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2 GERMAN TORPEDO BOATS ARE SUNK

Sent To Bottom After Chase and Running Fight of at Hour With English Destroyers

London, May 2.—The British admiralty announced tonight that two German torpedo boats had been sunk in the North Sea. The British torpedo boat destroyer Recruit also was sunk.

The text of the statement follows: "A series of small affairs took place in the neighborhood of the Galloper and North Hinder Lightships Saturday.

"During the forenoon H. M. destroyer Recruit was sunk by a submarine, four officers and twenty-one men being saved by the trawler Daisy.

"At 3 p. m. the trawler Columbia was attacked by two German torpedo boats, who approached her from the westward and commenced an action without hoisting their colors. The Columbia was sunk by a torpedo, only one deck hand being saved by the other trawlers.

A division of British destroyers, comprising Latorey, Leonidas, Litford and Lark chased the two German vessels and after a brief running fight of about one hour, sank them both.

"The British destroyers sustained no casualties.

"Two German officers and forty-four men were rescued from the sea and made prisoners of war."

May 20 in Charlotte.

Appearing on another page of this issue is an advertisement telling of the great Twentieth of May Celebration and Trade Carnival which is to be staged in Charlotte on May 18, 19, 20 and 21. The large majority of our readers are quite familiar with the style in which Charlotte is accustomed to pull off its historic anniversary and all reports coming from the Mecklenburg metropolis indicate that the festivity now in process of incubation will be worthy of the best that have gone before.

There will be much speaking of a high class, free shows and some that will charge a nominal fee for admission, parades, decorated floats, bands of music, baseball, balloon ascensions, fireworks, and last mentioned, but not least—crowds. On each succeeding May 20th, people in all these parts are accustomed to turn their steps toward historic "Independence Square", and this year the attractions offered insure the attendance of a record-breaking crowd.

In addition to the patriotic features incident to every Twentieth Celebration, the merchants of Charlotte are preparing to hold a trade carnival in which very special bargains will be put on.

We feel no hesitation in recommending to our readers consideration of the plan of visiting Charlotte at the time set with all preparations made for the reaping of fun and profit.

Injustice to Railroads.

Unfair! The glaring injustice of the government's treatment of the railroads in the matter of carrying the mails is brought out in a comparison of what Uncle Sam pays his own road and what he pays others. The government-owned Panama Railroad received last year, according to a statement by the committee on railway mail pay, \$2.77 for each ton of mail carried a mile, while the private roads in the United States, according to estimates of the Post Office Department, received about 10c per ton for each mile. If this is the kind of extravagance the government ownership of railroads stands for, it will be a long while before the voters of this country will give it serious consideration.

Our Lord says: "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." And with Luther then we say: "Though devils all the world should fill, All watching to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill. They cannot overpower us. Come and go with us."

For any itches of the skin, for skin rashes, chaps, pimples, etc., try Doan's Ointment, 50c at all drug stores.

District No. 2, U. D. C., Holds Interesting Meeting at Newton

On Friday last the district meeting of District No. 2, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was held in Newton, the delegates being entertained in the handsome home of Mrs. J. P. Yount, probably the most beautiful residence in Catawba county. It was charmingly decorated for the occasion, the flags of the Cause so dear to our hearts prominently displayed.

The guests were met at the station, and received in the hall of the Yount home by Mesdames J. P. Yount, L. F. Long, Belle Wilfong, W. C. Feimster, Mrs. J. A. Gaither ushered them to the dressing rooms, aided by Mrs. Loy Sigmon. There were present two delegates from Morganton, five from Mooresville, eight from Lenoir, twenty-one from Hickory, together with the Newton chapter, these towns comprising District No. 2. In addition there were present as guests Mrs. T. B. Finley, of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. S. F. Watson, who holds her membership with the Statesville chapter.

An elegant luncheon was served the guests at noon, consisting of a salad course, with coffee and iced tea, cake and ice cream, followed by mints. During the course of later proceedings, Mrs. R. H. Gwyn, of Lenoir remarked that it was evident the Newton chapter had been taking a special course in domestic science.

At 1:30 the meeting was called to order by Mrs. L. F. Long, acting instead of Mrs. O. M. Royster, of Hickory. Mrs. Long made a most capable presiding officer, and the business of the meeting went forward in good order. The first motion made and carried was that letters of sympathy should be written to Mesdames Royster of Hickory and Williams of Newton, the latter of whom has been one of the leaders in U. D. C. work in the State.

Following this came the reading of reports from the different chapters, that from Morganton being read by Mrs. Scroggs, Lenoir by Mrs. H. C. Martin, that from Mooresville by Mrs. Cornelius, that of Hickory by Miss Mary Shuford, and that of Newton by Mrs. W. B. Gaither. These reports show increase of members on the part of the societies, work done in the way of remembering the dead and aiding the living, help given to the Old Soldiers' Home, subscriptions made to the Veteran and the Carolina Southern Cross, the publications of the Order, and the Lenoir chapter urges that every chapter buy a copy of Thomas Dixon's latest work, "The Victim," they having bought one and presented it to the local grammar school, that our youth may properly remember that victim, Jefferson Davis. Also it should be mentioned that Lenoir has \$75.00 and Mooresville \$80.00 in their treasury, and some of the rest of the chapters want to try and "catch up." This is the more to be desired since Mrs. Long read a letter from Mrs. Little, state president, in which she enumerated causes to which the daughters must contribute outside their regular dues or disaster will follow. Particularly is this the case with our normal scholarship, subscriptions to which have not been met. A subscription was taken up at the meeting, at which over \$6.00 was raised to be divided among the amounts for the monuments at Arlington and Shiloh and educational fund.

The key-note of the meeting was "Unity," the desire to work together for our dead and our living. As might be supposed, it was truly good to be there. The recording secretary of the meeting, Mrs. R. H. Gwyn, of Lenoir was highly commended for her work, and a rising vote of thanks was offered to her, to Mrs. Long, for the able manner in which she led the meeting, as well as for her charming speech of greeting, and to Mrs. E. B. Cline, of Hickory, for her bright and pleasing response and her excellent suggestions as to matters before the meeting.

A delightful feature of the day was the singing, by special request, of two old Southern melodies, by Mesdames Chadwick and W. L. Abernethy. The meeting adjourned with the singing of "Dixie."

The thanks, both of the guests and the local chapter are certainly due to Mrs. J. P. Yount for giving up her beautiful home for their use, and the gracious hospitality so freely extended, and also to all those who so gladly helped to make the occasion a delightful one.

S. F. W.

Lenoir Blanked Catawba Monday

Catawba College was shut out by Lenoir College here Monday afternoon by a score of 3 to 0. Lenoir's first run came in the second inning when Dunn made a nifty steal home. A home run by Parks in the third annexed another tally and in the eighth the third run came across the home plate on an error by Catawba. The mounds were about evenly matched, Emery Miller for Lenoir having a little the advantage. The nearest Catawba came to scoring was in the sixth when Hunsucker connected with the pill for a long drive to the center field. This was good for three bases but the runner tried to stretch it into a home run and got caught at the plate. Four of Catawba's hits were of the scratch variety, the Lenoir infield slowing up on Pitee: Rowe, who twirled a masterful game.

Score: R. H. E. Catawba 000 000 000—0 6 2 Lenoir 011 000 01x—3 7 2 Batteries: Rowe and Reinhardt; Miller and Cline. Struck out: By Miller, 11; by Rowe, 9. Three base hit, Hunsucker; home run, Parks. Passed balls, Cline. Reinhardt, Stolen bases, Conrad, Linn, Lyerly. Time 1:40; umpire, C. A. Moser.

Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. E. J. Sox, pastor. Next Sunday, May 9. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching Service at 11:00 a. m. Sermon by the pastor on the theme: "Our Blessed Heritage of Peace."

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Local and Personal Items of Interest

Mr. R. H. Johnson of this city, has a guinea hen which will be 17 years old Angust 23. This particular guinea has not laid in seven years.

Miss Iva Pearl Setzer will give her expression graduating recital in the Lenoir College auditorium Monday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited.

Mr. W. S. Pollard brought the first ripe strawberries to be put on the market here by a local grower Friday. The dry weather of the past month caused the berries to be small in size.

In a fast and snappy game of baseball Saturday afternoon the Lenoir College second team defeated Sleepy Hollow 15 to 7. This was the first game Sleepy Hollow lost out of ten games played. Batteries: Fritz and Cochran; Rudisill and Herman.

Dr. J. L. Murphy will deliver the address at the close of the Catawba High school on May 15. On May 25, he speaks at the close of the City Schools of Canton, and on June 2, he delivers the commencement address at the close of the Caswell Training School at Kinston.

William S. Stanley was elected mayor of Highland in the election Monday by a majority of 26 votes over Junius Huffman, his opponent. Robert S. Allred, C. L. Eckard, D. C. Hoke and Landon Bowman were elected aldermen and T. F. Bolick and J. S. Little, school trustees.

The Mercury last week called us Alfonso several times, which we consider a great compliment. Alfonso was born in 693, was a wise and brave king. In 739 succeeded in expelling the Moors from Galicia, Leon and Castile. He also established towns, built churches, and generally improved the internal conditions of his country. Please call us some more good names, we deserve it.

Most interesting services will be held at the Reformed church next Sunday. The morning service will be a combination of Mother's Day and Memorial services. All the mothers and all the veterans of our war between the states will be given a white flower. The music and the sermon will be appropriate. At night the annual sermon to the graduating class of Claremont College will be preached by Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of the Methodist church.

Commencement exercises of Claremont College begin on Friday night of this week, May 7. This will be an entertainment given by the Dramatic Club and consists of two plays (1) "The Outsider," (2) "The Mere Man." This will be the only entertainment given by the Dramatic Club during commencement and a small admission fee will be charged. Sunday night, May 9, the annual sermon will be preached in the Reformed Church by Rev. A. L. Stanford. Monday the Commencement Concert will be held in the College chapel. On Tuesday night the graduating exercises will be held with an address by Rev. W. W. Rowe, pastor of the Reformed Church of Newton.

Adolphus McGuire, aged about 35 years drank about two table-spoonsful of carbolic acid at his home in Highland Friday evening and died soon after from the effects of the deadly drug before medical assistance arrived. He talked freely after the deed expressing that he had stood it as long as he could, evidently referring to some domestic trouble, and that he was willing and prepared to die. The deceased was employed at the Martin Furniture Company and was a hard-working man, well liked by all who knew him. He had been a resident of Hickory for a good many years, coming originally from Davie county with his parents. He was a member of the Highland Baptist Church and the funeral was held from the home Sunday morning conducted by Rev. W. N. Cook. Afterwards the remains were carried to Warlick's Chapel in Burke county for interment. A wife and four children survive his death. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in the losing of a husband and father whose passing was extremely sad.

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Lutherans Close Big Conference at Maiden

Newton, April 30.—The North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod of the Lutheran Church closed this afternoon at Maiden, with a record of perhaps the largest attendance in the history of the body. The meeting was presided over by President Enoch Hite of Lintolnton, and Rev. C. I. Morgan of this place was secretary. Rev. J. D. Mauney of Hickory was elected treasurer to succeed Rev. James F. Deal.

The conference represents about 8 000 people and more than 75 congregations numbering fully two-thirds of the total strength of the Tennessee Synod.

Lenoir Defeats Lory By Sensational Rally

Gastonia, April 30.—In an exceptionally pretty game of ball here this afternoon, Lenoir College defeated the Lory Tigers by a score of 4 to 3. The collegians came up from behind in the eighth, overcame the locals three run lead and annexed the victory. Of the seven runs scored by both teams, all were earned. E. Miller, pitching for Lenoir, featured the game with his mound work. The port sider was stung in the pinches and several times extricated himself from dangerous entanglements. Other features were the hitting of Yoder and Conrad for Lenoir, and Mason for Lory, and the fielding of Sox for the college boys.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Lenoir000 000 040—4 6 2 Lory101 010 000—3 6 2 Batteries: Lenoir, E. Miller and Suggs; Lory, Gordon and Willis.

Struck out by Gordon 3, by Miller 8. Three-base hit, Conrad; two-base hits, Suggs, Norset, Williams. Time 1:20. Umpires—Messrs. Mason and Carpenter.

John Hice of Caldwell Murdered

Lenoir, April 30.—John Hice, a white man about 50 years old, was found dead in his home near the Catawba River in the southwestern part of the county on Wednesday afternoon 4 o'clock. The evidence points to the fact that he was unmistakably robbed and murdered some time Tuesday night.

Hice was last seen Monday afternoon, when he was at the home of a neighbor, a Mr. Whisnant, who lives about one mile from him, and made arrangements with the latter to help him plant corn on Wednesday. As he did not show up on the day appointed Mr. Whisnant went to his home about 4 o'clock that afternoon. The door of the home was partly ajar and on the inside lay the body of Hice, with the face and head disfigured and clotted with blood.

Several ugly wounds were found on the right side of the head above the eye, while the back of the head was crushed in by the blows from some blunt instrument. Nearby the body was an old-fashioned stove shovel and a heavy rough chair with hair and blood on them, leaving no doubt as to the instruments used in delivering the death blows.

When discovered the body was dressed in a rough shirt and overalls, and the feet bare, indicating that Hice had retired, or was fixing to retire for the night when attacked. There were many bloodstains on the floor and wall of the room, which tended to show that he put up a valiant fight for his life before he was finally overcome.

Hice lived alone, his wife having died about one year ago, in a small two room house is believed to have had on his person some \$400 or \$500. It was known that he usually carried his money around with him and the fact that he lived alone and in a rather secluded place made him an easy mark. His pocketbook, empty and blood-stained, was found near his body, testifying as to the cause of the deed.

Sheriff Triplett, accompanied by Coroner Austin, went to the scene of the tragedy Wednesday and an inquest was held over the body. The verdict of the jury was murder, but sufficient evidence was not secured to justify making any arrests.

Hice was an inoffensive citizen, never doing any one harm.

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American Steamer is Torpedoed And Sunk; Three Lives Are Lost

Vessel Was Torpedoed Off Scilly Islands—President is Notified Aboard His Special Car But Declines to Comment—Stir is Created in Official Circles.

London, May 2.—The American oil tank steamer Gulf Light which sailed from Port Arthur, Texas, April 10, for Rouen, France, was torpedoed at noon Saturday off the Scilly islands, according to a Central News dispatch today.

The captain of the Gulf Light, according to the same advices, died of heart failure as a result of shock. Two seaman jumped overboard and were drowned. The other members of the crew were taken off by a patrol boat. The vessel was towed into Crow sound and beached.

President is Notified.

New Haven, Conn., May 2.—News of the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulf Light off Scilly islands on Saturday was communicated to President Wilson tonight on his special car, en route from Williamstown, Mass., to Washington. He declined to comment.

Created Stir in Official Circles.

Washington, May 2.—Press reports of the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulf Light and the loss of her captain and some members of the crew created a stir tonight in official circles here.

If first reports are borne out the attack on the Gulf Light constitutes the first case of an American ship struck by a torpedo and the consequent loss of lives. Two have been sunk by mines, the responsibility for which never has been fixed and an American, Leon C. Thresher, was drowned when the British ship Falaba was torpedoed.

Memorial Day Exercises Monday

Memorial Day will be observed Monday, May 10, at 5 p. m., in Oakwood Cemetery. The following program has been arranged: Song—"My Country 'Tis of Thee," by all present. Prayer by Dr. Murphy. Song by Dixie Greys. Address by Rev. M. L. Stirewalt.

"Taps" by bugler of local military company. Benediction by Rev. J. G. Garth.

Then the graves of the old soldiers will be decorated. All who can do so will please bring or send flowers for this purpose. It is hoped a large crowd will be present to do honor to the memory of these old men who fought so bravely.

Automobiles will be furnished free to convey all old soldiers of Hickory to the cemetery. All who desire to go will please phone Mrs. R. A. Grimes.

Newton Items.

Newton, April 29.—The unknown white man arrested on suspicion at Maiden Monday and brought here and placed in jail, turns out to be David L. Tinsley, son of James C. Tinsley of Wilkes County; and he is insane. He escaped from the Wilkes County officers after they had reached Morganton with him, and were ready for turning him over to hospital officials there, and since then nothing had been heard of him.

This afternoon, after having refused all along to say a word about himself, he confessed to Sheriff Isenhour that his name was Tinsley, that he had a wife and five children in Wilkes county, and that he had "got wrong on religion," and left home as a consequence. That he is "wrong" was discovered by Jailer Gilbert, and that he has religious troubles was demonstrated last night when he preached a mighty sermon in the jail. He will be sent from here to the hospital at Morganton, on orders of the sheriff of Wilkes County, whom Sheriff Isenhour called on the phone immediately after Tinsley had told who he was.

Prof. A. P. Whisnant, superintendent of the Newton schools, was today appointed by Clerk J. T. Setzer, county assessor of inheritance tax, for a period of two years. The appointment is subject to the approval of the State Tax Commission.

Democrat ads bring results.

The United States government has just completed its investigation of the Thresher case, but in view of the direct attack on an American vessel now reported, it is probable that both incidents will be dealt with in whatever diplomatic action is taken.

It was recalled tonight that in the note sent to Germany in answer to Germany's proclamation of a sea war zone the Washington government stated that it would hold Germany "to a strict accountability" for the loss of any American lives or vessels.

The course of the United States in the case of the Gulf Light is not likely to be determined for several days as sometime probably will be required to get the facts. The possibility of any action other than a demand for damages is considered remote because of the belief of officials that the attack on the Gulf Light probably will be found to have been accidental.

The Captain Was Altered Gunther.

Boston, May 2.—The captain of the tank steamer Gulf Light, who lost his life when his vessel was torpedoed off the Scilly islands, was Altered Gunther, of New York; the first mate is Ralph Smith, of Wakefield, and several members of the crew are from New England, according to information obtained tonight from relatives.

Captain Gunther was commander of the steamship Oklahoma, which went down in a gale in January, 1914, off the New Jersey coast. With several members of the crew he escaped in a life boat and was picked up by another steamer.

Would Expunge Court Records

Raleigh, April 30.—"If it were within our power we would expunge or modify these records, to the end that the injury done thereby might, in a measure, be repaired, or at least, that the influence of the same might be removed," the Carter-Abernethy investigation committee sums up the hearing that ended with its report today.

"With reference to the conduct of Judge Carter at New Bern as hereinbefore set out, and the other incidents mentioned herein, he lost his temper and used intemperate language; but the committee further finds that in no instance did he act corruptly. The committee further finds from evidence that in various other counties in the state, where Judge Carter has held court, he was even-tempered, impartial and fair."

This report, signed by every member of the investigating committee, came in late this afternoon following sessions of the committee that covered in all about six weeks. Throughout the day the capital has been visited by people resident and visiting, led here by a desire to hear what the committee recommends and to know whether there will be any such thing as impeachment proceedings. No prospect of anything more exciting is held out.

The committee recommends: First; That such parts of the records of Craven county, referred to in this report, which reflect upon the official conduct of private character of Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy be expunged, if such can be done by the exercise of constitutional authority.

Second; that no further action be taken with reference to house resolutions Nos. 1155 and 1442, except as here indicated.

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