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Americans should be thankful that Theodore Roosevelt is not president of these United States for there is not the slightest doubt but that he would plunge this nation into the European conflict in less than twenty-four hours if he was at the head of its affairs.

If Judge Carter and his friends think that the Legislative Investigating Committee did not stand with Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy in their report, why is it that the Judge so severely criticizes the committee and everyone who had anything whatsoever to do with the affair? If the committee found with the judge in their report, it looks to us as though Carter would be kinder to them in his remarks.

Some of the warring nations are so desirous of getting the United States mixed up in the European conflict that they would stop at nothing in order to accomplish the desired end. The assassination of our president would come just about as near doing this as anything that could be done, but in order to allay any fears that Americans may have on this score it might be stated that during the past few weeks the personal guard of the president has been considerably increased and it would take a pretty slick criminal to get near enough to do him any harm.

Germany claims to be the most highly civilized nation in the world yet when one of her sea scavengers sinks a ship bearing neutral passengers and hundreds of lives are lost, they declare it cause enough for a holiday and in Berlin school children sang songs of praise for "Der Kaiser's brave warriors." If that is civilization, we would prefer a state of savagery for ours.

According to the latest decree, Leo M. Frank must die next month. It looks now as though the sentence of the court will be carried out and there is a genuine feeling of sorrow all over the country on this account. Frank may be guilty and he may not, but guilty or innocent, there is still a doubt and there will ever remain such if he goes to his doom with lips unsealed. One cannot but admire the young Jew for his remarkable fortitude and when he passes into the Great Beyond it can be at least said that he was a brave man.

Now is a mighty good time to swat the fly. These little pests are increasing at the rate of a million or more a day right here in New Bern and unless steps are taken to cut down their number we are going to be bothered by them this summer just as much as ever before. The house-fly is one of the deadliest of pests and is each month causing a heavy loss of life. Start today to kill out your share of them and ask your neighbor to do the same.

WIFE DESERTER HAS STRANGE STORY

Says He Was Not Himself When He Ran Away

Asheville, May 10.—"I was not myself; I didn't know what I was doing," was the statement made yesterday by James A. McDevitt upon his return to Asheville to face the charge of deserting his wife and seven small children. He maintains that he was irresponsible at the time that he mysteriously disappeared from this city and, in a statement to the press, asks the people of Asheville not to pass judgment until he has had an opportunity to present his case in court. McDevitt recently was arrested at the home of his half-brother at Bolivar, N. Y., his whereabouts being ascertained when he made application to the Washington office of the Southern Railway Company for salary due him as machinist at the local shops of the railroad.

Immediately following the receipt of the application by the Washington officials of the Southern the local officials were notified and they asked that McDevitt be held by the Bolivar police. Original plans provided for the sending of an officer to Bolivar at once for the prisoner but Mrs. McDevitt was quoted in an interview as saying that she would not prosecute her husband whereupon the po-

The department refused to authorize the expenditure incident to the bringing of the prisoner back to this city. Mrs. McDevitt then agreed to pay the expenses of a patrolman and Patrolman H. T. Dillingham, who resides near McDevitt made the trip for the prisoner. The latter offered no objections to returning to Asheville.

CHICAGO GIRLS LAKE COCKTAILS SAYS WET SPY

Declares They Need to Take the Liquor Cure ARE HIGH FLIERS

Mrs. C. E. Merriam and Others Deny Conditions He Says Exist There

Chicago, May 10.—Leopold Neumann, press agent for the "Wets" of Chicago has told a tale in which Chicago society is described as sadly in need of a liquor cure. Mr. Neumann is an organizer for the United Societies, which was formed to protect the brewing interests of the State under the banner of "personal liberty."

As "Dr. Hugo Meyer" he was introduced into the social swim by two women who knew his identity. With the introduction went the story that he was a brother of the famous savant, Dr. Kuno Meyer.

"While I did not find anything that might be called immoral," he said to day, "I believe I saw enough to achieve our object, which was to get proof that among the wealthy—in so called society—there is a distinct night life, with drinking and dancing as features, and no time limit. Some time ago I met a club woman a leader. She was with another woman.

"The three of us got into a taxicab and went to a restaurant. The women drank. We went to other places and there was more drinks. I wondered if such things were general among the women who had appointed themselves arbiters of morals. Out of that party grew my investigation.

It was Spend, Spend.

"It cost me \$50 a day to be in the swim," but the knowledge I gained was worth the money. Motors, flowers dinners, wine and cocktails—it was spend, spend, spend at every turn. I simply couldn't keep pace with some of the women; their capacity for cocktails was astonishing. "One night, to vary affairs, I posed as a temperance advocate. In deference to my supposed convictions, a girl who sat at my table ordered a glass of water, others in the party followed her example, but one woman would not be without her cocktail. She ordered one. I called the waiter back and laughingly ordered cocktails for all. There was no protest.

Says Society Women Smoked

"I venture to say the club women never saw anything like that at the dances of our societies. Nor at our dances are the women in the habit of smoking. The women among my new acquaintances who did not have her cigarette case was an exception. "My investigations led me into many places. I visited tea rooms in Sheridan Road, in Hyde Park. I found liquor on sale after hours in places which had no special permits. I saw dancing between tables, and downright drunkenness.

"We do not ask that the upper classes be restricted in their amusements. We believe in personal liberty. But we want the poor to have the same liberties the rich enjoy.

"If it had not been for the activities of Mrs. Charles E. Merriam and her fellow clubwomen there would have been no such investigation by the United Societies."

Mrs. Merriam is the wife of Alderman Merriam of the University of Chicago Faculty. She has been active in fighting drinking in dance halls.

"We were not afraid to mention the names of halls and the names of people," she said, "but he doesn't mention names. How can we know that this is not all a dream. The white slavers do not pick up their girl victims in the homes of the rich, but in public dance halls."

Women Reply to Him.

Mrs. Henry A. Blair, No. 2735 Prairie Avenue, disposed of Dr. Meyer as follows: "I have never met such conditions in society as he describes. I have never met Dr. Meyer, either. I do not think his remarks have any significance."

Mrs. Harry Channon, No. 1434 Astor Street said: "People never have kept such late hours or done such things as Dr. Meyer describes, anywhere that I have gone. I do not believe in too much restriction of the amusements of the poorer classes. I think it only aggravates conditions."

Mrs. C. Morse Ely, No. 909 Lake Shore Drive, said: "I know nothing about such conditions or about this Dr. Meyer."

"Nonsense," said Mrs. Kellogg Fairbank, when asked what she thought of the report.

Mrs. H. W. Gibbs and Mrs. E. D. Martin of Beaufort, arrived in the city yesterday morning and are the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kaiser on National avenue.

JAMES A. BRYAN WINS B-G SUIT

Jury In Federal Court Awards Him \$3,000

The case of James A. Bryan vs The John L. Kpoer Lumber Company, the trial of which, consumed the entire of last weeks session of District Court, which was held here with Judge H. G. Connor presiding, was given to the jury yesterday and after being out for a short time returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, awarding him the sum of three thousand dollars.

During the course of this trial more than one hundred witnesses were examined, in fact the first five days of the hearing was consumed in taking evidence. The time allowed the attorneys in arguing the case yesterday was limited to three hours, and this probably accounts for the fact that the case was completed at yesterday's session.

The plaintiff was suing for thirty thousand dollars, for damage alleged to have been done to his property, by fire originating from a spark from a locomotive engine of the defendant company. The plaintiff was represented by Attorneys D. L. and A. D. Ward, while the interest of the defendant was looked after by the law firms of Guion and Guion and Moore and Dunn.

Report of The Condition of THE BANK OF DOVER at Dover, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business May 1st, 1915.

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Loans and discounts	\$20,331.25
Overdrafts secured, \$	
unsecured, \$	3,246.47
Banking Houses, \$1,004.05	
Furniture and fixtures, \$1,018.91	2,022.96
Due from Banks and Bankers	2,235.00
Cash items	700.00
Gold coin	45.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	121.45
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	612.00
Total	29,314.13

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	5,263.07
Bills payable	2,000.00
Time Certificates of Deposits	5,528.83
Deposits subject to check	11,515.03
Cashier's Checks outstanding	2.00
Certified Checks	5.20
Total	29,314.13

State of North Carolina, County of Craven, ss:

I, W. H. Caton, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, W. H. CATON, Cashier.

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G. V. RICHARDSON, W. A. WILSON, J. K. BIDDLE, Directors.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED HERE

Memorial Day in New Bern was observed with the usual exercises held under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Veterans. The principal exercise of the day took place in the auditorium when Hon. S. M. Brinson made a touching address. Mr. Brinson is one of the State's most fluent orators and yesterday he was at his best and made a talk which will ever live in the memory of those who heard him. Following this came the exercises at Cedar Grove cemetery and an even larger number of people witnessed that part of the program than was on hand at the auditorium.

SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION

Craven Superior Court, for the trial of civil cases convened yesterday morning with Judge George W. Connor, of Wilson, presiding, and after hearing a few motions, a compromise judgment was effected in the case of J. B. Barrow against the North State Life Insurance Company and A. McLawhorn against the same company. The plaintiff in the former case was suing for the payment of a contested policy in the amount of three thousand dollars. The judgment was twenty two hundred and fifty dollars. The nature of the latter case was the same, and the plaintiff was suing for the payment of a two thousand dollar policy. The plaintiff in this action was awarded fifteen hundred dollars. The policies in question in both actions were on the life of W. M. Bagley.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Daniels, of Swansboro were visitors to New Bern yesterday.

MRS. R. P. HUGHES DIES AT RALEIGH

A message which announced the death of Mrs. R. P. Hughes, at the home of her daughter in Raleigh, reached New Bern Sunday night. Mrs. Hughes is the mother of Mrs. William H. Bain of this city. Yesterday's issue of the News and Observer, carried the following account of the death:

"Mrs. R. P. Hughes died here last night at 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. A. J. Field, 536 North Blount street. She was 74 years old.

"She and her husband, Capt. R. P. Hughes, had been making their home for some time with Mr. and Mrs. Field, Mrs. Field being their daughter.

"Mrs. Hughes was born in Brunswick county, Virginia, and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Whorton, he was reared and educated in Oxford, N. C. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church.

"Surviving her are her husband, and two daughters, Mrs. Alex. J. Fields of this city and Mrs. W. H. Bain of New Bern.

"The remains will be taken to Greensboro, where the funeral will take place about midday tomorrow."

THEODORE GIVES OUT STATEMENT

Syracuse, N. Y., May 10.—Theodore Roosevelt tonight gave out the following statement:

"On the night of the day that the disaster occurred, I called the attention of our people to the fact that the sinking of the Lusitania was not only an act of simple piracy, but that it represented piracy accompanied by murder on a vast scale than any old-time pirate had ever practiced before being hung for his misdeeds.

"I called attention to the fact that this was merely the application on the high seas and at our expense of the principles which when applied on land had produced the innumerable hideous tragedies, that have occurred in Belgium and in northern France.

"I said that not only our duty to humanity at large but our duty to preserve our own national self respect demanded instant action on our part, and forbade all delay. I can do little more than reiterate what I thus said. When the German decree established the war zone and of course plainly threatened exactly the type of tragedy which has occurred, our government notified Germany that in the event of any such wrongdoing at the expense of our citizens, we would hold the German government to a strict accountability.

"The use of this phrase, strict accountability of course must mean and can only mean that action will be taken by us without an hour's unnecessary delay. It was eminently proper to use the exact phrase that was used; and having used it our own self respect demand that we forthwith abide by it."

AUTO THIEF IS IN LAW'S TOILS

Sheriff R. B. Lane yesterday morning received a telegram from Aurora, N. C., asking him to be on the lookout for Aaron Lupton, a white man of that place who had left town, carrying along with him a Ford automobile which was the property of his employer. The sheriff was informed that the man had come in this direction and was probably in the city. An investigation was made and Lupton and the machine were found at a local garage. Lupton stated that he had been working on the machine at Aurora and that he had not stolen the car but came here to get some needed parts. However, the sheriff decided that the best thing to do would be to send him back to Aurora and this he did, sending a long a deputy to see that Lupton did not stray away to some other place before returning the machine to its rightful owner.

THE MERCHANT

He chose a fine location, His fixtures were the best, He kept his clerks a humping— And would not let them rest.

He hired a window dresser At forty plunks a week; And treated every ad man As if he were a sneak.

He argued that the people, Seeing his windows, would come in, And left Mr. Ad. man, saying, "You need not call again."

But, some how or other, The people stayed away, His goods remained upon the shelf, His bills he could not pay.

Morals: Location, fixtures, clerks display— They each deserve a prize, But the sheriff gets the merchant Who will not advertise.

Mrs. Sidney A. Jordan, fifty-four years of age, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. Strickland, No. 14 Dunn street, Sunday afternoon. The funeral was conducted from the late residence yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Everett, pastor of the Freewill Baptist church, and the interment was made in Cedar Grove cemetery.

Undertaker

situated at Vanceboro and with two elegant hearses, I am prepared to serve funerals at shortest notice north of New Bern. I carry on hand at all times coffins caskets and vaults in sizes and kinds to fit from infant to giant, costing from \$25 to \$175. No charge for hearse when the job is \$25 or over.

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HOUSE and 2 LOTS FOR SALE

Prices reasonable, write or apply to W. J. Parker, Morehead City, N. C.

There are quite a number of the subjects of the Kaiser in New Bern and since the sinking of the Lusitania the local Germans have been repeatedly asked to express their view on the subject. In every instance they have expressed regret that American lives were lost but they emphatically state that England got all that was coming to her and that she deserved the sinking of that particular steamer. In defending the action of the Kaiser's men as to the sinking of the Lusitania they declare that the ship carried arms for the Allies and that this was well known. One well known Teuton who is known locally as the "war expert" asserts that the sinking of the Lusitania was only one of the many surprises that the Kaiser has for the Allies and that others are to follow shortly.

The New Bern Ghent Street Railway Company has converted their storage battery cars into those of the trolley type and this has greatly improved the service which they are giving. The cars now make better time and are in every way giving the patrons of the company better service. At present only a low voltage is being used but this will be improved as soon as a new generator can be installed at the plant.

The increase in the passenger traffic on all the railroads leading into New Bern has been very noticeable during the last week or ten days. Monday morning, when there are unusually fewer people coming into the city than on other days during the week, all of the trains that arrived at the union station were well filled. There were also quite a number of people who boarded the train here for other points.

Lucy Jones and Annie Hyman, colored, were arraigned in Police Court yesterday afternoon charged with being disorderly. The trouble originated over an affray between the women's children and as it was not of a serious nature, the Mayor suspended judgment upon the payment of the cost in each case. John Bryant, colored, was taxed with the cost for being disorderly. The charges were withdrawn in the case against Julia Phifer, colored.

Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Van Hughes, of Farmville, N. C., passed through New Bern yesterday enroute home from a visit to friends at Pollocksville.

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