

THE GERMAN PAPERS ALLEGE NEUTRALITY OF AMERICA A FRAUD

"Thin Curtain to Hide Love For England." Van Horne Appeals to Ambassador to Save Him From the Canadians

(By the United Press) Amsterdam, Feb. 4.—Many German newspapers are attacking America's neutrality. They declare American neutrality is only "a thin curtain behind which zealous and loving service to England conceals itself."

Embassy Silent as to Van Horne. Vaneboro, Va., Feb. 4.—Werner Van Horne, the German, who attempted to dynamite the bridge over the St. Croix river, is still being detained here, awaiting action by the State Department at Washington.

\$50 TO GOVERNMENT'S CONSCIENCE FUND.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Uncle Sam's "conscience fund" is \$50 better off today than it was yesterday, and some one who was in Greensboro at 7 o'clock yesterday morning has a clear conscience than he or she had before.

SUGAR GOES UP ALONG WITH OTHER FOODSTUFFS

Quarter of Cent Rise in Price to Jobbers and Retailers—The Lack of Shipping Facilities Responsible, Say Big N. Y. Dealers

(By the United Press) New York, Feb. 4.—Sugar today joined other foodstuffs, going up in price. Big dealers admitted that they raised the price to jobbers and retailers a quarter of a cent.

SUPPLY SHIP CELTIC FLOATED IN BLIZZARD

Newport, R. I., Feb. 2.—The naval supply ship Celtic, which struck on Half Moon Shoal in Nantucket Sound Monday, was floated in the teeth of a northeast blizzard yesterday.

HYENA AT LARGE ON SALISBURY STREETS.

Salisbury, Feb. 3.—A ferocious hyena that had been on the streets thrilled a part of the city this afternoon. The animal was recently received by James Hodges, a local show man, and today it got out of its cage and left home.

MICHIGAN CONVENTION

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4.—Republican county conventions for the election of delegates to the spring convention of the party will be held tomorrow throughout Michigan.

BILL TO CREATE A HIGHWAY COMMISSION IS GIVEN ASSURANCE

Chairman Drewry of Good Roads Legislative Committee is Quite Optimistic—His Article—Bill Favorably Reported

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—The following article by Mr. John C. Drewry, chairman of the Good Roads Legislative Committee regarding the bill, now pending in the General Assembly, which would create a State Highway Commission is of interest to the people throughout the commonwealth.

"The State Highway Commission Bill has emerged from the Roads Committee of the House unanimously endorsed. It is now before the Committee on Appropriations. The sentiment in its favor increases daily as the purpose and provisions of the Bill are more clearly understood.

The Bill creates a State Highway Commission on a basis that guarantees impartial administration of the trust. At its head is the Governor of the State. With him are three civilians, one from the eastern, one from the western, one from the central section. The remaining three represent the profession of engineering, the State Geologists, a professor from the University and another from the Agricultural College.

The purpose is to try to stop the appalling drain on the State's resources due to the mud-tax and to the undeniable fact that a large proportion of the \$5,000,000 expended each year on the roads in the State is wasted because of improper construction and neglect of maintenance.

That the remedy suggested is a remedy, has been proved in forty states where a State Highway Commission is in charge of the work. North Carolina is much older than most of the States, but it is not too old to learn. The State is not asked to take up some "new-fangled" notion, an untried experiment.

Should there be hesitancy to add a burden of \$30,000 a year to the budget it must be remembered that in reality the burden will be greatly reduced, a vital consideration in these times. The fact that an awful war is being waged does not change the situation that during 1915 this State will pay some \$12,000,000 for the privilege of going in mud. By withholding \$30,000 we are not going to escape losing millions of dollars through road deterioration and mistakes of location and construction.

STEAMER SINKS, SAFETY OF 70 MEN IN DOUBT

Lake Liner Crushed By Ice Off Chicago River Mouth—Crew Took to Floes Before Vessel Went Down—Lives In Doubt.

(By the United Press) Chicago, Feb. 4.—The steamship Iowa of the Goodrich lines, sank in Lake Michigan this morning three miles off the mouth of the Chicago river. The crew of about 70 men left the steamer before she sank, but it is not known whether they made their way to safety over the ice floes which sank the Iowa or not.

WILL KAISER'S NAVY COME OUT OF HIDING TO ENGAGE ENGLISH

Notice to Neutral Shipping to Stay Away from the French Coast Indicates Increased Activity—Ship Purchase Bill Seems Lost

(By the United Press) Washington, Feb. 4.—Carranza will not hold the family of Gen. Santibanez responsible for the assassination of his brother, Jesus, and his son and nephew.

The German government has notified the United States and all other neutral nations to keep shipping away from the western north coast of France. This is taken as indicating an important extension of German naval activity in that section. Democrats are in final caucus to save the ship purchase bill. Senate supporters of the measure lack one vote. The bill seems doomed.

75 CARLOADS IN SINGLE SHIPMENT OF COTTON

Fayetteville, Feb. 3.—A single shipment of seventy-five carloads of cotton is being railroaded out of Fayetteville. This shipment consists of 1,974 bales of cotton and is the largest single shipment ever sent out of Fayetteville.

OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE

Newton, N. J., Feb. 4.—Mrs. Wallace Douglas, wife of an instructor at Columbia university, bought a dozen eggs the other day. They were strictly fresh, the grocer said. The first one she opened was sick; the second was hardly convalescent.

ADDITION TO CROWN PRINCE'S FAMILY SOON

(By the United Press) Berlin, Feb. 4.—Berlin expects the stork's visit to the Crown Princess. The fifth child to the royal couple is awaited. The parturition will occur in Berlin within a few weeks.

TARHEEL OFFICER OF FARMERS SEES WILSON

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—S. H. Hobbs of Clinton, one of the officers of the National Farmers' Union, and several other representatives of farmers' organizations called on the President Wilson today with Representative John H. Small to assure him of their hearty co-operation and approval of his efforts to have the ship purchase bill enacted into law.

ATTEMPTS TO DRIVE GERMANS BACK UPON THORN ARE RESUMED

Defenders of Warsaw Begin the Offensive Again in Earnest

INTERMINABLE GUN FIRE

Artillery Keeps Up Incessant Exchange—Many of Wounded Sent to Rear—Russians on Hungarian Soil Stubbornly Resisted

(By the United Press) Petrograd, Feb. 4.—Furious German attacks have been made upon Bzura, southwest of Warsaw. Russian aviators rained bombs with very deadly effect upon German concentration camps, situated at Rawa and Brzezim, west of Warsaw, and in the regions of Goumin and Borzhymow, south of Bzura.

GEN. VILLA AT HEAD OF NEW GOVERNMENT SOUTH OF THE LINE

Declares So Much Territory Held by Convention Soldiers That Organization Was Necessary—Practically President of Mexico

SCHOOL TEACHER WHO WHIPPED BOY SLAIN

Jasper, Fla., Feb. 3.—The whipping of a pupil by a school teacher resulted in a fight late yesterday in which William Yates, the teacher, was shot and killed and Claude Holtzendorf, father of the pupil, probably was fatally wounded.

LUMBER SITUATION WILL BEGIN TO IMPROVE SOON

Supt. Hayes of Kinston Carolina Ry. Is Hopeful That Depression in That Line Will Lift Now—General Dullness.

Mr. William Hayes, general superintendent of the Kinston-Carolina Railroad and Lumber Company, believes that in a few months the lumber situation will be better. Apropos of the suspension of the plants of the mammoth Roper Lumber Company in Eastern Carolina for at least a month, the local man declared that mills which are now running are doing so at a sacrifice generally.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE BANNED FROM HOUSE HEREAFTER

Lower Branch of State Assembly Voted to Postpone Consideration of Issue "Indefinitely"—Senate Passes Long-Short Bill

(By W. J. Martin.) Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The House voted this afternoon, 38 to 67, to indefinitely postpone consideration of the bill by Roberts of Buncombe for woman's suffrage in North Carolina. This means that the issue will not come up again this session in that branch of the Assembly.

DR. BATTLE IS OPPOSED TO WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

Former University President Thinks Equal Suffrage Strikes at the Very Heart of Home Preservation—Opposes It.

L. B. DAIL OF MT. OLIVE MISSING SINCE FRIDAY

L. B. Dail, known to many people here, is being sought throughout this section of the State. Dail, a real estate dealer and insurance agent, disappeared from Mount Olive last Friday. He was last seen in this region in Goldsboro on Friday night.

ALABAMA GOVERNOR VETOED 2 NEW ANTI-LIQUOR ACTS TODAY

Measures to Prevent Whiskey Advertising and Replenishing of Stocks Unconstitutional, Henderson Thought

(By the United Press) Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 4.—Governor Henderson today vetoed the anti-liquor shipping and anti-liquor advertising bills on the ground of unconstitutionality. The former prevented saloons getting stocks during the remainder of the five months of business granted them, and the latter prevented Alabama circulation of newspapers and magazines containing liquor advertising.

BIG MOONSHINE STILL LOCATED NEAR DURHAM

Durham, Feb. 3.—The sheriff and his three deputies broke up a still in Patterson township early this morning. They found about 2,000 gallons of beer and a large amount of other material for making whiskey, but no whiskey was found.

DURHAM CHANGES MIND ABOUT ANNEXING CHATHAM

Durham, Feb. 3.—Following the meeting yesterday afternoon when the county commissioners passed a motion to the effect that this county would welcome that part of Chatham county which desired to become a part of Durham, provided they would make the fight before the Legislature and could get their release from Chatham, the board held a second late meeting at which only the members of the board were present and rescinded the action.

GREECE PREPARES FOR MOBILIZATION

London, Feb. 3.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin says the Berliner Tageblatt reports from Constantinople that Greece is preparing for mobilization and continuing the fortification of her frontiers.

COUNTY COURT MAY STRIKE SNAG BEFORE KINSTON BAR ASS'N

Known that Some of Leading Members Are Dissatisfied With Recent Developments—Civil Jurisdiction Not Approved

The proposed county court is a contention in legal circles now more so than at any time since the idea was given public expression. Leading lawyers are known today to be opposed to the inclusion of civil jurisdiction as a part of the power with which it is proposed in the bill now being drafted for passage by the Legislature to clothe the recorder or judge. These opponents to the civil authority of the court say there is no necessity for it.

The general public is not yet fully informed upon the matter of the county court. This is evidenced by the fact that few laymen have been heard to express themselves about it. County officials pay little attention to it except the sheriff, who is openly and avowedly opposed. It will not save the county much if anything, he says, and will entail a great amount of additional work upon his office.

The completed bill will be presented to the full bar association in a few days, and an argument which might result in it being rendered assunder may not be precipitated, or it may. There's no telling. It is a settled fact, though, that the legal fraternity are not a unit as regards the court.

CABINET MEMBERS TALK TO BIG BUSINESS MEN

(By United Press) Washington, Feb. 4.—The attitude of the administration toward American investors in foreign countries was outlined today before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at today's session of its annual convention. Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo discussed the development of the American Merchant marine, reporting on the growth of American flag shipping since restrictions of registration were removed. Senator Theodore Burton, of Ohio, Joseph E. Davies commissioner of corporation, Paul T. Cherrington and Harry A. Wheeler, the latter members of the organization, were among the speakers today. Secretary of Commerce Redfield and Hon. Charles H. Hamlin, governor of the Federal Reserve board will speak at the banquet tonight.

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Why, equal suffrage doubles the vote of the married man," said Dr. Battle. The woman will attach herself to the political faith of her husband, or the strong personality of the woman will have a tendency to convert her husband to the party of her affiliations. Estrange their political affiliations and the inevitable consequence is discord in the household. The introduction of discord in the home life strikes a fatal blow at the basis of civilization—the preservation of a peaceful, harmonious family.

EX-PRESIDENT BATTLE IS CONFIDENT IN HIS BELIEF THAT NOT OVER 20 PER CENT OF THE WOMEN OF NORTH CAROLINA ARE DESIROUS OF THE PRIVILEGE OF VOTING.

The number of women vigorously clamoring for the ballot are woefully in the minority!