

OPEN HOSTILITIES HOURLY EXPECTED

First Meeting of Armed American Merchantmen and German Submarines It Is Believed Will Mark Opening of Actual Fighting.

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 19—Consul Frost's report said that the city of Memphis was washed by the first gun shot fired from a distance of three miles, but that the principle of visit and search was not regarded. This fact, however, makes little or no difference with a virtual state of war existing, and as a result of the ruthless sinking by German submarines of three American freighters, it is now believed inevitable that the first meeting between armed American merchant men and submarines will mark the opening of actual fighting.

Immediate announcement by President Wilson of the course of action to be taken in reply to Germany's latest affront on the high seas was forecast by official Washington this morning.

Some believed that he will call Congress into session immediately, to have that body on hand for consultation on any eventualities.

Others believed that he might issue a proclamation empowering the secretary of the Navy Daniels to use the emergency fund in pursuit of a policy designed more aggressively to protect American shipping.

Shortly before noon Secretary Lansing went to the White House to confer with the president concerning all the reports they have received from the Department on the sinking of the three American vessels.

"The situation is too serious to discuss" was the only official word from the State Department previous to Lansing's departure for the White House.

Thought to Be War Prisoners

(By United Press)

Washington, March 19—Consul from the railroad managers' committee is feared that Captain Forum and nine missing members of the City of Memphis are prisoners of war aboard the German submarine which presumably sank the ship.

The Captain's boat was found at eleven o'clock with indications of hasty abandonment. His papers were found in a biscuit tin in the boat.

Twenty four of the members of the crew of two of the three American ships submerged are still missing. All of the Illinois crew are landed.

Navy Wants Motor Boats

(By United Press)

Washington, March 19—An appeal to more than a hundred boat building concerns to provide the government immediately with two hundred or more 110 foot motor boats as submarine chasers was sent out by the Navy Department today. Bids will be opened Wednesday.

Russia is Again Quiet

Washington, March 19—Petrograd quiet and similar conditions appear in other parts of Russia, according to the first cablegram received from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd today.

NEW CO. WILL MOVE POTATOES

ALREADY ORGANIZED WITH ABLE BUSINESS MEN IN CHARGE WILL BE READY TO HANDLE SEASON'S CROP EFFECTIVELY

It is stated on good authority that a big new produce company will be doing business here by the time potatoes begin to move this spring.

The new company will be known as the Produce Trading Company and though the new firm is not yet incorporated, charter has been filed with the state and will be ready to start within the next few days.

The officers of the new company will be: J. H. Aydielt, President; A. F. Toxy, Vice President; P. W. Stevens, Secretary treasurer.

All of these are business men of highest integrity and worth and are all well known here. Mr Toxy is one of the city's leading wholesale grocers. Mr Aydielt was formerly the manager of the A. F. Toxy Company and was in charge of the business until he retired a number of months ago to look after other business interests. Mr Stevens is now a prominent Camden County farmer. Formerly he lived in Elizabeth City and is well known here. He is a member of the A. F. Toxy Company, wholesale grocers, and brother-in-law of Mr Stevens of this city.

The new firm will have its offices in front of the building recently leased from E. F. Aydielt by the Virginia Carolina Transportation Company. They expect to be prepared to handle the enormous crop of potatoes expected this season and to be able to prevent a repetition of the disaster which some times attends the shipping of the crop quickly at the high tide of the season's prices.

AT NEW THEATRE

On Tuesday the New Theatre will present at especially attractive program featuring William Russell in "The Man Who Would Not Die" a remarkable production of the Mutual Film Company. This is the first of a series of pictures from the company that will be shown at the New Theatre every Tuesday, and the management believes will make Tuesday's program one of the best of the week.

For Sale Real Estate

One lot on West side of Poindexter Street next to Poindexter Creek. Foundation for building already prepared.

Mill site, on Sheppard Street and Factory Avenue and Charles Creek. Sawmill on property will also be sold.

Lot fronting 63 feet on Parsonage Street and adjoining the Graded School property. On this lot is a comfortable two story dwelling with all conveniences.

Lots 68 and 69, as designated on Pital of Skinner and Gregory.

W. A. WORTH, REAL ESTATE AGENT

Miss Pescud Talks To Mothers Club

Miss Mary Pescud, of Raleigh made a most instructive and interesting talk to the Mothers' Club at the First Methodist church Friday afternoon, comparing the advantages of North Carolina mothers in studying child training with those of Brazil mothers, who have no Mothers' Clubs for the study of child problems and are lacking in other respects in the ability to train the little ones into Christian citizens.

The course now being studied in two or three more meetings and will either take up another course or disband in a series of a rainy Friday afternoons throughout winter. The members of the Club have met with serious interest for the purpose of self study and under the leadership of Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, the work of the Club has been of real practical help and encouragement to many mothers.

HOG RAISING NOT A GAMBLE

IN CONSEQUENCE OF ELIMINATION OF CHOLERA IT COMES A BIG MONEY CROP FOR THE FARMER

By DR. F. D. OWENS

In 1911 the State Department of Agriculture began to make the hog cholera serum, under Dr. Niles' method as worked out in the United States Department of Agriculture laboratories, and sell it to the farmers in the form of a production. Before the advent of this serum hog raising was, at its best, only a gamble, a farmer starting out in the spring with possibly one hundred hogs and perhaps finishing the year with less than a dozen.

Now, however, that has been changed, at least in those farmers who have had the foresight to take the advice of the government experts who have been detailed to help them and to advise and show how this serum to be used, and what it will accomplish, and thousands of the farmers of this section will testify to the efficacy of the serum and its dependence upon that, and a better part of his hog himself, to make their money crop. Hog raising is bound to become one of the main features of agriculture in this Eastern Carolina, and the sooner the farmer learns to intelligently use the hog cholera serum, and thus prevent the ravages of the most costly of all animal diseases, and the sooner the farmer learns that a little care and attention to the sanitary side of hog raising, the more money he will be able to out of his hog ventures.

The following statement showing how the use of hog cholera serum has grown in this state will be of interest to every farmer. Illustrating as it does the steady growth of the use of the serum, especially when it is known that every drop of this serum has been used with in the confines of North Carolina.

The State Department of Agriculture distributed the serum in the years named as follows:

1911, cubic centimeters	56,498
1912, cubic centimeters	244,474
1913, cubic centimeters	304,538
1914, cubic centimeters	536,163
1915, cubic centimeters	1,359,187
1916, cubic centimeters	2,636,948

And in 1917 the distribution of the serum will no doubt be three times that of 1916; at the present time the serum is being made and distributed at the rate of from 50,000 to 75,000 cubic centimeters each week.

A dose of the serum will take from ten cubic centimeters to, in very large hogs, as much as one hundred cubic centimeters. One cubic centimeter of the serum will protect about one fourth of a ton of hogs, or about 15 drops, and the present cost of the serum is one cent for each cubic centimeter.

WILL HOLD 4TH COMMENCEMENT

PROP. L. C. BROGDEN WILL DELIVER ADDRESS AND ENTIRE COMMUNITY WILL COOPERATE FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

Currituck, N. C., March 19—Currituck County will hold its fourth annual county commencement at Currituck school on Thursday, March 29th. Mr. Prof. L. C. Brogden, State Rural Supervisor of Elementary Schools, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address. He is an able man on the stage. Those who fail to hear him will miss a rare treat. He is a local thinker and a fluent speaker. Prof. Brogden is one of the hard educational workers of the State. Don't fail to hear him.

The teachers of the county are doing what they can to make the commencement the greatest yet. Teachers, bachelorettes, ladies, committee members, and members of the farmer's unions and all citizens of Currituck County are asked to do all possible to have their school well represented. Pupils, teachers, committeemen, and citizens of this community should feel proud of their school. They should let the free educational spirit dominate them and do as many people in other counties are doing, make preparations and determine to win at county commencement. County commencement day should be the greatest day in each county of the state each year. The success of the commencement rests with teachers, committeemen and those who have the schools in charge. It will be a success unless all schools work and try to make it a success. The county commencement brings to light the educational interest, work and efficiency of the various schools. Of course, you want your school to be well represented, and make the best appearance of this school, our Mountain Mission, and so.

Teachers are asked to send exhibits not later than March 27th. However, perishable goods may be sent any time later and on commencement day. Exhibits for each school will be arranged according to the number of teachers in each school. Exhibits are sent in too late, they cannot be arranged so well. Send them early. Exhibits are expected from every school. A few exhibits are now coming in. The list has already been announced. However, the following are listed and open to any school, and state: best flower window box, best pair rumpers, best knit rug, best set of book shelves.

If there are any persons in any community in the county who are not in school who wish to send or carry exhibits to the commencement, they may do so, provided that such exhibit shall not be in competition with any school exhibit. Outside exhibits will be arranged and cared for and little prizes offered.

We are glad to announce that Mr. Herbert Peale, editor of The Advance, has promised and will give 10 yearly subscriptions for one year as prizes to students for exhibits. These subscriptions will be given to students who are not now subscribers to The Advance. Other nice prizes are offered for every exhibit that wins a prize.

Contests in declamation, recitation, debate, spelling, story telling, dramatization, basketball and track will be held. Prizes are offered for the best of each. Teachers are urged to continue to work for these contests.

Everybody is asked to carry lunch. We hope to have a picnic dinner if everybody carries lunch.

HARRISONBURG EXPRESSES REGRET

RELATIVE TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE REVEREND HERBERT S. OSBURN AS PASTOR OF EMMANUEL CHURCH

Harrisonburg, Va., March 19—Whereas, after earnest prayerful consideration, our deeply beloved rector, the Rev. Herbert S. Osburn, has resigned the vestry of Emmanuel Church his resignation, in response to a call to a field of larger opportunities for service to his Lord and Master; and

Whereas, the vestry of Emmanuel Church are so profoundly sensible of the generous and effective of Mr. Osburn's ministrations, touching into finer fire the community of a whole, as well as awakening an undiminished response in the spiritual life of the church; and

Whereas, the people of the church feel with such unanimity that they have been blessed in being under the pastorate of a gentleman of such high Christian character, whose devotion to the interests of the work of Emmanuel Chapel, our Mountain Mission, and to community welfare, evidences a life consecrated so genuinely to the high calling he has chosen; and

Whereas, the vestry feel the last obligations the Church is under to Mr. Osburn for his life and teaching.—The following resolutions were offered and adopted unanimously:

First, that the vestry of Emmanuel Church wish to express their deep regret at the departure of Mr. Osburn from this parish;

Second, that the good wishes and fine personal regard of our people go with Mr. Osburn into his new field; with their prayers that his success may always continue;

Third, that the vestry congratulate the people of his new charges upon securing the rectorship of a Christian Minister of the type of Mr. Osburn a man whom in honor one feels he is increasing his own self respect; and

Fourth, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the vestry, a copy be sent to the Registrar of Christ Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and a copy furnished Mr. Osburn.

Harrisonburg, Va.,
March 6, 1917.

J. N. HAAS,
Registrar Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church

ADAMSON LAW TO BE MADE BASIS OF SETTLEMENT AND STRIKE IS AVERTED

Whether Courts Hold For or Against Validity of the Measure

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A statement issued by the mediators at six o'clock this morning expressed appreciation for the patriotic motives and action of the managers. It was explained that postponement of the strike was first secured by getting the railroad managers to agree to accept the Brotherhood interpretation of the law in case it was called constitutional. Some adjustment was then sought that would obtain in case the law was held unconstitutional. None was found acceptable until the roads agreed to place the whole matter in the hands of the mediation board.

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Jews Granted Citizenship

Petrograd, March 19—Full rights of citizenship to Jews was one of Russia's progressive steps in democracy today.

Public utilities are running. Newspapers are publishing which editorial freedom. These happened because of suspicion connected with the removal of Rasputin have been permitted to return. Work will be resumed tomorrow. The Grand Duke has ordered the release of political prisoners.

ADAMSON LAW CONSTITUTIONAL

SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THE LAW IS VALID. HELD THAT CONGRESS HAS RIGHT TO LEGISLATE IN REGARD TO WAGES

Washington, March 19—The Adamson eight hour law is valid, the supreme court ruled today.

Chief Justice White read the decision. Besides holding that the law is constitutional, the court held that Congress has a right to legislate in regard to wages. This decision reversed the opinion of Judge Hook of Kansas City.

The ruling was not unanimous. Justice Pitney, Day, and Vandevanter, dissented.

BONDS FOR SALE

Elizabeth City, N. C.
Paving, curbing, stables and fire equipment.
\$84,000 five per cent bonds.
Sealed bids will be received for the above issue, dated May 1st, 1917 until April 26, 1917, 2 o'clock p. m.

Five per cent of amount to accompany bid.

J. C. COMMANDER,
City Mgr.

WEATHER OR NO

Fair Monday night with heavy frost; Tuesday warmer.

Theda Sara will be given the Akraman tonight in the Grand Opera House.