

RUSSIANS ARE NOW OCCUPYING GERMAN CITY, IS ADMITTED

Memel, in the Northeastern Part of Empire, In Invaders' Possession.

HARD FIGHTING IN WEST

Violent Bombardment by the Germans Near Mesnil. Artillery Duel Along the Aisne—Germans Claim Progress.

(By the United Press.)
Berlin, March 20.—The war office has officially announced the Russian occupation of the German Baltic seaport of Memel.

Russians Will Not Deny Nor Confirm Occupation.

Petrograd, March 20.—The Russian general staff continues to remain silent regarding the movement of Russian troops who crossed the Prussian border, and are now said to occupy the Baltic seaport of Memel. The war office refuses to either deny or confirm the report.

Violent Artillery Fighting in West.
Paris, March 20.—The French are resisting a violent bombardment and infantry attacks northeast of Mesnil. A brisk artillery battle is in progress along the Aisne.

Germans Gain in Champagne Region. claims the capture of a group of houses from the British near St. Eldi and slight gains in the Champagne district.

COURT UPHOLDS WOMAN NOTARY'S APPOINTMENT

Asheville, March 19.—Announcing a decision in favor of Mrs. Nolan Knight of this city, the first female notary named by Governor Craig under the recently enacted law providing for the appointment of women to office of notary public, Judge James L. Webb, presiding at the present term of the Buncombe county superior court, declared that the law is constitutional. The case was instituted against Mrs. Knight as a test case, being brought by Solicitor J. E. Swain, acting for the Attorney General of North Carolina. Immediately following the announcement of the decision of the judge of the Superior Court, the State gave notice of an appeal.

LOCAL BASEBALL TEAM LOST SEASON'S FIRST

The local high school baseball team was defeated in the first game of the season for both aggregations by the New Bern Highs in that city Friday afternoon. The score was 13 to 6. The game was snappy. In the first inning New Bern scored one, in the second they scored seven, in the fifth two and in the eighth three. Kinston scored one in the third, four in the seventh and one in the ninth.

The batteries were: Kinston, Fields and Tyndall; New Bern, Willis and Seals.

MISSIONARIES CAME FROM INTERIOR AFRICA

Davidson, March 19.—An interesting visitor here this week is Rev. Charles Crane, class of '07, who with his wife, prior to marriage, Miss Louise Dixon, of Hickory, reached America from Luebo, Africa on the 9th of March. They landed at New York, sailing from Lisbon, whither they came direct from Matadi, on the west coast of Africa. They made the trip down the Kasai river, from Luebo, 900 miles, in seven days to Leopoldville at Stanley Pool.

CONSTANTINOPLE ADMITS SINKING ALLIES' SHIPS

Irresistible and Ocean of British and Bouvet of French Squadrons Torpedoed—Admitted Slight Damage to Turk Earthworks

(By the United Press.)
Constantinople. (Via Berlin, Wireless to London, March 20.—The Turkish war office has confirmed the report of the sinking of the French warship, Bouvet, and the British warships Irresistible and Ocean, in the Dardanelles Strait. The ships were torpedoed. The Turkish earthworks, on the strait were only slightly damaged. How Ships Were Torpedoed Not Understood.

London, March 20.—The Admiralty is at a loss to explain the Turkish official claim that the Bouvet, Irresistible and Ocean were torpedoed. The Queen Elizabeth took a leading part in the bombardment of the Turkish forts, exploding the magazine in Fort Chanak. The guns were unharmed, however.

Bouvet's Survivors Only 64.
Paris, March 20.—The French ministry of marine announced today that only 64 of the crew of 630 were saved when the Bouvet sunk in the Dardanelles.

Was British Admiral Killed?
London, March 20.—Athens dispatches strengthen the belief that Admiral Carden was wounded or killed in Thursday's battle in the Dardanelles. More than 50, including several officers were killed on the flagship Inflexible during the action.

DESTRUCTION OF THREE SHIPS IS ADMITTED

London, March 19.—The British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and the French battleship Bouvet were blown up by floating mines while engaged with the remainder of the Allied fleet in attacking the forts in the narrows of the Dardanelles Thursday, the Admiralty officially states.

Virtually all of the crews of the two British ships were saved, having been transferred to other ships under a hot fire, but an internal explosion took place on board the Bouvet after she had fouled the mine and most of the crew was lost. The Bouvet sank three minutes after she hit the mine.

The damage done to the Turkish forts by the heavy bombardment has not been ascertained. It is stated that operations against them are continuing.

The Irresistible was commanded by Captain the Hon. Stanhope Hawke, and in times of peace carried a complement of 1780 men. She was the largest of the three allied battleships sunk, being of 15,000 tons displacement and 430 feet long.

The Ocean was commanded by Captain Arthur Hayes-Sadler and had a crew of 750. She was 418 feet long and of 12,950 tons displacement.

The Bouvet, 12,000 tons, was laid down in 1893. Her complement was 621 men.

FIRST ALLOW WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE, SAYS SUFFRAGETTE

Mrs. Pankhurst Believes They Should Have Men's Privileges If They Are to Do the Work of Men—Women Make Proposal

(By United Press.)
London, March 20.—Replying to the request of officials for "an industrial mobilization of women," Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, declared that the government should grant women the vote at once. Twenty-five thousand women have already answered the government's appeal and registered at the labor exchange. In London, 10,000 women have already offered to take the places of men needed at the front.

CITY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE NAMED PRIMARY DATE APL. 6

In Session Friday Afternoon—Run-Off Primary If Necessary April 10—Mayor's and Recorder's Assessments Stated

The City Democratic executive committee met in the Courthouse late Friday to set the date for and draw up the regulations for the coming municipal primary, on April 6, and in event there should be a tie for mayor, recorder or second place for alderman in any of the wards, another primary on the Saturday following, the 10th. The primary will be conducted from sunrise to sunset, with the polling places in the Courthouse.

The entrance fees for candidates were placed at \$3 for mayoralty candidates, \$3 for recordership candidates and \$2 for aldermanic candidates.

Mr. Jesse Heath, committeeman from the Third ward, being a candidate for alderman, tendered his resignation as a member of the committee. It was accepted.

The two candidates for councilman in each ward receiving the largest votes will be declared the nominees, but in the event that there is a tie for second place the selection will be made at a second primary.

The committeemen present at the meeting were Chairman P. S. B. Harper, W. A. Mitchell, A. W. Taylor, W. T. Cox, and C. W. Prigden. Mr. Mitchell acted as secretary.

GERMAN PHYSICIANS RISK LIVES TO COMBAT PLAGUE

Scores of Doctors Have Volunteered to Enter Detention Camp Where Russian Prisoners Are Suffering from Spotted Fever

(By the United Press.)
Berlin, March 20.—At risk of their lives, scores of German physicians have volunteered to combat the plague of spotted fever which has broken out in the concentration camp of Russian prisoners. Seven German doctors have already fallen victims of the fever.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)
GERMANS LOST 6,000 AT NEUVE CHAPPELLE.

Berlin, March 20.—The war office has announced that the German losses in the recent fighting at Neuve Chappelle were 6,000. This contradicts the estimate of General French, the British commander, of 17,000 to 18,000.

TAFT COMPLIMENTS WILSON'S SANENESS

Chapel Hill, Mar. 19.—What might be interpreted as a contrasting view between the diplomacy and saneness outstanding in the policy of President Wilson, and the policy of Roosevelt to usurp any power not clearly specified by statute, was presented by former President William Howard Taft here tonight. His method of effective contrast was by citing illustrations in the settlement of large-gauged disputes.

"When President Wilson was called upon to negotiate a settlement in the Colorado strike, the miners put a proposition to this effect: 'We ask you to close the mines and unless you do and station soldiers here we are going to create disorder.' President Wilson recognized the injunction only in part, stationing troops that were later withdrawn. The diplomacy worked admirably, was the conclusion of Professor Taft.

TEACHING MUST BE ELEVATED TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE BY THE TEACHERS, THEMSELVES, SAID SPEAKERS TODAY

Dr. R. H. Wright of East Carolina Teachers' Training School and Dr. E. W. Knight of Trinity College Faculty Addressed Teachers of City and County at "Lenoir's Educational Day" Exercises Held at Graded School Auditorium This Morning—Teachers Should Have More Pay

Dr. Robert H. Wright, president of the East Carolina Teachers' Training School at Greenville, declared in an address to more than a hundred city and county teachers, committeemen and others in the auditorium of the Peyton avenue school building this morning that the compensation of teachers in North Carolina on an average is lower than the rate of hire for State convicts. He compared their pay with that of the average negro cook in Greenville; the cooks are better treated, he opined.

The occasion was Lenoir county's "Educational Day," arranged for by Prof. Joseph Kinsey, county superintendent. The audience was satisfactorily large, and an interested one. The schoolma'ams came from every district and nearly every school of the county. Trustees of the Kinston schools, Superintendent Caldwell of the city schools, Miss Hattie Parrc., the assistant county superintendent, and principals and committeemen were in the gathering.

Dr. Wright is probably East Carolina's best known educator. His address was principally to the teachers, and he talked plainly in criticizing their shortcomings, but did not fail to give them credit for things achieved and their effort for further progress.

"Why, in Washington, D. C., the dog catcher's salary is \$1,500 a year," he stated. "The pay of the average teacher in the city is not half that much."

Dr. Wright said he believed the teaching profession should be raised to the level it deserves in the State;

it should be legally classified as a profession. He commented on the oft-repeated assertion of the layman that teachers are not practical, and have no common-sense. But they have, he asserted. "The teacher is the link that holds our people to civilization," he said. "The President of the United States is a true teacher."

Outlining methods, the noted educator described a visit to a school in Boston, where a teacher was engaged in instructing her class in civil government at the time of his visit. The instructress was almost as tall as he, he said, (Dr. Wright is rather above the ordinary man in height), which elicited a smile from his audience, and fully as broad as she was tall. She lacked the snap that he likes to see in a teacher—the snap that is absolutely essential in getting the best there is in them out of the children. Why, the woman honestly didn't know a thing about citizenship, he observed. She thought that to be a citizen one must be of the masculine gender and 21 years of age. All that Dr. Wright got out of his visit was that the teacher didn't know what she was talking about. He told how he thought the three "r's" should be taught, and explained that geography, which he added, was not merely a study of maps, as some teachers insisted upon making it, but a study of peoples, occupations, and the things that they dealt in which we are commercially interested. "We should know especially a lot about South America now," he said, referring to the broadening trade relations between the United States and South America.

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LIVING CHEEK TO JOWL WITH DEAD MEN IN THE FOREIGN LEGION'S EXPERIENCE

By Phil Rader
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London, March 1.—There's a German's body hanging from the barbed wire entanglements in front of the French trenches, which I have just left. For two months this body was part of my little outlook of the world. There's a pair of nippers in the rotting hands. For some weeks the back was arched upward, but recently it has begun to sag. The clothes flap more and more wildly each day as the body slowly shrivels. Nobody from either side has been able to get to that body to bury it. It is buried there in the air on the barbed wire, and will be gradually shot away.

Living cheek to jowl with dead men; that's the thing that turns you to a beast, but it's a part of trench life that is unavoidable. The first thing that shocks you in the trenches is to discover that after a time you are able to watch men writhing in pain with perfect equanimity. My first experience in this happened one day when a young Englishman, in my squad, named Samuels, tried to take a short cut to the rear and, instead of following the maze of trenches, got out into the open right in front of our trench. A German bullet passed through his lungs, and we saw him topple only fifteen feet away from us. He writhed and moaned, but our officers wouldn't let us try to get him. The Germans didn't shoot at him any more, because they knew they had "landed" him. Our lieutenants sent to another part of the trenches for a Red Cross man, who came, after about an hour. This Red Cross doctor was a young Swiss named Scherr. He climbed right out of the trench and

started toward the writhing figure of Samuels, but a bullet passed through his head, and, after flopping about a minute or two Scherr's body stiffened, and we could see he was dead. This was three o'clock in the afternoon. Whenever we tried to get out to help Samuels the Germans turned a terrific fire our way, and though we could even hear Samuels groaning we couldn't get to him. It was not until dark that we could do anything. Then Victor Chapman, of New York, a Harvard man, who was studying architecture in Paris, when the war broke out, made a lasso with a piece of rope, and before long he had dragged both bodies into the trench. Samuels was dead.

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NEW YORK ALSO EXPECTS DROP IN FOOD PRICES

Argentine Beef and Butter Crowding Out Domestic Products in Cold Storage Houses, and American Apples Take Room

(By the United Press.)
New York, March 20.—Reports from here agree with Chicago reports that a big decline in the prices of butter, eggs, and other cold storage products is imminent, due to crowded conditions of cold storage houses filled with Argentine beef, American apples and large importations of butter from Argentine.

WRONG OSBORNE WAS BEING SUED BY GIRL

New York, March 19.—James W. Osborne, the millionaire lawyer formerly of Charlotte, N. C., being sued by Miss Rae Tanzer for \$50,000 in a breach of promise action, was today vindicated when the real "Oliver Osborne" came from Boston and admitted that he was the man whom James W. Osborne had been mistaken for by the young woman. Oliver Osborne appeared in the attorney's office late this afternoon, bringing with him letters, photographs and other proof of a mistaken identity between himself and the former North Carolinian, and supporting James W. Osborne's assertions that he had never seen the girl in question.

LEAPS TO HER DEATH FROM FIFTH FLOOR

Mrs. Ellen H. Henney, Short Story Writer, Delirious From Fever, Meets Tragic Death—Was A Magazine Editor

(By the United Press.)
New York, March 20.—Mrs. Ellen H. Henney, the short story writer and magazine editor, sister of the State excise commissioner, leaped to her death from her bedroom window on the fifth floor of a building during delirium from typhoid fever today.

MRS. ANGLE NOT GUILTY OF BALLOU'S MURDER

Bridgeport, Conn., March 19.—Mrs. Helen M. Angle was found not guilty of manslaughter by a jury in criminal court here late today. She was accused of having caused the death of Waldo R. Ballou at Stamford of the night of June 23 last.

LEWIS PRAISES WILSON TO MISSOURI SOLONS

Jefferson City, Mo., March 19.—A review of the administration's record, praise for President Wilson and denunciation of Republican leaders and policies were included in the speech of Senator Lewis tonight, at a banquet of Democratic members of the Missouri Legislature.

HOLDS THE FEDERAL GAME LAW A MATTER OF STATE'S RIGHTS

United States Judge Pollock Decides That the Act Is Unconstitutional—Agricultural Department Interested in the Appeal

(By the United Press.)
Topeka, Kansas, March 20.—Declaring game laws a matter of "State's rights," Federal District Judge Pollock today decided the federal migratory bird statute unconstitutional. An appeal from a similar decision is now in the Supreme Court, and officials of the Department of Agriculture expect a favorable decision in May.

UNITED STATES MAY BE IN SAME BOAT AS ENGLAND SOME TIME

Naval Officers Advise Going Slow in Making Protest Against Blockade

HEAR EXPRESS COMPANIES

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Case Concerning Rates and Practices Re-Opened In Accord With the Appeal

(By the United Press.)
Washington, March 20.—The officials of the State Department and White House are restrained in making protest note to England on account of the German blockade for fear the United States will some day be forced into the same position. The administration has been warned by naval officers that changed conditions must be taken into account.

Express Companies to Have Hearing. The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered a re-opening of the matter of express companies' rates and practices petitioned for by the companies on ground of sustaining losses under new rules.

Many Thousands Would Work On Alaskan Railway.

Washington, March 20.—Applicants for work on the projected Alaskan Railroad are more numerous than Alaska's entire white population, said Chairman Edes of the Railroad Commission today.

C. F. Adams Dies in Washington. Charles Francis Adams, 79, former president of the Union Pacific, died at his home here today.

ABOUT 6 GALLONS BOOZE SWIPED FROM EXPRESS CO.

Local Office Entered Some Time Friday Night and Whisky Packages, Together With Small Quantity of Small Change.

An unknown party, or parties, robbed the Southern Express office on North Queen street early this morning, or just before midnight Friday night. Four packages of whisky, containing in all about six gallons, and about \$2 in pennies and nickels were taken. The money was left in the cash drawer by the force before shutting up Friday night.

Entrance was had through a rear side window. The wire screen was removed from the window, a panel of glass smashed, a hand was inserted, and the window unlocked and nails which had been used to reinforce the lock removed.

There have been no clues and no arrests made.

AGED CATHOLIC BISHOP AGLIARDI DEAD IN ROME

(By the United Press.)
London, March 20.—Cardinal Agliardi, aged 83, titular (or nominal) Bishop of Albano, is dead, say Rome dispatches.

SPELLING BEE AT HICKORY GROVE

Hickory Grove schoolhouse Friday night was the scene of a spirited spelling bee in which fourteen of the creek spellers contested for two boxes of chocolate, offered by Mrs. James G. Mehegan. The winners were Misses Linna Moninger and Mary Elmore. The large attendance enjoyed a concert by the Lenoir Concert Company following the spelling match. Professor Mehegan made an appeal for contributions to the fund being raised by the local Daughters of the Confederacy for a monument here.