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## LOCAL FACTS ABOUT COUNTY OF LUNENBURG

per in the County Has Some Remarks to Make That Are Worth While.

The Fall State News, a paper published in Kenbridge, the metropolis and one great town of the newly developed county of Lunenburg, has been printing some good things about Lunenburg. If it had kept its ears to the ground, it would have heard these things before. Anyhow, it has heard them and here is its report: We have recently heard people from Lunenburg say that no other county in Virginia has made as much progress during the past ten years as Lunenburg. We believe this statement is really true, and the proofs are not far to find. The time has been when we were ashamed of some things in connection with our county. We were then the backwoods, but now as we travel in the State we have every reason to feel proud of our county when we compare her with other counties. Ten years ago we were without railroads, did not have even a village worthy the name, there was not a mile of improved roads, there were no educational facilities save one room, one teacher, and an improperly called school; there was not a bank in the county, not a mile of telegraph or telephone wire, the automobile was most unheard of, and our farmers were plodding in the rut made by their forefathers of a century ago. In short, was Lunenburg one short years ago, yes, eight years ago. We compare this picture with Lunenburg as we know it to-day, and we help feel proud of the advancement we have made and rejoice at the old county is coming into her own. We could write on and on upon these things, but we rest content at letting our readers' attention to the things which have been made."

## AR BULLETIN TELLS OF GARROS'S CAPTURE

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On discovering the number of captives, Lung off his hat and tore his hair with rage. He was found to be carrying documents of importance, and these were brought to the Russian commander by Alexandra, who seems to have been the virtual leader in the affair. The man is of medium height, slender and cheerful, and talks of her experiences war very much as an ordinary girl. Her years might speak of a forty-year-old woman.

## GH PRAISE IS GIVEN BY SIR JOHN FRENCH

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LONDON, May 29.—A member of the 2nd Middlesex Regiment, writing to Sir John, describes a review by Sir John which took place three miles from the trenches shortly after the battle at Neuve Chapelle. The hands were taken by an artilleryman, John said. Colonel Hayes, officers and men of the 2nd Middlesex Regiment and the 2nd Scottish Rifles, I see two worthy elements facing each other, and I have to do down especially to thank you for your splendid and gallant work on the morning of March 10. Although ourillery tried to destroy the barbed wire in front of the German trenches, I gallantly charged and took them, though suffering severe losses and losing fifteen officers. Men of the 2nd Middlesex, I am proud of you. In all the annals of British warfare no regiment ever upheld its traditions more worthily, and now if called upon to repeat it you will not hesitate. In conclusion, I tell you that not only myself, but your country, shed tears and gratefully appreciate this, and I remark again I am proud to stand in the midst of you. The writer states that the colonel went frantic, while the moving their hats on their rifles, gave cheers, making themselves hoarse.

## THEATRICAL CENSOR HAS ISSUED WARNING

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LONDON, May 29.—The Lord Chamberlain, acting in his capacity of censor of plays, sketches and revues, issues warning to the theatrical and music world. He regrets to notice, he says, that there is a tendency towards looseness and impropriety of language, as well as a want of respect in certain classes of performances, and wishes to remind the managers of theatrical companies that his regulations strictly forbid any impropriety of language or indecency of dress, dance or action on the stage.

## GERMAN ARMY OBSERVATORY TAKEN BY GERMANS

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ROTTERDAM, May 29.—The Germans have taken possession of the Belgian army observatory at Uccle, near Brussels, and are making weather observations there for the benefit of their operations. German army meteorologists have been observed filling with hydrogen under pressure small India rubber balloons, which they launched and "followed" with a theodolite. Another theodolite was evidently established elsewhere at some distance, and the position of their synchronous readings would give useful hints on the action and velocity of the currents in the upper atmosphere. These operations were continued into the night, balloons after dark being somewhat dangerous and carrying an electric pocket lamp forming an "artificial star," which could be followed for a long time in the sky was clear.

## NEWS AND NEAR-VIEWS: HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS

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There is more than one thing to be proved the quality of summer eggs. First, the rooster and sell infertile eggs is the right thing to do. The rooster gets more for his eggs, the dealer is apt to handle them with less profit, and the consumer will get better eggs, which will increase demand. All great campaigns to benefit humanity have some negative results because of some people taking advantage of the situation for selfish motives. One of the undesirable effects is that both producer and dealer think because an egg is infertile that it will keep indefinitely under all conditions, and therefore treat it that way. The infertile eggs should be handled just as carefully and marketed just as often as the fertile eggs. Then the consumer gets the better eggs.

## VIRGINIA'S ORCHARDS AND ORCHARD BLIGHT

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growth the hold-overs exude shiny drops of a gummy exudate. These drops are composed chiefly of the blight bacteria. Bees or other insects blunder into these drops, get themselves covered with bacteria, and, on visiting the blossoms later, start the trouble. The bacteria multiply at an enormous rate in the necessary of the flower, and from that point may be spread by bees to thousands of other blossoms in the space of twelve to forty-eight hours. Hence the epidemic nature of the attack and the early industriousness of the bee lends much to his efficiency as a blight distributor. Once established in the blossom the bacteria spread with deadly effect through the soft tissue of the young fruit into the cambium and bark below. The progress of the disease continues until the older and harder wood of several seasons' age is reached.

## DRAG THE ROADS.

This comes from a Kansas industrial paper, and it is just as good for Virginia as for Kansas: "When the smiles of spring appear, Drag the roads; When the summer time is here, Drag the roads; In the corn is in the ear, Drag the roads; In the winter cold and drear, Drag the roads; Every season of the year, Drag the roads. When you've nothing else to do, Drag the roads; If for an hour or two, Drag the roads; Will keep them good as new, With a purpose firm and true, Pull in line, it's up to you— Drag the roads."

## GERMAN JOURNALIST NOT OVERLY HOPEFUL

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That later attempts to justify the violation were futile and foolish. Most sensible people in Germany now say that the violation of Belgian neutrality was "worse than a crime—a grave political mistake." As for the talk of the annexation of Belgium, no one except a few rabid Pan-Germans took it seriously. Belgium was to be held as something to bargain with when the time came to settle accounts.

## BELIEVED HIMSELF HELD PRISONER BY GERMANS

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

PARIS, May 29.—In a fierce bayonet charge on the enemy's trenches and just as he leaped into the first of them, a Turco was wounded by a shell which burst in front of him and blinded him. Towards evening he was picked up unconscious by the French stretcher-bearers and carried first to the ambulance, then conveyed, his eyes still bandaged, to a hospital in Paris. From the moment of his picking up till quite recently the Turco never said a word. Silently, sullenly even, it seemed, he received cigarettes, sweets, oranges, all the eager devotion of the women of the Red Cross. The theory gained ground that the patient had been rendered dumb by the shock of the bursting shell.

But one day a gramophone was placed in the ward and began to grind out patriotic tunes and snatches from operas, and finally an Arab air. Then the dumb man jumped up from his bed, tore off his bandage and shouted: "So, then, I am not among the Germans, after all!" For all these long weeks he had believed himself to be a prisoner in a hostile land.

## GALLANTRY DISPLAYED IN FACE OF BITTER FIRE

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With this he could be seen. Then he moved a little. Then, very quickly, he moved no more. Then the men returned—two of them wounded. Second Lieutenant V— took command and left the trench at once. He must be near the wire by now. The general was preparing to telephone to the batteries telling them to delay their fire for a little when he saw Lieutenant V— coming. He was clinging to the shoulders of two soldiers, between whom his body hung terribly limp, for the officer had had both knees shattered. General X— ran to him and asked him concerning his wound, but the lieutenant, struggling into a military posture, answered: "The order has been executed."

## Another Effect of the Canal.

"In Western Kansas," says the Wall Street Journal, "where smelting operations are conducted on a large scale, the Missouri, Kansas and Pacific Railroad is delivering 400 cars of iron ore from Galveston received there from Australia. This is an illustration, rather unexpected, of the way in which the canal is bringing advantage to some of the railroads at least. More of this ore is coming. Formerly the ore went to Liverpool, but the canal has opened a new market here, and it has given the railroad a good haul on a staple material for which there is likely to be a constant demand."

## SALES OF LEAF TOBACCO IN ALL PARTS OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Market Slow to Close Down. Danville Still Doing Business—So Is Lynchburg.

There was some business being done in the local tobacco warehouses the past week. It is true that it was rather small business, but all of the manufacturers and the buyers of the leaf were more or less interested. Some good burley types were offered and attracted the attention of numerous manufacturers. Perhaps 20,000 pounds of burley that came from the fields of Western North Carolina showed up, and the buyers were on hand to give it some attention. As much as 40,000 pounds of the uncurd dark stuff came in by delayed wagons, and the sales that they called for on Tuesday and Friday brought out the buyers in fairly good force. All of these goods sold well. The warehousemen still think the jig is about up, and they keep on telling the man of news that there will be nothing doing a little later on, but all the same the good seasons seem to bring in some of the week, and somehow or some other way, the auction sales seem to continue. The seasons were fine last week, and it may be that some considerable leaf may show up this week.

## HOW THE BEEFLEA GETS ITS BAD WORK

Occasionally blight is transmitted by bark beetles directly into large limbs, or by plant bugs or other sucking insects into the soft tissues or water sprouts. The water sprout growth of the water sprouts offer ideal conditions for the development of the disease, and from them it spreads to large branches. Water sprouts should not, therefore, be allowed to remain on the tree.

## Control—Obviously it is impossible to successfully spray for twig blight, as any spray material applied to unfertilized flowers would kill the pistil and prevent the formation of fruit.

Applied later the spray would be worthless since the bacteria are inside of the skin or bark and would not be reached by the poison. Other means of control must be adopted.

## It is not practicable to prune off all infected twigs, even if we disregard the loss sustained by the death of the blossoms, so the logical thing to do is to destroy the source of infection.

These are the "hold-over cankers" on apple and pear trees blighted the previous year. Nine-tenths of such cankers occur on pear trees, especially on Bartlett, Seckle and Le Conte. The best way to deal with hold-overs is to prevent their formation. Careful watch should be kept throughout the summer and fall and all pear trees which blight badly should be promptly chopped down and burned.

## In many cases, where pear and apple orchards adjoined, it has been easy to see that the amount of twig blight on the apples was inversely proportional to the distance from the pears. If you spare the pears, be prepared to take the consequence. The saw should be used promptly, limbs should always be cut off at least two feet below any signs of the disease and the saw immersed in 1-1000 bichloride of mercury between operations. No half way job will do, and in late fall or winter it is wise to go carefully over the premises again on the search for hold-overs.

The growth of the bacteria in the tissues of the soft inner bark causes a water-soaked appearance and finally a blackening and shriveling. During the winter this bark has a sour, fermented odor when cut away with a knife. When the germs cease to spread rapidly in the tissues, a sharp line, often a deep crack, separates the diseased from the healthy bark at the edge of the wound. This condition is most noticeable in winter.

Co-operation with your neighbors is highly desirable in waging a campaign against twig blight and incidentally against pear blight. Community efforts will give the best results, and if it is not possible to destroy infective material in the neighborhood the next best thing is to render the apple trees as resistant as possible. Fast growing, sappy trees blight worse than slow growing trees, and it is therefore advisable to suspend all cultivation and application of fertilizers, especially ammoniacal fertilizers.

## QUESTION OF SUPPLIES NOW VITAL IN GERMANY

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twice as many human beings as will its meat and fat. By killing 5,500,000 pigs and 1,000,000 cows it is hoped to save 2,875,000,000,000 calories and 217,300 tons of albumen.

Besides, everything is being done to get away with the daily waste in house-keeping. The importance of this will be realized when it is stated that by peeling the potatoes before they are boiled Germany loses 2,000,000 tons a year. The same applies to fat, for the famous food expert, Professor Rubner, has examined the water of the Berlin sewers, and has figured out that through these alone 25 per cent of the amount of fat needed daily is going to waste.

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## Danville reports as follows:

Sales for the past week have been small, consisting largely of the clean-up of the farmers' barns, with but little good or desirable tobacco offering. Prices have been strong, and the market is well supported by a large corps of buyers.

## From present indications, the crop is practically sold throughout this section, and by June 1 sales will be over.

Reports from the surrounding country indicate that the planting seasons have been fairly good, and a large part of the crop has been set. In the territory a south of us, including Middle North Carolina, Eastern Carolina and South Carolina, practically the entire crop has been planted. The rains have been sufficient to make the plants grow off well, and there being no scarcity of plants, we hear but little intimation of a short crop. It is generally understood that the acreage is fully equal to last year, the standard of the plants better, and it is now quite evident that we will have a good-sized crop throughout the entire bright section.

## Trading in re-dried tobaccos is dull, and but little business has been done among the holders of tobacco, but the stocks held by dealers, as compared with former years, are small.

The Lynchburg market is still doing business. The report from there is that for the two weeks ending May 25, 125,500 pounds were sold, and the sales for the season up to that date were 12,229,190 pounds. The report continues:

Sales are now very light and will continue so the remainder of the season, the crop being about all sold.

A few people, who have been unable to get their tobacco in order, still have some on hand, but it is thought that it will be sold within the next two weeks.

Some of the buyers have dropped out, and prices are not quite so good, still they are holding up remarkably well for so late in the season.

Some tobacco has been planted in this section, and the farmers are still hoping to get out a fair crop, but the scarcity of plants and dry weather in some counties is looked upon as a very serious matter, and it is feared may curtail the crop.

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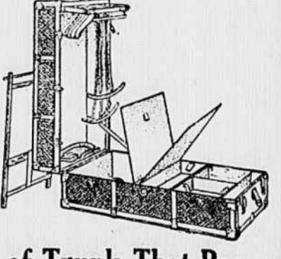
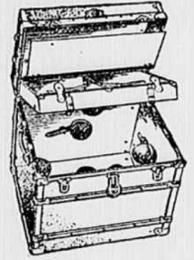
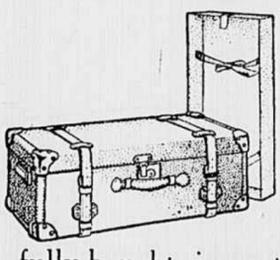
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