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NO MENTION MADE OF THE LUSITANIA DESTRUCTION--WHY?

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—Unofficial advice regarding the German answer to the American note, was placed in the hands of Ambassador Gerard tonight and they indicate that, while deep regret is expressed for the torpedoing of the Lusitania and Cushing, the German reply carefully avoids any definite statements as to the Lusitania disaster.

ACTION WILL BE DISTURBING

TO THE OFFICIALS OF THE U. S.

This, if correct, will prove disturbing to this government as indicating an intention on the part of the German officials to delay meeting the most important issues as set forth by the United States. The situation is made more serious by the issuance by Germany of new and urgent warnings to American vessels that they are in danger while traversing the war zone.

GERMANY PLANS TO CONTINUE

USE OF FLEET OF SUBMARINES

This warning, which was handed to Ambassador Gerard in Berlin and cabled by him to Washington, makes it absolutely clear that Germany intends to continue her use of submarines against British and French commerce in the war zone established by her imperial decree. The warning virtually says to the American government, "regardless of the diplomatic discussion as to the Lusitania note, the submarine war will continue."

EX-GOVERNOR IN THIS SECTION

William H. Uphan of Wisconsin Visited Here Yesterday

Ex-Governor William H. Uphan, of Wisconsin, passed through the city last night enroute from Philadelphia, Pa., to Beaufort, where he will spend today, returning to New Bern Sunday morning.

Governor Uphan came to New Bern last winter aboard his hand-some yacht Comrade, of Groen Bay, and spent the greater part of the winter here and at other points in this section of the State. The trip from his home in Marshville, Wis., was made down the Mississippi river and around the coast covering a distance of six thousand miles before reaching New York City. He has spent the last six weeks in northern cities.

Gov. Uphan will leave New Bern the first of next week for Annapolis, Md., to attend the commencement exercises of West Point Military Academy. Governor Uphan graduated from this place in 1866, and he stated that one of his reasons for coming East was to visit West Point Academy.

JESSE C. WALKER TAKEN TO BURGAW

"Brunswick Desperado" Is to Be Placed On Trial There

Wilmington, N. C., May 29.—Maneuvered with an ordinary pair of handcuffs and looking anything but the "Brunswick desperado" that he is pictured in the popular mind, Jesse C. Walker, charged with the killing of Sheriff Jackson Stanland, at Piggottville, November 20th, 1908, and captured here a few months ago after having been at liberty for nearly seven years, was brought up on the steamer Wilmington yesterday afternoon by Sheriff J. E. Robinson and Deputies C. W. Lewis and S. O. Hewitt, of Southport, and taken on the evening train to Burgaw, where he will be given trial next week in Pender county Superior Court, the case having recently been moved from Brunswick by Judge M. H. Justice on affidavit of defendant's counsel that the inflated feeling against the prisoner in that county would prevent his getting a fair trial by jury.

SUBMARINE F-4 IS NEAR SURFACE

Washington, May 29.—The F-4 is in only 48 feet of water, Admiral Moore at Honolulu today reported.

A hole seems to be in the forward compartment.

Captain Oman of the cruiser North Carolina, grounded Thursday at Alexandria, Egypt, has notified the Navy Department that his ship has been floated.

William Days of Havlock was a visitor to the city yesterday morning between trains.

SWANSBORO NOW ONE OF EASTERN N. C.'S BEST TOWNS

There's Something Doing There Every Day In the Week

C. B. CLUB ACTIVE

The Ladies Doing Their Part in Cleaning Up the Place

(BY W. A. CANADY)

Swansboro, May 29.—Jacksonville's second nine played Swansboro's ditto here last Tuesday. Swansboro took the honors with a score of six to five.

The concert given at the graded school building last Tuesday night, by the singing class of Oxford Orphanage, was the best entertainment of its kind that has been presented here in some time. The children displayed a most pleasing adaptability to their parts, and the entire rendition reflects profound credit upon their capable trainers.

Bad Storm

The worst electrical storm of the season passed through here Wednesday night between twelve and one o'clock. It lasted nearly an hour and the lightning flashes came in such quick succession that it had the appearance almost of one prolonged blaze. No damage has been reported so far.

Notable Improvements

The City Beautiful Club has made some notable improvements in the appearance of our streets and in the general sanitary conditions of the town. Swansboro is not in any respect behind its neighbors in the matter of public spirit. Clean streets and sanitary homes are rapidly displacing the order of things, and new ideas and methods are eagerly accepted and applied.

Many Weddings

Judging from the numerous recent weddings among the "younger set" of our town, the matrimonial spring has been very active this spring. The fact that the majority of the grooms associated in the happy events are recent additions to our community, while the brides in each instance are home girls—persuades us in the belief that there is a certain charm, irresistible in its nature, amongst our fair sex, which is not found everywhere. Some towns are more fortunate in this respect than others. Selah?

Other News

Mr. P. B. Smith is preparing to erect a handsome residence on the vacant corner lot opposite the Baptist church.

Miss Lina Edwards, of Jacksonville, is visiting Mrs. Sam Adler, on Water street.

The greatest social event of the season was pulled off Friday night. This was a masquerade ball given at the Tarrymore Hotel by the young people of the town. A social occasion of such magnitude has never been attempted here before and the affair will be remembered with pleasure by the participants for years to come. The gorgeous array of costumes, the splendid taste and originality used in the impersonations—which included every imaginable character, from the grotesque to the sublime—was simply magnificent. The music was delightful, and the dancing extended into the wee sma' hours.

GHEAT PARK WILL OPEN THIS WEEK

The opening of Gheat Park, which will be held Wednesday night, June the second will be under the auspices of the New Bern Fire Department, and will be one of the most elaborate openings ever held.

The program will include six reels of pictures presented by the best services. There will also be an excellent array of fireworks furnished by the Brazee Manufacturing Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The ascension of two mammoth illuminated balloons will be one of the features of the program. These air crafts are twenty three feet in circumference and attached to them will be an array of fireworks. Two hundred souvenirs will be given to the children.

Another feature will be the music which will be furnished by the Peoples Concert Band.

E. C. Beinson of Chapel Hill who is connected with the State Board of Education was in the city yesterday enroute from Wilmington where he attended a meeting of the county superintendents, to Oriental to deliver an address.

"SAVE LEO FRANK" SHRIEK HUNDREDS LETTERS TO SLATON

Thousands of Missives Arrived In Atlanta Last Week

PROMINENT MEN

Appeals Come From Some of Best Known People In the U. S.

Atlanta, May 29.—The mountainous heap of letters to Governor Slaton and the State Prison Commission that Leo Frank be saved from the gallows took on a more nearly indigenous hue today, with hundreds of letters coming from every part of Georgia. A considerable number were from Atlanta.

Robert C. Alston, a prominent Atlanta attorney, and former president of the Georgia Bar Association, wrote in behalf of commutation. He explained that he holds no employment and, has even no acquaintance with Frank, having seen him only once and for a passing moment. He set forth in detail the reason for his opinion that the death penalty was unjust, declaring prejudice against Frank existed at the time of his trial; that there had been a quiet movement to intimidate Judge Roan and others; that Judge Roan had expressed a doubt, and that the appellate courts had all been divided.

Another Atlanta attorney who argued for Frank's commutation was John A. Boykin. Stating that he had known Judge Roan intimately, he indorsed the information given recently in a letter by Judge Arthur G. Powell, who said the presiding judge frequently had expressed his doubt as to Frank's guilt.

Confirms Powell Letter
"Judge Roan upon more than one occasion," wrote Mr. Boykin, "expressed similar doubts to me."

Probably 100 lawyers of Georgia have written to join the appeal for a commutation, most of them setting forth their opinion that there was insufficient evidence produced at Frank's trial to warrant conviction. An Atlanta lawyer writing to the Prison Commission was Colonel Walter R. Daley, former president of the Atlanta Board of Education.

William M. Smith, attorney for Jim Conley, announced today that he was preparing a statement for the Prison Commission, setting out in detail the reasons for his belief that Jim Conley, and not Leo Frank, was the slayer of Mary Phagan. The statement will explain Smith's reason for leaving his former client, and will be based largely upon a minute analysis of the "death notes" and a comparison of those mysterious documents with letters written by Jim Conley, while in the Tower, to his innamorata, a negro woman in prison at the same time.

Business Man Writes
P. D. McCarty, a prominent local manufacturer of cotton seed products, wrote the Prison Commission, adding to the appeal for commutation. He said he had known Frank well and that the condemned man's personality and habits had appeared above reproach.

Dr. William Crenshaw, an Atlanta dentist, was another who wrote an opinion that commutation should be granted.

C. W. Pidecock, of Moultrie, president of the Georgia Northern Railroad; C. D. Berauw, president of the Cordele Chamber of Commerce and J. L. Hand, a wealthy merchant and planter of Pelham, were among the prominent Georgians whose letters to the Prison Commission arrived today.

Stream of Appeals

The stream of appeals from well-known figures in national affairs continued, as well. Among the petitions today in Frank's behalf were those from Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago; John Sharp Williams, United States Senator from Mississippi; James Hamilton Lewis, United States Senator from Illinois; United States Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas; United States Senator Broussard, of Louisiana; Congressman William H. Coleman, of Pennsylvania; Joseph W. Byrns, of Tennessee; H. D. DuPre, Louisiana; J. A. Elston, California, and Cyrus Cline, Indiana; Governor Earl Browder, of Mississippi; C. A. Rook, president and editor of The Pittsburg Dispatch; Daniel Guggenheim, of New York; president of the American Smelting and Refining Company; Mayor James H. Preston, of Baltimore; David R. Forgan, president of the National City Bank of Chicago; Judge Louis C. Barley, of the corporation court of Virginia, and Charles K. Harris, of New York, the song writer.

H. G. Tolson left yesterday morning for a business visit to Swansboro.

GREAT REVIVAL BE BROUGHT TO ENDING TONIGHT

Rev. Raymond Browning to Deliver His Farewell Sermon

PUBLIC INVITED

Rev. Charles Tillman Will Have Charge of the Singing

The service at 7:30 o'clock in the Dill tobacco warehouse tonight will mark the closing of the greatest religious campaign ever waged in Eastern North Carolina. This meeting started on the eighteenth of April and during the time that has elapsed since then, three of the greatest evangelists have visited New Bern and delivered soul stirring sermons, and many sinners have turned from their wayward life and accepted Christ as their Savior.

The first evangelist who came to New Bern to hold services in connection with this meeting was Dr. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore, Md., Dr. Wharton remained in New Bern for ten days and was followed by Dr. G. W. Belk of Hendersonville, N. C. Rev. Browning of Littleton, N. C., who has been in charge of the pulpit for the last two weeks will finish his work here tonight. All of these men have done a great work in New Bern, and the result of their untiring expounding of God's truth will be felt for years to come.

The regular services will be held at all the churches this morning. This afternoon at four o'clock, Rev. Browning will conduct a special service in Centenary church for the children. This will be a great benefit to children and parents are urged to see that their children are present. At seven thirty o'clock tonight Rev. Browning will preach his farewell sermon in the warehouse and it is expected and hoped that this large building will be filled to its capacity.

BOARD ALDERMEN TO MEET TUESDAY

Considerable Business to Be Disposed of By Them

The Board of Aldermen will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, June the first and there is a considerable amount of business to be transacted at this session including matters pertaining to the New Bern Fire Engine Company, unless a special meeting is held between now and that time and matters existing between this company and the Board settled.

Some weeks ago the New Bern or Button Company held a meeting at which their resignation as active firemen was written. This was delivered to the city fathers after which the company was asked to withdraw their resignation which was effective June the first, with the promise that a special meeting of the Board would be held, and efforts made to adjust the difference between them, which came as a result of the control of the fire department being taken out of the hands of the Fire Department Committee and taken in charge of the entire Board.

It is sincerely hoped that the difference existing between the Board of Aldermen and the Button Company will be satisfactorily adjusted and the company continue in active service.

MAYOR BANGERT IS AFTER VIOLATORS

Breakers of the Law Are Being Hailed Before Him

The cases against Nathan Robinson and Isaac Webb, colored, that was continued from Friday's session of Police Court were disposed of by Mayor Bangert yesterday afternoon, the former being fined five dollars and taxed with the cost and the latter discharged.

The two men were charged with engaging in a fight on the street and Robinson acknowledged being the aggressor, but brought charges against Webb to the effect that he was too familiar with his wife. The cases were continued to give Robinson an opportunity of proving his accusations which he failed to do.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case against Bob Russell, who was charged with turning the corner in an automobile without blowing his horn.

SENATOR SIMMONS SAYS NAT'L AVE. BE REPAIRED SOON

Explains Why Government Has Not Done the Work Before This Time

READY JULY 1ST.

The Road At Present Is In Very Bad Condition

Several weeks ago the Journal called attention to the fact that National avenue was in very bad condition and suggested that George E. Hood, congressman from this district, take some steps to have the government repair their section of the road.

Since that time the Journal editorially and in its news columns touched on this subject and considerable interest has been aroused in the matter, so much so, in fact that Senator F. M. Simmons, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate, has given out a statement in regard to this road and this, which follows, will be of particular interest to the citizens of this city:

"I have noticed some discussion in the papers during the last week with reference to an appropriation for repairing that part of National avenue still under the control of the Federal Government. As a matter of fact, the army appropriation bill passed by the last session of Congress provides an appropriation for the amount estimated by the War Department as necessary for the repair of such roads to National cemeteries as needed repair. The estimate provided for such amount as the Department estimated was necessary for the repair of that part of National avenue still under Government control. This appropriation, like all appropriations, is not available until the end of the fiscal year in which these appropriations are made, so that the money for this work will not be available until the first day of July of this year.

"I make this statement because there seems to be some misunderstanding about the matter."

PROMINENT MAN IS DEAD AT VANCEBORO

Dr. Benjamin F. Smith Passed Away at That Place Yesterday

Vanceboro, May 29.—Vanceboro lost one of her oldest and most prominent citizens early this morning in the death of Dr. Benjamin F. Smith, at his home here. He had been in failing health for a long time, and last week he suddenly grew worse until his condition was such that his death was expected at any hour.

Dr. Smith was born at Germantown, Hyde county, N. C., on April 11th, 1846 where he spent his boyhood days. He took up the study of medicine and left there when a young man going to New York, where he graduated a few years later from Bellevue Medical College. He returned to North Carolina, and took up the practice of medicine at Greenville, he later left Greenville and located at Vanceboro, where he practiced medicine for several years. In October 1879 he was married to Mrs. Sallie Lane, of this place where they have lived continuously since. Seven children were born to bless their home. His widow and five of them still survive him.

He was one of the charter members of the local lodge of Masons of which he was master for several years, and was a great worker in the lodge which he helped to build, and loved so well up to a short time ago when his failing health rendered him unable to longer aid and assist. He was a Confederate soldier, and a strong believer in their cause. He was a member of the Episcopal church of this town from which the funeral will take place tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. D. Malone, pastor of the Episcopal church here.

ANOTHER ENGLISH SHIP GOES DOWN

Pensance, Eng., May 29.—The British steamer Caed, from Oporto to Cardiff, with a cargo of peatwood, has been torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Cornwall, England, by a German submarine. The crew of eighteen and four passengers were saved.

HERE'S A COUNTY DON'T NEED JAIL

Has New Structure That Resembles A Big Hotel

Bakersfield, Cal., May 29.—What is Kern county going to do with its newly completed \$200,000 jail? Recent governmental changes have brought with them a change of policy toward legal offenders, and the roomy new building will be as useless as a \$200,000 pound would be, unless the Supervisors decide to turn it into a public library or something.

Three months ago there were 115 men in the old county jail. To-day there are twenty-one, and the rest are on parole. By July 1, when the new building is to be finished, there may be only five or ten.

A parole officer—a thing that never existed here before—has been appointed and is receiving regular reports from his ninety-four prisoners-at-large, not one of whom has been paroled in the slightest degree.

Incidentally the "feeding graft" has been abolished. The "feeding graft" was one thing that kept the cells full, whereas Tulare, just across the line, had an empty jail.

Sheriff's Fees.

The Supervisors years ago voted to allow the Sheriff a flat sum of 17-1/2 cents for each meal furnished to a prisoner. Expert restaurant men and others, who have observed the meals that were served, agreed that they had cost about 4 or 5 cents.

It is now easy to figure out why the Sheriffs were eager to make arrests. Each prisoner had two meals a day; the Sheriff received 35 cents from the Supervisors and spent 10 cents for the meals.

Through this perquisite the Supervisors controlled the Sheriff; for if a Sheriff offended the "ring" the Supervisors could stop the game.

Naturally the Sheriff's aim was to get as many men into jail as he could feed them as poorly as he could and keep them there as long as he could. When the first parole officer was appointed—he is George R. Walters, President of the Building Trades Council of Kern County—he found that there was not a single rich man among the 115 in jail; not a single man serving sentence for gambling or pandering or any of the "protected" vices; and that the bulk of the imprisoned men were workmen charged with petty offenses and awaiting the trial, which, somehow was very slow in coming.

Trials Were Rare.

Many of these had been there a year or more without having been brought to trial. Many had not even been formally charged. In all the bunch there was but a half dozen whose offenses were of the accepted jail standard.

And what is to be done with the new \$200,000 county jail? It has accommodations for 200 prisoners. Possibly the Supervisors will decide to put it on wheels and send it to San Quentin, or to saw it in sections and supply all the counties with fine little jails of size suitable to the new era in prison control.

District Attorney McGowan has instituted investigations with a view to filing suits against two former Sheriffs—Tom Baker and John W. Kelly—for the recovery to the county of \$40,000 alleged to have accrued to them through the feeding perquisite. The claim of the present Sheriff—Boone Newell—was held up.

The remnant of the old "ring" is doing everything it can to hinder the clean-up. The county auditor recently refused to allow the claims of \$125 each, voted by the Board of Supervisors, to hire three special counsels to facilitate the work of cleaning up the criminal calendar. The old-line newspapers at the recent primary election used the "it-will-burn-himself" cry, but the people voted against the ring's candidates none the less.

THE FIREMEN ARE AGAIN THE WINNER

One of the best games of baseball that has been played on the local diamond was played yesterday afternoon at Gheat Park when the firemen defeated the Braves in an eleven inning game by the score of five to four.

McSorley and Harker did excellent mound work for the victorious team while the pitching by Pugh was done with equal skill. But the victory was not due altogether to the battery work, for the fielders did good work and much credit is due to them. The work of Willis and Seales for the Giants was excellent and they, too, had good field support.

Z. Martina returned yesterday morning from a business visit to Goldsboro.