

KINSTON'S FIREMEN TIE AND ARE TIED BY MOREHEAD CITY TEAM

Spectacular Conclusion of Hose Wagon Race at the State Tournament

TEAMS TO RACE IT OVER

Two Kinston Squads and One From Morehead City Break Even and Lead the Field—Thirteen Teams Ruled Out Wednesday

Caswell Fire Company, Kinston, 27.2-5 seconds.

East Kinston Company, Kinston, ditto.

Morehead City Fire Company No. 1, ditto.

Reports from Raleigh Wednesday night told of a spectacular result in the "State hose wagon" race at Raleigh, where the North Carolina Volunteer Firemen's Association is holding its annual convention and tournament, late Wednesday afternoon.

The hose wagon race was the first event of a three-day series of races, which include hand reel, "grab" reel, hook and ladder, pompiers, steam engine and automobile engine contests.

The two Kinston companies represented by racing squads tied with the No. 1 squad from Morehead City for first money. This was even better than was expected back home, although every year one or the other or both companies succeed in finishing among the prize-winners. The record at the conclusion of Wednesday's race showed that the two Kinston companies' crews were unexcelled by any in the State, and that neither Kinston squad had surpassed the other.

It is expected that the tie will be run off late today.

Also running in the hose wagon race were Morehead City No. 2, three teams from New Bern, one from Burlington, one from Winston-Salem, one from Mooresville, one from Henderson, one from Statesville and one from East Spencer. Thirteen other companies competing were ruled out, so exacting are the regulations governing the tournament in this State.

The Winston-Salem team succeeded in making the slowest time, 35 seconds.

The course was over 200 yards on Blount street, in the Capital City, and the time recorded for each company included everything from the starting going to the appearance of water at the nozzle. A throng of thousands witnessed the race.

Alderman H. P. Fort, Mr. J. C. Kennedy and Mr. J. B. Meacham were among those who went from this city to see the spectacular event; they declare the race a thrilling affair. No record was broken, however.

EIGHT LITTLE BANDITS, SOON THERE'LL BE NONE

Chihuahua, Mexico, July 19.—A band of Villa bandits attacked a

HUNDREDS OF SHARKS TRAILED A BRITISH SHIP FROM VIRGINIA COAST ALL WAY TO DELAWARE CAPES; MAN-EAT'G MONST'RS

Philadelphia, July 20.—Hundreds of sharks, some twelve to fourteen feet long, were sighted off the Virginia coast, the British steamship Copac reported today on docking. The hungry monsters followed so close all the way into the Delaware capes that the sailors hit many with blocks of wood. The creatures are believed to be of a species native to the West Indian seas, similar to those which have killed several bathers off the North Atlantic coast recently.

GOVERNMENT AGENT IN COUNTRY NIGHT RIDERS FRIGHTENED

J. W. Kilpatrick, Fired Upon Three Times, Wants Advice About Carrying a Big Gun—Appeals to the Authorities

J. W. Kilpatrick, an animal quarantine inspector in the employ of the State and the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry in Duplin county, where night riders have committed frequent outrages recently, Wednesday afternoon appealed to Solicitor Henry E. Shaw in this city for protection.

On one occasion, he stated, he was shot at a point "three miles southeast of J. B. Morehead's store." Twice on June 28th he was fired at, "in front of Jim Jones' home. Jones lives about eight miles east of Chinquapin."

"I have heard that Jule Jones and Enoch Stiles both saw the man who shot at me on June 28," he said.

Kilpatrick told the Solicitor that he had appealed to the Governor, but the latter advised him to put the matter up to Col. Shaw. "Do you advise me to carry a pistol when on duty in this county?" he inquired of the State's attorney.

"I have heard of a good many threats to kill me," the inspector said. The night riders, he declared, "cut pasture fences most every night." Kilpatrick's connection with the enforcement of the stock law, now in force in Duplin to the dissatisfaction of many cattle owners, has evidently earned him the enmity of the night riders, supposed to be comprised of persons of the dissatisfied element.

MAY BRING CATAWBA RIVER PEOPLE HERE TO ABIDE ON FARMS

Greensboro Realty Man Is Said to Be After Options for 25 or 30 Families Who Sell Homes to a Power Company

M. H. Pinnix, a Greensboro real estate man, is here investigating farm lands with the intention, it is understood, of getting options on 25 or 30 places for West Carolina farmers who are leaving a section along the Catawba river being developed for hydro-electric purposes by a big power company.

The company has purchased the places of the farmers in question, it is said, and they are looking to this part of North Carolina, with its large areas of practically virgin, unoccupied soil, for new homes.

train on the Mexico Northwestern near Santa Ysabel, about 150 miles west of here yesterday, according to a report to General Trevino today.

FLOODS TOOK LIVES MORE THAN SEVENTY PERSONS, IS KNOWN

The Number of Victims Increases With Every Report From Upstate

MISSING ARE NUMEROUS

Body of Bridge Construction Foreman Found—His Companions Probably Lost—Two Towns Were Wiped Out

Asheville, July 20.—Additional bodies found Wednesday in widely separated districts of North Carolina brought the number of deaths from the recent floods up to 73 with 9 persons missing and believed to be dead.

Several of the flood victims were drowned at Ronda, near Wilkesboro, in the overflow of the Yadkin river. They were in two houses cast ashore at Ronda, after having been washed 15 miles from the point where they originally stood.

The other deaths occurred in the Bat Cave and Chimney Rock section, southeast of Asheville, where the Broad river raged through a narrow valley Sunday, carrying everything before it, and near Belmont, on the Catawba river.

Nine of Bridge Crew Unaccounted For.

Charlotte, N. C., July 19.—News reached here today of the drowning near Beattie's Ford on the Catawba river, north of Charlotte, of William Brotherton, Jr., while trying to salvage a bale of cotton floating down the stream.

The body of H. B. Griffin of Charlotte, roadway superintendent and supervisor of the Southern Railway, was brought to Charlotte late this afternoon, having been found today floating in an eddy of the Catawba river, a short distance below where the Belmont bridge was washed away Sunday afternoon, taking Griffin and a number of other bridge workers with it. This leaves nine bridge victims still unaccounted for.

Two Towns Wiped Out.

Asheville, July 19.—It was stated tonight by persons returning from the Bat Cave section that nine lives had been lost in the villages of Bat Cave and Chimney Rock, both of which were said to have been almost destroyed in the flood Sunday.

EIGHT THOUSAND OF AMERICA'S BUSINESS MEN ON BLACK LIST

Others Will Be Added If Public Will Stand For It, Reported—Will Be Published From Time to Time, Said

(By the United Press)

New York, July 20.—That the British blacklist against American firms with German connections is not complete, but includes in fact, 8,000 names which will be published from time to time, is a statement attributed to a prominent banker by the Journal of Commerce.

The blacklisting of other Americans, it is said, depends on how the receives the first list.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

BRITISH SEIZE U. S. MAILS. Berlin, July 20.—The British have confiscated all first class mail matter from the United States aboard the liner 'Noordam, Amsterdam reports today said.

BRITISH METHODICALLY DRENCHING THE GERMAN LINES WITH FIRE, WHILE GUNS OF WEAKENING TEUTONS REPLY LISTLESSLY

Kaiser's Armies in West Seem to Be On Last Legs—The French by Successful Attacks Straighten Their Lines to Conform With Those of Victorious Allies to the North—Terrific High-Explosive Bombardment Being Directed by English Aircraft, Which Meet With No Resistance From Enemy—German Artillerymen Respond Only Occasionally to British—New Assault In Preparation

(By WILBUR E. FORREST)

With the British Army in Northern France, July 20.—Every foot of new German positions behind the lines captured by the British north of the Somme is being carefully and slowly drenched with a destructive high-explosive fire in preparation for a new attack. The roar of guns is continuous. The Germans are replying only occasionally. Either they are seriously out-gunned or saving their ammunition. The British airships, without molestation, are directing the Allied fire.

French Make Big Gains.

Paris, July 20.—The French resumed the offensive on both sides of the Somme last night, and made a successful drive against the Germans northwest and southwest of Peronne. Four hundred Germans were taken prisoners. The advances straightened the lines to conform with the British advances.

On the Verdun front the French have captured strongly fortified Fleury works, with 150 prisoners. An advance also was made west of Thiaumont.

Russians Halted.

Berlin, July 20.—The Russians have been unable to progress further against the Austrian right wing in the Carpathians, the Austrian war office today reported.

Invasion of Hungary by Small Force.

London, July 20.—The Russian force that crossed the Carpathians and invaded Hungary was a cavalry detachment, Petrograd dispatches today said. No indication has been had that infantry has penetrated Hungary.

Austrians Stop Italians With Rocks.

Vienna, July 20.—Hurling great piles of rocks down upon the enemy, the Austrians have stopped the Italian offensive in the Bercola sector. The Italians had prepared with a heavy artillery bombardment.

British Retake More Ground.

London, July 20.—Some more ground taken by the Germans in the recent counter-offensive at Longueval and in Delville wood, has been recaptured by the British, General Haig reported today.

Russians Occupy Towns.

Petrograd, July 20.—Russian troops have occupied the village of Kugi, it is officially announced, repulsing all enemy efforts to advance in the Ougli-Arsonoviths region.

DEUTSCHLAND GETS READY TO DASH FOR OPEN OCEAN TODAY

Every Indication Is That Submarine Freighter Will Leave in a Few Hours—Carefully Guarded—The Bremen Near

(By CARL GROAT)

Baltimore, July 20.—Dawn today found the Deutschland still at her pier, flanked by obscuring barges and the protecting tug Timmins. A run for the Capes before nightfall, however, seems logical and probable. Captain Hirsch, manager for the new freighter, whispered to friends that the Bremen will dock by Saturday.

FOUR HELD IN MURDER CASES FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville, July 19.—Four persons, all negroes, are being held in jail or under bond by Cumberland county authorities in connection with the killing of Gus McLean, colored, by Will Jackson Sunday night, and of Will Murphy, negro, by Will McAllister Monday morning.

STOCKS WILL GO ON TRIAL DURING WEEK OF TWENTY-FOURTH

Case Will Come Up As Scheduled, Said Although There Has Been Doubt—Alleged Lyncher's Not So Popular at Home

Samuel Stocks will be tried at

Konansville next week.

That much was announced Wednesday afternoon. Some persons had doubted that the State could prepare by then for trial of the man held after an investigation here week before last for complicity in the shooting to death of Joseph Black, the Greene county negro lynched near here for incendiary remarks and threats following a criminal assault upon a white child by his son, Will Black, to be electrocuted in State's prison at Raleigh Friday.

Solicitor H. E. Shaw stated that after a conference with the Duplin county authorities it had been decided to go ahead with the case. He would not give any particulars of the prosecution's plans. Judge Bond, who conducted the investigation, set the week of July 24 for the time and Konansville for the place of the trial.

No very strong array of legal talent will represent Stocks at Konansville. It is known that his neighbors have not rallied very enthusiastically to the alleged lyncher. This is taken by some to indicate innocence of the accused man. Well-to-do planters are suspected of having had a hand in the lynching, and had Stocks, of little or no means, been amongst them, they would have spared no expense to "see him through," is a theory advanced. However, friends of the defense who have not been informed on this score will provide necessary funds when it is shown at the trial that Stocks is not strongly represented, it is thought.

MOVED BUILDING OVER WATER WELL AS LAND

Home of Lighthousekeeper Near Georgetown, S. C., Taken Intact—Chimneys and All, Over Bay to New Location—Family Occupied It All the Time

(By the United Press)

Georgetown Light Station, S. C., July 20.—The remarkable feat of moving, intact, a frame dwelling across land and water, to a new location, was accomplished here when the lighthouse keeper's cottage, with a porch on four sides, and two brick chimneys, was moved across Winyah Bay from South Island to North Island. The house was 51 by 56 feet in dimensions and weighed 115 tons. The house was rolled on skids 500 feet to a trestle over the bay, which spanned two lighters. The lighters were placed in such a position at ebb tide, that at rising water the house was lifted clear of the trestle. It was towed across the bay by tenders, to a similar trestle on North Island. From here the building was rolled 400 feet to its new site on the Georgetown reservation.

The keeper's family occupied the dwelling during the operations. No damage was done to the structure in transit.

CRIME WAVE SWEEPS GERMAN CAPITAL; A SENSATIONAL MURD'R OC'URS EVERY DAY OR TWO; INSANITY; POOR NOURISHMENT

(By the United Press)

The Hague, July 20.—A ghastly wave of murder and other crimes of horrible character is sweeping Berlin. Mental depression and insanity, due in some instances to loss of relatives in the war, and others to the lack of proper food, are held by criminologists and alienists to be responsible.

During the past few weeks a sensational murder or suicide has occurred nearly every other day. Many have been hushed up, and others get scant attention because of the space devoted by the newspapers to war news.

EUROPE TO ATTACK BIG GOLD RESERVE AMERICA AFTER WAR

Foreign Trade Council Advises the House Judiciary Committee

URGES THE WEBB BILL

Would Legalize Co-operative Effort as Weapon of Same Kind as the Countries Over the Ocean Will Employ

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 20.—America's vast gold reserve will be the chief point of attack by Europe, to be depleted of gold and staggering under the weight of the inflated bank and government paper after the war, according to Frank A. Vanderlip, head of the National City Bank.

The prophecy was made today in a statement of the Foreign Trade Council to the House Judiciary Committee in urging the passage of the Webb bill legalizing co-operative effort by exporters.

The Council warned that Europe also will try to get the export trade that America has built up during the great war. The statement explained Europe's efforts will be along co-operative lines, and therefore co-operation should be permitted here.

TWO NEGROES SHOT BY A BLACK GUNMAN ON EXCURSION TRAIN

Two persons were shot by an unidentified negro, who made his escape through a car window, near Winterville on an excursion train returning here from Richmond this morning. The victims, Webster Orum and Wylie Joyner, both received thigh wounds. They were given medical attention and declared to be in no danger.

SLAVE SHIP OF HALF CENTURY AGO SCENE OF A MODERN DANCE

Special to The Free Press)

Ocracoke, N. C., July 20.—A ship among many here with histories is the Matchless, a handsome survey schooner in Government service. She was built in 1859, every inch of her from mahogany, a cargo of which was cast up on the Florida coast. She was a slaver and brought to Key West the last load of negroes landed in the States. At the close of the War Between the States she was a pirate vessel, cruising in the Caribbean. A man-of-war took her, and ever since the Matchless, now as seaworthy and as fine a sailer as ever, has been in possession of the Government.

On the schooner's spottless decks the other night, under an awning spread from amidships to the taffrail, a houseparty of local, Washington and Fayetteville folks danced and dined as guests of the ship's officers.

COMPROMISE WOULD LET CONGRESS QUIT MUCH EARLIER DATE

If Republicans Suggest It, Democrats Will Fix Time in December for Vote on the Child Labor Bill, It is Stated

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 20.—Faced with a filibuster on the child labor bill, Democratic Senate Leader Kern today told President Wilson that if a compromise is proposed by the Republicans, the Democrats are to set a date early in December for a vote. Proponents of the compromise say this would take the bill out of politics and "result in much earlier adjournment."

GOLDSBORO MAN GIVES UP LIFE IN THE NEUSE

Goldsboro, July 19.—Carl Swinson, 35 years old, conductor of a dairy and a fish merchant here, was drowned in Neuse river at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Late tonight his body had not been recovered, though a party had been searching for it since the tragedy occurred. Swinson was bathing.