

**GREENVILLE IS THE HEART OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. IT HAS A POPULATION OF FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND ONE, AND IS SURROUNDED BY THE BEST FARMING COUNTRY. INDUSTRIES OF ALL KINDS ARE INVITED TO LOCATE HERE FOR WE HAVE EVERYTHING TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF LABOR, CAPITAL AND TRIBUTARY FACILITIES. WE HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE JOB AND NEWSPAPER PLANT.**



Agriculture is the Most Useful, the Most Healthful, the Most Noble Employment of Man.—George Washington.

**WE HAVE A CIRCULATION OF TWELVE HUNDRED AMONG THE BEST PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN PART OF NORTH CAROLINA AND INVITE THOSE WHO WISH TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THESE GOOD PEOPLE IN A BUSINESS WAY TO TAKE A FEW INCHES SPACE AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU HAVE TO BRING TO THEIR ATTENTION. OUR ADVERTISING RATES ARE LOW AND CAN BE HAD UPON APPLICATION.**

# German-U. States Trouble May Go To Commission

is View Held by Washington Officials.  
**FOUR PRISONERS ON WHICH U. S. STANDS**

Present Attitude of This Government Which is Expected to be Set Forth in Reply to Germany's Latest Note, United States Does Not Regard as Final Disagreement With Germany Because of Issue Involved.

Washington, July 13.—The view which the state department holds as to the means for the ultimate settlement of the controversy between the United States and Germany if diplomatic negotiations fail is the reference of the issues to an international commission.

This, it is explained accounts for the efforts of administration officials to allay any feeling that a grave and dangerous situation has arisen or is likely to develop.

Officers of the state department today let it be known that the present attitude of this government is contained in the following four principles and that it is expected that they will be advanced in the reply of the United States to the latest German note:

- First—A state of war does not abridge or destroy the rights of neutrals in the so-called zones established by one or more belligerents in the open or free seas.
- Second—That the creation of the war zone and blockade by Germany is not legally based either on written or unwritten international law and that the same argument applies to any limitation of the free and open seas by Great Britain.
- Third—Suspicion of unarmed merchantmen cannot be pleaded as justification for attack. There must be antecedent effort to exercise the rights and duty of visit and search.
- Fourth—The United States does not regard as final any grave and seemingly insoluble disagreement between the United States and Germany because the United States is committed to the principles of international inquiry.

### SMITHTOWN ITEMS

Smithtown, July 13.—Miss Sallie Smith and brother are attending a house party at Miss Gladys Carr's this week.  
Miss Trilby Smith has just returned from an extended visit in Snow Hill.  
Misses Maggie Taylor and Thelma Brown, of Bethel, spent the week end at the home of Mr. C. D. Smith.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mills Smith spent Sunday with their brother, Mr. R. A. Smith.  
Messrs. Jenkins and Ross, of Washington, were in Smithtown Sunday on their usual rounds.  
Several of the farmers in this section are curing tobacco this week.  
Mrs. R. A. Nichols continues very ill at her home in Nichols Town.

### REWARD OFFERED FOR MURDERER OF C. B. AHT

Raleigh, July 13.—Rewards of two hundred dollars were offered this afternoon for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons alleged to have murdered and robbed Charles B. Aht in his room here recently. The County Commissioners offered one hundred dollars and the governor made available a similar amount.

## Forty Nine German Spies Executed in City of London

SAYS CHICAGO PHYSICIAN IN LETTER FROM ENGLAND

Secret Order Issued for British Officers Not to Ride in Autos and Taxis One Day and 49 Caught in Uniforms Are Executed.

Chicago, July 13.—Forty-nine German spies were trapped by Scotland detectives and executed in London recently according to a letter received here today from a Chicago physician in England with a Red Cross unit. The story follows:

"On June 10th a secret order went out to all British army and navy officers in London not to ride in any automobile or taxicab the next day. As a result Scotland Yard men arrested 52 men in British officers uniforms riding in autos and taxis. Three proved to have arrived after the order was issued. The other 49 were taken as German spies and shot without trial."

## Pearce Writes Some More Threatening Letters—Believed a Hoax

One to Chief of Police and Other to Afternoon Paper—Generally Believed to be a Hoax.

New Orleans, July 13.—Two more letters signed "Pearce," in which the writer threatens disaster to British merchant and mule vessels, as in the one received by a local newspaper several days ago, were delivered here today. One was sent through the mail to a local afternoon newspaper, and the other to the Chief of Police. In both the writer demands the release of Hans Halle, the confessed bomb maker held in connection with the receipt of the first letter Sunday night.

Chief of Police Reynolds said today that he would ignore the demand that Halle be released, even though he takes seriously the letters received today. Others, however, who have been watching the case closely are inclined to believe today's letters are a hoax. The phraseology is similar to that of the first letter, but terms are used that lead to the belief that the writer of the letters received today was attempting to adopt the style of the writer of the one received Sunday night.

### BALTIMORE BEATS ATLANTA FOR NEXT ELKS CONVENTION

Los Angeles, July 13.—Baltimore defeated Atlanta for the Elks' convention of 1916 at the session here today. Grand Exalted Ruler Nicholson was re-elected.

London, July 13.—The British government has decided to apply the munitions war act to the South Wales coal strike on the ground that the strike is prejudicial to the transport, production and supply of munitions of war.

# ALDERMEN MEET FOR THE DISCUSSION OF BONDS

The board of aldermen will meet tomorrow night in an adjourned session of the last regular meeting. Among the matters to be taken up at tomorrow night's meeting are the selling of the \$30,000 worth of Graded School bonds, for which a dozen or more sealed bids have already been received, the revising of the town ordinances, and the granting or rejecting of the petition of drug stores in regard to the sale of soft drinks on Sunday.

The last of the above named matters, viz: "whether or not the drug stores shall be allowed to remain open at certain hours on Sundays" has been discussed outside for quite a while and a petition has recently been sent to the Mayor signed by the proprietors of the four drug stores in the city in which it is asked of the Aldermen that they be allowed "to charge for those luxuries as soft drinks and cigars, which they have hitherto been forced to give away in order to accommodate their customers. The proprietors of the stores also state in the petition that they do not wish to be allowed to keep open during church hours."

### MAYOR HOLDS LIGHT COURT THIS MORNING

Mayor Dunn held a light court at the city hall this morning, only two cases being on the docket for trial. Mitchell Saleeby, a Syrian was charged with assaulting "Coor" Everett. The difficulty occurred on the street sometime last night and it was alleged that Saleeby slapped Everett in the face. The evidence showed that each were partly responsible for the trouble and Saleeby was adjudged guilty.

The other case tried today was that against Ralph Jones and James Bullock, who were indicted for disturbing the peace with their boisterous conduct. Both of the defendants were found guilty. The judgment being that each of the boys pay half of the costs, the total of which amounted to \$3.35.

### Mr. F. V. Johnston Recovering Fast at Hospital

Mr. F. V. Johnston who received a severe injury to one of his legs about two weeks ago and was taken to a hospital in Richmond last week is getting along fine and improving very fast, says a letter to Dr. S. H. Hall which he received from Dr. McGuire, of St. Luke's Hospital. The letter was written soon after Mr. Johnston's arrival at the hospital. The many friends of Mr. Johnston will be glad to learn that he is improving and that it was not necessary for him to undergo any surgical operation. It is expected that he will be able to return home in about a week or ten days.

### John H. Fort Goes to Hospital

Mr. John H. Fort, of the Proctor Hotel Barber Shop, has gone to a hospital in Richmond for treatment. Mr. Fort has been suffering for some time from a stomach trouble, and the trouble reached a crisis Sunday necessitating his being treated at once.

### BELGIAN WORK OF ART AS A MARK OF APPRECIATION

Toledo, O., July 13.—As a mark of appreciation for the services performed by Americans in Belgium one of the most precious Van Dycks in the Belgian galleries has been presented to the American people by Charles Leon Cardon, a Brussels artist and collector, and in recognition of the work of Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium and former mayor of Toledo, it will be placed in the Toledo museum of art.

# Air Ships Drop Bombs On The German Stations

Ascended in Forty-Mile Gale and Started Several Fires With Bombs.

GERMAN INACTIVITY IN EAST IS PUZZLING

London Observers Fear General von Mackensen is Planning Unexpected Coup—Germans Gained Width of 600 Yards in Capture of Cemetery. Reported Turks Are En Route to Open Peace Negotiations.

London, July 13.—A squadron of 35 French aeroplanes this morning ascended in a 40-mile gale and dropped heavy bombs on the railway station of the Germans near the Colonne trenches, starting several fires.

An attack by the Germans under the protection of what the French official statement called a "curtain of fire," upon the French positions at the labyrinth was repulsed by the French with very heavy losses by the assailants.

The official statement from Berlin says that the Germans advanced along a width of 600 yards when the Germans took the cemetery near Sauchez.

The Germans are redoubling their efforts to capture Verdun, according to Paris advices, but the French are confident that the fortress will resist all attacks.

The German inactivity in the eastern theater of war is puzzling Petrograd and London. British military observers fear that Field Marshal von Mackensen is planning an unexpected coup.

A dispatch from Athens says that after a hard battle on the Gallipoli peninsula the Allies right wing advanced 200 yards and that the bombardment of the interior forts of the Dardanelles continues.

It is reported from Bucharest that the Turkish minister of justice and other delegates had passed through to Bulgaria to open negotiations with the Allies for peace.

A dispatch from Lowestoft says that three British trawlers were blown up by bombs today. The crews were saved.

### CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL HELD PICNIC YESTERDAY

Yesterday the Christian Sunday school held its annual picnic at Yankee Hall.

The members of the Sunday school with a few invited friends met at the Cotanch Street Landing at 8.30 and boarded the boat for Yankee Hall. The party arrived at the picnic grounds about eleven o'clock. Dinner was spread at one and all thoroughly enjoyed the sumptuous repast.

After lunch all the men, who had brought bathing suits, went in bathing for an hour. Many delightful games were played during the afternoon by the younger members of the party. At five in the evening the return trip was begun, the party arriving home a little after six.

### RUSSIANS FORTIFYING THE RUMANIAN BORDER

Berlin, July 13.—A dispatch to the Tagelblatt from its correspondent at Cernowitz, Bukowina, says:

"The Russians are fortifying their Rumanian border. Many thousands of men are at work digging trenches parallel with the border and building barbed wire entanglements. The operations are being rushed with all speed."

# CLEANING UP NOW IS THE TALK OF THE TOWN

A marked improvement in the appearance of several of the vacant lots about the city is noticeable the last few days. Since the order of the board of aldermen to have the people clean up the trash and rubbish on their lots, it seems that everyone is taking pride in attempting to beat his neighbor in the clean up campaign.

The business houses on the side streets are cleaning up the side walks in front of their doors, cutting the grass and hauling off the rubbish. "If Greenville keeps on," remarked a business man this morning, "and makes as much improvement in the next five years as she has in the past five, this city will make some of the larger cities sit up and talk about it." In speaking of the New National Bank Building, the same man said that "at first I thought that the building was far ahead of the times, but what we need now is another four story building right where the fruit stands is, just across the street from the present four story structure."

It is being rumored on the quiet that another building across the street from the National Bank is being contemplated, but there has been nothing given out yet that can be taken as definite, however, everyone is reasonably sure that someone, realizing the immense possibilities here in Greenville, will soon erect a building on the above mentioned lot.

# Fire On U. S. S. New Jersey

Boston, July 13.—Fire started today on the battleship New Jersey within ten feet of 9,000 pounds of powder. The fire was extinguished by flooding the handling room. The blaze was caused by the short circuiting of an electric wire.

### HARVEST BEGINS IN GERMANY: GRAIN CROP SAID TO BE GOOD

Berlin, July 13.—Harvesting has begun in the western and middle sections of Germany. Reports from Cologne indicate that the crops of rye, oats, wheat and barley will be especially large. Sugar beets are said to be richer in sugar than usual and it is expected that the fruit harvest will be satisfactory.

### BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL HAVE ENJOYABLE PICNIC

The Sunday School classes of the Memorial Baptist Church held their annual picnic yesterday at Joyner's Grove, about three miles west of the city. A large number of the pupils accompanied by the teachers and many invited friends and guests, went out to the Grove in wagons and automobiles about ten o'clock in the morning. The little folks especially, and all of the party had a most enjoyable time rambling around through the woods and playing various games. At noon lunch was served and the afternoon was spent in much the same way that produced the fun and merriment in the morning. The children and all in the party report a most enjoyable and delightful day. The return trip was made late in the afternoon.

Mr. C. A. Rouse, Editor of the Greenville Enterprise, was in Greenville yesterday.

# THAW CASE MAY BE COMPLETED LATE TODAY

If Diplomatic Negotiations Fail When State's Star Alienist Alleges Defendant Tried to Hypnotize Him.

VERDICT IS EXPECTED BY NIGHTFALL TODAY

State Closed Its Case at 5 O'clock Yesterday and Today Defendant's Counsel Will Read Testimony of Former Hearing Into Records and Then Jury Will be Charged and Receive the Case.

New York, July 13.—"Who's loony now?" the Chaloner classic, was revived today by Harry Thaw in his sanity hearing. Dr. Austin Flint, the state's star alienist, was on the stand.

"Do you think from what you have seen of Thaw in this court room that he is rational?" asked John B. Stanchfield, of Thaw's counsel.

"No," replied Dr. Flint. "His efforts to hypnotize me on this witness stand do not show a rational mind."

"Do you mean to say that Thaw tried to hypnotize you?" asked Stanchfield.

"Do you make the serious statement that this relator tried to hypnotize you?" demanded Justice Hendrick in amazement.

"I do," responded Dr. Flint solemnly.

"Who's loony now?" whispered Thaw to those about him. "Do you think I would have dared say a thing like that?"

Thaw's case will go to the jury early tomorrow afternoon. By nightfall the verdict should be at hand. Therefore his fate will rest in the hands of Justice Hendrick, who under the law has the final say and can set Thaw at liberty even if the jury advises he is still insane or send him back to Matteawan in the face of a contrary verdict, according to his discretion.

The case against Thaw was closed at 5 o'clock this afternoon by the state. Fifteen minutes will be consumed by Stanchfield tomorrow morning in reading into the records some testimony given at a previous hearing. The summing up will follow and then with the court's charge the case will be handed over to the jury.

### PLEASED THAT EDISON IS TO HEAD ADVISORY BOARD

Washington, July 13.—Announcement by Thomas A. Edison that he had accepted Secretary Daniels' offer to head an advisory board of civilian inventors for the proposed bureau of invention and development in the navy department was received with gratification today by naval officials. Secretary Daniels was especially pleased because on Mr. Edison's acceptance was dependent almost entirely the development of the secretary's plan of utilizing the inventive genius of the country in perfecting the navy as a fighting machine.