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RECENT EVENTS IN WORLD WAR

Record of Past Two Weeks Condensed For Benefit Of Busy Readers Of This Paper

Another merchant vessel has been torpedoed in the Irish Sea by a German submarine. The fated ship this time was the British coasting steamer, Cambank, of 440 tons register which went down early Saturday morning. The Cambank, it is said, had slowed down to take on her Liverpool pilot and was torpedoed without warning. Previously the Germans have given sufficient warning for the vessels which they have torpedoed to take off their crews.

On the same day on which the Cambank was sunk, and about the same time, the British and French Mediterranean fleets were delivering an attack on the forts of the Dardanelles assisted by aero planes and seaplanes. Unofficial reports claim, though the Turks deny it, that the forts were all silenced by the guns of the attacking fleet which consisted of no less than eight battle ships and cruisers. This is another blow to Turkey whose invasion of Egypt by way of the Suez Canal was repulsed at least temporarily and probably decisively about the middle of the month.

There has been little fighting in France or Flanders during the last two weeks. It is evident that winter is hampering operations in this field. Along her eastern battle line, however, Germany has been exceedingly active. The Germans realize the necessity of a decisive blow to Russia before Kitchener's reinforcements are landed in France in the spring and for two weeks they have been, if possible, redoubling their efforts to reach Warsaw. It cannot be said, however, that in this direction they have made a great deal of progress though the fighting is believed to have been the most sanguinary of the war in this field of operations. The Germans have to their credit, however, a brilliant repulse of the Russian advance which started about two weeks ago with Kouigsberg and Insterberg as its goal. The movement was intended as a surprise and did at first catch the Germans unawares and force their lines back of the frontier, but the splendid railroad facilities, enabled the defenders to concentrate with almost miraculous rapidity in the threatened region and the Russian raiders soon found themselves outnumbered and compelled to fall back on the defensive within their own borders. In the Carpathians also events have gone against the Russians and widespread retreat in that region has been admitted by Petrograd. Indeed, the sweep of the Russian hordes from the southward slopes of the Carpathians across Austria and Hungary which seemed so imminent when in the beginning of the war the part of that coun-

REFEREE CASE ENDED MONDAY

Final Arguments Heard Before Referee Leigh In Court House Here Yesterday.

The last witness in the Currituck election contest case were examined in the court house here yesterday morning before Judge Leigh, referee, and counsel on both sides had concluded their argument yesterday afternoon. The decision in the case is, of course, not yet made public and will not be until the referee makes his report to the presiding judge at the next term of superior court in Currituck county.

The most significant feature of the trial yesterday afternoon was Judge Leigh's ruling that he would be disposed to consider Dr J C Baum's vote as legal. This is only one vote the referee's ruling in this case shows that he will not give objections that are plainly technical too much weight in making his decision. Dr Baum was in the old Poplar Branch precinct. When this precinct was divided he was left out altogether but continued to vote at the nearest voting place as he had always done. The contest called the fact to the general attention for the first time that there is now a part of Currituck county which the board of electors in setting the bounds for the various precincts have left out altogether.

It is, of course, too early to forecast the decision in this case but there appeared yesterday more confidence on the side of the relator, P N Bray. Counsel for the respondent made a stubborn and determined fight to the last point, however.

WANTS LETTERS FROM SOULE FAMILY

The Census records for 1790 show the names of seven or more persons as male heads of families with wives and children as above. These must have been born as early as 1760-65, and were evidently from the Eastern States as their Christian names were common in the Soule families in New England such as Joseph, Joshua, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Benjamin, Sylvanus, and Timothy. These may have joined the great Quaker movement South before the Revolution or they may have been Loyalists who left the North after the Revolution. Who knows? Important interests require the history of these original families and their posterity. All who are in any way connected or persons who can give any information are respectfully requested to communicate with the writer immediately.

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S L Dasher and N E Gould of Manteo were in the city Saturday on their way home from Raleigh.

TO INVESTIGATE NEWBERN CASE

Solicitor Abernethy Takes His Grievances To The Legislature And Gets Hearing.

The investigation of the Carter Abernethy altercation was taken up in the house of representatives Thursday.

A request from Solicitor Abernethy asking that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter was heard together with two resolutions from members of the Newbern bar and officers of Cra ven court in behalf of Judge Carter and two resolutions in behalf of the Solicitor, one by Davis of Carteret and one by Clark of Bladen. The one by Clark went through. Charges against Judge Carter were recited, referring to his official conduct as harsh, oppressive, and dictatorial. The matter was referred to a Committee, the resolution passed in the House providing for public sworn investigation and report of findings to the house if in session or to the Governor if the legislature shall have adjourned.

The resolutions of the Newbern Bar and officers of the court were as follows:

"The undersigned members of the New Bern Bar and officers of the court, desiring to express our high sense of appreciation to His Honor, Frank Carter, Judge presiding at this the February Term of our Superior Court for the able, upright and conscientious manner in which he has in all respects conducted himself and the proceedings of the court do say:

"That but for his personal sacrifice in accepting the assignment of the Court and in surrendering the three weeks of his leisure to the duties of holding this court, through the unfortunate illness of Judge George Connor the riding judge, we would have been without either a Court for the trial of Criminal or Civil Causes. In view of the fact that our January term could not be held owing to the unfortunate illness of Judge Connor, this act of Judge Carter is especially gratifying.

Especially are we grateful to Judge Carter for his extreme courtesy in assenting to holding a Special Term for the week following the regular term, without compensation and with the purpose only of relieving the congested condition of our docket both Criminal and Civil.

"We desire to commend Judge Carter for the extremely fair and impartial manner in which the causes on the docket have been tried and disposed of; for his prompt and most efficient manner in the disposition of all causes and in the manner of holding our courts.

"In this he has spared himself no more than Jurors, witnesses and litigants: Promptness and dispatch of his Public Duties has been the guide of his own conduct and he has held all others only to that same strict observance,

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CASE AGAINST BRINSON OUT

Charges Against Ex-Guard On Chain Gang Dismissed For Lack Of Evidence.

The case against Ed Brinson ex guard on the chain gang, was dismissed in police court yesterday morning for lack of evidence.

Brinson was charged with aiding and abetting a chain gang prisoner to escape. When the management of the chain gang changed the first of February eight prisoners, as readers of this newspaper will remember, escaped. Part of them escaped during the night of January 31st but two got off in the early morning just as the new superintendent and guards were taking charge. These last two, it developed, had escaped by unlocking the chain at the tent post.

One of the prisoners who escaped claimed that Brinson had given him the key with which he unlocked the padlock that fastened his chain and it was this prisoner's story that led to the charge against Brinson, which was deferred until yesterday on account of the fact that his counsel, Judge Ward and Mr Aydlett, were busy on other cases.

It developed at the trial yesterday that there was no evidence that Brinson had the key for the lock in question. It was shown that this lock was an old one, and Superintendent Provo said that it was not impossible that it might have been unfastened without the key by a vigorous pull and shake. There was evidence further of a plot between the prisoner who escaped and another negro to get Brinson in trouble, and it was the contention of the defense that this was the case especially as one of the prisoners who escaped came back of his own accord, surrendered the key, and claimed that Brinson had given it to him.

W. C. TEMPLE DEAD

A telegram was received here Friday morning which informed relatives that W O Temple of Denver, Colorado, had died at his home in that city after an illness of a short time. The news of his death was a great shock to the people of this community as no one knew of his illness. He was about 55 years old and is survived by a widow and four children, two sons and two daughters as follows: Oscar and Griffin Temple of Denver, Mrs. Ogar of Baltimore and Miss Elizabeth Temple of Denver.

Mr Temple was born and reared in this county and lived here until thirty years ago, when he moved with his family to Denver. He became one of the leading law years of Denver and was prominent in the political affairs of the State.

Messrs. W H Eason and W I Halstead of South Mills were in the city Friday on business.

SPEAKER WOOTEN IS BADLY HURT

Leader Of State House Of Representatives In Automobile Accident—One Death.

The skidding of an automobile wheel as the car crossed the trolley tracks from a sharp curve in the Country Club road early last Friday morning caused the death of W T Aycock, engrossing clerk of the senate, and necessitated a serious operation upon Speaker Wooten. Senator Johnson, the other occupant of the car was unhurt, and states that the negro chauffeur did all in his power to slow down in time to prevent the accident. The rear wheel skidded, the car turned turtle, crushing Aycock beneath it where he lay pinned for more than an hour, no telephone being near. Medical aid for Mr. Wooten was delayed on this account also. He was taken to Rex Hospital as soon as possible, and on Sunday an operation became necessary on account of a ruptured kidney. The operation was apparently successful but the speaker is yet in a most critical condition.

CHAS A BANKS WEDS AT WINDSOR

Well Known Elizabeth City Newspaper Man Took Bertie County Bride Last Thursday

Mr. Charles Augustus Banks of this city was married last Thursday evening to Mrs. Eva Gaskins Morris of Windsor.

The marriage occurred at nine o'clock at the home of the bride and was witnessed by a small number of friends and relatives. Rev D P Harris of the Windsor Baptist church, performing the ceremony.

Mrs. Banks is of a well known Bertie county family with a large number of friends in her own community and elsewhere. Mr. Banks is known throughout this section as the circulation agent of the Virginian Pilot, and receives the congratulations and best wishes of many friends.

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

The Elizabeth City Elks will be ready to entertain the public in one of their always popular Minstrel shows shortly after Easter.

While the exact date of their performance has not yet been announced friends and patrons of the Elks' minstrel will no doubt be glad to know in advance that they have this popular entertainment to look forward to.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY MINE

Merchant Vessel Loaded With Cotton Went To Bottom In North Sea Yesterday

The latest news from the European war territory, appearing in yesterday's dailies, announced the sinking of the American steamship, Evelyn, off Borkum Island in the North Sea.

Borkum Island lies directly off the German coast, but is not included in the war zone of the German admiralty's decree. The vessel's captain and crew of 27 men were saved. The Evelyn was bound from New York to Bremen with a cargo of cotton. The nationality of the mine which destroyed the vessel is not known, and diplomatically, neutral nations are helpless to obtain redress for the loss of ships by contact mines unless absolute proof can be had of the nationality of such mines.

SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS MUNDEN

The verdict of the lower court in favor of Justice of the Peace J W Munden vs Joseph Owens was confirmed by Supreme court last week.

Joseph Owens sued the justice for issuing a marriage license to his stepdaughter without his consent. The young lady had the written consent of her mother, and the court held, with Mr. Munden, that this was sufficient, since the law does not take stepfathers into account.

GOOD CROWD HEARS LECTURE

The annex of Blackwell Memorial Church was well filled last Friday night with young and old when motion pictures of the German army and navy were shown and a most entertaining lecture by Rev. R M Von Miller was heard.

Rev Von Miller, once a German army officer, is now a Baptist minister in this State, pastor of the Baptist church at Jacksonville.

The speaker was introduced by the pastor of Blackwell Memorial church, Rev I N Loftin. Rev Von Miller gave a brief sketch of his life, stating that he was born in Germany and served in the German army for two years. On the advice of his father he came to America, and six months after his arrival he realized that his work was in the ministry. Going back to Germany to tell his parents of his decision in this matter he was met with opposition and refused help in securing education for the ministry. He came back to America and set out to work his own way out. In this connection he spoke in highest terms of the late ExGovernor Aycock, who paid half of his

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