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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGE AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

There are several cases of Bubonic Plague reported in Havana, Cuba.

The commencement exercises of A. and M. College, Raleigh, will be held May 23 to 25.

The United States Military Academy at West Point will graduate the largest class in its history June 12.

Up to April 1, British naval losses in the war were 8593, including 332 officers and 4981 men.

Montgomery county has decided to appropriate \$2,000 or more for the improvement of roads.

The little son of Sidney M. Houk, of Newton, was drowned one day last week by falling head first into a tub of water in the yard.

Fifteen thousand people attended the last meeting of the Chapman-Alexander series, in Charlotte, last week.

Work on the highways of Davidson county has begun. Forty-six miles recently arrived from Richmond, Va., for the work.

Congressman R. N. Page has announced that he will not be a candidate for Governor next year, but will run for Congress to succeed himself.

One hundred and thirty thousand white girls and women in North Carolina in the census year were earning their bread.

Mr. Thornwell Haynes has been re-elected superintendent of the High Point public schools for next year at a salary of \$2,000.

During the last biennial period, 818 new rural schoolhouses were built in North Carolina. 606 were for the white race, and 204 were for the colored.

Cecil Perkins, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perkins, of Spencer, had his skull fractured by being hit by a baseball last during a game of ball last Thursday.

The Southern Baptist Convention, in session at Houston, Texas, last week, sent a telegram of approval to the President on his course in dealing with Germany.

W. W. Kirkland, a brigadier general in the Confederate army, and a native of Hillsboro, North Carolina, died in Washington, D. C., last week, aged 82.

Dr. E. B. Ward, a prominent white physician of Nokes, Oklahoma, charged with the murder of his wife, was taken from jail by a masked mob and hanged recently.

Our State Department grants passports now to Americans who wish to travel abroad only when convinced that the applicants have urgent business in Europe.

The Danish Diet has recently adopted an amendment to the constitution giving the vote to women and allowing them to hold office as members of the Diet.

Gen. Huerta, former Dictator of Mexico, who gave the United States so much trouble about a year ago, has leased a large mansion on Long Island New York, and will make his home there.

A number of delegates from South American countries to the Pan-American financial conference in Washington have voiced their approval of the position taken by President Wilson in his note to Germany.

Leo M. Frank, of Atlanta, has been sentenced to hang on June 22, for the murder of Mary Phagan, April 26, 1913. Sentence was passed by Judge Ben H. Hill, of the Fulton county Supreme Court.

Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, and a former North Carolina man, has been appointed American commissioner under the peace treaty with Russia. Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, is the other commissioner.

C. H. Dunn, of Greensboro, who for several years has been connected with the office of the division freight office of the Southern Railway, has been promoted to the office of the general freight agent of the system, with his headquarters at Richmond.

FEDERAL JURORS

List Drawn For June Term at Greensboro—Several Randolph Citizens Included.

Jurors were drawn last week for the June term of the United States District court, which will convene in Greensboro on Monday, June 8, with Judge James E. Boyd presiding. The term will be for the hearing of both criminal and civil cases, although the criminal docket will likely be taken up first.

The list of jurors includes 54 men from various parts of the section. They are:

F. M. Amos, Sandy Ridge; J. V. Howell, Cana; J. Fred Faucett, Altamahaw; J. Frank Gresson, Whitsett; Henry Harper, Winston-Salem; Lee Armfield, Greensboro; J. W. Hill, Winston-Salem; J. I. F. Newman, East Bend; J. L. Cheek, Effland; Lorenzo McCaskill, Candor; J. P. Goode, Belknap; George W. Pugh, Millboro; McK. R. Smith, Pilot Mountain; D. C. Moir, Middle Fork; Sam Smitherman, Troy; T. B. Rush, Dry Creek; J. A. Burton, Hightowers; R. A. Gilmer, Greensboro; E. B. Wheeler, Whitsett; E. B. Brackwell, Ruffin; Charles A. Moore, Mt. Gilead; Joe Frazier, Swepsonville; Richard Freeman, Dobson; Isaac D. Barr, King; J. V. Flinn, Pine Hall; Elmer E. Byrd, Kemp's Mills; D. E. Wagoner, Gibsonville; James E. Tucker, Madison; Thomas J. Bonkemeyer, Asheboro; Allen B. Coltrane, Glenola; W. H. McDade, Cedar Grove; C. H. Willard, Kernersville; S. G. Doub, Tobaccoville; E. B. Atkins, Colfax; J. M. Hester, Belknap; T. M. Blalock, Oak Ridge; J. H. Fulton, Mt. Airy; R. A. Braton, Mt. Gilead; L. M. Russell, Troy; L. E. Bird, Thomasville; W. A. Wood, Millboro; A. C. Wharton, Clemmons; E. W. King, Greensboro; K. M. Thompson, Jonesville; Jno. W. Warren, Sr., Kernersville; T. Herbert Tyeor, Erect; T. W. Vincent, Watson; A. J. Gordon, Hillsboro; J. Al. Rankin, Greensboro; E. P. Trogdon, Millboro; John Fred Long, Chestnut Ridge; H. H. Williamson, Reidsville; J. G. Fulton, Belknap; W. J. Wade, Spang.

The North Carolina Lutheran Synod, in session last week at Salisbury, adjourned to meet next year at Concord.

Freight train No. 23 on the Southern road, was derailed about four miles from Lexington, last Friday afternoon and 26 cars thrown from the track. No one was injured, however, and the cause of the accident is not known.

Luther Parker, a colored farmer, living five miles from Clinton, in Sampson county, last year, raised 49 bales of cotton, 180 barrels of corn, 3,500 pounds of meat, 175 barrels of meat, 174 barrels potatoes, 200 bushels of sweet potatoes, and 100 boxes of beans, says the Clinton Democrat.

Construction of the navy's first dirigible has been authorized by Secretary Daniels, the contract for manufacture being awarded to the Goodyear Aircraft Company, on a bid of \$45,036. The balloon is to be delivered in four months for use at the aeronautic station at Pensacola.

The third annual commencement of Carolina College, Maxton, was held this week. The baccalaureate sermon was preached last Sunday by Rev. M. Bradshaw, of Wilson; and the literary address, on Tuesday, by Dr. W. P. Martin, president of Davidson College. Seven students received diplomas.

Mr. George W. Sherman, a Confederate veteran of Forsythe, Georgia, is walking from his home to Richmond, Va., to attend the reunion in June. Mr. Sherman is 76 years of age, but is as hale and hearty as if he were only 46. He stopped in Salisbury when passing through last week.

James Faircloth, a youth of nineteen, was shot from ambush and probably fatally injured when returning from a school closing near Fayetteville, last Saturday night.

The 99th annual convention of the diocese of North Carolina, Protestant Episcopal church, is in session in Greensboro.

Jarvis Ogden, Beaufort county, convicted at the age of 12 for murder in the second degree and sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary, has been pardoned by Governor Craig, after serving 16 years of the sentence. The pardon was recommended by the solicitor who tried the case and various other officers. It is thought the boy at the time of the crime was too young to clearly understand the nature of the crime committed.

MODERN "TROJAN HORSE"

HOW THE BRITISH FOOLED THE TURKS AT THE DARDANELLES—OTHER LATE WAR NEWS—ITALY MAY GO TO WAR.

History has repeated itself; for by a ruse as ingenious as the wooden horse, by which the Greeks so many centuries ago gained entrance to the ancient city of Troy, British soldiers succeeded in getting their first party ashore for land operations against the Dardanelles.

One day recently, Turkish patrols saw a huge collier, drifting in an apparently helpless condition toward the shoals near the plains of Troy. Finally the boat struck the bottom, and the crew were seen to take to their boats and row toward the sea. The Turks paid no attention to the stranded boat till next morning; when approaching were met by a sharp fire from 2,500 British troops who had been concealed below deck on the apparent derelict. Under cover of the landing force, other troops poured from transports and landed with comparatively few casualties. Before the Turks could summon reinforcements, enough troops had been safely landed to consolidate the position won by the ruse.

German newspapers gave expression to their displeasure at the American note, but were later forbidden to comment by the government.

It has been announced by the Parliamentary Secretary of the British Admiralty that 460,628 tons of British shipping, other than warships, had been sunk or captured by the German navy since the war began.

The number of persons of all nationalities killed in connection with these sinkings is approximately 1,556. The tonnage of German shipping, not warships, sunk or captured by the British navy to May 15, is 314,456. So far as known, not one German or neutral subject has been killed in connection therewith.

The Giornale d'Italia, an Italian newspaper, thinks that war has been virtually declared by the concord of the King, government and people.

The monument to General Nathaniel Greene is to be unveiled at Guilford Battle Ground July 4th.

Mr. T. R. G. Kerr has succeeded Mr. C. W. Connor as chief of police of Statesville.

Intimations have come in press dispatches indirectly from Berlin that Germany would submit the questions raised by the American note to arbitration.

Mr. E. E. Gray, Jr., of Winston-Salem, is to be added to the staff of Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, and will give his attention to fire protection, fire losses, and rates as affected by these.

Peace Institute, Raleigh, held memorial exercises last Saturday in honor of Henry James Stockard, former president of Peace, and one of the greatest poets North Carolina has ever produced.

Dr. Dernberg, former German colonial secretary and known as unofficial spokesman in this country for the German cause, has voluntarily decided to leave the United States in view of the critical relations between this country and Germany.

The nineteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Traveler's Protective Association was held at Wrightsville Beach, last week. A. L. Byrd, of Charlotte, was re-elected president, and the next session will be held in Henderson.

From a report just issued by the State Board of Health, Clay county seems to be doing the best work in registering all her births and deaths of any county in the state. For the first quarter of this year, she leads with 46 births per 1,000 population.

The Supreme Court has upheld the sentence of death against Abe Allison, a negro of Iredell county, who is charged with burglarizing a house in which people were sleeping on August 27, 1914. The man was convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams, of the United States Treasury, have filed in the District Supreme Court in Washington, an answer to the injunction suit brought by Riggs National Bank, charging them with conspiracy to wreck the institution. The answer is a sweeping denial of all the bank's charges.

SEC. DANIELS ON THE NAVY

Says Navy is Good But Will Be Improved.

In a speech before the officers of the Atlantic fleet in New York City last Saturday night, Secretary Daniels defended the navy as being efficient and prepared for war. Secretary Daniels said in part:

"Our navy is good; it is not good enough. With your help, as long as I am Secretary of the Navy, we will try to make it better. The navy is strong; it is not strong enough. With the help of the whole American people, with the help of a Congress and an administration thoroughly committed to the policy of 'taking leave to be strong upon the seas' we will make it stronger. This review is not the end of a century's labors. We do not here exhibit our completed work. Rather, we here begin a new era, supported by the chief executive and by an enlightened and progressive Congress, which gave evidence of its faith in a strong navy by the passage of the best navy bill in the history of your country."

"We are entering upon an era of progress such as the navy has never known before, whose keynote will be 'onward'—an era marked by the lifting of our navy out of politics and by the subordination of all things afloat or ashore to the efficiency of the fleet, in order that by our very strength we may be able to demand the right to live at peace with all the world."

"You have seen—and lately you have heard—far too much of the petrifed pessimists who visit one of our leviathans of power with a sour and disappointed visage, looking for something upon which he can hang a tale of woe and wail a jeremiad."

LAFOLLETTE TO VISIT NORTH CAROLINA

Senator Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, is to make a tour of the entire South, beginning at Clarksville, Tennessee, this week. He will appear in four or five places in North Carolina; perhaps, Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington, Greensboro, and Asheville.

Senator LaFollette's speeches will be political. He is a progressive Republican, who stood by the Democrats on the tariff and the ship purchase bill. It is thought in Washington that he is a candidate for the Presidency, and some think he would like to organize a new party. He is out of line with his party in State and Nation, and it has been suggested that he is coming South to "feel the pulse" of the dissatisfied elements in his own party, and to find out if there are any dissatisfied Democrats. However, the South is different from the West; and it is not likely that he can have much effect on the quiet conservative Southern people.

NEW CHARTERS

The following North Carolina corporations were chartered last Saturday:

The Maxwell and Pugh Co., of New Bern, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by Raymond Maxwell, W. B. Pugh, and R. A. Cherry for general mercantile business.

Samuel B. Coffin (Inc) High Point, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$15,000 subscribed by Samuel B. Coffin, C. B. Vestal and others for furniture manufacturing business.

The Salenit Bottling Co., of New Bern, capital \$20,000 authorized and \$1,500 subscribed by O. L. Wethering and others.

27 YEARS AN INVALID

The invalid daughter, Flora, of Mrs. Ann Martin, formerly of Okeechewee, now of Capelee, died this morning at the age of 27 years. She was afflicted with curvature of the spine and never grew to womanhood but always remained an infant unable to talk or feed itself. All food taken had to be administered by its mother as to infants. For many years, Mrs. Martin, a widow, has given to this infant the best of motherly nursing and because of its dependence and affliction she loved it dearly and now that it has died she mourns as if her heart will break. Long years of suffering for this child has strengthened the bonds of love of mother. The funeral will take place tomorrow at two o'clock at Okeechewee. Rev. J. M. Page will conduct the services.—The Montgomerian.

The sailing of the Mauretania, sister ship of the Lusitania, has been cancelled.

DESTRUCTIVE HAIL STORM

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE DONE IN RANDLEMAN AND VICINITY ON LAST MONDAY—WHEAT FIELDS PLANTED IN CORN.

One of the heaviest hail storms in recent years visited Randleman and vicinity last Monday afternoon. The ground was covered with the stones and considerable damage done.

In going from Asheboro to Randleman, slight evidence of the hail is seen after passing the bridge over Hasket's Creek, four miles from Asheboro, the leaves being beaten from the trees to some extent. After passing Hinchshaw's Fork, six miles from Asheboro, there are more signs of the hail; and in sight of Randleman, the wheat is somewhat beaten down, and the grains beaten out of the heads, though there is no considerable damage till the home of Mr. J. T. Bostick is reached. A field of wheat below his house is badly damaged, the grain beaten out of the heads and the wheat beaten down. From there to Mr. Caudle's store, nearly a hundred yards from the Randleman Store, the streets are almost covered with leaves; and the business houses with paper or rubberoid roofing damaged considerably. Holes are cut through the roof of Mr. W. G. Brown's store and through the roof of the Summer building, in which is the G. W. Elliott & Company store. Many window panes are also broken. Other roofs reported to be damaged are those of the buildings of the chair factory, hosiery mill, and Mr. Davis' store. The Randleman correspondent says that Dr. Fox was out driving when the hail came on and had his hat broken to pieces.

The track of the storm was from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile wide. After passing the Randleman mills and St. Paul's church, there was no more evidence of the hail.

On Mr. W. G. Brown's farm a mile southwest of Randleman, a 5-acre field of wheat was so badly damaged, the grain being beaten out of the heads, that the field has been plowed up and is being planted in corn. The track of the storm passed between Brown's Cross Roads and the Big Four Poultry Farm.

A remarkable fact was that no wind accompanied the storm. Mr. Sam Swain weighed three of the stones that weighed a little more than four pounds. The storm from Randleman passed on in a northeasterly direction, but it is not known exactly what damage was done in that part of its path. Mr. J. Matt Reece, of Liberty, was in town one day this week, and said that the hail stones at Liberty killed young chickens.

The heaviest hail storm within the memory of Asheboro people occurred some fourteen or fifteen years ago and was accompanied by heavy wind. The stones were fully as large as eggs and were driven by the wind with such force as to go through window panes making holes like those from bullets. That storm came from a westerly direction.

CIVIL WAR IN PORTUGAL

A revolution has broken out in Portugal. According to reports, a rebel naval squadron has bombarded the city of Lisbon from the river Tagus. The army garrisoning Lisbon is said to be loyal to President Arriaga, who has abandoned the palace of Belem and gone to Lisbon under the escort of the Republican guard.

Complete anarchy reigns in the city and fighting between the mutineers and loyal troops continues with considerable loss of life. Many buildings were burned.

WILSON TO NATURALIZED AMERICANS

In addressing 4,000 naturalized Americans at Philadelphia President Wilson said in part:

"While you bring all countries with you, you come with a purpose of leaving all other countries behind you—bringing what is best of their spirit but not looking over your shoulders."

"You cannot dedicate yourself to America unless you become in every respect and with every purpose of your will thorough Americans. You cannot become thorough Americans if you think of yourselves in groups. America does not consist of groups. A man who thinks of himself as belonging to a particular national group in America has not yet become an American, and the man who goes among you to trade upon your nationality is no worthy son to live under the Stars and Stripes."

DEATH OF MRS. SPENCER

Former Randolph Woman Died at Ellerbe Last Week.

Mrs. Anna Jane Spencer, widow of the late Michael Spencer, of Tabernacle township, this county, died at the home of her son, Thomas A. Spencer, at Ellerbe, Wednesday, May 12th, aged 78 years, 10 months, and three days.

Mrs. Spencer was a daughter of Christopher and Rebecca Hill. She was a member of the Friends church for a number of years.

She has one sister living, Mrs. Mary E. Skeen, of Trinity Route 1. Nine children survive their mother, and four are dead. The living sons and daughters are as follows: Mrs. Louvina Rush, wife of James Rush, of Kansas; Mrs. Briles, wife of J. L. Briles, of Tabernacle township, Randolph county; Mrs. Tina E. Bruton, widow of Mitchell Bruton, of Raleigh; Mrs. Flora Macon, wife of Ashworth Macon, of Providence township, Randolph county; Mrs. Ada Harris, wife of Robert Harris, of Dillon, South Carolina; Mrs. Dora Lassiter, wife of Frank Lassiter, Mechanic; and Mr. E. O. Spencer, living at Farmer; and Mr. Thomas A. Spencer, Ellerbe. One daughter, Mollie, married J. R. Wall, and died years ago; two died in infancy; and a fourth, Delphina, died when 22 years of age.

The body of Mrs. Spencer was taken to Marlboro Friends church for burial, where the funeral was conducted, Friday May 14th, by Rev. Michael Farlow.

Mrs. Spencer was truly a good woman.

DEATH OF MR. PARKS

Mr. Thomas B. Parks died at his home near Ramseur, Saturday, May 14, aged 73 years. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Parks Cross Roads Sunday, in the presence of one of the largest congregations ever assembled there. The grave was covered with beautiful floral tributes, attesting the love and esteem in which he was held by a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

The death of Mr. Parks was very sudden, though he had been in declining health for some time.

The deceased was one of the county's best known citizens. He was a gentleman of the old school, a true southerner, hospitable, genial, affable. His hospitality was well known, and many have enjoyed it. He was a successful farmer; and besides raising much grain, fattened more pork than any other one man in the township for a number of years.

He had the misfortune to lose an arm while threshing wheat several years ago. He was a true and loyal Mason and a devoted member of the Christian church. May God's richest grace comfort and sustain the bereaved family.

DEATH OF MRS. BECK

Mrs. Ben Beck died at her home near Mt. Olivet last Friday, after a lingering illness of about a year, aged 80 years. The burial was in the cemetery at Mt. Olivet, Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, funeral services being conducted by Rev. E. F. Cagle.

Mrs. Beck was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yow, of Seagrove Rt. 1. She leaves her husband and five children, parents, and the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. Eustace Robert, and Dewey Yow, all of near Seagrove; Mrs. S. W. Presnell, Asheboro; Mrs. Hiram Graves, Ellerbe; Mrs. Ernest Murray, Greensboro, and Miss Dena Yow, Seagrove.

The deceased was a faithful member of the Methodist church and was in reality a good woman, who has left a host of friends to mourn her departure and sympathize with the bereaved relatives.

She was a kind wife and mother, and leaves a bright testimony behind to comfort the bereaved friends and relatives. Among the relatives present for the burial were the following: Mr. Eli Beck and children, Asheboro; Mr. Rufus Beck and family, Carthage; Mr. Robert Beck and family, Harper's Cross Roads; and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Suggs, and husband, of Ether.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the State Board of Health, and Dr. J. R. Gordon, of Raleigh, have asked Director of the Census, Sam. L. Rogers, to include North Carolina in the registration area of vital statistics; and if our new vital statistics law meets in theory and practice the requirements of the Federal government, our State will be included.