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## Seems Now To Be Only A Matter of A Few Days Before War With Germany

### GERMAN UNDERSEA WARFARE CONTINUES TO GO SAVAGELY ON--SITUATION VERY GRAVE

**Passenger Liner California Torpedoed and  
Sunk Without Warning--U. S. Citizen  
on Board, But Saved with others**

**PASSENGERS AND CREW  
NUMBER TWO HUNDRED  
NEARLY ALL BRITISH.**

With the Destruction of the California Brings the total Number of Fatalities of the German Submarine Warfare Since First up to Near 50.—Fortunately for Both Germany and United States that No American Lives Have Yet Been Lost.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The steady stream of reports telling of the destruction of merchant ships by German submarines was brought to a climax tonight by a

ment from Consul Forest at Queenstown announcing that the British passenger liner California has been torpedoed without warning, and that an American citizen was among the survivors.

Whether this will prove to be the overt act to drive the United States into war no one would attempt to say tonight. President Wilson who must make the decision, had retired when the news came and officials did not wake him. Late in the afternoon he had been informed of a message from California, but giving no details as to warning or the presence of Americans.

#### To Await Full Reports.

The President undoubtedly will wait for complete reports on the disaster before determining whether the time has come for him to go to Congress to ask authority to "use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people."

#### Many Ships Went To Bottom.

More than a score of merchant craft have been sent to the bottom in the war zone within the

past 24 hours, and fifty or more since the German proclamation of ruthless warfare on the seas went into effect last Thursday.

It is realized that if no citizen of the United States was among the victims, it merely was a fortunate accident and that it can be only a matter of hours before Americans are caught in such wholesale destruction.

#### A New Outburst of Savagery.

The recent peace moves have brought our very clearly that the coming spring will see the war in its most terrible phase, with military operations on unpre-

There has been no feeling between any two peoples that burned fiercer than that existing between Germany and Great Britain.

News dispatches indicate that the war is to settle down to a combat between these two powers on the seas will attempt to starve the Teutons into submission and the central powers will strive to disrupt British shipping through a wide use of the submarine.

That the struggle is to be in the form of a strangulation match is now plain. Great Britain is preparing to place two guns on the bow of all her merchantmen and the Teutonic power is planning to torpedo all ships so armed. Both of these nations can possibly win the war by a complete success in their method, but we doubt whether either will, although of the two we think Great Britain has a better chance to starve Germany than of being starved herself.

A dead man makes no protest. It is only those who are alive and love life who want to live.

Some people have two temperaments—one for the home and one for the public. Puzzle: Guess which is the grouches?

#### Buying At Home.

The citizens of this community, whenever possible, as it invariably is, should buy the things that they need from the local merchants. This is the spirit of co-operation which will help the town to grow and in time make it bigger and a better market place.

We don't want you to pay more here for what you can get cheaper somewhere else, but use your common sense. You know that no man in a town a hundred miles away can send you what you order by mail, pay the expenses of his catalogue, and get a profit without charging you more than your home merchant. Besides, you will have to wait many days before you will get the merchandise ordered, you will have to send your money in advance and you will run the risk of being stuck.

That is just plain every day common sense; it's not advice. Local merchants usually take pride in handling the best of everything while mail order houses only hunt the cheapest things they can sell. Whether they last or not is immaterial—you can't see them about it and they will not hear you grumble. They can sell you shoddy stuff cheap but your local merchants

You have never heard of a salaried man making an allowance for the fact that February is the shortest month.

There are some people in Europe who would like to think twice before starting another war and if this country gets into it there will be some more just like them over here.

### ONE WHITE MAN AND TWO NEGROES JAILED FOR THE MURDER OF YOUNG NORTON

**HELD WITHOUT BOND  
BY MAGISTRATES  
ROUNTREE & TYSON.**

**Evidence of Brother of the Dead  
Man is that He Heard Defendant Satterfield Tell the Two  
Negroes "We Killed Him, and  
Can Pay For It."—Under This  
The Two Was Held.**

At the conclusion of the evidence and the speeches of the attorneys in the Luther Norton case which was heard in Greenville, Wednesday by Magistrates Tyson and Rountree, D. Tripp, Will Ellison and Oscar Johnson were released from custody, there being insufficient evidence before the court to justify holding them under the charge. Ira Satterfield, a white man, Josh Dupree, and Zeno Whitehurst two negroes were bound over to the grand jury on the charge of

In the case was that of the brother of the deceased, who swore on the stand that he heard Satterfield say to the two negroes that "they had killed him, and that they could pay for him." It was under this evidence that the court bound the defendants over.

A lot of people are like dogs—known by their growls.

#### The Editor Advises Himself.

Inasmuch as editors generally take upon themselves the task of instructing everybody else and advising them we think it would be a good idea for us to advise ourselves a little. This advice is especially appropriate at this time of the year when the cost of everything from ink to eraser has gone up in prices except the average newspapers.

While it may not be interesting to you there are papers in New York which will pay \$680,000 more for white paper this year than they did last year, and while our bill is not quite as much it is proportionately larger than theirs when based upon circulation. We don't care to loose a single subscriber but in this talk to ourselves we are going to advise us stop sending the paper to those who don't want it had enough to pay for it.

This time we are going to urge it upon ourselves to take our advice. We face the facts and not promises, we want you to read the paper regularly, but you must not let your paper stay behind. Pay up for a year, help us to get along with the increased expenditures and we will give you a better paper.

#### For Educational Reform.

The General Education Board, founded by John D. Rockefeller, and having an endowment of \$35,000,000, has announced an experimentative school, which will thoroughly test the new ideas of modern teaching, which in essence disregard the old fundamentals, and prepare the pupil for a sound place in the life of its people.

This may lead to wide reversal of opinion as to just what a school should teach. There are many now who believe that ancient languages serve no purpose and that ability to make a living is much better than full knowledge of history. We are not sure that we agree with this idea, because it contains nothing that might develop character and this we think should be the aim of all school systems.

### THE EFFORT OF COUNTY CORN CLUB BOYS INTERESTING.

Those interested in the improvement of actual conditions in Pitt County will be interested in learning of the success of the Boys' Corn Club work in this county last year. There were fifty-four boys enrolled, but only twelve of these made the final reports. These twelve boys raised a total of 782.8 bushels of corn, at a total cost of \$277.06. This is an average of 65.2 bushels per acre, which is 10.4 bushels above the average for the state. This corn was produced at the average cost of 35.3 bushel, which is 3.9 below the average for the state.

Two boys of these twelve made remarkably good showing, and received certificates of merit signed by the Governor of the State, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the State Agent for the Club Work, the County Administration Agent and the County Superintendent of Schools. These were Roy Wrenn, of Winterville, who produced 120 bushels of corn on an acre, and Sam Hubert Munford, of Ayden, who produced 117

on the part of the boys of this county was probably due to the action of the Carolina Club, of Greenville, the Chamber of Commerce of Ayden, and citizens of Farmville in offering prizes totaling fifty dollars.

It is interesting to note that the total enrollment for the state was 3,257 boys, only 891 of whom made the final reports. This number of boys produced 48,829 bushels of corn estimated at a total cost of \$19,152.71. The total value of the corn estimated at one dollar per bushel was \$48,829.40, showing a net profit of \$29,676.69.

Bankers seem to fear that a loss of export trade will bring a withdrawal of our enormous gold supply which is the basis of our abnormal credit. Our subscribers never worry about the gold supply—they just look for the paper.

The latest propaganda is the cause of the people against the rats. The rodent army is said to equal that of the common people and an interesting war is being waged. This may mean a let-up on enemy fly and other pests of the household such as cockroaches, etc.

#### To Our Customers

### New Year Announcement!

#### To Our Friends

We are pleased to announce that we are prepared to serve you in anything in Hardware, Farm Implements, and Building Material, such as Doors, Windows, Roofing, Nails, Lime, Cement, Mantles, Porch Columns, etc. We are also pleased to say that we bought HEAVY before all the advances, and you will find many articles in our stock AT THE OLD PRICE, and lots of goods for less than they can be bought for from the Manufacturers to-day.

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