

REPLY UNSATISFACTORY

CLAIMED THAT THE LUSITANIA WAS AN AUXILIARY OF THE BRITISH NAVY — PRESIDENT WILL STAND FIRM.

Germany's reply to the American note in regard to the sinking of the Lusitania with a loss of more than a hundred American lives, was received last week, and produced a feeling of disappointment in Washington. In fact it has produced a grave situation again between the two countries.

In regard to the attacks on the American steamers, Cushing and Gulflight, the German reply declares that an investigation is in progress, and suggests that if necessary the investigation can be supplemented by a call on the international commission of inquiry as provided by the Hague Agreement of 1907.

It is claimed that the loss of life on the Falaba was due to the fact that her officers failed to obey orders of the Germans.

In regard to the loss of life on the Lusitania, the German reply claims that the Lusitania was an auxiliary to the British navy built by government funds. It is also claimed that the liner had guns concealed below decks. Further it is claimed that the Lusitania had on previous occasions carried Canadian troops to fight the Germans, and the ship at this time carried large supplies of ammunition. Also, the Germans claim that the British shipping company used the American passengers aboard for the purpose of protection in order that they might carry ammunition, and that the company is guilty of the death of the passengers. It is also claimed that the quick sinking of the ship was due to the explosion of the ammunition aboard, and that otherwise the passengers would in all probability have been saved.

The Imperial Government withholds its final decision on the demands advanced in the American note until a reply is received from the United States.

Just what will be done about the matter by our government is not yet known, but the situation is considered grave.

The general opinion of the press of the country is that the real issues have been evaded by Germany, and that the reply is no reply in the true sense of the word.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says that persons close to the President are confident that he is determined to have reparation for the Lusitania victims, and assurance of respect for American rights in the future; and that failing in this, he will not hesitate to sever diplomatic relations with Germany.

ELON CLOSES SPLENDID YEAR

Elon College, N. C., May 29.—Elon College on May 25 rounded out its 25th year. The entire commencement was marked by dignity and simplicity. Every exercise was of a high order. The baccalaureate sermon by Dr. F. G. Coffin was a notable utterance. His theme was: Dignifying the Common Task. His discourse produced a fine impression.

President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway, upon whom the college conferred the LL. D. degree, was a most happy speaker in his delivery of the literary address. President Harrison is one of the South's biggest men. He is a captain of industry, but he regards the South's noblest asset as her sons and daughters. He exalted manhood in his discourse and pleaded for real education as against the wild clamor for vocational training. The unexpectedness of his position on this matter gave his utterances all the greater weight and vivacity.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR MAY

Only One White Person Died in Asheboro During Past Month.

The report of Mr. P. H. Morris, vital statistics officer for Asheboro township for the month of May is as follows:

In town, 3 white births and one colored; two deaths, one white and one colored.

Outside the corporate limits, 4 white births, and 3 white deaths; no colored births or deaths.

The two deaths in town were of a little child, white and a colored man; of those outside, one was an aged lady of about 80, one man of 55 from tuberculosis, and the third an infant of 3 days old, all white.

COX-STUART

FRED J. COX, YOUNG BUSINESS MAN OF THOMASVILLE, WEDS WHY NOT GIRL—WILL RESIDE THOMASVILLE.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Stuart to Mr. Fred J. Cox, of Thomasville, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stuart at Why Not, on June 1, was a simple but pretty affair. Only the family and a few friends were present. The parlor was beautifully decorated with ferns and daisies, the green and white color scheme being carried out in every detail. On either side of the altar were pedestals entwined with ferns and daisies and in front of this altar the vows were taken.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Annie Fox, of Candor, the bridal party entered. First came the flower girl, little Miss Blanche Sturdivant, of Star, carrying a basket on her arm. Then came the ring bearer, Master Verne Stuart, brother of the bride, who carried the ring on a hand-painted tray. From the right door entered the groom and his best man, Mr. G. D. Monroe, who were met at the altar by the bride and maid of honor, Miss Heaster Stuart, who was dressed in white silk crepe with black picture hat and carrying a bouquet of white roses and carnations. The bride wore a lovely suit of Belgian blue with hat and gloves to match and carried a bride's bouquet of roses.

During the ceremony Miss Fox softly played Traumeri. Rev. J. H. Stowe, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony that made them husband and wife.

The out of town guests were: Misses Rhodema Cox, Ralph; Mary Sturdivant, Star; Annie Fox, Candor; Bertha Yow, Seagrove. Messrs. Elroy Cox, Ralph; and R. C. Lewallen, Asheboro.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Cox left in an automobile for Asheville for a week's stay among the mountains, after which they will reside at Thomasville.

Mr. Cox is a promising young business man of Thomasville, having management of the Ford Motor Car Company there. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cox, of Ralph. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stuart, of near Seagrove. Their many friends shower congratulations.

PRESIDENT TO MEXICO

Will Serve Notice to Warring Factions That Conditions are Intolerable

President Wilson has decided to serve notice on the warring factions of Mexico that conditions in that country are intolerable, and that unless they themselves do something to relieve the situation some other means may have to be resorted to. Following is a proclamation of the President, issued last Friday:

"To the Public:
"The American people, with characteristic generosity and an impartial spirit of brotherhood with all nations, have contributed liberally toward the relief of the appalling sufferings caused by the unprecedented war in Europe.

"There has now arisen a condition of equally great suffering and need close to our own borders. Due to several years of internal disturbance, the unfortunate people of many parts of Mexico have been reduced to the verge of starvation and unless assistance is rendered they may die in great numbers for lack of food.

"The American Red Cross is ready to undertake relief work for the benefit of the Mexican people. I appeal most earnestly to our people, therefore, to contribute both money and supplies of food to mitigate the suffering and misery so close at hand. All contributions in money may be sent to the American Red Cross, Washington, or to its local treasurers. Those who are able to contribute corn, rice, beans or flour are requested to communicate with the American Red Cross headquarters, Washington, for instructions.

"WOODROW WILSON."

Shooting Affray

Frank Barnes, a young white man of 30 was shot and probably fatally wounded last Monday morning by Carter C. James, at the home of the latter on South Main street, High Point. James is also white and about 23 years of age.

What Will Happen to Your R. F. D. Route July 1

July 1st the Post Office Department will discontinue or reduce service on all rural routes that are not receiving the required number of pieces of mail per month.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BOOST YOUR OWN ROUTE AND EACH PARTY MUST DO HIS SHARE.

Our Route Building Offer

For the next 20 days so as to get all papers started by July 1st, we are offering with a full year's subscription to The Courier, a six month's subscription to North Carolina's and the South's greatest farm paper, The Progressive Farmer.

\$1.50 Value

For the next 20 days to help you build up your route both papers—78 papers—all for only 97c.

Fill out the following blank, attach money order and we will get both papers started going at once:

To The Courier,

Asheboro, N. C.:

Find enclosed 97c. in payment for The Courier one year and The Progressive Farmer six months.

Signed

P. O.

NORTH CAROLINA PRESS MEETING

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association will be held at Montreat, June 30, July 1 and 2. The editors will be quartered at the Alba Hotel.

The South Carolina Press Association will meet at Chick Springs, S. C., on June 28, 29 and 30. The members of this association and the members of their families accompanying them have been invited to meet the North Carolina editors at Montreat, and have accepted.

Montreat is two miles from Black Mountain, and one of the loveliest places anywhere in the mountains. A rate of 25 cents each way between Black Mountain and Montreat has been made by the automobile and hack lines, the regular fare being 50 cents each way.

A day will be devoted to a trip to Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Rockies. The trip will be made in the passenger cars recently put on by Perly & Crockett, proprietors of the logging railroad, which goes within less than half a mile of the top of Mount Mitchell, a distance of 20 miles from Montreat. Three hours is required to make the trip each way. The scenery along this road is beyond description, and the view from Mount Mitchell is one never to be forgotten. The regular fare for the round trip is \$5.00, but a special rate will be made to the editors. This will be announced later. Regular trips for passengers are now being made each Tuesday and Thursday, but a special trip will be arranged for our party.

President Hammer and Secretary Sherrill are now at work on a program, and this promises to be especially interesting. The first session will be held on Wednesday evening, June 30. All sessions will be held in the assembly hall only a few feet from the Alba Hotel.

The people of both Montreat and Black Mountain will do everything possible to make the meeting one to be remembered.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

Five different churches took part in a Sunday school rally at Pleasant Grove church, Davidson county, Sunday, May 23. There were 200 or more present and the address of the day was delivered by Rev. L. B. Williams, of Christ church, Baltimore. Addresses were also made by Revs. J. E. Pritchard, of Thomasville; A. G. Dixon and D. R. Williams, of High Point. A class from the Children's Home rendered an interesting program.

One of the most enjoyable features was a basket picnic, at which everything that could delight the inner man was served.

At the close of the exercises a committee, headed by Rev. R. C. Stubbins, was appointed to provide ways and means for making this an annual event.

Mr. Rufus E. Transou, for many years the Clerk of the Court of Forsyth county, died last Sunday.

GOVERNOR AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Gov. Craig cast a bomb in his address at the State Normal commencement last week, when he came out boldly against woman suffrage. It is said that the Normal College is a "hot bed" of suffrage, and many think the Governor was very brave to face the displeasure of so many girls to make his declaration.

The Governor said in part: "I do not believe that our social conditions would be benefited by conferring upon woman the right of suffrage. If the women really desire this right, I am one would confer it upon them, but I would leave it to them. If a majority of the women of this State or of this county desire this privilege then they should have it, but they should not have this obligation and this responsibility placed upon them when they do not desire it, and I do not believe that the women of this country, nor any appreciable portion of them desire it. After 65 years of agitation, last year there were 650,000 women in the United States belonging to suffrage organizations. Not one-twelfth of the working women; not one-half of the women who already have the right of suffrage; not one-thirtieth of the women more than 21 years of age in this country have ever expressed or manifested any desire for this privilege. The power of a woman cannot be expressed or limited by the ballot. The influence of a man cannot be expressed by this means. Each one of us exercises that influence in the social organization that his strength entitles him to exercise. This has been and will be exercised by women as well as by men."

PROF. CRAVEN MAKING GOOD

A Son of Randolph at Head of Davenport College—Successful Year Just Closed

Prof. J. B. Craven, a son of the distinguished Dr. Braxton Craven, of Randolph county, is making quite a record as the president of Davenport College at Lenoir. This little mountain town has been called the "Athens of Western North Carolina," and well it is living up to its name, with this son of Randolph at the head of its highest institution of learning.

When Prof. Craven took charge of the college five years ago, he found it necessary to turn away some thirty young women for want of room, and every year since the institution has been crowded to its fullest capacity. Plans are now on foot for the enlargement of the buildings at the institution.

The president of the present board of trustees is Mr. Dorman Thompson, of Statesville, a son of Prof. D. Matt Thompson, and Fannie Rice Thompson more Randolph people.

At the recent commencement, diplomas were presented by President Craven to seventeen young ladies, graduating in the various departments.

The Albermarle Normal and Industrial Institute, has recently closed a most successful term.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

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

The 94 trained nurses who took examination before the State Board of Examiners last week passed with creditable marks. This is an unusual record for all who take an examination to make a passing mark.

The 55th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in session at Newport News, Va., adjourned to meet next year in Orlando, Fla. Reports showed that \$544,162 had been contributed to foreign missions the past year, the number of missionaries supported by the assembly being 339.

The new United States superdrednaught, California, under construction at the New York navy yard, will use electricity for motive power.

President Manuel de Arriaga, of Portugal, has resigned.

Moody Bean, of Albemarle, was sentenced to eighteen months on the chain gang by the Recorder's Court, last week, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. It was proven that he had entered the home of Frank Garner, beat Mrs. Garner over the head, and kicked her baby out of doors.

Reports from Persia are that the country is suffering severely from hard times although the government is neutral. The Persian silver coin, the kran, has fallen in value from ten cents to 6½ or seven cents.

Carbolic acid, used both in the manufacture of explosives and as an antiseptic, has advanced in price 1,800 per cent since the beginning of the war.

The Pennsylvania railroad has ordered 14043 new freight cars which will cost about \$16,000,000.

The celebrated "express case" at Lexington, came to a close last week, when Express Agent H. L. Lopp, Express Messenger Fowler, and John K. Hankins, a prominent merchant pleaded guilty to forcible trespass and Judge Lyon sentenced the two former to pay fines of \$200 each, and the latter a fine of \$100.

Jabes H. Johnson, a lawyer and former member of the legislature from Cumberland county, was found guilty of retailing in Superior court, at Fayetteville last Saturday, and sentenced to three months on the roads. Fifty one young ladies received degrees at the recent commencement of the State Normal and Industrial College Greensboro.

The body of E. H. Price, an employe of the Yadkin River Power Co., who was drowned at Blewitts Falls, one day last week, was recovered Friday.

The annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans is in progress at Richmond, Va., the capital city of the Confederacy, this week.

Jesse C. Walker, the Brunswick county outlaw, was sentenced by the Superior court at Burgaw, last Tuesday to 30 years in the penitentiary for the killing of Sheriff Jackson Standland in 1908.

Presiding Elder W. R. Ware, of the Western North Carolina Conference, was given the degree of Doctor of Divinity at the recent commencement of Catawba College.

Montgomery county will have a teacher's institute this summer, beginning July 19.

The 93d birthday of Mr. David Smith, of Davidson county, was celebrated last Sunday by a big dinner and a family gathering at the home of Mr. A. C. Smith.

F. L. Burrows is dead and C. Williams, of Falkstone, Ga., is in a critical condition with a back broken as a result of the overturning of a push cart on which they were riding last Friday at Rocky Mount, N. C.

Siler City is preparing to celebrate the Fourth of July in great style.

At a meeting of the board of aldermen of Winston-Salem, last Thursday night, the police committee reported that Patrolmen R. B. Early, R. G. Wilson, and J. G. Wooten, had been indefinitely suspended, pending an investigation of the charge that they had violated the rules of the police department by drinking whiskey and beer in houses of bad repute.

The Herald is a new paper to start at Lexington about June 15, with M. L. Misseeheimer and E. B. Craven on the staff.

Five Mexicans sentenced to hang at Florence, Arizona, at almost the last minute, were given a respite last Friday by the board of pardons and paroles, in order that they might be hanged singly.

WAVE OF PROSPERITY

SALESMEN REPORT CONDITIONS IMPROVING EVERYWHERE. F. J. SEMPLE TELLS JOVIAN LEAGUE.

Frank J. Semple, vice president of the Simmons Hardware Company, predicts that the United States will enjoy an era of prosperity such as it has never seen by next spring, and asserts that President Wilson should be congratulated by the country for his attitude against war.

Mr. Semple was the guest of the Jovian League May 27th at its weekly luncheon at the Hotel Adelphi, and in a pithy address on "Business Prospects" asserted that after July 1 business would materially improve and thereafter increase until a wave of prosperity was here.

This optimistic forecast of business prospects, Mr. Semple took pains to explain, was not a mere expression of opinion. He said it was the result of hard and fast facts contained in reports received from every county in every State in the country. These reports came from the more than 500 salesmen employed by the company.

In a general way the reports show that business conditions generally "look good." Specifically, they indicate that the wheat crop would prove unusually large, as an increased acreage of 14 per cent had been planted in wheat. Also that conditions in the South were but slightly below normal and that greater shipments of coal from Pennsylvania to New England showed that manufacturing industries were improving. Collections, however are good only in Missouri and Utah. Business is flourishing in both these States, because of zinc mining and copper mining.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The foregoing article was clipped from a recent issue of the Philadelphia Ledger, and its tone and manner is so different from the ordinary Republican paper, that we publish it in full.

NEWS FROM BENNETT

Glorious Fourth to be Celebrated—Hospital to be Erected—Land Sale Was a Success

Bennett will celebrate the Fourth of July on Saturday this year, since the fourth comes on Sunday. An interesting program with side-splitting amusements will be announced later.

Our mayor, Dr. Denson, informs us that the location has been secured and plans arranged to build a hospital on North Chatham street at an early date.

53 business and residence lots were sold May 22. We learn that a number of residence and business houses will be built during the year, including a hosiery mill on Raleigh street; which means much for growing Bennett.

J. H. Dunlap has moved his force of hands from his Buffalo mill to his Bennett mill, where he has a body of timber nearby that will turn out 300,000 feet.

Memorial services will be held at Pleasant Grove church the first Sunday in June.

After a visit of two months among friends and relatives in Sanford and Durham, Mr. A. D. Phillips has returned to Bennett and he says Bennett is a prettier town as to location than any he saw on his trip. So when you come to the celebration, the third of July, drive around and see. If your stomach is out of order or nerves tired, go to the home of E. S. Phillips and take on a supply of the great healing mineral water.—Long Shanks.

Youthful Criminals

Roy Rumbley, Hassell Turner and Pete James, three white boys were up in Greensboro one day last week on the charge of breaking into, entering and robbing at different times during a whole year, the store of D. E. Vaughn and J. E. Preston at Stokesdale. The boys range in age from fifteen to eighteen. James was finally released for want of evidence, but the other two were held for the higher court on a bond of two hundred dollars.

FARMERS' UNION MEETS

On Saturday June 5th at 11 o'clock a. m., the Randolph branch of the Farmers' Union will meet in the court house for their regular quarterly session. All locals please send at least two delegates, as there are matters of importance to discuss. Local presidents and secretaries are especially invited.

W. R. JULIAN, Co. Sec.