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NAVY WILL FURNISH GUNS FOR AMERICAN VESSELS

Arming of St. Louis and St. Paul, United States Ships, Agreed to—Gunners to be Provided by Steamship Company—Some Questions of Policy.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 12.—P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine, today made formal application to the navy department for guns to arm the passenger liners of the American line. The request states that the company has been unable to find guns elsewhere.

It is indicated that the navy department, while opposed for military reasons to any project of conveying American merchant men through the submarine zone favors furnishing such ships with guns for their own defense. Inasmuch as the government has recognized that the naval stores is the only source for obtaining guns for that purpose, it is held that the navy could furnish them.

The navy department, it is stated officially, has a considerable quantity of old model four inch to six inch rifles with to arm merchant ships but not enough to provide all ships during war with armaments.

The question of supplying trained gun crews for merchant men is more difficult from a departmental point of view. There is objection from withdrawing men from the navy at this time, and there is some question as to the status of such ships.

The French government furnishes guns, but not the gunners.

GERARD ARRIVES SAFELY AT ZURICH

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 12.—Official reports on the arrival of former Ambassador Gerard and his suite at Zurich, Switzerland, reached the state department today from American Minister Stovall at Berne. They added nothing to the information already published.

PRESIDENT IS ASKED TO APPROVE \$200,000

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 12.—President Wilson will be asked to approve a \$200,000 appropriation for the food price investigation to be conducted by the federal trade commission and the department of agriculture at his suggestion.

BONILLAS IS NAMED MEXICAN AMBASSADOR

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 12.—Ignacio Bonillas, one of General Carranza's representatives on the Mexican-American joint commission, has been named ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

Mr. Bonillas now is at Palm Beach. It is expected that he will come to Washington to present his credentials almost at the same time Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Mexico, reaches his destination.

Judge Garland S. Ferguson of Waynesville, who is presiding over Catowba superior court, spent Sunday with his niece, Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr.

Carranza Asks U. S. and Other Neutrals to Prevent Exports to Belligerents

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 12.—General Carranza has sent a note to the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile, as well as to all neutral nations, asking them to join in an agreement to prohibit the export from their countries to the warring European nations of foodstuffs and munitions of war.

Explaining an Accident

The Record makes apology to its readers this afternoon for more than the usual number of errors in the paper and for a shortage of reading matter. Just about 10 o'clock this morning the cogs on the motor that runs the linotype were stripped, and it required nearly four hours to repair the damage.

With the assistance of Messrs. Stephens and McRory of the Southern Public Utilities Company, and Messrs. John Cilley and P. C. Sharpe, who kept busy on the job all during the noon hour, a new piece was made that will answer the purpose until the broken part can come from Brooklyn by express.

The Record would not say anything about this accident if it had two linotype machines, because such accidents are frequent; but it happens that the one machine is all this paper can afford. The paper feels sure that customers will appreciate the handicaps under which the paper is issued and that they will overlook some errors that were not corrected and some matter that could not be set up in time for today's issue.

FREIGHT HEAVY ON SOUTHERN THESE DAYS

Freight business on the Southern Railway system is unusually heavy these days. Nos. 71 and 74 today ran in three sections each, No. 87 ran in four sections Sunday night and No. 72 ran in four sections Saturday night. At one time last week there were 100 cars westbound in the yards here.

While freight traffic is unusually heavy, passenger business is not unusually heavy; in fact the Southern made application Saturday to have several passenger trains taken off, one of these being No. 21 between Asheville and Waynesville.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP IS REPORTED SUNK

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 12.—The sinking of the British steamship Netherlee is reported by Lloyds.

AUSTRIAN OFFICERS NO LONGER BEAU BRUMMELS

(By Associated Press.) With the Austro-Hungarian Army on the Isonzo front, Jan. 12.—Once known as a man who paid much attention to dress and the lighter side of his profession the Austro-Hungarian officer has during the war become a very serious individual.

The military Beau Brummel of Europe has been changed into a hard soldier—a man who wears the cloth of the private and takes his place in the firing line with rifle and bayonet, who, when the work is done sees to it that those under him get their food before he eats his.

Those who know the Austro-Hungarian officer as he appeared in times of peace, and still appears when away from the front, there is something grim in this. With his workday clothing goes a working mind. At the front he is on duty constantly, and even the lucky ones who may for a time do staff work at some headquarters consider themselves well off when the working day is less than fourteen hours.

In one of the Tolmein positions the Associated Press correspondent met a Lieutenant-Colonel, acting as battalion commander, who had been on duty almost twenty-four hours every day for ten months without a single leave of absence. What sleep he had had been broken every night by the ringing of the telephone beside his bed, and by many an alarm he has just been given leave of absence for a month for recuperation.

There is a captain of Scotch descent, leader of a company of Bosnians in the same sector, who has been on duty uninterruptedly for more than a year. Drilling trenches into the hard lime rock, of his position has become his passion. What the Italians will do on the ground he holds forms wonderful tables in his Scotch brain, and of special interest is that he has the habit of taking a short club into battle. His men tell remarkable stories how he uses this. Sole pastime of this captain is casting for trout in a brook under the very noses of the Italians. He was wounded twice before he came to his present position.

At the various headquarters officers are met who should be home. Officers have made service in the trenches impossible for them, but they do what they can. With both hands totally crippled a major works at a certain general headquarters. It is painful to see him turn over the leaves of the reports he studies. Others walk with the aid of a stick. Some lack an arm or leg.

Such men, it is claimed, make the best officers for headquarters work. As a rule they are recommended for their duties by special qualities, be this unusual intelligence or training in some department. An officer made unfit for field work by wounds after two years of service in the firing line is a good asset on any staff if he has the needed intelligence to make use of the experience he has had. To many it seems great consolation that they are still able to be of service to the institution to which they have given life.

The high school seniors raised \$15 by means of the box supper Saturday night. They are planning another soon.

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED BY MR. SELF

Mr. W. A. Self, chairman of the mass-meeting at Newton last Tuesday was authorized to appoint a committee from each township to consider the question of good roads in Catawba county and today he announced the appointment of the committee, together with the announcement that it would meet at Newton Wednesday at noon. The committee as named by Mr. Self, one man for each township, follows:

Hickory—P. A. Setzer.
Newton—W. B. Gähler.
Catawba—Oscar Sherrill.
Clines—Homer Little.
Mountain Creek—Ernest Beatty.
Caldwell—James M. Crouse.
Jacobs Fork—C. M. Yoder.

This committee also will discuss the proposed general bill that has been prepared for introduction into the general assembly by the state highway commission, and the meeting Wednesday at noon is an important one.

There is nothing like this weather for swatting the flies.

Mr. Joe Reinhardt is confined to his room with a case of grip.

Rev. B. A. Yorke, Jr. of Lincoln is a Hickory visitor yesterday.

Misses Kittie Flowers and Catherine Stevenson spent Sunday in Salisbury visiting friends.

Rev. J. B. Pruitt preached a strong sermon at the First Baptist church Sunday morning.

According to a statement given out by the Minister of public works, a total of \$11,411,670 was expended during 1915 on public works in New Zealand.

New York investors have bought 45,000 acres of swamp lands near Belhaven, in the eastern part of North Carolina. This land is to be drained and colonized.

Private Gordon Council, Troop A, Lincoln cavalry troop, has been promoted to corporal. John Aiken and William Council, members of the same troop, were promoted in the fall.

The thermometer registered 20 degrees above zero early today, but the weather improved during the day. At 6 o'clock Sunday the mercury stood at 40, and the day would have been ideal if the wind had not blown rather hard all day.

The funeral of Cecil Eckard, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dalles Eckard, was held from the Holy Trinity Lutheran church Sunday afternoon, an unusually large company being present. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

THIRTEEN PERISH IN BIG HOTEL BLAZE

(By Associated Press.) Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 12.—At least 13 persons are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Kenworth Hotel shortly after midnight today. In addition to the known missing there may be 11 others unaccounted for in the ruins, according to the proprietor of the hotel.

LINCOLN'S BIRTH OBSERVED AT CAPITOL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 12.—The national capital today joined in the nationwide celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Appropriate exercises were held in congress.

A feature of the celebration was that arranged for tonight by patriotic societies in which former Speaker Cannon is to speak on "Reminiscences of Lincoln." Mr. Cannon is said to be the only person living who was intimate with the emancipator.

KENTUCKY OBSERVES DAY

(By Associated Press.) Louisville, Ky., Feb. 12.—For the first time in its history Louisville will legally celebrate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln today. In various ways the birth of the emancipator will be celebrated by the state in which he was born. The last session of the general assembly made Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday. Schools will be closed. In a majority of the churches of Louisville and other places preachers and educators will deliver lectures on the life of Lincoln.

MR. SELF SLOWLY POISONED?

The most eminent physicians recognize that uric acid stored up in the system is the cause of gout and rheumatism, that this uric acid poison is deposited in the joints, muscles, or nerves-sheath. By experimenting and analysis at the Surgical Institute, in Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Pierce discovered a combination of native remedies that he called Anuric, which drives out the uric acid from the system, and in this way the pain, swelling and inflammation subside. If you are a sufferer from rheumatism, backache, pains here or there, you can obtain Anuric (double strength) at any drug store and get relief from the pains and ills brought about by uric acid.

Swollen hands, ankles, feet are due to a dropsical condition, often caused by disordered kidneys. Naturally when the kidneys are deranged the blood is filled with poisonous uric acid, which settles in the tissues of the feet, ankles, wrists or back as uric salts; or under the eyes in bag-like formations.

It is just as necessary to keep the kidneys acting properly as to keep the bowels active to rid the body of poisons.

The very best possible way to take care of yourself is to take a glass of hot water before meals and an Anuric tablet. In this way it is readily dissolved with the food, picked up by the blood and finally reaches the kidneys where it has a cleansing and tonic effect.

Step into the drug store and ask for a 50-cent package of Anuric, or send Dr. Pierce 10c for trial package. Anuric—many times more potent than lithia, eliminates uric acid as hot water melts sugar. A short trial will convince you.

DOROTHY DAVENPORT'S LATEST RELEASE

On Tuesday at the Pastime theatre there will be seen the five reel Red Weather feature production, "The Devil's Bondswoman" in which Dorothy Davenport is featured. The direction is by Lloyd B. Carleton and discriminating critics have agreed that in this picture he has turned out a production that is well up to his enviable standard for gripping plot and accuracy of direction. The story is an intensely interesting one of how a vampire tries to get a young man in her grasp and how she tries to ruin him because he rejects her favors. He is saved from the wiles of the creature by the affection of an innocent girl, the part that is played by Dorothy Davenport. Others in the cast are Emory Johnson, Richard Morris and Adele Farrington.

TO MUSTER OUT COMPANY A TONIGHT

The Hickory military company will be mustered out tonight or Tuesday morning depending on whether Lieut. Col. N. Watson and Major Nelson Gapen, surgeon, arrive by that time. They are mustering out officers. The company may give a drill this afternoon for the benefit of Hickory people.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair and continued cold tonight. Tuesday fair, with rising temperature; fresh to strong northeast winds along the coast.

ROAD BILL HERE TONIGHT

Secretary Joy and Mr. W. A. Self are studying the draft of the general road bill, soon to be submitted by the state highway commission to the general assembly, and Mr. Self carried it to Newton today for consideration by the business men there. The draft will be considered here tonight at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce and the directors and members of the advisory board are expected to be on hand. It is thought that a number of changes will be recommended in the bill in order to make it fit conditions here.

MRS. ENNIS ON TRIAL FOR LARCENY OF \$3,000

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Victor Ennis was placed on trial here today on charges of larceny after trust. Two years ago Mrs. Ennis and her husband were acquitted in San Antonio, Texas, of the charge of killing Beatrice and Eloise Nelms of Atlanta. They returned to Atlanta to be charged with converting to their own use over \$3,000 in cash taken from the Nelms sisters. Victoria Ennis was convicted and sentenced to seven years imprisonment and a fine. Mrs. Ennis is said to be ill with tuberculosis and was too ill to be tried with her husband.

AMERICAN SEAMEN ARE HELD IN GERMANY PENDING NEWS OF INTERNED STEAMERS HERE

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Feb. 11.—via Wireless to the Associated Press, Feb. 12.—Foreign Secretary Zimmermann today informed the Associated Press that he had requested the Swiss government to make inquiry in Washington regarding the status of the crews of interned German ships in American ports.

Pending an answer the 72 Americans taken by a German raider and brought in by the Yarrowdale, whose release had been agreed to, are being held in Germany.

Automobiles Cross Hudson on Ice—Saratoga Reports Forty Degrees Below Zero

New York, Feb. 12.—A drop in the temperature to three degrees above zero at 7:30 a. m. today brought to this city the coldest weather of the season. The official forecast was that the weather would moderate.

Rivers and bays about New York are filled with heavy drifting ice fields today, interfering to some extent with navigation. For the first time in five years the Hudson river is solidly frozen over for the three mile stretch between Tarrytown and Nyacks.

Hundreds of persons have walked from shore to shore and several automobiles have negotiated the trip.

One Large Ship Sunk by Submarines This Afternoon; British Make Gains on Ancre

(By Associated Press.) During the morning and early afternoon today only one large vessel was reported a victim of the new submarine, the British steamer Neveerthele of 4,277 tons. Two small steamers brought the total tonnage up to 9,900 today.

In the field of military operations the British are pushing ahead on the Somme front according to their latest report, which recorded a gain of ground of more than three quarters of a mile in the Ancre region. Berlin reports the British operations to have been a series of attacks from the Ancre to the Somme, the British making some minor gains.

The French on the western front are confining themselves at present to raiding operations, several of which are reported in today's Paris statement.

Outpost encounters and surprise attacks in comparatively small force are the only events along the Russian front recorded in the current official reports.

Jonas Introduces Bone-Dry Prohibition Bill—Another of Judge Clark's Bills Killed

Record's Special Legislative Report. Raleigh, Feb. 12.—A bone-dry bill which he was careful to declare was divorced from either the anti-saloon league or Rev. R. L. Davis was introduced in the senate today by Jonas of Lincoln. It would outlaw the sale of alcoholic liquors, preventing even the shipment for sacramental purposes, but would allow it personally made for that use and would permit physicians to import two quarts of a month, as individuals now are permitted to do.

Senator Jonas says he is not offering this measure as a party affair, though four Republicans have joined him. "I want to know whether this legislature is for prohibition or not," he declared.

The senate alone worked today. It killed the bill designed to do away with the private examination of women. This was one of Chief Justice Clark's many dissents, and Senator Jones declared, as his measure died "the senate would not pass the ten commandments if Judge Clark favored them."

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WON'T BE CAUGHT NAPPING

Sharp Refusal to Consider Hints From Germany Indicated at Washington—Berlin First Must Abandon Ruthlessness and Restore Pledges in Sussex Case.

ANOTHER UNITED STATES SHIP DEPARTS

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 12.—The fourth ship under the American flag to sail from this port for a European destination since Germany's renewal of ruthless submarine warfare. She is the freighter Okego, bound for Goa, carrying a general cargo of 2,500 tons. Her master and many of her crew are Americans.

There were nearly forty members of the Young Men's Baraca class of the Methodist church present yesterday morning. Three new members, Messrs. Chas. Deal, Clyde Dietz, Jack Edwards were added to the roll, and Mr. G. N. Wilkerson was a welcome visitor.

NO MARKETS TODAY

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 12.—The Chicago board of trade and other leading grain centers were closed today on account of Lincoln's birthday.

GERMANY'S SUGGESTION FOR NEGOTIATIONS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED WHILE SHIPS ARE BEING SUNK

Official opinion has solidified that Germany's suggestion for negotiations cannot be considered while ships are being sunk in a campaign which has brought forth the moral condemnation of neutral nations.

Officials admitting today for the first time the receipt of such an offer through the Swiss minister regarded the note as an attempt to belaud the issue and weaken the government. They gave intimations that it would be disregarded, and intimated that Germany should now abandon a policy that she inaugurated suddenly, without consulting the United States.