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UNARMED AUSTRIAN SHIP HAS BEEN SUNK

CARRIED PASSENGERS AND WAS SUNK IN THE ADRIATIC SEA THIS MORNING. NO ACTION BY U. S.

Official View in Washington is That This Government Will Take No Action Unless Americans Were on Board. Case Similar to Cymric.

Berlin, May 12.—The Austrian passenger liner, Dubrovnik, was torpedoed and sunk without warning in the Adriatic, according to dispatches. The liner was unarmed. Take No Action. Washington, May 12.—Unless American citizens were on board the Dubrovnik this government will not protest the attack. This was the official view on the matter as given out today.

MUCH AGITATION OVER EXECUTIONS

Premier Arrives in Dublin to Take Charge of Situation, Which Is Grave.

London, May 12.—Premier Asquith arrived in Dublin today to assume charge of the situation which is admittedly growing more serious daily. He immediately ordered the postponement of further court martials, pending the outcome of his investigations. He expects to especially investigate the execution of Editor B. Keffington.

"U. S. TROOPS ARE IN MEXICO TO STAY," SAYS BISHOP HURST

Declares That He Has Been Told This Officially By Both Scott And Funston.

El Paso, Tex., May 12.—"The United States troops are not coming out of Mexico. I have been told this officially by Generals Scott and Funston. Mexican Minister of War Obregon will have to back down from his position or fight." This was the statement today of Bishop P. H. Hurst, charged with the interests of the Mormon colonists in the Casas Grandes valley, where 560 American men, women and children have again been warned to leave for the northern side of the international boundary. "The Americans in Chihuahua are not wanted here by the United States Government," continued Bishop Hurst, "either because they would be in the way in case of war, requiring many soldiers to protect them, or for some other reason not announced."

NEW BOAT HAS BEEN SECURED FOR THE ELKS

BIG STEAMER FROM ELIZABETH CITY WILL BE USED IN TAKING VISITORS DOWN RIVER. HAVE BEGUN DECORATING

Stores of City Have Started Work. Word Received from Lodges Indicates That Number of Visitors Will Run Well Above 1000.

Local Elks recently received word that the use of the Light House ship, Holly, could not be had for the convention here next week. Immediately upon receipt of the message, the committee in charge of arrangements became busy and within a short time they announced that they had secured the use of a big passenger steamer at Elizabeth City. The Elizabeth City delegation to Washington in this steamer, arriving Wednesday morning. It will be used in taking the Elks down the river Thursday and is said to be amply large enough to accommodate all those who will go.

Decorations Have Begun. Work of decorating the stores of the city was begun today, the Washington Furniture Co. on Market street being the first to display colors. The window is being handsomely decorated in purple and white and will present a most attractive appearance when finished. Other stores also intend starting work either today or tomorrow. The general idea is to have the window decorations completed this week and then start on the outside decorations Monday. This will reduce the chances of any of the flags or banners being hurt by rain.

Word has been received from a number of lodges in the State that they are going to have large delegations here for the convention. It is expected that the total number of visitors will run well above a thousand.

Administration Is Lauded. Baltimore, Md., May 12.—The Democratic state convention here yesterday lauded the administration of President Wilson and instructed the Maryland delegation to the national convention at St. Louis to vote as a unit for his renomination.

HELD CLASS EXERCISES

Good Program Rendered at Auditorium Last Night. Large Audience Present.

A large audience attended the class exercises of the graduating class at the high school auditorium last night. The program was a highly interesting one and was well rendered throughout. A Japanese lawn party at the home of Mrs. Bright was given in honor of the class after the conclusion of the exercises at the auditorium and proved a most enjoyable affair.

BELMO TONIGHT

A MUTUAL FOUR REEL PROGRAM. The Boston Animals in Stanley and the Slave Traders. Vivian Rich in "AFTER THE STORM" Gustave Gerhardt in "OUTTER AND BOND". Prices 5c 10c Matinee 8c Night

WILL BUILD COAST GUARD STATIONS

Government Asks for Bids for Stations at Cape Lookout and Ocracoke.

Sealed proposals have been asked by the Treasury Department, U. S. Coast Guard Service, for the construction of coast guard stations at Cape Lookout and at Hatteras Inlet, Ocracoke Island. The bids will be opened on June 1 and it is supposed that active work on the construction of the stations will be begun immediately.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS MAY GO ON STRIKE

If Strike Becomes Effective, Communication With Washington Will Be Hampered.

(By United Press) Washington, May 12.—A strike of local telegraph operators, that would seriously hamper communication with the capital, is threatened as the result of the discharge of eleven operators by the Western Union. President Guy Blakely, of the local organization, charged that the men were dismissed because they "were suspected of belonging to the union." S. J. Konekampa, of Chicago, president of the National organization, has promised to back up the local Union in any steps that it takes.

BIRTH OF THE NATION CAUSES A FIST FIGHT

South Carolina Congressman Plugs Representative from New Jersey.

Washington, May 12.—"The Birth of a Nation" coupled with a general discussion of the negro question resulted in a heated debate between Representative Nicholls, of South Carolina, and Representative Leback, of New Jersey, in the restaurant of a hotel in the capital Tuesday night. Incidentally Nicholls who is one of the "baby" members of the house, being but 31 years of age, but buff on the plan of Jess Willard, stuffed his adversary a couple of stiff ones in the jaw, knocking him to the floor. Before the New Jersey member could retaliate, friends intervened and the two men were separated.

CARPENTER FELL 14 FEET; DIES

C. W. Pennington of Rocky Mount Sustained Injuries from Fall Which Caused Death.

(By Eastern Press) Rocky Mount, May 12.—Falling a distance of 14 feet, from the top of a house on which he was employed on construction work, C. W. Pennington, a carpenter, sustained a broken back and internal lacerations which caused his death at the local hospital seven hours later. He was working on the house of Harvey Thomas on Harvey street and fell through a hole in the roof which had been left for the chimney. He was 66 years of age and is survived by a widow and three children.

A. S. PILLEY DIED TODAY

Passed Away at Home of R. H. Hudson. Funeral Services Will Be Held Tomorrow.

Alfred S. Pilley, age 76, died at the home of R. H. Hudson on Bonner street this morning. Funeral services will be held near Bath at the home of Mrs. Wilson Arnold tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock. Rev. Chas. M. McEntyre, pastor of the local Christian church officiating.

EMBARGO ON ARMS HAS BEEN MADE PERMANENT

(By United Press) Laredo, Tex., May 12.—The Government embargo on ammunition, which became effective a month ago, has been made permanent, reports said.

HALF-HOLIDAY IDEA GAINING POPULARITY

WILLIAM BELL STATES THAT HE FAVORS CLOSING STORES DURING SUMMER MONTHS. OTHERS DO THE SAME

Generally Admitted That the Plan Would Be of Benefit and That Little, if Any, Business Would Be Lost Through Its Adoption.

"I am willing to close my store for half a day each week during the summer months if the other merchants in the city favor the idea." The above statement was made this morning by Jeweler William Bell. Mr. Bell added that he thought the idea an excellent one and that he hoped the merchants as a whole would adopt it. Several other business men have spoken favorably of the project but have not yet definitely stated whether or not they would give the half-holiday. It is generally admitted that very little, if any, business will be lost through closing up. Residents of the city and country would know of the closing and would govern themselves accordingly.

U. S. TROOPS RUSHING WORK ON DEFENSES

Line of Communication Has Been Contracted. Columbus Ready for Attack.

(By United Press) Columbus, N. M., May 12.—The withdrawal of advanced American forces from San Antonio, Mexico is in full swing. Motor truck companies are assisting the movement. Though Colima and Dublin are mentioned as the outermost points of the proposed new line, many here believe that the construction will stop at Namiquipa and will rush the completion of defensive works to meet any possible attacks from hostile forces. Defensive preparations will be completed here when the infantry put finishing touches on the system of trenches surrounding the city. An order for the conduct of civilians has been issued by military commanders. Two militia companies are expected today while the whole of the New Mexico State militia is expected Saturday or Sunday.

ALLIES WANT RAILROADS IN GREECE

Will Use Force if Necessary in Order to Transport Troops to Salonika.

Paris, May 12.—Two heavy German attacks against the western slopes of Dead Man's Hill have been repulsed, the war office announced today. Cannonading continued in the region of Avoncourt, Douaumont and Vauv. Austrians Are Checked. Rome, May 12.—Austrian attacks against Italian positions at Gorizia front were promptly checked, according to the war office. "Our forces were victorious in an intense artillery duel in the Asna Valley and the upper But," said the statements. Want Greek Railways. Berlin, May 12.—The allies have determined to use force if necessary for the use of Greek railways for the transportation of Serbian troops from Corfu to Salonika, according to official statements published in Petrograd newspapers.

Judge O. H. Allen, In Strong Terms, Raps Beaufort Co.

With the report of the grand jury before him, Judge O. H. Allen, in Superior court yesterday delivered some strong—and not altogether complimentary—statements about Beaufort county. He spoke for over an hour on the subject and made the close attention of everyone in the court room. After the reading of the grand jury report, Judge Allen stated that there must be some radical change in the county. He stated that the county and resources of this county were as great as those of Roberson and many of the other larger and wealthier counties of the State but that Beaufort was far behind in many things. He said that our court house, county home, jail and practically every other public institution were nothing more than a shame and a disgrace to our people and that an investigation should be started and started at once to find out who it is that is falling to do his duty. Glancing over the report, the Judge continued with the statement that portions of the county home, the jail and the court house were reported to be in an unsanitary condition. Also that the convicts did not get a bath or clean clothes as often as once a week. Again, the prisoners in jail, who were unable to support the allowance made them by the county with food from their homes, went hungry for lack of sufficient food. He mentioned the fact that only 35 cents a day was allowed to feed the prisoners and said that this was not sufficient to give them as much as two square meals a day. Warning up to his subject, the Judge deprecated the lack of progressive and public spirited action which retards the growth of Beaufort county and instead of putting her in the forefront, where she belongs, keeps her far behind in the background. He said that he had held court in every county in North Carolina and in some of them several times, and he gave it as his unqualified opinion that Beaufort county had the sorriest jail and courthouse of any county in the State, barring none. He even went so far as to say that if the commissioners would not provide the sheriff with a more suitable office, that the sheriff himself ought to take charge of the situation and move his office into the toilet room of the courthouse; that even that would be preferable to the quarters he is now occupying. He commented on the fact that negroes and white people all had to stand up together, leaving over the railing of the bar and the jury box, which greatly hampered and retarded the business of the court, but added that he did not propose to open his mouth to them as they had a perfect right to see and hear, but under present conditions it was impossible to do so in any other manner.

The report of the grand jury, which was submitted to the court yesterday and which evoked Judge Allen's remarks, reads as follows: We, the Grand Jury at May Term, 1916, beg leave to submit our report as follows: We have passed on all bills presented to us by the Solicitor. We have inspected the County Home, Convict Camp, Jail and Court House, and report on same as follows: County Home. We recommend that one Sarah Cragg, insane, be removed at once to some Insane Asylum, it being impossible to care for her properly at the County Home, owing to her extremely unsanitary condition. The keeper states that it is impossible to keep her clean. The remainder of the white department should be better ventilated, especially the room occupied by Sarah Sawyer. The odor in this particular room is very bad. The colored department seems to be in a very unsanitary condition, the odor being very bad in the rooms, which should be at once attended to. The yard and surrounding premises we find in good condition. Jail. Recommend that the Sheriff's office be removed from the jail into the court house, such to give the Sheriff a more suitable office and to give more room for the prisoners and jailor.

Recommend that the allowance for feeding prisoners be increased to at least 50 cents per day. The prisoners complained to the jury that they were not getting enough to eat, some stating that they were obliged to supplement what is provided for them by the county with food from either their homes or that purchased elsewhere. Recommend that the jail be inspected often and kept thoroughly clean. Convict Camp. Recommend that the convicts shall have a bath and clean clothes once a week, and that they cease work early enough each Saturday afternoon to accomplish this. General condition of the camp fairly good. Recommend that all school houses that are in as bad condition as the Hardison school house be immediately condemned, and a more suitable and comfortable building erected. Court House. Recommend that the Grand Jury room be thoroughly cleaned and kept so. It is at present in very unsanitary condition. We find the offices of the Registrar of Deeds and Clerk of the Court in good condition. Respectfully recommend that the bar enclosed by the railing in the court room be reserved for court officers, attorneys and jurors only. On account of the limited space in the court room, the constant crowding in the bar of spectators and disinterested parties interferes with the business of the Court. Also, that no one be allowed to stand around the bar, as it obstructs the view from the center and rear of the court room. Respectfully submitted, J. C. DAVIS, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Gregory Rasputin Assassinated.

Berlin, May 12.—Gregory Rasputin, the Russian monk who is reputed to have exercised great influence over Emperor Nicholas, has been assassinated, according to reports from Petrograd received in Bucharest, says the Overseas News agency today.

PEACE MOVE NOW PLANNED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Has Taken Steps To Ascertain Views Of The Entente, According To Reports.

Washington, May 12.—Indications are at hand that the United States is disposed to comply with Pope Benedict's suggestion that an effort be made to bring about peace. Diplomats specially attach significance to a series of incidents which have occurred since the receipt by President Wilson on Saturday of the communication from the Pope. The interpretation based on these incidents is that the Administration is considering the subject and has already taken steps to ascertain the views of the allies. It is believed that Vatican communication contained the terms upon which Germany and Austria-Hungary would be willing to discuss peace proposals, and that the Pope acted at the invitation of Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph. He is said to have received from them letters in which they made the position of their respective countries clear. It is regarded as unlikely here that President Wilson would approach other belligerent powers until he had received an intimation from London of the attitude Great Britain would take if a basis for negotiation peace were proposed. The belief prevails here that prior to the receipt of Germany's note Gerard had informed this Government of what occurred at the conference with Emperor William at

SITUATION IN MEXICO NOW AT DEADLOCK

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Great Headquarters. It was stated in an official quarter today that all the belligerent countries might be able to fight two years longer, but that the results would not justify the expenditure in lives and money from the allies' point of view, and that if they could be persuaded to realize this the war would be brought appreciably nearer its close. It was also said today that President Wilson believes the war will end by this fall.

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