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SUBMARINE SINKING

Whether the falling off in the number of ships of large tonnage sunk by German submarines last week was due to better patrol methods or whether it was the result of conveying the larger ships is not stated in the official report, but it is safe to assume that England, as well as the United States, is now affording greater protection to its more precious vessels. It would seem, however, that the smaller ships—those less than 1,600 tons—are allowed to shift for themselves, and the record of the U-boats would bear out this theory. Twenty-eight merchantmen were destroyed by submarines during the past week, but of these only eight were of more than 1,600 tons. There is reason to believe that the destruction of ships will fall off from now until spring because of the shorter days, and by that time the allies probably will have enough patrol boats and convoys to insure the prosecution of the war more successfully than ever.

DEDICATION

The dedication of a new school building has been made the occasion of festivities from time immemorial. It means simply the consecration of a new temple to the cause of humanity, for public education is the most worthy undertaking in which a people can engage.

Hickory people have reason to celebrate tonight. The new high school building, modern in every detail, will be dedicated, and the head of the state's system of education, Dr. James Yarkin Joyner, will be here to make an address. The Community Club, which has taken a deep interest in community betterment, will hold a reception for the teachers and the public is asked to be present. As a matter of right, the people of Hickory should be there. It is their building that is to be dedicated. It is for their children and the children of future generations.

We should make the occasion worthy of the cause.

HAIG'S LATEST OFFENSIVE

Sir Douglas Haig's latest offensive will have as a secondary object the driving of the Germans from the coast of Belgium, where submarine bases are located. The primary object of course is to win a decision over the Germans or at least a victory which forced Hindenburg to retreat in the winter. Although the British general may not accomplish sensational results, it must be borne in mind that as long as the allies are on the offensive they have the advantage of their enemies. They can select their places of attack, this time to strike and be ready with the most artillery and men. The offensive has been taken from the Germans for all time, and an army constantly on the defensive is bound to suffer in morale.

In the campaign to raise \$25,000 for Weaver Hall at Rutherford College, to be named in honor of one of the most beloved men in the church, Methodists of western North Carolina should feel a peculiar interest. Every impulse given to education is so much gained, and a new building for Rutherford College should be a cause for rejoicing throughout the state.

Militarism and universal military training are two different propositions. In autocratic form of government militarism is a logical development of universal service; it wasn't the case in France and it would not be the case in the United States or England and her colonies.

It is a fact worthy of note that the more intelligent a Republican is the more loyally he supports the administration in the conduct of the war. Take the list and see if this is not a fact.

There may be a spirited fight for Democratic nominations for congress next spring, but two years from then the fellows who hold jobs will have to show good reasons for their return.

Charity and Children strikes vigorously in defense of James H. Pou, the Raleigh lawyer who has done better service to the state and nation than any single private.

Walter Murphy of Salisbury is such a good fellow that we want him to have everything he wants, but he is up against it in any fight for Bob Doughton's place.

Horseford bridge will be ready for traffic tomorrow morning. Mr. Fry has taken a fine sporting chance, and we hope he will win.

War or no war, the number of Hickory children whose parents are anxious for them to be in school grows larger and larger each year.

MEMBERS OF KENAN FAMILY ARE RETICENT

Wilmington, Sept. 21.—Neither Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, health officer, members of the Kenan family, the coroner, nor others who would ordinarily have knowledge of such a proceeding, would discuss at all persistent reports that the body of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, interred in the family lot at the cemetery here, had been or would be disinterred. Under the laws of this state such a disinterment could take place without court record and the superintendent of health steadfastly refuses to say whether or not such a permit has been issued, there being no record of such a permit. It is known, however, that members of the family have stationed guards at their lot in Oakdale cemetery to prevent any trespass whatever. The only statement Dr. Nesbitt, health officer, would make was that he had not made the statement that a permit had been issued by him.

Constable John H. Davis and an assistant constitute the guard at the grave of Mrs. Bingham, being employed privately by the Kenan family, and went on duty last night.

Mrs. Bingham died suddenly at her home in Louisville, Ky., Friday, July 27 last, and was buried here Tuesday July 31. She had been slightly indisposed for several weeks, it was stated at the time, but her death was wholly unexpected and produced a profound shock in her family in this city.

Her maiden name was Mary Lily Kenan, a daughter of the late Captain William R. Kenan, of this city, and she was about 50 years old. Her sisters, Mesdames J. K. Wise and Graham Kenan, reside here, as well as other relatives. William R. Kenan, Jr., of Lockport, N. Y., is a brother. Her niece, Mrs. Louise Wise-Lewis, of Cincinnati, under the terms of her will inherited the bulk of her fortune, estimated at from sixty to seventy-five millions. In 1916 Mrs. Plagier married Judge Robert Worth Bingham of Louisville, Ky., and resided there up to the time of her death.

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