

YOUNG SOLDIER FELL OVERBOARD BUT MADE SHORE

Member of W. L. I. Spent Last Night in the Wilds of Brunswick County.

INCIDENT HAPPENED EARLY YESTERDAY

Was Returning to Fort; Forced to Battle for a Long Period in Chilling River Waters.

To drop overboard from a friendly steamer and be swallowed up in the rippling waters of the Cape Fear and to rise upon rising to the surface of the river that the mishap had passed untroubled by friends aboard the ship then rapidly receding in the distance leaving nothing but a wake of angry waters, and to be forced to battle against a tugging tide that has drawn more than one good man down to a watery grave, was the anything but pleasant experience just before noon yesterday of Private Beler Atkinson, of the Wilmington Light Infantry, now stationed at Fort Caswell, a son of Mrs. O. M. May, according to information received in the city this morning by Mr. May, stepfather of the young soldier. Mr. May left this morning for Brunswick county to be with his son, the telephonic information received being to the effect that young Atkinson was at the home of Gilbert H. Hollins, colored.

Private Atkinson is well known here where he has spent the greater part of his life, having been employed at the Wrightsville sub-station of the Tobacco Power Company prior to joining the khaki, and friends will learn with pleasure that his battle in the river was successfully fought, although he was chilled to the very bone before gaining the shore. He went overboard at a point about 15 miles down the river and there were no houses near where he swam ashore. His clothing was thoroughly soaked, and while the day was not cold, he suffered to a certain extent. It is thought that he spent the night in the wilds of Brunswick as he did not communicate with his parents here until this morning. His message was telephoned from the home of Hollins, but later efforts to get in communication with the home of the colored man this morning were unavailing, hence it was impossible to learn just how he passed the time after falling overboard and reaching the Hollins house.

That he was suffering no serious effects, although considerably shaken up by his experience, was the gist of the message telephoned to the city this afternoon and this will be learned with less pressure by friends here.

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS LEAVE.

Camp London Has Taken On Very Deserted Appearance.

The remaining members of the National Naval Volunteers, organized and recruited to full strength in Wilmington, have gone and the cheerful appearance of Camp London, Harbor Island, Wrightsville Beach, has faded into nothingness. The remaining 70 old members of this unit, under command of Lieutenant Henry Peschall, left yesterday afternoon for another point where their training will be completed before they go into active service aboard ship. The unit was organized shortly after the outbreak of the German-American war and is composed of about wholly of Wilmingtonians. Their going casts a shadow of regret across the city. The other units organized here left some time ago and are this have been whipped into excellent shape. Their going leaves only the Home Guard and the police department.

The company was split up to a certain extent which was in a measure disappointing to the enlisted men, as they were affiliated with the unit for the double purpose of serving the country and remaining with friends. The first detachment to leave went to Norfolk and will probably not meet again until after the war.

GOVERNMENT IS GRATIFIED OVER RESULTS SHOWN

Bureau Men Expect to See the Menhaden and Shark Eaten Extensively.

MEANS MUCH TO THE FISHERMEN

Usual Opposition, However, Is Being Experienced by Government to Introduction of New Ideas.

One of the representatives of the United States Bureau of Fisheries stationed here temporarily, just returned from Washington, where he was in conference with bureau chiefs looking to the development of shark and menhaden for food purposes, is authority for the statement that the government is spending thousands of dollars in investigating many food products, and in no instance had it met with such gratifying results as in the matter of the fish mentioned. Provided prejudice and ignorance can be overcome, the problem of food conservation will be easy of solution, said the representative.

He called attention to an article appearing recently in a New Bern paper, to the effect that the development of these fish for food consumption was impracticable, and perhaps impossible, and that if the fishermen encouraged the movement, it would operate against their own interest. He characterized this as a willful and deliberate though possibly ignorant attempt to defeat the object of the government at a time when new ideas in food conservation are daily being brought to the fore. That the New Bern paper was ignorant of the result of the government experiments and was speaking for the advantage of the local fishermen, as it presumed that the development of the new industry might injure them, was the opinion of the expert.

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

Several Minor Cases Disposed of At Today's Session.

In the Recorder's court this morning a case against John W. Batson, charged with obstructing the sidewalk, was dismissed. Mittie Freeman, colored, convicted of larceny, was given 30 days on the farm, with privilege to the Commissioners to hire out. Thomas Lovett, a colored youth about 13 years old, was given six months on the farm for disorderly conduct and jumping on street cars. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs in the case against Boyd Jackson, colored, in which it was alleged that the defendant was running a disorderly house.

Malpass Alleged Sclacker. J. Houston Malpass, an alleged sclacker or tender county, was before United States Commissioner A. S. Williams yesterday. The case was continued to permit the defendant opportunity of producing the family Bible in an effort to show that he is not within the draft limit. The Pender tax books indicate that Malpass is still in his twenties.

UNION MEN FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL WIN

President of Brotherhood Clerks Addressed Public Meeting Last Night.

SHARP DIVISION OF SENTIMENT MANIFEST

Representative Grant Speaks for Labor; Audience Was Attentive to Speakers, But Not Demonstrative.

"We are bound to win," was the statement made by Mr. Swift G. Nelms as he opened the meeting of the Atlantic Coast Line clerks at the Academy of Music last night, when upwards of 1,000 clerks and interested citizens were present to hear an address by Mr. J. J. Forrester, grand president of the National Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Mr. Nelms introduced Mayor P. Q. Moore and asked him to preside at the meeting.

Mayor Moore stated that he would preside over the meeting in the interest of the Wilmington people representing neither side to the controversy. He said he hoped the meeting might be accomplished by the meeting. He then presented Representative L. Clayton Grant, who made a long talk. He prefaced his remarks with the statement that he had been at once a pusher of the pen in the railroad offices, and knew something of the conditions prevailing there; had often wished for the improvement of industrial conditions and was a firm believer in organized labor. He lauded President Wilson as the greatest man in the world and said that the President recognized organized labor. He stated that all capital is the result of labor and that the right of people to organize had long been recognized in English-speaking countries. There had been no overt act committed and therefore a charge of disloyalty could not be maintained. Clerks should be loyal and should ask no more than their just due. Labor is the greatest factor in the war and ought not to be blamed for its demands. He scented the word of German influence and lauded the clerks as honest and loyal citizens.

Mr. Grant launched into a lengthy discussion of patriotism, and concluded by advising the clerks to do nothing that would in any way impede the progress of the government in assembling its resources for the prosecution of the war, and to be loyal even at the cost of their salaries. Mr. Grant then presented Mr. Forrester, who delivered the main address of the evening. Mr. Forrester opened by addressing the audience as brothers and sisters, saying that he believed in the brotherhood of man. He heartily endorsed everything that the preceding speakers had said, adding, that though he had been charged with disloyalty, if he could be shown that the march to Berlin would be impeded one foot, he would gladly leave the hall and ask the audience to go home. He proposed to show where the disloyalty resided, and stated that the Atlantic Coast Line officials should be charged with the full amount.

He said he had been called upon by four gentlemen to smooth things over, and that he had told them he would not go back on the very ideals for which the war is now being fought. The invitation to George E. Elliott, general counsel of the railroad, had been declined and he expressed regret that he could not be present to outline his views on patriotism which had been injected into the question by the Coast Line officials. He stated that the whole question involved was one of principle. That the clerks had asked for nothing, not even the right to recognition. The only thing they were holding out for was the right to organize. The clerks had started out to form a labor organization, just as the founders of our government had perfected their organization. The railroad officials gave the clerks the choice of their job or the street, dependent on whether or not they joined the union; that there were instances where it was sought to pledge the men, and he considered that an attempt to make them sign away their rights as Americans. He said that the company had discharged men for joining the union and that was the cause of the trouble on the line. He read the Coast Line statement and said it was adroitly written, in that it told the men they could join the union without objection from the company, but that they would not be desirable employees and their resignations would be accepted.

"The strike is on, and believe me it's some strike," continued the speaker. No other road has placed an embargo on munitions except the Coast Line. Numberless stray bills had shown up as the result of the inefficiency of new clerks who had been substituted for the discharged ones. He then read Mr. Elliott's letter and said that it was insincere. He defined Mr. Elliott's patriotism as being measured by the amount of dollars that he could make for the company. There had been no recognition asked for, because in the absence of an organization it was not possible to do so. He then read from the statement of Secretary of Labor Wilson, from which Mr. Elliott had quoted, and said that only the half had been told, and that the Secretary was in favor of the very things which Mr. Elliott sought to repress.

He stated that he could settle the whole question in half hour or less. All that is asked is that the discharged men be reinstated and that the men be allowed to organize, he declared. "Why do they object to the organization? Do they fear that we may take some of their profits? Do they fear that after the war they will not be able to displace us with the new flood of labor which will come in?" continued the speaker. The organization would strive for a decent day's labor. The eight hour law has been recognized. (Continued on Page Six.)

FORTUNE IN CASH FOUND DEPOSITED IN NEW YORK BANK

Mrs. Bingham Had Million and Half With Guaranty Trust Company.

ALL INTERESTS OF BINGHAM PROTECTED

Able New York Law Firm and Noted Pathologist Retained.—Result of Laboratory Reports Conflict.

The following New York dispatch to The Louisville Post is to the effect that the examination of the parts of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham's body, removed at the autopsy performed here in September, when the body was disinterred, has not been completed as yet. The dispatch reads:

"Judge Robert W. Bingham, of Louisville, Ky., engaged the New York law firm of O'Gorman, Battle & Van Diver and the noted pathologist, Dr. Otto H. Schultz, to protect his rights in the autopsy now in progress on the body of his wife, formerly Mrs. H. Flagler. Since the exhumation of the body at Wilmington, N. C., in September, the investigation to determine the exact cause of death has been conducted in New York. It is being conducted by Dr. Charles W. Nordis, head pathologist of the Bellevue Laboratories, assisted by Dr. A. O. Gettler.

"There have been conflicting reports in the last three weeks concerning the laboratory results." The following is taken from The Louisville Evening Post of October 27:

"The Louisville Trust Company, through A. G. Stith, secretary, and Robert L. Page, counsel, Friday afternoon filed in the County Court its report as one of the administrators named by County Judge Samuel W. Greene for the estate of Mrs. R. W. Bingham, who died ninety days before the report was made.

"The Louisville Trust Company says that the Fidelity & Columbia Trust Co. declined to act with it as the other administrators named, claiming that the fact that the legatees had appealed from the order naming two administrators prevented action by it until the decision of the appeal. The Louisville Trust Company says that it filed a report because advised by its counsel that it could administer the estate and that it at once made diligent efforts to get possession of the personal property and to arrange for the payment of the inheritance tax to the State of Kentucky, which is estimated to be nearly \$3,000,000.

"The report asserts that no inventory can be filed as to the estate now, as no property has been turned over to the Louisville Trust Company, and it alludes to a trip by John Stites, president of the company, to New York. He learned that Mrs. Bingham had had on deposit more than \$1,500,000 with the Guaranty Trust Company, that the latter had placed the money to the credit of the trustees under the will, William S. Kenan and William A. Blount, and that most of it was credited to the estate upon Mr. Stites' protesting against the transfer of credit.

"It appears from the report that R. W. Bingham, who was devised \$5,000,000 by a codicil, is the only person who has expressed a willingness to turn over any property in hand to the administrators. The Louisville Trust Company tells of demands made on the trustees and William Bardsley, financial agent for Mrs. Bingham and trustee under the will of her former husband, Henry M. Flagler, for delivery of any property in their hands.

"The report alludes to notices served on various corporations that they shall not turn over any stock belonging to the estate to any one other than the administrators. Allusion is made also to the fact, already made public, that action has been taken by the Louisville Trust Company in a New York court for the appointment of ancillary administrators in New York, to further efforts to get possession of assets of the estate. Hearing on this matter is set for December 14.

"The Louisville Trust Company makes it clear in its report that it proposes to take every step toward the administration of the entire estate on the ground that this State was the domicile of Mrs. Bingham, who lived here some time before her death.

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MANY STONES THROWN

Officer Rocked Sunday Night; Street Car Last Night.

The shameful waste of energy and real fighting ability in Wilmington at a time when the lines of America's Italian ally on the Isonzo front are being warped and bent by the irate hordes of Austrians and Germans that have been hurled forward with characteristic Teutonic vehemence, has been shown during the past two nights by the rocking of street cars and police officers in the southern section of the city by negroes who apparently have little to do after nightfall other than amuse themselves at the expense and discomfort of others. Two of the alleged culprits have faced Recorder Harris—one yesterday and the other today. The negro who was charged with stoning police officers was fined \$20 and the cost. The other is on trial today.

The first stoning affair occurred on Sunday night when Officer Leon George, of the plain clothes department, of the force, was attacked on Castle street near Eighth. The fusillade of missiles hurled in his direction rattled against the house of a citizen, the officer being hit but once, his knee cap stopping one of the rocks but the limp that resulted did not prevent him from accounting for one of his attackers. It was rumored yesterday afternoon that Officer George was apparently without foundation, although he did engage in a bit of Fourth of July celebration in order to keep his assailants at a safe distance.

The affair was repeated again last night, a street car being selected as the objective of the enemy, and while no damage was done, Thomas Lovett felt the hands of the law reach out and grasp him for an accounting. The second battle was fought near the intersection of Dock and Tenth streets, reports having it that the attacking force was assembled in large numbers, reserves being hurried from a nearby house where a dance was being staged.

Merely A Peace Move. (By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Oct. 30.—The Austro-German offensive against Italy, according to the Vorwarts, of Berlin, was not undertaken in an aggressive spirit with the object of conquest but solely to bring peace nearer.

EXAMINATIONS COMING

Nautical School Students Completing Course.

Fred B. Rice, inspector of hulls, will arrive here in a few days to conduct the examination of the students in the Nautical School, who will graduate next week. Between 12 and 15 students will take the examination.

An effort is being made by the Chamber of Commerce committee of the Nautical School, Mr. H. E. Bantz, chairman, to have the regulations changed so that no preliminary training in nautical matters will be necessary for those desiring to take the course. In other places, notably New York, a diploma from a high school or college is sufficient to permit entrance to the school, without further examination. The efforts of the committee will be watched with much interest, as the city and vicinity has been combed clean of those eligibles who may take the course by reason of their previous marine training.

DRIVE CAR INTO POLE.

Accident Happened At Grace and Front This Morning.

Losing control of her car for a brief moment early this morning at the intersection of Front and Grace streets, a young lady by the name of Woodcock, sent it crashing into an iron pole, supporting a police call and fire alarm box, knocking the pole awry and bending the front fenders of her machine considerably. Another young lady, her sister, was a passenger in the machine. Neither were injured.

TO ATTEND SYNOD.

Many Presbyterians Left This Morning For Fayetteville.

Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church; Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church; Rev. J. S. Crowley, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, Rev. Thomas P. Allen, and Messrs. H. C. McGowan, G. W. Shepard, H. E. Wallace and Colonel Walker Taylor and others left today for Fayetteville to attend sessions of the North Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian church which was convened this morning.

START PAYING FOR WAR

New Taxes Will Become Operative on Thursday Nov. 1.

The American Nation will on Thursday begin paying for its war with Germany—start Washingtonward its thousands of tributaries of coin that will be swelled into a golden stream as it pours into the National Treasury, to then be disbursed for war purposes. The sum total of the taxes imposed on various privileges and commodities will be of such proportions as to make less frequent Liberty Loan bond issues and will insure sufficient funds for the successful prosecution of the war.

These taxes are to be imposed on all, regardless of color, sex or taste. The railroad passenger will pay and the shipper will contribute along with the one who mails a letter or postcard regardless of the nature of the contents. Those deriving benefits from telegrams will pay and the user of tobacco will find his expense account added to.

He or she who mails a letter on and after Thursday, November 1, will pay three cents for the stamp and a erstwhile legitimate postcard will not go through the mails unless there is attached an additional stamp. An extra dime will be added to the cost of sending a telegram. An extra three percent charge will be added to freight shipments, while an eight per cent increase will be noted on passenger fares.

CORN SHOW AUTO PRIZE.

Pender Expects to Make Splendid Showing.

Miss Eva Logan, home demonstration agent for Pender county, was in the city yesterday and in speaking of the Corn Show stated that Pender would make an unusual effort to land the first prize in the automobile contest. As New Hanover will not enter the contest the event will be on an even basis for the entries. All cars will enter the city after assembling at Smith's Creek bridge. They will register at the fair grounds.

Back From Acme.

Rev. J. S. Crowley has returned from Acme, where he conducted services Friday night and Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Crowley left this morning for Fayetteville to attend the synod meeting which convenes today.

In from the Trenches

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