

The Ground hog Says: There Are No Other Weather Hogs but Me.

THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

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STIRRING SCENES MARK THE CLOSING OF THE CONGRESS

Lawmakers Finally Free After Session Almost Continuous for Two Years and Which Made Many Changes in Nation's Laws—President in Office at Capitol—Some Important Measures Failed to Pass, Among These Being the Postoffice and Indian Appropriation Bills—Affecting Scenes in Closing, With Some Tears.

PRESENT BATTLES MAY HAVE MARKED BEARING ON THE WAR

Struggle in the East and Bombardment of the Dardanelles Looked Upon Hopefully by the Allies—Austrians Continue Attacks—Cold and Snow Add Hardships—Relays of Battleships Keep Up An Almost Continuous Bombardment Against the Dardanelles Forts—The Price of Wheat Comes Down.

COMPROMISE ALLOWS FORTUNES OF WAR ARE UNCHANGED ON ONE QUART OF LIQUOR TWICE EVERY MONTH EITHER FRONT

House and Senate Conferees Get Together on Grier Bill—Five Gallons of Beer—Conference Committee Adopts the Compromise With Only One Dissenting Vote—No "Delivery by Hand"—Superintendent Davis Says the Bill Will Be a Great Help, "That No Blind Tiger Ever Got Rich That Way"—Won't Move Penitentiary.

GOV. JARVIS, ANTI-SUFFRAGETTE

Would Not Vote for Woman Suffrage in Thousand Years, Says He—Wants No Liquor Election—Legislature Should Have Courage to Kill Anti-Jug Bill or to Pass it, Says Venerable Governor; Doesn't Want State Riddled Up With Another Liquor Campaign.

NO SUPPLIES TO FIGHTING SHIPS

Congress Gives President The Power to Stop Alleged Practice—Big Penalty Provided—A False Clearance Would Bring Fine or Prison, Suspected Cargoes Under Doctue Bond and Those That Slip By Heavily Liable; Foreign Vessels May Be Interned.

COTTON IS STILL GOING FORWARD AT STEADY GAIT

Net Gain of From Thirteen to Fifteen Points Is Result of a Day of Heavy Buying by Liverpool, But After English Market Closes The Advance Gain Force.

TEUTON ALLIES PLAYING LOSING GAME SAYS ENGLAND

German Warships On Way to Dardanelles—Political Comment in England Relates Principally to Great Britain's Proposal to Shut Off All Sea Traffic With Germany—Montenegro Port Bombarded by Austrian Gunboats—Germans Say Russia Has Won No Success.

of the Dardanelles are considered to have a marked bearing on the future of the war. Having pressed the Germans back from Przmysl towards Mrwa, the Russians are now exerting their efforts, and, according to their own accounts, successfully, to drive them back in the district farther to the north, from west to Kovno to west of Grodno, and at the same time from in front of Lomza. These movements, if successful, might force the Germans to withdraw from in front of Ossowetz, which fortress they continue to bombard with their heavy guns.

AUSTRIANS FORCED BACK.

The Austrians continue their fierce attacks under most disadvantageous conditions, owing to the snow and the cold, against the Russian entrenchments in the Carpathians, while another of their armies, confronted with strong Russian reinforcements, is falling back in Eastern Galicia.

BATTLESHIPS ARE RELAYED.

Relays of battleships keep up an almost continuous bombardment on the the Dardanelles fort. They have cleared the outer straits and are attacking forts which line the narrows and which are considered the most difficult to deal with.

The destruction of what the British admiralty calls fort number nine was a necessary operation before the warships could move farther into the straits, as this fort was designed to protect one of the nine depots of the Dardanelles. It was built at the water's edge on the European side opposite Cape Kephes.

FIRE ACROSS PENINSULA.

More important still is the work being carried out by the French ships in bombarding from the sea the Saros-Bulair line of forts which stretches across the peninsula of Gallipoli at a point where it is only three miles wide. So long as the guns of the warships command this neck of land communication between the forts on the European side of the straits and Constantinople are cut off.

One of the most welcome effects of the bombardment so far as England is concerned is the reduction in the price of wheat, which sold today in the Bristol market at from 55 to 58 shillings a quarter, as compared with sixty shilling and more, less than a fortnight ago.

DANCE AT THE HOME OF MRS. DR. CROUSE.

At the country home of Mrs. Dr. Crouse on No. 4, Wednesday night about 75 young people gathered there and enjoyed an old time country dance. The dancing room was decorated with ferns and potted plants, making everything a lovely vision and with the hospitality of Mrs. Crouse extended to all present the evening was one never to be forgotten by the dancers. Quite a number of people were there from Greensboro and Burlington.

We have tried to get information in regard to the doings at court this week but have heard of nothing of special interest to our readers. The case against Mr. Harry Goodman terminated by allowing him to pay a fine of a thousand dollars and the costs, this case attracted more than ordinary interest. Mr. Goodman had many friends who were intensely interested in the outcome of his case and we presume they are satisfied with the way it was disposed of, while others have different opinions, right or wrong there is no disputing the fact that Harry is a clever fellow and we trust he will not have farther trouble along this or any other line.

AUSTRO-GERMANS MAKE DESPERATE PLUNGE SOUTH

Massed Formations Again and Again Charge Positions of the Russians—Attempt to Relieve Przmysl Garrison—But the Russians Slaughter Each Fresh Regiment as it Rushes Against Their Breastworks; Armies of Grand Duke Nicholas Continue to Push Von Hindenburg Backward in the North and Rescue Warsaw from Danger—Soil of Poland Blood-Soaked Throughout; The Allied Fleet Still Hammering Away in the Dardanelles.

THREE FORTS SILENCED.

London, Mar. 3.—11:50 P. M.—A Reuter Dispatch from Athens, says: "The allied fleet today bombarded and reduced to silence the forts at Dardanus, Hamidich, and Tehermelik on the Asiatic side of the inside Dardanelles. The telegraph station at Eezikia also was demolished. "The bombardment was carried out by nine ships, which advanced two miles up the straits."

AMERICAN FAIRNESS IMPRESSES GERMANY.

Contents of American Notes of Feb. 22 and Germany's Reply Thereto Made Public—Agrees to Drifting Mine Proposals But Not to Proposal to Limit Use of Anchored Mines to Purely Defensive Uses.

RESENTS A SERENADE.

Rather Mr. Burton Objects to Certain Acts of the Serenaders and Will "Law Them"—Other Reidsville News.

Reidsville, Mar. 2.—John Burton, a resident of near Reidsville, and who became a benedict about two months ago, is planning to bring justice to the ring-leaders of a gang of young men who a few nights ago serenaded him with cow bells and other musical instruments in the small hours of the morning. Burton it seems did not mind the unearthly sound; which awakened him from his slumbers, but does object to the gang having broken into the house and demolished a stove and removing one of the chimneys of his new house.

Warrants are to be issued for the men whose names it is said are known to Burton.

Burton, who carries an insurance policy against burglars, cyclones and fire, has notified the company and expects to be reimbursed for the damage done to him.

"A magnificent address," was the representative audience of the business men who heard Col. Z. P. Smith at the Rockingham Club rooms. The speaker was happily introduced by Attorney J. R. Joyce.

Reidsville's new business organization will be known as "The Reidsville Commercial and Agricultural Association." This name was chosen at a meeting of the organization Friday night. Papers of incorporation for a club of men have been sent to Raleigh, and upon their return a meeting will be called for an election of officers and for the transaction of other matters of importance.

Another case of sex discrimination: It is reported that while men were paid three dollars each for their votes in a certain Kentucky election, the women in no instance received over two.

OBJECTS TO ANY DELAY OF INQUIRY.

In Statement Judge Carter Declares Reputations of Women at Stake—Ready to Answer Immorality Charges.

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—Judge Frank Carter gave out a statement this afternoon protesting against what he declares to be a studied effort on the part of Solicitor C. L. Abernethy and certain of his friends to delay the investigation by the Legislative Committee just appointed, just as long as possible, and to stave off the final findings in the matter for a whole two year's legislative interim, if possible to do so. Judge Carter says it has come to one of his attorneys that there is a boast, "Now that Carter is on the griddle, the fire must burn slow."

On the other hand Judge Carter and his friends are insisting on the speediest possible investigation and report of findings, and that if the Abernethy forces had in hand any tangible evidence to break up their charges against Judge Carter of immorality, then this should be produced without delay. On the other hand, if there was nothing but rumors then, in justice to Judge Carter this should likewise be known at once.

JUDGE CARTER'S STATEMENT.

The statement by Judge Carter follows: "To the Honorable House Committee appointed pursuant to the Clark resolutions; to the House of Representatives itself, and to the people of North Carolina:

"Sustained by the hope of a speedy vindication, I have kept silence under the severest provocation. I have seen malice do its worst in spreading broadcast through the press and through private channels the most reckless falsehoods calculated and designed to blast the reputations of innocent defenseless women as well as my own, and in unspeakable anguish have bided the time when I could face my accusers and on oath denounce every one of their monstrous imputations. But in the face of the clearly disclosed purpose of my enemies to employ dilatory tactics to prevent these charges from being brought to the judgment of the present House of Representatives, and thereby leave me for two years under the cloud of a legislative investigation of my moral character, I can hold my peace no longer.

"The methods employed by the promoters of this attack to compel me to demand an investigation are illustrated by the charge of gross immorality with women at Panacea Springs, amongst other places. As a matter of fact I was never at or near Panacea Springs but one time, when I went there with John H. Kerr, solicitor of that district, who was constantly with me during the two or three days of my stay there. The falsity of the other charges will, upon examination, be found almost equally self-evident. But the consciousness of their falsity was not enough; once made, the record could only be cleared by investigation.

PLAYING FOR TIME.

"It appears now that my accusers, instead of co-operating with the committee and with me to put their damning accusations to the test of proof, are playing for time, apparently trust in worthy information comes to one of my attorneys that it has been boastfully remarked, "Now that Carter is on the griddle, the fire must burn slow." That such is the policy sufficiently appears from Mr. Abernethy's declared purpose to have all the 300 or 400 persons in the courtroom at Newbern subpoenaed as witnesses. The law allows only two witnesses to one fact, and the Scripture says that out of the mouths of two witnesses the truth shall be established; and yet, Mr. Abernethy, instead of bringing four or five credible witnesses who had the best opportunities for observing the incidents of which he complains, is willing himself to incur, or impose upon the State the expense of bringing the entire throng that crowded the court-room. What possible explanation is there for such a course except a deliberate purpose to overwhelm the committee with such a mass of evidence that in the crowded last week of the legislative session it will be impossible for them to complete the investigation, in other words to "burn the fire slow."

"It would seem that all needful evidence upon Mr. Abernethy's complaint could be presented in less than one day's time; and it is inconceivable that any evidence relied upon to support Mr. Clark's charges of immorality is not ready for prompt presentation. Surely Mr. Clark would not base charges so ruinous to the character of self-supporting women of prior good reputs, to say nothing of the character of a judge, upon gossip and street rumor, which he would want the committee to take time and run down.

WHAT DELAY WOULD MEAN.

"If he made such charges without having in hand evidence reasonably calculated to sustain them he has done an utterly indefensible thing. If he has such evidence, why hold it back? To sum up the argument, if he has the evidence, he should produce it forthwith; if he has not the evidence, the making of charges is a monstrous wrong, which the committee should hasten to right, as far as such a wrong can be righted.

"What, upon the other hand, would be the effect of holding these matters over for another legislature. Think what it would mean to the administration of justice to have the presiding judge always an object of curiosity to the by-standers as a man under charges of gross immorality with various women. It would not avail him that throughout a more or less conspicuous up to the moment of incurring the ill will of powerful criminal interests his

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