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## SIX VESSELS SUNK BY U-BOAT

Total Tonnage for Fourth Day of Ruthlessness Amounts to 10,424. Submarines' Work Main War Feature. But Little Activity Reported on Any of Fighting Fronts Except for Raids and Artillery Engagements at Various Points on Lines.

Five neutral vessels and one British steamer have been added to the list of victims of German submarines, according to lasting dispatches. Four of the neutrals were of Norwegian registry and the other was the Spanish steamed Neuva Montana. The total tonnage lost, according to Friday's reports, was 10,424.

The Norwegian vessels lost were the Hanskinck, Storskog, Ida and Odin. Sailors on both the Ida and Odin were killed by shell fire. All except two seamen on the Storskog were lost when the submarine, to which they had been taken, submerged suddenly on the approach of a steamer, and left them to seek safety in the water. The one British steamer sunk was the Hanna Larsen, of 1,310 tons. Her captain and chief engineer were taken prisoner on board the submarine.

Except for raids and artillery bombardments on the northern end of the front in France, especially in the Somme and Ypres sectors, there has been little activity on the battle fields of Europe. Berlin reports lively activity on the Somme front, but the latest British official account mentions only small actions in the vicinity of Ypres.

French troops have carried out a successful surprise attack east of Rheims, returning with some prisoners. In the Eastern and Macedonian theatres all has been quiet, except around Stanislaw, Galicia, which, Petrograd reports, has been under bombardment of Austro-German guns.

A British torpedo boat destroyer of an old type has been lost in the English channel through striking a mine. The British admiralty says that all the officers were lost as were all the members of the crew except five, who were saved.—Columbia State, 10th.

## PITTSBURGH HAS A BIG FIRE.

Machine Shop of Union Switch-Signal Plant Destroyed. Allowed to Run its Course for Half an Hour Because of Water Plugs Being Frozen.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 10.—The machine shop building of the Union Switch & Signal Company, the largest plant for the manufacture of switch signals in the United States, and until recently engaged in filling munitions orders for the European governments, located at Swissvale, a suburb, was destroyed by fire early tonight, with a loss estimated at \$4,000,000.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, although officials of the company believe it resulted from spontaneous combustion.

The blaze started in the packing department of the building and fanned by a high wind, gained such headway that it was necessary to call out the fire departments from the adjoining boroughs of Braddock, Wilkinsburg, North Braddock and Rankin and a part of the Pittsburgh department. For more than half an hour it was impossible to throw water on the fire because of frozen water plugs.

According to the president of the company, A. L. Humphrey, no shells had been manufactured at the plant since last November. The Union Switch & Signal Company which was founded by the late George Westinghouse in 1861, was recently taken over by the Westinghouse Airbrake Company.

United States Marshal Joseph Howley announced tonight that investigation of the origin of the fire would be made by agents of the department of Justice.

## Burma's Cotton Crop.

The third forecast for the season 1916-1917 of the cotton crop in Burma gives 212,007 acres under cotton in the 10 districts that make regular returns, as compared with 185,827 acres actually cropped last year.

Plucking began early in October, and the total yield for the Province is estimated at 43,504 bales of 400 pounds, or 13,641 bales in excess of the estimate made at the same date in 1915-16 season.—Consul W. Roderick Dorsey, Rangoon, Burma, India, December 9th.

## INSTITUTE NEXT THURSDAY.

Farmers Will Meet at Pleasant Hill School House to Hear Live Topics Discussed.

The farmers of the Pleasant Hill section will have an opportunity on Thursday of this week to hear some live topics discussed by those who have charge of the Farmers Institutes in the State. The institute will be held at Pleasant Hill school house, Thursday, beginning at ten o'clock. Mr. Lacy John, County Farm Demonstrator, and Miss Nell Pickens, Home Demonstration Agent, will be with the Institute party. The farmers within reach of Pleasant Hill should be on hand and listen to the discussions.

## KENLY HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Kenly, Feb. 12.—Doctor W. L. Poteat, President of Wake Forest College, delivered a powerful address to the citizens of Kenly in the High School building Sunday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock. Notwithstanding the extremely bad roads and the many cases of mumps and measles in Kenly, nearly two hundred public spirited citizens heard and appreciated the address.

The program began with "Chimes," a piano solo, by Miss Bessie L. Sasser, head of the department of music of the school. The audience then rose and sang "Onward Christian Soldiers," after which the Reverend C. P. Jerome, pastor of the Methodist church here, led in prayer. The Kenly quartette, composed of Mr. Henry Watson, Mr. Howard Watson, Mr. J. A. Stencil, and Mr. F. E. White, then beautifully rendered "Beyond." In introducing Doctor Poteat Superintendent Andrews characterized him as a man of vision, a man of power, and a man of righteousness. Doctor Poteat, an eloquent speaker, and a fine specimen of manhood, spoke for forty minutes to the appreciative audience concerning the vital problem of community righteousness and progress.

"I am not so much concerned," he said, "how much taxes you pay or whether your town is located in Johnston or Wilson County; but I am tremendously concerned about such questions as these: 'How do your young people spend their evenings?' 'What is your chief source of entertainment?' 'Are your streets, your homes and your lives clean and wholesome?' Preachers quote Scripture; and, since I am not a preacher, it is all the more important that I cite to you the text that contains the heart of my message this afternoon. The words were spoken by Jesus Himself: 'The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted; to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.'" Doctor Poteat then clarified and emphasized his ideas by naming how they may be remedied.

After the quartette rendered another selection the audience rose bodily and thereby extended to Doctor Poteat heart-felt thanks for his message.

While in Kenly Doctor Poteat was entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bailey.

Misses Carrie Dorritt and Nettie Mai McMurry, of Goldsboro, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Andrews. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Myra Outlaw, a member of the faculty of the school at Elm City, spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brickhouse. Miss Outlaw is sister to Mrs. Brickhouse.

Mr. Yates Edgerton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton, and a student at Trinity College, spent the week-end at home with his people.

## Appointments.

Rev. Charles H. Stevens asks us to announce the following preaching appointments for him for the third Sunday in February:

Hood's Grove, Saturday at the regular hour and Sunday at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Glenwood school house, Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Canaan church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Secretary Daniels plans to ask Congress for \$800,000 for doubling the capacity of the Government torpedo factory at Newport, R. I.

## OPPOSED TO JARVIS COUNTY.

County Commissioners of Johnston County Go on Record Against the Taking Any Part of This County in the Formation of the Proposed Jarvis County.

The agitation concerning the proposed new county of Jarvis which the people of Dunn and that immediate section are asking the Legislature to form has grown much in the past few days. The people of Johnston County are opposed to having any part of this county sliced off to make anybody's new county and when it comes to taking from us Benson, one of our liveliest and best towns, the people from the several sections are rising up and protesting against the move.

At their regular monthly meeting held here on Monday, February 5th, the Board of Commissioners of Johnston County passed unanimously the following resolution:

"Whereas, there is a movement on foot to cut off a portion of the southern end of Johnston County in the formation of Jarvis County;

"And, whereas, in the opinion of this Board such action would be detrimental to the best interests of Johnston County;

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Johnston County, in regular meeting this day assembled, That we are unalterably opposed to cutting off any portion of Johnston County in the formation of Jarvis County or any other county, and respectfully ask the General Assembly of North Carolina not to interfere with the boundary lines of Johnston County or cut off any portion of said county in the formation of Jarvis County.

"Unanimously adopted this February 5, 1917."

## BENSON AGAINST THE CHANGE.

Opposes Any Cutting Off of Johnston County to Make New County.

The Board of Aldermen of the town of Benson at a called meeting, February 3rd, passed the following resolutions:

As it appears to be for the best interests of the citizens of the town of Benson, N. C., to remain in the county of Johnston, State of North Carolina, be it Resolved:

First, That we are unalterably opposed to any change being made in the boundary line of the County of Johnston, by the Legislature of North Carolina, that would place the town of Benson in any other than Johnston.

Second, That the representatives from Johnston County in the General Assembly of North Carolina be requested to oppose any measure changing the boundary lines of our county.

Third, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the General Assembly from Johnston County.

Fourth, That this resolution be published in the Benson Review and The Smithfield Herald.

## Appointments.

We clip the following list of appointments from Zion's Landmark:

Elders B. L. Treech and W. R. Helm. Dunn—Third Saturday and Sunday in February.

Benson—Sunday night.

Hannah's Creek—Monday.

Clement—Tuesday.

Four Oaks—Wednesday.

Smithfield—Thursday.

Union—Friday.

Bethany—4th Saturday and 4th Sunday.

Little Creek—Monday.

Clayton—Tuesday.

Rehobeth—Wednesday.

Fellowship—Thursday.

Bethel—Friday.

Coats—At night.

Angier—Saturday and first Sunday in March.

Willow Springs—Monday.

Middle Creek—Tuesday.

Raleigh—At night.

## Rubber From Brazil and Peru.

The total exports of crude rubber from Para and Mannaos, Brazil, and Iquitos, Peru, during November, 1916, amounted to 5,587,716 pounds, compared with 7,540,908 pounds for the same month in 1915. Shipments to the United States aggregated 2,870,044 pounds and to Europe 2,708,672 pounds compared with 5,666,009 and 1,874,899 pounds, respectively, in November, 1915.—Consul Geo. H. Pickerell, Para, Brazil.

## SCHOOL BOARD BILL KILLED.

New Bill Would Have Commission Thresh Out School Matter and Report to Next Legislature. Jarvis County Proposed. House Passes Bill to Create Examining Board to License Chiropractics in the State.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 10.—Representative Page, whose bill providing machinery for enabling counties to elect county boards of education on majority petition was killed this week by the House, called up the Oates bill for primary nominations in the counties and commissioning of the nominees by the Governor as members of these boards, and moved to table. Mr. Grier asked that the bill go over to Tuesday as a special order because of the absence of Speaker Murphy, but this was voted down and the Page motion to table carried and the clincher was applied.

Straight away, over in the Senate, Senator McCoin, who had voted against the Burgwin bill to let Bertie County elect its board, moved to reconsider and make it a special order for next week. This carried, the purpose being to take up the fight again now for right of specific counties to elect.

Meanwhile, Senator Oates, chairman of the education committee, introduced a bill to appoint an educational board to investigate and report with recommendations as to general revision of the educational system to the next Legislature.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Gray—A resolution asking Congress to call a conference of the States with representatives of the Federal government for distinguishing between sources of State and Federal taxes and to authorize the Governor of this State to appoint representatives on the part of North Carolina for such conference. Mr. Gray explained the bill as being especially to bring about an agreement between the States and the Federal government as to sources of taxation to avoid unjust double taxation. The movement, he said, is very general among the States. He told Senator Jones, of Buncombe, in reply to questions, that there was no purpose to restrain the Federal government from income taxation. The bill was put through immediate passage and sent to the House.

McCoin (by request)—Create the county of Jarvis.

New bills were introduced out of order:

Justice—Amend the law relative to the sale of lands by the wives of insane husbands.

Everett—Prohibit sale of adulterated linseed oil and provide for its inspection.

In the House, the Senate bill to divide the State into two judicial circuits with 24 districts and 24 judges, two of whom will be alternately emergency judges in reaching the smallest districts in the two circuits, was called up and set as special order for next Wednesday.

New Bills in House.

Withdraw—Prohibit the showing of drinking scenes in the movies; Reconstruct Hickory Nut Gap road.

Clark, of Pitt—Re-introduction of the bill to authorize the issuance of State bonds for security of county and township bonds of \$400,000 semi-annually at different rates of interest that liquidate the issues in 30-odd years.

Coggins—Provide for the inspection of public institutions.

King—Provide for the State Department of Agriculture to erect a suitable building for its work.

Next came up the bill to create a State board of examiners to license chiropractic practitioners, this being a measure that has been bitterly fought by practitioners of osteopathy. Representative Gardner favored the bill. He had seen the profession practiced first most satisfactory in Alaska. The bill passed by an overwhelming majority.

Bills introduced out of order: Brummitt—Provide for the enlargement of school districts in cities and towns.

Coggins—Protect the morals of boys and young men.

Grantham—Create the county of Jarvis.

McLendon—Provide physical examination of children in the State.

The House passed the bill from the Senate to annex Kings Mountain

## TO CONSIDER JARVIS COUNTY.

A Hearing Will Be Given on the New County Proposition on Friday, February 16, in Hall of House of Representatives.

On last Saturday, Mr. Geo. K. Grantham, Harnett County's representative in the House, introduced the Jarvis County bill in that body. On the same day the bill was by request, introduced in the Senate by Senator McCoin, of Vance.

The proposed county of Jarvis takes part of Harnett, Johnston and Sampson. A bill to create Jarvis County was introduced in the General Assembly of 1913, and also in 1915. But each time it failed to pass. That it will meet the same fate again is the prediction of many who have studied the situation. There would be no call for "Jarvis County" were it not that the live and wide-awake town of Dunn wants to be a county seat. It has a number of very progressive citizens who want to see a court house in Dunn with the people in that section doing their county business there. Dunn now has a "Town Hall" whose supposed importance has recently grown so great that it now is vellept the "court house of Jarvis County." Yes, the news is being sent out far and wide that the court house is already built and that Jarvis County—if it ever should happen to be—will not have to go to the trouble and expense to build one. It is well that the people understand that "that court house" is none other than Dunn's Town Hall.

But the Jarvis County bill is already in the General Assembly. A hearing before a joint committee of the House and Senate will be had next Friday, February 16, 1917, at 2:00 P. M., in the House of Representatives.

The people of Johnston County are opposed to slicing off any of Johnston County to form the new county of Jarvis. They see no need for a new county and are going to fight vigorously against taking any part of Johnston.

## AGAINST TRAVELING AGENTS.

Farmers Union Wants Increased License Tax to Protect Farmers From the Baser Sort.

(News and Observer.)

The State council of the North Carolina Farmers' Union in session February 8th, vigorously denounced the traveling agent business in rural North Carolina, asking the legislature to greatly increase the license tax on such agents and take other steps for their control.

Following is the resolution adopted:

"Whereas, we find that a very large portion of our rural districts are infested with traveling agents of the baser sort, there are men who sell for \$500 pianos costing \$100 to \$150. There are men who sell for \$65 to \$75 stoves and ranges that cost not over \$25. The sick and poverty-stricken are also robbed of untold thousands by sellers of absolutely worthless medicines. In the case of firms of national reputation or in the case of established firms doing business in North Carolina, the people are protected because such firms do not wish to ruin their reputation for the honesty and fair dealing, but these traveling agents usually represent houses of no standing, and after once robbing the people and cashing their notes, such agents never risk another appearance. And,

"Whereas, such robbery is not only unfair to farmers but to honest tax-paying business firms in North Carolina, whose trade is diminished by the sums lost on such robber-agents. Therefore be it

"Resolved, That we hereby petition the present General Assembly of North Carolina to impose heavier license taxes than have ever before been required of such agents, and also pass some statute that will insure the people protection against the more flagrant frauds now practiced.

"Resolved 2nd, That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Bickett and the chairman of the proper legislative committees."

township, Cleveland County, instead of Gaston County.

A long list of bills were passed on second reading, being roll call measure requiring a day for each of the second and third readings. Then the House passed a bill to amend the game laws of Pender County.

## NEW ARMY PLAN PRESENTED.

Universal Training Measure Favorably Reported In Senate. To Give Large Force. Would Put Nation, at End of Nine Years, in Possession of Over Three Million.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate military committee reported favorably today a bill framed by a subcommittee creating a military and a naval citizen reserve force based on universal military training and service.

While the committee report does not indicate any belief that congress will act on the measure at this session, the bill offers a specific plan on which public sentiment can crystallize. The bill requires six months' training without pay for all youths during their 19th year. Exceptions are confined to the members of the regular army and navy, those physically unfit, those who are the sole support of dependent relatives and those afflicted with religious creeds which forbid them to bear arms. The latter class are liable, however, for training in the non-combatant branches of the army.

It is estimated the bill would provide for the training of 500,000 boys annually, each of whom would be furloughed into a reserve for nine years after his training period. With allowance for shrinkage of classes, this plan would give a total force of 3,165,000 men who had had six months' training, at the end of the first nine year cycle all subject to call for service only in the event of a "defensive" war or its imminence.

The committee measure, which is based on that prepared by Maj. Moseley, formerly of the army general staff, fixes military training as a duty of citizenship, denying naturalization until such training has been at least begun or exemption granted. All government and private employment would be closed to those who could not produce certificates of training or exemption. A blanket penalty with a maximum of \$1,000 fine and a year's imprisonment for each offense is provided for the violation of any section of the act except that those who evade training when liable for it must serve a longer time.

For nine years, or until he has passed his 28th year, each reservist would be required to report in person annually to the registration authorities of his military district. In case of war the youngest classes would be called first. After his 28th year a reservist would pass into the great body of the unorganized militia subject only to the general laws.

## Loss of Life on California Is 41.

Forty-one lives were lost when the Anchor line California, bound from New York to Glasgow, was torpedoed last Wednesday morning off the Irish coast. The liner sank in nine minutes.

The only American on board, John A. Lee, quartermaster on the vessel, was among those saved.

Two torpedoes were fired. The first struck the liner just as the gunner was training the 4.7 gun mounted on the stern aiming at the spot where oil bubbles on the surface of the sea betrayed the presence of a submarine. The second torpedoes went wild.

Five persons were killed and a score injured by the explosion that followed the first shot.

Both torpedoes were fired from a distance of about 300 yards. The U-boat was not visible.

## BALTIC SAFE AT LIVERPOOL.

Liner Passes Through "War Zone" Without Mishap, Carrying Munitions.

New York, Feb. 9.—The steamship Baltic, of the White Star Line, has arrived safely at Liverpool according to a cable message received here tonight by officers of the company. The message, besides announcing that the Baltic had reached her pier, said "all well."

The arrival of the Baltic removes from the danger zone another British vessel carrying United States citizens. There were two Americans among her 44 passengers.—The steamship took to England a full cargo of munitions.

Senator Weeks has introduced an amendment to the naval bill to name the six new battle cruisers John Paul Jones, MacDonough, Decatur, Perry, Farragut and Dewey.