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GERMAN UNDER WATER BOAT

THE WORLD'S FIRST SUBMARINE MERCHANTMAN TRAVELS

FOUR THOUSAND MILES

CARRIES MAIL AND A CARGO OF COSTLY CHEMICALS

Old Point, Va., July 9.—The German submarine merchantman, unarmored and flying the flag of a merchantman, passed through the Virginia capes early today and proceeded up Chesapeake bay to Baltimore conveyed by the tug Thomas F. Timmins. Her commander told the pilot that she left a German port on June 23, that he had 750 tons of cargo and a quantity of mail aboard and brought a message from Emperor William to President Wilson. The cargo is said to consist of dyes and medicine consigned to a Baltimore firm. The Deutschland is 300 feet long and carries a crew of 29 men.

Baltimore, July 9.—The world's first submarine merchantman, the German underwater liner Deutschland, anchored below Baltimore to-night after voyaging safely across the Atlantic, passing the allied blockading squadrons and eluding enemy cruisers watching for her off the American coast. She carries mail and a cargo of 750 tons of costly chemicals and dyes and is to carry back home a similar amount of nickel and crude rubber sorely needed by the German army.

Sixteen days out from Bremerhaven to Baltimore, the submarine reached safely between the Virginia capes at 1:45 o'clock this morning, passing in on the surface covered by a heavy pall of darkness which settled over the entrance of the bay with the setting of the moon. Once inside, the visitor threw caution aside and began shrieking his siren, signalling a pilot and at the same time attracting the attention of the tug Thomas F. Timmins which had been waiting at the lower bay for nearly two weeks to greet the Deutschland and convey her into port.

Three hours later, at 4:45 o'clock this morning, the big submarine started up the bay with the German merchant flag flying, under her own power, piloted by Captain Frederick D. Cooke of the Virginia pilots' association and conveyed by the Timmins. She was making more than twelve knots a hour and could have docked in Baltimore tonight but arrangements had been made for receiving her with formal ceremonies tomorrow and her captain was ordered to wait in the lower harbor. He and his crew of 29 men remained aboard their craft.

BURIAL AT WYTHEVILLE OF J. NORMENT POWELL

Well Known and Beloved in Johnson City and General Counsel of the C. C. & O. Railroad

Bristol, Tenn., July 11.—Brought from Richmond to Wytheville on a private car of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railway, the body of J. Norment Powell, general counsel of that road, was buried there late Tuesday afternoon. Brief and impressive services were held in conformity to the Episcopal faith.

Mr. Powell, who was in his 39th year, had numerous warm personal friends in Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee, where most of his life was spent. Several persons from Johnson City and Bristol attended the funeral, including officials of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railway, business and professional men of Johnson City, and the following Bristol people: Judge and Mrs. John W. Price, Judge Floyd H. Roberts, of the corporation court, and A. G. Gilmer.

WILL HAPPEN IN THE BEST OF REGULATED OFFICES

In our last issue in giving an account of Johnny Green's flight at Kingsport on July 4th, through a typographical error, we stated that in his second flight he rose to a height of 38 feet just over the Federal Dye plant, when it should have stated 3800 feet.

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY BY AMERICAN TROOPS

Field Headquarters in Mexico, July 8, by Courier to Columbus, N. M., July 8.—American soldiers while digging a rifle trench uncovered an Indian house believed to be at least 4,000 to 5,000 years old.

TENNESSEE POLYTECHNIC TO OPEN SEPTEMBER

State Board of Education Has Chosen Its Faculty For the New Institution at Cookeville, Tenn.

Nashville, July 8.—The state board of education concluded its annual meeting today by re-electing the faculties at the three state normals and electing a faculty for the Tennessee Polytechnic institute at Cookeville, which will be opened Sept. 4. There were 200 applicants for the eleven positions.

Thomas A. Early, the president of the Polytechnic, stated to the board that there were already on hand applicants from about 200 students and that it would open with three or four hundred enrolled. The course of study includes all studies of similar institutions.

The three normals were represented by three presidents and all reported the largest enrollments since the schools were established.

The following is a list of the members of the faculty of the Polytechnic elected today:

C. A. Daniels, Franklin, Vanderbilt, dean and English department.

Otis C. Kirkman, Chattanooga, high school, manual arts.

Albert Barnett, Nashville, Peabody college, agriculture and economics.

Grace E. Frysinger, home economics.

A. W. Smith, Winchester, University of the South, civics and history.

Vena May Martin, Bristol, domestic science.

Blair Harrison, Mississippi A. & M. college, agriculture.

F. J. Nette, Ocean Springs, Mississippi, instructor in science.

F. C. Lowery, St. Elmo, mathematics.

W. M. Sherrill, Johnson City, burar and commercial instructor.

T. K. Sisk, Cookeville, high school superintendent.

Miss Helen Hawkins, stenographer.

M. T. Carlisle, Cookeville, principal practice school.

MARYVILLE, TENN., PAYS TRIBUTE TO DEAD

Maryville, July 9.—One of the largest crowds that ever attended a funeral in this section was present here today to pay a last tribute to Miss Margaret E. Henry, of Maryville college, who died at her home here Friday.

Her pastor, Rev. Hubert S. Lyle, was assisted in conducting the funeral services by Dr. Samuel R. Wilson, president of Maryville college; Rev. J. A. Silsby, missionary to China; Rev. Angus McDonald, of Knoxville; Rev. C. G. Gillingham, of Maryville college and Rev. Arno Moore.

Music was rendered by the New Providence church choir, where the funeral services took place. Special solo was sung by Mrs. Young.

Prof. Gillingham read resolutions of respect which had been adopted by the faculty.

Miss Henry was a graduate of Maryville college and had devoted her time and energy to the school since 1903, in securing contributions and funds to aid the needy students to get an education. In the thirteen years of this work she secured the large sum of \$121,000.

Miss Henry was a direct descendant of Patrick Henry, of Virginia and it is believed that much of her wonderful energy and ability is due to the relationship to this old Virginia family. While on many occasions she had been offered bigger salaries to work for other institutions, Miss Henry preferred to remain with her alma mater. On one occasion she was offered the presidency of a college out west.

The body was buried in Magnolia cemetery. The floral offering were many and beautiful.

JONESBORO TO HAVE WATER WORKS

R. L. Dyer, a civil engineer, is making preliminary surveys for a water system at Jonesboro. It has not been determined yet as to the source of the supply. They have a number of fine springs east of the town to select from.

GOV. RYE CUTS LOOSE FROM STATE COMMITTEE

Chattanooga, July 9.—Democratic leaders here say that Gov. Rye, in a recent conference with L. D. Hill, chairman of the state democratic committee, put Mr. Hill on notice that he, the governor, would expect no assistance from the state committee in his campaign but would rely on the services of his own campaign committee headed, presumably, by Thad A. Cox, of Washington county. It is understood here that Gov. Rye will call a conference of his friends and supporters with this end in view within the next ten days.

CONVENTION QUESTION

OF CONSTITUTION IS CAUSING STATE OFFICIALS WORRY

MUST A SEPARATE SET

OF ELECTION OFFICERS BE NAMED AND ELECTION CALLED?

Nashville, Tenn., July 9.—The question uppermost in the minds of many officials of the state is whether the election in regard to a constitutional convention, is to be held by officials named to conduct the general election, Thursday, August 3, or by a separate set of officers. In other words there is a difference as to how the wishes of the people of the state are to be ascertained in regard to a constitutional convention.

Under the act passed by the last general assembly, it was directed that an election be held in the first Thursday in August, but no provision was made that the submission should be at the general election. Some incline to the belief that it was not necessary for the act to state expressly that it was to be held at the same time as the general election and also the fact that the act contained the date of the general election as provided by the constitution of the state, shows that it was the purpose to hold the constitutional convention election jointly with the general election.

Others are equally positive that there must be two sets of officers and two separate elections and that these elections have no relation to each other.

In the county of DeKalb, the election commissioners evidently held that the constitutional convention and general elections should be held together as only one set of officers has been named for the voting places and the notice of the election states that county officers and the question of a convention are to be voted for.

It is found that election commissioners of Cheatham county take an opposite view of the question. In Cheatham county the election commissioners have appointed two separate sets of officers for August 3, one to hold the election of county officers and the other to hold an election on the convention question. The secretary of state's office which sends out poll books and certificates for returns of the election has had the question presented to it for decision—whether the elections were to be held separate or jointly.

W. D. Scruggs, chief clerk of the office, last Friday submitted the matter to Attorney-General Frank Thompson for an opinion. Gen. Thompson is sick at his home in Chattanooga, but an opinion is expected as soon as possible.

Inquiries for instructions in this matter have come from various counties in the state.

SCHEDULE FOR STATE EXAMINATION JULY 14-15, 1916

ELEMENTARY
Friday, July 14th
8:00 to 9:00—Spelling.
9:00 to 10:30—Physiology.
10:30 to 12:00—Reading Circle.
NOON.
1:00 to 2:30—Arithmetic.
2:30 to 4:00—Reading.

Saturday, July 15th
8:00 to 9:00—Writing.
9:00 to 10:30—Grammar.
1:30 to 12:00—Geography.
NOON.
1:00 to 2:00—U. S. History.
2:00 to 4:00—Tennessee History.

HIGH SCHOOL
Friday, July 14th
8:00 to 9:00—Spelling.
9:00 to 10:30—Grammar.
10:30 to 12:30—Arithmetic.
NOON.

1:30 to 3:30—Rhetoric-Geometry.
3:30 to 5:00—Algebra.
Saturday, July 15th
8:10 to 10:00—Reading Circle.

All teachers who took the May examination and failed on any subject will have a chance to make good on that subject at this examination, also any one who fell below 75 per cent. on any subject may have the chance to take this subject provided a grade above 70 per cent. would entitle them to a first grade certificate.

The Sullivan County Institute will be held August 7-11, and all who expect to teach are required to attend this institute unless you have done similar work in another institute or attended some summer school.

J. C. AKALI, Supt.

Our advertisers are offering some genuine bargains in this issue

BLOOMINGDALE ITEMS

Quite a number from this place attended the "big 4th" at Kingsport on Tuesday and reported an excellent time.

Hix Fulk and sisters, Misses Callie and Cassie, and H. B. Johnson and sisters, Misses Mary, Maude and Edith, of Arcadia, motored to our town on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Luning were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Alvin Crussell, of Reed's Creek, Monday.

Mrs. R. J. Ketrin, who has been seriously ill for the past week, is said to be improving.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Pate, a son, Tuesday.

Messrs. Verlin Cox and Clay Hicks, of Chestnut Ridge, were business visitors here Monday.

Mrs. H. K. Starner, of Benson's Well, was shopping in our town Monday.

Mrs. Pidd Dunn is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. M. Quilina, of Hiltons, Va.

Rev. D. L. Howell will fill his regular appointment here at Kingsley the third Sunday at 11 a. m.

ARCADIA NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Susie Hickman is visiting relatives at Kingsport.

Miss Anna Mae Fain, of Bristol, who spent some time with relatives and friends, has returned home.

John F. Hicks spent part of last week with McCoy Fain, of Bristol.

Miss Ada Hicks, who has been sick for a few days, is able to be out again.

Miss Iva Hicks entertained a few of her friends Sunday at dinner.

Will Gray, of Ore Bank, was here Sunday.

Mrs. M. L. Hicks and little son, Mack, Jr., spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. E. G. DeVault, of Bristol.

Will Johnson, of Kingsport, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson and family.

KINGSPORT OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES UNTOLED

We give a few reasons why Kingsport is entitled to consideration.

First, her geographical location is such that she is considered a child of nature. She has the river and water facilities, a factor to be considered in power. She is near the great coal fields of Dante, Va., making the fuel proposition a very small item as compared with other manufacturing cities. She has the raw material, the very things so essential to the building of a city. She is near the consuming markets of the East, and from an agricultural standpoint her home grown products find a ready market, as almost all kinds of farm products can be grown successfully in the Kingsport section. Aside from this, look at the vast forests of timber the price of which is advancing daily. Then, too, look at the mineral wealth of this section, zinc and many important minerals are found in paying quantities. Already mines are being opened up and the returns are satisfactory. The oil and gas proposition will be developed later, as soon as Standard oil needs the fields. Surely Kingsport is a favored child, born with a silver spoon in its mouth any individual or corporation who wishes to realize on an investment will do well to consider the opportunities she has to offer.

MARGARET E. BELLAMY GONE TO REST

Mrs. Margaret E. Bellamy of Church Hill, Hawkins county, Tenn., died on Friday, July 7th. The remains were interred in the Kinkead cemetery near Marshall, Tenn., Saturday at 3 p. m. A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends gathered to pay their last respects to this aged, good woman. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dean, of Church Hill.

Sister Bellamy had lived a consistent christian life, having professed faith in Christ at the early age of 16, at which time she joined the Presbyterian church. She was 69 years of age, almost three score and ten, when she answered the call to come up higher. She leaves a son and daughter to mourn her loss. The son, G. E. Bellamy, of White Horn, and the daughter, Mrs. James Martin, of Church Hill.

The beautiful consolation comes to comfort the loved ones that while sister Bellamy has crossed over into the Great beyond, she yet lives in a more congenial clime and "she'll be watching and waiting at the Gate."

Lookout for hot days—Cholera Infantum. Don't worry—use Dr. Fahrney's Teething Syrup, 25 cts. Sample free.

85,000,000 FOR GOOD ROADS

EXPENDITURE OF HUGE SUM IN FIVE YEARS FEDERAL AID

ALL STATES WILL SHARE

BURDEN WITH GOVERNMENT BY DUPLICATING BUDGET

Washington, July 11.—President Wilson today signed the good roads bill recently passed by congress authorizing the expenditure of \$85,000,000 in five years by the federal government on condition that states expend amounts similar to those apportioned to them.

The signing was witnessed by members of the senate and house of representatives and farmers' representatives.

MR. HUGHES MAY VISIT TENNESSEE ON TRIP

Ceremony of Formal Notification of His Nomination for Presidency Will be Held in New York

Bridgehampton, N. Y., July 9.—Chas. E. Hughes has decided to have the ceremony of his formal notification of his nomination for the presidency held in New York. It will take place on a Monday if possible, probably July 31, although perhaps a week earlier. The nominee prefers having it in a large hall.

Republican and progressive leaders from every section of the country will be invited, if the tentative program is adopted, and hundreds of other invitations will be issued to party workers in New York. Mr. Hughes wishes to have the general public admitted if any seat were available.

Almost immediately after the notification the campaign will open with a four or five weeks' trip to the Pacific coast, broken by two weeks' vacation in the Rocky mountains. Eastern campaign in Maine prior to the state election early in September.

Not only will Mr. Hughes speak in Maine, but it is likely both Colonel Roosevelt and former President Taft will be requested to take the stump there.

Mr. Hughes has looked with favor on a trip along the northern fringe of the southern states. It is likely that he will campaign in Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee and possibly Oklahoma on this trip.

CAMP TOM C. RYE WAS A DAMP SPOT

And the Soldiers, A Disgusted Lot of Looking Men—Last of "Scout" Paid Off and Sent Home

Nashville, July 9.—Camp Tom C. Rye was a sea of mud and slush today and the soldiers were a disgusted looking lot of men. Two days of steady rain made the fair grounds almost uninhabitable and there was little activity during Sunday.

Headquarters and the quartermaster department were going on with the preparations for an early departure for the border, while the men were in their tents. It was predicted that the troops will be entraining within the next few days, although there is yet a great deal of work to be done getting the outfit into shape to move.

The work of equipping the men was continued today and by noon every man in the camp had been issued his uniform and clothing, insofar as the emergency order received this elater part of the week permitted. There were uniforms and underwear for all but about 5,000 pairs of socks, 750 raincoats and several hundred shelter tents must be had before the men can leave. No word had been had at the camp tonight as to when another shipment may be expected, but it is thought that the remainder of the equipment will be here by Monday night.

The last of the "Scout" squads, the men rejected on account of physical disabilities, received their discharges this morning, were paid off by the state through Capt. J. H. Hyde and were sent back to their home stations.

D. E. FINE MAKING ACTIVE CANYASS FOR RE-ELECTION

D. E. Fine, our present tax assessor, is now making an active campaign for re-election. He having held the office but one-half term feels that he is entitled to at least one full term. Mr. Fine's past record speaks for itself and if elected will discharge the duties devolving upon him in a just and equitable manner to all.

GREENEVILLE WILL ERECT A STAND-PIPE

That Water May be Conserved at the Source of the Present Supply. Well known Citizen Dead

Greeneville, July 8.—The question of obtaining an adequate water supply for Greeneville has long been one for consideration. As is well known the only source of supply is and has been what is called the Big Spring, which heretofore has furnished an ample supply for our growing population. But it is now realized that adequate measures must be taken for conserving this water supply or otherwise in case of a drought it might by experts that ordinarily the water supply was sufficient for a population of 15,000 persons when properly conserved. With this object in view the board of mayor and aldermen have taken the necessary steps to conserve the water so as to have it in case of an emergency. To this end an ordinance was passed at their last meeting to erect a stand-pipe on the highest hill near Greeneville thirty feet in diameter and thirty feet in height. The contract has been let to a Pittsburgh firm and the cost will be about \$9,000. The work will be commenced in ninety days.

Another old soldier of the civil war has passed away, Samuel S. Wilhoit, whose home was at Tusculum and who was one of the leading citizens of that portion of the county. During the war he was a member of company F. 4th Tennessee infantry, and he had an honorable record. He had a host of friends who will regret to learn of his death.

Circuit court will open in Greeneville next Monday but the docket is light and will be finished within a few days. One important case pending is known as the Ekrogger case, and the matters involved have heretofore been referred to in the papers. It now seems probable that this case may be dismissed without trial.

A farmers picnic will be held in Greeneville on next Saturday at which there will be a large attendance. The exercises will be held at the Farmers warehouse on Depot street.

An educational institute will be held in Greeneville commencing on the 17th of this month and ending on the 21st for which an elaborate and interesting program has been prepared. Also, an institute for the colored people will be held commencing on Wednesday of the coming week and to be continued including next Friday.

CARRANZA MEN OVERWHELMED BY THE VILLA BAND

Large Bodies of De Facto Government Troops Are Closing in On the Outlaws in Chihuahua.

Washington, July 8.—On instructions from Gen. Carranza the Mexican embassy yesterday advised the state department of the virtual destruction of a de facto government force Wednesday by a large Villa band at Carraltos, Chihuahua, and suggested that the American border patrol exercise all possible vigilance to prevent the outlaws from raiding into the United States.

In his dispatch to the embassy Gen. Carranza said he feared the bandits had crossed the desert in an attempt to reach the border and cause further difficulties. He suggested that the American troops patrol carefully between Boquillas and Ojinaga, and promised that every possible effort would be made by his forces to apprehend and destroy the bandits.

THE PAY OF THE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

Rates of pay for national guardsmen are:

Brigadier general, \$16.67 per day.
Colonel, \$11.11.
Lieutenant colonel, \$9.72.
Major, \$8.33.
Captain, \$6.67.
First lieutenant, \$5.56.
Second lieutenant, \$4.72.
Privates, 50 cents.

First class privates in engineer or signal corps, 60 cents.
Corporals or engineers, signal or hospital corps, 30 cents.
Sergeants of infantry, \$1.
Sergeants of engineers, signal or hospital corps, \$1.20.
Battalion sergeant majors of field artillery, chief trumpeters and principal musicians, \$1.23.
Quartermaster sergeants, first class sergeants, sergeant majors of signal corps and first class musicians, \$1.40.
First class sergeants of hospital corps or sergeants of field musicians, \$1.67.
First class sergeants of engineer corps, \$2.17.
Master electricians, quartermasters of coast artillery, master signal electricians and chief musicians, \$2.50.

THE DAMAGE IS ENORMOUS

APPROXIMATELY 85 PERSONS ARE DEAD AND MISSING

2,000 ARE DESTITUTE

AS RESULT OF THE SOUTHERN THAT ARE RECEIVING

The southern floods are receding with the passing northward of the tropical hurricane which struck the gulf coast last Wednesday, leaving a list of dead and missing of approximately eighty-five persons and property damage of from seven to ten million dollars.

A weather bureau announcement that what remains of the disturbance is now over Illinois leads to the belief that the worst has been told of the disastrous weather conditions that have enveloped the south for the last six days.

Rains that had fallen steadily for more than a hundred and twelve hours have ceased throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama and the rivers and small streams that had broken over their banks and flooded thousands of acres of farm lands are subsiding. Persons driven from their homes in the Chattahoochee and Cumberland lowlands of Georgia are returning and conditions in the Tennessee river valley are almost normal.

The French Broad river which overflowed in Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania counties, North Carolina, is falling. In Mississippi, small streams swollen by the continued downpour, are again in their banks.

Central Alabama, of all the flooded sections, failed to show decided improvement. The Alabama river is still rising at Montgomery and Selma. Water covers a part of North Montgomery and many negroes have been forced to leave their homes. Four miles north of Montgomery the Tallapoosa back waters are over the state farm and a hundred convicts are marooned on a small section of dry land.

The overflow is receding from the streets of Wetumpka, where the Coosa river reached the flood stage several days ago. The Autauga creek, which covered the streets of Prattville, is at a stand.

Half the population of Selma is doing relief work among the two thousand families made destitute in that region by the overflowing of the Alabama and Cahaba rivers.

Communication has been re-established with Brewton, Ala., which has been isolated since Wednesday. Reports say Escambia county was literally inundated for four days by the overflow of the Escambia river and crops in that section were virtually ruined. Every piece of property in Brewton was damaged.

Mobile suffered property damage of \$1,200,000 in the hurricane, according to conservative estimates by business men here. The loss was principally to the shipping, merchandise, telephone, telegraph companies and railroads. No lives were lost in the city proper.

Commissioner of Agriculture Wade, at Montgomery, today estimated that the damage to growing crops in Alabama on account of the floods and wind storms would be "not less than \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000." No estimates have been made from other states, but Georgia and Mississippi crops are known to have suffered severely.

The safe arrival at Biloxi today of three schooners carrying twelve men was offset by news from Mobile of the finding of several additional bodies off the coast and that some small craft have not been accounted for.

The known death list throughout the storm area is approximately thirty persons, about equally divided between those drowned in the gulf and those killed by lightning or drowning in the interior of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Tennessee. The missing are all sailors on ships long overdue at gulf ports and known to have been in the path of Wednesday's gale.

Mrs. George Dotson, of Kingsport, died at Milligan, Tenn., Saturday, July 1, at 11:15, after a long illness of tuberculosis. The body was brought to Kingsport and interred in the old family burying ground. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. F. Hood. She leaves a husband and three small children. She was conscious to the last and, having asked for a drink, exclaimed as she drank: "Oh, the living water!" The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.