

DAVE MAY BE ANOTHER COBB

**McGraw is determined that
GIANT OUTFIELDER SHALL
SHOW THE BASEBALL WORLD
WHAT HE CAN DO THIS YEAR**

By H C HAMILTON
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, March 23—John J. McGraw's declaration that Dave Robertson, Giant outfielder, is as great a ball player as Ty Cobb, if the Giant star cares to be, was almost the cause for breaking out American flags and holding a public mass meeting to send thanks by the citizens of Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Dave used to play on the town team in Elizabeth City and they have known for some time down there that Georgia has nothing on South Carolina in the matter of sending great baseball players to the major leagues.

Dave has been galloping around the National League for some time. He up and cracks the ball on the nose, beats out a few infield hits a year, steals a base or two, turns in a few fielding sensations a year and calls it a whole twelve months crammed into three or four or whatever the case may be. Dave is temperamental. He is a southerner with the southerners' contempt for the northerner's brusqueness. He is a great ball player and he knows it fairly well. But Dave wants to be great in his own way. If he doesn't feel like stretching his legs in a sprint to first base, why it's nobody's business, so he does as he pleases.

McGraw has been grilling Robertson for some time, using his own successful way of making a great man out of his potential great. This year, according to McGraw, Robertson is going to step out as the only real rival of the famous Georgia Peach in all round ball playing. Dave has added a few promises of his own and it may be that he will forgo temperance and try to make them stick.

Last year Dave busted into the first days of the season with a few well timed crashes that placed him at the head of the batting list with no trouble at all. He played like a fiend, or a Cobb, and he made such a future that everyone, McGraw included, said the star had at last begun to shine. But it was premature praise, for Dave struck a slump, forgot his good resolutions and ended the season with a batting average of .307, barely within the hall of fame.

New a .300 mark isn't to be sneezed at any time but Dave is capable of more and McGraw is determined he shall show it this year.

NEW DELIVERY BAKERY WAGON

Cartwright's Bakery has purchased a new auto delivery wagon which made its first appearance on the street Thursday morning. It attracted considerable attention and favorable comment as being one of the most up to date delivery wagons yet seen on Elizabeth City's streets.

WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

Rev. J. H. Warren, pastor of Pearl street Methodist church will Monday for Baltimore to attend the annual session of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist church.

MASQUERADE PARTY TONIGHT

The W. W. Class of Blackwell Memorial Sunday School, Miss Bessie Morgan, teacher, will give a masquerade party tonight in the basement. The public is cordially invited. An admission fee of five cents will be charged.

WEATHER OR NO

There are two institutions every married man must maintain to be happy—his wife and silence. Rain and warmer tonight. Saturday partly cloudy.

Moyock Briefs

Moyock, March 22—Mr. Langford Gregory, after spending a week with friends and relatives here has returned to Norfolk to resume his work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Powers of Portsmouth were the guests of friends here Sunday.

Misses Alice and Margaret Poyner spent the week end with their aunt, Mrs. Harry Powers, at Portsmouth.

Miss Evan and Lina Powers of Northwest, Va. are unable to attend school owing to the illness of their sister, Mrs. Howard Winslow.

Mrs. C. G. Fehrman, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Lena Jarvis, has returned to her home at Smithfield, Va.

Mr. Frank Bryant was in Moyock Sunday.

Miss Cora Aydt'et' has been very ill for the last few days.

Mrs. Mollie Cherry of Norfolk spent Thursday in Moyock.

Mrs. J. C. Moran spent Saturday in Norfolk on business.

Mrs. S. H. Pritchard of Baltimore is visiting his sister, Mrs. Mollie Poyner.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Hathaway have returned from home after a stay in Norfolk.

Mr. Stuart Ballance spent Sunday at Snowden.

The Epworth League had its regular meeting at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Mrs. Fritz Ritter had gotten up a very good program on "Influence" which was thoroughly enjoyed.

There will be a Council Meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Poyner's next Friday evening at 7:30.

It is hoped that all the officers and as many members of the League as can will be present.

ASKS SERVICES HIGHWAY EXPERT

**CONGRESSMAN SMALL WORKS
TOWARD THE BUILDING OF
THE CAROLINA SECTION OF
THE ELIZABETH CITY NORFOLK
FOLK HIGHWAY**

Congressman John H. Small has made application to Dr. Logan W. Page, Chief of the office of Public Roads, and Rural Engineer of the Federal Department of Agriculture, for the services of a Highway Engineer in connection with the proposed highway from Elizabeth City to Moyock. This is part of the Norfolk-Elizabeth City route.

The highway expert will go over the territory and recommend the best route to be followed and the best materials to be used in the construction of the highway.

To Masonic Orphanage

John Henry Tunridge, a little fellow about eight years old, was sent to the Masonic orphanage at Oxford today by Elizabeth City Masons.

Mr. W. P. Knowles put him in charge of the Norfolk Southern conductor on the South bound train. He will reach Raleigh tonight and will be met by Rev. C. A. Ashby who will care for him for the night and send him on to Oxford Saturday.

This is the fifth child admitted to the Masonic Orphanage from Elizabeth City within the past twelve months says Mr. Knowles, and none of them have been children of Masons.

WILL PREACH MASONIC SERMON

Rev. J. W. Parton, Grand Masonic Lecturer will preach a Masonic sermon at Blackwell Memorial church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. W. A. Piland has returned to his home in Goldsboro after a visit to friends here.

GERMANY SAYS NO REVOLUTION

**TRANSLATES ALL HAPPENINGS
ON LAND AND SEA IN TERMS
OF TEUTONIC VICTORY AND
DECLARES SHE IS ENTIRELY
SATISFIED**

JOHN GRANDENS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Berlin, March 23—There is no revolution in Germany.

The London, Holland, and New York rumors of trouble brewing in Germany are merely the result of the Entente's wish to foster the thought of such trouble.

Germany is united and confident with no visible signs of revolution. German officials are amused at the report and attribute it to nervousness felt by the enemy over Russia's revolution. The Russian revolution itself is attributed to the failure of the Allies to make any gains which could be construed as a harbinger toward victory.

Germany is entirely satisfied with the results of her submarine warfare and with the progress of the war. The retreat on the Western front is viewed as a clever strategy on the part of Hindenburg to save lives.

INSULT ADDED TO INJURY

**SINKING OF TANKER, HEALDTON,
BUT BRINGS NEARER
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ED EVERYWHERE AS INEVITABLE**

ROBERT J. BENDER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, March 23—Insult was added to previous injuries from the hands of German submarines when the American steamer, Healdton, was torpedoed in the North Sea Wednesday morning. The list of American dead is growing.

Wilson and Lansing are both convinced that Germany's present course merely hastens actual warfare, which now regarded by everybody as unavoidable.

The Healdton was a Standard Oil tanker bound for Rotterdam, and was torpedoed without warning with loss of twenty or more men.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR POTATOES

**MANAGER OF CAROLINA POTATO
EXCHANGE BELIEVES THAT
1917 CROP WILL BE HANDLED
WELL AND WILL BREAK RE-
CORD**

Mr. Howard N. Smith of the Division of Markets at Raleigh returned home today after a trip to Elizabeth City and surrounding territory in preparation for the four month potato season, during which time Mr. Smith will be here as manager of the Carolina Potato Exchange with offices in the Kramer Building.

Mr. Smith will arrive and begin work the first of May. "The work season last year by the Division of Markets will be perfect this year," says Mr. Smith, for the benefit of potato growers.

"Prospects are beautiful," he declared enthusiastically. "There is too much at stake in the big Eastern North Carolina potato crop to allow it to be handled ignorantly or un- wisely, and we believe this season will surpass all other seasons in actual profits."

"Spreading of Curricket—that's potato land," said Mr. Smith, "and I tell you, Curricket people know it. They will part with their money, but never with their land, under any inducement. And they are right about it."

To Night At New Theatre

Tonight at the New Theatre, Miss Clara Kimball Young will be seen in a thoroughly entertaining picture-play entitled "The Badge of Shame". This picture has been filmed with the stage play bearing the title of "The Yellow Passport" and it gives Miss Young one of the most scintillating roles of her career. She portrays the character of a beautiful young Russian girl who is forced to secure the yellow passport that is given to women of the streets in Russia to enable them to travel anywhere they wish in that country. The girl has to get this passport in order to get out of the country and escape the persecution heaped upon her and her family. But the stigma of the Badge of Shame follows her to America and when she is about to be happily married to a young American it becomes known that she had this passport and for a time it appears that the marriage will never take place. But the girl's uncle comes to her aid at the crucial moment and makes it possible for her to marry the young man after all. Miss Clara Kimball Young takes the part of the young girl and she plays it to perfection. Aiding her is a particularly capable cast including a number of very well known film players. The scenes shown in the production are notable for their beauty. Miss Young wears a number of very beautiful gowns. The play is filled to the brim with exciting and tense situations and the interest is sustained and constant from the first flash of the first reel to the last flash of the last reel. It is a glowing, thrilling, romance that will charm and delight everyone who sees it.

Saturday's show is always a good one, and this week it is a Gold Rooster play featuring Florence Reed. The title is "New York" and the story is a dramatic one of patrolman and chorus girl.

Marguerite Clark In Silks and Satins

Marguerite Clark, decidedly the most popular and versatile actress who ever graced the moving picture screen, will be at the Alkrama tonight in "Silks and Satins." This picture is claimed by herself and admirers to be her most charming production.

Marguerite Clark is noted for her innocent and childlike unsophistication, and this most prominent delineation of her character is truly exemplified in the role she acts tonight.

Mr. Kramer especially urges that the children be allowed to see this picture as it will surely impress upon them a good, sound, and pleasing memory of this charming little character and her ways of making others happy.

Also the Shielding Shadow and The Lass of the Limerlands will be screened.

Another Special Picture for Children, "June of the Mountains" will be shown at the matinee Saturday; also, Musty Suffer. These pictures were engaged entirely for the Children's benefit.

Saturday night Norma Talma will be seen in "The Social Secretary," a triangle picture which features this celebrated actress in all of her charming and fascinating characteristics.

Also a two part comic comedy.

French Inflict Stinging Blows

(By United Press)
Paris, March 23—The French under General Neville are inflicting stinging blows on the Germans north of Soissons and Stines with heavy cost to the enemy.

Mrs. W. W. Griffin has returned from a visit to her daughter in Denver, Colorado.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The Sunday School is showing a marked increase in attendance and now that Spring has come is expected to go steadily forward. Every member is urged to be present Sunday morning.

At eleven o'clock the pastor will preach on "Christ and the Children" and all the parents of the congregation are particularly invited. At 7:30 the theme will be "The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the World."

The Epworth League meets at 6:45 and will be in charge of Mr. Leigh Sheep who will present a matter of special interest to every member of the League.

SERVICES AT CITY ROAD CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. C. B. Culbreth will occupy his pulpit both Sunday morning and evening. The subject for the morning will be "The Forward Movement of the Church" The subject for the evening will be "The Lord's Tenth."

The Sunday School will meet at 9:30 with Mr. C. R. Pugh as superintendent.

The Epworth League will meet at 6:30.

The Evangelistic Committee will please meet for a few minutes just after preaching Sunday morning.

The public is invited to attend these services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. H. C. Hening will occupy the pulpit at both services Sunday, preaching at eleven o'clock from the subject "Good in Evil," the companion sermon of "Evil in Good." At seven-thirty his subject will be "Recognition of Friends in Heaven" in the series on the doctrine of last things.

All are cordially invited.

PEARL STREET METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. J. H. Warren, will preach at eleven o'clock. Sunday school will be held at ten o'clock. Mr. E. B. Griffin, superintendent, Epworth League meets at seven o'clock. At 7:30 Rev. J. M. Chappell of Washington will preach.

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

Rev. S. N. Hurst of South Mills will preach Sunday morning. Rev. D. P. Harris of this city will fill the pulpit Sunday night.

Baptist Young People's Unions meet at 6:30.

BOY SCOUTS, INVITED TO SEE "LIBERTY"

The New Theatre has invited the Boy Scouts to see their new serial, "Liberty," throughout its entire story. Scoutmaster Ford will distribute the passes upon application to him.

EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the pastor, Rev. C. B. Culbreth, will preach at Epworth church.

He would like to see all members of the church present and to tend a cordial invitation to work all the people of the community ex-hip there.

AT MOUNT HERMON SCHOOL

"Played and Lost," or "Thirty Thousand Dollars," will be given at Mt Hermon school Friday night, March 30th for the benefit of the school. Refreshments will be served after the play and the public is cordially invited.

THEATRE TRAIN TO NORFOLK

The Norfolk Southern announces a special Theatre Train to Norfolk on Wednesday, March 28th, for the convenience of theatre goers wishing to see "Experience" at the Colonial. The train leaves Elizabeth City at 5:15 and returns leaving Norfolk at 11:59 stopping at intermediate stations.

WANTED. Lady stenographer. Must know shorthand. Apply in person at Auto & Gas Engine Wks.

TWO BAD SEASONS FOR FISHERMEN

**THOSE IN CURRITUCK SOUND
FOR LAST TWO YEARS HAVE
NOT MADE ENOUGH TO PAY
GASOLINE BILLS**

Waterlily, N. C., March 19—The Farmers of this section are showing some little uneasiness, about the frequent visits of heavy rains, as many of the truckers have selected low land for their Irish potatoes. They fear that so much wet weather will not have any good effect on them. Most of the planters have finished their planting in this particular line.

The fishermen here are very much discouraged at not having caught, practically, any spring catch. This makes two almost blank seasons for this point. The fishermen have not been able to make a catch, part of the time, sufficient to pay for the gasoline consumed in running their motor boats. They are waiting very anxiously to know what action the War Department, at Washington, are going to take on the matter of having the locks, on the canal, operated as before. The fishermen petitioned to that Department some time ago, for that purpose, but have not had any definite information as to what the Dept. would do.

This has come to a point where a lot of our people on the coast are deeply concerned, as they depend entirely on the sound for the support of them and their families. It is very evident that such quantities of salt water emptied in Currituck Sound is largely responsible for such a vast decrease in this industry. Many of the game hunters also believe that it will eventually destroy the great beds of duck food growing in this sound, which is so well noted for its attraction of millions of wild ducks each season. We are trusting that some step will be taken to prevent this destructive process, sometime in the near future.

Miss Ella Perry spent the week end with her brother, at Cedar Grove Farm.

Miss Estelle Hampton, who is attending school at Poplar Branch, spent the week with her brother, Arthur Hampton of this place.

Mr. Lloyd Roxey of Norfolk was in our midst this week attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Curles are in Norfolk, to which city they contemplate moving soon.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Hampton; it's a girl.

GERMANS SPARED NOT WOMANHOOD

**GIRLS AND WOMEN BETWEEN
FIFTEEN AND FIFTY FOR-
CED INTO THE INTERIOR OF
GERMANY TO WORK**

WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
With British Army Afield, March 23—Not only did the Germans sweep from the part of France covered in their retreat all homes, supplies and roads, but in many cases even her womanhood.

In some districts all women between fifteen and fifty were forced into the interior of Germany, and all the inhabitants left behind were given the understanding that they had to work for Germany. At Roule LeGrand over four hundred girls and women were driven into the interior work. When asked why, the refugees shrugged their shoulders. The new German line is extraordinarily strong, about a mile wide containing the supporting lines and communication trenches.

Miss Bulah Bowden and Mrs. S. C. Newbold are attending the Woman's Missionary Union at Greensboro as delegates from the Missionary Society of Blackwell Memorial church.