

WAGE WAR ON NEUTRALS.

**Eight United States Ships Attacked by Germany and 21 Americans Killed Since War Began.**

Washington Post.  
Since the war began eight American vessels have been attacked. Three were sunk by mines, one sunk by a German cruiser, one was attacked by a German aeroplane, two were torpedoed and sunk and one was torpedoed but not sunk. In addition, two British steamers carrying Americans were torpedoed and sunk.  
In all, 121 American citizens have lost their lives through Germany's naval activity. The list follows:  
January 28—William P. Frye, sunk by cruiser. No dead.  
February 20—Evelyn, mine. One dead.  
February 22—Carib, mine. Two dead.  
March 28—Falaba, British, torpedoed. One dead.  
April 3—Greenbrier, mine. No dead.  
April 30—Gulfight, torpedoed, not sunk. Three dead.  
May 1—Cushing, bombarded by aeroplane. No dead.  
May 7—Lusitania, British, torpedoed. One hundred and fourteen dead.  
May 25—Nebraskan, torpedoed, not sunk. No dead.  
July 25—Leelanaw, torpedoed. No dead.  
Total, 121 dead.

Decreased Production of Phosphate.

Dun's Review.  
The production of phosphate rock in the United States in 1914, as shown by figures compiled by W. C. Phelen of the United States Geological Survey, was 2,734,043 long tons, valued at \$9,608,041, a decrease of 377,178 long tons in quantity and of \$2,188,190 in value from the output of 1913. The output came, as usual, principally from Florida, Tennessee and South Carolina in the order named.  
The total quantity of phosphate rock—hard rock, land pebble and river pebble—marketed in Florida in 1914 was 2,138,891 long tons, valued at \$7,354,744. Compared with 1913 this was a decrease of 406,385 tons in quantity and of \$2,208,340 in value. The production of phosphate rock in Tennessee in 1914 was 483,203 long tons, valued at \$1,822,770. Compared with 1913 this was an increase of 31,644 long tons and of \$48,378. During 1914 the production of phosphate rock in South Carolina amounted to 106,919 long tons, valued at \$415,039. The production of the Western States—Idaho and Wyoming—in 1914 amounted to 5,030 long tons, valued at \$15,488, compared with a production of 5,053 tons, valued at \$18,167, in 1913.  
Soon after the outbreak of the European war the phosphate mining companies of Florida—not only the companies that produce the higher grade rock for export but also those that supply the domestic trade—either curtailed production very materially or suspended mining. The companies doing an export business were more seriously affected than those engaged in a combined export and domestic trade or in domestic trade alone. Of 51 plants operating in Florida in 1914 only 19 were in operation at the close of 1914.  
Shipments of phosphate rock to Germany, which hitherto has been a large consumer, have almost entirely ceased, and those to the other European countries have been seriously interrupted. Though foreign shipments were still being made at the end of 1914, business had been greatly retarded by lack of steamers and by increased freight rates, and there seems to be little likelihood of improvement until after peace has been declared.

NIAGARA NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Flowers visited their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Radford, Sunday.  
Among those who attended the melon fair Saturday were Mr. H. A. Crocker and son, Harvey, Mrs. B. E. Perkins and daughter, Rachel, Mr. L. C. Pulley and sisters Stella and Verlie. They report much amusement and a large crowd.  
Messrs. J. T. McDonald and B. F. Bogue, of Fremont, spent Sunday at Mrs. Ellen Pulley's.  
Mrs. Ira Baker's mother, of Mt. Olive, has been visiting her recently.  
Mrs. Clenon Pulley is spending a few days with her mother near Kenly, Mrs. W. H. Flowers.  
Mr. Gurney Edgerton visited at the home of Mr. Gaston Flowers Sunday.  
Mrs. Clenon Pulley has just returned home after spending a few days with relatives in Fremont.  
We are sorry to note that Mrs. Harvey Edgerton is yet on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.  
The people of this section are very busy cropping tobacco.  
Mr. L. C. Pulley is seriously sick with fever.  
**BLUE BELL.**  
Few things are impossible to diligence and skill.—Samuel Johnson.

ST. JOHN ITEMS.

Mr. Leslie Blackman and Miss Eunice Coor, of Goldsboro, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Flowers last Wednesday and Thursday.  
Miss Sallie Capps is spending several days with Misses Stella Stevens and Julia Williams.  
Mr. L. G. Flowers and Miss Irva Winslow spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Beasley, of Bentonville.  
Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Williams spent the day in Goldsboro last Friday.  
Miss Julia Williams visited Miss Roxie Porter, Sunday.  
The revival meeting began at Jordan's Chapel Baptist church Monday night.  
Mr. Allen Smith, of Smithfield, and Miss Floy Johnson, of Four Oaks, spent the latter part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Rose, returning home Sunday afternoon.  
Misses Bronnie and Bessie Williams spent Tuesday with Mrs. Guy Sanders. Miss Bertha Johnson, of Benson, is visiting Misses Eula and Maude Westbrook.  
Mr. Claud Langston and Miss Cora Westbrook were married last Wednesday evening. Mr. Langston is a progressive young farmer of this section, while the bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Westbrook. Their many friends wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.  
Mr. Zeb Porter and Misses Bronnie Williams and Elsie Flowers passed through Mill Creek section Sunday afternoon.

MONDAY WAR NEWS SUMMARY.

The Teutons, having failed to break through the Russian line at Lublin-Chelm Railway, are now centering their main offensive north of the Warsaw salient, and it is believed in London that the Polish capital will fall into German hands within a fortnight.  
The Teutonic troops, according to official Berlin reports, have crossed the Narew River and are advancing toward the River Bug and are 25 miles from the Polish capital.  
South of Warsaw the Germans are directing their efforts against the Russian lines of defense near Piaseczno, 12 miles from the capital, and they already have taken two positions by storm.  
The British steamship Grangewood and the Norwegian steamship Finreite were sunk by German submarines.  
The British reply to the American protest against stoppage of American ships under orders-in-council justified the procedure and quoted a Civil War incident showing that the United States blockaded Bermuda to prevent supplies reaching the Confederate States.  
On Sunday, two days after the last American note was received in Berlin, the American steamer Leelanaw, loaded with iron, which has been declared contraband by Germany, was torpedoed by a submarine. The crew was taken off and landed at Kirwall. The incident is expected to lead to another controversy between Germany and the United States.  
A French torpedo-boat destroyer is reported to have destroyed the Austrian submarine and aeroplane depot on Lagosta Island, in the Adriatic Sea.  
Two Italian aeroplanes dropped 18 bombs on the railroad station at Riva, an Austrian town, "with excellent results," according to the Italian official announcement.—Baltimore American, 27th.

Chlorine.

Chlorine, which in its liquid form the Germans are said to be using in their poison bombs, owes its discovery as an element as well as its name, to a British scientist, Humphrey Davy. It was in 1810 that he found the mysterious gas to be undecomposable into other elements. Should we decide to flatter the Germans by imitating them there would be no difficulty in finding the chlorine. The earth and the sea are full of it, in the form of salt. It would indeed be difficult not to find chlorine—in one or other of its combinations—wherever one tried, in earth, air or water; but it would be impossible to find it anywhere except in alliance with another element. Workmen who split up common salt—chlorine of sodium—in order to get the chlorine grow fat in the process, but as a set-off their teeth decay.—London Chronicle.

"What were you doing so long at the photographer's?" "Merely awaiting developments."—Boston Transcript.

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SUBMARINE VS. SUBMARINE.

**French and German Undersea Craft Engage in Dardanelles.**

Berlin, July 27 (by Wireless to Sayville).—The French submarine Mariotte was destroyed by a German submarine on July 26th in the Narrows of the Dardanelles, according to a dispatch from Constantinople to the Mittag Zeitung. Thirty-one members of the French submarine's crew were captured.

Why Raphael Was a Bachelor.

(By Madison C. Peters.)  
Raphael, the greatest of the group of early Italian artists—and they have never been surpassed—came by his talent naturally, for his father was an artist, as well as a poet.  
Raphael was born in 1483, at Colbordolo, a small town in the duchy of Urbino, whose ruler, Federigo of Montefelto, was an enthusiastic patron of all arts.  
Raphael's parents were both of good family, his father being Giovanni Santi, and his mother, who died when he was but 8 years old, being the daughter of Battiste Ciarlo, a merchant of Urbino. At the age of 11 he was left an orphan, and was placed with a painter, Pietro Perugine, an adherent of Savonarola, where he had an opportunity of developing his great talent during the nine years that this remained his home.  
He died at 37, and yet what a wonderful collection of paintings he left behind him! He was not the creator of one masterpiece, but of many; his "Transfiguration" was unfinished at the time of his death, but was carried in his funeral procession.  
His "Sistine Madonna," painted for the Benedictine Monastery of San Sisto, at Piacenza, is perhaps his best known work, having been so extensively copied, both as a whole and in part, and people who may not know the artists, know the painting by name. It now has an honored place in the Dresden Gallery, in a room set apart for it, with a setting of rich red velvet. Then there is his "Madonna of the Bullfinch," the "St. Cecilia," "The Marriage of the Virgin," his portrait of himself, and many others. One of his early works, the "Connestabile Madonna," though only 6 3/4 inches square, sold in 1871 for \$66,000.  
In 1508 the Pope, commissioned him to fresco the judicial assembly hall of the Vatican. His first fresco was called "La Disputa," the dispute of the Holy Sacrament. It was while he was engaged in this work that he met the one woman he ever loved.  
One day, while walking in the street of Santa Dorotea, Raphael espied the beautiful girl bathing her feet in a fountain of the gardens. He was so fascinated by her beauty that he left nothing undone to bring about a meeting. Unlike so many of those impulsive attractions, which often prove so disappointing, Raphael's admiration ripened into the deepest love, which lasted until his death. On his first rough studies of "La Disputa" have been found some love sonnets to the fair Margherita, showing that he inherited some of his father's poetic genius.  
So many hours were consumed in dreaming of his beloved that his work suffered in consequence, and his patron at this time, a rich banker, Agostino Chigi, in whose palace he was installed, despaired of ever having his work finished, and he finally prevailed upon Margherita to take up her abode in the palace also.  
In 1509 Raphael painted Margherita's portrait. She is described as being the pure Italian type—an oval face, with dark eyes and black hair smoothly parted over her brow.  
Margherita was an inmate of Raphael's home at the time of his death, and he left her in comfortable circumstances. Whether he did not want the confining ties of marriage, or whether he considered Margherita his social inferior, it is hard to tell—or perhaps had Margherita been more unattainable, he might have married her, but of his lasting passion there can be no doubt. It is thought that she was the original of the Sistine Madonna when she was more mature than at the time he painted her portrait. In one of his sonnets to her he writes:  
"Love, thou hast bound me with the face like snow and roses, with sweet words and tender manners. So great is my ardor that no river or sea could extinguish my fire."

Brown—"It was too bad about Dr. Smithson's death. He was only 35." Jones—"But in a way his work was finished. He had just completed his book, 'How to Live To Be a Hundred.'"—Kansas City Star.

Under and by virtue of a judgment rendered in the Superior Court of Johnston County, North Carolina, at February Term, 1915, of said Court, in the case entitled, "The Bank of Wayne and the Wayne National Bank against D. P. Crocker and Jessie Rean Crocker," the undersigned, who was by said judgment appointed commissioner for that purpose, will, on Monday, the 2nd day of August, 1915, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door in Smithfield, Johnston County, North Carolina, sell by public auction, for cash, the tract of land in said judgment described as follows:  
"That certain tract or parcel of land, situated in Ingrams township, Johnston County, North Carolina, being lot No. 13 in the division of the lands of T. T. Oliver, deceased, allotted to the said Jessie Rean Crocker and therein described as follows:  
"Known as the Four Oaks land in Ingrams township, bounded as follows: Beginning at a lightwood stump in the big path near the ford of the Archer branch, John Strickland's corner, and runs with his line W. 157 poles to a pine stump, Stanley's corner; thence with his line N. 172 poles to a stake in Tarklieve pocoson; thence S. 74 1/2, E. 328 poles to a stake on a ditch bank at the lower end of the Tarlanding field; thence S. 27, E. 84 1/2 poles to a white oak; thence S. 84, W. 133 poles to a stake, A. G. Powell's corner; thence with the Powell line S. 1 1/2, W. 115 poles to a black gum on the meanders of said creek; thence up the meanders of said creek to the mouth of Archer branch; thence up the meanders of said branch to the beginning, containing within said bounds 547 acres. To be deducted from said quantity is 24 1/2 acres sold by T. T. Oliver to C. F. Lawhorn and wife, Sophronia Lawhorn, by deed dated April 30th, 1903, and registered in the Registry of Johnston County in Book "A" No. 9, page 443, leaving in said tract 522 1/2 acres."  
Also the corporate stock in said judgment described as follows: "Ten shares of the capital stock of Pine Level Hardware Company, of the par value of \$100.00 per share, represented by Certificate No. 10 for five shares; Certificate No. 11 for three shares; Certificate No. 12 for two shares, and two shares of the capital stock of M. E. Godwin & Company, Incorporated, of the par value of \$500.00 per share, represented by Certificate No. 3 for one share and Certificate No. 4 for one share."  
This 2nd day of July, 1915.  
M. T. DICKINSON,  
Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND AND CORPORATE STOCK.

**RESALE OF VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOT IN SMITHFIELD.**  
By virtue of the power contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by L. D. Ennis and wife to Simon B. Jones, the same having been transferred to me as Trustee, and the conditions of said mortgage deed not having been complied with, I shall offer the following property for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in Smithfield, on Saturday, August 14, 1915, at 12 M.  
A certain lot being situated in the southern part of the town of Smithfield, and beginning at the intersection of Third Street and the Street North of Julius Lee's tract of land, and runs thence eastwardly with said street or alley to a stake in a line with the western edge of Fourth Street, corner of lot No. 14; thence with line of lot No. 14 and No. 13 to a stake in line with Eastern edge of Third Street; thence with line of said Third Street to the beginning, containing 7-9 of an acre, more or less.  
The same being the J. P. Canaday house and lot, conveyed to Simon B. Jones by Wm. H. and Emily Canaday, Exrs. of J. P. Canaday deceased, as will appear by reference to deed dated December 25th, 1910, and recorded in Book W. No. 10, page 595, Registry of Johnston County. The said lot was conveyed by Simon B. Jones to L. D. Ennis and part of the purchase price secured by the mortgage deed herein mentioned as will appear by reference to Book "R" No. 12, page 139, Registry Johnston County.  
The terms of sale of the above mentioned property made December 24, 1914, not having been complied with, resale is hereby advertised.  
This July 15, 1915.  
W. W. COLE,  
Trustee.

NOTICE.


North Carolina, Johnston County. In the Superior Court.  
Hassie Markham vs. J. W. Markham.  
The defendant above-named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Johnston County for the purpose of annulling and declaring void an attempted marriage between the plaintiff and the defendant; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior Court of said County to be held on the 16th day of August, 1915, at the Court House of said County, in Smithfield, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action; or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.  
This 15th day of July, 1915.  
W. S. STEVENS,  
Clerk of the Superior Court.  
A. & W., Attorneys.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix on the estate of Winifred Barefoot deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 1st day of July, 1916 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.  
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