

THE MONROE JOURNAL

PUBLISHED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

VOL. 22. No. 8.

MONROE, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1916.

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

EARTHQUAKE SCARED 'EM

Waxhaw Folks Felt the Shock—
Marriage and Deaths—Cow went
Mad—Other News.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Mr. Frank E. Lemmonds, after an illness of two months terminating in pneumonia, died at the home of his son, Mr. N. J. Lemmond, in the Bonds Grove community, on Sunday morning. He was buried at Belair church by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Davis, and Rev. Mr. W. F. Sanford of Waxhaw. Mr. Lemmonds was an old soldier, a man of splendid character, and held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. T. A. Anderson, aged and highly respected citizen of the Six mile community, died at his home there Sunday. He was paralyzed about eight years ago and since Christmas he had been in a very serious condition. Mr. Anderson was twice married. First to Miss Amelia Dunlap and after her death to Mrs. Osborne who survives him, there are no children. He was about seventy eight years old, was a brave soldier of the Presbyterian church. Funeral services were conducted Monday by Rev. C. E. Robinson and burial was in the cemetery at Six Mile church this afternoon.

Samuel McLroy, Jr., wants to know the exact spot at Pleasant Grove where his mother was buried. He wants to erect a tombstone. Any information given the Enterprise or C. C. Mellwin will be appreciated.

There were some right amusing things in connection with the earthquake Monday night. At one home where the family was at supper the husband asked what was shaking the table and the wife replied that the table kicked the table. The old man wanted to know "how come" that was cracking the ceiling. Another place the clothes wire was connected to the well curb and the corner of the house. The good woman thought the shaking was due to someone drawing a bucket of water. One man was asked if he felt it; he said he did. He was then asked if he was in the house. He replied that he was when it started.

Mr. W. H. Helms of the Rehoboth community had a fine milk cow to go mad one day last week. Several weeks ago a mad dog was at large in the community and the cow was in the pasture. It was not known that the dog bit her. Last Thursday the cow began running about the lot acting funny and snapping at chickens and other objects. All of the symptoms indicated hydrophobia and she was killed.

Mr. Snider Carter sent a dog to the happy hunting ground Monday morning. When he came up town to open up the door of the buggy room and tried to run it off. The dog wouldn't "shoo" worth a cent and looked wrong about the eyes, so Mr. Carter armed himself with a small Winchester rifle and charged the enemy. It required several shots to do the work but when he quit the dog was very, very dead.

Very beautiful in its simplicity was the quiet home wedding Sunday afternoon when Miss Martha Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Baker, at Flint Ridge, was given in marriage to Mr. Will A. Biggers, of Matthews.

The words that made them man and wife were very impressively spoken by Rev. W. F. Sanford, pastor of the bride. Misses Odessa Baker and Loraine Stephenson, were brides maids and Messrs. John Reid and Luther Baker were groomsmen. The ceremony was attended by only a few intimate friends.

After the marriage they drove to the home of the groom where a bounteous supper was served. While Mrs. Biggers is deeply missed, her many friends and old comrades extend their best wishes for a long and happy life.

Intense Interest in Battle

Paris Dispatch, Feb. 24.

The great battle raging along the 25-mile front from Etain to Malancourt, north and east of Verdun, is being followed with the most intense interest by the public. It disposes effectively of the question whether or not the Germans would make an early offensive. The battle is the first on a large scale since the offensive in the Champagne in September, and is believed to be the forerunner of stirring and perhaps decisive events.

The principal fighting centers in the rough and thickly wooded country between Etain and Danvillers. Here some 300,000 of the German crown prince's best infantry are trying to wrest from the French important roads which would enable them to make their way through to the Meuse. The battle as yet is only beginning, but it is said already to have cost the assailants of the French heavy casualties and without any appreciable advantage having been attained.

The Germans have been making preparations for a big stroke at Verdun, so openly during the past month that the French had every chance to get ready for them. The attacks up to the present only involve the advanced lines, which are at least two miles beyond the outer defenses of the fortress.

First Baptist Church

You are always welcome here. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning sermon: "The Two Fold Touch." Evening sermon: "How to Live Spiritually," being the third of a series on "How to Live." Sunday school at 3:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend.

Boiler Explosion — Other Pageland News.

Mr. H. James of upper Union county has taken charge of the telephone exchange here. His family occupies the H. J. Ogburn house on Pearl st. A movement has been started to organize a company to install an electric light plant here within a short time. It is impossible to say just at this time what success the promoters will meet with, but they have received much encouragement and it is thought that a sufficient amount of stock will be taken to secure the plant.

Mr. Tom Catledge died near Plains Sunday night after an illness with pneumonia. He was about 21 years old, and was a member of Bethel church. He was a son of the late Mr. James Catledge. The body was buried at Fork Creek church Monday afternoon, Rev. J. A. White conducting the service.

Nora Crawford, a negro who lived on Mr. J. W. Blackwell's farm near Plains, was severely burned last Friday when her clothing caught from the fireplace as she turned to lay her baby in the cradle, from the effects of which she died Saturday afternoon. No other grown people were there, and her clothing burned off before help could reach her.

Judge Shipp, of Florence, will preside at the term of criminal court which convenes on Monday, March 6th. The most important case to be tried is the one against the parties who engaged in a riot here last March, more than a dozen in number. It is said that Solicitor Spears will insist that all the parties be tried under one charge and at one time, while the attorneys on each side will object and demand separate trials. The best counsel obtainable in this section has been employed on each side, and there is promise of a legal battle worthy of attention when this case comes to trial.

A boiler at Mr. Joe Smith's saw mill 7 miles south of Ruby exploded yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, and Mr. Luke Jordan, a white man about 35 years old, was terribly scalded and reports late yesterday afternoon stated that there was hardly any chance that he could live. One negro was scalded also, but not so severely. They had been at work on the boiler earlier in the day, and had just fired up and were standing around the boiler. The crown sheet blew off and the steam and hot water enveloped the men. Mr. Jordan is a married man and has three or four children.

A quiet home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. M. E. Threatt Sunday evening at 8:50 o'clock when Miss Nellie Mangum became the bride of Mr. Boyd B. Eubanks. Rev. J. W. Quick performed the ceremony. Only two or three were present and the announcement came as a surprise to a great many of their friends. Mr. Eubanks is a son of the late J. C. Eubanks of Buford township. He came to Pageland three years ago and since that time has been engaged in the jewelry business. He has shown himself a capable man, and has won many friends. Mrs. Eubanks is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mangum. She is bright, attractive and is highly esteemed by her wide circle of friends. Both are among the town's most popular young people, and a great number of friends wish them much happiness.

To Fight the T. R. Movement

Wilmington Star.

There is already a fight on in the Republican party to head off the strong Roosevelt movement that has set in. The movement seems to be to nominate Roosevelt or a Roosevelt man. In Massachusetts that is the issue among the Republicans, who are now getting ready for their State primaries.

In Washington a few days ago Senators Henry Cabot Lodge and John W. Weeks, former Senator Murray Crane and Governor McCall of the old line, issued a statement to the effect that they stand against candidates for delegates at large to the Republican national convention in opposition to the Gardner-Bird-Cushing candidacy as avowed supporters of Theodore Roosevelt.

The Massachusetts primaries will be held in April, and the Roosevelt faction already has issued a defiant "come on" challenge to the opposition. The Massachusetts lines are now drawn, and it will be interesting to observe whether or not the organization of the Roosevelt element is in control of the party in the state.

"Rockingham to Wadesboro."

Rockingham Post.

Work has been started on the Anson end of the new connecting road between Richmond and Anson counties and as soon as the weather breaks the work will be started on this side of the river. Richmond has less than two miles to build while Anson has about four, so that the two will be finished about the same time. A modern wire cable ferry is to be built, possibly by the man at Blewett's Fall, who is building a number of flat boats for Mr. W. P. Meltae. This also will be built at once and Wadesboro and Rockingham and points east and west will be connected more closely by a fine road and as safe a ferry as can be built.

The Weatherwax Brothers made a tremendous hit when they sang at the famous Billy Sunday meetings in Philadelphia during the past summer. Nearly 25,000 people listened to them at each meeting and gave them a wonderful ovation at the end of the program.

FACE TO FACE WITH A MOST SERIOUS SITUATION

Congress Must Determine Whether It Will Allow the Country to Take Chances on War.

Washington Dispatch, Feb. 24.

Congress is face to face with a most serious proposition in the proposed legislation to keep American citizens off of armed merchant vessels. With certain members insisting that such legislation is necessary to avoid a serious breach with Germany, and with the President standing on his declaration that such legislation would be unwelcome and harmful to the Administration, leaders tonight do not know which way to turn.

The movement for such legislation, coming to the surface yesterday in a manner that indicated the great interest and concern which congressmen have in the subject, has been the one topic today over which speculation has been given. That a definite action will be made to pass or to block the legislation within the next two days is expected.

Some of the members appear to be doubtful over the position the President has taken. It is a matter of general information that he has taken a firm stand in insisting that Americans have a right to go on vessels that are armed defensively and it is not supposed that he will yield. For Congress to adopt some resolution authorizing him to warn Americans that they board such vessels at their own risk and will not be entitled to the protection of the Government would be granting the contention of Germany over the stand of the administration. It has been pointed out that this would be embarrassing and unacceptable to Mr. Wilson as a natural consequence.

It has been pointed out that if congressmen have good reason to believe that the legislation is necessary to guard against any eventually that might involve American honor, they will pass the legislation overwhelmingly.

After the stand of the administration that Americans have the right to travel on the seas the loss of an American life by the act of a German submarine would bring this government to the point where severance of relations would be unavoidable. It has been suggested, such an act would be a violation of American rights that would cause nothing less than a breach attended by the severest circumstances, in the opinion of many who have discussed the matter.

The position of those who favor the resolution, which would be similar to the one offered by Senator Gore authorizing a warning to Americans, is that such action would be the safest course in maintaining peace.

Cutting Scrape in Anson.

Wadesboro Ansonian.

There came near being a fatal cutting affair at the home of General Baker, on Gordon's Mountain, Saturday night, as a result of which Melton Therrell was seriously cut in the stomach by his brother Lester Therrell. Melton is about 24 years of age and Lester two years younger.

The trouble seems to have been caused by some mean whiskey which some of the boys had ordered. After getting their booze, Milton and his friends got a chicken and went to General Baker's to cook and eat it and have a royal good time. There appears to have been some effort to debar Lester from the feast. He got his banjo and going to the scene, proceeded to live up with some of his favorite airs. Melton says the music was offensive to his ears, it being, as he termed it, of the "reel" variety. This he regarded as profane music and therefore informed Lester that he would have to "cut out" the said "reels." Lester objected and Melton put him out of the house. Melton says that Lester then came back and, taking off his hat, dared him to molest him again. Resenting these further intrusions, Melton picked up a stick and gave Lester a gentle tap on the head. Melton says he hit him hard, but it seems that he did not disable his brother, who, drawing a knife, dismembered Melton. Doctor Covington found a deplorable condition there but believes his patient will recover. Melton called the Doctor Sunday and asked if he might smoke a cigarette.

After Burke Wife Murderer.

Morganton Dispatch, Feb. 23.

Deputies are searching the country south of Morganton yesterday and today for Charlie Mace, against whom all evidence points as the murderer of his wife Monday night at their home eight miles from Morganton. A message from Governor Craig today declared him outlawed and offered \$100 reward, dead or alive.

When Sheriff Berry reached the scene yesterday he found the woman dead, shot through the side of the head, and the wound stuffed with dough, an arm broken and other marks of violence. It appeared to have been an extremely brutal affair. Mace fled to the South mountains. The children were at neighbors' homes, driven from their own home by the father. Possibly 80 men of that section have been deputized by the sheriff in the search. It will be difficult to find the man in the mountains.

R. W. Pinkin sighted and shot at him yesterday. A blocking outfit, with much in fermentation was found when the house was searched. It is reported Mace told neighbors that rather than be taken he would kill anyone who tried to capture him. He had not been apprehended at 9 o'clock tonight.

DEFINITION OF WORD WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Congressman Page Asks What Is Meant by "Preparedness;" Favors Adequate Defense.

[Monroe Correspondent in Charlotte Observer, Feb. 24.]

That Congressman Robert N. Page has not yet decided on what stand he will take on the preparedness program is shown by the following correspondence between him and Mr. Key Scales, secretary and treasurer of the local post of the Travelers' Protective Association:

"Monroe, N. C., Feb. 8, 1916.

"Hon. Robert N. Page, M. C., Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir: I note in The Charlotte Observer this morning your statement that, of the letters you have received in regard to the preparedness program, seven are against and one for preparedness.

"I have been requested by members of this post to write you in regard to their views, as well of the information they have gathered in their travels over this section.

"There are about 35 men who travel out of this city, covering practically your entire congressional district. Each and every one interviewed is unanimous in his opinion that at least 90 per cent of the people are for preparedness as outlined by President Wilson. Of course you understand that these commercial men do not come in contact with lawyers, doctors or politicians, but they do meet the country merchants and gather their information around hotels and on trains, or in other words, from the masses. We feel sure that your letters of seven to one against did not come from the common people.

"We are not acquainted with your personal views in this matter of preparedness, but we take this liberty of writing you, believing that you have your constituents at heart, and that you will not oppose the majority of us who stand squarely behind the administration.

"We are not writing this through malice but as a supporter of yours and through the desire of other members of this post, as we are all strong Woodrow Wilson Democrats.

"Very truly yours,

"THE TRAVELERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, POST, Q.

"KEY SCALES, Secretary and Treasurer."

The following was received from Congressman Page in reply:

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 18, 1916.

"Mr. Key Scales, Monroe, N. C.

"My Dear Mr. Scales: I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., and I am very glad indeed to hear from my constituents upon this question. I wish that some one would define what they mean by the word preparedness. I do not see how any patriotic American citizen could oppose adequate preparedness against any probable emergency. The committee in charge of the bills relative to our military and naval branches have not yet formulated these bills and until it is known just what is proposed to be done in these bills I do not see how any member of Congress or any individual can form a final judgment as to what is proposed by the party in regard to increasing our Army and Navy. I have great respect for Mr. Wilson and I have great confidence in his wisdom and judgment. My confidence in him has been increased since reading the correspondence between the President and Mr. Garrison that led up to the retirement of the Secretary. I believe that the President and the Democratic Congress will agree upon the proper thing to do and that we will go to the country united, rather than a divided party. I am sure that there is a great amount of discussion going on among the people relative to a subject that has not been well defined.

"Assuring you that I am glad to hear from you and the other members of your post and to have your judgment in regard to the opinion of the people, I am,

"Sincerely yours,

"ROBERT N. PAGE."

Heavy Fighting Continues.

The latest dispatches from the fighting area in France says:

Inspired by the presence of their Emperor and led by Crown Prince Frederick William, the German troops are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the war on the Western front centering around the fortress of Verdun. Attack has followed attack against the French line after bombardments, incessant and terrific, continuing for several days.

While the Germans have been unable, despite the rain of shells and ferocious onslaughts by the infantry, to break the French line, nevertheless the French on their right and left wings have been compelled to withdraw their lines, respectively to the south of Ornes and behind the town of Samogneux, six miles north of the fortress.

Only between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse has there been any diminution in the intensity of the artillery fire. With Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux and the wooded sections north and northeast of Beaumont, in their possession the Germans from the Meuse eastward to Fromezey are forcing the fighting, seemingly regardless of the cost of life.

The French guns have answered the German guns shell for shell and the casualties on both sides are very great. The French official report describes the battlefield between the Meuse and Ornes as piled with German dead.

Mrs. Buck Tells Details of Mr. McNeely's Engagement.

Fayetteville Dispatch, Feb. 23.

An interesting story of the romance of Robert N. McNeely, the young North Carolinian who was drowned in the sinking of the British liner Persia, was recently told by Mrs. Beulah Luck, a well known concert singer. It was generally known in this state that when Mr. McNeely met his tragic death he had recently become engaged, but Fayetteville people were interested to learn that his fiancée was Miss Wilma Whitacre, who was here last winter as a member of the Beulah Luck quartet. Miss Whitacre, who is pleasantly remembered in Fayetteville, went with the members of the quartet from here to Raleigh, and it was there that she first met Mr. McNeely, then a member of the North Carolina legislature. Mrs. Luck recently told the story to a reporter of the Chicago Herald. "Miss Whitacre has been a member of the quartet for about two years," she said; "since her graduation from Northwestern university. It was while the quartet was on a southern tour last winter that she became acquainted with Mr. McNeely, who was then a state senator in North Carolina. They met at a dinner, and Miss Whitacre sang 'Somewhere a Voice is Calling.'

"I remember the title of the song particularly because of the significance it has borne on this last chapter of their romance. After the dinner Mr. McNeely congratulated her singing. It seemed to me a case of love at first glance, for he called on her several times before the quartet left Raleigh and appeared very attentive. They corresponded with each other a great deal after that, and a few months later, in the spring of last year, the engagement was announced. Plans were made for the wedding to take place in May, and Mr. McNeely ordered a bungalow built in Monroe, N. C., which was to be their home.

"Then, one day last November, when we were in Grand Rapids, Miss Whitacre received a telegram from Mr. McNeely, telling her of his appointment as American consul at Aden, and asking her to meet him in the east, so that the wedding could be performed there and she could go with him. She could hardly restrain herself from taking the next train eastward, but always having considered the wishes of her parents in everything she did, first sent them a telegram telling them of the plan.

"They came on to see her at Grand Rapids, and pleaded with her not to take the trip, telling her of the dangers in crossing through the war zone. Miss Whitacre yielded to her parents' wishes and the meeting was postponed.

A Few Locals From Wingate.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, Feb. 24. — The first shower of the season came last night. How our calculations do often miscarry. Every progressive and provident and prudent housewife had planned to do some early gardening today. They "figured" on planting peas, onions, lettuce, radish, beets, etc., but nothing doing. Ground too wet, hopes deferred and enthusiasm cooled for the present.

Miss Sarah Smith of Monroe spent the week end with Miss Orpha May at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. May.

Mr. James Lowery, who is an employee of the Dupont Co., at City Point, Va., came home Saturday on a visit to his family and friends. Mr. Lowery will return to his duties in a few days.

Mrs. Calvin Nash has gone to spend a few days with her children, Mr. Frank Nash and Mrs. Howard, of Lanes Creek township.

Mrs. Chatham Helms and Miss Annie Gaddy were pleasant callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. T. Tuesday afternoon.

Her friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Jennie Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Griffin, who has recently returned from the Sanatorium at Pinehurst is not doing so well at present. It is hoped however, that no serious results may be anticipated, but that she may soon recover.

Miss Thelma Parker of Durham is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. B. J. May's this week.

Dr. Ray Griffin of Morganton is at the bedside of Mrs. Jennie Tucker, his sister, at the home of their parents.

Mr. T. K. Helms finished the deep well which he was sinking for Mr. J. J. Perry and now Mr. Perry has a sufficient supply of good pure water which is so essential to the comfort, health and happiness to the users thereof.

The little step-son of Esq. B. F. Moore had the misfortune to get his arm broken between the wrist and elbow Saturday. Dr. Jerome set the broken member and the patient is doing nicely.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. General Nash has been right sick with catarrhal fever but the little girl is much better at present.

The writer is requested by the Wingate Telephone Exchange to ask all patrons who have not already done so, to come forward and make settlement by the first of March at latest. The stock holders regret very much to be under the necessity of kindly asking this favor and would not do so if it were not absolutely necessary. The company wishes to get a new switch board which it cannot do without a considerable amount of cash.

Let's come across friends and help the cause. We need that new board, you all know. O. P. T.

WILSON WILL NOT MOVE

In a Letter Yesterday He Said that He Would Consent to No Abridgement of American Rights.

Washington Dispatch, Feb. 24.

President Wilson, at the end of two days of agitation in Congress for some action warning Americans off armed ships of the European belligerents, tonight wrote Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that he could not consent to any abridgement of the rights of American citizens in any respect.

The letter was in answer to one written late this afternoon by Senator Stone, outlining the situation existing at the Capitol, where since yesterday morning persistent demands had been made for some action which might lessen the possibility of war between the United States and Germany. The President's statement will be repeated tomorrow morning to Speaker Clark, Representative Kitchin, majority leader, and Representative Flood, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee, who late today asked for an engagement in order to explain the position in which the House found itself and ask the President for a statement of the Administration's views.

"My Dear Senator: I very warmly appreciate your kind and frank letter of today and feel that it calls for an equally frank reply.

"You are right in assuming that I shall do everything in my power to keep the United States out of war. I think the country will feel no uneasiness about my course in that respect. Through many anxious months I have striven for that object, amidst difficulties more manifold than can have been apparent upon the surface; and so far I have succeeded. The course which the Central European Powers have announced their intention of following in the future with regard to undersea warfare seems for the moment to threaten insuperable obstacles, but its apparent meaning is so manifestly inconsistent with explicit assurances recently given us by those Powers with regard to their treatment of merchant vessels on the high seas that I must believe that explanations will presently come which will put a different aspect upon it. We have had no reason to question their good faith or their ability to their promises in the past, and I, for one, feel confident that we shall have none in the future.

"But in any event our duty is clear. No Nation, no group of Nations, has the right while war is in progress to alter or disregard the principles which all Nations have agreed upon in ratification of the horrors and sufferings of war; and if the clear rights of American citizens should ever unhappily be abridged or denied by any such action, we shall, it seems to me, have in honor no choice as to what our own course should be.

"For my own part, I cannot consent to any abridgements of the rights of American citizens in any respect. The honor and self-respect of the Nation is involved. We cannot peace, and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor. To forbid our people to exercise their rights for fear we might be called upon to vindicate them would be a deep humiliation indeed. It would be an implicit, all but explicit, acquiescence in the violation of the rights of mankind everywhere and of whatever Nation or allegiance. It would be a deliberate abdication of our litheral grand position as spokesman even amidst the turmoil of war for the law and the right. It would make everything this Government has attempted and everything that it has achieved during this terrible struggle of Nations meaningless and futile.

"It is important to reflect that if in this instance we allowed expediency to take the place of principle the door would inevitably be opened to still further concessions. Once accept a single abatement of right and many other humiliations would certainly follow and the whole fine fabric of international law might crumble under our hands, piece by piece. What we are contending for in this matter is of the very essence of the things that have made America a sovereign Nation. She cannot yield them without conceding her own impotency as a Nation and making virtual surrender of her independent position among the Nations of the world.

"I am speaking, my dear sir, in deep solemnity, without heat, with a clear consciousness of the great responsibility of my office, and as your sincere and devoted friend. If we should unhappily differ, we shall differ as friends; but where issues so momentous as these are involved we must, just because we are friends, speak our minds without reservation.

"Faithfully yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

The Weatherwax Brothers Quartet which comes to the opera house on Tuesday night, Feb. 28th, has gained for themselves a reputation second to none on the chautauqua platform. Critics in every section of the country give them the highest praise. They are well known in Monroe and will receive a hearty welcome.

If I had a heart like a child,
Tender, and innocent, and mild,
And could see the world through a
joys mind,
Gentle, and pure, and sweet and
kind,
There were then no sorrow and passion
wild.

If one had a heart like a little child,
—Robert Loveman.

A—"I sleep like a log," B—"With
the saw going through it?"