

## AMERICAN IS KILLED BY SHELL FROM SUBMARINE

Member of Crew of British Steamer Evestone Is Struck While Leaving Ship—Incident, However, Is Not Regarded as Overt Act.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The grave concern with which the American government has been awaiting developments since the break with Germany were not perceptibly increased by press dispatches from London tonight announcing that an American member of the crew of the British steamer Evestone had been killed by shells from a German submarine.

Confidence apparently was felt in all quarters that a full report would show that the vessel was attacked in accordance with the rules of cruiser warfare and that the incident would not prove to be an overt act which would mean war.

According to the stories of survivors, the master and three members of the Evestone's crew, including the American were killed when they were leaving the ship in boats. There have been several instances in the past in which deliberate shelling of boats was alleged, but such a case never has been established to the satisfaction of the state department. It is believed here that the shelling indicates that the Evestone was resisting or attempting to escape and that shells intended for the ship may have struck the boat.

The Evestone sailed from Newport News, Va., on December 25 with a cargo of lumber loaded at Galveston. She probably had discharged her cargo and started on a return voyage.

## THE STRAWBERRY CROP

The strawberry growers feel quite encouraged about the strawberry prospects, in spite of the fact that many patches were seriously effected by last summer's drought.

Many of the old patches were badly burned and the newer ones did not put out the usual amount of runners. The berries, if the season is favorable, will be of fine quality and large size.

The Monett growers estimate a falling off on one-third in the production. At Wheaton, the berries are looking fine and the increased acreage last year will bring their production above that of preceding years, it is thought.

At Sarcosie the growers expect about a 50 per cent decrease in production but with favorable conditions they will do better.

The Southwest Fruit Growers Union have made the assertion that the price of strawberries will reach \$2.00 a crate this season. This Association has recently added Sarcosie and Cassville to their shipping points. They will ship this season for growers at Monett, Wheaton, Purdy and Verona, besides the two named above.

## GERARD TO RETURN BY WAY OF SPANISH PORT

Berlin, Feb. 4, (via London, Feb. 5.)—United States Ambassador Gerard has practically decided to return to the United States from a Spanish port. The plan to have American interests taken over by the Brazilian minister has been abandoned, and it is not known who will represent America in Berlin after Mr. Gerard's departure.

## FIRE AT 708 FOURTH STREET

The roof of J. R. Rackerby's kitchen at 708 Fourth street, caught fire, Monday afternoon, from a spark from a chimney. It was blazing quite lively when the fire department arrived. It was extinguished with chemicals. The damage will amount to \$30 or more.

## MISSOURI GREW MILLIONS MORE

In 1916 Missouri had 6,775,000 acres in corn; Kansas, 6,950,000. Yet Missouri, with 175,000 fewer acres, grew 62,612,000 more bushels. These are United States Department of Agriculture figures. The Missouri figures, as compiled by the State Board of Agriculture, make a slightly better showing.

A great many people in the cities want to move to the small towns while those living in the small towns, or a great many of them, want to locate in the big towns. The small town man that may be the idol in his own home town is engulfed and forgotten about when he strikes the big town, while the large town fellow when he comes to the small town to live, puts on aristocratic airs for a while but his high-toneness soon wears off and he simmers down to a good useful, well balanced citizen and enjoys real living among real people, while the good small town who moved to the city is struggling to pay his high rent and is probably acquainted with a half dozen people. Life in the country town is the real life. There may not be so many shows, cabarets and painted females to look at but we have good pure air to breathe and good old corn bread and turnip greens to eat. Pass the molasses Susan.—Alteona Tribune.

## VOLUNTEER FOR RED CROSS

Entire Staff of Christian Church Hospital Offers Services.

Kansas City, Feb. 6.—Without hesitation or debate, the entire staff of the Christian Church Hospital yesterday afternoon volunteered to offer their services to the government in connection with the formation of a Kansas City Red Cross base hospital unit.

The staff met with officers and directors on short notification, the directors entering into the plan as heartily as the doctors and guaranteeing the \$25,000 or more which must be furnished by private subscription to equip the unit.

## SOUTH MONETT NEWS

John Anderson has not been so well for the last week.

Chas. Marshall is visiting his sister, Mrs. Sarah Emory, at Wichita, Kansas.

Miss Audna Swearingen has been on the sick list.

Ora Eden of Purdy was in Monett, Monday.

## BRAZIL'S NOTE COMPLETED

Rio Janero, Feb. 5.—The note of protest which Brazil will dispatch to Germany in answer to her declarations of unrestricted submarine war has been completed but will not be sent until after an exchange of views between some of the American governments. President Wenceslay Braz will summon a special meeting of the cabinet to discuss the situation.

## A WORD WITH WOMEN

Valuable Advice for Monett Readers.

Many a woman endures with noble patience the daily misery of backache, pains about the hips, blues, nervous spells, dizziness and urinary disorders, hopeless of relief because she doesn't know what is the matter.

It is not true that every pain in the back or hips is trouble "peculiar to the sex." Often when the kidneys get congested and inflamed, such aches and pains follow:

You can tell it is kidney trouble if the secretions are dark colored, contain sediment; the passages are frequent or scanty. Then help the weakened kidneys. Don't expect them to get well alone.

Doan's Kidney Pills have won the praise of thousands of women. They are endorsed at home—Read this Monett woman's convincing statement:

Mrs. A. L. Pilkerton, 309 County Road, Monett, says: "I had a steady ache in my back over my kidneys. Sharp pains hurt me when I bent over or lifted anything. My kidneys didn't act properly. Finally I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at the Monett Drug Co., and they gave me fine relief."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Pilkerton had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

## MAMMA'S BROWN EYES, EAST PURDY

We had a wind, dust and snow storm, Sunday.

Misses Ruth and Dessie Russell went to Bethel, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry are the proud parents of a son, born Wednesday, January 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruis Blankenship are visiting Ruis' father, west of Purdy, this week.

Miss Anna Burg is staying with her sister, Mrs. Homer Terry.

Clifford Rouse visited relatives in Monett, Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. Melvin Henson went to Calvary, near Exeter, Saturday, to fill his appointment as pastor there but on account of the blizzard he returned home Sunday morning.

Little Clarence Hemphill, who was operated on upon last Tuesday, by Dr. Lowe of Springfield, for an abscess on one of his lungs is getting along nicely and the nurse returned to her home in Springfield, Monday.

Delmar Myres went to Cato, Monday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Shepherd attended the pie supper at Purdy, Saturday night, which was held for the benefit of the Baptist church. They report a good progress and a large crowd.

## OLDEST MISSOURIAN DIES

The funeral of Jacob W. Hartley, aged 106, and said to be the oldest Missourian, was held Friday afternoon at Timber Ridge church. He died late Wednesday at his home near Marshfield. The pioneer had certain health rules which he advised his friends to follow if they wished to live to be 100 years old. He didn't drink, smoke or chew, took regular daily exercise, went to bed at 8 o'clock at night and was up at 6 in the morning.

## FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services for George White were held at the Peirce City Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. A. Todd, of Monett had charge of the services.

## I'VE DONE MY BIT ON THE BORDER

I've done my bit on the border,  
Still I am not tired yet.  
I've had my fill of the border.  
Of greasers and strangers, I have met.  
I've eaten the dirt of Texas,  
I've drank of the Rio Grande,  
I've grubbed mesquite in the cursed heat,  
(The Lord never made the land!)  
I've seen all there is to the border,  
I've felt all there is to feel,  
I've done my time in a sea of slime,  
I've lost all they didn't steal.  
I've done my bit on the border,  
I've hiked and sweat in the heat and wet,  
I've lain in the dust and gnawed a crust,  
At Funston's judgment seat,  
I've eaten meals with reptiles,  
I've quartered with bugs galore—  
In the land where things all are made with stings,  
From the trees to the rug on the floor.  
I've dug in the blasted trenches,  
The air was a hundred hells—  
I've charged in the jungle cactus  
To the music of Rebel yells.  
I've carried a pack in the jungle.  
Till it cut me down to the blood;  
I've sweltered and lay like a thing of clay,  
In a slithering swamp of mud.  
I've risen at five in the morning  
At the sound of the reveille,  
I've slaved all day for a newsboy's pay  
Till the night would set me free.  
I've lived the life of a soldier—  
No chance to "beat it" or shirk—  
And the life of a soldier, believe me,  
Is little but damned hard work.  
I've eaten the food of a soldier,  
Hardtack and Mulligan stew,  
Bacon and beans—and a touch of greens—  
But, Lord, they were scarce and few!  
I've followed the flag of my country.  
In Khaki and plain O. D.  
And up to date I'm standing straight  
In a way that is good to see.  
I've done my bit on the border.  
I've had my fill of the same;  
But I wouldn't trade the friends I've made  
For all I've lost in the game.  
I've had my fill of the border.  
Of greasers and border men,  
I've done my bit and I stand to quit  
And never take on again.  
But I seem to know, when the bugles blow  
And I hear the reveille,  
That my blood will heat and my pulse beat,  
No matter where I may be.  
And I'll yearn to go—with a burning yearn  
That only the soldier feels;  
To slave and sweat in the heat and wet,  
To straighten and creak my heels.  
But I've done my bit on the border,  
And now, thank God, I'm free—  
Altho' I know, when the bugles blow,  
They'll have a call for me.

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## HOUSATONIC WARNED

Washington, Feb. 5.—The possibility that the sinking of the American steamer Housatonic will become a serious factor in the crisis with Germany apparently was eliminated today by evidence that the attacking submarine acted within international law. American Consul Stephens at Plymouth reported that warning was given and provision for the safety of the crew.

As the Housatonic was carrying contraband, any controversy over her destruction is expected to present no more serious an issue than a claim for monetary damage. If the consul's report is correct, the case apparently falls into the same category as that of the American ship William P. Frye, destroyed with a cargo of grain early in the war by a raider after her crew had been taken off.

## "BONE DRY" BILL IN WYOMING IS KILLED

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 6.—The so-called "bone dry" prohibition bill, designed to become effective January 1, 1918, was killed today by the lower house of the Wyoming legislature. Bills are pending in the house and senate to submit prohibition to a vote of the people at the next general election.

## STONES PRAIRIE

Martha Rehwinkel was shopping in town Friday.

George Enke and Miss Effie Henderson were visiting home folks Sunday.

Will Lane got his herd of cattle from Fred Brown, Monday and left a bunch at George Enke's.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Buckholtz were shopping in town, Saturday.

Campbell's are sawing wood in this neighborhood.

Earl Schad was very sick with the mumps last week.

Mrs. Albert Rehwinkel went to visit her sick brother at Granby, last week.

Misses Gertie and Agatha Schneider were visiting at Casper Schad's Sunday afternoon.

George Schad hauled several loads of lumber from Jim Mitchell's, east of Purdy, Monday.

## WHAT A KILOWATT IS

Kilowatt is the electric term most used for describing the amount of electricity use. A kilowatt is equal to about 1 1-3 horsepower. In cities where electricity is paid for by meter, the rate averages about 10 cents per kilowatt-hour. A kilowatt-hour is the use of a kilowatt for an hour's time.—January Farm and Fireside.

## SPANELL FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

Jury, Out Less Than Two Hours, Returns Verdict Acquitting Texan of Wife's Killing.

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 1.—A verdict of not guilty was returned after less than two hours deliberation today by the jury trying Harry J. Spanell of Alpine in connection with the killing of his wife, Crystal Holland Spanell, at Alpine last July. The case was given to the jury at 12:15 p. m., today.

A special venire had been ordered into the district court here today in the case in which Spanell is charged with the killing of Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler, but was excused yesterday.

## MRS. JOHN WORMINGTON DIES

After a brave fight for life, Mrs. John Wormington passed away at 2 o'clock, Wednesday, February 7. She had been ill for twelve years with tuberculosis and had made every effort to get well to be with her family.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Hewlett, of Peirce City and was born in Lawrence county, April 11, 1880.

She is survived by her husband and twin children, Helen and William, her father and three sisters, Mrs. Emory Morris, of Peirce City, Mrs. Newton Gaw, of Iowa and Miss Stella Hewlett, of Peirce City.

A short service will be held at the home on Sycamore street at 10 o'clock, Thursday morning. A service will be held at Mt. Olivet Baptist church at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, conducted by Rev. Smith. Interment will be made in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

## JOLLY

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox took their little daughter to Springfield, last Wednesday, for an operation.

Dr. Arch Lowe of Springfield came down last Thursday and operated on Miss Dolly Tubbs for appendicitis at the home of her brother, Clarence Tubbs.

Monday, January 29, Woodmen took their axes and saws and cleared one half acre of ground and cut and saved it ready for the stove, for Neighbor John Hawkins, of the Berwick neighborhood, who has been ill for four weeks with typhoid fever.

Miss Dora Cowan has accepted a position as teacher in Quincy, Ill.

The Ladies Aid Society meets Thursday at Mrs. Fanny Kelly's.

Miss Mary Montgomery is visiting her brother Mason Montgomery, of Peirce City.

Edward West, who is teaching in Newtonia, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, M. J. West and family.

## ARNHART

There wasn't any prayer meeting at Arnhart, Sunday night on account of bad weather.

Harry Dinkens visited Poke Perivins from Monday until Friday.

Perry Roller sold two of his fine mares to Dee Barthune one day last week.

Dr. Horton, Dr. Kelley of Purdy and Dr. Lowe of Springfield, performed an operation on Clarence Hemphill, Tuesday morning. He is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Ella Terry, who has been visiting her mother, returned home Friday.

Those who visited Anna Marbut Sunday, were Mable Marbut, Omer Shepherd and Carl Justice.

Tim Roller sold one of his colts to Hiram Roller, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry are the proud parents of a new plow boy, born January 31.

Little Rozella Roller is sick.

Brit Marbut visited Guy Roller Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ella Bowen is sick.

Ed Brown of Purdy, moved down on Flatt Creek one day last week.

## BLUE EYES.

## EVENTIDE

We have been having some cool weather for the last few days.

There is quite a lot of sickness in our neighborhood at this writing.

S. O. Elwell was called to Springfield, Friday by the illness of his son, Frank.

C. E. Eubanks, who has been on the sick list, is reported better.

Miss Gertie Henson, who has been visiting near Purdy, returned home Sunday.

There will be a pie supper at Beltview school house, Saturday night. Everyone invited.

Prayer meeting at Ebenezer every Thursday night.

J. B. Foster is reported better.

## BLUE BELL.

Mrs. Jess Lucas, who has been visiting Mrs. E. H. Weems, has returned to her home in Tulsa, Okla.

Wm. Boucher, of Purdy, was in town on business, Wednesday.

Harry Matthews, the barber, is unable to have his shop open.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miller and Miss Agnes Hubbert have returned from a visit in Neosho.

## COST OF HEALTH IS LOW

Dr. M. P. Ravenel Quotes Toronto Bulletin as Proof of Statement.

Keeping healthy is an inexpensive process, Dr. M. P. Ravenel of the department of preventative medicine of the University of Missouri says. It only requires a little thought and a slight bit of attention to our own physical welfare.

To substantiate his statement, Dr. Ravenel quotes the following from a health bulletin of the city of Toronto, Canada:

"We hear very much of the high cost of living, but we overlook the fact that many of the best things of life may be had for nothing.

"It costs nothing to stand up and walk and breathe properly.

"Fresh air in the home is free.

"No expense to taking a few simple exercises every morning.

"It costs nothing to chew the food properly.

"It costs nothing to select the food that is best suited to the body.

"It costs nothing to clean the teeth twice a day.

"It costs no more to stop using patent medicines.

"It costs no more to read good books than trashy literature.

"It costs nothing to have a cheerful, happy disposition, and stop having grouches.

"These things cost nothing, yet they will bring content and reduce the doctor's bill to nothing a year."

Mrs. Zona Gaffield and Mrs. M. B. Bridges went to Aurora, Tuesday.

Mrs. W. T. Dailey spent Tuesday in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Long, of St. Louis, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Long and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Meyer of Freistatt, was shopping in Monett, Tuesday.

Mrs. C. E. Whitlatch visited friends in Springfield, Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Seufert, of Peirce City, who has been in Arkansas visiting her parents, was in Monett between trains Tuesday.

Mrs. McCullough, of Lexington, Ill., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Horn.

J. H. Gulick, who has just recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, was able to return to work at the store, Tuesday.

Mrs. Sarah Henderson went to Parsons, Kan., Tuesday morning. Her daughter is going to a hospital for an operation and Mrs. Henderson will remain until she is convalescent.

Mrs. Roy Brown went to Purdy, Wednesday, to visit relatives.

A. J. Nordin, who has been ill the past week with a severe attack of grippe, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Boswell are visiting Mrs. Boswell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Spain.

Mrs. Raupp, who has been visiting Mrs. Mona Shipley, returned to her home in Peirce City, Tuesday.

E. G. Bugg, of Cassville, a representative of the Barry County Marble Works, was in town on business, Wednesday.

Byron Callender was in Joplin, Tuesday, to see Mr. Edward Maher, who is in St. John's hospital with stomach trouble. He is getting along nicely and is able to be up and around.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Haggard, who have been visiting Mrs. Haggard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster, north of Monett, returned to their home in Springfield, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Taylor are the parents of a baby boy born Friday, February 3, whom they have named Barney Cray, Jr.

Austria's notification to this government that it stands with Germany in her U-boat policies chiefly is interesting as arousing speculation as to how and when Count Tarnowski Torno is going to get back home, and as to what really and truly is his present status, if any.—St. Louis Times.

Miss Mildred Morrow, who is taking a nurse's training course at the Christian church hospital in Kansas City, is suffering with sore hands as a result of use of strong disinfectant solution. She may have to come home to give her hands a chance to heal. She is doing well with the course and is ambitious to finish as soon as possible.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the Estate of John D. Barolin, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 10th day of January, 1917, by the Probate Court of Barry County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said Estate, are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such Estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of last insertion of this publication, they will be forever barred.

## John P. S. Planchon, Administrator.

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