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TO START MOVE FOR BASEBALL IN GREENVILLE

With Approach of Summer the Need of Good Ball Team Grows

TOWN WILL SUPPORT TEAM

Belief Now Entertained That the Baseball Fans May Get Together and Have Good Team For Summer Months.

As the approach of Spring comes on, all baseball enthusiasts, and those others who are in the least inclined to be admirers of the great national game, look forward with smiles and happiness to the pleasant hours in the grand stand and on the bleachers. Statistics show that no other sport has ever held such a gripping hold upon the people generally as the baseball game of today. An examination of the records as to the number of spectators and the amount of the proceeds, which are annually compiled, will astonish even the most ardent of fans. But, when one begins to think of the thrills and excitement which the old baseball game offers, little can he wonder of the position the game has won in the hearts of Americans.

This by way of introduction, however, is in no means the subject of this article. The question is "Where is the City of Greenville going to be located on the baseball map this coming season?" The answer is not forthcoming from the writer, because it is beyond his reasoning. There was a time when the business men of Greenville who were fond of baseball lent a helping hand by backing the amateur team here. The past few years on the other hand, has been totally minus the cooperation of the business men, and the fact is, the general promoters have been young men who have managed the whole business as well as donned uniforms and participated in the games themselves. This taking charge by last years promoters was not done either, without first putting the question before the people. Something was said in the paper about a mass-meeting and there was some discussion as to whether Greenville should enter the Eastern Carolina League, of which there was some talk of reviving just at that time. This project soon fell by the wayside, however, and the baseball situation here was left to fight its own fight.

Now, there is no reason in the world why a town with a population of 7,000 people should not have an organized baseball team. As the hot sultry days come on, people quite naturally are ready to pause from their work for a short while in the afternoons. If some of the business men here would only get together and go about the construction of a good diamond, with a comfortable and convenient seating grand-stand and bleachers, it is safe to say that their efforts, financially, would in a short time be repaid. A good baseball team and a good park is a fine advertisement for any town. Baseball has come to stay and those who are at all unfavorable to the sport need not fear much damage to be effected on account of their position. The sport has become a profession and an honorable one. Look at the fame of "Ty" Cobb and the turning of eyes everywhere toward Georgia when the question is popped, "Where is he from?" Again, look at the otherwise insignificant little place of Coffeyville,

Negro Kills Young White Man and Narrowly Escapes Being Lynched

Mount Olive, March 18—A lynching was narrowly averted here this morning when it was learned that a negro, Isadore Best, had killed a young white man, B. F. Beatty, by shooting him with the contents of both barrels of a shot gun. The tragedy occurred at about 6 o'clock at the plant of the Enterprise Lumber Company, one mile south of town.

As soon as the police were informed a posse was organized which succeeded in capturing the negro one hour later while hiding under another negro's house. He was rushed to the lock up and Sheriff R. H. Edwards of Goldsboro notified to come and get him.

While the sheriff was on his way a crowd of perhaps 1000 men collected around the lock up and as feeling was running high a lynching was feared. Sheriff Edwards succeeded in getting the negro out of the lock-up and in his auto in which the negro was taken to Goldsboro. The sheriff made a talk to the crowd before they would allow the removal of the negro. The killing was the result of a slight quarrel between the men on yesterday in regard to the work at the plant. It had almost been forgotten when the negro appeared and shot Mr. Beatty this morning.

Young Beatty leaves a wife and one small child. The remains were taken to Wanaish, N. C., for burial.

GERMAN CRUISER KARLSRUHE REPORTED TO BE WRECKED

Copenhagen, via London, March 18—Another version of the reported destruction of the German cruiser Karlsruhe is published today by the National Tidende. This account purports to emanate from a German merchant captain, who had served as a petty officer of the land-sturm in Wilhelmshaven. The captain is reported to have declared that the crew of the Karlsruhe arrived in Germany on the German liner Rio Negro early in December, but that this fact and the fact that the disaster had occurred, were kept secret that the British cruiser would continue their search for the German.

Early in December it was reported that the Karlsruhe had evaded the British fleet and arrived in a German port. Recently there has been no reports of the actual movements of the Karlsruhe, which, early in the war, gained fame as a sea raider, although there have been several unconfirmed statements that the cruiser had met with disaster. One story emanated from a sea captain who said he had seen the hulk of the Karlsruhe on the beach of one of the Grenadine Islands of the Windward group in the Caribbean Sea. The vessel, he declared, either had gone ashore in a storm or been destroyed by an explosion.

FRANCE PRISONER PENISHED FOR WRITING AGAINST KAISER

Berlin (via London), March 18—Authorship of a poem containing sarcastic references to Emperor William has resulted in First Lieutenant Alfred Humbert, of the 31st regiment of French rifles, a war prisoner at Strassburg, being sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Kansas, but for its being the birthplace of the great Walter Johnson again I ask, after this glance around us, "Where is Greenville going to be on the Baseball Map this coming season?"

Big Battle Pending on Bank of Yser River Canal Which Belgin Army Holds

Germans Waiting For Reinforcements Before Starting a General Engagement

RUSSIANS AGAIN IN PRUSSIA

London, March 18—The next important battle in the west, it is believed, will take place along the river Yser, held on one side by the recently re-organized Belgian army, and on the other by the Germans.

As the floods have subsided, the Belgians, supported by the allies' warships, have pushed their line slightly forward, and this is almost certain to lead to counter attacks by the Germans and a general engagement, as when similar movements were intated elsewhere along the front. An artillery duel already has commenced.

There may be a slight delay while the Germans are awaiting reinforcements, for they have been using most of their reserves to counter attack the British troops at St. Eloi and Neuve Chapelle, and the French north of Arras, but that a big clash will soon come nobody doubts.

The contest for the spur of Notre Dame de Lorette is still in progress, and according to Berlin, farther attempts of the French to advance in Champagne, where they captured an important ridge north of Le Mans, have been repulsed. Fighting in the Argonne forest and the Vosges has slackened somewhat, owing doubtless to the return of cold weather.

There is little news from the eastern front and beyond the fact that the Russians have again crossed the East Prussian frontier in the far northeast, near Tilsit, and that they continue their offensive against the Austrians in Bukovina, there is no change.

Turks Repair Batteries

There is a temporary lull in the bombardment of the Dardanelles and Smyrna, according to an Athens dispatch due. It is thought to unfavorable weather conditions. The Turks are taking advantage of this to repair damage done to the forts and batteries, and they express confidence which is shared by the German field marshal Baron Von Der Goltz, that the straits are impenetrable.

The belief is held here, however, that as soon as the ships receive fresh ammunition they will renew the attack with even greater force. The conference between the government and labor leaders to arrange for the acceleration of the output of war munitions was continued in London today and adjourned until tomorrow to complete the agreement. The laborites desire assurances that the arrangements entered into now will not prejudicially affect the workers after the war is concluded.

Russians Seize Villages

Petrograd, March 18—Via London, March 18—1:59 a. m.—The following official communication from general headquarters was issued tonight: "In Russian Poland on the front between the rivers Skawa and Orzyc, Tartak, Wack and Zolmek, and also in the region north of Przasnysz fighting continues. We have seized several villages and taken five guns, 42 machine guns, many caissons and several hundreds of prisoners."

PLANS FOR TRINITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Trinity College, Durham, March 18—Commencement exercises this year will be held from Sunday, June 6, to Wednesday, June 9, and from the program which is announced today, the exercises promise to be of especial interest. The sermon will be preached by Rev. James Wideman Lee, D.D., of St. Louis, the address will be delivered by Owen Wister L.L.D., of Philadelphia, and the alumni address will be given by Mr. Bunyan S. Womble of Winston-Salem. The baccalaureate address will be delivered by President William Preston Few. Rev. Harry M. North of the class of 1899, will read a poem at the alumni dinner.

DEVISOR'S NAME WAS OMITTED FROM WILL

Annie Stancill, a colored woman appeared at the Courthouse Tuesday afternoon with a will for probating which named her as executrix. It was discovered that the document, written on a typewriter and witnessed by two negro preachers, did not bear the devisor's signature. The will bequeathed \$500 and the residue of her property, real and personal. The clerk stated that efforts were being made to discover if there is not an original to the will, which he suspects to be a copy. If such is not the case, the Stancill woman will probably have to qualify as administratrix in accordance with the law, and in the event the division of the property between the two sisters will in all likelihood be more equitable.—Kinston, Press.

GREENVILLE 16; FARMVILLE 4 IN BASKET BALL GAME

Thursday afternoon about sixty enthusiastic Greenville Graded School pupils accompanied their girls Basketball Team to Farmville. The young folks left with the determination to bring back victory and the result was altogether flattering. Although the Farmville girls played hard and fast the game was decidedly Greenville's. At no moment during the contest did Farmville have a chance to win. The score 16 to 4 tells the story of the first victory that a Greenville Team has won this year.

The entire team played a good game. Leota Jenkins starred for Greenville making 10 out of the 15 points. Those comprising the Greenville team are Leota Jenkins, Erla Critcher, Nannie Clapp, Elizabeth Galloway and Lillie Dell Critcher.

PRESIDENT SELLS BALE OF COTTON

Washington, March 17—President Wilson today sold a bale of cotton and sent the proceeds to charity in Oklahoma.

During the "buy a bale of cotton" movement the president bought several bales, and one now is in Storage at Boswell, Okla. H. H. Conway of Paris, Texas, offered to buy it at ten cents a pound and today the president accepted his offer and directed that the proceeds be sent to a charity in Oklahoma to be selected by Senators Gore and Owen.

The town is having large tilling laid from Ninth street to the branch on the Forbes property.

Taft Urges Changes in Law Relating to Aliens and Civil Service

Chapel Hill, March 18—A mightier arm for the civil service department of the government, and thereby necessarily a curtailment of the appointive powers of the Chief Executive was the outstanding recommendation of former President William Howard Taft in his lecture tonight, on the powers of the President. The classification and regulation of the postmasters would be chiefly affected by the proposed innovation of Professor Taft.

Strengthen Alien Laws.

Characterizing the absence of a provision in our laws whereby the rights of the allies could be safeguarded properly, as a defect in our government, Professor Taft urged the passage of laws to prevent these flagrant violations. There have been 60 or 70 cases of these violations and not a single indictment. The government at Washington ought to be able at least to make a "fuss" rather than issue a simple recommendation," he declared.

"Why should the President be bothered with the appointment of the postmaster of Devil Lake, Montana," asked the former President. Admitting that as the power of the executive to appoint draws to an end the influence of the Presidency seems to wane, he urged the change, inasmuch that the central powers at Washington would be curtailed and the efficiency of the Postoffice Department safeguarded. With the selection of postmasters by the civil service test he contended that a business system would be inaugurated and that as much of a premium would be placed upon the continuity of the services of a competent postmaster as upon a capable officer in an industrial plant. He added, "I can't see why when we go into politics we should lose our ordinary common sense."

Tribute to Employer.

The machinery of government, what Professor Taft termed the entity of government, was paid a tribute by the former President. These departmental employees different from the President and Cabinet, are continuously in the service of the government. While the President and Cabinet officers are at the seashore these faithful servants are running the machinery of the government.

The only rudge he thrust at President Roosevelt in his speech tonight was in his discussion of the construction of the Panama Canal during his administration. He said: "I advised Roosevelt to continue the government in building of the canal. He did not hesitate to continue the government."

ALL ON BOARD THE EVELYN SAVED

New York, March 18—All on board the American coast steamer Evelyn when she was sunk February 19 by a mine in the North Sea were saved, according to five members of her crew who reached here today on the Matanzas from Bremerhaven. It had been variously reported here that eight and thirteen men were lost.

The five men said the vessel struck a mine at 4 o'clock in the morning and remained afloat for seven hours thereafter. The crew took to the boats. One boat was rescued by a German patrol boat and the other were picked up by other ships and landed in Holland.

Mr. Elias Turnage Prominent Citizen of Ayden Died Suddenly Today

News was received here this morning of the death of Mr. Elias Turnage which occurred this morning at 5 o'clock at his home in Ayden. Mr. Turnage had been sick for two weeks previous to his death but his condition had improved considerably and it was thought he would get well again. His death this morning was due to heart failure and was sudden. He was in his 65th year.

Mr. Turnage was prominently connected and well-known throughout the whole county. He was a merchant in his active business days but retired several years ago and has since been living quietly at his home in Ayden. He was a member of the Methodist church and was actively engaged in church work up to the time of his sickness. Surviving him are his wife and seven children.

Burial services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday at the Ayden Cemetery. The burial will be with Masonic honors as Mr. Turnage was prominently identified with the order.

CLAIM HORN'S ATTEMPT WAS AN ACT OF WAR

Bangor, Maine, March 18—The claim of Werner Horn that his attempt to blow up the international railway bridge at Vanceboro was an act of war figured in proceedings before United States Commissioner Charles H. Reid here today in connection with indictments returned against Horn in the federal court at Boston charging illegal interstate transportation of explosives from New York to Vanceboro.

Counsel for prisoner, former Congressman Joseph F. O'Connell of Boston, argued that as a lieutenant of the German army, Horn was a government agent, and that the transportation of explosives was part of an act of war with which the state department rather than the court should deal.

It was expected that if the commissioner found sufficient cause for holding Horn he would order him committed to await a warrant for his removal to Massachusetts. Horn's counsel intimated that on adverse decision might be followed by further proceedings to prevent the prisoner's removal from the state.

CUBA MAY BE ASKED TO PUT RICE ON THE FREE LIST

Washington, March 18—A proposal that the Cuban government be asked to put rice on the free list, in view of the fact that this country will admit all sugars free of duty after May 1, 1916, under the present tariff law, will be laid before the state department within a day or two by Senator Sheppard of Texas.

"It will mean the salvation of the rice industry," said Senator Sheppard. "It will stabilize rice, one of the principal articles of diet. And aside from providing for our rice market, it would help the Cuban people by giving them cheaper food. I shall urge the state government to ask Cuba to act."

Harvard Boys in Skirts

Cambridge, Mass., Mar. 19—The annual Phi Eta Club show, in which wealthy young students figure as chorus girls, ballet dancers and society buds, will be given its first performance tonight. "Robin the Robber" is the title, and there are many stirring musical numbers. The show will be given six performances.