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BURLINGTON, ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1915.

U. S. WARSHIPS WILL SEE THAT MEXICAN PORT REMAINS OPEN

Wilson Tells Carranza He Can Not Close Progress and That Des Moines Will Enforce Order if Necessary—No Time Is Lost in Obeying U. S. Demands—Blockade Is Raised and Two American Ships Laden With Sisal Sail—Situation in Capital Is Improved.

GEN. BLOCKADE AGAINST GERMANY GOES INTO EFFECT

Britain Makes Public Entire Text of Order Declaring Absolute Blockade of All German Ports—No Ships Are Allowed to Enter Enemy Ports—Ships Which Sailed After March 1, for German Ports, Will Be Stopped and Cargo Taken Before Prize Court.

GERMANS MAKING DESPERATE LUNGES ON LINES IN WEST

French Repulse Kaiser's Attacks in Champagne and the Argonne Districts, Says Paris—British Admit Slight Reverses Near Ypres—Belgian Army, Active Again, Progresses Against Germans in Bend of Yser River—Fighting in The East Is Fierce.

ITALY LINGERS ON EDGE OF CONFLICT

News Reached in Dickerling Over Demands on Austria for Territory—Diplomacy Is Straining—Von Ruelow Whispers in One Ear and Allies in Other; No Chance of Austria Giving All Asked, While Allies Promise All for Help, Nothing for Neutral-ity.

COTTON RUNS UP EXCITEDLY AND OVERCOMES DROP

The Mills of This Country Are Consuming a Large Amount and Liverpool Is Buying Heavily; The Close Is Steady With a Reasonable Rise.

HORNE'S SHOP BROKEN INTO.

Last night some time during the night some one broke into Horne's Bicycle Shop cutting the window protector and by some way getting the window raised and taking about \$50 worth of repairs, etc., and got away and the robbery was not discovered until this morning. It is supposed that the same party on the night before made an attempt to break into Rauhut's Shop, but did not succeed.

OSBORN'S YACHT IN DISTRESS.

Beaufort, Mar. 17.—The ship in distress late last night off this port, was Herbert Osborn's power yacht LaVedette from Miami to New York. The coast guards from Fort Macon station took off the crew, but replaced them on the LaVedette today when the yacht was towed into Beaufort.

PEEBLES, LOSES TWO CONTEMPT CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT

C. A. and G. W. Brown, of Goldsboro. Get Decision—Sentenced by Peebles—Goldsboro Newspaper Men Had Been Fined \$250 Each and Sent to Prison—Reflected on the Judge—It Was Charged "Judge Peebles Frequently Went to Sleep on the Bench and Woke Up and Played Hell;" Also Drank Too Much.

SPRING MILLINERY OPENING TODAY.

The city is thronged today for the Spring Millinery Opening, which began today and continues tomorrow. Much interest is being manifested over the Spring models and never in the history of these popular establishments have hats been more beautiful. The leading colors are blue, browns, battleship gray, sand and black and white. More flowers are used than anything else and all kinds of fruits. The opening will continue through Saturday.

BARACA CLASS TO BE ORGANIZED.

Special Program Will Be Rendered at Elmira Presbyterian Church. Next Sunday afternoon at 2:30, the Sunday School of the Elmira Presbyterian Church, will hold its regular session, which will be followed by a special program to be rendered by the young men. Addresses on the Organized Class and the Baraca Movement will be made. Special music, vocal and instrumental, will be rendered. Immediately following the program a Baraca Class will be organized. The public is invited to attend this meeting and the young men of West Burlington are especially invited to be present.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.

The Executive Committee of the Baraca-Phonetic City Union held its first quarterly meeting at the First Baptist Church last Tuesday night. A great volume of business pertaining to the work of the union was transacted. The various standing committees were elected and a delegate and alternate to the State Convention at Raleigh, were nominated. This committee is composed of the officers and chairmen of standing committees of the union and one member from each class belonging to the Union. The Committee meets quarterly for the transaction of the business of the organization.

MRS. PORCH'S BODY FOUND.

Mr. W. J. Spencer, the man who found the body, says: "Mrs. Porch's body was found on the beach, about west or southwest of where the boat was anchored and where Mr. Dodson's body was found. We found the body about seven feet above average water, showing that she went ashore seven or eight days." A Mr. Cherry, of Newbern, who viewed the body in the undertaking establishment, says that anyone who ever knew her could recognize her at once in the corpse.

MISS FEARLESS & CO., A COMEDY IN THREE ACTS, WILL BE GIVEN BY THE TEACHERS AND LADIES OF THE MAYWOOD COMMUNITY AT MAYWOOD SCHOOL HOUSE SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1915; BEGINNING AT EIGHT P. M. Admission 10 and 20 cents. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT GUEST OF UNIVERSITY.

Urges Support of Mr. Wilson in This Critical Period of Nation's History—Should Defer Criticism. Chapel Hill, Mar. 17.—The united support of the country for the policies of President Wilson in "this critical period" of the nation's history was urged here tonight by former President William Howard Taft, who delivered the first of a series of three lectures to students of the University of North Carolina on the Presidency. Mr. Taft declared that the office of President is representative of the dignity of the American people and that at such a time as this it must have the hearty approval of the whole people if that dignity is to be preserved. Whatever party criticism there might be of the present policies, he said, should be deferred until the crisis is passed.

Emphasizing what he termed the senseless and conservatism which characterized the framers of the constitution in their work, the former President entered a vigorous protest against a constitutional convention to amend the nation's fundamental law. "There are those," he declared, "who think they can improve the constitution by blowing it up. Fortunately, they are in the minority."

With the statement that 65,000 laws have been enacted by Congress in the past five years, the speaker characterized the flood of legislation as a tendency to yield the "magic," "Be It Enacted," and advocated a rest for the country from legislation.

Mr. Taft reiterated his belief in a single term of from six to seven years for the President.

WILL PREACH TO MUTES.

Miss Tillinghast, of Durham Will Be Here at Episcopal Church Sunday.

Miss Robbie Tillinghast, of Durham, daughter of Prof. D. R. Tillinghast, of Morganton, N. C., who is doing missionary work among the deaf mutes of the South, will spend a few days in Burlington this week and on Sunday she will preach to them at the Episcopal Church.

Miss Tillinghast is thoroughly in love with her work and has devoted her life to uplift of the deaf mutes of the State, one of the noblest sacrifices a woman ever made.

She will spend tomorrow in visiting among the mutes of the vicinity and get them to come to the meeting on Sunday.

She talks to them in the sign language, and as each sign means a word, she can deliver a sermon as quickly as a person who uses the tongue.

Miss Tillinghast is not a mute herself, but has grown into the work from her association with her father, who has been teaching in the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton for a number of years.

STEREOPTICON LECTURES.

The third stereopticon lecture on "The Life of Christ" was delivered at the Church of the Holy Comforter on Monday night, last by Rev. John Ben-ners Gible.

This was especially interesting. It illustrated the many parables and miracles, and other touching scenes.

Among the artists represented were Tissot.

The stereopticon is operated by Mr. Hobart Steele, the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent.

The fourth lecture of this series will be at the church on Monday night, next, 22nd inst., at 8 p. m., to which all the most cordially invited.

GERMAN CONSUL AND SECRETARY ARRESTED

Charged With Conspiracy to Induce American to Sell Dry Dock Company Secrets—American Under Arrest.

THREAT TO BLOW UP THE PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH.

Newport News, Va., Mar. 17.—As the result of threatening letters said to have been received by converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, precautionary measures were taken tonight to guard against any attempt to destroy the ship. The captain at first scoffed at the anonymous communications, but when it was pointed out to him how easy it would be to blow him up in the dead hours of the night he decided, it is said, to take every precaution.

The pier at which the Eitel Friedrich is tied up has been fenced in, guards patrol the pier and a sharp lookout is kept on board. In addition, an unusually bright light tonight illuminates the stern, which is nearest the river, and the water in that direction is constantly watched by members of the crew.

One of the letters received by the Prinz Eitel captain demanded that he leave this port at once or his vessel would be dynamited.

MRS. ROBERTA JAMES DEAD.

Mebane, March 17.—Mrs. Roberta James died about midnight Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. S. Straughn, in Mebane. Several weeks ago Mrs. James fell, injuring or fracturing her hip. She never fully recovered from this. Catching cold, after which complications set in, and the results of her injury caused death. She lacked only two days being 70 years of age. Besides the daughter, Mrs. Straughn, she is survived by one son, William James, of Scroggsboro, and three sisters, Miss Martha Clay, of Mebane, Mrs. T. Thaxton, of Scroggsboro, and Miss Sarah Clay, of Virginia. Mrs. James was a member of Mebane Baptist Church and had been a member of the church for more than 40 years. The interment took place this afternoon in the James burial ground near High-towers in Caswell county.

YOUNG MAN, FLIRTING, KILLED BY A TRAIN.

West Point, Ga., Mar. 16.—While flirting with some young girls in Langs Cotton Mills this morning, Harvey M. Kendrick, a young man of 19, was run over and killed, and his companion, W. A. Knight, was knocked down and his right arm cut off by a freight train on the Chattahoochee Valley Railway at a point near the mill.

The tracks of the West Point Route and C. V. railway run parallel with each other. The young men saw a north bound freight on the A. & W. P. road and stepped on the C. V. track. They did not see the switch engine which was backing some freight cars into the Lannett Mills Yard. Kendrick was knocked down under the train and his head completely severed and Knight had his right arm cut off. The railroad surgeons that that Knight will recover.

PLAY AT GRADED SCHOOL.

A play composed of about 12 young men was given at the graded school auditorium last Friday night. The play was in the nature of a negro minstrel, and was entirely local talent and reflected much credit upon the young men of our town.

YOUTHFUL MOTHER ACCUSES FATHER.

Sixteen-Year-Old Girl Says Her Father Is in Turn Father of Her Child.

Elizabeth City, Mar. 17.—Nona Relfe, sixteen-year-old and a mother with a child six weeks old in her arms, testified on the witness stand in Superior Court here yesterday that her father, Joshua Relfe, of this county, was the father of her babe.

Nona Relfe was the first witness for the State in the case against Joshua Relfe, who was under a fifteen hundred dollar bond for his appearance at this term of Superior Court on a charge of willfully and feloniously compelling his own daughter to be his paramour. Her testimony was convincingly told and not only did a half-hour's grueling cross-examination by ex-Judge George W. Ward, who with J. B. Leigh was representing the defendant, fail to shake it, but even the testimony of the witnesses put on the stand yesterday by the defense appeared rather to strengthen than to weaken the girl's story.

Relfe was arrested in April, 1914, on a warrant sworn out by his daughter and was arraigned in police court on Saturday, Mar. 2nd, before Judge Turner. The girl told at that time of how she had been forced to live with her father "just as if she were his wife" and of how she had gone to his sister, her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Bundy, of this city, and complained of the shameful relation between them. Her aunt and her grandmother, however, would not believe her story, and failing to find relief through them, the girl ran away from home and came to Elizabeth City, determined herself to appeal to the court for protection. After having made the complaint against her father, she went to Norfolk to live and says that since that time she has been working for a Mrs. Wadstein, a seamstress on Wake street, in that city. It was at Mrs. Wadstein's home, she claims, that her babe was born.

Other witnesses put on the stand yesterday were Mrs. Bundy, a Mr. McPherson, of this county; Relfe himself, and his mother, Mrs. Russell, all witnesses for the defense. Mrs. Bundy admits that the girl came to her a few weeks before the scandal was aired in police court and complained of her father's treatment. Mrs. Bundy word of the girl's story to her mother, Mrs. Russell, who got Mr. McPherson, a neighbor, to take her out to Relfe's home. Mrs. Russell testified that she asked Nona why she, Nona had told so awful a story on her father and the girl replied that she did it in order to get free of him and of the care of his children, her half brothers and sisters. McPherson testified that the girl admitted that her accusation against her father was false, but he was the only witness who had made this statement when court adjourned yesterday evening at about six o'clock. The case will be continued today and the verdict is expected before night.

Relfe on the stand protested his innocence and claimed that the girl ran away from home because she could not submit to restraint. At the time the case first came up he was employed as a "squatter" by the Foreman-Blades Lumber Co., and lived back from the road in a small three-room house, eleven miles from town. He nor any of his family can read or write.

The Relfe case went to the jury at 6 o'clock this afternoon, but no verdict had been reached at a late hour tonight. Rumor has it that the jury stands ten to two for conviction, but a mistrial is predicted. General sentiment appears to be against Relfe.

THE PENNSYLVANIA TAKES TO WATER

With a Prayer for Peace and a Wish From President That Machine May Never Be Needed, Launching Takes Place—Our Navy Ready to Fight Says Secretary Daniels—Believes in Peace. But Also Thinks Nation Should Be "Up to Fighting"; American Navy Leads The World in the Building of Powerful Submarines. As Well As Strongest Big Ships: New Craft Can Hurl Fifteen Tons of Steel at Touch of One Lever—"Sweetest Girl in Pennsylvania" Crashes Bottle of Wine on Prow, While Captain of German Cruiser Joins in Shout From Ten Thousand Throats.

THE NEW WARSHIP.

With a Prayer That She May Prove a Messenger of Peace Rather Than Engine of War Ship Is Launched—Pennsylvania Slips Down the Ways into the Historic James—Is Largest Fighting Ship in the World—Rocks German Cruiser—Swell Created by Her Plunge into the Water Makes Eitel Bob Up and Down—10,000 See the Launching—By Orders of Her Commander the German Sea Raider, Prinz Eitel, Joins in Noisy Welcome to the Great Fighting Craft. Newport News, Va., Mar. 16.—The largest fighting ship in the world, the United States superdreadnought Pennsylvania, was launched here today. A prayer that she might prove a messenger of peace rather than an engine of destruction went with her as she glided down the inclined ways into the James river.

As the triggers were sprung at a signal from Secretary of the Navy Daniels and the 15,000 ton red hull was released, Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of Germantown, Pa., named the ship for her native State, by crashing a bottle of wine against the steel prow. When the hull plunged into the water, it created a swell which rocked the ship of a nation now at war, the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, moored to a pier less than 100 yards away.

Capt. Max Thierichens, commander of this famous sea raider, which but a few weeks ago had sunk an American ship in the South Atlantic, and had sought refuge in this American port from its enemy ships, was present on the launching platform and joined with 10,000 other spectators in cheering the new warship. By his orders, the raider's whistle also assisted in the noisy welcome which nearby steam craft gave the Pennsylvania.

The German commander, in full uniform, reached the launching platform early and mingled jovially with American naval officers throughout the ceremony.

Word was received by Mrs. Jennie Wolf and Miss Bessie Gordon, sisters, they they had been bequeathed \$50,000 by a young man, who ill and hungry, knocked at their door four years ago and asked for food.

William Popper, son of a Prague, Bohemia, art dealer, was the man whom they befriended. He told Mrs. Wolf and her sister that he was too proud to let his people know his condition. He was given clothing, shelter and medical attention. In 1911 he returned to Bohemia, advising the sisters that when he died he would "remember them in his will."

The sisters were notified of the bequest through Chicago attorneys commissioned by an attorney in Prague to find them—Chicago Evening Post.

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