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#### MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 8, 1915

In the absence of any assignment of cause for the burn ing of the big French steamer in mid-ocean, it is natural to suppose that some German stowaway struck a match down in the hold of the liner.

The men of the Dacia have decided to stay by the ship until the formality of declaring it the property of a prize crew is gone through with. The boys evidently feel that there is little danger of England and France declaring American men contraband of war and seizing them accordingly. Everything else has been so classed, it would

Sheriff Taylor is to be congratulated that the negro desperado's marksmanship was no better than to score a miss on each of the aims taken at the official. Too bad that the negro escaped, but far better for him to be at large than for his capture to have been effected at the cost of the serious wounding of the sheriff or any of his

The Durham folks were so impressed with their first year's fair that they decided to go in on a big scale this year, and the paid-in capital is being increased from \$825 to \$25,000. The Kinston boosters expect to do business after getting four or five thousand subscribed, but there is no telling how big the Kinston district fair will be come as the years go by.

There may be some improvement in the Mexican situa tion, but, as we see it, the conditions get worse all the time. The real trouble is that there is no Moses to lead the people out of the wilderness. The leaders are a bunch of thugs with enough following to keep things stirred up, and until some real leader comes out and drives the bandits to cover there will be little change in the terrible

That British collier, which rammed a German subme rine and thereby earned its skipper a reward of \$2,500. offered for such work on the part of unarmed merchantmen, certainly is a lucky ship. Accidents will happen and this was evidently one of the fortunate variety. Nobody is going to believe that a commander of an unarmed vessel or an armed one for that matter, is looking for one of e undersea fighters.

Fourteen busy men of Kinston will cease from their acstomed toil tomorrow, Tuesday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, the city is expected to separate himself from at least the price of one share. A season ticket will be given to the stockholders and the profits from the gate receipts will go to bettering the exhibits from year to year.

Colonel George W. Goethals, the builder of the Panama Canal, and favorably mentioned for New York's police head, etc., has been promoted to the rank of Major General. This action on the part of the War Department is a worthy tribute of the great work accomplished through bill they had the assistance of Senator DuPont of Delathe genius and pluck of Goethals and his able assistants. ware, who did much valuable work in pushing the bill. When the efforts of the private contractors to construct the canal and the complete fizzle that they scored is taken into consideration, the triumph of the army officers is all the more creditable. The promotions will be generally her most famous institutions. approved.

Germany seems to be manifesting a good spirit in rerights of non-belligerents as has England's. The assign- gress is that, in observing most of the planks and pledges to talk pretty plain to her cousin before the latter wakes the New York World presents these figures: 'The appro-England.

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tile Company, composed of employes of the Caswell Cotton late we have had two-hillion-dollar Congresses as a regu-Mills, was organized and began business, selling groceries lar thing, and now we are taking leave of one that has

THE DAILY FREE PRESS anced. This mutual benefit idea is a rattling good one. There is no hard times talk at this store, and if wisely managed it will probably prove a great benefit to the mill folk in the Caswell village. The plan is worthy the consideration of other industrial communities.

> EVERY PRECAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE AUTHORITIES.

The appearance of a case of smallpox in this city is not necessarily a cause for alarm, but the city authorities should exercise every precaution to see that the man suffering from the disease is kept isolated until all danger of infection is past. There is no State quarantine law, but that does not absolve the local authorities from res ponsibility. The city physician says that he is powerless to keep those afflicted with smallpox from going about at will. The same situation prevails pretty generally throughout the State, and Raleigh has been suffering from a near-epidemic just for that very reason. Smallpox patients should not be allowed to run at large. Temporary measures should be taken at once to see to it that the danger of infection is reduced to a minimum. The cost of maintaining a guard over a few isolated cases is nothing compared to having to establish a pest house and corps of public vaccinators. This situation should be watched very carefully, and such action as is warranted by developments should be taken promptly.

When the High school lads and lassies have their freefor-all debating contests on March 26, it is safe to predict that all questions now perplexing the great minds of this and other countries will be settled. Absolutely there will be no problems too large for these declaimers to tackle, and the judges will be called upon to pass or matters of international law; how best to preserve th neutrality of this country; what to do when England and Germany decline to yield to the demands of Uncle Sam: how the big steamships can avoid the terrible submarine; what is the best way to care for the Belgian sufferers; when will Italy enter the scrap; what Switzerland would do if her neutrality was ignored; what will become of the Turks when they are driven out of Constantinople, and last but not least when the great struggle of the nation will be brought to an end? Then, too, the question of the preparedness of the United States must be decided. The authorities at Washington await no doubt with interes the settling of all these vexing problems. In fact, we all

#### WHAT OTHERS SAY

DESERVES A REST

Raleigh Times: "The announcement that Congress will not meet in extra session must be good news to those mempers who have remained in Washington for the greater part of the past two years. Their families, too, should welcome the news. The American people are glad that Congress will not be in session this spring and summer There is a consideration greater than any of these, however, and that is the President's health. He has had no time to go junketing about the country, but has been forced to remain in Washington-with Congress on the one side and the European war on the other-and the confinement has not done him any good. It is to be hoped that President Wilson may find an opportunity to visit the big Sar Francisco exposition and to recuperate. He deserves a rest. Matters of international importance will claim his attention, but his friends should see to it that he is not

\$100,000 FOR THE V. M. I.

Richmond Virginian: "At the same time that the Six and make a canvass in the interest of the Kinston district ty-third Congress passed the omnibus appropriation bil' fair. Selling stock will be their specialty for the morning. providing for the payment to Virginians of many thous The shares are but \$25 each and every business man in and dollars lost through destruction of property by the Federal Government during the Civil War, a bill was got ten through which gives to the Virginia Military Institute the sum of \$100,000 for buildings burned during the war. This amount comes to the institute as a partially just retribution for damages done it, but the long delay in payment prevents absolute justice being done by any bill. That Virginia Representatives and Senators were chiefly instrumental in securing the passage of both these bills goes without saying. In the passage of the V. M. I. After twenty-five years of endeavor. Senator Martin, Congressman Flood and their colleagues in both branches, have won another great victory for Virginia and one of

CONGRESS' EXTRAVAGANCE

Greensboro Daily News: "It is generally agreed, we begard to neutral shipping. The admiralty is doing what lieve, that Congress, which ended its labors on the fourth it can to provide safe travel lanes. Of course, it may be instant, did a number of good and desirable things. Its said that it is to Germany's interest to make it possible labors were patriotic and predigious, and Democrats will for American supply ships to reach her shores and for be pleased to reflect that the session was a notable one, that reason there is "methed in her madness," but her since that party held an easy control. One demerit that attitude nevertheless has not been as obdurate to the has been set against the merits of the Sixty-third Conment of the Dacia's case to the French, who have not in the party platform, it paid very little attention to that recognized the right of ship transfers in time of war, relating to econor . The people want money for things, was a high-handed piece of business on the part of the and it is ha: \_ . o represent Congress for extravagance, but British, who couldn't afford to throw stones because their even a number of the party journals have viewed the houses are all built of glass. The United States will have lavish expenditures with very real alarb. For example, up to the fact that somebody else has rights as well as printions by this Congress, the first having a Democrat: majority in both houses since the Fifty-third Congress, which sat in 1893-95, aggregate \$2.237,000,000. The total appropriations by the Fifty-third Congress, twenty years ago( were \$917,000,000. At that time a billion-dollar About February 1st the Kinston Co-Operative Mercan- Congress was thought to be inexcusably wasteful. Of and other supplies to the fellow-workers and themselves, made a record of almost two and one-quarter billions." and, of course, any others who chanced to come their way This lavish use of the public funds is set down as the one a search of their wares. The first month's profits exa sixteen per cent. In other words, every stock- who fear that the Pederal government is committed to so the put in as much as \$5.00 received an eighty- such predigality that no political party will ever wholly the first month's accounts were half succeed in correcting the wrong, or applying the brakes."

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Oaily.	STATIONS	Daily.
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17:29	Hines Junction	s 5:07
f 7:16	Pools	f 5:21
1 7:11	Dawson	s 5:32
4 7:01	Glenfield	s 5:43
6:55	Suggs Siding	£ 5:50
6:45	Ly Snow Hill Ar	6:00
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