

**GASOLINE STEAMER  
LOST THROUGH FIRE**

Philadelphia, Aug. 22.—Nine members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Cossack, formerly the British steamer Pecosse, New Orleans and Norfolk for Grange Mouth, with a cargo of gasoline in drums, were lost in mid-ocean when the steamer, afire, was abandoned on August 12.

The surviving thirteen members of the Cossack crew were brought here today by the British steamer Tamaqua from Glasgow, which rescued the men from a small boat after they had been tossed about for two days in heavy weather.

According to the survivors, some of the gasoline drums burst when tossed about by the rolling of the steamer in the heavy sea, the gasoline reaching the fire-room. There was an explosion and the interior of the ship became a mass of flames. All hands escaped the flames and abandoned the ship in two life boats. One boat containing nine men was upset and all were lost.

The cargo of the Cossack was valued at \$1,100,000.

**SHE WENT INTO A BEE NEST  
TO DON HER BATHING SUIT**

Camden, N. J., Aug. 22.—Physicians at Cooper Hospital did their very best to soothe Miss Margaret Gilhooly, eighteen, of No. 923 Judson street, Philadelphia, when she appeared there this afternoon. It took oodles of lotions, for her body was covered with the punctures of yellow-jackets.

The girl had gone to National Park with friends. In the woods she was changing her street wear for a bathing suit, and she stepped into a nest of the insects. She said it seemed to her as though a thousand jets of live steam had been turned on, each jet with a needle, and each needle charged with tobacco sauce. She did not go in the water. The doctors say she might forget the experience in about nine years.

**SAYS PLENTY OF SHARKS  
IN PAMLCIO SOUND**

G. C. Walter, who recently spent his vacation at Ocracoke, reports that sharks are plentiful in Pamlico Sound. "Dog Sharks" of large size are frequently caught in the sound, but man-eaters, such as Walter saw, are very rare. He glimpsed four at one time swimming around a fish house at Ocracoke, he declares. The sharks were near the surface, waiting to seize offal from the fishhouse. One of the creatures was judged to be about eight feet long. They were quite fearless. Walter baited a line which was seized by a 5-footer immediately it was thrown over. The shark darted off and snapped line which proved to be rotten.—Washington Daily News.

**NO LIQUOR ALLOWED  
CAMP GLENN TROOPS**

Camp Glenn, Aug. 22.—Soldiers of the North Carolina brigade will find it hard to keep in spirits—at least that kind noted for its cheer—according to information circulating through the camp today. The story goes that military police from Colonel Mc-Gee's force will be stationed at nearby express offices with special orders to prevent any package containing spirituous liquors. This action, it is stated, comes not because of any trouble originating from this source, but as a precautionary measure in an effort to prevent any possible chance of such disorders.

**BERLIN ADMITS SLIGHT  
DAMAGE TO BATTLESHIP**

The Westfalen Was Hit Saturday by British Torpedo.  
London, Aug. 23 (8:20 P. M.)—The German battleship Westfalen was hit and slightly damaged on Saturday by a British torpedo, it was admitted in a semi-official telegram from Berlin today, according to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. The Westfalen, however, it is declared, continued capable of maneuvering and will shortly be repaired. A second torpedo missed the battleship, the message asserts.

A British announcement yesterday told of an attack by the British submarine E-23 on a German battleship of the Nassau class in the North Sea. The submarine commander reported that while the ship was being escorted back to port in a damaged condition he attacked again and struck her with a second torpedo and believed she was sunk.

The Westfalen is one of the Nassau class, displacing 18,602 tons. She was at first reported sunk in the Jutland naval engagement last May.

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**MR. D. M. CLARK UNDER-**  
**GOES SERIOUS OPERATION**

Former Halifax Citizen Now of Greenville, at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, for Appendicitis.

Mr. David M. Clark of Greenville, a former citizen of Halifax county, was placed in St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Wednesday of this week to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Clark is the Democratic nominee for the legislature from Pitt county, and has many friends here who wish for him a speedy recovery.

**GREAT BRITAIN LAYS  
EMBARGO ON TOBACCO**

Washington, Aug. 23.—Surprise was created in government circles today when the British embassy announced it had received a cablegram from London, saying an embargo will be laid on all American tobacco shipments to Germany and Austria through neutral European ports after August 31st. It was stated that shipments bought and paid for to August 1st will be allowed to go forward through Holland.

Ten days ago Great Britain modified her order blacklisting American tobacco shipments to the Central Powers, in order that Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky exporters might fill their contracts with the Teutonic powers. Her action in re-establishing the embargo means the loss of millions of dollars to American tobacco exporters who had made contracts with German and Austrian concerns when Great Britain announced a year ago tobacco shipments would be allowed to go through to those countries.

Senator Overman will make a vigorous protest tomorrow.

**ARMY BILL PASSED  
IN NATIONAL HOUSE**

Washington, Aug. 22.—The army bill passed the house today with the articles of war eliminated. The senate was expected to place the articles of war back in the bill minus the objectionable clause permitting retired army officers to talk, which caused President Wilson to veto it. The house will accept the measure as passed by the senate. And the army bill squabble will be over.

Preparations are underway to make the signing of the army and navy bill the occasion of a big function at the white house. Secretary Daniels has invited the chairmen of the naval committees of the house and senate representatives of this committee to witness the signing. It is understood that the army bill will be signed in the presence of the congressional chairmen concerned, the secretary of war and perhaps some of the army chiefs.

Secretary Daniels said today that he will not be present when the bills are signed. He has designated Rear Admiral William S. Benson, chief of naval operations of the navy, to represent him at the function.

**"THE BREMEN OUT;  
DEUTSCHLAND IS IN"**

London, Aug. 24.—The departure for America a week ago of the German submarine "Bremen" is reported in a dispatch from Bremen as forwarded from The Hague by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

It was said the owners of the "Deutschland" and the "Bremen" received word seven days ago of the progress being made by the "Deutschland" on her return voyage and that it was not until they had obtained their information that they permitted the "Bremen" to start.

**CHURCH SERVICES.**

**Methodist Episcopal Church**  
Rev. L. T. Singleton, Pastor  
Sunday School—9:45.  
Morning Service—11:00.  
Evening Service—7:45.  
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting—7:45.

**Baptist Church**  
Rev. R. A. McFarland, Pastor  
Sunday School—9:45.  
Morning Service—11:00.  
Evening Service—7:45.  
Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting—7:45.

**Episcopal Church**  
Rev. Reuben Meredith, Rector.  
Sunday School—9:45.  
Morning Prayer and sermon—11:00.  
Evening prayer and sermon—8:00.

**SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES**

I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the Court House door at Halifax, N. C., Monday Sept. 4, 1916, following land to satisfy taxes and cost for the year 1915 in Conocanara and Scotland Neck townships, as follows:

**Scotland Neck Township**  
Melvina Cotton, 6 acres near Scotland Neck, \$5.95.  
Jesse Cotton, 4 acres, Allen Smith, \$1.66.  
Lena Dickens, 1 acre, Greenwood, \$3.12.  
Caroline Harvey, 4 acres, Graball, \$2.62.  
Lyn Hedgepeth, 28 acres Israel Little, \$12.83.  
Sip Hill, Est., 1 acre near town \$2.62.  
Titus Hill, 97 Biggs Land, \$11.61.  
Daniel L. Johnson, 5 acres Peogee Hill, \$1.17.  
Arthur Jones, 1 acre Graball, \$11.72.  
W. W. Lawrence, 1 town lot, \$4.55.  
Madison Norfolk, 5 acres Peogee Hill, \$2.12.  
Clara Pitt, 7 acres, Millie Smith, \$2.13.  
Mc. D. Rowe, 1 town lot, \$3.90.  
Irving Smith, 2 acres, Bakers, \$3.66.  
Joe Sandy Smith, 1 town lot, \$6.18.  
Isaac Spruill, 2 acres, Mary's Chapel \$3.12.  
Chas. Webb, 1 acre Greenwood, \$5.03.  
Nave White, 4 acres, Mary's Chapel, \$3.41.  
Lewis Wiley, 1 acre, Greenwood, \$4.10.

**Conocanara Township**

Starling Bullock, 100 acres, Piney Woods, \$14.33.  
Ed. Davis, 2 acres near Tillery, \$4.25.  
Willie B. Edmonds, 37 1/2 acres near Tillery, \$10.53.  
Lee Hale, 3 acres, residence, \$3.31.  
Silas Jones, 26 acres, West Alexander, \$6.98.  
Mattie Jackson, 28 1/2 Piney Woods, \$5.49.  
Joseph Johnson, 30 acres, near Dawson, \$5.51.  
George Wade Johnson, 10 acres, He-rold Johnson, \$3.47.  
Walter Knight, 65 acres, Piney Woods, \$15.78.  
Jim Tillery, 10 acres near Tillery, \$5.27.  
Oscar Whitaker, 25 acres, Piney Woods, \$2.53.  
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**ITEMS FROM OAK CITY**

Oak City, Aug. 24.—Mr. Gordon House left Monday morning for a two weeks business trip.

Messrs. Sam, Whealan and Will Casper are spending the week at Ocean View.

Mr. D. S. Harper, of Bethel, is in town this week as relief for Mr. S. E. Hines.

Miss Elizabeth Speer returned to her home near Greenville Friday.

Miss Jefferson House returned some days ago from Stokes and other places where she had been visiting the past two weeks.

Mrs. Casper and Miss Clyde Jordan returned from Ocean View Sunday.

Messrs. J. L. and J. W. Hines were in Hamilton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Worsley and little son spent Saturday and Sunday near Stokes.

Dr. W. H. House, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday night with his sister, Mrs. B. M. Worsley.

Miss Alma House, of near Stokes, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. B. M. Worsley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. House, Messrs. R. W. House and Jim Fleming spent Sunday near Hobgood with Mr. Vance Savage.

Miss Lula Jones, of Rocky Mount, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hyman, Mr. Jim Council, Misses Annie Mae Dautridge and Lula Jones were in Robersonville Monday afternoon.

Mr. J. C. Ross is in Baltimore this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John York returned from Norfolk Sunday night.

Mr. J. C. Ross is in Baltimore this week.

Mr. H. S. Everett left for Baltimore Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hines, Misses Lizzie and Annie Mae Harrell are spending the week in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Harrell are in Baltimore this week where they will purchase their fall notions and millinery.

Miss Lula Philpot spent the week-end in Norfolk and Ocean View.

**HEALTH RECORD OF BRITISH  
ARMY IS GOOD ONE**

Headquarters of the British Army in Egypt, Aug. 24.—The death rate among British troops in Egypt from all causes other than wounds received in battle is very much less than half the rate among the population in London.

This result has been attained by the British army medical corps in any army of great size distributed over a vast area, where the water supply must always be an urgent problem, and often in neighborhoods where the native population is perennially fighting a scourge of one description or another.

While the only diseases the medical corps has not had to treat in the hospitals are cholera and yellow fever, the doctors have held all diseases in check. Many desert camps which, without strict observance of all the rules might swiftly become centres of deadly epidemics, have clean bills of health.

How is it done? An ever watchful eye is kept upon the source of every trouble, and the laboratories in important centres are actively engaged in examining all possible causes of infection, however remote they may appear.

To every division is allotted a sanitary section, composed largely of men who in civil life at home were charged with duties in public health departments. The privates are men of intelligence, and if one wishes to see duty well done no better demonstration could be found than the daily rounds of these men, beginning at 6:30 a. m., and ending at 10 p. m., during which hours they superintend squads of Egyptian labor corps cleaning up the camps.

**BOTH FACTIONS ARE  
WELL PREPARED**

Indianapolis, Indiana, August 22.—There is no reason why Indians should not resound with oratory in the fall campaign. Not only have both republican and democratic managers secured much talent from official Washington, but the republican state committee brought Leslie M. Shaw, one of the party's oldest and most reliable speakers, to conduct a "school" for native campaign speakers.

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