

SLATS' DIARY

Friday—went to a soshul meeting at the church tonite & we had games & contests & so 4th. I game was they ast a lot of kwestions & all we had to do was to anser them. The 9st kwestion was Are you trooth full. All the ladys rote yes on there paper. then the last kwestion was How old are you. A lot of the ladys a speshully them which was single snuk out & quit playing.

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Monday—ma had a letter from her brother lke out in Conn. he s my unkel & he has bin married 5 times & has now got a good job traine d w a amms. lke dnter & tigers & wnt to get a job on a ship pa sed he shud get to use a good I after his speche.

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Thursday—ma is hring a new hred g. I cum today & ma sed Well how about your Ancestors she sed Honest nuss I ant got any thing like that just a little roomatz & a couple bayans but no ancestors. I guess she thot they was a dezease.

FEHMIC COURT IS REVIVED BY GERMAN EXTREMISTS

The procedure of the Fehmle courts—the dread secret tribunals which in the middle ages exercised jurisdiction over rulers and people alike in Germany—has been revived by the leaders of the extremist section of the Orzech and other self-defense organizations to keep their followers in line against the surrender of arms, even at the government's orders. The members have been warned, according to information received from Munich, the laws of the Fehmle, including the death penalty, will be applied against "traitors" in other words, those giving information to the authorities to assist them in locating army depots.

Not only the Fehmle court whose methods are vividly described in Sir Walter Scott's "Anne of Geierstein," but also the regular German tribunals are contributing to dissuade Germans from revealing hidden stores of arms. At the trial of four ex-soldiers who were arrested for turning in to representatives of the federal disarmament commission rifles, machine guns, etc., from a stock which the officers of a regiment at Prenslau had ordered concealed to avoid surrender to the entente, the prosecuting attorney laid down the dictum that the court was not concerned with the question whether the officers acted illegally in holding out the arms against the disarmament law; that it was up to the entente to find the rifles if it could, and that the accused were guilty of stealing in surrendering the arms to the disarmament commissioner. The court accepted the argument and sent the men to prison.

GOAT AGAINST BEAGLE

Mr. W. L. Eckard, who was in Hickory yesterday, said that Mr. Roy Stillwell, owner of the champion goat rabbit-chaser, is training two goats to follow their mother's footsteps and is sure they will be able to lead the hounds in jumping, tracking and catching rabbits. A challenge has been issued to Mr. Bob Perry and Mr. James C. Shuford, and if their packs are beaten the three goats will be carried to the Happy Valley, where they will be pitted against Mr. Rufus Jones' great bunch of beagles.

Funeral arrangements were recently made at Greenville, S. C., by an 85-year-old son and a 70-year-old daughter for the burial of their mother, Jane, Murphy, a negro, whose age appeared on the official death certificate as 111 years.

GOOD ROADS BILL IS KILLED IN THE U. S. SENATE

While the North Carolina legislature is putting through a \$50,000,000 bond issue for good roads, the Senate of the United States last Friday killed, so far as this session is concerned, the House bill to authorize a Federal contribution of \$100,000,000 toward the construction of highways during the next fiscal year, says Theodore Tiller, Washington correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News.

Advocates of the good roads legislation in the Senate had a majority, but not the two-thirds majority required to suspend the rules and make the \$100,000,000 item in order in the postoffice appropriation bill. Senator Swanson of Virginia, who offered the bill, will try again during the session to get the measure up separately, but the prospect of success is remote.

North Carolina's great roads program was again called to the attention of the Senate by Senator Simmons. Under the Swanson amendment he said his State would receive a maximum of not more than \$4,000,000 out of the general Federal fund, while North Carolina was willing to bond itself for twelve times that amount to promote highways.

The debate also produced a sharp colloquy between Senator Moses of New Hampshire and Senator Simmons. The latter took exception to the sectional issue raised by Senator Moses, who complained that the Federal funds would go largely to the West and South.

The Senate's action does not permanently kill Federal aid. It indicates, however, there will be a change in the methods of distributing Federal funds among the States. Chairman Townsend of the postoffice committee argued there is much waste under the present system and the Federal government should check up on its own money, the suspension of its funds.

Had a fourth vote been taken, the Senate would have adopted the good roads bill Friday. The vote in favor was 42 to 44.

Practically all States were interested in Friday's action in that Federal appropriations, except in isolated instances, will be exhausted by June 30. This leaves the cooperative road building program "in the air," and the situation is one of serious but temporary embarrassment to States with partially completed projects.

North Carolina and Virginia are among the States whose Federal allowances are said substantially to have been allocated and the lack of an appropriation for the next fiscal year means an interruption of road building in which the Federal government is assisting. Projects of a purely local sort, of course, are not affected by the adverse action of the Senate.

Senator Overman gave notice in the Senate Friday that he would offer an amendment to the army appropriation bill, the House measure, directing the war department to turn over to the various States several hundred surplus trucks now held by the department. These trucks are wanted by State highway departments for road construction work, and almost every member of the Senate and House has been asked by local interests to support the measure which Senator Overman sponsored Friday.

CANCELLING WAR DEBTS

Apparently the British have no longer hope for the adoption of their proposal of the cancellation of all allied war debts, for in a recent public address in England Austin Chamberlain stated that the United States government (referring to the State department in the hands of the Wilson administration) had refused to consider such a step, so far as the debts of the allies to itself was concerned.

The proposition has been made in this country as well as in England. It was made here on the ground that we entered the war too late to bear our fair share of the cost. The obvious answer to this is that, though we entered the war late, we spent more money than did our allies within the given period in order to do big things in a hurry. It may also be remarked that we are to get none of the large material fruits of victory that will be enjoyed by England, France and Italy, and that though it is proposed for Great Britain also to cancel her heavy war debts, she is rich in territorial spoils which we do not share.

Under the war acts of 1917 the United States loaned nine and a half billion dollars to its allies, the sums ranging all the way from \$28,000 to Liberia to four and one-fifth billions to Great Britain. To France we loaned nearly three billions and to Italy more than a billion and a half. To Belgium went nearly \$350,000,000, and less and less sums, decreasing in the order named, to Russia, Czechoslovakia, Serbia, Rumania, Greece and Cuba.

N. C. POSSENGER RATES ARE ORDERED RAISED

Railroads in North Carolina were ordered by the interstate commerce commission Saturday to increase their passenger rates to the level of those in effect in interstate commerce, to take effect March 29, 1921.

The roads were also ordered to reduce the baggage allowance of 200 pounds per passenger to 150 pounds, as required by interstate regulations, and to maintain a charge of 15 cents against passengers traveling within the State who board trains without tickets at stations where they could have obtained tickets.

In the decision handed down by the commission the line of argument followed in the New York and other cases was taken. This case was submitted by Attorney General Manning. Briefly it is held that the interstate and not the intrastate rates should prevail; that the State allowance of 200 pounds of baggage is discriminatory and that "fares charges and baggage" to remove such undue preference, undue prejudice and unjust discrimination shall be prescribed.

A GOOD START



VILLAGE OF MORTIMER BEING REJUVENATED

Weeds in the main streets of Mortimer, rejuvenated village in the Boone national forest, are now trampled underfoot. No longer does the moping owl complain at night time in the darkness brooding over the hushed weeds of a once bustling town. For on the main thoroughfare electric lights blaze forth, vying with moon and stars.

Where once the bugaboo, deserted town after the disastrous floods of 1916, were used as the stamping ground of cows, hogs and chickens, now dwelling places show the hand of man and woman exerted to restore the attractiveness lost by years of neglect and abandonment.

No more will the crows be seen with curious eyes gazing down upon the slovenly yards from the second story of the empty houses—a sight not many months previous to be enjoyed by chance travelers visiting Mortimer, as attested by officials of the forestry service who reported the incident.

For Mortimer has shaken off its morbidity and has become alive. Soon the hum of 5,000 spindles in a big new cotton mill will spell prosperity throughout that section. The work of the mill construction is now being pushed. The buildings themselves are almost completed, it is reported, and the machinery of the cotton mill is being installed. This week the big 90-foot stack will be raised. The metal tube, contrary to usual methods of engineering, is to tower aloft without a single guy wire to hold it upright. A heavy concrete base has been prepared and five long bolts will be employed to keep the stack in place, say forestry officials returning from the site.

The plant is being constructed by the United Mills Company of Hickory, with indications that by July the construction will be complete, the mill ready to operate. It was with a far-seeing eye that heads of the company purchased the deserted village, Mortimer, not many months gone past. Mortimer was sold for a song, considering the fact that it had a water system for domestic use, a hotel, bungalows and cottages, with streets laid out, all the work of the Ritter Lumber Company, which cut over vast areas in that section, abandoning the job even before its completion when the floods of 1916 devastated portions of their holdings.

Now Mortimer boasts, besides its lighting system, a storage plant for fire-fighting purposes, with reservoir high on a hill above the town that will ultimately accommodate between 400 and 500 persons, it is estimated. While the plant will begin operations with steam power, to which end the boilers are now being installed, the company heads have already applied for water rights upon Harper's creek. A preliminary survey of possibilities has been made and two propositions worked out by means of which upward of 600 horse power may be developed not far from the mill site. Forest officials, co-operating with the mill heads, report that the water power rights have been recommended to Washington authorities, with a favorable answer expected in the near future.

MR. HOLDEN WRITES ANOTHER LETTER

To the Readers of the Lenoir News-Topic:

I wish to say to the public I thank the people of Lenoir and other places for starting up the shops and mills, which will give so many people work, and will help so much at this time. And I also ask that the business men of the public works treat their men with courtesy and allow them as good pay as they can, and all will be well in the near future. Taking in consideration the condition of the weather and the work coming to a halt has caused many people to be in need.

Now if we can get God's love in our hearts and love for each other I think it will be much better than to be trying to make fun of the man who is trying to do his duty. You can make light of him because he has not the education to do the work as it should be done. But as he has God's love in his heart he intends to do all things perfect so far as he knows. I don't think you can prosper much by rowing against God's will, for he is much stronger than man. So many are working for the dollar instead of working for God. I love to treat everybody with respect and in a gentlemanly way and have no desire to mistreat anybody, but we must try to settle these things before we come down to die. W. T. HOLDEN. Lenoir, N. C., Feb. 3, 1921.

THE BONUS ON GRAFT

The Senate has voted a bonus of \$240 to each person employed during the war in shipyards and arsenals, which will amount to at least \$17,000,000. These men were getting the highest wages ever heard of in this country. They were getting 92 cents an hour, because the country was in desperate need of their work and 4,000,000 men had been taken from their homes and put into the army at \$30 a month. Congress is in grave doubt about giving \$10 a month for the period of their service to the soldiers, but the Senate votes \$10 a month for two years to the men who were making money out of the war.

Some people lead a mighty active life, rather jumping at conclusions or jumping away from them.

Clear, Peachy Skin Awaits Anyone Who Drinks Hot Water. Says an inside bath, before breakfast helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM. Removes dandruff. Stops hair falling. Restores color and beauty to Gray and Faded Hair. Hanes Chemical Works, Paterson, N. Y.

RETAIL FOOD PRICES 3 PER CENT LOWER. Decline of 3 per cent in retail food prices in January as compared with December was reported Friday by the bureau of labor statistics of the department of labor. Of the 44 articles on which prices were reported, 27 showed decreases, of which the following were the most pronounced: Fresh eggs, 14 per cent; lard, 13 per cent; rice, 10 per cent; and sugar, 8 per cent. Articles which increased in price included pork chops and cabbage, 9 per cent; hens, 8 per cent; lamb, 4 per cent; rib roast, 3 per cent, and sirloin and round steak, chuck roast, plate beef and flour, 2 per cent.

A LENOIR MAN'S EXPERIENCE. Can you doubt the evidence of this Lenoir citizen? You can verify Lenoir endorsement. Read this: T. C. Robbins, grocer, N. Main St. says: "For quite awhile I was an invalid with kidney trouble. My kid nephews acted irregularly, and I had to get up two or three times at night to pass my secretions. I had sick headaches and was very nervous. I was also troubled with pain across my back. Hearing about Doan's Kidney Pills I bought a box at Ballew's Cash Pharmacy and I am pleased to say that after I took Doan's the pains in my back left and I was greatly relieved. I am glad to recommend such a good kidney medicine as Doan's Kidney Pills." \$60, at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

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MAPLE GROVE. Our school, taught by A. M. Mast and Miss Julia Bryant, closed a six months' term Feb. 4. It was the expression of all the children that they want them to teach again. The attendance has been very good, considering the cold weather. Three wildcats were caught by hunters recently. Two were caught by the aid of dogs and one in a trap. Also the following describes the wild cat hunt of Mr. Israel Greene: 'Twas Jan. the 26th day, A deep snow on the ground lay; Mr. I. W. Greene was first you know To see his track made in the snow. He shouldered his gun—now for the chase, Followed the track with rapid pace. On and on, step by step he found, How the creature had circled round; But no, he did not stop the chase. He wanted to see his hiding place. All at once to his great surprise He saw in the clabs his big eyes! With gun in hands he lowered his head, And fired the shot that killed him dead. With much joy he pulled him out, and Carried him home a happy man. "Here he is wife, large, black and fat I'm sure he's the same creature that I've been coming around our pens, And slyly catching our chickens." His wife said in answer to that, "Ha, ha! You've killed a tame house cat!" Rufus, N. C. A. M. MAST.

OLD-TIME COLD CURE—DRINK HOT TEA!

Get a small package of Hamburg Brest Tea at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoon full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking up a cold. Try it the next time you suffer from a cold or the grip. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore safe and harmless.

RUB RHEUMATISM FROM STIFF ACHING JOINTS

Rub Soreness from joints and muscles with a small trial bottle of old St. Jacobs Liniment. Stop "dosing" Rheumatism. It's pain only; not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Liniment" right on the "tender spot," and by the time you say "Jack Robinson"—out comes the rheumatic pain. "St. Jacobs Liniment" is a harmless rheumatism cure which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache, neuralgia. Limber up! Get a 30 cent bottle of old-time, honest "St. Jacobs Liniment" from any drug store, and in a moment you'll be free from pains, aches and stiffness. Don't suffer! Rub rheumatism away.

Uncle John's. LETS OUT FOR THE HELLEBERRY OF THE... FROM THE... The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders. Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

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EVER BILIOUS? Charleston, Miss.—Mrs. R. V. Heins, of this place, says: "I have never had to use very much medicine, because if I felt headache, dizziness, or colds, bad taste in the mouth, which comes from torpid liver, I would take a dose or more of Black-Draught, and it would straighten me out and make me feel as good as new. We have used in our family for years THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT and it certainly is the best liver medicine I ever saw. It has not only saved me money, it has helped keep my system in shape, and has never weakened me as so many physics do. I recommend it to my friends and am glad to do so." Black-Draught is the old, reliable liver medicine which you have doubtless heard much about. When you feel badly all over, stomach not right, bad taste in your mouth, bilious, or have a headache, try Thedford's Black-Draught. At all Druggists. Always Insist on the Genuine!