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### FATAL SHOOTING ON XMAS DAY

#### Levi Chapman Fires Bullet Into Al. Kenyon's Heart

Al. Kenyon, twelve years of age and colored, was shot and almost instantly killed Friday afternoon at Newport, Carteret county, by Levi Chapman, also colored and sixteen years of age. The killing was done with a thirty-two calibre revolver and the slayer claims that he did it in self defense. However, this is a matter of speculation. Both boys were at Chapman's home and according to the latter's version of the affair, the revolver was accidentally discharged and the bullet entered Kenyon's heart. Shortly after the affair, Chapman was placed under arrest and carried to Beaufort where he was placed in the county jail for safe keeping until the next term of Superior Court.

### "HARD TIMES" ARE NOT HERE

#### Merchants Report Best Business In Years

There are no "hard times" in New Bern. This is a fact that is indisputable and as much as the pessimist may rave, there is ample evidence at hand to prove that there has been more money in circulation in New Bern and Craven county during the past four weeks than there was during the same period last year. The farmers who had cotton have in many cases disposed of this and have put the money in circulation. Others have stored their cotton and secured warehouse receipts for it and used these as collateral. In addition to this, thousands of dollars have been paid out for tobacco and this money has not been hoarded. The leading merchants of New Bern claim to have had the largest holiday business in many years and there is a general feeling of optimism prevailing over our county.

### JEWISH AID FOR BRITAIN

#### Hebrews Are Rendering Valuable Assistance

London, Dec. 26.—The participation of English Jews in the world war will, it is ascertained from one of the proudest chapters in the history of Anglo Jewry. Both in England and in the Colonies large numbers of young Jews are under arms.

Before the war broke out there were 100 Jewish officers in all branches of his Majesty's service, and 300 noncommissioned officers and men. The exact proportion which Jews of the United Kingdom ought to contribute to the fighting forces in relation to their actual numbers has been calculated at about 3,200. This figure has been considerably exceeded, inasmuch as the chaplain, the Rev. Michael, is in possession of about 5,000 names of men who belong to the Navy, the new Army, and the Territorial Forces to-day. New lists of names are constantly being brought to his notice, and he is convinced that there must be at least 10,000 Jews who are at present performing military duties in the various branches of his Majesty's service.

There are at the moment at least one thousand Jews in the fighting line on the Continent. Three Jewish officers and a noncommissioned officer have been mentioned in Sir John French's despatches; and a Jewish sergeant major in a Highland Regiment has been rewarded with a commission.

One of the most interesting features of the Jewish enlistments is the very large number of young men, especially in East London, in Leeds, and in Manchester, who are the sons of alien immigrants. They could furnish no finer proof of their gratitude to England for the generous hospitality she has always shown them. The number of Jews at the various military stations is very large.

Among the Canadian contingent now on Salisbury Plain, it is computed there are at least 250 Jews. Among these Canadian soldiers there are numbers of sturdy-looking men who had never been in England, but had migrated from Russia and Roumania to Canada, where they had found happy homes. At the outbreak of hostilities these men readily came forward to bear arms in England's cause.

Already the community has borne its share in the losses on the field of honor. Three officers have been killed and a number have been wounded. Among the many Jewish rank and file who had given their lives to Britain's cause is a driver of the Battery Royal Horse Artillery. A Battery which gained undying fame and three victoria crosses on September first. And the naval Casualty lists have included the names of very many Jews.

### HELPLESS AS BABY

#### Down in Mind Unable to Work, and What Helped Her.

Summit Point, W. Va.—Mrs. Anna Belle Emery, of this place, says "I suffered for 15 years with an awful pain in my right side, caused from womanly troubles, and doctors did for it, but without success. I suffered so very much, that I became down in mind, and as helpless as a baby. I was in the worst kind of shape. Was unable to do any work."

I began taking Cardui, the woman's tonic, and got relief from the very first dose. By the time I had taken 12 bottles, my health was completely restored. I am now 45 years of age, but feel as good as I did when only 15.

Cardui certainly saved me from losing my mind, and I feel it my duty to speak in its favor. I wish I had some power over poor, suffering women, and could make them know for good I would do them good.

If you suffer from any of the ailments peculiar to women, it will certainly be worth your while to give Cardui a trial. It has been helping weak women for more than 50 years, and will help you, too.

Try Cardui. Your druggist sells it.

### CAT SKINS WILL KEEP SOLDIERS

#### Felines In Prussia Contribute Their Share to Country's Cause

London, Dec. 26.—"We will fight to the last cat and dog before we acknowledge ourselves beaten," declared the spokesman of Germany in America a few weeks ago.

Already, according to a despatch from Sargans, near the Swiss-Austrian frontier, they are making a beginning with the cats. A novel appeal to the public has just been issued by the mayor and corporation of Brausberg, a township of East Prussia. This district seems to be very prolific in cats, and the authorities have hit upon the brilliant idea of thinning out the cats and at the same time benefiting the army in the field.

They therefore call upon the citizens to shoot the cats and to send in the skins as speedily as possible to the Town Hall. The mayor promises to superintend the conversion of the skins into body belts and mittens.

The proportion of cats, he declares, in this and other townships is so large that it will not even be a sacrifice for the citizens to part with them. He hopes his appeal will be acted on and says that as the cats skin afford protection against rheumatism they will prove of great comfort and value to the soldiers.

But there is no end to the novelties which the war has produced in Austria-Hungary. One of the most amusing items in this same correspondent's dispatch is that referring to a mutton propaganda which has just begun in Vienna. It seems that the Austrian has an obstinate prejudice against this meat, which is seldom touched, while, on the other hand, there are large flocks of sheep in the country and the exportation of them is prohibited. The patriotic mind, clearly seeing that if mutton were fashionable a great saving of the stocks of beef, veal and pork would be effected, has started this mutton propaganda.

A committee has been formed, which has arranged a mutton feast at which appetizing menus of this meat will be practically demonstrated at a trifling cost to the participants and propaganda literature distributed.

The campaign against foreign fashions in Austria-Hungary has taken a practical turn and under the auspices of the government and commercial bodies in Vienna a commission has been formed to create independent Vienna fashions and educate the Austrian public to adopt these in preference to the modes imported from London and Paris.

It has now become an offense against social etiquette for a Vienna woman to wear a Paris hat or for a Vienna man to wear clothes cut in the English fashion.

So the movement of the Austrian milliners and costume makers promises to be successful. Exhibitions of the new fashions are to be held at which the public is invited to express the opinions. Of these more may be heard later.

Vienna women are very enthusiastic over the war. The emperor bestowed the Cross of the Francis Joseph Order upon the wife of an Austrian lieutenant who followed her husband into the field and even into the trenches, where she displayed conspicuous bravery.

But in another direction the authorities have found it necessary to restrict the order of the women. Wives and sweethearts of the soldiers have been in the habit, in spite of earlier prohibition of sending parcels of perishable food to the front, so that at one center alone 25,000 consignments proved unobtainable and had to be destroyed, owing to the time occupied in transit. This prohibition has now been stringently renewed.

### COSTLY FIRE

Bavannah, Ga., Dec. 26.—The large department store of Marcus and Company was destroyed by fire today and another store was also damaged. The loss is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars.

### BRYAN & GREER

have bought the Garage and repair shop of W. M. Eubanks at Mayville, and with the improvement made, are in position to repair Automobiles, Gas Engines, Buggies and Farm Implements on QUICK NOTICE at reasonable rates. Give us a trial.

BRYAN & GREER, Mayville, N. C.

### A MATRIMONIAL MIX-UP THIS

#### Atlanta Now Comes to Front With Another Case

Atlanta, Dec. 26.—The unraveling of a remarkable matrimonial tangle began today before Judge J. T. Pendleton, in Superior Court, in the hearing of a motion by a former wife to set aside the second marriage of John Jacob Astor Gwin, Luckie street shoe manufacturer and taxi operator, on the ground that his divorce from her is void.

The case was called Tuesday before Judge Bell, who had agreed to hear it for Judge Pendleton, but had to be continued when the discovery was made that the original papers and pleadings were missing. Thorough search for the missing papers immediately was started in the hope they would be found.

Attorney Jerome Simmons, Jr., and J. B. McCallum, counsel for Mrs. Fannie L. Gwin, wife No. 1, sought to have the hearing proceed Tuesday, but it was stayed by objection of Attorneys Munday and Cornwell, representing Gwin.

Mrs. Gwin, according to her petition, is now seeking to annul Gwin's second marriage so that she may reclaim him for herself, for she, too, is asking for a divorce, for alimony and for an injunction to restrain Gwin from disposing of his property or altering it in any way.

In the event the court should hold Gwin's divorce to be void, this ruling would cancel his marriage to his second wife, with whom he is now residing at No. 65 Houston street. Gwin and his present wife have been married since shortly after he obtained his divorce in 1911.

Mrs. Gwin, No. 1, was living in Spartanburg, S. C., at the time the divorce was granted. She charged that the proceedings were illegal for the reason that she had no notice that a divorce petition had been filed against her, and had no knowledge even that her husband had obtained a divorce until she came to Atlanta in June, 1912. She and Gwin had been separated for some time prior to the divorce.

### 2 U. S. PRISONERS HASTILY DEPART

#### Left Federal Tuberculosis Camp Without Even Saying Farewell

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—Hiram Loper, a counterfeiter and Thomas Daley, a postoffice robber, escaped from the Federal prison's tuberculosis camp today.

The men made a ladder out of ropes and sealed the walls surrounding the building. A search is being made for them and there is a probability of their capture.

Miss Rose Simpson will pass through New Bern this morning en route to Morehead City to spend a week visiting Mrs. Clyde Morton.

### ANOTHER RUMOR ABOUT BRYAN

#### Once Again It Is Said That He May Resign Cabinet Job

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 26.—It is reported but not confirmed, that Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, may soon retire from President Wilson's cabinet.

The statement is attributed to Judge Edgar Howard, of Columbus, a close friend of the great commoner.

This report is believed to be erroneous as similar reports have been started during the past few months and in each case they have been emphatically denied by Bryan.

### MOUNT AETNA IS ACTIVE

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 25.—Mount Aetna is threatening another eruption and the inhabitants of surrounding towns are fleeing for their lives.

W. H. Solinger, of New York City, who is one of the executives of the M. Hahn estate, arrived in the city last night for a business visit.

### WHY DONT YOU PUT SOMETHING AWAY FOR WINTER?

**ITS SAFE IN THE BANK**

SQUIRRELS gather nuts in Fall when there ARE nuts, and put them away and save them for the Winter. YOU must save your money when you are MAKING MONEY and have money. A Winter may come to you sooner than you think. Your money will grow in our bank, too. We'll pay 4% interest on the money you deposit with us and compound the interest every three months.

**New Bern Banking and Trust Company**

### LOW NECKS

New Style for the Ladies in the Spring

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Winter has only fairly arrived, but the Fashion Art League of America, a combination of manufacturers and dealers of the East and West, which means to set American styles and let Paris go hand, is out with a bulletin as to what women shall wear next summer.

It decrees the passing of the shirt-waist girl. The new frock is to be all in one piece, and must have a high stock collar.

"Women of fashion," says the bulletin, "are showing preference for this robe tulleur, and it is destined to great popularity. The smartest style will be in white, though shades may be worn. The shirtwaist has outlived its popularity. The high stock collar will be in decided evidence again this spring, but that is only another fashion eager to fall and winter and high neck or spring and summer."

The weather forecast for New Bern and vicinity is fair today. With strong diminishing northerly winds.

### PE-RU-NA

Pe-Ru-NA is not a new and untried remedy—our grandfathers used it.

Fifty years ago it was on sale, nearly every drug store in the country can supply it. It is recognized as a household remedy in thousands of homes, for coughs, colds, grippe, catarrh and those troubles arising from such ailments.

TODAY IT IS JUST AS EFFECTIVE. JUST AS RELIABLE AS EVER AND BEING BETTER HAS BEEN IMPROVED AS A CHEMIST-MADE REMEDY.

It is announced that the German government has imposed a tax of 25 francs on all unmarried persons over 27 years of age in Brussels.

### MILL CREEK ITEMS.

#### Considerable Traveling in That Section.

Mill Creek, Carteret county, Dec. 26.—The weather down this way has been pretty bad of late and has caused considerable inconvenience.

M. D. Rice and C. W. Graham made a flying trip to Newport yesterday.

Misses Georgia Currier, Stella and Hazel Howell were the guests of Mrs. C. L. Merritt Tuesday afternoon.

George Mason, N. Garner and Fred Mason of Newport were the guests of Elder C. L. Murrill Tuesday.

B. A. Oglesby and Sid Sophier made a flying trip to Graham's mill on Tuesday.

Z. J. Murrell spent Tuesday afternoon at Morehead City.

W. E. Currier and W. H. Oglesby and Sid Sophier went on a fox chase yesterday and were fortunate in killing a large tiger fox.

Mrs. C. L. Merrill is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Currier. We are all ready for Christmas and are expecting a big time.

### THE TEUTONS ARE TAXING BRUSSELS

Paris, Dec. 26.—German proclamations announcing a levy of 500,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000) indemnity at Brussels have been passed over," says the Journal, "and the report current that the measure was withdrawn by the German government as the result of representations by the American Secretary of State, William J. Bryan, through Minister Brand Whitlock, pointing out that the tax was in violation of The Hague convention."