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MORE WAR DECLARED

Italy's long-expected declaration of war against Turkey was made last Saturday. Although Italy declared war on Austria on May 24 and hostilities between these two countries began immediately, there has never been any declaration of war between Italy and Germany, while until now Italy and Turkey nominally have been at peace. For weeks the tension existing between Italy and Turkey has been so acute that the breaking point has been looked for at any time. Turkish support of the revolt in Libya and the prevention of the departure of Italian residents from Asia Minor are the reasons for this hostile move on the part of Italy.

News dispatches recently told of a fleet of fast Italian cruisers being held at Taranto, Italy, and it is quite probable that this squadron will be sent out against Turkey to assist the allied fleet at the Dardanelles. About 150,000 Italian soldiers will be sent to the Gallipoli Peninsula to aid the French and the British now fighting there.

During the past week German submarines have contributed largely to the big headlines in the dailies, and have added greatly to the burdens of this country. If they continue activities at their present gait the United States will almost be compelled to send Germany an other note.

The biggest sensation of the week was the destruction of the White Star liner, Arabic, resulting in the loss of about twenty-five lives, including two Americans.

According to an official report from Petrograd a British submarine torpedoed and sunk a German cruiser in the Baltic sea.

According to the latest reports Russia has been taking revenge for the many reverses suffered on land at the hands of Germany by inflicting a staggering blow to the German navy on the Gulf of Riga. In an engagement lasting only a few hours Germany lost a total of seventeen fighting vessels, including one first class dreadnaught, two fast cruisers, eight torpedo boats, one destroyer, four transports and one supply and ammunition ship. Turkey lost one ship, while the only damage done to the Russian navy was the loss of three torpedo boats. This victory on the water has put new courage into the Russians and is being celebrated as a great victory.

There is a grave situation existing between Denmark and Germany, the little country to the north of the German being highly incensed at the action of a German destroyer on the British submarine E-13 after the latter had stranded on a Danish island. The E-13 was given twenty-four hours to float the vessel and while the work was progressing a German vessel came up and began to shell the craft, killing over half the crew by using shrapnel shells and machine guns.

The Germans and Austrians continue to drive the Russians ahead of them on the eastern battle line, a number of important fortifications having fallen the past week. The Russians are still making an orderly retreat, doing all the damage they can, and except for the few guns and men taken in fortresses the Austro-Germans have not made any captures. Many military observers believe the Russians are carrying out plans of deep strategy in luring their enemies into the mountains and that they will deal out severe punishment on the invaders before they get back home.

Fourteen vessels, including ten British, three Norwegian and one Spanish, have been sunk by German submarines during the past week. The most important was the Arabic.

For a Sprained Ankle.

If you will get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and observe the directions given therewith faithfully, you will recover in much less time than is usually required. Obtainable everywhere. adv

TIGER IN COURT HOUSE

Many people wondered where so many men got their oh so joyful during the recent term of Superior court. A number of court attendants could be seen with a self-contented look on their faces, and a peculiar odor could be smelled on their breath while court was in session, but only a few selected persons knew where the oil of joy could be found until, alas and alack, it was too late. And to make matters worse to those who wanted this information, oh cruel world, think of their feelings when they learn that a real blind tiger was in their midst dispensing the concentrated juice of the corn right in the court room.

Transylvania's temple of justice turned into a blind tiger joint. Think of it! But such was the case. Here are the facts:

Just after court adjourned E. P. Gillospie was sent to the roof of the court house to mend some leaks, and on climbing up the ladder into the heifry he discovered an empty whiskey barrel, a handful of burned matches and cigarette stumps and a long string. This caused him to investigate further and he found downstairs, in the alcove just off the court room, a large number of loops cut from the string above referred to, and that one plank had been removed from the trap door at the top of the ladder, and a section of the floor had been worn slick by much sitting on it. The barrel had been fitted with an easy method of filling bottles and showed signs of much use.

Taking all these signs into consideration one is lead to suppose that two men ran this plant on a partnership basis, one man acting as agent and the other as manager of the business. The business of selling was doubtless carried on at night, one man passing the word around that by a certain signal given in the alcove, would be answered by a lowering of a string through the hole in the trap door when a bottle and the proper amount of coin could be sent up, the bottle to be returned in a few moments filled with whiskey.

Evidently a large number of people wore in such a hurry to get away they did not take time to untie the bottle from the string, and so used their knives to cut the loop, throwing the short piece of string on the floor.

While this plant was discovered several weeks ago, the News has refrained from making the story public until this time in order that the officers might have an opportunity of catching the operators. Although everything was left just as it was found, some one has since removed every vestige of evidence from the battery, even though a close watch has been maintained, and we can now see no good reason for suppressing the story longer.

TAKES DODGE AGENCY

As announced in the advertising columns of this issue, King Livery Company has taken the agency for the Dodge automobile, and will in a few days have one of the latest models on display at the garage on Caldwell street.

At the present time there is only one Dodge car in the county, Harry Patton of Pisgah Forest having bought one several months ago, and the way it has stood the hard service it has been put to has induced Mr. King to take the agency in connection with his ever increasing Ford cars.

The Dodge is an exceptionally handsome car with all the latest improvements found on cars that cost a great deal more money, and sells for \$785 f. o. b. Detroit.

The taking of the agency for these cars by Mr. King will in no way interfere with the sale of Ford cars, for an ever increasing number of people are wanting the Ford, a car load now being looked for to supply the wants of the people.

Read Mr. King's ad and as soon as the new model arrives call and see the latest thing in the way of a joy wagon.

ANOTHER STEAMER TORPEDGED

The White Star liner, Arabic, enroute from Liverpool to New York, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine early last Thursday morning southwest of Fastnet, England, not a great distance from the spot where the ill-fated Lusitania went down. According to the statements of the survivors the steamer was torpedoed without warning and went down in ten minutes.

There were only 181 passengers on board and 242 members of the crew. Of this number twenty-six were Americans. Forty-five, including two Americans, are unaccounted for, and are supposed to have gone down with the ship. The reason more were not lost is due to the fact that all vessels when entering the war zone now make preparations for a quick launching of life boats and life rafts.

The sinking of the Arabic has caused grave concern throughout the United States, and the relations between this country and Germany are now near the breaking point and war seems inevitable. The press of the country seem to take this as Germany's answer to the American note wherein she was told that another act of this kind would be considered as "deliberately unfriendly."

ROOSEVELT WANTS WAR

Theodore Roosevelt issued the following statement last Saturday:

"I see this suggested in the papers, that the German answer to our last note, that is, the sinking of the Arabic by a German submarine and the consequent murder of certain American citizens will be adequately met by the administration dismissing Bernstorff and severing diplomatic relations with Germany. I earnestly hope the administration will not take this view, for to do so would be a fresh sacrifice of American honor and interest.

"The president's note to Germany in February last was an excellent note, if only it had been lived up to. But every subsequent note has represented nothing but weakness and timidity on our side and the sinking of the Lusitania and of the Arabic, the attacks on the Gallipoli and Feleba and all the similar incidents that have occurred represent the arrogant answers which this weakness has inspired. Germany will care nothing for the mere severance of diplomatic relations.

"The time for words on the part of this nation has long passed, and it is inconceivable to American citizens who claim to be inheritors of the traditions of Washington and Lincoln that our governmental representatives shall not see that the time for deeds has come. What has just occurred is a fresh and lamentable proof of the unwisdom of our people in not having insisted upon the beginning of active military preparedness thirteen months ago."

COTTON IS CONTRABAND

Cotton has been declared absolute contraband by Great Britain, the order going into effect last Sunday. The British government, in order to protect the owners of cotton, have announced that they will buy all cotton offered for sale, thus creating a pool.

The United States will vigorously protest this action on the part of England, and much white paper will be used in writing notes on the subject, but England will stand pat, and cotton will remain on the contraband list.

"Britannia rules the waves."

A BUSY MAN

Zeb Hall of Mican is one of S. P.'s well known clerks. He farms in the summer and clerks in the winter and sparks at night. So he is kept pretty busy all the time.—Spruce Pine correspondence of the Mitchell County Banner.

CORONER INVESTIGATES

The coroner held an inquest over the body of R. B. Waldrop who was run over and killed early last Thursday morning by a freight engine in charge of Engineer E. T. Egerton, and the verdict of the coroner's jury was that the deceased was killed by the engine while the same was running at a high rate of speed, and that no signal was given until just about the time the man was struck.

The news that first came to this office was that Mr. Waldrop jumped in front of the engine about a car length ahead in an effort to save his dog which was on the track, and that he was struck before the engine could be stopped. This statement has been denied by some who saw the accident, and it is quite probable that a suit for damages will be instituted for the death, and it will take the decision of a jury to decide who was to blame for the accident.

The deceased was brought to Brevard last Thursday shortly after the accident where he was prepared for burial, and was buried near Selma last Friday afternoon.

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

The Brevard Graded School opens Monday morning, and it is expected that a larger number of children will be present than ever before in the history of the school.

Prof. J. C. Jones, a graduate of Wake Forest, will be in charge this year. He comes very highly recommended as a teacher and a disciplinarian and with his able corps of teachers great things ought to be accomplished.

The teachers of the various grades this year are nearly all well known here, a number of those who taught last year coming back.

Misses Verna Goode, Frances McIntosh, Georgia Bell and Irene Montgomery are the teachers who will return this year. Misses Nathalie Forsythe, Sue Cannon of Horse Shoe and Kathaleen Erwin have been employed to fill the other places. Miss Evelyn Winecoff has been employed as assistant to Miss Montgomery in the primary department.

INSTITUTE NOTES

A party from the Institute went to Seoff on Monday. They took supper on Seoff hill at sunset and came home by moonlight. It was the universal opinion that the view from Seoff is the finest in the vicinity. It is a pity there should be no good road leading to this point.

Notwithstanding the almost continual rains of last week, the Institute weather bureau station only records a precipitation of 0.01 since August 10.

Mrs. Reece and children came in Tuesday night, Miss Alma Trowbridge and Miss Ethel Leatherwood on Thursday. The rest of the faculty will come next week, with the students.

By the time these notes are read our summer holidays will all be over, school opening on Thursday, September 2, at 9:00 a. m.

The Marsh family will occupy their present quarters on the Institute grounds through September. The boys who usually room in that cottage will find temporary quarters in the two Trowbridge houses until the return of Mrs. Julia Trowbridge, some time in the late fall.

OFF TO THE LAKE

Following is a list of those who spent Wednesday inspecting the largest artificial lake in the United States, Lake Toxaway:

Mrs. Osie Wright, Mrs. Florida Bracken; Misses Ollie Holcombe, Bessie Bracken, Eura Gravley; Messrs. John Gravley, J. O. Bracken, Fred Calloun and Milo Brown.

The above have the distinction of circumnavigating the great lake. All enjoyed the day and returned to their homes with something new to meditate over.

ROAD ENGINEER HERE

Through the efforts of Mr. J. F. Hays, Joseph Hyde Pratt agreed at the time of his recent visit to Brevard to send an expert road engineer to this county to survey and recommend any changes that may be necessary in the county roads, as a result of which agreement R. P. Coble of Sanford is now at work surveying a new route up what is known as Mill Hill, near Conestee Falls.

Mr. Coble is working with the commissioners, and it is their intention to get the best survey on this route, and as the convicts reach this section to rebuild the road according to the new survey.

The convicts are now working near Cedar Mountain, having completed a road from the South Carolina line for about seven miles this way.

DAVIDSON RIVER CHURCH

On next Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. K. Roberts will preach in this church. This will be the beginning of a series of meetings extending through the week. There will be preaching twice a day, at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. It will be peculiarly gratifying to the congregation of Davidson River church to have the entire community take part in this series of services.

GENERAL NEWS

Many people were killed and millions of dollars worth of property was destroyed by a hurricane which swept the Gulf states last week. The storm reached its greatest fury in Texas, and at Galveston, Virginia Point and Texas City about seventy-five people were killed. The storm damaged the crops in central Texas at least twenty-five per cent.

Mrs. Julian S. Carr of Durham died last Wednesday and was buried Saturday. She was the wife of General Julian S. Carr, and was well known and loved throughout the state. She was sixty-three years old at the time of her death.

Much excitement was caused by a fire in the basement of the Mission hospital at Asheville last Friday morning. The damage was not more than \$100. On account of the smoke the patients were removed to the lawn for a time.

General Carranza is preparing to move his capital from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, according to a report from that country.

Miss Emily K. Perry made addresses on the public square in Asheville last Saturday in behalf of votes for women. This was the beginning of a campaign for votes in this state.

In a statement issued last week by Secretary of the Navy Daniels it was shown that fifty fighting vessels have been added to the navy during the last two years. This number includes twenty submarines and six battleships. Twenty-six submarines are now being built, three of which will be the largest and best equipped in the world. There have been 5,111 men added to the navy in the same length of time. A number of the latest model airships and aeroplanes will be added in the near future.

The Clerk Guaranteed It.

"A customer came into my store the other day and said to one of my clerks, 'have you anything that will cure diarrhea?' and my clerk went and got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy, and said to him 'if this does not cure you, I will not charge you a cent for it.' So he took it home and came back in a day or two and said he was cured," writes J. H. Berry & Co., Salt Creek, Va. Obtainable everywhere. adv