

## VICTIMS OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN WESTERN CAROLINA TO BE BURIED SEPARATELY, DR. HARPER HERE AND HIS WIFE AT CONETOE

**Local Dentist Who Suicided After Killing Helpmeet at Village Near Asheville Afraid of Tuberculosis, Said—Had Declared He Would Not Succumb to the Disease—His Funeral and Interment Here Thursday Morning—Mrs. Harper's Remains Going to Town Where Father's Family Reside—Medical Man Had Told Dr. Harper Use of Alcohol Would Make Him Susceptible to Disease—Was Former Officer in Militia**

The funeral of Dr. Henry D. Harper, the dentist of this city who suicided at Weaverville, N. C., near Asheville, Tuesday afternoon after killing his wife, Mrs. Dora Dawson Harper, will be held here Thursday. The body will arrive tonight or in the morning. The service will be conducted at 10 a. m. The interment will be in Maplewood cemetery.

The two victims of the double tragedy will be buried apart. The remains of Mrs. Harper are to be carried to Conetoe, where her father's family reside, and there buried Thursday. Relatives of Mrs. Harper residing here have gone to Conetoe.

Dr. Harper, according to a member of the family, feared tuberculosis, and had remarked before leaving here for West Carolina several months ago that he would not die from that disease. A physician had warned him against excessive use of alcohol, advising that tuberculosis might result from that.

Dr. Harper was once a captain in the National Guard, and later a staff officer with a higher rank. He once held a commission in the naval militia. He was an heir to the estate of his father, the late H. D. Harper, Sr., but was of inconsiderable means when he died. His once lucrative practice as a dentist here had become small when he left this city. Mrs. Harper, once considered beautiful, six years younger than her husband, who was 38, was a woman of splendid disposition, stately and accomplished. Her family at Conetoe stand high in business and social circles. The couple were childless. Dr. Harper was of athletic figure and considered handsome by many of his acquaintances.

The Free Press in an extra carried the following account of the affair, from Asheville Tuesday night:

Asheville, Aug. 15.—Dr. H. D. Harper, a prominent dentist of Kinston, N. C., shot his wife today, killing her instantly, it is believed, and then fired a bullet into his brain, dying two hours later in the mission hospital.

The tragedy took place in Weaverville, near Asheville, about 1 o'clock p. m. in a boarding house where Dr. and Mrs. Harper had been summer visitors for about three weeks.

Mrs. Harper was found lying in bed as if she had been asleep, dead in a pool of blood. Dr. Harper, fully dressed, with a pistol in his hand, was lying unconscious on another bed. The young dentist was brought to the Mission hospital in this city, where he died a few minutes after 3 o'clock.

The couple were apparently devoted to one another, and no cause has been given for the tragedy further than a report that Dr. Harper had been drinking. Dr. Harper was about 38 years old. He was a son of the late Dr. Henry Harper of Kinston. His brother, Jack V. Harper of Gastonia, married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Jenkins of Asheville.

Mrs. Harper is thought to have been before marriage a Miss Dora Dawson of Eastern Carolina. She was 32 years old. The couple had no children.

Mrs. Henry D. Harper was Miss Dora Dawson, member of a prominent family at Conetoe. Her father is living. She was a niece of County Treasurer John Dawson. Dr. Harper was a brother of Dr. Carl Harper, Mrs. Hugh Ward and Miss Mildred Harper, all of this city, and Mr. Jack Harper of Gastonia.

## LONDON AND BERLIN WON'T SPEAK UNTIL FRYATT IS AVENGED

(By the United Press)  
London, Aug. 16.—England may not resume diplomatic relations with Germany after the war, unless reparation is made for the death of Capt. Fryatt and other alleged outrages, Premier Asquith today intimated in the House of Commons.

Two colored men and a colored woman were badly injured when a soda fountain exploded in a store at Washington. All three sustained broken limbs or severe cuts and the men lost several fingers.

## OFFICERS OF SECOND DINED BY THE C. O.

Colonel Rodman Host to His Field and Staff—Band Requisitioned to Help Entertain Party of 75 and Made More Than a Good Job of It

Camp Glenn, Aug. 16.—A smoker and dinner were given by Col. W. C. Rodman, commanding the Second Infantry, last night complimentary to the field and staff of his regiment. Plates were set for 75. The affair was arranged by Lt.-Col. J. Van B. Metts and Lt. W. P. Monroe. It was very informal, and the party enjoyed themselves immensely. The regimental band was present.

The menu follows: Broiled spring chicken, boiled sliced ham, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, corn on the

## BIG NAVY INCREASE ASSURED BY ACTION OF HOUSE TUESDAY

**Adopted Bill Already Passed By Senate by Overwhelming Majority—Will Give United States 157 More Men-of-War**

Washington, Aug. 16.—The House late yesterday adopted the building program of the naval bill by a vote of 283 to 51. The Senate had already passed the bill.

Authorized are 10 battleships, six battle cruisers, ten scout cruisers, 60 destroyers, nine fleet and 88 coast submarines and one submersible with the Neff propulsion system, three fuel ships, two ammunition ships, one hospital ship, one repair ship, 4 destroyer tenders, one fleet submarine tender and two gunboats, a total of 157 new ships.

Three North Carolina congressmen voted against the measure: Kitchen, Page and Webb. The first two spoke against the bill.

The appropriation is the largest ever made by any country. It will put the United States Navy in second place.

## SEABOARD CONTRACTS OUT RECONSTRUCTION

Hamlet, Aug. 15.—The Seaboard Air Line has just awarded the contract to the Vaughn Construction Co. of Shawsville, Va., for rebuilding the line from Hamlet to Gibson. This is a part of the main line to Charleston, and the only part of the line not of standard construction. The new work will be about ten miles long and the cost will be between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

## LOCAL WOMAN KICKED BY HORSE MOCKSVILLE

Mrs. H. A. Birdsall, wife of the manager of the local telephone exchange, is suffering at the home of her mother in Mocksville, from a serious injury from a horse's kick. Mrs. Birdsall went to take the animal, long thought to have been "family broken," from its stable for a drive. It whirled about and kicked a hole through her clothing and inflicted a fearful wound upon her body. It is not known if internal injury was caused. Mrs. Birdsall's condition is described as serious.

## WEBB EXPORT TRADE BILL IS FAVORABLY REPORTED TO HOUSE

(By United Press)  
Washington, Aug. 16.—The Webb export trade bill of Congressman Webb of North Carolina, intended to "aid and encourage our manufacturers and producers to extend our foreign trade," was favorably reported to the House by the Judiciary Committee yesterday. The bill would permit the organization of co-operative selling agencies or associations among exporters.

## COB, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN PEAS, BEATEN BISCUIT, ICED TEA, COFFEE, ICE CREAM, POUND CAKE.

The toastmaster was Lt.-Col. Metts. Speeches were made by Capt. John H. Manning of Kinston, Capt. Freeman, the adjutant; Capt. Giddins, Bain and Black, Lts. Barbary and Lumley. Enlisted men from the band gave a sort of a home talent show for the officers as well as furnished an excellent musical program. Three of the Rhodes brothers and another singer comprised a creditable male quartet. Their addition to the program was very much enjoyed. Lu-by Hollingsworth, a very graceful young man, danced several "parodies," including "Parodies" on some of the Oriental classics.

## TODAY'S BREAK NOT LARGE, BUT PRICES HELD UP VERY WELL

**Average for Opening Sales Tuesday Better Than Estimated — \$32,000 Paid Out to Farmers—Quality of Weed Very Good**

Between twenty and twenty-five thousand pounds of tobacco was sold on the Kinston market today. A calm after the "storm" of the opening day's sales records, as was to be expected. The prices today showed little, if any tendency to drop from Tuesday's high marks. The average will run between seventeen and eighteen cents, according to the information deducted from the figures obtained from the five warehouses. Big breaks are looked for the latter part of the week and unless something unforeseen happens to prevent it is felt safe to predict that Friday's sales will approximate another record.

As estimated in The Free Press Tuesday the opening sales were the largest and best in the history of the local market. The Free Press' estimate of the pounds sold here the first two days of the present season is much better than was the case in the 1915-16 season.

Some tobaccoists are of the opinion that the best of the crop is being marketed now and they give that as a reason for the high prices. The prevailing opinion is, however, that a good season will be had throughout the sales period of 1916-17.

Calculating on the above basis, \$32,134.40 was actually paid to the farmers for their tobacco in Kinston Tuesday.

## MOSQUITOES ALMOST KILLED BABY GIRL

(By the United Press)  
Mount Olive, Aug. 16.—Blanche, 2-year-old daughter of F. P. Quinn

## PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS SIX HUNDRED RAILROAD EMPLOYE'S THURSDAY; TO BE HISTORY-MAKING SCENE IN WHITE HOUSE

Members of Four Brotherhoods Will Journey to Washington to Hear Speech by Chief Justice in East Room—Both Sides Wary of Bringing About National Calamity and Bringing Down Upon Their Heads Condemnation of the Nation's People—Enginemen, Trainmen and Others Agree to Hear President Talk But Have Arrived at No Other Conclusion in Conference, Says New York Report—Workers Cautious

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Aug. 16.—President Wilson tomorrow will address 600 representatives of the four great railroad brotherhoods in a determined effort to prevent the nation-wide transportation tie-up, which he believes would be "a national calamity."

The East Room of the White House, famed for its splendid social gatherings, will be the scene of this event, unparalleled in the history of American labor. Men are coming to hear the appeal the President has made to their sub-committee for co-operation to avoid the strike.

Word from New York is that the delegates have already agreed to come to Washington to meet the President, but have come to no other decision. The employees are believed to have reached the position where, it is believed, either side would be extremely wary of appearing in the light of turning down President Wilson completely.

"Both sides," said an employees' official, today, "will do a whole lot of thinking before they will be branded by one hundred million people as responsible for such a national calamity."

## OTHER MEMBERS OF MEXICAN COMMISSION ABOUT TO BE NAMED

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Aug. 16.—President Wilson expects to complete today and tomorrow the personnel of the American Commission to confer with the similar commission appointed by Carranza. With Brandeis' withdrawal, Lane is now the only member named.

## COURT ORDER ISSUED IN THE LATEST N. S. RIGHT-OF-WAY CASE

Summons Nearly Dozen Individuals to New Bern Federal Court—Railroad Trying to Secure Valuable Property Claimed By It

Jos. Stricklin, J. T. Skinner and Mrs. Beulah Skinner, Clyde Tyndall, Robert C. Curtis, Mrs. R. E. Grady, Mrs. Kate M. Cobb, Carl W. Hartsfield, Mrs. Estelle K. Stroud and N. W. Jones were summoned today to appear in Federal Court at New Bern on October 24 to answer to a complaint by the Norfolk Southern Railroad, demanding, as its rightful own, property lying along its right-of-way in the vicinity of Caswell and East streets' intersection, where most of the persons named reside. U. S. Marshal W. T. Dortch was here with the order, issued today. The order is to be at Wilson in judge's chambers on August 30.

A similar order was issued some months ago in connection with other property, claimed by the railroad to have been granted many years ago and since squatted upon by individuals, but the persons involved and the Norfolk Southern compromised the matter, the latter taking over the property and compensating the individuals. The company is seeking to widen the right-of-way, in this case for increased trackage for union station and cotton-platform purposes, it claims.

and wife, a Duplin county couple, wandered a mile from her home and was found after an all-night search almost dead from exposure and the effects of mosquito bites. The child's face was so badly swollen she could hardly see. She will recover.

## THIRTY MILES OF ALLIED ARTILLERY NOW POUNDING AT GERMAN DEFENSES IN THE SOMME SECTOR; COMPLETE MASTERY AIR

**French War Balloons Stretch as Far as the Guns—Wireless Equipped, They Direct the Gunners' Fire—Every Instant on Every Part of German Front a Shell Bursts. Stupendous Cannonade May Be Greatest in History—French Aeroplanes Fly at Will Over the Enemy Lines, But Never a German Aircraft Is to Be Seen—Not One Thing Left Standing in Bacquincourt Save a Charmed Figure of Christ—Pathetic Scene**

Petrograd, Aug. 16.—General Brussiloff has renewed his offensive on the entire Galician front. He is striking his hardest blows at the extreme ends of the Austrian lines; alarmed by this new activity, the Kaiser is hurrying to the eastern theater of war to confer with Von Hindenburg. Russian successes in the Carpathians are menacing the Austrian flank end at Joblonitz Pass, one of the main gateways to the Hungarian plains.

(By Henry Wood)  
With the French Armies on the Somme, Aug. 16.—A thirty-mile horseshoe of solid artillery fire, one of the most terrific rains of shell in the history of the world, is drawing a line of flame along the Somme battle front. The stupendousness of the great artillery struggle is indescribable. Shells of all calibres burst at every instant at every point along the entire front with a rapidity that defies counting.

Equally impressive as this thirty-mile semi-circle of fire, is a thirty-mile horseshoe of French observation balloons, their wireless directing the French fire. Innumerable French battleplanes dart in and out, among the balloons, crossing and re-crossing the German lines every minute. Despite the great activity of the French air forces, not a single German aeroplane or balloon is to be seen, testifying to France's undisputed mastery of the air.

In a visit to the razed village of Bacquincourt, the only thing found standing was a slender wooden cross bearing a miniature statue of Christ. A yard away a shell had mowed down giant trees, also carrying away an arm of the cross. But the figure of Christ remains untouched, pathetically reviewing the barren waste that formerly was Bacquincourt.

## GERMAN OFFICERS THINK FORCE OF THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE HAS BEEN BROKEN

Headquarters of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, Aug. 16.—"The worst of the Russian offensive is over," is the opinion of German commanders on the eastern front. It has been completely halted at the Stochod river, near which the Russians have shifted their attack southward, always against the Austrians. The faster they advance their left wing in the southeast, German officers declare, the more they endanger their right wing along the Stochod. It is admitted that the Austrians were surprised at the beginning of the offensive. It is not believed, however, that the Russians' attacks will have such force now that the whole Austro-German front has been reorganized. It is declared that the fall of Stanislaw and Goritz was offset by the failure of the Slavs to reach Kovel and Lemberg. The Germans arrived at the critical moment, stiffening the Austrian lines.

Berlin Report.  
Berlin, Aug. 16.—The Russians today made only weak attacks north of the Dneister, following their recent heavy losses. These attacks were repulsed, it is officially reported.

## POLICE INAUGURATE NEW PATROL SYSTEM

Half of Men on Duty Will Be Located North of City Hall and Half South—Patrolmen Required to Report by Telephone Every Other Hour

Kinston's cops will stay put from today on. Chief Skinner today inaugurated a new order of things whereby the officers will report by telephone only except when bringing in an "arrest" or reporting "on" or "off." Of the men in each squad half will be on duty in the territory north of City Hall and half in the territory south of the municipal building. They will not cross the imaginary line running east and west from the City Hall unless ordered to do so or an emergency presents. Reporting will be done from a telephone in the neighborhood where each man happens to be every other hour. Each patrolman will ring up headquarters about six times during his "trick." Even the Chief and Assistant Chief—the latter in charge at night—will make the desk sergeant or some one at the station acquainted with their whereabouts at specified times.

## TALK ABOUT COST OF PAPER BUT DON'T ACT

Greensboro, Aug. 15.—Cost of white paper was the principal topic of discussion at a meeting of newspaper men here today. Representatives of the afternoon papers in session entered into a contract with a northern agency to place all foreign advertising. The discussion showed that papers were paying from 2.1-3 to 4 cents for paper, but no action was taken.

## KING WAS AT FRONT A WEEK AND FEW KNEW IT

With the British Army in France, Via London, Aug. 15.—King George has been at the front for a week. He left today for England and his departure was the first information that the majority of the troops had of his presence. As a matter of precaution the visit was kept a secret and there was no display or big reviews as on the occasion of his visit last fall.

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