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## PACKERS RESENT BRITISH METHOD

### State Department Requested to Demand Better Treatment of Cargoes.

American meat packers appealed to the State Department to demand that Great Britain stop interfering with cargoes consigned to neutral ports and settle for \$14,000,000 worth of their products now held in prize courts. They charge the British government with destruction of commerce in food products between the United States and other neutral nations.

After two conferences between the packers and Chandler Anderson, special counselor of the State Department, it was announced that the Department would make representations to Great Britain.

In a statement outlining their case as laid before the Department, they declare that the British government purposely delays settlement of their claim for seized cargoes and that they are not inclined to reopen trade with neutral countries unless they can be assured of delivery of their shipments to ports designated.

"As reported to the packers by their representative in England, Alfred R. Union," says the statement, "the latest terms for the release of the cargoes as laid down by Great Britain are held to be so onerous as to be unacceptable."

"In brief these latest terms are:

"That the packers guarantee Great Britain against claims arising out of the detention of ships.

"That the packers guarantee Great Britain against claims of buyers who bought and paid for large quantities of products seized.

"The packers assert that this latest move by Great Britain is only another step to delay a settlement of the problem and that there appears to be absent the sincere desire to settle the controversy."

In their conferences with Mr. Anderson the packers were insistent that the American government should take firm action, and their statement says of this phase of the subject.

"The packers assert that the attitude of Great Britain seemed incredible in view of the many adjustments they have made to meet the English government in its demands. They take the position of being entitled to full compensation for their goods, and declare that as American citizens they should be afforded protection by the United States and that this government should take a determined stand to protect their rights to ship to neutral countries."

The statement lays particular stress upon the cases of five cargoes shipped before November 25, last, in neutral steamers for Copenhagen and seized on the high seas on the ground that they presumably were ultimately destined for Germany. The packers maintain that the goods had been sold at neutral ports before shipment or "where the goods had not been so sold, then to the consignors agents for sale by them to bona fide neutral purchasers at such neutral ports."

The packers call attention to a statement made by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons March 1, last, "that vessels with cargoes which have sailed before the date of this notification (order in council) will not be affected." The statement continues:

"Shortly after the beginning of the war the British Ambassador at Washington assured the United States government that Great Britain would not interfere with trade in foodstuffs between neutrals. With this in mind the packers say they were justified in making their shipments to neutral ports in neutral

ships. After numerous conferences the prize court authorities definitely refused to release the goods except upon the terms of the packers selling the goods in Great Britain and to give English bail to the full value of the seized cargoes. Inasmuch as the cargoes consisted mainly of fats, oils, and pig products of fat and heavy texture adapted to colder countries than England, the packers declare it was impossible to sell the cargoes and rejected the proposition."

## French Calling On French Indians

Calcutta, July 20.—All Europeans and descendants of Europeans in French India, who were born between 1867 and 1897 are being called up for military service. This means that all those between 18 and 48 years of age will go to the colors. Almost every French family in India is affected. Contingents will sail for Europe from mid July until late in August.

### Ivey Dots.

The unusual hot weather during the last week has been favorable to the proprietors of the cold drink stands. They have been selling lots of ice cream and other refreshments.

Prof. N.M. Cordell and daughter, Miss Annie, are spending some time in the country near Connelly Springs.

Little Nellie Ross has been quite sick for several days. Miss Fannie Smith spent several days last week with relatives and friends at Rhodhiss.

Mrs. G. W. Branch has been very sick the past week. Mr. David Bolch, and family, spent last Sunday with his brother, near Connelly Springs.

Miss Downie Mace of Enoba, is spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Lackey.

Mrs. Minnie McKenzie has been quite sick for several days. Mr. J. P. Huffman says the large two story building the Saints are having built on their lot near the Chapel is nearing completion and will soon be ready for use, as a sleeping house for people coming a distance to attend their camp meetings. He also informs us that the next meeting will commence July 30, and last two weeks. They are expecting ministers from Tennessee and other states to take part in this meeting.

Miss Anna Fry of East Hickory is spending some time here with Mr. and Mrs. Make McKenzie.

Miss Irene and Ophelia Berry, of Drexel, spent several days here last week with their grand mother, Mrs. B. C. Rowe.

### Tired Aching Muscles Relieved

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### Portsmouth-Norfolk Excursion via Seaboard Tuesday August 3, 1915.

The Seaboard Air Line will operate their next excursion Portsmouth-Norfolk Tuesday August 3, 1915, from Rutherfordton, Charlotte, Lumberton, Chester and all intermediate stations to Cary, fare for round trip from Charlotte \$4.50, train leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 p. m., Charlotte 7:50 p. m., arriving Portsmouth next morning at 8:30 a. m. Returning leave Portsmouth Thursday night 8:00 p. m., August 5. Pullman sleepers on this train make reservations early apply Jas. Ker, Jr., T. P. A., Charlotte, first class equipment, Special coaches for colored people. For further information see small flyers, call on your nearest Agent or write undersigned.

John T. West, Jas. Ker, Jr., D. P. A., T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C. Charlotte, N. C.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Jennie Bowman and Master Howard of Taylorsville, are visiting Mrs. G. C. Lowe.

Misses Louise and Alice Ciley are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Walker Lyerly, at Bridgewater.

Miss Dora Castine of Baltimore, is spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. L. E. Zerden.

Mr. W. Robert Reud left Tuesday on a motor trip to Asheville and Montreal, where he will spend several months.

Miss Ovid Webb returned Tuesday to her home in South Boston, Va., after a pleasant visit to Miss Adelaide Johnston.

Miss Adelaide Johnston and her guest Miss Ovid Webb of South Boston, Va., spent the week end at Blowing Rock as the guests of Mrs. James Shuford.

A party of eighteen young boys and girls went to Hibriten last Tuesday evening. They were chaperoned by Mrs. T. A. Mott and Mr. James Shuford. After they enjoyed seeing the sun rise breakfast was cooked by a camp fire and the party returned to Hickory about eight-thirty Wednesday morning.

Friday evening of last week Mr. Frank McComb entertained the Snifty Bunch at the home of Miss Adelaide Johnston. In addition to the members of the club there were quite a number of visitors present. After several games of five hundred were enjoyed a delicious salad course was served by Misses Adelaide Johnston and Gladys Reid.

The Abel A. Shuford Chapter of the U. D. C. met with Mrs. A. S. Abernethy, on Monday afternoon. Ten members were present. After the business meeting was over interesting papers were read on the subjects of "Women in the Home During the Confederate War", "Famous Women Spies in the Confederate War" and "Resources of Women During this War." Grape juice, cakes and ice cream were served, thus closing a most pleasant meeting. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. R. O. Abernethy.

### INTERESTING ITEMS.

The most northerly electric lighting plant in Asia is at Yukutsk, 2,000 miles from a railroad. It remains completely shut down in summer, but during the winter the daily load factor is extremely high.

The wood cultivation and preservation studies of the U. S. department of agriculture have been broadened to include tests of foreign woods of commercial importance to American industries.

The small diagonal streaks or wrinkles across the grain of a piece of timber not only betray weakness, but sometimes indicate periods of stress through which the wood passed when it was growing.

The Texas sweet potato crop will amount to 10,000,000 bushels this year. But residents of that expansive state are merely irritated by such diminutiveness. They say the figure should be ten times larger.

The Glasgow tramway corporations took in last year 689 tons of copper and 87 tons of silver in fares. The revenue amounted to more than 1,000,000 pounds, the latter figure being in money terms, however, not avoidrupois.

Because of the scarcity of clocks in West Africa events are timed by the regular daily occurrences. For example, a native wrote that she had received news of her sister's illness "a little while before the guinea fowl talk;" that is, about 5 o'clock in the morning.

Single orange trees have been known to produce 20,000 oranges.

Brazil yearly consumes 6,000,000 feet of Swedish pine lumber.

Since 1889 Minnesota has issued charters to 16,066 business concerns.

Vanoy Astor owns more dwellings than any other man in New York, but nevertheless rents a place in which to live. He has recently leased the house at 122 East Seventy-eighth street for the coming season.

## Baraca-Philathea Notes FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Furnished by the Class Reporters

Notwithstanding the extremely warm July weather Sunday morning we had forty-two members present and eleven visitors. We were especially glad to have Zong We Tsung who is visiting Miss Cadie Starnes. She visited our class while here last summer and made us an interesting talk. We were sorry our business programme was so long we could not have her talk Sunday, but we hope to have her with us next Sunday and I feel sure the class will enjoy any message she has to give us.

The class met Sunday afternoon to decorate and practice for the service that evening which was quite a success and enjoyed by a large audience.

By the strain of the Philathea National Hymn, played by Miss Marjorie Hoyle, the class marched in from either side and took their places then they sang the words to the class song; then the congregation sang Hymn No. 59 (Now the Day is over); then our pastor led in prayer. Duet by Misses Eroll Bolch and Annie Reinhardt, and it is needless to say anything in praise for them as they are both competent young ladies. Miss Ethel Frazier's paper on Philathea, what it means, was very interesting. Reading by Miss Joe Moore, Two Days, who did credit to our class as our Elocutionist, with such grace as few can possess. Song by the class "He can Count on me," the words of which tell our aim in life that when there is work to be done count on our class. The Past, by Miss Alice Witherspoon showed what a struggle our class had and what difficulties they have had in keeping together and getting organized. The Present, by Miss Eroll Bolch gave you an idea of what our class is doing today and the interest they take in the work, the increase in number and how we cling together. Future, by Miss Loulee Wolfe, was very encouraging for what we expect to do we hope her prophecy is not half what we may accomplish. For the benefit of those who were not able to be with us Sunday evening we are going to publish these papers one each week. Quartet, Misses Reinhardt, Frye, Wolf and Hight was greatly enjoyed. Reading, The House by the side of the Road, by Mrs. Wm. F. Fogle brought out the link of friendship we wish to go out from each member of our class who may live in the "House by the side of the road", and be a friend to man. Hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" by the congregation. The contribution was received by six of the members of our class.

We wish to thank our Pastor, Rev. A. L. Stanford, for his helpful remarks and profound interest in our class. This ended our programme after which the benediction by our pastor. The church was beautifully decorated with white flowers and ferns, a touch of our class colors which are blue and white, were tastefully draped around the altar and from the chandelier above the just beneath hung our class emblem on the wall left of the choir hung our new pennant, which we are so proud of.

Our members who are out of town at this writing are, Miss Sadie Frye, who is visiting friends in Greensboro and Miss Louise Peeler at Granite Falls.

### CLASS HISTORY.

When you see a fine class of young girls, like you see here tonight you wonder if the class has always been like this, but of the three members that are left to tell the story of this class when it was first organized, I am one of them here tonight to tell you that it has not always been like this.

This Philathea Class of the First M. E. Church South, Hickory, was organized in January,

1911, with sixteen members, and with our present teacher, Mr. A. M. West as teacher. It was merely the name Philathea, the class had and nothing else, as we had no charter and did not try to do the work that a Philathea class should do. Miss Blanch Mann was the first President of this class. At the close of the year we had only ten members and only four of them attended regularly, hence we could not do good work. Though oftentimes discouraged over the small attendance our teacher stuck to us and we struggled along with the faithful four and gained four more, three of them being College girls, who could not attend regularly.

At the beginning of the new year, Miss Lucile Litaker succeeded Miss Mann as president. We still had a small class, but we trust that we carried a ray of sunlight into some of the sick rooms we visited and to which we carried our flowers.

At the close of the year 1912 we had the unlucky number thirteen, or rather a lucky number for the class. Miss Mary Campbell was elected president. She had her trials and disappointments over the poor attendance. Out of the thirteen, we had only five active members. It was discouraging to all, but we always kept in mind that all great things come out of the little things, hence the class of today.

In 1913 Miss Mamie Sue Johnson's class of seventeen were added to our class and Miss Mabel Hight elected president and from the very first this class started out doing good work. We immediately got a charter, organized different committees, charity, and help, social, and a committee to make all strangers welcome to our church and class.

We moved into a beautiful class room, installed about one hundred good books in our class, bought charts, blackboard and all the helps we needed to carry on the work. We sent delegates to all the different churches of the town to visit the different Philathea class and to all the State conventions in order to see what other classes were doing. Last fall we started a membership contest with the Baraca class, but were defeated by them by only a few members and had to give them a banquet, but we were delighted to do that part for we certainly gave them some work to do to defeat us. Our Superintendent has found a good many of his best teachers in the Philathea class and any money movement that has been on foot the Philathea class has always done its part. In all since the class was first organized we have had 326 girls to belong to the class. Some have been going all the time others were coming, and we have had 226 visitors to our class since last September. I want to say right here that I believe that I am voicing the sentiment of every member of the Philathea class when I say that Miss Hight has been the one that has kept the class together and made it what it is today.

What a contrast our beautiful class room is to the two back benches on the left where the first class was organized. It makes us think of what one writer says about things that could not be done.

Somebody said that it couldn't be done. But he, with a chuckle, replied, "That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one who wouldn't say so till he had tried. So he buckled right in, with the trace of a grin. On his face; if he worried, he hid it. He started to sing as he tackled the thing that couldn't be done—and he did it. Somebody scoffed, Oh you'll never do that. At least no one had ever done it. But he took off his coat and he took off his hat. And the first thing we knew he'd begun to sing. With the lift of his chin, and a bit of a grin. Without any doubting or quiddit. He started to sing as he tackled the thing that couldn't be done—and he did it. There are thousands to tell you it can

not be done. There are thousands to prophesy failure. There are thousands to point out to you, one by one.

The dangers that wait to assail you. But just buckle in with a bit of a grin. Then take off your coat and go to it. Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing that cannot be done—and you'll do it.

ALICE WITHERSPOON.

### Mayor Stanley's Statement.

With the regard to the trouble in Highland on the night of July the 3rd; and Sunday morning July 4th. I wish to state that I was simply doing what I could to preserve the peace and keep order in the town. I am informed by some of the best legal talent in this country that I was clearly within the law. As to venting malice on Chas. Witherspoon, I did not then nor do I now bear any malice toward him. Had it not been for the hatred on the part of a few people incurred by me in winning the recent election this case would never have been heard of outside of Highland. Witherspoon must have had faith in my fairness because he expressed a desire to have the cases against him tried by me.

All I have to say is that I am willing to stand before the bar of God and be judged according to my action in the matter. I submit a list of Highland's citizens who have signed their names of their own free will and accord. I could have got more but I consider this enough.

### W. S. STANLEY.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned Aldermen and Citizens of the town of Highland, heartily endorse Mayor Stanley's action in the matter of going to the rescue of the Policeman on the night of July 3rd and Sunday morning July 4th:

R. S. Allred, C. L. Eckard, Dexter Hoke, Chas. E. Hefner, A. K. Hoke, Henry Lael, W. S. Holman, A. T. Foy, F. L. Fry, Luther Marshall, P. L. Hefner, Lafayette Lael, C. I. Raby, D. P. Canipe, Charles Fry, E. M. Suggs, B. B. Hall, R. C. Harrison, J. L. Dagenheart, C. F. Lael, M. W. Veach, J. Park Robinson, J. L. McDaniel, E. C. Lafon, A. C. Lael, Miles A. Teague, A. P. Price, William S. Robinson, H. M. Taylor, William F. Holler, N. M. Isenhour, Edward Lael, W. T. Harris, W. H. Hyder, E. P. Cline, L. L. Sims, Luther E. Fry, W. P. Lael, W. P. Bollinger, Leroy Hayworth, Guy A. Kennedy, D. A. Newton, L. A. Cline, John Holman, J. W. Bowles, of Hickory.

## Allied Loses in Turkey 42,434

The total casualties of the allies' Dardanelles expeditionary force to date in killed, wounded and missing have been 42,434 officers and men. That includes both naval and military branches.

### Hints for Housekeepers.

In case you have guests and they engage in a heated political controversy, start up the phonograph.

Burning a large onion on a red hot shovel will do away with the odor of tobacco in your drawing room.

Don't throw your coffee grounds away. Dry them and keep them for the use of borrowing neighbors.

Letting the children run barefoot in summer will save money in shoes, but it makes the soap bill larger.

There are stars more than a foot in diameter on the flag which floats over the post office department at Washington. More than 400 yards of bunting were used in the flag. It was paid for by employees in the building.

A former British soldier who died penniless in Michigan, the other day, had served before Sebastopol, in Abyssinia, under Roberts in India and with the regulars who suppressed the north-east rebellion at Ciskaife.

## J. W. BOWMAN GIVEN PARDON BY GOVERNOR

Prisoner Has Developed Paralysis Since Going to States' Prison. Governor-Craig's Reason.

Governor Locke Craig, spending the summer months at Battery Park hotel yesterday announced the granting of a conditional pardon to J. W. Bowman, of Alexander, convicted in 1909 of murder in the second degree and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at the state's prison. The prisoner will be released immediately. He has become paralyzed on one side since his confinement, and that fact, together with recommendations of court officers and other prominent citizens that he be released, had a great deal to do with the action taken by the chief executive yesterday.

In his reasons for granting the pardon, Governor Craig explains that in killing John Hafer, Bowman was assisting a friend who apparently was in grave danger. The full reasons, as given by Governor Craig in announcing the granting of the pardon, follow:

"The defendant and one Frank Propst were both convicted for the killing of Hafer. Bowman did the killing. Propst was convicted on the ground of conspiracy between him and Bowman. Two years ago I investigated this case and found that there was no evidence to sustain the charge of conspiracy. The killing of Hafer by Bowman was unjustifiable, but at the time Hafer had Propst down upon the ground and was inflicting upon him wounds with some sharp instrument. Propst called for help, stating that Hafer was killing him. It was nearly dark. Bowman ran to the combatant and stabbed Hafer several times, which wounds inflicted death. This killing was done upon the impulse of the moment, and to assist the defendant's friend while the friend was apparently in serious danger. Bowman used entirely too much force, and was savage in his attack on Hafer. For this he has served five years in the state's prison, and since his confinement he has become paralyzed on one side. This pardon is recommended by Judge Council, who tried the case, and by a large number of the leading citizens of Catawba and Alexander counties, who know the facts."

The pardon is granted on condition that the prisoner obey all laws and otherwise conduct himself as a good citizen. The case attracted wide attention in that section of the state in which it was tried.—Asheville Citizen, July 20.

### A Good Record.

Atlanta Ga., July 18.—More than sixteen and a half million passengers—a number greater than the combined population of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky—were transported by Southern Railway during the year ended June 30 with only one fatal injury to a passenger while on a train and that one was standing on a car platform in direct violation of the Company's rules.

Of this great number of passengers, not one was killed in a train accident.

This excellent record was shown in the official figures given out today indicating the high degree of safety that has been attained in the handling of Southern Railway passenger trains.

In marked contrast are figures recently given out by President Fairfax Harrison, of Southern Railway, showing that during the same period twelve persons riding in automobiles were killed in accidents at public highway crossings, every one of which accidents could have been prevented had the driver of the car observed the familiar warning, "Stop, Look, and Listen."

Boone Democrat: Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Hardin, who recently sold their business in Hickory, are at the home of Mrs. Hardin's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Little, in Boone. Mr. Hardin will, so he informs the Democrat, take work with a Knoxville firm as traveling salesman. Mrs. Hardin and the little boy will remain here for the present, at least.