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REGRETS DO NOT DO ANY GOOD, SAYS BONNER WENTZ

Slayer of Will Wentz Seems to Be in Good Spirits, But Has Become Confirmed Cigarette Smoker Since Confinement.

Bonner Wentz, the young man who shot and killed his cousin, Will Wentz, in Goose Creek township Monday morning, was brought to Monroe Tuesday evening from Charlotte, where he had given himself up to the Mecklenburg authorities. Passengers on the train that brought him here report that he seemed to be in a very composed state of mind, reading a newspaper in an unconcerned manner. Sheriff Griffith says that he conversed with him on various topics of interest.

Young Wentz is now confined in the Union county jail. The date for the preliminary hearing has not been fixed, but it is thought it will be some time next week. Mr. Washington Wentz of Pineville, father of Bonner Wentz, was in town Tuesday and Thursday. From his appearances he seemed, like his son, composed over the affair.

A Journal reporter, being allowed an interview with young Wentz, was rather surprised, on entering the jail, to see an open-faced young man of fine appearance, and to learn that he was the accused man. He greeted the reporter with a smile, and proceeded to calmly place cuff links in the wrist bands of his shirt. He wore a negligee shirt with soft collar and tie.

Wentz seemed to be in good spirits, and talked intelligently on various subjects, even laughing occasionally. He refused to make any statement regarding the shooting. One of his friends dropped in to see him while the Journal man was there, and in the course of the conversation, asked him if he regretted the affair. Wentz replied that regrets would not do any good.

Beneath his outward calm manner could be detected a slight nervousness. This was also shown by the numerous cigarettes he smoked. He said that before the shooting he had not been a confirmed smoker.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM WENTZ HELD TUESDAY

Mrs. Wentz, Following the Awful Tragedy, Was Almost Prostrated By Grief—Taken to Her Father's Home.

Indian Trail R. F. D. 1, April 10.—Funeral services of William S. Wentz, who was killed by his cousin, Bonner Wentz, Monday, were conducted Tuesday at the home of Mr. H. M. Furr by Rev. J. W. Bennett and Rev. J. S. Simpson. The remains were interred in the Emanuel cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

Mrs. Wentz, after witnessing the killing of her husband at their home, was taken to the home of her father on the afternoon of the tragedy in Mr. W. H. Pressley's car. Mr. Samuel Wentz, a brother of the murdered man, who is in one of the training camps, was unable to get here for the funeral.

The deceased had a host of friends and there were many present to pay their last respects at the sleeping mound. He leaves a wife and five children, father, mother, two sisters, and five brothers. All have the sympathy of the community in this sad hour.

The school at Furr's, taught by Mr. J. S. Simpson, has closed. A prize for the best debator and one for the best reciter were given by the teacher, and the judges decided in favor of Miss Eva Ford and Mr. Ray Simpson.

We have kidnapped the whole family of Mr. J. C. Hill of Monroe township.

Eighty-six present, with 76 eggs, at the egg hunt given by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Simpson.

Since the advent of spring the boys and girls have decided to barefoot it. The beans and fruit were all destroyed by ice and frost last week.

Mr. Jonah Clontz has corn up with five blades on it.

I thank the Charlotte Observer and The Journal folks for the nice compliments about this scribe's writings.

Mr. L. C. Hasty says he likes The Journal fine; that he gets hungry to see it come, and that he will continue to take it all the time. Messrs. Dan Austin and J. O. Sossaman also say The Journal nice compliments, and say they intend taking it later on.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Phifer of Marshville recently visited Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rowell here.

Mr. Wesley Rowell of Waxhaw visited relatives here recently.

Mr. Mike Helms has returned from visit to relatives at Morganton.

I was in error when I stated recently that Mr. J. B. Beckham had been taken to a Charlotte hospital. He was planning to go, but later decided that it would not be necessary.—Fairness.

MAY FIX PRICES OF NECESSITIES

Such Action by President Wilson Is Being Intimated.

President Wilson and his war cabinet discussed price-fixing at their session held Wednesday, dispatches from Washington state. It is understood that Mr. Wilson believes that drastic action, to stop the trend of high prices, will have to be taken soon. Prices of domestic necessities, including cotton goods, woolens, manufactured clothing, shoes and hats, may be fixed.

There is an insistent demand in the North that the price of cotton be fixed. If there is any more price-fixing done, it is believed, cotton will be included in the list. But, if a fair price is allowed for the staple, and the prices of other commodities fixed in proportion, the Southern farmer will not suffer much by the action.

Willard and Fulton May Fight Germans But Not Each Other.

Sporting men have persuaded Jess Willard, champion prize fighter of the world, to meet Fred M. Fulton, who aspires to the title, but it begins to look like no place can be found to stage the big fight. In reply to a query from eastern papers asking if the two men would be permitted to fight in Reno on July 4, Governor Boyle of Nevada sent the following reply:

"Willard and Fulton cannot fight in Nevada on July 4 or any other date. They have my unqualified permission, however, to go to France and fight the Boche any time they are ready."

SWINGING HIS BIGGEST GUNS IN LINE, HUN PUSHES ATTACK

German Field Marshal Driving Attack Against British Lines Between Arras and Ypres.

Swinging his heaviest and mightiest guns far to the north of the Picardy battlefield, Field Marshal von Hindenburg now is driving attack after attack against the British lines between Arras and Ypres. Charging across the level country behind a tempest of high explosive and gas shells, the Germans have succeeded by terrific fighting in penetrating the British defenses at points over a front of nearly thirty miles to a depth of almost six miles just to the south of Ypres.

The loss of Armentieres is admitted by the British, but this was expected from the trend of events in that sector during the last few days. The enemy had driven in on both sides of the town and holding out longer by the British would have imperiled the whole line. So far as known, the withdrawal of the British forces from Armentieres was orderly and was only for the purpose of straightening out the line in the region where the German pressure is the heaviest.

The British have stood firm at vital points along the line. This particular part of the battle line in the west has been the scene of terrific fighting for nearly four years. Armentieres marked the farthest retirement in this region of the French, British and Belgians in August and September, 1914. Just to the north, near Ypres, the Germans on April 22, 1915, first loosened on the Canadian troops their poisonous gas, and here on December 19, the same year, they drove hard at the thin line of Canadians in a desperate effort to reach Calais. On both occasions the Canadians beat back the enemy and held their lines intact.

Nearby the British launched their counter-offensive in February, 1916, and withstood furious attacks during April and May, the same year.

The drive south of Ypres has developed into a major operation, it would appear, and the Germans, using their massed attack system, are not counting the losses inflicted upon them in their advance. So far they have gained little of great tactical value. The high ground along the front is still held by the British forces and the retreats here and there have not as yet endangered the integrity of the line from Arras to the North Sea. While this battle is going on, there is a lull in the struggle before Amiens.

Since the announcement that the American troops had made their appearance in the sectors occupied by the British, there has been nothing to show that they have actually entered into the battle.

In the Toul sector, however, the American troops have again been fighting. The Germans have absolutely failed in an attack on Pershing's men, the excellent artillery work of the Americans breaking up an assault by special shock troops before they could reach the American's barbed wire entanglements. The attack was evidently intended to drive out the Americans from their positions as there had been a rain of shells poured upon the Americans for seventy-two hours, before the German infantry launched its attack. The German losses are believed to have been many.

Irish Question Bobs Up Again.

Lloyd George, the English premier, has caused the old Irish question to burst forth again in all its fury by attempting to pass an Irish conscription bill. Mutiny in some sections of old Erin is feared. Thousands of Irishmen are in the British armies, but an attempt is being made to pass conscription laws for all of the colonies.

JERUSALEM AWAKENING FAST

Holy City Shakes Off Old Yoke of Oppression and Misrule.

Jerusalem, April 9.—Under British rule Jerusalem is fast shaking off the weight of centuries of oppression and misrule. Recently work has been given to people of all classes, including Christians, Moslems and Jews, as fast as they applied for it. Many are engaged in building or repairing the roads, which had fallen into a sad estate under Turkish neglect.

Thousands of farmers and persons in kindred occupations have resumed their labor with zest, realizing that at last they are safe from marauders and will be able to reap the benefits of their toil. The railway to Egypt is expected to assist greatly in the general revival of prosperity in Palestine.

GOOSE CREEK DISTILLERS BOUND OVER FEDERAL COURT

Caught With the Goods After All Night Watch, Luther Love and J. W. Tarleton Will Face Uncle Sam's Judge.

Luther Love and John W. Tarleton were given a preliminary hearing yesterday before United States Commissioner M. L. Flow charged with distilling and retailing whiskey in violation of the Federal law. Love is about 25 years old and Tarleton is about 60. Both are white. They were bound over to Federal court which convenes in Charlotte in October. They were released until then under a bond of \$300 each. In the preliminary they submitted to the charge.

These men were captured early Wednesday morning while operating a still in Goose Creek township by Sheriff J. V. Griffith, Officer Fowler and the constable of Goose Creek township, W. H. Pressley, after an all night watch. A quantity of beer was poured out and about a quart of whiskey seized. The still, which was a forty gallon capacity one, was brought to town by the officers. They state that it was the best concealed illicit distillery plant they have ever captured. The still when not in use was taken down and hid in a pile of straw.

Love, the younger of the men, is almost blind. Several years ago he was digging in a well and placed a charge of dynamite which failed to go off. He went down to remove it, and just as he entered the well the explosive went off. He stated to the court in the preliminary that his eyesight prevented him from making a living in any other way and so he started the blockade still.

Few Whiskey Shipments Now.

Mr. H. D. Browning, for years express agent here, says that the express companies are now transporting more freight than ever before in his knowledge of the business. There is such a congestion of freight that many things weighing several hundred pounds which formerly went by freight now go by express. Rush orders of bales and boxes of goods for the United States government are also going through daily. Mr. Browning says that there is one thing that instead of increasing has decreased and that is the whiskey shipments. Where formerly several cases were received now only a few quarts. He says that if whiskey shipments were riding the roads as in days of old the company would not have been able to handle them along with the increased shipments of merchandise in a satisfactory manner.

Kaiser Inspected Long-Range Gun.

Amsterdam, April 8.—Emperor William on March 23 inspected the gun with which the Germans are bombarding Paris, says Karl Rosner, war correspondent of the Lokalanzeiger of Berlin. It looks more like an enormous gray crane than a real gun, according to the correspondent, and can throw a shell for a distance of 180 kilometers (80.6 miles). Firing a shorter distance than that on March 23, he adds, it required exactly 183 seconds for a shell to reach Paris.

Senator Stone Stricken.

Washington, April 10.—Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the foreign relations committee, was stricken with paralysis today while riding in a street car en route to his office in the capitol.

We must meet sacrifice at the front with sacrifice at home.

SENATE PASSES SEDITION BILL

New Law Would Inflict Severe Punishment on Disloyal Element.

The sedition bill, prohibiting, under penalties of twenty years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine, language or acts of disloyalty or obstruction of the army draft and Liberty Loans, was passed Wednesday by the Senate without a record vote, ending protracted debate. It now goes to conference between the House and Senate and final enactment is expected soon.

Though modified to meet the objections of Senators who claimed the original draft would curb legitimate freedom of speech, the bill retains the broad inhibition of words or acts which "support or favor the cause of the German Empire or its allies—or oppose the cause of the United States." It also would punish wilful and "disloyal, profane, scurrilous, contemptuous or abusive" language about the American form of government, constitution, military or naval forces, flag or uniform, and wilful utterances designed to curtail production of essential war materials.

OVER 275,000,000 BONDS SOLD IN FIRST FOUR DAYS

Seven Hundred Communities Subscribed Full Quotas and Won Honor Flags—Pledges Backed By Initial Payments.

Washington, April 11.—Liberty Loan subscriptions for the first four working days of the campaign ending last night, reported by banks and trust companies, in ten of the twelve Federal Reserve Districts, amount to \$275,919,000. These represent the pledges backed up by initial payments but since many banks' reports were not included in this total, and two districts, Philadelphia and Minneapolis, were missing from the tabulation, it is believed the actual total is near \$400,000,000. The New York district alone reported \$181,400,000.

The 700 communities which have subscribed their full quotas and won the honor flag are continuing their efforts. Lynn, Mass., passed its goal of \$3,917,800 in a night canvass starting a minute after twelve last Saturday morning. Now the city's goal has been raised to \$5,000,000. The village of Standish, N. Y., near Plattsburg, with 300 population has subscribed its quota six times.

PRAGER ASKED LYNCHERS TO WRAP HIM IN FLAG

Last Words of the Victim Told in Confession of Collinsville Mob Leader—Dented Spring.

Collinsville, Ill., April 10.—A request that his body be wrapped in the American flag, formed the last words of Robert B. Prager, hanged here by a mob early last Friday, according to testimony to-day before the coroner's jury by Joseph Reigel, it was said to-night by persons present at the inquiry, which was held behind closed doors.

Reigel, according to these persons, admitted that he was the leader of the mob.

Prager was hoisted into the air by boys from 12 to 18 years old, Reigel is said to have testified. He is declared to have said that Prager denied he was a spy or that he had hoarded powder to blow up the Maryville mine. Reigel, it is said, paid a tribute to Prager's bravery, saying the latter never shed a tear except when he kissed the flag and that he did not beg for mercy.

Hens Should Not Be Hurried to Market.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—"A rush of to many fowls to market as soon as the restriction against selling laying hens is removed, may result in food losses," says the United States department of agriculture. "Think twice before selling a hen that is still laying. Green food is becoming more plentiful and the demand for eggs continues. Universal marketing of fowls may react on prices as well as cause spoilage of dressed poultry."

The corn crop in the South, according to the department of agriculture, is progressing well.

Save food or go on short rations.

CLEAN UP WEEK IN MONROE BEGINS NEXT MONDAY, APRIL 15th.



WILL REDWINE RUN?

That's the Question Puzzling the Monroe Politicians These Days.

A determined effort is being made by a number of prominent Democrats, especially here in Monroe, to induce Hon. R. B. Redwine to make the race for the legislature. Most everybody seems to be for him, but the question is will he make the race. Mr. Redwine is a mighty busy man, and he has reached the age when enthusiasm for legislative honor isn't so much in evidence as it was back in his younger days. Whether or not he can resist the appeals of his friends remains to be seen, but it is true that they are going after him good and strong.

Democrats, it is freely stated, are urging Mr. Redwine to make the race on the ground of party service, as it has begun to look like all professional men are fighting shy of politics this year. With Mr. J. N. Price already in the field for the senate, and no announcements from any of the Monroe men for the legislature, it appears, that unless Mr. Redwine consents to run, that the rural sections will cop all of the honors this year. Besides, say his supporters, our country needs the services of an able lawyer in the house along with one gentleman from the rural side.

WAXHAW AWAKENING TO THE TRUE MEANING OF WAR

Patriotic Expressions Made By Number of Prominent Citizens—Mr. Davis Goes Back to Work.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Waxhaw, April 11.—Rev. E. C. Snider will preach here Sunday. Every one is cordially invited.

Mr. R. C. Nisbet, mail carrier on route 5 from Waxhaw, bought Rev. C. E. Robertson's Ford during the past week, and he will begin at an early date to deliver mail on his new schedule.

Mr. J. D. Davis began work again at the depot Monday morning. He has been out for about seven months, having been taking treatment in the hospital. He is now well again and in better health than he has had for several years. Mr. Davis has been the most efficient and best liked agent Waxhaw has ever had, and we are certainly glad to have him back again.

Rev. C. E. Robertson and Mr. S. J. McGuire were the delegates from the church here to the Presbytery which met in Monroe this week.

Sgt. Carl Burgess is expected to spend the week-end here with his parents.

Messrs. C. S. Massey and T. R. Nisbet attended Presbytery at Monroe Wednesday night.

Mrs. Murray Clark spent Thursday in Monroe.

Waxhaw is waking up to the true meaning of the war and the fruits of it were very much in evidence at the school auditorium Tuesday night. The "Americans" were all there and the speeches were to the point. Mr. G. L. Nisbet made one of the best speeches we have ever heard here. Talks were also made by Messrs. Dr. Burgess, C. S. Massey, Rev. M. H. Vestal, J. W. McCain, J. L. Rodman, Rev. C. E. Robinson, T. W. Secrest, and W. W. Black. A few more such meetings over the country will soon put an end to all this pro-German propaganda. It is not healthy for this kind of sentiment in the United States. As Mr. Nisbet said in his talk, we are in now to fight our way out. Let's finish the Kaiser before the Kaiser finishes it to suit himself.

Will Houston, a well known dary who lives about two miles out from town, has the champion hens around here. The other night during a hard wind storm he says that the wind blew most of his hens out of their perches. Next day he counted them and had only 22 left. He was asked how many eggs they laid daily and replied between two and three dozen for sure. When questioned closely about it he said that he got that many himself besides the ones his kids got out of the nests and that they didn't keep account of how many they gathered.

Mr. Olin Niven and family visited in Albemarle this week. They made the trip by automobile. Mrs. Dr. Nisbet going back with them, but owing to the bad roads, they had to return on the train.

Messrs. W. J. and Henry Sims spent Thursday in Monroe.

The last few nights have been pretty cold. Makes a fellow step fast and get more cover on the bed. It was predicted that all the gardens that have started growing would be killed but up till now not many of them show much bad effects.—Wm. R. McDonald, Jr.

THE TWO CONVENTIONS.

Democrats Silent on Issue, But Republicans Accept Suffrage.

The state Democrats, in convention in Raleigh Wednesday, maintained silence on the woman suffrage issue, while the Republicans, in session in Greensboro on Tuesday, came out boldly for the issue and endorsed John M. Morehead for the Senate against Simmons, who comes up for re-election this year.

It is said that Simmons, through his henchman, A. D. Watts, instructed the convention to keep silent on suffrage, but it seems that most of the Democrats entertained the same view, and accepted the order willingly.

Only four ships were sunk last week by German submarines.

THOUGHT U. S. OUGHT TO TAKE CANADIAN STATES

That Is the View of Native German Who Goes to Work on Union County Roads For Thirty Days—Likes the Kaiser, But Not His Army and Navy—Wants to Go Back to Germany to Marry.

Peter Youngblood, a native of Luxembourg, Germany, was brought before Recorder Lemmond this morning charged with beating his way on a freight train. Nothing was found on his person that would indicate that he is a spy, but he was loud in his expressions of sympathy for the fatherland. The only papers found on his possession were ones showing that he had registered as an alien enemy. He was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Railroad detective Joe Rogers took him off a freight train here last night. On the stand he said that Youngblood had told him that he would like to see England put out of business and that he seemed to think the United States was fighting for territorial gains as he had said that the United States ought to take Canada if it wanted any more land. He told him he was a farmer.

When Youngblood took the stand he seemed to want to impress it upon the mind of Judge Lemmond that he very seldom took a freight train. He repeated this statement several times. He said that he had often walked four or five hundred miles rather than take a freight. By questioning him it was learned that he had been in this country about thirty years. He had for a number of years worked on a farm in the middle West, but had traveled over a good part of the United States. He had been on the chain gang several times, last at Cheraw.

When asked by Recorder Lemmond what he intended doing he stated that he would go back to Germany today if he had the money. Later he told a Journal representative that he did not want to go back to fight, but to marry. "How do you like the Kaiser?" the reporter asked. "I like the Kaiser all right but I don't like his army and navy," was the reply.

He said that he could not read English. His speech was very broken. It seems that one who had been here thirty years should have been able to speak English better than he does.

Commencement of Wingate School April 19 to 22. Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, April 12.—On Friday evening, April 19, the first exercises of the Wingate School commencement will consist of a recitation contest by the athletic society and a declamation contest by the Gladstone and Philosopherian societies. The program for Saturday night will be the Browning reciter's contest and the inter-society debate by the Gladstone and Philosopherian societies. At 11 o'clock Sunday Rev. W. E. Goode of Waxham will preach the annual sermon. Monday will be commencement day proper, and the exercises will open with an orator's contest by the Gladstone and Philosopherian societies, followed by the graduating class. At two o'clock in the afternoon Dr. B. W. Spilman will deliver the annual address. On Monday night the patriotic play "Claim Allowed" will be rendered. The music department has prepared special music for every program, and everybody is given a cordial invitation to attend. On Monday music will be furnished by the Wadesboro orchestra. The school has had a most successful year, and with the construction of our dormitories we are planning for much larger things in the future.

Big German Gun Located by the French Aviators.

Paris, April 9.—French aviators have discovered the location of the big gun with which the Germans have been bombarding Paris at long range, and the continual bombardment of the spot by the French artillery and bombing by the airmen have made the handling of the piece difficult. This explains the intermittent fire of the long range weapon.

The piece is mounted at Crepy-en-Lannois, near the road from La Fere to Laon. Captive observation balloons of the sausage type have been seen rising over the region of Paris on recent nights and there has been considerable speculation regarding the purpose of this move.

It is now explained that the balloons are used in connection with a system of metallic nets as defenses against air raiders. The balloons were first sent up on the occasion of the last attempted raid on Paris, but the enemy, having fought off before he was able to reach the capital, the effectiveness of the system has not yet been tested.

Make 12 ounces of bread do where 16 served before.