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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Feb. 26.—On last Tuesday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Wilson was the scene of a brilliant and happy occasion when a large number of their friends assembled to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their marriage. The hospitable home was a scene of beauty.

Receiving at the door were Miss Sue Best and Mrs. John Harter, who presented the guests to the host and hostess. From an attractive corner in the reception hall Mrs. F. C. Chitty and Miss Margaret Durant dispensed fruit punch. During the evening delightful music was rendered by Mrs. E. A. McDowell, Mrs. F. C. Chitty and Miss Margaret Durant, both instrumental and vocal selections being given. A four-course luncheon, consisting of salads, sweets, coffee, cocoa and mints, was served by Misses Jessie Whatley, Epting, Durant and Best.

On Saturday evening of last week Mrs. George Sanders was hostess at a rook party. There were four tables of players and a merry evening was spent. A three-course luncheon was served, consisting of salad, ice cream and cake, tea and candies.

The Civic league held its last meeting with Mrs. Fred Lightsey. The league has leased a square from the Seaboard railway, will fence it and make a park and public playground. Papers on the cultivation of spring flowers were read by Mesdames Moorer and Lightsey. At the close of the programme a salad course and cocoa were served.

Washington Supper.

Crystal Spring, March 1.—The men folk of the entire Crystal Spring community assembled at Crystal Spring on the evening of February 22nd to celebrate the one hundred and eighty-fourth birthday of George Washington. A most sumptuous supper was served on the grounds, consisting of various meats, both stewed and fried. In addition to the people of the community, there were a large number of distinguished visitors, numbering those who are aspiring to public office and those who represent some of the best businesses of the county. The weather was most ideal for the occasion and all enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. Some of the visitors were:

Mr. A. Rice, of Bamberg, who owns a large mercantile business in Bamberg.

Captain A. W. Knight, postmaster at Bamberg.

H. M. Graham, Esq., banker and member of the Bamberg bar. Mr. Graham made a fine speech. He seemed to be pleased with the present national administration and put Woodrow Wilson the equal or very near equal of George Washington.

Dr. George F. Hair, who has been practicing dentistry for a number of years.

Mr. J. D. Copeland, Jr., who owns a large mercantile business in Bamberg. He is the present incumbent of the office of clerk of court, finishing out the unexpired term of the late lamented C. B. Free. He made a speech that seemed to please everybody present.

Mr. H. D. Free, of Bamberg, candidate for clerk of court. Mr. Free is an old resident, and as he is well known by everybody, did not make a very lengthy speech.

Mr. R. S. Simmons, of Bamberg, who is running a mercantile business, and a candidate for probate judge. Being of large physical stature, he did not elevate himself on the little bench, but kept on terra firma and made a few modest remarks.

Mr. D. J. Deik, the shop man. He made a good speech and declared himself a candidate for sheriff.

R. P. Bellinger, Esq., of Bamberg, candidate for probate judge. Mr. Bellinger is a young man of fine culture, being a son of the late John R. Bellinger. He made a very instructive address and was very much applauded by all.

Mr. F. E. Steedly, of Bamberg, who holds the position of cotton weigher. He made a fine address.

Mr. J. J. Brabham, Jr., of Bamberg. Mr. Brabham is a candidate for probate judge. He is engaged in the mercantile business. He did not speak, but said he would speak on some future occasion.

Mr. Otis Simmons, of Bamberg, the hardware man.

Mr. Charlie Ayer, of Bamberg,

bookkeeper for Mr. A. Rice. Mr. Charlie Mitchell, of Bamberg, telegraph operator for the Southern railway.

Mr. Sim Sandifer, of Bamberg. Mr. S. G. Ray, of Bamberg, sheriff of Bamberg county. He did not make a speech.

Mr. R. L. Zeigler, of Denmark, candidate for clerk of court. Mr. Zeigler made a nice address; others from Denmark were: Messrs. J. L. Smoak, Preston Sandifer, Clifton Sandifer and Mr. Cain.

Mr. A. L. Kirkland, candidate for clerk of court. Mr. Kirkland is a successful farmer.

Mr. H. H. Hill, Sanford, Fla., who is supervising a celery farm for his brother, Mr. J. W. Hill, three miles from Bamberg.

Colston Clippings.

Colston, Feb. 29.—The weather for the past few days has been very disagreeable.

Miss Alberta Kearse was the pleasant guest of Miss Laura McMillan Saturday night.

Miss Annie Florence Fender was a visitor of the Misses Cora, and Dora McMillan Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Gillam and Miss Evelyn Sandifer were visitors at the home of Mrs. J. T. Clayton Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Bessie Kirkland was the guest of Miss Mary Clayton Saturday night and Sunday.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, Feb. 29.—We are still having winter in this part of the world; it takes good heavy wraps and a good fire to make things cheerful. Sleet fell Monday afternoon for a few minutes, melting as it fell. According to the velocity of the wind last week, the month of March is about one week ahead of date.

Messrs. W. H. and E. P. Kinard can pride themselves on their trapping and hunting achievements. Last Friday, while making their daily rounds to their steel traps, set in Little Salkehatchie swamp, near New Bridge, they took therefrom one otter, one wild cat, one raccoon and one weasel. All this game was of extra large size, especially the otter; his size surpassed any caught heretofore.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodson, Miss Thelma Goodson and Miss Kittie Augly, of Ulmer, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goodson.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Copeland and children and Miss Ruth Shuler visited the Colston section Sunday, spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kearse.

Mr. Adam Kinard was chosen as delegate from Ehrhardt K. of P. lodge and represented this lodge last week at the district meeting held at Bamberg.

Mr. S. W. Copeland arranged with Mr. Walker, superintendent of the A. C. L. railroad, last week, to operate a special train on the B., E. & W. road to accommodate the public in attending the county field day at Bamberg Friday. The train will leave here about 8:30 a. m., returning that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Karesh returned last week from Baltimore and New York, where they had been on a two-weeks' buying expedition.

Several young folks from town attended an old time "pindar-shelling" last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. West Fender, of Hughes.

Mrs. B. D. Carter and Mrs. L. P. McMillan, of Bamberg, motored down last Monday, spending the day with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberts and Mrs. F. G. Lemacks, respectively, returning in the afternoon.

Mr. Louis Hiers, of Hampton, is in town inspecting the construction of his handsome brick store. It is nearing completion and will be quite an ornament to the business section of the town.

Mrs. T. W. Davis returned last Monday from Walterboro, where she had been for the past few weeks under treatment at an infirmary, much improved in health.

The A. C. L. freight train on the B., E. & W. line had a small wreck at Walterboro last Monday, causing the passenger train to be delayed about an hour. No one was hurt.

Misses Mamie Douglas and Louise Taylor, of Varnville, spent the weekend with Mrs. H. W. Ehrhardt.

Ott's Outings.

Ott's, Feb. 29.—We were visited by a good rain last night, which was much needed on gardens; we also had some sleet yesterday afternoon.

Mr. W. P. Sandifer, of Blackville,

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Governor Manning and State Treasurer Carter have returned from a visit to New York and other Northern cities.

Governor Manning expects to leave within the next few days on a trip through the boll weevil infested area of the Southern States.

William H. Coleman has assumed his duties as postmaster at Columbia. He succeeds George H. Hugins, who held the office two terms.

Douglass Jenkins, formerly of Greenville, who is now United States consul at Riga, Russia, has asked to be relieved of the post he now holds.

Barney Grover Wilburn, one of the best known citizens of Union county, died at his home at Cross Keys, Union county, last week, aged 70 years.

Representatives of the Du Pont Powder Co. have been in Greenville the past few days inspecting a site for the location of a powder mill in that city.

J. M. Jeffords, who for 42 years has been connected with the roadway department of the Atlantic Coast Line railway at Florence, has retired from the service.

William Jackson, colored, is under arrest in Winnsboro, charged with stealing \$200 in bank notes from W. F. Free, a well known farmer of Fairfield county. It is alleged that Jackson went into Free's room under pretense of kindling a fire and while there took the money from a pair of trousers which were on a chair.

ELECTED COCKER'S PRESIDENT.

Dean of Wake Forest College to Succeed Late Dr. Jones at Hartsville.

Hartsville, Feb. 23.—At a meeting of the board of trustees of Coker college today, in Hartsville, Dr. E. W. Sikes, of Wake Forest, N. C., was unanimously elected president of the institution. Since the death of President Howard Lee Jones, last September, the trustees and friends of the college have been carefully considering the problem of securing a worthy successor to fill this important place. While many names of competent and distinguished men have been suggested, no one has been offered the position until the election of Dr. Sikes. Some of the friends of Dr. Sikes knew that he had recently visited Hartsville by invitation and had spoken at the First Baptist church and in the college auditorium, and had made a most pleasant impression on the people. It was suspected that his was one of the names under consideration and rumor had it that Dr. Sikes had been elected and had accepted the presidency before the trustees met and took definite action in the matter.

Dr. Sikes graduated from Wake Forest college in 1891, with the M. A. degree. He afterward continued his studies in Johns Hopkins university, and in 1897 got his Ph. D. degree from that institution. In 1898 he accepted a position in his alma mater as professor of political economy and has held that chair now for eighteen years.

An arm sprained in loving is soon able to be around.

is spending the week at Ott's, visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. D. Odom, and son, Mr. C. E. Sandifer.

Little Miss Clara McCue was confined to her bed several days last week with la grippe.

Mr. C. C. Rowell has moved into the new store recently built by Mr. E. C. Hays.

Mr. Groaton Bamberg visited Ott's one night last week as the guest of Mr. Edgar Price.

Mrs. L. D. Odom and little daughter visited relatives at Blackville Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Carl Rowell visited Bamberg yesterday.

The many friends of Miss Inez Sandifer will be glad to know that she has fully recovered after an illness of a week with la grippe.

Quite a number from here will attend the chautauqua at Bamberg Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Lloyd Hightower has been on the sick list, but is up again.

Mrs. Florrie Free and son, Harry, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Henry Q. Jennings is still doing carpenter work at and around our little burg making everything look new and up-to-date.

FOUND DEAD BESIDE TRACK.

Lumber Mill Operator Evidently Killed by Train.

Florence, Feb. 25.—Coroner J. L. Gunn was called to Mars Bluff early last evening to hold an inquest over the body of a man, who had been found dead beside the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line at a point near what is known as the Williams & McKeithan Lumber company, or Pate's Mill.

The lifeless body proved to be that of C. H. Cummings, a well-to-do lumber mill operator of Elizabethtown, N. C. From what could be gathered from the testimony, it seems that Mr. Cummings had come down to Mars Bluff to purchase a saw mill on the plantation of Dr. T. C. Johnson, and after attending to his business was walking along the double track of the Coast Line and must have been struck by a passing freight train. His body was yet warm when found, but life was extinct. The body was taken in charge by the coroner and the family of Cummings notified.

HUNDRED THOUSAND DAMAGES.

Trial at Hampton of Suit Against Seaboard Ends in Verdict for Defense.

Columbia, Feb. 27.—A verdict in favor of the defendant has been returned in the case of B. J. and W. E. Peoples, administrators of J. W. Peoples, deceased, against the Seaboard Air Line railway, in which damages for \$100,000 for the death of J. W. Peoples were sought. The case was on trial for five days at Hampton before Judge Prince.

The Savannah Morning News of yesterday said:

"J. W. Peoples was killed by a work train of the Seaboard Air Line on a crossing at Estill, S. C., on April 4, 1914. He was survived by several children and a number of other heirs. He was a large planter and was also engaged in the banking business. Soon after Mr. Peoples's death his two sons, B. J. and W. E. Peoples, brought suit against the Seaboard for \$100,000 for the death of their father.

"Their allegation was that the employees of the defendant were negligent in that no bells or whistles were sounded on the work train for the crossing and that a proper lookout was not kept. The railroad's contention was that Mr. Peoples was responsible for his own death by stepping backward in front of the moving train, denying all the allegations of the plaintiffs, while the killing was admitted.

"The case has attracted much attention. The plaintiffs were represented by the law firm of Warren & Warren of Hampton, while the defense was represented by the firm of Lyles & Lyles, of Columbia and J. W. Manuel, of Hampton. The case was investigated and prepared by Claim Agents W. C. Johnston and A. C. Winter for the Seaboard."

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED.

Georgian is Convicted of Murdering His Wife.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 24.—Bun O. Lucas was convicted by a jury in superior court here late today of the murder of his wife, Ida Mae Lucas, September 18, 1915. The jury was out four hours. It was the second trial of the case, the first resulting in a mistrial. The State showed that Mrs. Lucas had applied for a divorce one month before she was shot and killed and a witness testified: "Lucas said she would not live to get the divorce." This testimony was not brought out at the first trial. Lucas declared that he shot his wife while aiming at a man he found in her company. The Lucas children and other witnesses testified that there was no other man in the case. Lucas was sentenced to be hanged on April 14.

MANNING IN WASHINGTON.

Governor Calls on South Carolina Delegation.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Governor R. I. Manning was in Washington today on his way back to Columbia from New York, where he had been looking after the adjustment of details connected with the South Carolina sinking fund. This, it is understood, was accomplished with quite satisfactory results. The governor stopped in Washington with his son, W. Sinkler Manning, of the staff of the New York Times. During the day he visited the Capitol and called socially on all members of the State delegation, leaving tonight for home.

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GRAVE CRISIS AGAIN FACED

AMERICA AWAITS RESULTS WITH GRAVE CONCERN.

German Submarine Decree Causes Much Concern in Washington.—No Action Yet.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Results of the new Austro-German submarine campaign against armed merchant ships of the entente allies, beginning at midnight, are awaited by the United States with grave concern.

Although under their new instructions Teutonic naval commanders are authorized to sink without warning all armed enemy merchantmen they encounter, it is understood they have been told to make sure if possible that American citizens are not aboard any ship attacked. Furthermore, in the latest communication regarding submarine warfare Germany has assured the United States that the new orders are so formulated as to prevent the destruction of enemy liners "on account of their armament unless such armament is proved."

The attitude of the United States government towards the new policy of Germany and Austria has not been definitely determined. President Wilson today discussed the subject in a conference with Secretary Lansing and then laid the German communication before his cabinet. Later it was said that because the all important appendices to the German memorandum had been delayed in transit the State department thus far was unable to determine whether the claims set forward by Germany and Austria is justification of their course were sustained. An effort probably will be made to trace the delayed appendices.

Moreover it has not yet been decided whether Germany's reiterated assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare are of a character broad enough to warrant acceptance of the German proposal to settle the issues growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania. A decision on that controversy may be reached in a few days. Meanwhile, if any American citizen is injured in an attack by a submarine on a merchant ship which does not resist and has no intention of using its armament otherwise than defensively, a grave situation will arise.

The United States stands at this time, as it has always done, for the right of American citizens to travel with safety on defensively armed ships. If the German contentions are sustained, however, and it is proved conclusively that a ship upon which an American may be injured used defensive armament for purposes of offense, it is considered unlikely that this government will take any action. It never has contended that ships committing attacks or other offensive acts or under orders so to conduct themselves are immune from summary destruction.

BILL OF MUCH IMPORTANCE.

Is Water Power Measure Now Before Senate.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The water power bill now before the senate is a measure which may become of vital importance to the whole country at large. Senator Smith, of South Carolina, has been working with experts of the department of agriculture upon amendments to the measure which will enable the government to take over the control and use of the water powers of the nation for the benefit of the people. In his amendments Senator Smith contemplates the use of the water powers by the government for the production of munitions of war in time of war and in time of peace their use, under proper governmental control, in the manufacture of fertilizers. The proposed plan is wide in its scope and vastly important, and because of these facts the senator is proceeding slowly in his suggestions. He had numerous conferences with the officials of the department, and in conjunction with them legislation looking to the above ends is being framed.

Byrnes Can Trust Wilson.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Congressman Byrnes today expressed himself as follows on the subject of the agitation over armed ships: "I do not believe that at this stage of the game congress should interfere with the president in his negotiations on the armed merchantman question, and I do not think there is any chance of such interference. Regardless of their views as to the merits of the question and of the Lansing letter to Great Britain, members of the house believe it would be unwise to adopt any of the resolutions proposed."

AFTER COTTON EXCHANGE.

Resolution to Investigate New York Institution.

Washington, February 26.—A committee to represent the cotton-growing States in the framing and introduction of "a resolution in congress for the investigation of the New York cotton exchange and to draft a bill for the regulation of cotton exchanges in the United States" was appointed today by Representative Heflin as the result of the conference of cotton States members Thursday night. The committee follows:

Representative Heflin, Alabama, chairman; Jacoway, Arkansas; Clark, Florida; Vinson, Georgia; Watkins, Louisiana; Davenport, Oklahoma; Eagle, Texas; Sims, Tennessee; Daughton, North Carolina; Aiken, South Carolina; Candler, Mississippi; Russell, Missouri; Hayden, Arizona, and Kettner, California.

PETITIONS TO RECALL.

Signed by More Than Required 20 Per Cent. of Voters.

Columbia, Feb. 26.—Petitions asking Governor Manning to order a recall election for Councilmen E. M. DuPre and C. M. Asbill are ready for presentation to the governor on Monday. The petitioners have considerably more than the required 20 per cent. of the qualified voters signing them. They allege city council deprived the mayor of his legal rights in taking control of the police department from him, and also that favoritism was shown Mr. DuPre in the purchase by the city of two Ford machines, Mr. DuPre being the local agent for this company. Under the law the governor must order the election within thirty days if the petition is in proper form. Those behind this petition are understood to be friends of Mayor Griffith.

A petition for the recall of Mayor Griffith is also in circulation. Those behind it are understood to be opponents to recalling Councilmen DuPre and Asbill.

The terms of Councilmen R. C. Keenan and M. M. Rice expire in April.

City politics are flaring up and a bitter struggle is in prospect.

DYNAMITE BLOWS UP HOUSE.

Roof Lifted From Above Sleeping Family; No One Hurt.

Johnston, February 27.—An explosion occurred a few miles from town Friday night at 8 o'clock in the home of Little Mike Herlong. In an adjoining room from where the family were sleeping had been placed seventeen sticks of dynamite and 72 caps. A short while after the family retired the explosion took place, demolishing the house that was a three-room cottage, making it uninhabitable. The family escaped unhurt. Mr. Herlong cannot tell how the explosion occurred, as there was no one occupying the room in which the dynamite had been placed.

STROKE AT THIS COUNTRY.

German Officers Anxious for Breach. Have Inclusive Plan.

Amsterdam, Holland, Feb. 26.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes an interview on submarine warfare credited to a high naval official whose views, in substance, follow:

"A majority of German naval officers believe that a complete breach between Germany and America would be conducive to a far earlier victorious termination of the war, but only if Germany derived all the results logically arising out of such a breach. As soon as Germany was in such a position that she need have no more consideration for America she could declare all Great Britain blockaded and announce that every ship of whatever flag which attempted to enter a British port would be regarded as a blockade runner and destroy it without warning.

"This policy would lead to the starvation of Britain and thus to her submission and then automatically the submission of Russia and France. America then would be isolated and would have to submit because Germany having obtained all the entente battleships and submarines would be far stronger on the sea than America.

"America, when defeated, would have to surrender all German merchant ships which she had seized and also pay all war costs of the central powers and their allies."

A diplomat is one who can "kid" his wife into keeping the garden free from weeds by bragging about what a fine agriculturist she is.