

MICKIE SAYS

SAY, FOLKS! WHEN YOU WRITE PIECES FOR THE PAPER, FOR THE LOVE OF MIKE, SIGN YOUR NAME TO 'EM SO THE BOSS WON'T THROW 'EM ON THE FLOOR FOR ME TO PICK UP. HE SAYS AN UNSIGNED LETTER AIN'T ANY BETTER THAN AN UNSIGNED CHECK!



A Righteous Decision.

Charlotte Observer.

The suit instituted by a Charlotte cotton mill to test the validity of the child labor law, which was pushed through Congress by the Keatingites, has been decided in favor of the mill, and the order which it asked for, restraining the Government from putting the law into effect and requiring it to discharge children employed in the mill, has been made of force and effect by mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States. Four justices dissented from the majority of the court, but the unconstitutionality of the measure was established. The Keating bill had been drawn largely for the purpose of crippling the cotton mill industry of the South. In its original form it was so manifestly aimed at this particular industry, that for very shame sake it was amended so as to take in other manufacturing interests in the North and New England, and to some extent the child sugarbeet workers in Mr. Keating's own State. Justice Day delivered the opinion which nullifies the intentions of the framers and backers of the bill. He held that "over interstate transportation or its incidents, regulatory powers of Congress is ample, but the production of articles intended for interstate commerce is a matter of local regulation." Justice Holmes, who disagreed with the majority of the court, held that the Keating law did not "meddle" with anything belonging to the States, "which may regulate their internal affairs and their domestic commerce as they like, but when they seek to send their products across the State line they are no longer within their rights."

It will be remembered that the amendments which were forced to the bill were broadened to include labor in the department stores and canneries, and made the handling of goods from mills in which child labor was employed in violation of the law by department or other stores an indictable offense. It took in too much, and other interests than the Southern mills were involved to a paralyzing extent. There had been some trouble encountered by the Keatingites in the framing of a bill which would side-step the troublesome issue of State's rights and they finally hit upon the idea of declaring a Government boycott against the shipment of child labor products outside of the borders of the State in which made. This would confine the cotton mills of the South to a strictly home business. They could neither export goods abroad nor send goods into the markets of any other State. It was a cleverly designed measure and if it should have held in law it would have destroyed the cotton mill industry of the South as a whole. The decision of the Supreme Court is a righteous one. It is the same as the throwing of a protecting arm around a great industry and safeguarding it against a viciously unjust sectional attack, long and determinedly kept up on an industry, whose chief offending was a steady gaining of supremacy in the country's textile enterprises.

Boycott German Goods.

Greensboro Record.

The club women of North Carolina, in convention assembled, have taken a solemn pledge to never, so long as they live, buy anything that they know is made in Germany. That is the kind of warfare that will prove the death-blow to Germany's dream of commercial conquest. If all the men of all the allied nations will adopt a similar policy and adhere to it, it will be a rebuke far more lasting than killing a few millions of its fittest men and sinking its women to the lowest level of the savage. Goods carrying the trademark, "Made in Germany" should not be allowed on the shelves of any American merchant. Laws making such display a punishable offence may yet be enacted in response to a growing sentiment against everything suggesting the taint of the Hun and the spread of disease cultures under the name of German kultur.

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U-BOATS STILL BUSY OFF ITALY

Spies and Fishermen Help Supply and Signal German Captains.

BASES ON NEUTRAL LAND

Craft Hunt in Groups and Have Accurate Information of Sailings—Temptation Too Much for Fishermen.

Rome.—The U-boat offensive is still serious in the Mediterranean. Submarine bases exist in neutral countries, where information, provisions and even petrol are supplied to the German commanders. Some time ago three Sicilian fishermen were charged with supplying provisions to an enemy submarine off Augusta. In the course of the trial before the military tribunal at Catania evidence was brought to show that while the fishermen were out at sea in their boat a submarine rose to the surface and ordered the three men to go on board.

The commander then informed them that two would be kept as hostages while the third was to go ashore in the boat and get the fresh provisions needed. If he returned with them within two or three hours the two fishermen would not only be released but also compensated; otherwise they would be killed. The man was warned that if he informed the Italian authorities the fate of his two companions would be the same. Naturally the man obeyed. He returned with the provisions within the appointed time and was well paid for his trouble and faithfulness. Of course the two hostages were released. Evidently the fishermen's story was corroborated by the evidence of other men, as the tribunal acquitted the two hostages and sentenced the man who got the provisions to ten years hard labor for neglecting to inform the authorities.

Cannot Resist Temptation.

There are thousands of fishermen in Italy who lead a hard life without earning a living wage and who cannot resist the temptation of making money. Besides, they are easily intimidated by the threats of the commanders of submarines, who often sink fishing boats and murder the fishermen for the sake of imposing obedience. It is reasonably suspected that fishermen aid submarines in many ways. They warn them of the approach of war vessels and mystery ships and give them valuable information about sailings and courses of convoys. Possibly if the allies compensated fishermen as well as the commanders of submarines do satisfactory results would follow.

Of course for obvious reasons full particulars about the activity of submarines in the Mediterranean cannot be divulged. There have been instances of U-boats entering territorial waters at night and exchanging signals with people on shore. Until recently enemy citizens were allowed to reside in seaport towns and even deserted villages on the coast, so that all they needed to communicate with submarines was a light. Even now Austrians and Germans are interned in Sardinia, and more ships have been sunk by submarines off this island than anywhere else in the Mediterranean.

The mail boat between Sardinia and Civitavecchia was torpedoed in broad daylight only 20 miles off the coast of Sardinia. Although she remained afloat for three hours and the wireless operator remained on board until the ship sunk and communicated with a nearby naval station, unfortunately no torpedo boats were available to rescue the passengers, including many soldiers, who perished. There seems to be no doubt that the commander of the submarine had been informed that rescue was impossible, as otherwise the torpedoed mail boat would have been sunk by shell fire.

Cease to Be Dangerous.

Other ships have been sunk both off Sardinia and in other parts of the Mediterranean very close to the coast under similar circumstances. It is significant that whenever enemy citizens or enemy agents and spies have been discovered and arrested in certain localities where ships were being sunk by submarines these zones ceased immediately to be dangerous. Experience shows that patrolling the route of convoys is not sufficient unless the coast is well watched so that signaling to submarines is prevented. It seems that U-boats hardly ever use their wireless even among themselves lest their messages should be intercepted and their whereabouts discovered.

The crew of a ship recently sunk at night by a submarine reported to the authorities that when they had taken to the boats and were pulling away from the sinking ship the submarine was exchanging flash signals by means of an electric lamp. The night was very dark, and at first the answering signals were not visible, but shortly afterward the flashes of at least five submarines could clearly be seen. "They were like glow worms over the sea," one of the men said describing the signals. Evidently submarines now keep close together so that mutual protection can be afforded and convoys instead of single ships attacked.

GASTON IN THE EIGHTIES

Interesting Events in the County Thirty-odd Years Ago as Recorded in the Gazette—To Which is Added State and General News Notes and Some General Reading Matter That Proved of Interest a Third of a Century Ago.

(Editor's Note: Mr. James E. Page, who is still a citizen of Gastonia, was editor and proprietor of The Gazette in 1885.)

205TH INSTALLMENT.

Locals.

(From The Gazette, June 24, 1887.) Miss Mamie Huss is visiting in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. W. W. Boyce has a brand new baby at his house.

Miss Mary Wilson, of this county, visited Mrs. J. K. Dixon last week.

Miss Mary Brown, of Mecklenburg county, is visiting at Mr. W. L. Gallant's.

Copious rains Wednesday night make the outlook for the farmers more encouraging.

Mr. Joseph Gamble, father of Mr. J. W. Gamble, died Saturday, June 11, aged about 75 years.

Rev. J. J. Kennedy and daughter, Miss Mary, attended the commencement exercises at Davidson College last week.

Dr. R. H. Adams and wife left on Tuesday night for Warm Springs. Before returning they will probably visit New York. The doctor's health isn't good.

Country publishers can take heart. It is said that the blackberry crop is extra large this season. By the way, the blackberry is something of an oddity. It is always red when it is green.

The Presbyterian church in Dallas will be dedicated on Sunday, July 17th. The pastor, Rev. R. Z. Johnston, will be assisted by Rev. W. E. McIlwaine. Several visiting ministers are expected to be present.

The officers of the Gastonia Bible Society, elected to serve one year, represent the different churches in the town and are as follows: Rev. E. E. Boyce, D. D., President; Rev. Wm. E. McIlwaine, Vice-President; Mr. J. K. Dixon, Secretary; J. D. Moore, Esq., Treasurer, who, with Messrs. J. C. Anders, J. D. Brumfield and A. M. Smyre, will constitute the executive committee.

Messrs. R. C. G. Love & Co., prominently identified with the mercantile interests here, will go out of business September 1. Maj. W. W. Boyce and Mr. J. H. B. Jenkins are to purchase the stock, and it is expected that they will associate with Capt. J. Q. Holland and continue the business. Grier Love, as he is more generally known, is a natural born trader, and, while we are advised as to his intentions, we feel safe in saying that he will remain fully identified with the business interests of our town.

Died.

(From The Gazette, June 24, 1887.) Mrs. Mary Henderson, wife of Mr. Wm. Henderson, died June 19, 1887, in the 82d year of her age. She was for many years a great sufferer, and yet endured all her afflictions and the infirmities of age with a remarkable degree of Christian submission. Her solace and support from the beginning of her afflictions was the Scriptural truth that "all things work together for good to them that love God." This passage of Scripture she inserted in her diary in early life, as her religious motto. She connected herself with the church about 64 years ago, and was an exemplary member at the time of her death of Olney Presbyterian church. She had seen Jesus so long on earth by the eye of faith that when the divinely appointed time arrived her great desire and prayer was: "Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word." Luke 2:29. Her death was peaceful and happy. She leaves an afflicted husband and three affectionate and faithful daughters to mourn her death. But they are comforted with the assurance that she is "now in the Christian's eternal home in Heaven."

CINDERS AND SNAPS.

Items Gathered in the Old Furnace Neighborhood.

(From The Gazette, June 24, 1887.) OLD FURNACE, June 24, 1887. The majority of the farmers have their wheat ready for the threshing. Messrs. Arrowood, Rudisill & Co. will start their machines to work the first of next week.

Ex-Sheriff R. A. White has been quite unwell for the past few weeks.

Mabel Pearl, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Stroup, Jr., died last Friday evening of cholera-infantum, aged 8 months and 3 days. In the absence of pastor, Mr. John E. Jones conducted the funeral services in Concord church last Sunday morning, after which the body of as sweet a baby as ever lived was committed

to its last resting place in the graveyard at that place, being witnessed by a large number of sympathizing friends.

On yesterday morning Mr. Moses Stroup, Sr., died at the age of 84 years, 8 months and 2 days. He was the father of 9 children, 39 grandchildren and 61 great-grand-children. He lived in the house in which he died about 51 years. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1834. He was buried in the Hager graveyard this morning, Mr. John E. Jones conducting the funeral services.

Both of the above deaths occurred in the same house. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

DALLAS LETTER.

A Few Items Gathered Here and There at Dallas.

(From The Gazette, June 24, 1887.)

DALLAS, June 23, 1887. — The Dallas Light Infantry had a prize-drill target-shooting here on last Saturday. The prize-drill prize was awarded to Mr. B. F. Tipton, of The Current, and the prize for the best shooting was won by Mr. Chas. G. Pasour, but it took the smashing of the "bull's-eye" to secure it.

The monument in Charlotte to the Confederate dead will be unveiled on Thursday, June 30th. The military company of this place and the one at Lincolnton will attend.

Major Uriah Matthews has again taken possession of the Matthews Hotel here, and Mr. Loeper, who recently had charge of it, has moved into the residence vacated by the major, on South Main Street.

"The lawn party last Friday night was a decided success," say the young folks who were present. The rain last night did the crops a great deal of good, as they were needing rain badly.

HOME ON LEAVE.

(By F. B. Meyer, D. D.)

We live in wonderful times, when every day brings its thrill of danger, joy, or sorrow. One of the most thrilling experiences of these strange days is meeting the leave trains from the front. To most of my readers that word conjures up wonderful memories. There is the happy shock of receiving the unexpected telegram which tells you that your loved one is coming "home." It is only for a few days, but what a throb of thankfulness and joy the news brings. Then there is the hurried journey to the station, the wait, sometimes long, sometimes short, for meeting a leave train is a haphazard adventure, and one has to take one's chance. There is no time-table to consult for the leave trains. All one knows is that "Some time today, some one is coming, from somewhere in France."

Outside the arrival platform stands a patient waiting throng, though the glad excitement of eyes and lips betrays the stolidity of their waiting attitude. At last from hundreds of throats the words spring: "Here they come!" Through the gates pours the great stream of men, heavy-laden with kit and baggage, mud-stained and weary, with drawn faces, but with smiling eyes and cheery laughter.

Out they come, and from the crowd on the other side of the path rushes a gray-haired woman. "John!" "Mother!" cries a dazed young soldier. "I never expected you to meet me. How did you know what time to come?" He gives her a hearty kiss, and the crowd laughs and cheers in sympathy. And now the greetings are fast and furious. "There's our Walter!" cries a shrill voice from the rear, and the crowd makes way for a little family party to break through. What happy reunions are to be seen here! Husbands and wives meeting, after the long and cruel separation and suspense; brothers and sisters, mothers and sons. An epic poem could be written on the coming in of the leave trains. London, England.

Happiness.

I used to think it was great to disregard happiness, to press to a high goal, careless, disdainful of it. But now I see there is nothing so great as to be capable of happiness—to pluck it out of each moment, and, whatever happens, to find that one can ride as gay and buoyant on the angry, menacing, tumultuous waves of life as on those that glide and glimmer under a clear sky; that it is not defeat and wretchedness which comes out of the storm of adversity, but strength and calmness.—Anne Gilchrist.

The Home Lot

Men buy land for two purposes, for profit or for homes. When they buy to make money any piece of land that will sell for more than the cost suits their purpose; but when they buy for homes more care must be taken. Conditions such as future development, accessibility, schools, churches, etc., must be considered. Land in itself has no value. When you buy land you pay for conditions that you obtain in connection with the land.

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