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SPEED DEMONS TO BE SEEN AT THE FAIR GROUNDS AT 2 O'CLOCK TODAY

EASTERN CAROLINA FAIR IS TO CLOSE TODAY--MANY GOING

Expected That the Attendance Will Surpass That of the Past Three Days--Thrilling Motorcycle and Hose Wagon Races--Last Chance to See Exhibits--Grounds Not Open Tonight

Another day of ideal weather yesterday is attributable to the fact that an even larger crowd than on the previous day attended the Third Eastern Carolina Fair in progress here this week and that each and every one of the many thousands went away profuse in their praise of the great exhibit and declaring that they would be on hand again today--the last day of the event.

As on the previous days the midway and the various exhibit buildings were packed during the forenoon and the attractions on the former did a rushing business while the latter was literally a sea of humanity. In the main exhibit building are seen the most interesting displays and these are of real merit and not a person visited the grounds without looking these over.

The horse racing yesterday was excellent, in fact it can easily be said that the speed tests were better than on any one of the previous days and the large grandstand was packed with eager spectators.

The Last Day

Today is the last day of the Fair and as the grounds will not be open tonight another record breaking crowd will be in attendance. The chief attraction of the day will be the motorcycle racing which will take place at 2:30 o'clock. In this race there will be two riders from Wilmington, two from Vanceboro and three local boys. The half mile track is in excellent condition and some thrilling racing is expected. The two young men from Wilmington are said to be the holders of the racing record in New Hanover county and only a few weeks ago attained a speed of 64 miles an hour on their machines. Every precaution has been taken to prevent an accident on the track during the races and it is probable that the riders will come out without any mishap.

Auto Racing

It is planned to have an automobile race and one machine has already been entered for this but as no other driver has yet showed up it is not assured that this race will be held. However, if one or more additional machine owners want to get in the game they will be allowed to do so.

Hose Wagon Racing

Today is to be officially known as "Firemen's Day" and all of the firemen of the city will be on hand. The Fourth Ward and the Riverside Hose wagon teams will give an exhibition race in front of the grandstand immediately after the conclusion of the motorcycle races and as there is considerable rivalry between these two companies, this exhibition is expected to prove thrilling and of much interest.

The Norfolk Southern Railway Company will operate their shuttle train to the Fair Grounds again today, and there will also be a large number of boats and automobiles in operation and there will be ample facilities for all to reach the grounds and get back to the city at any time they desire. Remember! This is the last day of the Fair. Go today or never. Don't miss this great event and next week wish that you had attended when the next door neighbor tells you of the "big time" they had or the things they saw.

THE WEATHER

The weather for New Bern and vicinity today is fair. Gentle to moderate southwest winds.

George N. Ennett is in the city attending the Fair.

YOUNG THOMPSON HELD FOR SUPERIOR COURT

WOULD-BE-SLAYER OF SCARLET WOMAN SENT BACK TO HIS CELL.

Jasper Thompson, the young white man who acknowledged shooting Clara Kimball, a woman of ill fame at Pembroke, Wednesday night, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday morning before Justice of the Peace Walter Fulford, and held for court without bail.

Reports from Fairview Sanatorium last night were that the woman was resting well but was still in a serious condition. Although the wound has been probed deep, the bullet has not yet been located, and Dr. Bonner, who has the case in charge, stated that it might not be located for several days. He also stated that the bullet entered the right breast, apparently, from an angle which would make it possible for the right lung to have been penetrated, and the ball continued its course into the left, and if such is the case, recovery will be doubtful. Dr. Bonner said that it would be several days before an opinion could be expressed as to whether or not the wound will prove fatal.

ABOUT HALF THE TOWN OF CLARKSTON BURNED

EARLY MORNING BLAZE CONSUMED STOCK AND BURNS SEABOARD DEPOT

CLARKSTON, N. C., Oct. 29.—When the flames of Clarkston were awakened this morning about 3 o'clock by the loud noise of an explosion, they found the big store of the O. L. Clark Company almost entirely wrapped in flames. The entire building and the immense stock, the largest in this section of the State, were quickly and totally destroyed, and only partially covered by insurance on building and goods. Mr. O. L. Clark, president and largest stockholder in the company, was at Hickory attending the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod.

The flames spread from the Clark store and destroyed the Seaboard Air Line passenger depot and freight warehouse, the agent, Mr. Huffman, being unable to save even his office records. The store owned by Dr. Clark and occupied by W. S. Clark Company was also destroyed with the stock the latter amounting to \$1,500.

Another house of Dr. Clark's, occupied by John Smith as a market, was burned, as was also the warehouse of D. J. Clark.

By hard work the flames were stopped on the east at the new brick drug store, this building being a good new one and of brick made it possible to save the rest on that side of the street.

The store of N. A. Currie & Co., and the stable of E. J. Cox & Co., both were in great danger much of the time. The O. L. Clark Company's building seems to have caught from the inside somewhere near the back part of the store, where there was a large tank of kerosene oil, and also a tank full of compressed air which was used for lighting purposes, and as soon as this exploded the flames enveloped the entire building so quickly that not even

TOMORROW TO BE DEMOCRATIC DAY IN CRAVEN CO.

Party Leaders Will Deliver Interesting Addresses at a Number of Towns and Villages.

SEVERAL COUNTY OFFICERS ON SPEAKERS' LIST.

Probable That a Big Mass Meeting Will be Held in New Bern on Next Monday Night.

Tomorrow October 31, will be a big day for the Democrats of Craven county. Chairman Stephen H. Lane has arranged to have public speaking at various points in the county and these speeches will be made by men who are known all over the State and who are in addition to this, most brilliant orators and thoroughly familiar with the principles of the Democratic party. Chairman Lane has arranged to have the following speakers at the places named below:

Vanceboro, L. I. Moors and B. B. Hurst.

Fort Barnwell, C. R. Thomas and S. H. Fowler.

Dover, R. A. Nunn and R. B. Lane.

Cove City, E. M. Green and W. B. Flanner.

Croatan, C. D. Bradham and Walter Watson.

At Bridgeton, to night, October the thirtieth, a general mass meeting will be held at which a number of speeches will be made by prominent men.

While complete arrangements have not been made it is probable that a big mass meeting will be held in New Bern on Monday night, November 2, and at that time speeches will be made by a number of the most prominent Democrats in this section.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR ARMOR PLATE

OVER 750,000 SAVED ON PURCHASES FOR THREE NEW DREADNAUGHTS.

Washington, October 29.—Contracts for \$10,674,112 worth of armor plate and steel for the new battleships California, Mississippi and Idaho were awarded today by the Navy Department to the Bethlehem and Midvale Steel companies. The Bethlehem contracts are for material for two vessels aggregating \$7,122,708, and the Midvale contract for the other at \$3,551,404.

A statement issued by the Navy Department to-night said a reduction in process secured through the efforts of Secretary Daniels had resulted in a saving of \$759,542 on these contracts. Mr. Daniels persuaded the companies to accept contracts on the basis of total supply for construction of the three vessels at the lowest prices they had specified for limited quantities of the materials.

ST. PAULS SCHOOL TEAM THE WINNERS.

The baseball team of St. Paul's school yesterday afternoon defeated the East Front street team by a score of 30 to 15. The game was a swiftest from start to finish but was exciting to the youngsters engaged in it.

L. B. ENNETT, OF CEDAR POINT, AND HIS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CARTER COUNTY, IS IN THE CITY ATTENDING THE FAIR.

L. B. Ennett, of Cedar Point, and who is superintendent of the public schools of Carter county, is in the city attending the Fair.

These present able to open the door. This entire building and every thing in and near it was a complete loss.

ALLIES HOLDING THEIR OWN IN TERRIBLE FIGHT

Fourteenth Day of the Battle of West Flanders Finds Them Fighting

TEMPORARY LULL IN FIGHTING WEDNESDAY

News From South Africa and Other Points is Rather Vague in Many Details

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The fourteenth day of the battle of West Flanders, which is being fought over an area hardly greater than a good sized farm in the state of Iowa, found the Allies holding their ground to the west of the Yser and the Germans apparently bringing up more reinforcements to repeat their furious attempts to break through and reach the coast of France.

All dispatches seem to agree that there was a temporary lull yesterday in the fighting between Nieupot and Ypres, but the reports are far from unanimous as to whether this was due to an armistice to bury the dead and remove the wounded, which must thickly cover the field, or whether it was caused by the exhaustion of the contending forces or the German lack of ammunition.

The London press hazards all three guesses and contends at any rate that the position of the allies is satisfactory. The public is warned, however, that the struggle in this quarter is not yet over, for the Germans if they find the northern route to Dunkirk and Calais impassable may shift to the south with Boulogne as the objective.

It was at Boulogne that Napoleon waited in vain for his troops to embark for England, and the taking of this city by the Germans would stir the people as nothing else could.

Berlin claims that there has been no recent progress in the struggle in Flanders and, as if explaining this, says sixteen British warships are operating on the coast.

This number never has been confirmed by British sources but a dispatch from Dover reports that a battleship equipped with twelve-inch guns has gone to the assistance of the British monitors, which have been shelling the Germans on the shore. Other reports speak of heavy firing in the North Sea, as if a big naval engagement had taken place, but the admiralty here is silent. Taken as a whole the English interpretation of the news this morning was cheerful.

From South Africa came a statement that General Botha had inflicted a sharp defeat upon General Beyers, the latest recruit to the revolutionary movement in the Union of South Africa.

In the eastern arena of the war in Europe the Russians appear to have driven the German right wing as a fortnight ago they shattered the left before Warsaw. In confirmation of this is the German official admission that their troops, together with the Austrians, had retreated in Poland.

Beginning today the British court goes into mourning for three weeks for Prince Maurice of Battenburg, the first member of the royal family to be sacrificed in the war. The Prince was a cousin of King George and a son of Prince Henry of Battenburg. He held a commission in the King's Royal Rifle Corps and died of wounds received in battle. Royal condolences already have been sent to his sister, the Queen of Spain, who but a few days ago gave birth to a son.

There are recurring reports that the Germans are constructing sheds on the Belgian coast for the housing of Zeppelin airships; a local newspaper is offering free insurance against Zeppelins to its subscribers.

There is no official confirmation of the reported German invasion of Portuguese West Africa.

Holland is still on edge as regards a possible violation of her neutrality.

UNITED STATES TO ALLOW JOHN BULL TO SEARCH SHIPS

Agree to Let Great Britain Look Over Cargoes of Vessels Flying U. S. Flag.

DID THIS IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY TROUBLE.

Prince Louis of Battenburg Resigns As Head of The British Admiralty.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The State Department, through acting secretary Lansing, announced tonight that this government would acquiesce to Great Britain's stand regarding unrestricted right to search vessels of all flags sailing in the Atlantic Ocean after a conference between Secretary Lansing and President Wilson.

PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBERG RESIGNS.

London, Oct. 29.—A royal circular issued tonight announces that Prince Louis of Battenburg has resigned from the admiralty. This ends the campaign of vilification directed against the first sea lord of the British navy from the beginning of the war. Prince Louis is a native German and his father was a Prussian officer.

THE GREEKS LAND LARGE NUMBER TROOPS.

Rome, Oct. 29.—A report that Greece has landed 1,200 soldiers at Santi Quaranta, in Southern Albania, is causing a profound impression in Rome as this step is strongly opposed to the London conference.

TWENTY FOUR REBELS LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS.

London, Oct. 29.—The Press Bureau announces tonight that the South African government reports that Col. Vandevanter states that twenty-four rebels surrendered at Brandvlei. General Mackenzie rounded up the rebels in that district.

CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT OF SHIPS SINKING.

London, Oct. 29.—Confirmation of the report that a British ship had struck a German land battery off the Belgian coast was contained in a press association dispatch from Dover tonight. It is stated that eight British seamen were killed in a coast battle there.

NO IMPORTANT NEWS FROM FRENCH CAPITAL.

Paris, Oct. 29.—An official statement issued at midnight says that according to the latest information there is no important news to announce.

NEGROES WANT BETTER RAILROAD SERVICE IN N. C.

Raleigh, N. C., October 29.—A score of negro men, representing fraternal and religious organizations in the State, called on the Corporation Commission today and petitioned for better railroad service. Jas. B. Dudley, president of the colored Agricultural and Mechanical College, was the spokesman. The commission promised to look into the matter at once.

DESTROYER PAULDING IS STILL AGROUND.

Norfolk, Va., October 29.—The destroyer Paulding aground in Lynn Haven inlet, has settled deeper in the sand. Wreckers are at work trying to float her.

The first boat load of food for Belgium under American supervision left London today.

NORTH CAROLINA BOY SUICIDES IN CITY OF ATLANTA

G. V. Williams of Middlesex Brooded Over a Plot to Disgrace His Name and Killed Self

TWO CARBOLIC ACID BOTTLES ARE FOUND

Was Employed in the Louisville and Nashville Yards as Train Dispatcher

ATLANTA, Oct. 29.—Kneeling beside his bed, apparently in prayer, G. V. Williams, a 19 year old North Carolina boy today was discovered dead by his mother, Mrs. Mary Christian, no. 124 Whitehall street.

Two men, apparently of Middlesex and a girl, the sister of one of the boys, lay on the floor near him and told the story.

Investigation revealed a pathetic story of his brooding over what he believed to be a plot to disgrace him. This and an overwhelming homesickness—a craving to see his friends and the old home place in the little town of Middlesex, N. C.—are the only reasons that can be ascribed for the deed by his most intimate friends.

Young Williams, who came here from North Carolina several months ago, was employed in the Louisville and Nashville Railroad yards as a dispatcher, and was regarded by railroad officials and all who knew him as a model young man, possessed of no bad habits and of a genial cheerful disposition.

Accused of Robbery

A short time ago his friends were astonished when a man stopping in a downtown hotel accused young Williams of robbing him. The youth pleaded that there must be some mistake and protested his absolute innocence. He was arrested, however, and bound over in bond of \$1,000. His brother came here and engaged Attorney Thomas F. Scott to defend the youth and on a showing by Attorney Scott Solicitor Dorsen reduced the bond to \$500.

Two weeks ago Williams planned to visit his home to see his brother before his case should be called for trial in the Criminal Court, but, to his intense disappointment, he found that he would be unable to leave his work at this time. Although he maintained his cheerful spirits, it was seen that he was worried. He had seemed particularly anxious to see his friends and assure them of his innocence of the charge against him.

Hurt Deeply by Charge

Attorney Scott and all who knew Williams were unanimous in their tribute to the dead youth. Mr. Scott said the idea that he had been wrongfully accused had hurt the boy deeply. The youth is said to have been a close reader of the Bible, and to have been very religious in his general demeanor. "I don't believe I ever saw a finer young man," said Attorney Scott.

The body was removed to the undertaker parlors of A. O. & Roy Donehoo, where Coroner Donehoo will hold an inquest.

FIRE ON ROUNDTREE STREET YESTERDAY

A fire which partially destroyed the home of Ike Davenport, colored, on Roundtree street, originated from unknown cause yesterday afternoon about three o'clock. The alarm was turned in from box forty-two which is located at Five Points, and the firemen were quick to respond. The blaze was soon extinguished and the damage was not very heavy.