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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

#### News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

##### Cope Cullings.

Cope, May 31.—Yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hayden, of near Cope, Miss Nellie Hayden was married to Mr. Washington Lee Smoak, of Cordova, the Rev. Joe L. Hiers officiating. The young couple took the afternoon train at this place for Richmond, Va., and will also visit Washington while on their honeymoon.

The bride, besides being most beautiful, is quite charming, and one of the most popular young ladies of this section. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smoak, of Cordova, and is a prosperous young farmer.

Miss Ada Sandifer, of Bamberg, spent yesterday with her brother, Mr. Maurice L. Sandifer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Smoak spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hayden.

Mr. Roy Hoover, of Orangeburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Clark yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Cope, of Stilton, paid several relatives a call and dined with his uncle, Mr. Shelton B. Cope.

Mr. John H. Cope left yesterday morning for Spartanburg to spend ten days or two weeks.

Miss Vera Thomas, who has been teaching school at Appleton, has returned home.

The teachers of the graded school, Misses Hill and Edwards, and Mr. Stuart, together with Misses Avis and Mary Thomas, dined with Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher Cleckley.

Miss Mary Cornelia Barton and little sisters, Kathleen and Margaret, of Walhalla, are down to spend a part of the summer with their aunt, Miss Maggie E. Tatum.

The Rev. C. B. Burns and family went to Bamberg yesterday to hear Bishop Kilgo preach.

The closing exercises of the Cope graded school will be held on Wednesday night. The public is cordially invited.

The regular monthly meeting of Cypress camp, No. 161, W. O. W., will be held Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

The Cope Supply company has just moved into its new brick store, 30 by 100 feet.

Crops are looking extremely well on account of the recent rains, and in some places so is the grass. The harvesting of oats and wheat and the planting of stubble cotton, corn and peas is the order of the day.

##### Fairfax Notes.

Fairfax, May 31.—The Woman's Missionary institute of the Southern division of the South Carolina Baptist Woman's Missionary union will meet with the Fairfax Baptist church Tuesday and Wednesday, June 8 and 9. This institute embraces the work of three associations, the Charleston, Savannah river and Colleton. Miss Eunice Williams, of Allendale, is vice president of this division and will preside over the institute. The State officers, Mrs. J. D. Chapman, Mrs. Fizer, Mrs. Hatcher and others are expected to attend and an interesting program has been prepared. The Rev. W. E. Crocker, a missionary to China, will address the institute Tuesday evening. Mrs. E. A. McDowell is president of the Fairfax society.

The locals, by winning the game Thursday afternoon from Ehrhardt, took the series, winning three of the four games played. Youmans, for the locals, held the visitors scoreless for five innings, only 19 men facing him in these innings. Smith also starred by his sensational catches. Moore, for the visitors, relieved Hiers in the fourth and stemmed the tide of runs.

The score: Fairfax ... 305 012 01\*—12 12 2 Ehrhardt ... 000 000 140—5 8 7

Youmans and Young, Hiers, Moore and Moore and Hughes. Umpire Webb. Time, 1:30.

##### Denmark Dots.

Denmark, May 29.—Mrs. John Minor has returned from a visit to her mother in Barnwell.

Miss Genevieve Wroton, of Portsmouth, Va., is spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. M. Rob-

## FIGHT TO SAVE LEO FRANK.

Statement by Wife of Condemned Man a Feature of New Evidence.

Atlanta, Ga., May 31.—The hearing on Leo M. Frank's application for commutation of sentence from death to life imprisonment, which began before the State prison commission here this morning, was completed late today. It is expected that the commission's recommendation to the governor will be transmitted by the last of this week, or within ten days at the latest. The governor then will take final action in the case. No one appeared to argue in opposition to Frank's application.

The principal features of today's proceedings were a letter written a few months before his death by Judge L. S. Roan, who presided at Frank's trial, in which he sought clemency for the prisoner, and a statement by Mrs. Frank describing her husband's actions on the night following Mary Phagan's murder and denying rumors of an estrangement between herself and Frank.

Judge Roan's letter was addressed to the chief counsel for Frank in his trial. It stated that at the proper time he would ask the governor to commute Frank's sentence to life imprisonment, that after many months of deliberation he still was uncertain of the prisoner's guilt and that "it is possible I showed undue deference to the opinion of the jury when I allowed their verdict to stand."

The production of Judge Roan's letter, Frank's counsel stated, obviated the necessity of extended argument and permitted a quicker termination of the hearing.

### SEIZURES BY CONSTABLES.

Work Done in Charleston Up to 25th of May.

Columbia, May 27.—Constables operating in Charleston have seized a great quantity of whiskey, beer, wines and other intoxicating beverages as well as beer and wine glasses in their raids on the blind tigers. The constabulary is operating under Sheriff Martin and is evidently producing results, as a view of the report of the seizures up to May 25 shows, which is as follows:

Three thousand, three hundred and eighteen bottles of beer, 6 kegs of beer, 3 kegs of beer remnants, 1,454 half pints of whiskey and wine, 178 pints of whiskey, 493 quarts of whiskey, 32 gallons of whiskey, 85 pints of wine, 253 quarts of wine, 13 quarts of brandy, 8 quarts of vermouth, 43 quarts of gin, 21 quarts creme de menth, 12 quarts champagne, 101 half pints of gin, 30 quarts of remnants, 68 quarts of remnants, 77 half pints of remnants, 2-5-gallon jugs of wine, 2 decanters of bitters, 1 decanter of wine, 1 20-gallon keg of whiskey, 3 15-gallon kegs of wine, 1 15-gallon keg of whiskey, 1 15-gallon keg of whiskey remnant, 1 15-gallon keg of wine remnant, 2 barrels of wine remnant, 1 keg of gin, 1 keg of wine, 1 keg of whiskey, 1,055 beer and whiskey glasses.

### Marriage at Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, May 31.—Mr. K. F. Fairey and Miss Lucile White, of Branchville, were married at the Methodist parsonage, by the Rev. W. B. Duncan, D. D., yesterday afternoon.

ert Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Martin motored with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McCartha, of Bamberg, to Augusta to spend Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. LaFitte has returned from a short stay with relatives in Columbia.

Miss Lula Bess Wroton was here for a few days this week from Columbia college.

Miss Carey Graham, of Bamberg, was among the visitors here this week.

Miss Lillian Goolsby was the guest of Mrs. J. P. Carter, of Fairfax, last week.

Mrs. J. D. Milhous and little daughter, Martha, of Columbia, are spending a few days here.

J. Arthur Pregnall, of Charleston, was among the visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. X. C. Chitty, of Olar, was in town for a short while this week.

Denmark lodge, A. F. M., No. 246, in their regular meeting Tuesday night of this week passed four candidates to the master's degree. Frank Hart, grand secretary, was present and delivered the lecture of the occasion. In rooms adjoining the lodge the wives, daughters and sisters of the Masons spread a banquet, to which place the craft adjourned for refreshments about 10 o'clock.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

#### State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

A. H. Miller, of Greer, Monday announced his candidacy for congress in the fourth district.

Capt. Geo. W. Charlotte, former editor of several South Carolina papers, died in Greenville Friday.

A new dormitory is to be built at the Connie Maxwell orphanage in Greenwood, to cost about \$15,000.

Jeff Sumner, of West Springs, was killed Monday afternoon by a falling tree. He had just cut down a bee tree and was preparing to take the honey, when the accident occurred. His death was instantaneous.

Conductor Hugh Knight, Engineer L. M. Ard, Fireman Sam Wells and Brakeman Hattie Henrickson were injured Tuesday when an engine on the C. A. and W. railroad turned turtle near the navy yard at Charleston. Two of the men are said to be seriously injured.

Charlie Ellison, a negro, attempted to commit suicide in the Newberry county jail Sunday by drinking about a pint of disinfectant which he secured in some way. Ellison is charged with killing his wife four years ago at Hamlet, N. C., and was arrested a few days since at Newberry.

R. H. Rountree & Co., brokers, of New York, have entered suit against Mrs. S. W. Desportes, Miss Ulysses Desportes, of Winnaboro, and Mrs. Gussie D. Miller, of Trenton, for more than \$30,000, alleging that the defendants failed to reimburse the company after it had purchased cotton for them and had to sell at a loss when the market fluctuated.

### NEBRASKAN HIT BY TORPEDO.

#### Skipper of American Steamer Makes Statement on Reaching Liverpool.

Liverpool, May 28.—The American steamer Nebraskan, which was disabled Tuesday night by an explosion off the coast of Ireland, arrived here shortly before midnight. The captain said:

"I saw no submarine, but am certain it was a torpedo which hit us. Moreover, a submarine could not have failed to see our name and nationality, which was outlined in huge letters on our sides."

Members of the crew of the Nebraskan were agreed that the explosion was caused by a torpedo.

The forward part of the ship is wrecked. Lieut. Powers, the attaché, was accompanied to Liverpool by Naval Constructor McBride, who is expected to make an examination tomorrow with the hope of ascertaining definitely whether the Nebraskan was damaged by mine or torpedo.

The captain's affidavit will be forwarded to the State department as soon as Lieut. Powers reaches London, but any decision as to action by the American government probably will be delayed until the constructor's report is received.

In his first report to Consul General Skinner, at London, by telegraph today, Capt. Green said his ship either struck a mine or was torpedoed, and officials here think his affidavit may not be more definite.

### DISTILLERIES DESTROYED.

#### Revenue Officers Make Raid in Greenville and Oconee.

Greenville, May 26.—Eleven "wildcat" distilleries were demolished, four alleged blockaders were arrested and criminal prosecutions will be started in the United States court against four other defendants as the result of a raid conducted by Deputy Collector R. Q. Merrick and his men on Oconee and Greenville counties last week.

The revenue officers ran into a nest of stills in Oconee county, and because of the convenient location they completed the job of "cutting" the plants within two days. They worked in Greenville for the remainder of the week and destroyed seven stills.

The revenue men report destructive fires in both Greenville and Oconee counties and say they have done more damage than any in many years. In some places all vegetation has been killed and entire mountain sides have been burned off. The Dark Corner section of Greenville has suffered considerably in the past few months.

## CAPT. R. H. JENNINGS DEAD.

Former State Treasurer Passes Away at Winnaboro.

Winnaboro, May 26.—Capt. R. H. Jennings died at the home of his son, J. M. Jennings, here this evening, following an illness of a few days. Capt. Jennings was in his 77th year. He was a foremost figure in the Methodist church, being on the board of the South Carolina conference for forty years, trustee of Columbia Female college and serving in other capacities of the church for longer periods. Capt. Jennings was a musical teacher and a man proficient in this art.

Capt. Jennings was born in Fairfield county. His first war service was with the Richland Guards, of Kershaw's 2nd regiment. He saw service on the coast at Morris Island. Later he enlisted in Company G, Aiken Guards, of this county. His promotion followed to the office of third lieutenant. His brilliant war record was further enriched by active service at the battles of second Manassas, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, in the latter struggle he was wounded by shrapnel. Having been previously wounded in the leg at Chickamauga he reluctantly accepted a furlough, but after four months rejoined his command. Next followed the severe encounters of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Hanover and Spottsylvania. Further active service on his part was rendered impossible by a severe wound in his arm received in the fighting around Newmarket Heights. This member was amputated on the field of battle and he was soon after carried to the Jackson hospital at Richmond until the 1st of September, when he returned to his native State. After the war Capt. Jennings began to repair his education by teaching school. He entered politics in 1865 and held the office of tax collector until 1868. Twelve years in the office of the clerk of court of Fairfield county was followed by his election to the office of State treasurer, where he served two terms, voluntarily retiring from control of the State's finances two years ago. Capt. Jennings was a Christian man and a central figure in the circles of Methodism of his State. Funeral services of the deceased were held at Winnaboro Friday morning, followed by interment in the Bethel cemetery, the old family burying ground.

## LAWYER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Wm. H. Irvine, of Greenville, Ends Life With Pistol.

Greenville, May 26.—William H. Irvine, prominent lawyer and business man, was found dead in his Main street office this morning at 9:30 o'clock with a bullet hole through his temple and a revolver clamped in his hand across his breast. Mr. Irvine, who filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy last Wednesday, estimating his liabilities at nearly a quarter of a million dollars, is said to have had an appointment to meet one of his largest creditors at his office at 10 o'clock. About 9:30 his body was discovered by his brother, Frank H. Irvine. The body was lying flat upon the floor with the head resting on an overturned office chair. Beneath it lay a narrow strip of white curtain cloth, as if the victim had prearranged his death bed. The bullet was fired from a .32 Smith and Wesson revolver. A search of Mr. Irvine's wearing apparel and office disclosed no note. The family waived the right of an inquest.

Mr. Irvine was the son of a prominent family, and was one of the city's best known business men.

## HAS LOST 130 MERCHANTMEN.

Fifty-six Sunk by Cruisers, 12 by Mines and 62 by Submarines.

London, May 31.—An admiralty statement, giving the number of British merchant and fishing vessels sunk or captured since the beginning of the war, shows that 56 merchant ships have been sent to the bottom by cruisers of the enemy, 12 by mines and 62 by submarines, a total of 130.

Eighty-three fishing craft have been lost, and of these 24 were sunk by mines. Since German submarines began their attack on merchant shipping, January 27, the merchant vessels sunk by them number 59 and the fishing craft 31.

Looking at the losses from the standpoint of tonnage it is seen that since the war began Great Britain has lost 458,006 tons in merchant shipping and 13,585 tons in fishing craft.

## DEFERS DIRECT ANSWER

GERMANY MAKES REPLY TO U. S. COMPLAINT.

Offers Pay When Germany is at Fault.—Real Complaint Not Answered.

Berlin, May 29.—The German reply to the American note after the sinking of the Lusitania was signed by Herr Von Jagow, the foreign minister, at 11 o'clock last night, and handed to Ambassador Gerard this morning for transmission to Washington.

The note expresses Germany's regret for injuries sustained by Americans as the result of submarine and aeroplane attacks, and offers compensation in cases in which Germany is found to be in the wrong. As indicated previously in the dispatches, the note defers a direct answer to the questions raised by President Wilson, pending a further exchange of views. Germany desires to establish whether the Lusitania was a defenceless merchant ship or was being used for the transportation of war munitions and soldiers, on which unsuspecting passengers were permitted to take passage to safeguard the war materials.

The American representations regarding the torpedoing of the British steamer Falaba, in which an American citizen lost his life, are answered with the statement that it was intended to offer ample time for the passengers and crew to leave the ship. The action of the captain in attempting to escape, however necessitated more summary action. Even then the commander of the submarine granted 10 minutes for those on board to leave the vessel and subsequently extended the time to 23 minutes before sinking the ship.

"Unintentional Attacks." Germany expresses regrets for "the unintentional attacks" on the American steamer Cushing and the Gulfight. The Cushing was attacked by German airmen in the North Sea, and the Gulfight was torpedoed off Scilly Islands. Germany disavows any intention to attack harmless neutral craft. She offers to pay compensation wherever she is found to be in the wrong, and to refer doubtful cases to The Hague for a decision.

The passages in the American note concerning a possible disavowal by Germany of intent to sink the Lusitania and the discontinuance of her present practices of submarine warfare are not mentioned specifically in the reply. The note states that pending the reply of the American government to the German assumptions of fact regarding the real character of the Lusitania and her cargo, no attempt will be made to answer the demands contained in the American communication.

### Assumption of Fact.

The Lusitania was built as an auxiliary cruiser, subsidized and carried on the navy lists as such. She carried, according to German information, two guns mounted and concealed below decks.

British steamers sailing from New York, according to information received from passengers and other sources, repeatedly carried soldiers, war supplies and contraband to England, the Lusitania on this trip carrying, specifically 5,400 cases of ammunition, in addition to other war supplies and Canadian troops en route to the front.

Reference is here made to the fact that carrying explosives on passenger ships is contrary to American law. It is intimated that the German government would be glad to receive information as to how it happened that ammunition was permitted to be shipped on the Lusitania, the vessel crowded with passengers. Strong phrases are used regarding what is considered as apparently the deliberate policy of British shipping companies to protect war shipments by embarking American passengers on the ships.

Germany contends it is impossible to settle the question whether proper opportunity was given to place the passengers and crew in safety until it is determined whether the regulations adopted after the sinking of the Titanic, regarding a proper supply of boats and water-tight bulkheads, which are now a part of the American law, were observed in the case of the Lusitania.

Finally, the American mediatory proposals designed to end submarine warfare and the throttling of food supplies and other conditional contraband for Germany are recalled. The government expresses the desire to know what steps, if any, have

## PYTHIANS CHOOSE OFFICERS.

H. E. Gyles, of Aiken, Becomes Grand Chancellor of State Lodge.

Orangeburg, May 26.—The next meeting of the South Carolina Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held at Chicks Springs. There were several invitations, but the vigorous efforts of the delegation from Chick Springs resulted in the selection of that popular resort for the 1916 meeting.

The officers of the grand lodge elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Grand chancellor, H. E. Gyles, of Aiken; grand vice chancellor, Alva M. Lumpkin, of Columbia; grand prelate, Walter Edward Derrick, of Orangeburg; grand keeper records and seal, C. D. Brown, of Abbeville; grand master of exchequer, Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston; grand master at arms, E. R. Cox, of Darlington; grand inner guard, H. A. McCormick, of Nichols; grand outer guard, W. H. Fewell, of Rock Hill. A. G. Rembert, of Spartanburg, and B. A. Morgan, of Greenville, were elected representatives to the supreme lodge.

The election of W. E. Derrick as grand prelate was unprecedented, in that it was unanimous, the opposing candidate, the Rev. Louis J. Bristow, of Abbeville, having withdrawn.

At 3:30 the newly-elected officers were installed. Before the final adjournment the lodge expressed by a rising vote their thanks and appreciation for the hearty welcome accorded the grand lodge and the efforts of the people of Orangeburg to make their visit one of real pleasure.

Between the hours of 6 and 8 an automobile ride over the city was enjoyed. The route taken by the long train of cars was arranged so as to take in all points of interest in and around the city.

At 8:30 p. m. about 600 visiting and local Knights and invited guests assembled at Siffy & Frith's hall for the last, and perhaps, the most important social event of the convention, the grand banquet. The tables were covered with all that is necessary for a sumptuous repast, and each one of the many hosts present came with the determination of giving the visitors a "send-off" in keeping with the unqualified welcome they received on their arrival.

The grand chancellor, Herbert E. Gyles, announced the following appointments this afternoon:

Grand tribune—O. J. Bond, Charleston; W. W. Johnson, Union; A. Earle Boozer, Columbia.

Judiciary—Thos. F. Brantley, Orangeburg; H. C. Tillman, Greenwood; J. M. F. Doar, Charleston.

Ways and means—Mion Bonnoitt, Darlington; Wm. McNab, Barnwell; H. A. Smith, Charleston; W. K. Gunter, Gaffney.

State of the order—Hartwell M. Ayer, Florence; J. S. Eargle, Graniteville; W. W. Harris, Clinton; D. W. Hiott, Easley.

Credentials—A. E. Adams, Greenwood; J. E. Wier, Ninety-Six; J. R. Unger, Batesburg.

Printing—R. L. Dargan, Abbeville. Libraries—A. G. Rembert, Spartanburg; H. N. Schroder, Aiken.

Board of publication—J. Thomas Arnold, Greenville; J. F. Williams, Columbia; Geo. W. Dick, Sumter; D. C. Heyward, Columbia; Louis J. Bristow, Abbeville.

## HAIL AND WIND STORM.

Much Damage Done at Troy, in Greenwood County.

Greenwood, May 26.—Two sections of Greenwood county were visited by destructive hail and wind storms Sunday afternoon, Troy and Breezewood. The damage was greater in and around Troy than anywhere else, grain and other growing crops were ruined, fruit and shade trees uprooted and some small houses blown down. In the Breezewood section cotton was ruined and replanting will be necessary.

Furman Glee Club concert, Carlisle auditorium, auspices U. D. C., Friday evening, June 4th.—adv.

been taken to induce Great Britain to embark on negotiations to this end, after Germany indicated her willingness to discuss a settlement on this general basis.

The delivery of the note to Ambassador Gerard was not attended by any special ceremony. A functionary of the foreign office carried it across the square to the American embassy, where it was placed in the hands of the ambassador. The embassy staff immediately began coding the message and transmitting it to Washington. Mr. Gerard in the meantime called at the foreign office.