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TRYON, POLK COUNTY, N. C. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1915.

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SALUBRIOUS SALUDA POPULAR RESORT

MORE GUESTS THAN EVER BEFORE THIS SEASON AND STILL COMING

SEASON EXPECTED TO BE EXTENDED

Many Hotels Will Remain Open Later Than Usual to Accommodate the Late Comers

If I were asked, why would you go to Saluda to spend the summer, I would reply: Saludas salubrious mountains. 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 pleasantly cool.

Next of importance is the pure, sparkling mountain spring water, coming from an uncontaminated source, from Judas Peak, by gravity pressure. Saludas sewer system is adequate and the health officers are vigilant in carrying out the most stringent laws. Not a case of typhoid fever last summer nor local 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 any weather.

The new highway from Saluda to Tryon, constructed through the mountains, following the Paeolet 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 bridges have natural abutments.

The scenery is magnificent. No writer can do justice to Saludas scenery. A little journey to Judas Peak, Piney Mountain, Blakes Peak, Pleasant Falls and many others in easy walking distance, is worth travelling miles to see. For a days outing, take a trip to Green River flow, 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.

I must say something of the people who meet 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 hotels, 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 Mechanotherapy and infants and childrens sanitarium, in charge of a specialist in child diseases, look after the health of visitors and residents.

Saluda has innumerable hotels and boarding houses, furnished and unfurnished cottages for rent. The surroundings, clean rooms, modern equipment, excellent fare and none of all, it does not cost a fortune to pay the bill. A directory of Saluda is to 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

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.

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: \$8.50 to \$10 per week.

SALUDA, N. C.

Poplar Glenn

MRS. F. C. HAMILTON

Large outside rooms. Hot and cold bath. 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

Large outside rooms. Modern conveniences. Rates \$7 to \$10 a week.

SALUDA, N. C.

Millions in Toys May Be Lost.

Berlin.—American business men in Germany are taking the gloomiest view of the fate of great quantities of goods ordered in Germany for the American Christmas trade. They say that the loss of these goods will amount to millions. Orders totalling \$50,000,000 for such wares as toys, Bohemian glassware, bronzes, Christmas cards and optical specialties had been placed for summer delivery. It is stated, this being the usual practice in order to give American wholesale dealers an opportunity to place goods.

Getting Coin For Paper.

Petrograd, via London.—The silver and copper coin supplies of Petrograd shopped and tram-conductors were drained speedily by the general presentation of paper money of large denominations. Naturally when the public began accumulating change, business was seriously embarrassed. State and private banks are said to be well stocked with coin, and are paying it out in unlimited amounts. Officials express the belief that the action of the public was due to the dissemination of false reports.

Captain Landis.

Captain Landis, who commanded the Alliance in Paul Jones' famous sea fight off Flamborough head, and who acted so strangely in that engagement, was brought to trial and found guilty, but instead of being shot was simply discharged. There was a strong doubt as to his sanity.

GEN. HUGH L. SCOTT

General Hugh L. Scott is in Washington to report to Secretary Lansing and the Pan-American Peace Conference the information he has just gathered in Mexico.

WISHES TO SATISFY U. S.

IF ARABIC WAS ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING WILL MAKE REPARATION.

Will Also Give Assurance That Such Tragedies Will Not Be Repeated. Lusitania Case.

Washington.—Germany's intention to offer full satisfaction to the United States for the sinking of the liner Arabic with a loss of two American lives, was communicated formally to the state department by Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador here on instructions from the Berlin foreign office.

The ambassador read to Secretary Lansing a memorandum outlining the position of his government. It is promised that if it was found that the Arabic was attacked without warning, the Imperial government not only would promptly disavow the act, but would give the United States "full satisfaction." This, it is well known, would have to include reparation for the Americans lost and assurances that such tragedies would not be repeated.

No further developments in the situation are expected now until the submarine commander who sank the Arabic has reported to Berlin. Meanwhile, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, though visibly encouraged and relieved by Count von Bernstorff's assurances and reports from Ambassador Gerard on his conferences with the Foreign Minister von Jagow, are in a waiting attitude. Before the American government can speak there must be forthcoming the German disavowal and explanation of what all evidence received has seemed to prove was an "unfriendly act."

It also became known that the state department has been informed that Germany is ready to renew discussion of the Lusitania incident and to offer reparation for the American lives lost when that vessel was sent to the bottom without warning by a German submarine. There has been no response to the last American note on this subject and it is known that the United States would not list in to reparation proposals with the situation created by the sinking of the Arabic still pending.

GOVERNORS END MEETING.

Will Meet Next Year in Salt Lake City.—Naval Resources Discussed.

Boston.—After discussion of the naval and military resources of the country in which it was generally agreed that the United States was not adequately prepared against foreign invasion, the Conference of Governors ended its annual sessions. No resolutions on the subject were proposed, but several of the executives said they felt certain all the governors would return to their states with the intention of demanding from their congressmen support in any program for strengthening the forces of defense.

The governors chose Salt Lake City as the place for next year's meeting and elected Governor Sprye of Utah, chairman of the executive committee. Other committee members elected were Governor Stuart of Virginia and Governor Capper of Kansas.

The conference program, which had included a review of the Atlantic fleet and a parade of 7,000 members of the Massachusetts militia, has aroused great interest in discussion. As a result the sessions were removed from the senate chamber to the more spacious hall of the house of representatives.

ROAD SURVEY IN THREE COUNTIES

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION UNDERTAKES MUCH WORK THROUGHOUT STATE.

ASHE, WATAUGA, ALLEGHANY

It is Not Enough to Build Roads; They Must Be Worked Over Carefully, Says Mr. W. S. Fallis.

Raleigh—Mr. W. S. Fallis, State Highway Engineer, is this week visiting Ashe, Watauga, and Alleghany counties, assisting in a survey to be made there under the auspices of the State Highway Commission, preparatory to bringing those counties under the direction of the commission.

"Work of the commission is progressing splendidly in all parts of the state," Mr. Fallis said. "Down in the eastern part of the state, two men are investigating conditions, making surveys. Person county has come entirely under the direction of the commission for its road work, and the prospects for efficient road building there are first class."

Mr. Fallis believes that the patrol system for the roads of the state absolutely essential for maintenance.

"When we say maintenance," Mr. Fallis said, "we mean maintenance, no more and no less. It is not enough to build roads and then set about to repair them when they get in bad shape. The roads must be worked over carefully, to be kept in proper condition."

Prizes For Best Yards.

Cliffside.—For the past several years the Cliffside Mills have given away in prizes a few hundred dollars each year for the best kept front yards and premises. The awarding of these prizes took place a few nights ago, with a large attendance and appropriate ceremonies.

First prize \$12 was won by Mrs. R. B. Watkins; second \$10 Mrs. A. L. Campbell; third \$8 each, Mesdames G. K. Moore, R. Huskin, W. H. Terrell, and Will Reid; fourth \$15, Mesdames R. L. Wade, Elam Hawkins, Q. L. Womick, Yarborough and C. L. Sloop; fifth, \$4, Mesdames J. H. Keeter, D. O. McBrayer, B. M. McFarland, C. O. Blanton and J. B. Ricketts.

May Get Artillery Camp.

Asheville.—That North Carolina stands an excellent chance of securing a permanent artillery camp for the use of regulars and members of the militia organizations of many states is indicated by the arrival here of Maj. Charles Pelot Summerall, United States Army, who is inspecting proposed sites for the encampment. Major Summerall will remain in western North Carolina until he has gone over all of the tracts offered for the use of the government.

Boys Construct New Building.

Asheville.—Nineteen boys who are inmates of the Buncombe County Reformatory are engaged in the construction of a new building there, being of material aid to the carpenters who have been engaged for some time past in the heavier work. The boys are combining the building of the new structure from their manual training course, gaining much practical experience from the various tasks which have been assigned to them.

Plan Big Celebration.

Kinston.—Beaufort will celebrate the opening of the Taylor Creek link of the inland waterway on Labor Day. The Chamber of Commerce there has made extensive preparations for the event. Taylor's Creek was recently dredged out to afford a new short cut to Beaufort harbor from the main route of the waterway, its channel being made to conform with that of the big inside boat channel in general.

Lightning Kills Three.

Kinston.—Annie Ferrell, negro, and her two children, aged 15 and 13 years, were struck and killed by lightning near Washington, N. C., says a report from that place.

A Profitable Peach Crop.

Asheboro.—The peach crop down about Candor has proved profitable this year. Several years ago one bad crop followed another until some of the growers were disheartened and almost ready to quit. This year's crop of Elbertas was so fine as to quality and so prolific as to quantity that the peace situation down there is all to the good. The growers of the Candor section have shipped through Asheboro 28 cars which they say will net them about \$20,000 after all expenses are paid.

MISS JULIA LITTELL

Miss Julia Littell, daughter of Col. Isaac W. Littell, U. S. A., is to be one of the attractive army brides of the autumn, when she is to be married to Lieut. Alexander Patch, U. S. A.

GERMANS TAKE BIG FORT

MUSCOVITES RETIRE WITHOUT ANY EFFORT TO DEFEND BREST-LITOVSK.

Germans Are Now in Possession of the Whole Line of Railway From Chelm to Bialystok.

London.—Brest-Litovsk, the main Russian fortress and concentration center for the Bug River line of defenses is now occupied by the Austro-Germans. While the Russians offered stout resistance during the invaders' approach, it is apparent no attempt was made to defend Brest-Litovsk itself. It was evacuated as was Ossowetz, in conformity with the Russian intention to take up new positions farther east.

The Germans now are in possession of the whole line of railway from Chelm to Bialystok. The Russians having already evacuated the latter city, the lesser fortresses of Grodno and Olita now are the only strongly defended positions remaining in the hands of the Russians. Both these are being approached by the Germans. They probably will be given up when they have fulfilled their purpose of facilitating the Russian retreat.

The Russians have not yet entered the vast Bleloviiez forest, which extends 30 miles north and south and has a width of from 17 to 30 miles. The forest is a famous hunting center and a bison preserve. South of it are the Pripet marshes, which protect the Russian left and with plenty of roads and three or four railroad lines, it is expected here Grand Duke Nicholas will make good his retirement of Grodno and Vilna can hold out long enough. Even if they should fall, military observers say the Grand Duke would be well on his way to his new positions before the Germans could reach his flank.

GOVERNORS DISCUSS DEFENSE.

See Demonstration by Massachusetts Guard.

Boston.—A demonstration of the preparedness for active service of the Massachusetts National Guard was given before the visiting Governors and a great throng of citizens in a parade, through the streets of the city, of the entire state militia. The governors saw the maneuvers of some of the nation's battleships.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, retired, were with Governor Walsh and visiting governors and former governors on the reviewing stand while the militiamen marched past.

Before the parade, the governors held their fourth session for presentation and discussion of papers, the day being devoted to the treatment of prisoners, and capital punishment.

A statement by former Governor Blease of South Carolina that "mobs are no longer possible, liberty will be dead," called forth a brief response from Governor Goldsborough of Maryland, who said:

"Such a statement is unchristly. If capital punishment is wrong, how much more so is capital punishment at the hands of a mob?"

GENERAL SCOTT READY TO REPORT

HAS BEEN TO BORDER IN CONFERENCE WITH MEXICAN LEADERS.

RETURNS TO WASHINGTON

Has Been Working For Several Weeks in Furtherance of Pan-American Peace Plans.

Washington.—Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, returned to Washington from the Mexican border, where for several weeks he has been working in furtherance of the Pan-American peace plans. He would not comment on the results of his mission, which he will discuss with Secretary Lansing.

General Scott's first mission on arrival at the border was to confer with General Villa and settle difficulties arising from seizure of property of foreign merchants at Chihuahua. The General also discussed with Villa the Pan-American convention proposal, which Villa and his followers have accepted.

Since then the nature of General Scott's discussion has not been disclosed. It is reported that he tried to get in communication with General Obregon, General Carranza's chief in the field. Whether he succeeded in this has not been learned. Obregon, however, responding to the Pan-American appeal, said that Carranza's answer would be his.

It is taken for granted here that General Scott brought back a fund of interesting information. The chief of staff has long been familiar with conditions in Mexico, and is personally acquainted with many military leaders.

No disclosures have been made as to the next step the Pan-American conferees are planning with reference to Mexico. There will be no meeting until Carranza's reply to the appeal for a peace conference has been received. The conferees will urge recognition of the Carranza government.

JULY EXPORTS BREAK RECORD.

Greatest Ever Recorded For That Month, Valued at \$267,978,900.

Washington.—Exports of the products of American farms and factories in July—valued at \$267,978,900—were the greatest ever recorded in that month, the department of commerce has just announced. The nearest approach to the new record was made in July, 1913, when American shipments abroad reached \$160,990,778.

The trade balance for the month—the excess of exports over imports was \$124,879,370, compared with a balance of \$21,929,008 in July, 1913. In July, 1914, exports were less than imports by more than \$5,000,000.

Exports for the first seven months of the year valued at \$1,969,787,495, gave a balance of trade in favor of the United States only a little short of one billion dollars. The balance was \$960,878,054, compared with 60,388,789 in the first seven months, of 1914.

July imports were valued at \$143,099,62, compared with \$159,877,291 last year; for the seven months \$1,908,909,441, against \$1,140,593,373.

Fell From Top of Mountain.

Atlanta, Ga.—Wilson Reid of Norfolk, Va., fell four hundred feet from the top of Stone Mountain near here and was instantly killed. Workmen in a quarry at the foot of the mountain saw him plunge over the edge of the precipice on the north side of the peak. His body was found after a search of 30 minutes.

It is supposed Reid slipped while attempting to look over the edge of the precipice.

Aeronaut Killed.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—George Williams, 25, an aeronaut, was killed when he jumped out of his parachute to escape falling into a forest. His neck was broken.

Submarine F-4 Brought to Surface.

Honolulu.—The U. S. S. submarine F-4 submerged outside the harbor here since March 26 last was refloated and towed to the quarantine station in Honolulu Bay. The submarine F-4 commanded by Lieutenant Alfred L. Ede and with a crew of 21 men, went to the bottom of the harbor of Honolulu March 26, 1915, during maneuvers of the "F" squadron. She was located two days later and Diver John Agraz of the Navy, descended 215 feet, establishing a new world's record.