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AN AMERICAN SHIP IS TORPEDOED.

London, May 25.—The American steamer Nebraskan, Captain Greene, from Liverpool May 24, for Delaware breakwaters, was torpedoed yesterday by a submarine at a point forty miles west southwest of Fastnet, off the coast of Ireland. No lives were lost.

The crew at once took to the boats, but after finding that the Nebraskan was not seriously damaged, they returned aboard and got underway. She had been struck forward and her foreholds were full of water. The Nebraskan did not carry any passengers.

The foregoing information was received today by the British admiralty in London, and it was at once communicated to the American embassy.

Immediately she was struck the Nebraskan began calling for aid by wireless. Browhead received the wireless communication at 9 a. m. yesterday from Crookhaven.

The torpedoing of the Nebraskan apparently occurred before 9 o'clock last night.

All foreign vessels leaving Liverpool recently have had their names and nationalities painted in large letters on their sides and have flown large flags. Yesterday evening was clear and the period between 8 and 9 o'clock is the twilight hour in the British islands at this season. A message to the Lloyd's says an armed trawler went to the assistance of the Nebraskan and stood by her all night.

A message to the Star from Liverpool says that the name and nationality of the Nebraskan were painted in large letters on her sides.

The German submarine campaign continues actively. Dispatches from Norway say the people of that country have been aroused by the sinking last week of the Norwegian steamer Minerva and the attempt to torpedo the Iris, which went to her assistance.

The steamer Cromer, loaded with passengers had a narrow escape while bound for Rotterdam. A submarine fired a torpedo without warning but missed by fifteen yards. This attack occurred four miles north of North Hinder lightship.—Citizen.

McLAIN-PATTON

A marriage of much interest to the people of this place was solemnized in Waynesville Wednesday when F. M. McLain and Miss Juanita Patton were married by Rev. A. V. Joyner, at the Baptist parsonage. They will spend a few days in Asheville, then they will return to Mr. McLain's home in this city.

The Journal joins the many friends of this popular couple in wishing for them a long and happy life.

WORK IS STOPPED.

We are informed by Mr. Wright, of the Wright Johnstone Contracting Co., that all work on the Hiwassee Valley Railroad has been suspended on account of the failure of the Railroad Co. to pay the contractors for the April estimates.

We hope that this matter can be adjusted within the next few days, and that the construction be pushed to an early completion.

FRUIT BLIGHT HAS DONE MUCH DAMAGE.

Many apple and pear trees in Buncombe and many sections of Haywood county have been attacked by fruit blight and fruit growers and farmers predict that apple and pear crop for next year, has been badly damaged. The blight has the blooms and caused them to fall off or has damaged the small fruit and caused it to shrivel. The end of the twigs in all apple and peach orchards from which reports have been made received state that this peculiar disease blackens the twig for several inches back of the bloom or bud itself.

Tax Collector B. A. Patton and Representative Gallatin Roberts both of whom see a great many farmers from all sections of the county daily, declare that the blight is wider spread this year than ever before in the history of the county. Mr. Patton has about 300 apple trees in Leicester township on a farm and they are ruined, he says, by the disease. Reports from Black Mountain state that there will be practically no apple crop there next year.

Mr. Roberts declared that not only in the country districts but also in the city, the blight has wrought its havoc; in West Asheville, where he lives, he says the apple trees are blackened and withered in their blooms. The only fruit trees which have escaped are the peach and cherry trees. The loss by the blight means thousands of dollars to the orchardists of Buncombe and adjoining counties.—Citizen.

ITALY DECLARES WAR.

"Vienna, May 23.—Conformably with the orders of his majesty, the king, his august sovereign the undersigned ambassador of Italy has the honor to deliver to his excellency, the foreign minister of Austria-Hungary, the following communication"

"Declaration has been made as from the fourth of this month to the imperial and royal government of the grave motives for which Italy, confident in her good right, proclaimed annulled and henceforth without effect, her treaty of alliance with Austria-Hungary, which was violated by the imperial and royal government, and resumed her liberty of action in this respect.

"The government of the king, firmly resolved to provide by all means at its disposal for safeguarding Italian rights and interests, cannot fail in its duty to take against every existing and future menace measure which events impose upon it for the fulfillment of national aspirations.

"His majesty, the king, declares that he considers himself from tomorrow in a state of war with Austria-Hungary.

"The undersigned has the honor to make known at the same time to his excellency, the foreign minister that passports will be placed this very day at the disposal of the imperial and royal ambassador at Rome, and he will be obliged to his excellency if he will kindly have his passports handed to him."

(Signed) "Avarna"

PROMINENT MAN DIES. KILLS COUSIN AND COMMITS SUICIDE.

It is with great regret that the people of this County learn of the death of E. B. McDade, who died Thursday morning in Asheville from a stroke of paralysis, at the Merriwether Hospital.

Mr. McDade has been in bad health some time and resigned his position in the Jackson County Bank about one month ago and went to Asheville last Friday to be treated and had a stroke of paralysis last Saturday morning. He is survived by two children, Miss Effie McDade and Mr. Arthur McDade. He will be laid to rest Friday at eleven o'clock in the Parris cemetery. The Masons will take charge of his body and bury him. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. J. J. Gray and others.

AFTER-EFFECTS OF TYPHOID

The death rate of those who recover from typhoid doubles.

Figures are showing up typhoid in a new light. We have always regarded seriously the chances of fatality that go with each case, also the length of time required for the fever's course, the severe suffering, the anxiety, the careful nursing, not to mention the expense, but now figures are showing that the after-effects of typhoid are not to be lightly considered.

A study of 1,574 cases of typhoid fever shows that 146 died while under treatment, which is not quite one out of every ten. Of the 1,428 who recovered from the immediate effects of the disease, the death rate for the first three years was nearly twice the normal death rate of a similar group of persons who had not had typhoid.

As the cause of death among the patients who died, following recovery from typhoid, tuberculosis heads the list with a rate of 39 per cent, with diseases of the heart following with a rate of 14.8 per cent. In other words, the chances for having tuberculosis are increased about three times in those who have recovered from typhoid, while the chances for heart diseases are about doubled. In the United States each year, 8,000 deaths occur among persons who have recovered from an attack of typhoid fever, but who, as a result of impaired vitality from the disease, succumb during the first or second year after recovery.

Besides lowering the vitality so that other diseases are not to be resisted, typhoid often leaves the patient maimed for life, and memory is frequently impaired. These considerations should bear an especial appeal to those who still tolerate flies and fly infected food and who have not yet made up their minds to be vaccinated against typhoid.

CARD OF THANKS

We ask our friends and neighbors to accept our many thanks for the help, kindness and sympathy extended during the recent illness of our children and the death of our little girl Marjie.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dills.

According to information brought to Asheville a serious shooting affair took place yesterday morning on Spring creek, Madison county, in which Jesse Phlemmons is said to have shot and killed his cousin Arthur Phlemmons and then turned the gun on himself, inflicting a wound that caused almost instant death.

No details of the shooting, or the causes for it couldn't be learned, but it is stated that people residing in that section are very much excited over the affair. Officers from Marshall were dispatched to the scene of the shooting, it is stated and a thorough investigation is being made, although this morning it was stated that no arrests had been made, nor had any reason been found for the shooting.—Citizen.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Eight miles of the Highway have been contracted and work is to commence in ten days and be completed in 180 days. That portion of the road contracted is from Bryson City to Alarka, and from Bryson City to Ela. The route from Bryson City to Ela goes east on south side of Tuckaseegee River to point at the lower end of the A. S. Patterson farm, where it crosses the river and runs to Ela. It is estimated that the Patterson bridge will cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

State Engineer Fallis of Raleigh, was here and went over the route and approved of the work of the Commissioners and Engineer Howerton. He was enthusiastic in praise of the route selected as being the best possible.

At Monday's session of the Highway Commissioners there were eighteen bids submitted—the highest being 50c per yard for unclassified work and the lowest 29 3/4 cts.

The last named figure was the bid of Phillips, Munday and Rogers. Mr. Phillips is from Georgia and Messrs. Munday and Rogers are Macon County men. We are informed they have teams and implements and will commence the work within the prescribed ten days.

Under the contract the eight miles of road will cost for grading about \$25,000. The contract, is said to be very advantageous for our people, and several of the bidders on the work remarked that it was entirely too cheap. However, that's the contractor's business and he will be required to give a bond.

Just before printing the Times we learn that Messrs. Reed and Wells of Asheville have taken over the contract from Phillips, Rogers and Munday and will commence work next week.—Bryson City Times.

WOMEN BEATEN IN OTARY CASE

Raleigh, May 25.—The Supreme court decides the act of the last legislature giving women authority of notary public is unconstitutional, and Mrs. Noland Knight of Asheville loses her commission. Judge Allen writes the opinion and Judge Walker and Hoke concur. Chief Justice Clark dissents and Judge Brown concurs.

ROCKWELL IS WOUNDED IN BATTLE.

That Kiffin P. Rockwell, of this city, who is a soldier in the foreign legion, now fighting under the flag of France, has been wounded, is information which has been received at this city. He was shot in the thigh at a desperate battle at Arras, it is learned, and his brother, Paul Rockwell, has been granted a leave of absence in order that he may visit the wounded man. Paul Rockwell has not seen active service in the trenches for past several months, having been forced to go to the hospital late last year, when he suffered a physical breakdown as the result of the strain to which he was subjected in the trenches. The Rockwell brothers enlisted in the foreign legion immediately following the declaration of war and have participated in many desperate engagements.

Their action in enlisting in the army, has been widely featured in big American, English and French dailies. In a recent article in the New York Sun, dealing with the activities of the members of the legion, they were given creditable mention for the part they have played in the work of the legion, and illustrations, which accompanied the article, showing Kiffin Rockwell in a number of positions, one of the most interesting of these showing him in the act of digging trenches with the other soldiers prior to a fierce engagement. During the time that he has been in the hospital, Paul Rockwell has written several articles dealing with battlefield experiences for the big English dailies and leading French papers. He has had an opportunity to tell of the work during the time that he has been unfit for service, and the articles have been widely read and prominently featured, a number of them being printed on the front pages which have used them.

The following clipping from The Atlanta Georgian dealing with the news of the wounding of Kiffin Rockwell, will be read with interest by the injured man's friends at this city:

"Word comes from Paris that Paul Rockwell, former Atlantan among the Americans serving with the allies in the foreign legion, has gone to Rennes to see his brother Kiffin, of North Carolina, who is, there with a wounded thigh received in a desperate battle at Arras.

"Paul Rockwell, the dispatch says has just been given a three months leave or absence on account of failing health. At the end of that time he will undergo a medical examination to determine if he is fit for further service.

"The Americans of the foreign legion, most of them in the Firsts regiment, have performed some distinguished service in the recent fighting, and the two southerners have been mentioned a number of times in the reports of battle."—Citizen.

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