,
stores and fountains are regularly
inspected and are rated according to
the score system.

Mr. Epperson is also city bacteri-
ologist, which office not only aids
him in maintaining a pure milk and
food supply, but is of great assist-
ance to the health officers in know-
ing where infection exists and in
keeping down its spread.

GERMAN WAR OFFICE CLAIMS PROGRESS FOR THE GERMANS

Berlin, Mar. 1.—Progress for the
Germans in their drive towards Ver-
dun in the Woerre district was an-
nounced by the war office today. The
German troops have passed Dieppe,
Abancourt, and Hanchies, and also
have taken Manhuellre and Cham-
pigny.

An explanation of the shots, which
were fired that afternoon, is to the
effect that the shooting was done in
order to get the crowd together.
How ver, as it is alleged that about
thirty or forty shots were fired at
practically the same time, it would
appear that most of the crowd had
already assembled.

Went After the Wrong Man.

It was found out late yesterday
afternoon that the negro at Bay-
boro, who was suspected of being
Evans, was not the murderer. Sher-
iffs Windley and McLawhorn both
went down to Bayboro yesterday and
assured themselves that the man
who was being held there was not
the one whom they wanted. He has
been turned loose.

MRS. COLE UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY

Lecture Which Was to Have Been
Given This Afternoon Has Been
Postponed Until Friday.

The lecture, which was to have
been given at the New Theatre this
afternoon by Mrs. C. M. Cole on the
subject of "Novels, Good and Bad,"
has been postponed until Friday af-
ternoon.

A telegram was received this
morning from Mrs. Cole, who is at
present in Florida, saying that it
would be impossible for her to be
here today. She will arrive here
Thursday night. The lecture will be
given at the New Theatre Friday
afternoon, beginning promptly at
3:30 o'clock.

OHIO PROHIBITIONISTS DIVIDED OVER DELAY

Columbus, O., Mar. 1.—A majority
of prohibition leaders here for the
Ohio Anti-Saloon League trustees
meeting tomorrow, favor postpon-
ing re-submission of a prohibition
amendment until 1917. They said
they thought their cause would be
stronger in a year without general
State and National elections. By next
year asserted the present financial
stringency of Ohio citizens probably
will be relieved.

Those who favored submission
next fall contend that the presiden-
tial election will bring out a large
rural vote.

AUSTRIA ALSO TO SINK ARMED MERCHANTMEN

Vienna, Mar. 1.—The Austrian
Government today put into effect an
order similar to that recently issued
by Germany by which all armed mer-
chantmen belonging to enemy na-
tions will be subordinated without any
warning or compensation to the various
requirements of the Austrian navy.

NEW THEATRE

10-NIGHT
"A Western Governor's
Humorist"
3 reel feature
"The Parson's Button
Matcher"—1 reel comedy
"Heart's Desire"—1 reel
"Chiefly Concerning Maids"
1 reel

Prices 5c-15c