

Launch From American Cruiser Is Fired Upon

Boat Was Attempting to Enter the Gulf of Smyrna to Arrange With Authorities for Entry of Cruiser When Shots Were Fired From Fort. The Commander Informed the Authorities That He Intended to Execute His Orders and He Did. The North Sea Now Military Territory.

London, Nov. 17.—An Exchange telegram from Athens, Greece, states that yesterday morning a launch from the American cruiser Tennessee which is anchored at Vurle, Asia Minor, endeavored to enter the gulf of Smyrna to arrange with the authorities for the cruiser to enter the harbor. The forts opened fire on the American launch and forced it to return to the ship. The commanding officer of the Tennessee then informed the governor that he had orders from his government to enter the harbor and that he intended to execute these orders.

THE NORTH SEA IS NOW MILITARY AREA.

London, Nov. 17.—Premier Asquith stated in the House of Commons today that the British government had decided to declare the whole North Sea in the military area. All of Germany's subjects found on Neutral vessels are to be held as prisoners of war.

ENGLAND HARD PUSHED TO DEFEND HER EXPENSES

London, Nov. 17.—David Lloyd, chancellor of the exchequer, said in the House of Commons today that England must find by the end of the current financial year \$35,367,000 pounds (\$2,676,835,000) or there would be a deficiency in the treasury of \$39,311,000.

THE GERMANS OCCUPY SOME EXCELLENT POSITIONS

Berlin, Nov. 17.—The Russian army defeated in the East have been forced back until only the Vistula is now between the two forces. The Germans occupy excellent strategic positions.

HEAVY FIGHTING TAKES PLACE IN EAST PRUSSIA.

Petrograd, Nov. 17.—Heavy fighting is reported here as having taken place in East Prussia in the vicinity of Neidenburg Soldau. The advantage, it is declared, was entirely with the Russians.

THE AUSTRIANS PLAN TO OCCUPY BELGRADE.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—An official communication issued tonight says that the Austrian occupation of Belgrade, the Serbian capital, is imminent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., NOV. 18.—

Prompt action was taken today by the American government to determine whether the Turkish government had a hostile purpose in firing on the American cruiser Tennessee yesterday when she attempted to enter the harbor of Smyrna. Captain Benton C. Decker and all United States officials near Smyrna have been instructed to send a report on the incident. Up to late tonight no reply has been received. The salient fact seems to demand prompt action by the United States is that Captain Decker reports to the government that the launch was fired on without excuse. Navy officers here point out that had there been any excuse for a violation of neutrality, Decker would not have been eager to set this forth in his dispatch.

THE TENNESSEE NOW AT PORT OF CHIOS.

Chios, at which port the cruiser Tennessee has arrived is the capital of the island of the same name, located about four miles off the coast of Asia Minor and near the Gulf of Smyrna. The island formerly belonged to Turkey, but as a result of the Balkan war was turned over to Greece. A great portion of the population of 60,000 are Greeks.

Dispatches from Athens yesterday reported that the Tennessee had arrived at the port of Vurle in the Gulf of Smyrna and that her appearance had put a stop to the ill-treatment of British, Russian and French residents. The authorities of Smyrna the dispatch adds, fearing a bombardment, had left for the interior.

Captain Benton Clark Decker is in command of the Tennessee which left New York on August 16 with nearly \$6,000,000 in gold on board for the relief of the American tourists stranded in Europe. The war-

THE RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE CARRYING POSITIONS.

Petrograd, Nov. 18.—Russian troops are carrying position after position in a terrific battle near Soldau.

THE BRITISH FORCES ARE HOLDING LINES.

London, Nov. 18.—Under tremendous pressure from the German infantry and a heavy fire from the artillery, the British troops in the vicinity of Arris hold their lines today and at a point do the Germans back one hundred yards.

THE METHODIST HOST GATHERED AT WASHINGTON

Seventy-Eight Annual Session of North Carolina Methodist Conference Convened There Yesterday.

MANY MINISTERS AND LAYMEN ARE ATTENDING.

Two Bishops Present and Are Aiding in the Exercises—Much Interest Manifested.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The seventy-eighth annual session of the North Carolina Methodist Conference opened in the Methodist church at Washington today with a full attendance of ministers and laymen. The homes of the hospitable city of Washington are crowded with the visitors and delegates, every courtesy being shown them since the time they were met with a veritable Washington welcome, such as the people of this city are famous for. The cool crisp weather is putting everybody in good spirit and promises well for the conference which will continue through next Monday.

Bishop Richard Green Waterhouse, president of the conference, arrived Tuesday night from Shelby where he has been presiding over the sessions of the Western North Carolina Conference. He called the conference to order at 9:30 Wednesday morning. The first ceremony of the conference was the communion service with which every annual conference is opened. Following the devotional service, Rev. R. H. Willis, secretary of the last conference, called the roll of ministers and lay delegates. Mr. Willis was then elected to succeed himself as secretary of the conference.

The first business of the morning was the appointment of the committees. Rev. H. A. Humble of Queen street Methodist church, Kinston, preached the opening sermon Tuesday night to an audience that taxed the capacity of the church. Mr. Humble is one of the most popular and able of the preachers of the conference. The choir rendered special music that was greatly enjoyed.

One of the pleasantest features of the annual gathering is the reunion of old friends and comrades. The conference has been particularly fortunate this year, only one member, Rev. J. E. Thompson of Fayetteville, a superannuate, having died. Greetings are exchanged on every side and there is a Methodist air of good fellowship pervading the place that is very much at home in Washington, a strong center of Methodism.

A number of distinguished visitors among them the connectional officers of the church, are present to add interest to the conference and inspiration by their presence as well as their addresses.

The conference is honored by the presence of two bishops—Bishop Waterhouse, the presiding officer, and Bishop Kilgo, who is right at home in his old conference, which delights to head the roll with his name as an honorary member. With two such spirits a great awakening of spirituality and quickening of religious feeling is expected.

JOHN MEYER JR. SUED BY FRIEND FOR LOVE OF WIFE

William Bayard Blackwell Asks \$200,000 From Neighbor at Morristown Who Is His Nephew.

BREAK IN SOCIETY FAMILY IS EXPLAINED.

Dental of Complaint That Is Not Yet Filed Reveals Cause of Separation.

New York, Nov. 18.—John Meyer, Jr., son of a director of the Sugar Trust and nephew of the late Henry O. Havemeyer, has been made defendant in a \$200,000 damage suit brought in the Supreme Court by William Bayard Blackwell, an attorney, one of the wealthiest residents of Morristown, N. J., who is known there and in Manhattan as a "gentleman farmer."

Mr. Blackwell asserts Mr. Meyer alienated the affections of his wife.

The fact that the action had been instituted came to light late yesterday afternoon, when Crocker & Wilkes, attorneys at No. 5 Beekman Street, filed Mr. Meyer's answer. Investigation showed that the complaint had not been filed by Davis Symmes & Schreiber of No. 55 Liberty Street, counsel for Mr. Blackwell. Service was made, however, several days ago.

From the answer and information obtained regarding the complaint it appears that Blackwell and Meyer were neighbors during the summer the former residing at Ravenswood, on the New Vernon Road, and the latter at his country place, over yonder, not far away. They had been friends for years, and it was not until early in the summer that Mr. Blackwell believed he had ground for complaint.

Just when the alienation of Mrs. Blackwell's affections began the husband does not set forth in the papers, but he says his wife ceased to care for him between spring and the date the complaint was drawn, prior to which time they lived in the utmost harmony.

Mrs. Blackwell was Miss Beatrice Bogert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Thurston Bogert. The wedding was celebrated in January, 1902, at the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth St. The Rev. David J. Burrill officiated. It was a society event and was attended by Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt, Mrs. E. N. Taylor and others socially prominent.

Mr. Meyer married Miss Marie Nakhle Foote, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foote, of Morristown, in 1907. Owing to the death of H. O. Havemeyer the wedding was considered one of the most beautiful women in New Jersey and has been much courted. Her family is socially prominent in New York.

Mrs. John Meyer, Sr., was the sister of the late Theodore A. Havemeyer. July 14, 1900, she was found dead from a gunshot wound in her home. The coroner entered a verdict of accidental shooting. In 1909 John Meyer remarried. His bride was Mrs. Jessie McDonough Shoenotham, daughter of Capt. William B. Shoenotham, of Ontario, Canada.

Miss Nell Loche, of Atlanta, Ga., spent last night in the city enroute home from a visit to friends at Vancoboro.

CONDITION OF E. B. HACKBURN IS IMPROVED.

The friends of E. B. Hackburn, who spent last night in the city enroute home from a visit to friends at Vancoboro.

STRAY BULLETS WOUND SIX PERSONS.

Naco, Ariz., Nov. 18.—Six persons were wounded by stray bullets on the American side of the International boundary line today during a renewed attack on Naco.

THE GERMANS BEGIN TO SHOW SIGNS OF STRAIN

Have Undergone Serious Hardships During the Past Few Weeks.

FRENCH ENDEAVORING TO DRIVE ENEMY AWAY.

Allies Believe That They Will Accomplish This Purpose Within Next Month.

Paris, Nov. 17.—The Germans, in the opinion of Officers at the front, are beginning to show signs of the terrific strain they have undergone for a month past in Flanders and these officers expect that General Joffre's plan of holding the line and permitting the German host to wear itself out in vain, but costly assaults will soon bear fruit.

A staff officer, writing from the battle line, even goes so far as to predict that within another month the allies will be in a position to drive the enemy from French soil.

The writer, however admits that he is by nature an optimist.

Some details of the taking of Dixmude which the Germans still hold, but which thus far has brought them no advantage, have reached here.

The capture of the town, it appears, was due to a mistake on the part of a French detachment.

When the fighting started the Belgians were entrenched north of the city, protecting the Keyen Road. To their right, turned toward the west in the direction of Essen were the Senegalese riflemen. To the south the French bluejackets occupied the most exposed position on the Clerken road. The enemy opened a terrific bombardment at 5 a. m. on Tuesday last, during which the admiral who was in command of the sailors and who was making a reconnaissance just missed being hit by the fragment of a shell.

How the "Mistake" Occurred.

The men waited patiently in the trenches. Toward 1 p. m. the cannonading slackened and three dense columns of German infantry opened fire on the trenches. One column threatened to turn the Belgians, who overpowered by numbers retired on the outskirts of the city. They were followed by the Senegalese, who thought that an order for a general retreat had been given. This movement uncovered the bluejackets who, however, continued to hold their ground.

While part of the enemy advanced on Dixmude by the Essen and Keyen roads left open to them, the rest came at the double quick for the sailors. Faced by Prussian guards they were in danger of being surrounded. Undaunted, however, they dashed with the bayonet upon the Germans, but were overwhelmed by numbers and beaten back to the trenches. Asked to surrender they replied in the word credited to Gen. Gambronne at Waterloo, when, in similar circumstances he said:

"Die But Never Surrenders."

"The guard dies but never surrenders." For several hours they held off the Germans who were four times as numerous, charging their ranks every time they came too near.

Towards evening they were obliged to retire since their only means of retreat, the bridge connecting the city with the country was about destroyed. They crossed the bridge under an avalanche of bullets with such magnificent heroism that the Prussian officers afterwards freely expressed their admiration.

The fighting was resumed with terrific violence in the streets, the bluejackets defending each heap of rubbish that had been a house but finally retreating across the Yser.

THE ONE MAINT SCHOONER MAR-AGNES AND THE GAS FREIGHT BOAT VIRGINIA M. WERE IN PORT YESTERDAY DISCHARGING A CARGO OF OYSTERS.

SINGER PEOPLE HAPPY.

(Charlotte Observer.)

A score of pretty good-sized proportions was thrown into the Singer Sewing Machine Company when the European war broke out, and this was manifested in its action in "laying off" 3,000 workers in its factories at Elizabeth, N. J. Last week notice was sent to all these idle workers to report at the factories this morning for a return to work. Not only that, but the Singer plant will resume on full time with 8,000 employees getting the benefits of it. The Observer rather expects that reports of the taking back of workmen and resumption of full-time will become common news items in the papers the next few weeks.

EXPLOSION FIRES, GALE WRECKS, SHIP, CREW IS RESCUED

Castaways Taken From Bleak Main Shore After Long Battles With Sea Perils and With Starvation.

WOMAN AMONG FIVE SAVED IN HEAVY SEAS.

Four-Master Wreck Off Delaware, Life Savers Take Off Captain and Seven.

Eastport, Me., Nov. 18.—Capt. C. V. Griffin and his crew of six men of the three-masted schooner M. K. Rawley, were taken from the rocky coast of Spruce Island, twelve miles from here, by a fishing schooner this afternoon, after having undergone fire wreck and starvation at sea.

Ill-fortune has seldom so beset a vessel as that which befel the Rawley about thirty-six hours after she left Eastport last Thursday. On Friday night a terrific storm burst over the schooner. The wind whipped to a sixty-mile gale and she fought amid a literal shower of lightning flashes.

In the midst of this came a heavy explosion of a gasoline tank in the fore-cabin. Blazing oil sprayed the entire deck. Flames quickly obliterated the deck house and leaped up into a mighty torch, eating the fore-sail away. Only heavy seas breaking high over the decks saved the schooner's people from death.

The Rawley was bound to Clyde River, N. S., where she was to have loaded pulp. The storm struck her and set her on fire off Cape Sable. With scarred decks she made her way into St. John, N. B. She had suffered about \$2,000 damage.

Vessel Flung Ashore at Cliffs.

Nevertheless, on Sunday morning Capt. Griffin Rawley started down the Bay of Fundy. At 7 o'clock his vessel was battling with another terrific storm. The crippled schooner was making way until, off Campobello Island, N. B., she mistyped and carried helplessly to the sheer cliffs of Spruce Island. She was utterly wrecked, but the men managed to land on a small strip of beach.

They were almost denuded in their battle in the surf, and found themselves on the desolate coast, without food or water. They remained from Sunday until yesterday, until the wreckage of the Rawley was observed by Deer Island boatman, who reported to the U. S. Coast Guard. The fishing schooner Jennie Logan, who readily traced the wrecked seamen, whom he found half conscious from cold and hunger. To-night they were brought to Eastport.

The M. K. Rawley was built in 1874 was 125 feet long and 32 feet wide and 287 tons. She was owned by W. W. Rodder of Boston.

TOMORROW THE DAY; CHARLOTTE THE PLACE

PARAGRAPHERS UNION TO MEET IN THE QUEEN CITY—BIG TIME.

Charlotte, Nov. 18.—Punsters, not footballly but terminologically speaking, from North and South Carolina, are to descend upon Charlotte Friday for an eventful meeting. The main purpose of which is to get together and form an organization. This is the serious aspect of the meeting if a host of men who write for the papers in the two States can be said to have a serious aspect to any of their gatherings. Not content with the stern formalities of the annual meeting of the Pres Association of their respective States, these jovial spirits conceived the idea that it might be well for them to come into closer relationship at this time and take a calm and unbiased view of the European war, the Mexican situation, the currency question and a few other minor matters of this character.

They, therefore, chose Charlotte. There was no rival bidding for the seat of meeting to speak of, only Columbia putting in a diminutive bid. Determined, however, to have something to eat in addition to a program of business, the paragaphers selected Charlotte with one accord and seven Bob Gonzales of The Columbia State readily yielded the palm to the Queen City for reasons best known to himself.

THESE ARE COMING.

Those who have let it be known that they will be here for this occasion are the following named:

Mr. J. H. Crane, of Asheville, Mr. J. H. Cowan, of Wilmington, Mr. Hearson of The Herald and Harold Booker of The Journal of Spartanburg, S. C. "Bob" Gonzales and Mr. Sparks of The State of Columbia, Ed DeCamp of The Gaffney Ledger, Mr. Stephenson of The New Bern Sun, Mr. Cru-

Well Known Man Died Yesterday

ENOCH LANE DIED YESTERDAY MORNING AT FORT BARNWELL.

Enoch Lane died at his home at Fort Barnwell Tuesday morning at seven thirty o'clock, from an attack of heart trouble. He arose at his usual hour, and while dressing, he was taken with a weak spell. At once put him back to bed and gave him all the relief in their power, but without avail for life was extinct in a few moments.

Mr. Lane, who was eighty three years of age last March, was one of the most highly respected citizens in the county, he having lived his entire life in Craven county. While a young man he was married to Miss Sallie Bryan, and to this union were born three sons J. J., Samuel C. and Lawrence Lane, all of Craven City, and two daughters Mrs. Hardy B. Lane, of Fort Barnwell and Mrs. William P. Lane of New Bern, all of whom survive him. His wife died fifteen years ago.

The funeral services will be conducted from the church at Fort Barnwell this afternoon at two o'clock, and the interment will be made in the family burying ground at Hickory Grove.

CLEARING WAY FOR COTTON.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Every obstacle to the resumption of exports of cotton to Europe seems to be rapidly disappearing and the way cleared. The New York Journal of Commerce gives as a significant incident that the arrangements effected by the branch offices of the British marine insurance companies allowing them to accept reinsurance on shipments of cotton without the clause calling for exemption from losses due to British capture or seizure were put into force Friday. Underwriters have stated that cotton shippers were preparing to send out shipments and that this week the movement of cotton to countries contiguous to Germany and Austria would be in full swing.

THEATRE MANAGER AIDS THE PERFORMERS.

(Kinston Daily News.)

As a sequence to the incident at the Dixie theatre Tuesday night, Manager Moore, yesterday morning, upon learning of the financial distress of the vaudeville team he had "canned" gave them \$20 in money and showed them other favors. The manager of the play house regretted the incident, but felt warranted in taking the action that he did to protect his theatre.

DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY TO MEET.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their regular meeting this afternoon at the home of President Mrs. J. S. Hollister on East Front Street at 3:30 o'clock. A large attendance is desired as this is the annual election of officers.

pler of The New Bern Journal, Sam Farabee of The Raleigh Times, Martin of The Winston Journal. Sid Allyn of The News, Fain of The Rock Hill Herald, and representatives from the local contingent of newspaper men.

The newspaper men will reach the city Friday morning and the plan is to meet at the Selwyn for purposes of organization. This initial session will be held at 10 o'clock. Thereafter there will be luncheon and in the afternoon the party will be guests of the management of the Academy of Music at "The Prodigal Judge," the manager, John L. Crovo, having sought earnestly the distinction of letting the delegates attend this show for nothing. These festivities will be interspersed with automobile rides over the city. Messrs. Osmond Barringer and C. C. Coddington having designated their determination to supply sufficient automobiles to carry the contingent about.

CAINE TO PRESIDE.

The proceedings will be presided over by Mr. James H. Caine of The Asheville Citizen, one of the most notorious punsters in the South. He is regarded by compatriots as among the outstanding stars of this game of playing upon words, his gifts being extensively varied and comprehensive in this respect. There are others who run him a close second but even his most bitter rivals agree that they have no right to wrest the honor of presiding from Elder Caine and he will, therefore, have charge of the lines.

The meeting promises to be interesting as well as helpful. The visitors will be in the hands of Charlotte newspaper men while in the city and in making arrangements for their entertainment, outsiders have been especially courteous and anxious to extend a helping hand.

INTEREST GROWING IN TABERNACLE GREAT REVIVAL

Rev. Callaway Preached Another Soul Stirring Sermon To Large Crowd Last Night.

THE SINGING BY BIG CHOIR A FEATURE.

Afternoon Services Are Being Conducted Each Day And All Are Urged To Attend.

Notwithstanding the fact that the messages in the Tabernacle revival thus far have been primarily to the church members, a wonderful interest is already manifest. Mr. Callaway preached another strong gospel sermon last night which was heard by another large and appreciative audience.

The singing under the leadership of Mr. Jelis, is a feature of special interest and grows in enthusiasm and interest from night to night. The gospel solos sung each night by Mr. Jelis, are splendid messages in song and add greatly to the musical program of each service.

Afternoon services are conducted at the Tabernacle each day at which time Mr. Callaway preaches directly to the Christians. The public is invited to attend these services as well as the night services and the Christians of the city who desire to learn more from the Bible are especially urged to attend. In addition to his ability as an evangelist, Mr. Callaway has a wonderful knowledge of the Bible and is especially gifted in imparting this knowledge to others. Therefore lovers of Bible truths cannot afford to miss the afternoon services at the church 3:30.

On account of the unpleasantness of the weather it has been decided to discontinue the street meetings for a few days at least. There will, therefore, be no services conducted on the streets tomorrow. The meetings will be continued in the shops, however, from 12:30 to 1:00 p. m., as heretofore, and these together with the evening service at 7:30 will constitute the daily services until further announcements are made.

War Revenue Tax Is Being Collected

DEPUTY COLLECTOR I. M. TULL IS DOING THE WORK—NOW IN THE CITY.

United States Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue I. M. Tull, of Kinston, is spending a few days in New Bern collecting the War Revenue Tax, which was imposed on various articles by an act passed at the last session of Congress.

In passing this Act, Congress has placed a special tax on bankers, brokers, Commission merchants, theatres, dealers in leaf tobacco, and also retail dealers in cigarettes, cigars chewing tobacco. The taxes on theatres will be in proportion to the seating capacity, ranging from twenty-five to one hundred dollars. The amount imposed on retail tobacco dealers, who do an annual business of two hundred dollars or more, is four dollars and eighty cents. It is the duty of all persons subject to these taxes to notify the collector by the first of December, and unless this is done they are liable to an increase in the taxes.

Any person who carries on any business or occupation for which special taxes are imposed by this Act, without having paid the special tax, shall, besides being liable to the payment of such special tax, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not more than six months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

BADLY INJURED.

County Commissioner H. T. White Suffers Accident.

County Commissioner H. T. White, of Cove City, had the misfortune of getting one hand caught and badly cut in the maw of his cotton gin Tuesday afternoon. Something went wrong with the gin and Mr. White was attempting to remove some object from the breast of the gin without stopping the machinery, when one hand was caught by the maw, and cut so severely that it was necessary for two or more of his fingers to be amputated.

Prof. E. T. Robertson of Orono, who has been employed as a lecturer of the Peoples' concert hall arrived in the city last night to take up his new work.