

WILLIAM SWANNER TAKES LIFE

ONLY THREE MORE DAYS FOR OFFER

WILL BE THE LAST CLUBBING OFFER TO BE MADE IN THE CONTEST.

LAST CHANCE

Contestants Must Do All of Their Work Before Wednesday If They Expect to Receive Benefit of Large Number of Votes.

Three days remain of the big clubbing offer. The last big offer of the entire contest.

Wednesday, April 19th, at nine o'clock in the evening is the closing hour.

However, to enable each contestant to work up to the last hour of the offer a ruling is made whereby contestants may mail their subscription anytime before the close of the offer and they will be counted upon it.

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HELD PRECINCT MEETING HERE LAST NIGHT

Precinct meetings were held last night in a number of the precincts in the county and the following delegates and precinct committees were elected:

First Ward—9 votes. Precinct Committee—W. E. Swindell, Chairman, John G. Bragaw, Jr., Geo. H. Hill, F. C. Kugler and W. K. Jacobson.

Delegates—S. C. Bragaw, Frank H. Bryan, W. C. Rodman, Geo. H. Hill, F. C. Kugler and W. E. Swindell.

Alternates—M. T. Archbell, W. L. Vaughan, S. C. Carty, E. T. Stewart, E. H. Jefferson and W. K. Jacobson.

Second Ward—7 votes. Precinct Committee—F. S. Worthy, Chairman, J. D. Grimes, D. M. Carter, S. T. Nicholson and A. J. Cox.

Delegates—J. D. Grimes, S. T. Nicholson, F. S. Worthy, W. H. Ellison, J. F. Taylor, W. B. Rodman, Jr., J. F. Buckman.

Alternates—L. H. Rosh, John Calloway, A. J. Cox, D. M. Carter, E. R. Mixon, J. B. Sparrow, D. W. Bell, Chas. Stancill.

Honorary Delegate—Lindsay C. Warren, County Chairman.

The candidacy of J. Bryan Grimes for Secretary of State was unanimously endorsed.

Third Ward—2 votes. Precinct Committee—H. G. Win-

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Our Shop is Always Flooded With cleaning, pressing and repairing work because our service is unequalled. Most good dressers come here to have their clothes pressed the Hoffman way. In fact people are insisting that we do it this way. We follow instructions. WRIGHT'S STRAM PRESSING WORKS PHONE 231

COL. W. C. RODMAN DEFENDS HIS POSITION

ANSWERS RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY CHAPEL HILL BRANCH OF SECURITY LEAGUE.

NOT AN "ATTACK"

Colonel Explains That it is Not His Motive to Fight the League But to Rebut Charges Made Against the National Guard.

Col. W. C. Rodman's resignation from the National Security League, and the explanation of his reasons for doing so, has caused a stir at Chapel Hill and yesterday's papers carried articles to the effect that the Chapel Hill branch of the League was highly indignant over the colonel's "insinuation" that the League was resorting to lobbyism.

In reply to the articles from Chapel Hill, Colonel Rodman has given the press the following letter, which is published exclusively in the Daily News today.

April 14, 1916. Dr. J. M. Booker, Chairman Chapel Hill Branch, National Security League, Chapel Hill, N. C. My dear Dr. Booker:

I have read, with much interest, in the morning papers, an account of the action taken by the Chapel Hill Branch of the National Security League. Permit me to say:

1. I most cordially agree with the objects of the National Security League, as set forth in the first paragraph of the resolution adopted by the Chapel Hill Branch. For many years, I have done all within my power to advance the objects set forth in that paragraph and as to that, there can be no dispute between us.

2. Not for one moment would I seek, either by imputation, inference, or otherwise, to cast any reflection upon the Chapel Hill Branch of the National Security League, nor any member thereof. I hasten to assure both yourself and every other member of the Chapel Hill Branch that I most cheerfully accord to you the fullest degree of sincerity and of patriotism.

3. With reference to the third paragraph of the resolution, passed by the Chapel Hill Branch, it does not appear to me that I made any attack upon the patriotism of the gentlemen named by you. They are entitled to, and receive from me, the greatest measure of respect. However, eminent gentlemen equaly patriotic and certainly as broad-minded, differ with them, and among these

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WIRED ADVICE TO U. S. CONSUL

(By United Press) Washington, April 15.—Detailed instructions on the official attitude regarding agreeing with Carranza's withdrawal suggestions, were dispatched Consul Rodgers at Mexico City today by Secretary Lansing. The dispatches are believed to contain the information that Lansing is willing to formally discuss the matter with Arredondo.

MAKE GRENADE ATTACKS. (By United Press) Berlin, April 15.—French grenade attacks, southwest of Fort Douaumont last night proved ineffective, the war office announced today.

FINAL TOUCHES BEING PUT ON U-BOAT ISSUE

EXPECTED THAT SECRETARY LANSING WILL COMPLETE HIS WORK TODAY.

WILSON SUPPORTED

Congress Willing to Abide by His Decision in Submarine Question. Opposed, However, to Withdrawal of Troops.

(By United Press) Washington, April 15.—The final touches are being put on this government's submarine communication to Germany. Affidavits from American officials abroad have arrived. Some will be used as exhibits. Additional information is expected today.

If Secretary Lansing completes his work today, he will confer with the president before night and later will confer with the foreign relations committees of the Senate and House. Leave it to Wilson.

Washington, April 15.—Administration leaders and opponents to the administration in Congress are prepared to leave the German situation entirely up to the president. Friendly leaders are unanimously behind him and his program, however drastic, regarding the submarine controversy. Some, however, are openly opposed to any step toward the withdrawal of troops from Mexico.

UNARMED BARK SENT TO BOTTOM

SERIOUS QUESTION OF AMERICAN RIGHTS INVOLVED IN SINKING.

Americans Were Members of Crew of the Aberdeen Bark, Inverlyon, Which Was Sunk by Gunfire.

(By United Press) Washington, April 15.—The Aberdeen bark, Inverlyon, bound from Portland, Ore., to Limerick, Ireland, was sunk by gunfire on April 11, the State department announced today. The message received, read as follows:

"The Inverlyon was sunk 100 miles west of Valencia. She was unarmed and no attempt was made to escape. 15 minutes was allowed the crew to escape. One boat, with 12 men, including two Americans, have landed safely. The other boat was lost."

Officials here admitted that serious questions, involving American rights, are mixed up in the Inverlyon case. This government has always demanded that "a full measure of safety" be accorded. Such "measure of safety" does not mean merely putting everyone in small boats. The distance from the shore and the condition of the water, the United States holds, must be considered. The fact that one boat-load was lost means that the lives of those in the other boat, though they reached shore safely, were jeopardized.

AUSTRIANS CAPTURED ITALIAN POSITION

(By United Press) Vienna, Apr. 15.—Austrian troops today captured an important position held by the Italians. The enemy suffered severely, the war office announced.

TRAGEDY OCCURRED AT GRIMESLAND THIS A. M.

MARK MAJETTE WON'T RUN FOR SENATE

RETIRE FROM RACE "DUE TO THE ILL HEALTH OF HIS WIFE, IS REPORT.

TWO MORE IN RACE

With Mr. Majette's Retirement Comes News of the Entry of Two Residents of Washington County for the Office.

Announcement has been made of the retirement of Mark Majette, of Columbia, for the nomination of State Senator from this district. The ill health of his wife is given as Mr. Majette's reason for resigning.

With Mr. Majette's retirement comes notice of two more candidates who have entered the race for the office. Both are from Washington county: Van B. Martin, a lawyer of Plymouth, and W. S. Davenport, a farmer of Mackeys.

U. S. SOLDIERS PREPARING TO RESIST ATTACK

Are Taking Precautions to Guard Against Any Sudden Offensive of the Mexicans.

(By United Press) Columbus, N. M., April 15.—The greatest activity since the troops crossed the border has been shown throughout the night and are continuing today. Entrenchments and rifle pits are being constructed along the communication lines of the U. S. troops in Mexico. Fifty-four new motor trucks are in operation. The engineer corps are building defensive works at Bocograndi, Ascension, Aspla and Dublin to resist any possible attacks. Machine guns and light artillery entanglements are being installed.

SHORT TALK TO Retailers

You are anxious to increase business? You want more customers, don't you? Then co-operate with this newspaper. Read it daily and particularly read its advertising. If you see an article advertised that is in your stock, bring it into the daylight—push it. Put it in your window. Show it on your counter. Let people know they can get it at your store.

Had Been Banished From Beaufort County for Violating the Liquor Laws SHOT HIMSELF THROUGH THE HEART

Was Despondent, Out of Work and Brooding Over Suffering He Had to Undergo Since Leaving Here

William Swanner, a former resident of Washington, who was convicted here last summer on the charge of having liquor in his possession for the purpose of sale and ordered to leave the county or else serve sentence on the roads, this morning at 6:45 committed suicide at the home of J. L. Edwards at Grimesland. He shot himself with a revolver through the heart and died a few minutes later.

Swanner, upon sentence of the court, left Washington late last summer. He went from here to Norfolk, but was unsuccessful in business there. About two weeks ago, he returned to Beaufort county to visit J. O. Swanner, who lives a short distance from Washington. Officials learned of his return and went to search for him. When they arrived there, however, he had gone.

Could Not Find Work. He went to Greenville and other near-by cities, hunting for work, but could not find any. Yesterday morn-

ing he went to Grimesland and visited all of the mercantile establishments there, asking for a position. His efforts were again unsuccessful. J. L. Edwards, taking pity on his evident distress, invited him to his home. During the course of the day, Swanner sent a telegram to some relative in Wilmington, asking for a position there and requesting an immediate answer to his wire. He also telephoned to Mr. Cox, at Blounts Creek, where his wife and children are staying. During his conversation, he told Mr. Cox that if his wife wanted to talk with him, to call him up at once, "else he might not be living when she tried to get him later."

Found Revolver. While he was away from the house, Mr. Edwards' little girl went up to the room which had been given to Swanner and found a revolver in one of the drawers of the bureau. The frightened child told her mother and Mrs. Edwards took the weapon and concealed it downstairs, surmising his intentions.

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MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY FOREST FIRES

Considerable damage was done in the western part of the county yesterday by fires, starting from brush piles and spread by the high gale which blew in that section during the day.

The new home of Ralph Howell, manager of the Misen interests at Terra Ciel, was completely destroyed with contents. Mr. Howell had just put \$500 worth of new furniture into the house the day before. No insurance was carried. A barn, containing 1,000 bushels of corn, was also destroyed. It was covered by insurance. Several outhouses were burned. The Norfolk Southern tracks were on fire but were put out before any serious damage was done.

Mr. Howell was overcome by the heat and smoke. It took some time to desiccate him. Charles Simmons, colored, was painfully burned. The handsome home of W. B. Boschen was at one time threatened, but the wind shifted and the danger was averted. The fire is still burning this morning.

Church Destroyed. Fire broke out in Rodman's swamp yesterday and destroyed the St. James Episcopal church, between Pantego and Haslis, one of the oldest Episcopal churches in the county. It also burned to the ground a tenement house on the farm of D. Lesofsky.

Shingle Mill on Fire. The conductor on this morning's Norfolk-Southern train reported that the shingle mill of the Roper Lumber Co. at Roper was on fire and that, if the train had been fifteen minutes later, it would not have been

able to pass through. The damage is not known.

Bayboro is Threatened. Word was received from New Bern this morning to the effect that forest fires threatened Bayboro yesterday. The New Bern fire department was asked to give help. The wind shifted suddenly, however, and the town was saved.

INTRODUCE BILL FOR EMBARGO ON ARMS (By United Press) Washington, April 15.—Representative Rosenberg of Illinois, today introduced a resolution, prohibiting the exportation of arms or ammunition into Mexico.

TO-NIGHT Adelade Thurston and Thomas Jefferson in "Shadows of a Great City" Matinee every day at 4 p.m. Prices 5 & 10