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GERMANY SCORES ON WATER.

Two British Destroyers Sunk. Germany Has Four or Five Zeppelins Shot Down in French Territory. Many Persons Killed and Injured in a Raid Over England. Russian Fleet Caught in Waters Around Riga.

Germany scored on the water in Saturday's news developments, which recorded the breaking up a merchant convoy in the North Sea by raiding cruisers that sank two British destroyers and nine of the twelve convoyed ships. She suffered little less than a disaster in the air, however, when four and probably five Zeppelin airships believed to be returning from a raid on England were brought down in French territory by airplane and anti-aircraft gun fire.

The sea tragedy cost the British the lives of 135 of the officers and men on the destroyers who were left to their fate by the German raiders in their haste to escape, as were the crews of the sinking merchantmen. About one hundred of the merchant sailors, however, are known to have reached the shore in boats or on British patrol craft. All but three of the trading ships were of Scandinavian nationality, most of them apparently being small vessels.

The character of the raiding warships is not exactly apparent. The British admiralty describes them as very fast and heavily armed, while Berlin in its report refers to them as "light sea fighting forces." They escaped the vigilance of the British guardships under cover of darkness both on their outward and homeward trips.

The story of Germany's reserve in the air began with the account of a raid on England last night in which the bombs the Zeppelins dropped killed twenty-seven persons and injured fifty-three others. Reports soon began to be received, however, of Zeppelins being brought down in France. These were at first supposed to belong to an independent raiding fleet. Dispatches from France late in the day, however, declared them to be the raiders returning from England. They had appeared over French territory, it was stated, and were scattered to various parts of the country as the alarm went out and the French airmen rose in swarms to attack them.

If, as appears from the dispatches these were the airships which raided England, their struggle to get over German territory was a long and desperate one, for those brought down were far from the sea when they fell. One of them was chased through several districts of Central France before being finally disposed of. The fact that none of them dropped any bombs in France seems to indicate that they had exhausted their supply previously.

The situation of the minor Russian fleet which was caught by the Germans in the waters around the Gulf of Riga is apparently a desperate one. The Germans have sown mines south of Moon Sound to block an exit to the Russians there while they are closing the route to the north by their operations for taking possession of Dago Island, which Berlin reports say are proceeding according to the German plan.

On the western fighting front the artillery battles are continued both in Flanders and in Aisne region but no infantry operations of moment are reported. In none of the other war areas either, has the operations been of a nature to command especial attention.—Associated Press Summary of Saturday.

Johnston County Association to Meet.

The Johnston County Baptist Association will meet one week from tomorrow on Wednesday, October 31st, at Corinth church in the northern part of this county. This is the most important general meeting of the Baptists for the year and it is expected a large number of their representative people will attend. Each of their churches is entitled to five delegates. We are informed that business of unusual importance will be before the coming session.

The government forecast of the first war crop of potatoes is 452,000,000 bushels, an increase of 100,000,000 bushels over last year, according to announcement made last week by L. D. Sweet, head of the potato division of the United States food administration in New York.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY.

Interesting Program Carried Out at Smithfield Methodist Church Last Sunday With 195 Present. Patriotism Intensively Dramatized in Word and in Song.

(By G. T. W.)

Sunday morning Rally Day was observed at the Methodist Sunday school by giving a beautiful program, "Flags of Freedom." An appropriate souvenir, a celluloid flag, was given to each one present. The attendance was 195 with several visitors. We were glad to have the visitors and hope that they will come again next Sunday. They will be welcome as regular pupils.

Some alert observers of Mr. Cole's class reported conditions as found in the community and in the nation. The following participated by giving reports in a scout-like manner: Everett Thornton, Lyndon Jordan, Solon Cotton, Dwight Johnson, Marvin Woodall, and Jesse Capps.

Mr. Dan Sellers, aged 65, was the oldest person present, and the youngest was Ralph Ellis, age 13 months, who was presented a flower.

After a short intermission, the classes formed in line and marched into the church to continue the rally day exercises through the hour for regular preaching services. The Primary Department led, followed by the Intermediate Department, the Juniors, Philatheas, Baracas, men and women. It was an inspiring sight—a child shall lead them—and fathers and mothers attending the school for the study of the Word of God.

Mr. A. M. Noble whose topic was "The Day We Celebrate," told about the nation-wide Luther Celebration, and the Protestant Reformation. The rest of the program follows:

Prayer—Mr. Cotton.

Reading from Luther's Favorite Psalms, by Mr. Cotton.

Hymn, by Congregation.

Reading of "The Present Crisis," by Mrs. T. J. Lassiter.

Song, by the congregation.

Offering for Sunday school extension work.

Landing of Pilgrim Fathers, by Marvin Woodall.

Song, by the congregation, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Song, by the Choir, "Our Flag."

Recitation, by Hugh Fuller, "Our Country."

Song, by the Choir, "My Native Land."

Liberty, Thelma Peedin.

Japan, Margaret LeMay.

China, Lucile Cotter.

India, Annie Harper.

South America, Mamie Peterson.

America, Jean Abell.

Recitation, by Miss Erma Stevens, "The American Flag."

Pledge to American Flag—I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands—one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice to all.

Pledge to Christian flag—I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Saviour for whose kingdom it stands—one brotherhood uniting all mankind in service and love.

Closing song, by all the congregation: "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The costumes worn by the young ladies representing citizens of countries were very striking and with the flags of these nations made a lasting impression. The idea running through the exercises is freedom in religion.

The exercises were well rendered and each person taking part in them did well. Special thanks are due Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, and Mrs. L. T. Royall for the splendid training given those taking part in the program. The exercises will be long remembered for the vital impressions left with us.

Another remarkable feature of rally day was the reading in the Baraca class of its Roll of Honor—the names of sixteen young men, members of class or church or both. The list of men with the colors follows:

Roy Bailey, Leon W. Bailey, Dr. The Hooks, Bernice L. Jones, Ira W. Medlin, Oliver Rand, Oscar R. Rand, Jr., Walter R. Rand, E. P. Ruckman, Luther T. Pierce, Chester L. Stephenson, George R. Sanders, Ben F. Wellons, Ira C. Whitley, Hunter Woodall and Percy H. Youngblood.

Two men held up an express messenger on a train near Dyerburg, Tenn., Friday and secured about \$12,000 in currency and made their escape.

AMERICAN TRANSPORT SUNK.

70 Lives Are Lost As Ship Is Torpedoed. Transport Antilles, Former Morgan Liner, on Homeward Journey When Attacked. It Was Being Convoyed. All Naval and Army Officers Aboard Saved. Three Ship's Officers Perish.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The American army transport Antilles, homeward bound under convoy, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone Wednesday. About 70 men are missing and probably are lost.

All the army and navy officers aboard and the ship's master were among the 167 survivors. The missing are members of the crew, three civilian engineers, some enlisted men of the navy and 16 of 33 soldiers returning home for various reasons. Neither the submarine nor the torpedo was seen and the transport, hit squarely amidships, sank in five minutes.

This tragedy of the sea, the first in which an American ship engaged in war duty has been lost, is the first of its magnitude to bring home to the people of the United States the rigors of the war in which they have engaged against Germany. It carries the largest casualty list of the war, so far, of American lives, and marks the first success of German submarine attacks on American transports.

That the loss of life was not greater is due to the safeguards with which the navy has surrounded the transport service and the quick rescue work of the convoying warships.

Secretary Daniels announced the disaster tonight in a statement based upon a brief dispatch from Vice-Admiral Sims, which gave few details and did not say whether it was a day or night attack. An accurate list of the missing cannot be issued until General Pershing reports the names of the army men on the vessel, and the list of the merchant crew.

COAST LINE CLERKS ON STRIKE.

Thirty-Six Men at Goldsboro, Tarboro. Wilson and Fayetteville Join Movement. 45 Out at Jacksonville. Five More Join Strikers at Rocky Mount.

Rocky Mount, Oct. 19.—Thirty-six clerks of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company at Goldsboro, Wilson, Tarboro and Fayetteville have walked out in sympathy with similar strikes at Richmond, Jacksonville and Rocky Mount. At Goldsboro six walked out; Wilson 15; Tarboro 6, and at Fayetteville nine went on strike. These clerks walked out today at noon.

The number of clerks now on strike at Rocky Mount as stated by a representative of the clerks' organization here is 17. This representative also says that others at Rocky Mount are expected to follow suit within the next 24 hours.

The clerks demand recognition of their union, the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, and the reinstatement of the dismissed employees. The first action was taken at Richmond when 46 walked out. This followed by 12 more at Rocky Mount yesterday and 45 at Jacksonville and 36 from these four towns went on strike today.

A representative of the clerks here says that clerks at many other places on the Atlantic Coast Line are expected to go on strike beginning tomorrow. No serious tie-up has resulted in the departments affected at Rocky Mount so far. At a late hour tonight no settlement of the controversy was in sight. Officials of the road here have not issued any statement.

Fayetteville, Oct. 19.—In sympathy with the general strike of clerks on the Atlantic Coast Line system all freight clerks at this point with the exception of two walked out today. The two who did not strike were the chief clerk and cashier.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 19.—Forty-five clerks employed in officers of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway here, went on strike this morning in sympathy with clerks of the same line who walked out several days ago in Richmond. The clerks are demanding a recognition of their union and the reinstatement of one of their number who yesterday lost his position.

Among the few English words that contain the vowels in their reverse order are uncomplimentary and unnoticeably.

THE JOHNSTON COUNTY FAIR.

November 7th, 8th, and 9th is "Show Off Day" for the Johnston County Folks.

There will be a parade every day at eleven o'clock. It will start from the Court House and end up in the Fair grounds. A real band will head the procession. All those who can be asked to take part. At least fifty floats are expected.

The different clubs are asked to meet at the Court House to organize in groups for the parade, at 9 o'clock on the 7th. This applies especially to the corn, pig, poultry and calf clubs. The farmers and the city folks alike are asked to have a float, educational or comical, in the line-up. The best float gets ten dollars. Mr. E. J. Wellons is the man to see about them in order to avoid repetition. Contrast is wanted. For instance, two men may co-operate, one drive the poorest and ugliest mule to the most depopulated vehicle in the county and the other drive the fattest and best looking mule in the county to the up-to-date rig and label them "Then" and "now." The same might be done with other animals or farm produce.

All the exhibitors will get passes to the Fair grounds. All the club members, not exhibitors, in groups will get in for fifteen cents, school children included.

This is the time of the year when all the Johnston County farmers are expected to come to the front. This they can do by picking out the best livestock or produce on the farm; spruce up, put up a lunch and bring the farm to the County Fair for at least one day, the day of the big parade, 7th, to show the other folks a thing or two and to get that cotton-kink out of their backs. Come.

THE LIBERTY LOAN.

Attention, people of North Carolina! Open hearts! March!

Your President has called on you. Your Governor has appealed to you. Your boys, soon to be in the trenches, are turning wistful eyes to you. They bear your names; shall they not in their equipment bear abroad unequalled evidence of your love? Open pocket-books! Double time! March!

The winters in France are cold; are you willing for these plucky boys to shiver for lack of dollars to be converted into wool and warmth? Your table knows no lack; can you stand for your own sons abroad to have less abundance? Our boys have to shoot; are you willing for them to fire with obsolete guns? Artillery paves the way for every infantry attack and saves an untold number of lives; shall our Tarheel lads have to rush into battle without the protective barrage of thousands of splendid guns and well-timed shells? Flying machines reveal enemy plans and guide every movement of our arms; shall they not be so gladly and generously furnished that they will hover like a protective cloud over the sons of our homes? Brave men will drop from wounds and sickness; shall they perish for lack of hospitals equipped with every healing art to nurse them back to robustness? Crossing the ocean is dangerous unless convoys encompass the transports; shall attending convoys not be multiplied until our troopships sail through guarded lanes? To supply this clothing, food, guns, cannon, hospitals, flying-machines, ships, money, money, money is quickly needed. Let us not love our dollars more than our boys. Let us out of our abundance or out of our sacrifice provide an equipment worthy of the magnificent manhood and proud annals of our loved country. Act this hour.

Grasp pens! Draw checks! March! Joseph G. Brown, Raleigh; Alan T. Bowler, Raleigh; Chas. E. Johnson, Raleigh; Dr. D. H. Hill, Raleigh; H. M. Victor, Charlotte; L. L. Jenkins, Asheville; E. P. Wharton, Greensboro; W. S. Blakney, Monroe; W. E. Borden, Goldsboro; A. M. Dumay, Washington; W. A. Hunt, Henderson; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; B. S. Jerigan, Raleigh; E. C. Duncan, Raleigh; T. B. Crowder, Raleigh; J. A. Gray, Jr., Winston-Salem; Geo. A. Holderness, Tarboro; J. V. Grainger, Wilmington; J. C. Branswell, Rocky Mount; W. L. Marshall, Wadesboro; J. B. Blades, New Bern; W. G. Gaither, Elizabeth City; J. F. Wiley, Durham—Central Committee for North Carolina.

NEW PRESIDENT STATE FAIR.

Mr. Charles W. Horne, of Clayton, Unanimously Chosen to Succeed Mr. R. O. Everett. Mr. Horne's Father Was President State Fair.

The North Carolina Agricultural Society at its annual meeting in Raleigh Thursday night elected Mr. Charles W. Horne, of Clayton, to succeed R. O. Everett, of Durham, as President of the State Fair. Mr. Horne was placed in nomination by Mr. W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, and seconded by Mr. Carey J. Hunter, of Raleigh.

Mr. Horne's father, the late Ashley Horne, was President of the State Fair in 1915, when President Roosevelt was the guest of honor at the Fair.

The people of Johnston County are greatly pleased that one of their sons has been honored in this way, and we may expect a great Fair next year, one that will surpass any of the past.

MR. STUCKEY GETS GOOD JOB.

Johnston County Boy Who Worked His Way Through Schools Goes To Tennessee at Good Salary.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Oct. 20.—The people of Smithfield and Johnston County will be glad to learn that Mr. Jasper Stuckey, a graduate of Turlington Graded School, and a senior in the University of North Carolina, has accepted a position as Superintendent of a large limestone factory at Bridgeport, Tennessee, at a salary of \$1,500 per year.

Mr. Stuckey worked his way through the high school at Smithfield, and has made practically all of his expenses at the University. At the beginning of his Junior year in college he chose Geology as his life work, and since that time he has specialized in this field. The same thoroughness and persistence which has characterized his action since at the age of twenty-one he entered the high school with the determination of winning his way through college, has been the outstanding feature of his work in the University and easily marked him as the man best fitted to accept the great opportunity which came and to discharge the duties of his office in a way which would be creditable to himself and the University which trained him.

AT RALEIGH 12 YEARS AGO.

Fifty Thousand People Greeted President Roosevelt at State Fair in 1905. Johnston County Won Cash Prize of One Hundred Dollars.

In looking over the files of The Smithfield Herald for 1905, we came across this interesting bit of news in the issue of October 20, 1905:

"(Special to The Herald.)"

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 19.—A rousing greeting was extended President Roosevelt here today by more than fifty thousand people. The program was carried out without a hitch.

The President made a speech characteristic of the man. His reference to the bravery of Confederate soldiers was warmly applauded. His speech was principally on forest preservation and railroad rate regulation. After the speech he was the guest of the Agricultural Society, eating luncheon with the marshals and other invited guests.

"The Fair is a good one and President Horne is highly gratified over its success. Johnston has again won the cash prize of one hundred dollars for the best county exhibit. Several of our exhibits also won premiums." We are publishing this extract from The Herald of twelve years ago for two reasons:

First, to remind the people that our esteemed countryman, the late Ashley Horne, was President of the Fair at that time.

Second, to call attention to the fact that Johnston County's exhibit won a cash prize of one hundred dollars as the best county exhibit at the Fair that year. This good exhibit was due to the untiring efforts of President Horne and Mr. Henderson Cole. This year Johnston had no county exhibit at the State Fair. Since another one of our countymen, Mr. Charles W. Horne, is to be President next year, let us start about it in time to have a county exhibit that will surpass anything seen in Raleigh at the next State Fair.

MEN JUMP FROM SINKING SHIP.

When Antilles Sank 40 or 50 Men Sprang 50 Feet Into the Sea. All Survivors Praise Captain and Gunners. Survivors Are Landed. Some Cared for at French Port Hotel and Others Have Gone to Paris.

A French Port, Oct. 21.—Survivors of the United States transport Antilles, which was sunk by a German submarine last week while being convoyed on her homeward trip by American warships, were landed here today by auxiliary vessels and are being cared for by the American consulate. Some of the men have been hedged in local hotels and a few have left for Paris.

The torpedo struck the ship at a quarter to seven o'clock Wednesday morning. Many of those on board were killed in their berths and others while dressing. The explosion killed the engineers, oilers and mechanic and those of the crew who were in the bunks below.

All the survivors praise the captain of the Antilles and the members of the gun crew, who stuck to their posts while the officers searched with field glasses for the submarine until the waves closed over the ship.

When the Antilles sank, 40 or 50 men were at the stern. Most of them leaped 50 feet or more into the sea as the stern rose to a perpendicular position and some were drawn down by the section of the sinking vessel.

The submarine was not sighted either before or after the explosion. The sea was running high at the time, making it difficult to save the crew and passengers. Some survivors, clinging to debris, were in the water an hour before they were sighted by the life boats.

GREAT BIG DAY AT THE FAIR.

Wednesday, November 7th, Educational Day.

Wednesday, November 7th, 1917, is Educational Day for the Johnston County Fair. It is the first day of the Fair, and the best day of its kind, for there is only one day like it. It will be Educational Day for the old and the young. The Fair Association has made it possible to have the greater majority of school children of Johnston County present on that day and a special program of amusement for the children, as well as the grown folks, has been arranged.

Attractive floats will be made to represent the different schools, and the children will form a line and parade over to the grounds, keeping step to the music from the famous Victor's Band. Every school child will be admitted into the Fair grounds on this day for 15 cents, and all parents are urged to come and bring their children, see what their children can do and are doing in school, watch them have a big time and enjoy it with them.

So parents, forget your old age, bundle up the kiddies and come to the Fair on Wednesday, loosen up your heart to the children and let them go back home happy, and you'll find that you yourself have had a bigger time than you thought it possible for "Parents," and as for the children—they will work harder, love you better, and do more for you by this little outing with them than ever before.

AMERICAN NAVY HIT.

American Destroyer Torpedoed by Submarine. One Man Killed.

An American destroyer on patrol duty in the war zone was torpedoed by an enemy submarine Tuesday and had one man killed and five wounded. The destroyer managed to make port in spite of severe damage. Vice Admiral Sims cabled a brief report of the incident to the Navy Department. He gave few details, but it is assumed there was no fight and that the U-boat made good her escape after launching a torpedo without showing herself.

Gunner's Mate Osmond Kelly Ingram was the man killed. He was blown overboard by the explosion and his body was not recovered. His mother, Mrs. Betty Ingram, lives at Pratt City, Ala. The wounded were not seriously hurt.

Although American torpedo boat destroyers have covered nearly a million miles since the United States entered the war, crossing the ocean, convoying vessels and chasing submarines, this is the first time one has been successfully attacked.