

Yarrowdale Men's Release News From The State Capitol Not Yet Confirmed

Government Has Had No Advice Other Than Press Dispatches, That Americans Are Free

PREREMORTORY NOTE READY Congress Will Adjourn March 5 Says Majority Leader Kitchin Today

Washington, D. C., Feb., 16.—Official confirmation of the release of the seventy two American sailors of the submarined British steamer Yarrowdale, which have been prisoners in Germany for more than a week, which report came through press dispatches, has not yet been received by the government and in consequence a note, already prepared yesterday, may be sent to Germany pre-emptorily demanding the release of these Americans. In addition to this demand the note contains a statement of the treatment of sailors who are American citizens, and their property. This would be as a protest on what President Wilson believes to be a breach of international law.

(By W. C. Ackerman, Special Correspondent to the United Press)

Paris, Feb. 16.—Germany is under-nourished, the food and economic conditions are worse than ever. Graft is apparent in the distribution bureaus, which the police are powerless to prevent owing to the great influences involved.

The German nation is concentrating to strengthen the army to supreme test.

A million women have been formed into an industrial force to replace the men needed for military duty.

Americans leaving Germany are deluged with requests for food. One doctor asked for his pay for professional services to be made to him in food rather than money.

Yarrowdale Crew Released

Washington, Feb. 16.—News of the liberation of the 72 American seamen brought to German by the prize ship Yarrowdale came tonight through press dispatches after Wilson and other administration officials had retired. Their release disposes of one of the most pressing and irritating phases of the German-American situation.

Germany Liberates Americans

Berlin, Feb., 15.—(Via London, Feb. 16.)—The American seamen who were brought prisoners to Germany on board the British steamer Yarrowdale have been liberated.

More Vessels Submarined

London, Feb. 15.—During the last twenty four hours three British vessels have been sent to the bottom by submarines—the steamer Cilicia, 3,750 tons; Margarita, 375 tons, and Ferga, a new ship, the tonnage of which is not contained in available shipping records.

About 44 Steamers are in or Near Submarine Zone

Norfolk, Va., Feb., 15.—About forty-four steamers, among them the big Italian collier Voltorno, bound from Norfolk to ports within the restricted war area recently prescribed by Germany, are either at present in the submarine danger zone or rapidly approaching the zone, according to figures compiled here today.

Ships Take North Route

New York, Feb. 15.—Steamships flying the flags of neutral countries, which have been detained here since the new German submarine policy was announced, probably will resume their regular sailings if plans to substitute Halifax for Kirkwall as a port of call for examination can be arranged with the British authorities. It became known tonight that negotiations to this end are virtually complete.

Congress to Adjourn March 5

Washington, Feb. 16.—Majority leader Claude Kitchin announced in Congress today that the House would adjourn March 5, despite the war cloud that hangs heavily over the country, and he was unanimously supported by the leaders of the house.

CONGRESS NOW SILENT ON THE HIGH COST OF LIVING PROBLEM

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The second session of the Sixty fourth Congress opened with a bang—on the high cost of living. Indications today are it will close with the soft pedal on that self same subject. And nothing done about it.

The law-makers have made a move to disturb the slumbers of investigation resolutions introduced on the opening day.

Among those that will probably sleep on right through the closing days of this congress is the one introduced by Representative Boreland of Missouri. It directs the Federal Trade Commission to investigate and report to the House the facts relating to the production, marketing, and distribution of food products together with any violation of the anti-trust laws in connection therewith, and recommendations for greater economy and efficiency in the marketing of food products and the punishment and prevention of extortion in the prices thereof.

MRS. E. M. LOWE STRUCK BY LOCAL FREIGHT

Wednesday morning just after the ten o'clock train had pulled out the local freight, which had been on the siding to let the passenger go through was coupling up and drawing out on the main line when a box car hit Mrs. E. M. Lowe as she was walking between the track, going from the depot to 11th street, and knocked her away from the track, breaking her thigh.

It was thought at first that she was seriously injured, and she was badly shaken up in addition to the broken limb, and bruised knee, but after she had been taken to the hospital at Tarboro it was found that she had a very slight ill effects from the shock, and news arriving last night gave the encouraging word that she was getting along nicely.

There is no doubt that this is a dangerous crossing, the buildings being so close to the track that anyone may be right on the railroad before they can see, or possibly hear, an approaching train, and in this instance what made the case worse was the fact that Mrs. Lowe is slightly deaf.

The injured lady is a widow, her husband having died in 1915, and she has six children, two of whom are being trained as nurses, one is a school teacher, and there are three others, two of whom are going to school.

The whole community extends its sympathy to Mrs. Lowe and her family and it is hoped that she will soon be able to return home when the attention of her friends and neighbors will be unremitting as is the custom in Scotland Neck when anyone is ill or in grief.

DEATH OF MRS. S. B. WHITEHEAD

On Friday night about eight o'clock death claimed the much respected wife of Mr. Sam B. Whitehead, at the home place, Deep Creek, and the following afternoon at four o'clock the remains were laid away in the family burying ground in the presence of fifty relatives and friends.

The deceased lady was sixty-eight years of age at the time of her death, and but a week or two before had celebrated her fiftieth wedding anniversary.

As Miss Alice Grimmell of Roseneath township, she was married in the early part of 1867 to Mr. Samuel B. Whitehead, also of the same township, from which marriage the following children survive her. Messrs. Jim, Andrew, Noah, and N. B. Whitehead, all of this section. Mrs. Jennie Daniel, Mrs. Mollie Hackney and Mrs. Oliver Hedgepeth, of Cometo are the surviving daughters, Mrs. Alice Hopkins, deceased, having preceded her mother.

There are a number of grandchildren and other relatives that survive the deceased, most of whom attended the funeral. The immediate cause of death was senile decline, following several strokes of paralysis, the last being in

A BAND MADE UP OF SOLDIERS FROM TRENCHES TO TOUR UNITED STATES

(BY UNITED PRESS)

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. A band, every one of whose members has recently been wounded and is on furlough from the French trenches on the western front, has been organized and will tour the United States soon, Pery Weadon announced today.

The band has among its members some of the headliners from the Opera Comique and the Conservatoire, and several well known composers under the direction of M. Koch of the Conservatoire.

SPRING HILL ITEMS

Messrs. T. H. Twisdale and W. C. Kimball were in Scotland Neck Monday afternoon.

Mr. E. G. Harrell returned Tuesday night from a visit to Oak City.

Mr. John Hyman was in Scotland Neck Wednesday.

Mr. B. F. Harrell visited Weldon on business Wednesday.

Messrs. J. H. Pope and W. J. Grimes spent Wednesday in Tillery.

Mr. E. L. Twisdale was in town a short while Wednesday.

Mrs. E. T. Harrell and sister returned home Wednesday night from a visit near Oak City.

Miss Lillie Leary who has been visiting relatives in Scotland Neck, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Nat Twisdale is visiting his brother, Mr. T. H. Twisdale.

Mr. Jim Leary carried his son Clinton to Washington, N. C. for an operation Tuesday. The doctors found that the operation was not necessary, so they returned home Wednesday night.

Mr. Jesse Grimes left for Greenville Thursday.

The house of William Pope (colored) near the depot, was burned Wednesday afternoon. There was very little saved. He had \$50 insurance on his home and \$75 on the furniture and his loss was \$150 greater than this.

Mr. B. F. Harrell was in Scotland Neck Thursday.

MERRY HILL ITEMS

We are still having some very bad weather with some snow.

Mrs. Massette Hogard had an ice cream and oyster supper Friday night Feb. 9, which was a grand success, the amount raised was seventy-five dollars which will go to the benefit of the Capeharts public school. Misses Hogard and Grizzell White were said to be the two prettiest girls there, and as there was a prize for the beauty, the value of which was thirty five dollars there was some spirited bidding for favors by the beans and supporters of the different ladies present.

Mr. Gilbert Parker was the highest bidder for Miss Hogard, as against Mr. Norman Taylor for Miss White, and he secured the cake for Miss Hogard. This is court week at Windsor with Judge Allen presiding.

Mrs. J. T. White was the guest of Mr. J. P. Baker Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Baker and son, Grady, were guests of Mr. J. P. Baker over Sunday.

Mr. Ed Taylor and Mr. Gilbert Baker were in Windsor this week attending court.

OAK CITY ITEMS

Mr. Tom Crisp spent the week end with his parents at Parmele.

Mrs. J. W. Bellflower was in Robertsonville Saturday.

Mr. Jim Daniel and Mr. Straud of Greenville were in town Tuesday.

Mr. Jim Fleming of Greenville spent Monday night and Tuesday in town.

Messrs. B. L. Hines and Dallas Hurst left for Baltimore last week where they expect to remain for the present.

Whalon Casper left for Norfolk last week where he has accepted a position. 1916, which left the mind of the deceased greatly impaired so that she hardly recognized her own children, therefore the end was not unexpected, though the loss is none the less acutely felt.

Governor Bicket's Message On Crop Lien Bill Legal Ad Bill Killed

CONSTITUTION CONVENTION BILL UP

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—Although Gov. Bickett sent a special message to the legislature Wednesday urging the passage of a law embodying his anti-crop views and to further his plan of "Making landlords of the tenant farmers of North Carolina," there still exists considerable opposition to the measures so far promulgated along that line, and it comes from two or more contending sources.

Gov. Bickett wants what is called the Beasley Bill passed. Senator Goff (himself a merchant for a quarter of a century or more) and what are known as the "time merchants" are not satisfied with the pending bill although it has been re-drafted, the original bill having been killed in committee.

The Farmers Union element is said not to be entirely satisfied with the present bill, either, and there are others who are against the measure. The chief objection now seems to be the clause fixing a cash value price on which to base the ten percent advance limit "for time" charges, which is characterized as nothing short of an invitation to litigation in the courts between merchants and small farmers, or the holders of the paper of the latter, for the new bill provides that "all liens and mortgages made under the provisions of the act shall be valid for their face value in the hands of purchasers for value and before maturity, even though the charges are in excess of those allowed in this act, but in such cases the party to whom the advances are made shall have the right to recover from the party making the advances any sum he may be compelled to pay a third party in excess of the charges allowed by this act."

The new bill also contains this clause: "At the time of each sale there shall be delivered to the purchaser a memorandum showing cash prices on the articles advanced."

The message from the Governor Wednesday was chiefly relating to that feature of the Beasley bill providing for the exemption of notes to the amount of three thousand dollars in good faith for the purchase of farm homes.

The whole scheme is to be thrashed out again in committee meetings during the ensuing week.

Constitutional Convention

The bill of Representative Harry Stubbs calling for submission to the people the matter of holding constitutional convention is likely to go through the Senate any day now, it having been passed by the house with only eleven votes against. In his speech Mr. Stubbs adverted to the fact that North Carolina is the only state in the Union that has not held such a convention in over forty years.

Legal Ad Bill Again Refused

Those lawyers in the Senate who plainly "have it in" for the newspaper publishers bill to regulate the rate of legal advertising, have hit another blow. When it was reported favorably (for the second time) Wiley Person of Franklin, Jones of Buncombe, Long of Alamance and Burgwyn all jumped on it and after offering an amendment to reduce the rate from six and four cents to four and two cents a line had it referred (for the third time). They seemed anxious to kill it, but Mr. McCain may yet pull it through.

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NEXT WEEK IS PAY UP WEEK

The people of Scotland Neck and vicinity should fall in line and pay up their bills.

Cities in every part of the United States help to make Pay Up Week a wonderful success.

Next Monday begins the big event you have all been waiting for and of which so much has been said for the past few weeks.

When the National idea was first started three years ago, many of us doubted very much the successful outcome of it but it proved such a success practically everywhere it was tried, that none of us can have any doubts now about it.

This is not a movement of some one or two business men in one city to collect some of their money, but it is a nation wide movement in which millions of people will take part in which every business man and every consumer is interested.

To the people in general we are glad to say that it will be of benefit to them all, for everyone will go to those whom they owe and pay either a part or all of their debt and it is going to help pull up someone else. Consequently every small amount will be the means of passing prosperity around to many, and eventually it will come back to pay him who first started it.

Everyone should make an effort to pay up some bills next week. If you are shy of cash, undoubtedly your banker will be glad to help you with a short time loan, and by doing so you will be helping the merchant who so cheerfully extended credit to you when you needed it most.

Many times these merchants have to skimp along and borrow money to meet their obligations, when they are cheerfully carrying your credit on their books.

Start out Monday with a determined effort to pay up your bills you can and you will feel better when the week is over. You will know you are not found "wanting" and that you are in line of "progressives."