

STOCK LAW QUESTION IS TO BE VOTED ON

The Citizens in Craven County South of Neuse River To Say Whether or Not They Want The Law. Board of Commissioners Orders The Election.

The advocates of the stock law have been successful in their efforts to have the Board of County Commissioners call an election on this proposition in the territory in Craven county situated on the South side of Neuse river.

On the presentation of this petition, the Board was informed by T. D. Warren, county attorney, that as the petition was signed by as many as one fifth of the qualified voters of the proposed district, that there was nothing for them to do but call the election, which was done the date being fixed on the first Tuesday in September, this being the seventh day of the month.

Before calling the election the Board referred to the registration books, and learned that there are nineteen hundred qualified voters in Craven county, but of this number only eleven hundred and eighty participated in the election held last November. The law requires that one fifth of the qualified voters in a designated district, before the Board can call an election.

There was comparatively no opposition to the primary on the South side of the river, but there were quite a number here from the North side. It had been reported that an election for the whole county would be asked, and this accounts for such a large delegation from the section across the river, and one citizen came with a petition signed by five hundred and fifty voters of that territory.

Ernest M. Green Talks Before the order for the election, which had been prepared by the city attorney, was read and passed upon. Attorney E. M. Green addressed a few remarks to the Board, in which he set forth his views on the subject. Mr. Green stated that he was opposed to passing the law, since it had been brought about in the manner in which it has, and that he was not going to vote for it.

The discussion among the spectators in the Commissioners room reached fever heat several times and it was necessary for Chairman Bradham to request them to either be quiet or leave the room more than once. The room was packed with citizens of the county who persisted that their rights were being infringed upon.

Rarely a day has passed by for the last several weeks without some fatal automobile accident occurring somewhere in this county and the toll of life has been heavy. In ninety per cent of the cases the accidents have been directly due to the recklessness of the drivers of the machines and they alone are due the blame.

GERMANS TORPEDO BELGIAN STEAMER

London, June 9.—Capt. Wirz and 14-year-old daughter, and most of the crew of the Belgian steamer, Menapier, torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Sea, were rescued. Only five of the crew were drowned. Three Norwegian vessels have been sunk in British waters in the last twenty-four hours. The crews were saved.

VANCEBORO MAN IS IN JAIL HERE

Solomon Wiggins, white, and of near Vanceboro, was arrested yesterday by Jailer Bayliss and placed in the Craven county jail. Wiggins was indicted by the Grand Jury at a recent term of Superior Court for disturbing religious worship.

THREE GERMAN SHIPS ARE SUNK

Petrograd, June 7.—Three German vessels have been sunk or damaged and the Russian transport Yenize torpedoed in the Baltic. A semi-official announcement today denied that the German and Russian Baltic fleets were engaged. It is said German torpedo boats and transports appeared at its entrance to the gulf of Riga but retired before Russian warships, several being damaged by the Russians' submarines and mines.

In the absence of Rev. B. F. Huske, Rev. John Hill of Chocowinity, presided over the pulpit there on Sunday and delivered one of the most inspiring sermons ever heard in New Bern.

WAKE COUNTY IS SELLING OUT

Disposes of Courthouse and Jail at Public Auction

Raleigh, June 7.—The county today sold its court house and jail at public auction and hundreds stood on the streets and heard the crying of the auctioneer for a decent price for two institutions now entirely superannuated. The first bid of \$625 for the court house minus the lovely lady representing blind justice and holding miniature fairbanks with a hankerchief over her eyes, was not enough, but was knocked down to W. A. Myatt. Then Berry O'Kelley, a rich black man who has grown rich by making psychological purchases which carry substance with them, took in the heating plant for \$75 and the plumbing for \$85. The jail was next offered and then came a change. It was lumped and resold. The price was fairly above \$1,000, but the county is not going to hear to this.

These institutions are not longer needed and they stand in the way of Wake's beautiful court house which is near completion. The old court house stands on Fayetteville street but will be removed. The conditions of the sale are that the debris be torn down and removed. A wealth of good material is found in both. The Brett Engineering and Contracting Company, of Wilson, today changed its charter by an amendment, devoting \$50,000 of its \$150,000 capital to common stock. The Parks Land Company, of Charlotte, is chartered with D. P. Hutcheson, E. V. Anderson, Charles F. Dalton and C. A. Griffith paying the \$1,000 stock. The Piedmont Land Company, of Charlotte, with \$3,000 of its \$125,000 capital paid in, is chartered by B. D. Heath, T. M. Barnhardt and J. L. Delaney.

THE FREMEN TO MEET AUG. 10-13

State Firemen's Tournament to Be Held At That Time

August 10 to 13 has been designated as the dates on which the North Carolina Firemen's Association will meet in this city and hold their annual tournament. James D. McNeill, president of the association, was in New Bern Sunday in consultation with the local firemen and these were the dates decided upon. The work of arranging the program will begin immediately and will be rushed to completion just as rapidly as possible. The New Bern firemen intend making this meet one of the most successful ever held in the State and will make their plans accordingly. There will be the usual horse horse wagon races, the grab reel races, the quick steaming contests and other similar events and in addition to this will be demonstrations given by the two local triple combination fire fighting apparatus. The social side of the tournament will be given special attention and the firemen who may rest assured that they will be entertained.

GERMANS TO REFILL USED CARTRIDGES

Athens, June 8.—It is reported that German artisans have arrived in Constantinople for the purpose of installing a factory to recharge used cartridges picked up on the battle fields. Miss Lalla R. Simmons, Mrs. J. C. Roberts and daughter, Alice, left last evening for Black Mountains to spend some time.

LIBAU NO LONGER FORT. SAY RUSSIANS

Petrograd, June 8.—The semi-official statement in German newspapers that Libau is a land and naval fortress have been denied here. Libau ceased to be fortified and was completely dismantled in 1910. All stores and articles of value were removed last year.

ARMY CONTRACTS OF UNITED STATES ARE SPECUTATIVE

Washington, D. C., June 9.—Another ominous note was added to the situation so far as the United States is concerned, when it became known tonight for the first time in history the army contracts recently submitted to mercantile firms, specified no quantities which may be called for.

AMERICANS IN GERMANY RECEIVE ORDERS TO BE READY TO COME HOME

Berlin, June 9.—American business men here have received orders from America to discontinue purchases and conserve their funds pending the outcome of the Lusitania negotiations. To acquaint the German foreign office with the State of American feeling, Ambassador Gerard is preparing a big scrap book containing American newspaper clippings, editorials and cartoons.

FORD MOTOR CO. TOO BIG FOR MICHIGAN TO INCORPORATE OUTSIDE

Lansing, Mich., June 9.—The Ford Motor Company, of Detroit, will have to incorporate in some other state when it makes its contemplated increase in capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$100,000,000. According to an announcement of Secretary of State Coleman C. Vaughan today, there is a statutory limitation of \$25,000,000 to the amount that any corporation can incorporate for in this state. This will necessitate the Ford Company's incorporating in some other state.

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WHAT LONDON THINKS

London, June 9.—London newspapers today interpreted Bryan's resignation to mean that the President's new note to Germany is so firmly phrased that war between Germany and America will result.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S RIGHT HAND AIDE GIVES UP OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. June 8 William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, resigned from the cabinet late today. The resignation was promptly accepted by President Wilson and Robert Lansing, Counselor of the State Department, immediately became the acting Secretary of State and a few minutes later signed the second note which the United States is to send to Germany and which will go forward just as quickly as possible.

The general belief is that Bryan resigned because he could not agree with the policy of President Wilson in regard to the submarine warfare of the Germans. The correspondence between Secretary Bryan and the President was made public at the White House later.

DECLARES THAT THE ISSUE IS OF MORE THAN GREAT MOMENT

The letters hinted at a strong possibility of war with Germany and contained the following sentences: "Obedient to your sense of duty and actuated by the highest principles, you have prepared for transmission to the German government, a note in which I cannot join without violating what I deem to be my obligation to my country and the issue involved is of such great moment that to remain a member of your cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause nearest to my heart, namely, the prevention of war. I therefore respectfully tender my resignation to take effect when the note is sent unless you prefer an earlier hour."

A like, desirous of reaching a peaceful solution of the problems arising out of the use of submarines against merchantmen, we find ourselves differing irreconcilably as to methods which we employed. It falls to your lot to speak officially for the nation and I consider it to be none the less my duty to promote this end which you have in view by means which you do not feel at liberty to use."

WILSON EXPRESSES REGRET AT ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION

President Wilson in replying said in part: "I accept the resignation only because you insist its acceptance and I accept with more than deep regret and personal sorrow as our judgment has concurred on practically every matter of official duty of public policy until now. Your support and work for the purpose of the administration have been generous, loyal and beyond praise. We are not separated in the object which we seek but only in the method by which we seek it. My feeling about your retirement goes much deeper than regret. I sincerely deplore it and we shall continue to work for the same cause even when we do not work the same way."

BRYAN'S RESIGNATION MAY HAVE BEARING ON GERMAN VIEW

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8 While President Wilson and Secretary Bryan came to the parting of ways in apparently excellent accord it was said that the entire cabinet is entirely out of sympathy with Secretary Bryan's action. Instead of relieving the president's embarrassment, the desertion of his post by Bryan at this critical time is said to have multiplied the difficulties of the administration.

It was declared openly tonight that the effect of Bryan's resignation will be especially bad on the German mind which will not stop to consider that the Secretary of State does not constitute the government or the country. It is feared that the open support given to the German methods by Mr. Bryan and his repudiation of his own government's policy will be accepted by Berlin as justifying the very acts of which the pending note complains.

UNITED STATES MAY ADOPT THE SWISS SYSTEM

This Would Mean That Every Citizen Must Become a Soldier

WOULD BE TRAINED

Military Experts Believe It Would Mean Our Soldiers

Washington, June 8.—The United States may adopt the Swiss system of military training, according to military experts here today. The Swiss system, which is based on the theory that every citizen should be trained in military service to the same extent they are trained in their civilian occupations, is being studied by the War Department. The Swiss system is based on the theory that every citizen should be trained in military service to the same extent they are trained in their civilian occupations. The Swiss system is based on the theory that every citizen should be trained in military service to the same extent they are trained in their civilian occupations.

ATROCITIES THE MEXICANS HAVE NOT BEEN APPROPRIATED

Slaughter and Carriage Goes On There Without Abatement

U. S. IS CONCERNED

Refugees Lose No Time In Getting Out of That Country

Washington, June 8.—One Englishman was killed Sunday at Tuxpan, Mexico, and five other British subjects, including a woman and a boy, fatally wounded, said a report today from Tampico. It is said the casualties occurred during a fight between Carranzistas who held the town and Villa forces who captured it. The British were shot while seeking shelter. Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz today reported that Obregon's victory over Villa and Angeles at Tuxpan "seemed to be confirmed." He said it is rumored that Obregon lost his right arm in the fight. A special train flying the British flag left Mexico City for Vera Cruz yesterday with refugees. Villa and Angeles are fleeing to North Mexico with a small body-guard while the main army is being pursued by Obregon, according to dispatches to the Constitutional agency here. Obregon estimated Villa's dead, deserted, wounded and captured at 60,000. He said he captured all of Villa's artillery and troop trains and that General Gonzales is storming Mexico City.

TURKS BOMBARD BRIT. TRANSPORT

Constantinople, June 9.—One enemy transport was shelled and sunk and another transport forced to leave her anchorage, by Turkish forts in the Dardanelles. The transport sunk is believed to have been English. It is unknown whether those aboard were saved.

C. OF C. DIRECTORS IN REGULAR SESSION

Met Last Night and Discussed Many Important Matters

The Directors of the Chamber of Commerce met last evening in the headquarters of that organization for the purpose of discussing any matters which might be brought up before them. During the evening short but interesting talks were made on the agricultural and industrial development of this city and surrounding section and these proved of marked interest to each one present.

There is in prospect the location of a cannery factory, a tobacco stemery and a prize house here and the Directors are heartily in favor of giving any possible aid to such enterprises and will do so. After a few other matters were disposed of the Board adjourned.

COMMANDER OF NOBLE VATICAN GUARD DIES

Rome, June 8.—Prince Camillo Rospigliosi, commander of the Noble Guard at the Vatican, and a member of one of the most aristocratic families in Italy, died today, aged 65.

Miss Leslie Huggins left last night for a few days visit to friends in Goldsboro.

TEXAS RANGER SHOT BY MEXICANS

Marathon, Texas, June 8.—Lee Burdette, a Texas ranger, was shot and killed near Fabens, Texas, last night in a pistol battle with three Mexicans, two of whom he seriously wounded. Both the wounded Mexicans are expected to die. The third was being pursued by a posse today. Burdette, whose home was in Austin was trying to arrest the men.

N. H. Russell of Beaufort passed through the city last night enroute home from a visit to the mountains of Western Virginia and Eastern West Virginia.

THE NATIONAL BANK of New Berne, N. C. IS THE Oldest and Strongest and Only National Bank In This Section Capital, Surplus and Profits \$200,000.00 Total Resources 900,000.00 4 Per Ct. Interest paid on Savings and Time Deposits