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WARNING TO AVOID NORTH AND WEST FRENCH COASTS

Washington, Feb. 4.—Germany notified the state department today that German vessels should avoid the coast of France and west coast of Britain. The state department does not re-notify the French coast. It was said in the department that German submarines were present in the English Channel and that the placing of mines would constitute a blockade.

GERMANS CONTINUE OFFENSIVE WEST OF WARSAW

London, Feb. 4.—German troops still are maintaining an offensive west of Warsaw, but on remainder of eastern line the Russians are exerting the greatest pressure across the Prussian frontier and in Carpathians. In the mountains the Russians claim the fighting has gone against the Austro-German forces and the Russians again are reported to have entered Hungary.

MORE BIRTHS THAN DEATHS IN STATE PAST YEAR

North Carolina will have little room for Belgians if the present rate of increase of births over deaths keeps up," says the State Board of Health in a bulletin just issued. "In 1914 there were 71,931 births registered in North Carolina, while the total number of deaths registered during the year was only 31,484, which shows an increase to the population of over 40,000. These reports are the finding of the Vital Statistics Department of the State Board of Health and are as nearly correct as the vital statistics law can make them.

COUNTY FATHERS TO INVESTIGATE COST OF FOODSTUFFS

The county commissioners completed their work for the regular monthly session Wednesday after having been in continuous session for three days. In addition to arranging for the renovation of the interior of the county jail the commissioners re-elected ex-Judge E. B. Jones as legal counsel for the current term.

WASTON-SALEM MARINE FAVORED IN REPORTS

Washington, Feb. 4.—Government aid in the building up of a merchant marine was one of the things recommended in reports submitted today at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

BOTH SIDES TRYING TO STRENGTHEN FORCES FOR SHIP PURCHASE FIGHT

Democrats Seek to Re-Submit Bill With Instructions—Republicans Oppose This—Both Sides Still Express Confidence of Ultimate Victory in Big Senate Fight.

THE CAROLINA FARMERS ENDORSE SHIPPING BILL

Washington, Feb. 4.—S. H. Hobbs, president of the officers of the National Farmers' Union, and several other representatives of farm organizations called on the President yesterday with Representative H. Small, to assure him of their cooperation and approval of efforts to have the ship purchase act into law.

1,350 MILES OF EGGS LEFT MORRISTOWN IN 1914

Morristown, Tenn., Feb. 4.—The opportunities for building up the poultry industry throughout the South are well illustrated in what has been accomplished in the territory surrounding Morristown, Tenn., from which 1,350 miles of eggs were shipped during 1914.

HOW STOKES FARMERS PAY HEAVY ROAD TAX

King, Feb. 4.—Mr. S. A. Hubbard, state bank examiner, was here early part of this week and examined the Bank of King. He found this new institution in first-class condition and doing a nice business.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR A NEW RAILROAD

A contract has been entered into by Messrs. W. T. Clement, of Greensboro, and J. H. Hawley, of Rockingham, to build a standard gauge railroad from Shelby to Casar, a distance of 21 miles, work to begin within 60 days and the road to be completed and in operation in 18 months.

500.00 CONSCIENCE MONEY MAILED IN GREENSBORO.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Postoffice Department has received \$50 conscience money from an unknown person at Greensboro. The money, five 10 bills, was enclosed in an envelope between two pieces of paper.

BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL HERE FOR AN OPERATION.

Siloam, Feb. 4.—Mr. Carl Boles, of Jonesville, was here on business Saturday.

FORD CREAMERY WILL BE ENLARGED

Greensboro, Feb. 4.—A business which promises a substantial increase in the size of the Guilford Creamery and meaning the distribution of around \$10,000 per month to the farmers of Guilford county was yesterday when W. J. Shuford, secretary, purchased an interest in J. A. Hornaday. Mr. Shuford interested in the establishment at Catawba creamery at Hickory was manager thereof for four years.

BERLIN RESTAURANTS TO CHARGE FOR BREAD.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The allied association of restaurant and hotel keepers of Berlin has decided to charge for all bread served at meals.

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Rev. Dr. R. T. Vann, president of Meredith college, Raleigh, has accepted the recent election to the secretaryship of the Baptist educational board and will make his formal statement to the board of trustees at some early date.

SHOT TO DEATH BY POSSE OF CITIZENS

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 4.—Dr. A. N. Culbertson, a practicing physician of Evans, Ga., was shot to death today by a posse of citizens that had been looking for him all night, according to reports received here.

"STAR" MAIL CARRIER IN STOKES IS MISSING; ALSO \$3,000 OR MORE

Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock, "General" A. Hill, star route mail carrier from Danbury to Walnut Cove, left Danbury with the mail, part of it being several packages of currency, aggregating \$3,000 or more, which the bank at Danbury was sending to banks at Richmond, Va., Danville, Va., and other banks.

TO LEAD DEMOCRATS

Washington, Feb. 4.—A caucus of Democratic members of the House is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, when the ceremony of naming Champ Clark to succeed Mr. Speaker is expected to take place.

REV. LEONARD G. BROUGHTON RESIGNS LONDON PASTORATE

London, Feb. 4.—Ill health has forced the Rev. Leonard G. Broughton, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., to resign his pastorate of Christ church here.

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Gen. Villa Proclaims Himself the Provisional President of Mexico; Reports of Fighting

Paso, Feb. 4.—General Villa, has proclaimed himself provisional president of Mexico as well as chief, in a telegram to the United Press, describes activities at San Luis Potosi. He reports the capture of more than 200 prisoners, and other equipment. He declares that a lieutenant general with whom he has joined his forces, General Estrada, in Jalisco state, reported active.

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REGARD FOODSTUFFS OF ANY KIND AS CONTRABAND

Washington, Feb. 2.—Great Britain notified the United States today, also in official form, that foodstuffs of any kind for Germany, Austria or Italy will be regarded as contraband.

before issuance of the decree it is understood that the cargo of food will be paid for and appropriated by the British government and the ship freed, but hereafter food ships from the United States for German ports or neutral ports where it appears the cargo may reach Germany, will be subject to seizure outright without compensation.

It has been known here several weeks, well before the election to the new position that Dr. Vann contemplated entrance into an active ministry. That raised the question as to his successor and the name of Dr. C. E. Brewer, of Wake Forest, is most often mentioned.

Negro Laborer Hurt—A colored laborer engaged in excavating for the foundation of the new five-story building being erected by E. W. O'Hanlon at the corner of Liberty and Fourth streets, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock when a cave-in precipitated several tons of dirt on him.

The Danbury Reporter, one of the editors of which is cashier of the bank at Danbury, gives this account of the robbery: "General A. Hill, the carrier of

the star mail route between Danbury and Walnut Cove, Tuesday cut a hole in the first class mail pouch which he was carrying and took from it packages containing \$3,000 in cash which were being sent by mail, and made his escape.

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Salisbury leaped into the city class last evening if the heft of the senate committee on counties, cities and towns can carry it there, the charter extension receiving a favorable report after a hearing that gave every earlier promise of warmth.