

Wonderful Polk County, "In The Land of The Sky", Offers Unusual Opportunities for Home Seekers. Mountain Spring Water. Magnificent Scenery.

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## SALUBRIOUS SALUDA

If I were asked, why would you go to Saluda to spend the summer, I would reply: Saludas salubrious climate. On the mountain tops at an altitude of 2,250 feet, at its lowest point, makes the air exhilarating and invigorating. The days never get excessively hot and the nights are always cool.

Next of importance is the pure, sparkling, mountain spring water, coming from an uncontaminated source, from Judds Peak, by gravity pressure. Saludas sewer system is adequate and the health officers are vigilant in carrying out the city's stringent laws. Not a case of typhoid fever last summer nor localized malaria. Mosquitos are seldom seen and flies are few, thanks to the efficient health authorities.

The new electric light system, being installed at a great cost to the city, will be completed at an early date, making another drawing card.

The simple life can be lived here. The homes, hotels and boarding houses are tucked away in virgin forests, making enchanting surroundings for an ideal vacation, close to nature.

The seven miles of concrete pavements and the good roads makes it pleasant to get around in Saluda, in rainy weather.

The new highway from Saluda to Tryon, constructed through the mountains, following the Paolet River, is one of the most beautiful scenic roads in the country. This highway is a part of a link that connects Asheville, N. C., with Spartanburg, S. C. It cost an immense sum of money to construct. The trip from Saluda to Tryon, 12 miles away, has enraptured world travellers. The road was blasted through great granite boulders and most of the boulders have natural abutments.

The scenery is magnificent. No writer can do justice to Saludas scenery. A little journey to Judds Peak, Piney Mountain, Blakes Peak, Panther Falls and many others is easy walking distance, is worth traveling miles to see. For a day's outing, take a trip to Green River Falls, that wonderful country, 1,000 feet lower than Saluda, where any fruit or vegetable can be grown, where Green River, a swift mountain stream dashes over rocks and cliffs. This trip is full of surprises for the lover of the great outdoors. Books could be written about Saluda scenery.

The social side of Saluda life is in keeping with the general surroundings. There are no Great White Ways, or Peacock Alleys, but enough is going on to drive dull care away. Dances, with excellent music, recitals and the larger hotels have their special social functions. A three days Chautauqua will be held in the middle summer.

I must say something of the people one meets in Saluda. They are the most hospitable, kindly and unselfish people one would care to meet. The visitors come from all parts of the country. People of culture and refinement, no ostentation. They come to Saluda for quiet and rest and they get it.

Saluda is well supplied with good stores, markets, soda fountains and excellent telephone system, connected with the Bell Long Distance. The Western Union Telegraph office is open day and night. The Southern Railway offers the tourist the best of service. The Carolina Special that luxurious train, from Cincinnati to Charleston, makes both stops at Saluda.

Two resident physicians and surgeons, a doctor of Mechano-Therapy and an infants and childrens sanitarian, in charge of a specialist in child hood diseases, look after the health of visitors and residents.

Four churches and a public library contribute to the moral welfare of the community.

One of Saludas slogans is: People who come to Saluda once come again. This is truthfully stated.

Saluda has innumerable hotels and boarding houses, furnished and unfurnished cottages for rent. The hotels and boarding places have homelike surroundings, clean rooms, modern equipment, excellent fare and best of all, it does not cost a fortune to pay the bill. A directory of hotels will be found in The News and you may bank on it that any one of them will treat you right. Come to Saluda and you will come again.

## Hotel Directory

You will make no mistake in selecting one of these excellent places to spend your vacation in The Land of the Sky.

### The Carolina Home

MRS. W. C. ROBERTSON, Proprietress  
Central location. Baths. Commercial rate \$2 per day. Weekly rate \$7 to \$8.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Fairview House

MRS. H. B. LOCKE  
SALUDA, N. C.  
Modern conveniences. Fine location. Good table, fine water, near postoffice and library. No tubercular patients received. Terms: \$8 to \$10 per week. Special rates to parties.

### The Charles

MRS. J. W. LaMOTTE  
Rates: Commercial \$2 per day. Weekly \$7 to \$10. Special Family Rates. No consumptives taken.

SALUDA, N. C.

### The Pines

MRS. M. E. LEONARD, Proprietress  
Hot and cold bath. Central location. Rates: \$7 and up. Special rates by the month and to families.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Iona Lodge

MRS. S. S. OEHLER, Proprietress  
Located in Saluda, near Piney Mountain. Fine water and scenery. Modern house. Rates: \$7 and up. Special rates to families.

SALUDA, N. C.

### The Esseola

MRS. J. K. CAMPBELL  
Fine view. Lush Water. Conveniently located. Rates: \$5.50 to \$10 per week.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Poplar Glenn

MRS. F. C. HAMILTON  
Large outside rooms. Hot and cold baths. Delightful breeze. Mountain spring water.  
Rates on application.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Melrose Inn

A quiet and delightful family hotel. Modern. Rates upon application.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Pace House

Mrs O B Garren  
Saluda, N. C.  
Large outside rooms. Modern conveniences. Rates \$7 to \$10 a week

SALUDA, N. C.

### Breeze Point

LULA F. HARVIN  
Saluda, N. C.  
Centrally located. Modern House Special family rates. Write for particulars.

SALUDA, N. C.

But That's Serious. Some girls seem to slip along through life without any more serious worries than how to keep the shoulder straps of their evening gowns in place. —Columbus (O.) Journal.

## SUBMARINE SINKS AMERICAN VESSEL

LEELANAW LADEN WITH FLAX IS TORPEDOED OFF COAST OF SCOTLAND.

### CARGO WAS CONTROBAND

Captain and Crew of the Steamship Were Saved Making Land in Their Own Boats.

London.—The American freight steamer Leelenaw bound from Archangel, Russia, for Belfast, with a cargo of flax, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the North-west coast of Scotland. Captain Belk and the crew were saved, landing at Kirkwall in their own boats.

Keen interest was displayed in British official circles over the news of torpedoing of the Leelenaw, but comment was withheld until the receipt of further details which the Admiralty has requested.

The Leelenaw's crew will be sent to Dundee, where the American Consul will take their depositions.

American officials will make a rigid investigation especially with regard to the point whether the crew was removed before the torpedo was fired, as the Leelenaw was carrying a conditional contraband cargo from one belligerent port to another.

The Leelenaw left New York May 17 with a cargo of cotton consigned to Russia. She was detained at Kirkwall but was released June 26 with permission to proceed to Archangel, where the cotton was discharged and a cargo of flax was loaded for Belfast.

No details of the torpedoing of the Leelenaw have been received beyond a message stating that the crew had been safely landed at Kirkwall, Scotland.

### MEXICO NEEDS ATTENTION.

United States Will Take Steps Unless Differences Are Settled.

Washington.—A definite step toward settling the Mexican problem will be taken by the United States government in the near future. Authoritative announcement to this effect was made at the state department, although the nature of the contemplated action was not disclosed. President Wilson is understood to be revolving several suggested courses in his mind, but his decision probably will not become known before his return to Washington.

Mr. Wilson is known to have been reviewing the situation for some time the warring Mexican factions having failed to heed his suggestion of two months ago that they accommodate their differences and restore peace in the distressed country. Apparently he has determined that the other measures which the Washington government announced it must take if the battle of the factions continued must now be resorted to.

Officials in close touch with the president think that he has not finally determined what is to be done. His most probable course, it was reported would be to urge General Carranza for the last time to confer with other faction leaders in an effort to bring about peace. Should Carranza again refuse, this plan, it is said, contemplates efforts to assemble other Mexican leaders who will represent a majority of the Mexican people.

### Cotton to Sweden.

London.—A dispatch to The Morning Post from Stockholm says: "The British Government has granted permission to the Swedish Cotton Spinners' Association to convey to Sweden 55,000 bales of cotton now lying in English ports, provided satisfactory guarantees are given that the cotton will not be re-exported."

### Will Export Grain.

Berlin, via London.—A dispatch from Bucharest says that Roumania has authorized the exportation of wheat, rye and barley. An exportation tax of \$160, \$140, and \$120 respectively, has been imposed on the grain.

### Greatest Trade Balance.

Washington.—Exact figures of the record-breaking American export commerce of the fiscal year which ended June 30, just made public, show that the trade balance in favor of the United States—the greatest in its history—was \$1,094,422,792, an increase of \$623,800,000 over the year preceding and \$428,000,000 more than the best previous record made in 1908. Exports totalled \$2,768,643,532, an increase of \$404,000,000 over the preceding year. Imports were \$1,674,220,740, a decrease of \$219,700,000.

## REPEL ANY FIRING ACROSS BORDER

PRESIDENT WILSON TO USE ARTILLERY IF NECESSARY TO PROTECT MEXICAN BORDER.

### ALL FACTIONS ARE NOTIFIED

Definite Instructions to Gen. Funston In Regard to Peace—Border Towns Must Not Be Molested.

Washington.—Orders were issued with the approval of President Wilson to Major General Funston to repel with force if necessary any firing into American territory during fighting between the factions in border towns and a note was dispatched to General Carranza advising him of that fact.

Soon afterward advices from Vera Cruz to the Carranza headquarters here said the general had specifically instructed General Calles, his commander before Nogales, not to attack the village force and gave assurance that the Carranza force in Naco would withdraw leaving a civil administration in charge. The garrison marched out.

General Carranza was informed that American border commanders had orders to prevent by force if necessary any shooting into American territory. The specific method of repelling the attack was not mentioned, but the inference was American artillery would deal with any situation construed as an attack on American citizens.

General Funston was instructed to resist border attacks immediately without referring the question further to Washington.

General Carranza apparently gave immediate heed to the warning.

The state department has had the border situation under consideration for several days. The Villa and Carranza agencies here have each held the other responsible for the violation of the agreement to neutralize border towns, made when Gen. Hugh Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army, last visited Naco.

The situation throughout Mexico as reported from various sections was considered discouraging by officials.

### NOTE UNFAVORABLE.

#### German Newspapers Do Not Like Tone of Note.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville.—The latest American note to Germany concerning submarine warfare was received most unfavorably by the German newspapers in which it was printed.

The Tageliche Rundschau and The Kreuz Zeitung similarly declare that the American note calls for the most decided opposition and that it requires Great Britain to show at least an equal respect for the spirit of international law as the president demands from Germany.

The Tageblatt says: "The note shows clearly that the American government cares more for the crippling of our submarine warfare than for the safeguarding of American lives. The United States must realize that to change our submarine warfare is out of the question. The note proves that pro-British influence has gained an upper hand in President Wilson's circle. We hope the common sense of the American people will prevent citizens from serving as protection for English munition ships."

#### The Tages Zeitung writes:

"Neutrals have rights but so also has a great nation fighting for its life. Though maintaining submarine warfare Germany always is willing to respect the justifiable wish of Americans but not at any price."

#### Girl's Plea Brings Pardon.

Milledgeville, Ga.—The plea of a six year old child to Governor Harris won a promise of freedom for Thomas Edgar Stripling, who was arrested in Danville, Va., in 1911, where he was chief of police, and returned here to spend his life in prison for murder after he had escaped from jail 14 years before, while awaiting transfer to the Georgia prison farm.

#### Object to New Seaman's Law.

Syracuse, N. Y.—William C. Redfield, Secretary of the Department of Commerce, who is in Syracuse, made public correspondence between the St. Joseph-Chicago Steamship Company, owners of the steamer Eastland, and the Department of Commerce, relating to the new seaman's act. Secretary Redfield believes that under the seaman's act, the passenger-carrying capacity of the Eastland could have been reduced from 2,570 to 1,552. The steamship company opposed the seaman's bill.

## PLAN TO MOVE COTTON

NEW ARRANGEMENT AS PROPOSED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

United States Can Not Aid Without Surrender of Her Position on Commerce

Washington.—Formation of a great cotton pool to handle exports to Europe under an agreement with the British government has been proposed informally to the state department as a means of equitably distributing among producers such cotton trade as Great Britain and her allies permit Americans to carry on with neutral countries without interference on the high seas.

Any arrangement of this kind would have to be made directly between the British government and the cotton interests without participation or approval by the state department.

Officials point out that to accept to any restrictions on trade between neutral countries in non-contraband would mean abandonment of the principal of freedom of the seas laid down in various notes to Great Britain, which is to be stated with greater insistence in another communication now in preparation.

It has been suggested that pending differences between the two countries, American officials might aid the cotton shippers and exports informally in any effort they might make to facilitate their trade. It was announced recently that Great Britain would be willing to enter into an agreement not to interfere with cotton cargoes for neutral countries, provided no more were shipped to each country than the normal amount consumed there.

#### Becker To Die

New York, July 28.—Justice Ford tonight denied a new trial to Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant under sentence of death for instigating the murder of Rosenthal, the gambler. This means that Becker must be electrocuted Friday.

st, about eight blocks from where we are stopping at the Merchants Hotel. San Diego like San Francisco and Los Angeles is full of large and numerous Hotels.

Tuesday we start out to see the parks of San Diego, first we take a car to the residential section on the North, transferring to one which will take us to the Mission Cliff gardens here we spend the entire morning among the birds and beautiful flowers. From this place we can see the old Spanish Mission and the entire of the San Diego Valley which is very fertile, and are found many beautiful farms through the San Diego river bed is a dry sand for irrigation.

We next visit the Golden Hill Park which is much newer but bids fair to out rival the beauty of Mission Cliff. Here we take a car for Old San Diego several miles up the bay coast, and it is here we find the Old Church, Cemetery, Fort and Monument erected on the sight, where Fremont planted the first American flag in Cal. This is where Hellen Hunt Jackson was inspired and the scenes of Romona were laid. There is an old a-bode house and flower garden where they tell you was Romanas marriage place, but this is only another arrangement to make money from the tourists, for we talked to an elderly man who said it had been his home for years and that there had been so many Romanas married there that it was all a fake. A charge of 10 cents to enter the place which is only filled with souvenirs, for which they ask three to four times their value. The Old Church is a dome an is encased in a weather boarding, an is still used for worship on Sundays. The bells have been hung in the tower of a new modern structure but we were not privileged to hear them ring.

The other ladies of my party have gone to see the Clansman tonight, which you know is by Thomas Dickson, of North Carolina. We have met us with some folks who considered the play very fine, one of the finest of the movies. As we look from our window down Broadway to the Santa Fe Station and Waris, and behold the numerous lights, as so many thousands or myriads of stars and the penants, banners and flags floating and flying in the breeze, autos, buses and touring cars hurrying in every direction. You have the movies life size and twice as natural right before you.

## SALUDA LADY VISITS SAN DIEGO

EXPOSITION NOT AS LARGE AS FRISCO BUT JUST AS INTERESTING

### TRIP TO TENT CITY

Little Journey to Old Mission House Full of Interest, Homeward Bound

Coronado Beach, Cal. July 12.—Here we are on a narrow peninsula, the silver strand, in Tent City, one of the many novel and famous seaside Resorts.

When I last wrote we were at the great hotels of Los Angeles, and the only place where you could secure a first class dinner for 25 cents served from 3000 to 5000 daily.

We left Los Angeles Thursday night at 11:00 p m arrived at San Diego Friday morning about 5:00 a m where we took a 60 mile drive, visiting Tijuana in Old Mexico, at which place we visited the Mexican Fort which looks as though about two shells from our American guns would raise the entire structure to the ground. The famous Bull Fights of Mexico are held here, three sundays in each month, this month, the 4th, 11th and 18th. Special trains run out from San Diego. It is needless to say that none of our party stopping over at San Diego, four ladies, attended the performance on the 11th, but instead attended divine worship in the morning at the First Methodist church, where we heard a sermon full of inspiration and practical helpfulness. At 7:30 p m we attended the First Baptist church, where we heard Capt Bateman give a graphic picture and history of the shelling and capture of Santiago Cuba, you could not mistake the presence of the goodness and Christlikeness of this noted Chaplain and Captain, when once you hear him speak. It was indeed an opportunity not to be missed.

Our special train left us the evening of the 10th and we are spending some time here, then return to Los Angeles where we will fall in with another party two weeks hence. Saturday morning we took ourselves to the San Diego Exposition grounds, where we spent the day. The Fair is modeled after the greatest one at San Frisco but not so large, yet in all very beautiful. Here we see the model ranch with bungalow, orange, lemon, grape fruit, flowers, vegetables and all. Forth the climate is all that could be desired. The sun is very warm from 10:00 a m to 4:00 p m, but mornings evenings and nights are cool, so cool that every one carries a wrap. Fruit of all kind is a bundant, plums, peaches, apricots, figs oranges lemons, grapefruit, tangerines, apples, grapes, and melons of the finest.

As you walk along the streets or through the parks you rest beneath the palms. We are taking our time, our vacation since leaving the main party, yet the time seems to pass so rapidly, that our stay will have come to a close ere we are aware. The Western and coast cities are full of tourists like ourselves, and we find every one quite clever indeed. Curioes are expensive in many places, but at the 5 10 and 15 cent stores things can be secured very cheap, as in the East. Merchandise is just about the same as at home. This Tent City at which we are spending the day is composed of some 300 tents, which can be rented by week or month from 15 to 90 dollars. We wanted very much to stop out here but it is quite a little way out from the main part of the City, and across the Ferry. Tents are fitted up with lights, gas for cooking and really quite convenient, 3, 4 6 and 8 rooms. Every body goes bathing of course. Some of our party have already taken a dip in the Pacific surf at Long Beach and here.

San Diego is a beautiful City with a population of 90,000. Her display in bright colored penants and flags, and lights make her a very attractive City indeed. Here the aviation station is situated, and we have seen many airships in their morning flight over City and bay. The large steamships dock at the foot of Broadway