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AMERICAN STEAMER EVELYN BLOWN UP

CARRYING COTTON FOR BREMEN SHE STRIKES MINE IN THE NORTH SEA.

WAS NOT IN NEW WAR ZONE

First Government Insured Vessel Lost—Sensation Results From the News at Washington.

Bremen.—The American steamer Evelyn which sailed from New York January 23 with a cotton cargo for Bremen was sunk by a mine off Borkum Island in the North Sea. The vessel's captain and 27 of her crew were saved.

The nationality of the mine which destroyed the Evelyn has not been established. The Evelyn is the first American vessel to meet with disaster as a result of a sea warfare of the European nations. She does not sink within the war zone included in the German admiralty's decree.

The Evelyn was a single screw, steel steamship and was commanded by Captain Smith. She belonged to Harris, Irby & Vose of New York. She was 252 feet long and 1,185 tons net. She was built in Southampton England in 1883.

Washington.—The United States government was advised officially of the destruction of the first American vessel on the high seas since the outbreak of the European war.

After a conference with President Wilson, Secretary Bryan called Ambassador Page at London and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to make an exhaustive inquiry as to the facts.

The sinking of these five vessels and in addition, the British steamer Victoria, Humphreys, of the Atlantic, was sunk in the Bay of Biscay on February 18.

Twilight Sleep Operation. Raleigh, N. C.—The condition of Speaker Emmet R. Wooten, of the House of Representatives, injured in an automobile accident recently continued to grow worse.

John Barclay Moon Dead. Richmond, Va.—John Barclay Moon, chairman of the Virginia Debt Commission, for 20 years counsel for the University of Virginia, and widely known as an attorney, died suddenly at his home in Albemarle county.

Canal Tolls Reduced 20 Per Cent. Washington.—Under instructions of Secretary Garrison, changes are being prepared in the regulations for computation of Panama Canal tolls.

Eulogies on Senator Bacon. Washington.—Eulogies were delivered in the house on the late Senator Bacon of Georgia.

GERMANS TORPEDO FRENCH STEAMER

ONE BOAT STRUCK MINE IN ENGLISH CHANNEL AND ANOTHER WAS TORPEDOED.

ACTIVE IN NEW WAR ZONE

President Wilson and Cabinet Discuss Dangers to American Vessels Caused by New War Zone.

Washington.—President Wilson and his cabinet discussed at length dangers to American vessels and commerce growing out of the reiterated determination of the German government to wage a submarine and mine warfare on enemy's vessels and disclaiming responsibility for what has happened to neutral vessels venturing into the new sea war zones.

Struck By Mine. Dover.—The Norwegian tank steamship Beiridge, which sailed from New Orleans January 23 and Newport News February 5 for Amsterdam struck a mine off Dover. She was beached near here.

Dieppe, France, via Paris.—A German submarine torpedoed without warning the French steamer Dinorah from Havre for Dunkirk, at a point 15 miles off Dieppe.

Wilson Opens Exposition. President Touched Button and Set. San Francisco.—An electric spark of enormous potential, jumping across the continent, opened the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at noon, Pacific coast time.

Argentine May Warn Ships to Leave. Buenos Aires.—The Argentine government is considering warning the German steamer Holger and the auxiliary cruiser Ardonna to leave their port within 24 hours or be disarmed and interned.

Medal for Sir John French. Paris.—The Government decided to confer the military medal on Field Marshal Sir John French commander-in-chief of British forces in the field.

Congress Rushing Through Bills. Washington.—Confronted with the necessity for appropriating an average of \$90,000,000 a day for the next few legislative days, Congress began hurrying through the measures which will supply the billion dollars needed to run the government during the next fiscal year.

England Suspends Traffic. Washington.—All travel between England and the continent of Europe has been suspended by the British admiralty until further notice according to advice received at the state department.

FAIR OPENS



GREAT CONVENTION OVER ATTRACTING ATTENTION

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION ENDS GREAT THREE DAYS' BIENNIAL SESSION.

Near Four Thousand Delegates Make Charlotte Meeting Greatest in History of Sessions.

Charlotte.—Closing its three days' biennial session in this city, the Laymen's Missionary Convention of the Southern Presbyterian Church East of the Mississippi left the matter of date and place of next meeting with the executive committee.

The afternoon session was given over to a conference on stewardship and an address by George Innes of Philadelphia on "How Can a Man Best Send His Money Ahead."

SHIP BILL STRIKES SNAG. Demand Upon Freedom of China. Peking.—If information from presumably well informed sources, both foreign and Chinese, is correct, the memorandum recently given by the Japanese legation to American, British, French and Russian diplomatic representatives respecting Japan's demands on China omits certain of the requirements originally presented to Peking.

Relief For Samoan Islands. Washington.—The American Red Cross authorized an emergency appropriation of \$2,000 from its contingent fund for the relief of the inhabitants of Manua Island, Samoa.

British Steamers Destroyed. Buenos Aires, Argentine.—It is reported from credible sources that the German steamer Holger was sighted heading for Buenos Aires and having on board the crews of several steamers sent to the bottom by some German warship, probably off the coast of Brazil.

Gas Explosion Kills Eight Miners. Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Eight mine workers were killed and six seriously injured by a gas explosion at the Prospect colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company here.

Change in Mexican Situation. Washington.—The United States, President Wilson said has received no confirmation of reports that Spain had addressed the powers on restoring order in Mexico.

BRITAIN SUMMONS HUNGER AS AN ALLY

NAVAL WAR ZONE METHODS ARE NECESSARY FOR NATIONAL PRESERVATION.

THE GERMANS WANT FOOD

If United States Will Furnish Them and Refuse Allies Then All Will Be Well.

Berlin, via London.—Germany's reply to the protest of the United States against designation of a naval war zone about the British Isles is couched in the most friendly terms, but firmly maintains the position of Germany as already announced.

The reply closes with the expression of hope that the United States may prevail upon Great Britain "to return to the principles of international law recognized prior to the outbreak of the war."

FLY BEFORE GERMANS. Populous Towns in Eastern War Zone Emptied of People. Petrograd, via London.—The German advance toward East Prussia up to the towns of Kovno and Grodno appears designed to cut the railroad communications to Warsaw.

Honor to Clerk W. T. Aycock. There was adopted a resolution as to the death of Engraving Clerk William T. Aycock and the president was directed to appoint a special committee from the senate to accompany the remains of the union station at 12:30 o'clock.

Discuss Suffrage Bill in Senate. Senate had in session in the House of Representatives over the Judge Carter-Solicitor Abernethy investigation episode abated when the senate started an exceptionally spirited and spicy discussion of the proposed woman's suffrage bill.

House Bills Pass Final Reading. Bills passed third reading: changing boundary line of Fairfield school district; Hyde county; relative to election of commissioners in Hertford county; relating to court reporter for the ninth judicial district; prohibiting hunting and selling quail in Surry county.

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Appropriation Bill is Up. Washington.—Blocked in their efforts to get a vote on the House ship purchase bill, Democratic Senators agreed to take up appropriation bills and sent the shipping measure to conference until February 27.

100-6 HOUSE VOTE ON ANTI-JUG LAW

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE BILL PROHIBITS DELIVERY OF LIQUOR IN STATE.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People Gathered Around the State Capitol.

Raleigh. After strenuous arguments of nearly three hours the house voted 100 to 6 for the Grier bill for the prevention of shipments of intoxicating liquors from points without the state to points within the state.

Two Big Features in House. The House passed by a large majority the Seawell insurance bill to give the State Commissioner of Insurance the power to raise or lower the fire insurance rates after the manner of the law in Kansas.

Endorse Ship Purchase Bill. A joint resolution introduced in the senate by Senator Ward and in the house by Representative Grier of Iredell, passed both branches of the Legislature endorsing the Administration ship-purchase bill that has been pending in the United States Senate for some days under such strenuous conditions.

\$20,000 For Mount Mitchell. The Senate received from the Committee on Appropriations the bill for \$20,000 to be appropriated for the purchase of a portion of the forest covered top of Mount Mitchell.

Many House Bills Passed. Improve the roads in Albemarle township, Stanly county; provide for local improvements in municipalities; authorize bonds for the construction of Pasquotank county; amend the 1913 local law relative to charge for the reconnection of meters; authorize bonds by the commissioners of Polk county; provide for an election on bond issue in Bladen county; extend the time for the organization of the Northern Railroad Company; regulate the working of convicts in Bladen county; require the Atlantic Coast Line to fence its right-of-way through Columbus county; amend the law as to the Elizabeth City Graded schools.

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Tax Newspapers Running Contests

Following final approval of the three remaining sections of the revenue bill the House passed the bill for second roll-call reading and it took its place on the calendar for final reading and passed.

The house in committee of the whole adopted the Mintz amendment to section 57 of the revenue bill changing the special tax on newspaper circulation contests from 50 for weeklies and 150 for dailies to \$10 for weeklies and \$25 for dailies; and voted down an amendment by Williams of Cabarrus designed to allow counties to tax illuminating oil companies in addition to the state inspection tax.

These were the two big features of the session. The passage of the Seawell bill was without debate having come over as unfinished business from the long discussion of the measure. The debate of the Senate bill for examination and certification of teachers was long and spirited, with Chairman Mintz of the Committee on Education leading the fight for the bill and his Wayne County colleague, Representative Matt Allen, as one of the chief opponents.

Concord Lady Wins Prize. Concord.—It will be interesting to North Carolina fashion to know that a Southern woman, Miss Nannie Alexander of Concord, has been awarded the second prize and also a certificate of award in a New York contest for original design in ribbon trimmed hats.

Value of North Carolina Hogs has increased \$3,463,000 during the last five years.

MARKET REPORTS. Cotton, Cotton Seed and Meal Prices in the Markets of North Carolina For the Past Week.

Town	Price of lint	Price of seed	Price of meal
Farmville	8c 42-48 1/2	30.00	20.00
Jacksonville	7 1/2 c	40.00	25.00
Waynesville	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Wilmington	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
South Eastern	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Fayetteville	7 1/2 c	40-45	30.00
Greenville	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Maxton	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Battleboro	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Kent	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Lenoir	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Raleigh	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Wilmington	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Weldon	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
South Central	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Charlotte	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
King	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Montroe	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Mooresville	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Newton	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
North	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Shelby	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Stokes	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Swain	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00
Norfolk, Va.	7 1/2 c	35-40	30.00

WEATHER FORECAST

Movements Due and Their Local Effects For the Cotton State, Feb. 25 to March 7, 1915.

Carothers Observatory Forecast Sunday, February 25.—The week will open with a cold wave in the Eastern Belt as previously forecast and with warmer weather prevailing in Western Belt.

Monday, March 1; Tuesday, March 2; Wednesday, March 3. Cool Wave is due to sweep across the South Monday and Tuesday. It is believed without precipitation, and it will bring 10 degrees cooler weather, with light frosts in Eastern Belt nearly to the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts.

Thursday, March 4.—To Sunday, March 7.—Rain setting in in Western Belt Thursday will sweep the South Friday and Saturday in advance of the cool wave. This movement will cool the South Saturday and Sunday, when a rather cool weather minimum ranging about 50 degrees, with clearing.

CAPE LOOKOUT CONTRACT LET Harbor of Refuge Largest Government Project Ever Undertaken in State.

Wilmington.—Major H. W. Stickle, United States Engineer in charge of the Wilmington district, has announced that to D. L. Taylor & Co. of Medina, N. Y., have been awarded the contract for building the first section of the biggest government project ever attempted in North Carolina.

The contractor must begin the work within six months. It is probable that he will begin within three months. The agreement makes it mandatory that at least 27,000 tons of rock be placed each month.

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