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RUSSIANS ARE MOVING NEARER THE EAST AND WEST PRUSSIAN FRONTIERS BUT THE GERMANS HAVE NO FEAR OF AN INVASION.

Austrian Front is Stiffened to Check Hungarian Invasion—Russians Recognize New Austro-German Offensive—Little Change in West—With Great Battles Impending at Her Front Door Roumania Is Yet Silent—Action May Come Quick—Swedish Press Is Showing Renewed Irritation Against the British Contraband Policy—Situation in the Balkans is Simmering.

London, Jan. 25.—The eleventh hour stiffening of the Austrian front to check the Russian invasion of Hungary as the natural sequence of the occupation of Bukovina, seems for the present to be the event of chief military importance. The Russians recognize this and all recent dispatches from Petrograd have emphasized the Austro-German offensive in the south-eastern theater.

Second in importance, perhaps, are the Russian movements, near the east and west Prussian frontiers of which the German statement today takes cognizance, although insisting that no new advances into Germany territory are feared.

In the western theater there has been so little change that the British newspapers print the official communication with scant comment, preferring to feature Sunday's naval action. The facts concerning this engagement are not given in detail and the admiralty up to tonight had added nothing to the original announcement.

With great battles soon to be fought out at her front door, Roumania has not yet decided to join in the conflict, but it is patent that the situation in the Balkans is simmering and it is believed action will come suddenly. The Italian, Greek and Bulgarian ministers were among callers at the foreign office today.

The Swedish press is showing renewed irritation against the British contraband policy and some Stockholm papers suggest reprisals by forbidding the transportation of goods destined for Great Britain over Swedish railways. One paper says the country should strengthen her defenses to command respect for her neutrality.

COURT ACQUITS MISS LULA RILEY.

Sympathizing Crowd Fills The Opera House in Greensboro for Larceny Trial

Greensboro, Jan. 25.—"Not guilty," was the judgment of Judge Brown in municipal court this afternoon, after he had heard the testimony and argument of counsel in the case of Miss Lula M. Riley, of Sanford, charged with the larceny of several small articles from the store of Ellis, Stone & Co., of this city. Miss Riley was a clerk in the store until December 4. At that time she was discharged after she had been arrested and kept locked up for about three hours by the bookkeeper, who had charged her with larceny. She has already instituted a suit for \$15,000 for damages to character, in the Superior Court of Lee County.

The opera house, in which the court convened today on account of the size of the crowd, was packed and jammed with hundreds of men and women, eager and anxious to hear every bit of the trial. At one time the crowd broke loose in a tremendous roar of applause. Judge Brown threatened to expel the crowd if the act was repeated.

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IN TRIANGULAR DEBATE.

The Burlington High School will have representatives in the triangular debates that are to be held in nearly

every high school in the State on March 27th.

The preliminary contest to determine the speakers that will represent Burlington in the final contest was held in the school auditorium last Friday night. The following speakers appeared and contested for the honor of representing Burlington High School: Hobart Steele, Cordelia Cox, Sam Bason, Elma Shoffner, Nina Ingle, Graham Faucette, and Miss Price. Miss Sallie Foster presided over the debate and each speaker consumed eight minutes in the discussion of the question which is: "Resolved That the United States Should Adopt the Policy of Subsidizing Her Merchant Marine in Foreign Trade."

The judges, composed of both ladies and gentlemen, decided that the following were entitled to represent our school in the final debate.

Misses Nina Ingle and Cordelia Cox, and Messrs. Sam Bason and Hobart Steele. The triangle for Burlington will include Burlington, Graham and Chapel Hill.

"Behold, the Lord stood upon a wall with a plumb line in his hand."—Amos 7:7.

Every trade that men follow has its lesson and our Lord is with clean-cut clearness to brick-layers and other wall builders by means of a plumb line. "Let every man take heed how he buildeth." I. Cor. 3:10.

My friend, if He applies the plumb line of His Word to your personal and private life, will it stand the test? Are you straight or crooked; in or out of plumb?

If He tries your family life, is it pure and clean, and ruled by the Bible? How is your business life, when God puts the plumb-line by it? How is your religious and Church life, when He gives it the plumb-line test? Is He pleased or displeased with it? Hold a minute! Listen! You cannot afford to put off the answer to these questions. You will most certainly have to answer them someday—may be soon, very soon. Then "Get Right With God!" Give up your sins, Let Christ in your heart, and He will help you. Hear His. He says: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." Rise up from sin, follow Christ and you need not fear the plumb line of life's final test. If I can help you, send for me or come to see me. Nicodemus went to Jesus, YOU come around some night.

D. H. TUTTLE.

WEST STILL IN GRASP OF SEVERE BLIZZARD.

Kansas City, Jan. 25.—Zero temperatures continued to prevail tonight in western Missouri and Kansas, while Oklahoma and Texas experience temperatures below freezing. Snow in some districts, the heaviest in years, covered most of the southwest.

The minimum temperature reported was 20 degrees below zero at Smith Center, Kan.

'Tis not what man does, exalts him, but what man would do.—Browning.

2 AMERICAN SHIPS DESTROYED BY BRITISH AND SAIL FOR GERMANY. SEARCHERS UNABLE TO FIND BODIES. THE SOUTH IS \$120,000,000 RICHER THAN SHE WAS LAST NOVEMBER 1ST.

Wilhelmina, First Vessel to Sail With Food Cargo, Leaves New York—If British Warships Seize Her, Owners Will Protest to Government—Shippers Guarantee Grain, Meats and Fruits Will Be Sold to Non-Combatants—Dacia, With 11,000 Bales of Cotton for Bremen, Will Leave Galveston Today—England Threatens to Take Vessel as Prize of War and Release Cargo—Seizure of Steamship Will Bring Test on U. S. Right to Change Registry.

The American-owned steamship Wilhelmina sails from New York with a cargo of food supplies consigned to an American in Germany.

Consignors announce they will protest to the United States Government if the vessel or cargo is seized by the Allies, on the grounds that the latter are not within right of international law in seizing a conditional contraband shipment consigned to non-combatants.

Despite the note from Great Britain that it would seize the steamship Dacia if she sailed for Germany with a cotton cargo, the owner of the vessel declares she will sail with her cargo for a German port. Clearance papers were issued yesterday.

The London "Spectator" expresses "anxiety and alarm at the way in which Britain is drifting toward the danger of a collision with the United States over shipping conditions."

The "Spectator" declares that the British people suddenly "find America officially playing the German game and, in fact, trying to prevent our bringing Germany to her knees and driving her out of Belgium."

Senator Lodge declared in the Senate yesterday that the shipping bill as proposed "would bring the United States within measurable distance of war, not with Britain alone, but with Russia, France and Japan."

DEATH OF THE CITY'S OLDEST MAN.

Mr. J. H. Winghamam died at his home in East Burlington Thursday night. Mr. Winghamam was the oldest man of the town, being 98 years of age. His death was due to old age. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, being a faithful member for a number of years. He leaves a wife and seven children. The funeral services were conducted at the home by his pastor, Rev. M. W. Buck, and interment at Pine Hill Cemetery by the Masons.

DEATH OF AN AGED CONFEDERATE VETERAN.

On Monday morning, January 18, at about six o'clock, Mr. Watson Forbes, of Haw River, passed away. Mr. Forbes was about 97 years of age. For sometime past he has been bedfast from a stroke of paralysis.

The funeral took place at the home Tuesday afternoon and the burial in Linwood Cemetery, Graham.

Mr. Forbes was a man of excellent character and was highly respected by all who knew him. A good neighbor, a faithful friend, and genial companion to all with whom he was associated.

During the Civil War he was badly wounded several times. Few have ever passed through with the suffering that was allotted to him. One by one these grand old men of Sixty-One to Sixty-Five are answering the last roll-call of the famous regiment as "The Wildcats."

Relatives of Victims of the Yacht Julia Accident Still at Scene of the Explosion.

Newbern, Jan. 22.—Late reports from Englehard, the point nearest the scene of the tragedy, last night, were to the effect that the searchers who since last Saturday have been endeavoring to locate the bodies of J. W. Murray, of Burlington, Mrs. W. E. Porch, of Beaufort, and G. P. Dodson, of Norfolk, Va., who lost their lives when the yacht Julia burned to the water's edge last Friday morning, had met with no success. A report reaching Newbern on the previous night was to the effect that two of the bodies, those of Mr. Murray and Mrs. Porch, had been located by the crew of a fishing smack. This report, however, proved to have been erroneous and was misconstrued from a message stating that Mrs. Murray, the only survivor, was on her way to Newbern on board of a boat.

When the report of the finding of the two bodies reached Newbern, M. E. Porch, manager of the Ye Old Colony Inn, at Beaufort, was notified, and he was to have gone over to Washington yesterday to take charge of these, but before the train on which he was to have made the trip left Beaufort he was notified of the mistake and did not go.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Porch secured a boat with a crew of ten men and set sail for the point at which the Julia was lost and they will cruise over that section for several days in the hope that the bodies, if not brought up by some of the searching parties, will come to the surface and be located then. C. B. Cox, one of Mr. Murray's business associates, and who hurried to the scene as soon after the accident as possible, and who later accompanied Mrs. Murray back to Beaufort, is expected to return to the scene of the tragedy within the next day or so and also assist in the search. Hope that the bodies will be found has not by any means been given up.

MAY EMPLOY DIVER TO MAKE SEARCH.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 23.—A diver may be employed to recover the bodies of Gustavus P. Dodson, of Dorfolk, J. W. Murray, of Burlington, N. C., and Mrs. W. E. Porch, of Beaufort, N. C., who lost their lives when the gasoline yacht Julia, sank following an explosion in Pamlico Sound, off Englehard, N. C., Friday, January 15.

E. Griffith Dodson, brother of the young Norfolkian who went down with the Julia returned to Norfolk yesterday afternoon from Englehard, where he went as soon as news of the tragedy was received here.

Mr. Dodson said although none of the bodies had been recovered, hope that they will be taken from the waters of the Sound has not been abandoned, and that while the search for them has been suspended temporarily, a strict watch is being kept by fishermen and other residents of the vicinity.

However, it is not thought that the bodies will come to the surface owing to the low temperature of the water. Mr. Dodson said that he expects to return to the scene of the accident shortly, and in considering the advisability of taking a diver along in order to retrieve the bodies as speedily as possible.

The water in the Sound at the spot where the Julia is supposed to have gone down, is about 12 feet deep, Mr. Dodson said. There is not much current there, it is said, and this leads

Eight Cent Cotton Means That and More to the Section—Market Was Closed—Mills Could Not Stock Fall Supply at Low Price That Existed at That Time.

to the belief that the bodies are resting on the bottom at or near this spot. Mr. Dodson said he had been rendered every assistance and courtesy by the people living near the scene of the accident, and that the fishermen are keenly on the alert in the watch for any signs of the bodies.

TELLS HOW HE SAVED MRS. MURRAY'S LIFE.

Newbern, Jan. 23.—Down at Englehard, in Hyde County, where the mist-laden winds of the Atlantic blow, and where the shrill cry of the water fowl in the winter months calls to the sportsman, while in the spring and summer the varied specimen of the finny tribe tempt the angler, there are men who save lives with never a thought of their heroic deeds; men who grasp from the briny deep the forms of men bearing the spark of life, and who look upon it as coming into their daily routine of duties, and who refuse to accept remuneration for their acts of mercy.

One of the most daring and thrilling rescues to take place in that section in many years, occurred on Friday morning, January 15, when Capt. C. M. Gibbs, a sturdy resident of Englehard, grasped from the inky waters of Shoal Point river, the almost exhausted body of Mrs. J. W. Murray, wife of the Burlington banker, who had only a few minutes before gone to his death in the same icy cold waters when he had jumped from the blazing decks of the pleasure yacht Julia.

Captain Midgett, who with a party of fishermen was camping for the night on an island two miles away, had seen the burning vessel, and had heard the frantic cries for assistance from its terror-stricken occupants. That he did not save the others is due to the fact that the fire on the boat drove them too quickly into the water and they sunk almost immediately. Captain Midgett's account of the rescue of Mrs. Murray is of interest. In part it follows:

"There's not much that I can tell about the sinking of the Julia, as I did not see the boat until she was afire and then she burned up so quick that I did not have much time to think. Myself and D. S. Gibbs and several other fellows were getting ready to set out some nets, and after finishing up work for the day had gone over on the island to spend the night.

"Some time after dark this boat chugged up and dropped anchor about two miles off where we were camped and hung out her lights. Me nor any of the rest of the crowd paid much attention to the boat, and along later in the night we turned in. Some time after midnight I saw a flash out toward where the yacht had been lying, and I thinks to myself, that boat is afire. I jumped up and woke up some of the other fellows and we went in a hurry to the shore and got in my boat, thinking that we would get there in time to take off anybody on board.

"While we were going out the fire burned the yacht's painter in two and she floated down stream. I saw people jumping in the water and thought sure that they would be able to hold up for a time. Just how long it was from the time the fire first happened till we reached the place, I won't say, because I don't know. Must have been some over an hour.

"When we finally got where I thought the boat had been put up for

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 24.—Notable improvement in business conditions in the South within the last few weeks is indicated in reports from merchants, cotton factors and bankers from all over the section. The last month in particular business men assert has developed the recuperative power of the Cotton State. In all these States cotton which was selling a few months ago for a little more than six cents a pound, now is finding a comparatively ready market at above eight cents.

Since the Government report of November 1, the increase of two cents a pound in the selling price of cotton, with the corresponding advance in the price of cotton seed, according to figures of the estimates of exports, has resulted in a net increase during this period of approximately \$120,000,000 in the cash value of cotton. The effect of this enhanced value, it is stated has been felt in every line of business in the South.

Conservative observers of the situation say that never has there been such a holding movement in the South as that noted since the opening of the present cotton season. At the outbreak of the European war, Fall deliveries of cotton ranged from 12 to 13 cents a pound, which with a crop estimated at more than 10,000,000 bales forecast a season of remarkable activity. With the European markets suddenly closed and the exchanges suspended, the price abruptly decreased about one-half.

MARKET WAS CLOSED.

When the mills entered the market for their usual Fall supply they found the market closed. Farmers refused to sell and Southern business, which depends so largely upon moving of the cotton crop, marked times awaiting readjustment of conditions. December 1 improvement began, owing, it is said, to the resumption of foreign shipments and the adjustment and reopening of the exchange markets both at home and abroad. Today throughout the South the movement of cotton from farm to market is steadily progressing, and as a result, according to reliable reports, the farmers are paying their debts to the merchants for supplies the merchants are meeting their obligations to the small banks and they in turn are settling their account with larger banks. The general business tone is declared optimistic.

It will be hard on some of the smaller European nations if they do not happen to pick the side that wins.

Too many people spent yesterday what they were going to save tomorrow.

The night we looked around and found a lady, who turned out to be Mrs. Murray, floating around holding on to a live preserver. We pulled her on board, and after looking around a bit more for the others and not finding them, we went on back to shore, where we wrapped the lady up in blankets and made her as comfortable as possible until day broke, when we carried her over to Englehard."

Not only did those men rescue Mrs. Murray, but they spent several hours in searching for her husband, Mrs. W. E. Porch, of Beaufort, and G. P. Dodson, of Norfolk, in the hope that they might be alive and have since spent hours in searching for the dead bodies of the victims and all without a cent of remuneration.

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