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Sinking of the Lusitania.

Germany surely must have gone mad. The torpedoing and sinking of the Lusitania, although it was well known to German authorities that there were many Americans aboard the ill-fated Cunard liner, evince a reckless disregard of the opinions of the world in general and of this country in particular—a determination to win by any methods and at any cost—only compatible with the assumption that blood lust has toppled reason from its throne. It is true that Germany threatened to do this very thing, but it is true also that when the threat was received Washington met it with the declaration that for all American property destroyed and for every American life taken, the Berlin government would be held to a strict accountability. So far as the dispatches yet have told the tale, passengers of the Lusitania who were saved owe escape to the fact the vessel's compartments kept her afloat until her boats could be launched, and not to any mercy or humanity shown by the officers and crews of the attacking submarines. The liner's death-blow was inflicted without regard for the safety of the nearly 2,000 lives aboard and despite the certainty that a great number of these lives were American. How these 2,000 noncombatants and neutrals might save themselves was a matter, apparently, to which no consideration was given.

It was different, perhaps, when British cargo boats were sunk, or when a British passenger vessel, plying to some port in another part of the empire, was sent to the bottom. In one such case an American citizen did lose his life, but Germany may contend with some show of sincerity she had no special reason to believe that an American was aboard.

As to the Lusitania, there is no room for such a contention. The advertisements printed a few days ago in many American newspapers, under the authority of the German embassy, which warned citizens of this country not to embark in British liners, now gain a special and sinister significance. At the time of their publication, it was generally believed that they were aimed at the Lusitania, and portended a particularly desperate attempt to destroy her, and this belief now becomes a certainty.

This government has never recognized—as, of course, it could not recognize—Germany's declaration of a war zone surrounding the British Isles. Acquiescence in this impudent infringement of neutral rights was forbidden both by our own dignity and by international law.

Through centuries of incessant struggle, in the ascent of the race from savagery, civilization has wrung from war certain guarantees of the sanctity of human life. These guarantees are expressed in the code

that enlightened nations recognize. They affect neutrals even more intimately than they do belligerents, nor can any belligerent, by its mere ipse dixit, destroy the neutral's privileges and rights.

Until a blockade of the British Isles is rendered effective, American citizens have a right to embark in British vessels, with the assurance that international law protects at least their lives. The ship on which they sail may be destroyed, but not until due precautions have been taken to assure their safety. That is the rule President Wilson has said, that he would uphold, and that Germany flouted when the Lusitania was sunk.

That deaths were not more numerous was due to excellent discipline and a fortunate chance, rather than to German intent. When a man fires a revolver into a crowd, the law presumes he must have intended the natural consequences of his action. The natural consequence—however, happily averted—of firing a torpedo in to the hull of the Lusitania was the taking of American life. Germany so designed the bolt, and it is that design that fills the American heart with loathing and bitter resentment. It is for that intent that Germany must answer.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

England's ships are no more successful in avoiding torpedoes than in avoiding icebergs.

Never was the schoolmaster more sorely tired than the able one now in the White House.

Fortunately for Mr. Barnes, of New York, he doesn't need that \$50,000 claimed in the libel suit against Teddy.

San Francisco is ready to provide all the diversion that American tourists need this summer.

A neutral nation may have to be exceedingly alert to avoid being used merely as a pawn in the big war game.

Peace must be near in Europe when Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt actually shook hands with each other a day or two ago.

Everybody will now concede that to elect a president costs a lot of perfectly good money. The Syracuse case has proved this for the amazement of posterity.

Just when the sanitary individual drinking cup is coming into its own, Missouri gets up and makes an impassioned and poetic plea for the restoration of the old fashioned gourd dipper. The old gourd was a source of joy all right.

We are in receipt of Volume 1, No. 1, of the Wise County Republican, published at Wise, with Mr. C. A. Vance as editor. As its name implies, the Republican will advocate the principles of the Republican party and will, no doubt, prove a success, both as a political organ and as a local newspaper. We gladly welcome it to our exchange table and wish it success on the sea of journalism.

Working One's Way.

When my father was working as a boy on his father's farm and complained that the corn stubble hurt his bare feet, my philosophical grandfather exclaimed: "Stump 'em down, Alphonso; stump 'em down." And when my father, as a grown boy, after a year or two in the American Academy, tramped down the river to New Haven to save money, and worked hard at Yale, he got something that was worth while. He remembered his Greek and Latin, I forgot mine. Boys backed by papa's check book do not get the most out of college.—Ex-President Taft.

LAND EJECTMENT SUITS INVOLVING 100,000 ACRES

Judge McDowell, of Federal Court, to Try Test Case.

Abingdon, Va., May 15th.—Hon. Henry C. McDowell, United States Judge of the Western District of Virginia, has agreed to try one case as a test in the ejectment suits which have been instituted by Jeffries and Jeffries, attorneys, of Norfolk, Va., involving the title to over one hundred thousand acres of valuable timber and coal properties in Buchanan county. Geo. E. Penn, Jr., of White, Penn and Penn, attorneys, of Abingdon, representing some of the defendants, returned today from a conference held in Lynchburg, with Judge McDowell, and the counsel for the plaintiffs, stating this test case would be heard at the September term of Federal Court at Lynchburg. This litigation promises to be the most interesting dealt with in years. The right of the General Assembly of Virginia to repeal a law, which was in force for Buchanan county at the time the plaintiffs acquired rights they may have in the property that will be attacked. It is generally known that titles have become badly mixed and involved in Buchanan county and the General Assembly enacted a law in 1912 making it lawful for persons to produce certified copies or originals of deeds prior to 1865, where these had been lost or destroyed in the records, in an effort to establish a clear title. The General Assembly in 1914, by an act approved March 15, repealed this act and the right to do this is questioned in the ejectment suits. These suits were brought by the Norfolk attorneys in the name of Virginia and West Virginia Coal Company, and it is said some fourteen or fifteen hundred persons are involved as defendants, some of them have lived on the properties for generations.

Flying Spark of Hot Steel Pierces Eyeball.

N. H. Hensley, who lost his right eyesight by a flying spark of red hot steel which penetrated the eyeball while he was hammering on a hot bar at Osaka, Wise county, Virginia, several days ago, returned to his home from Bristol Thursday afternoon after having the eye removed by Dr. Tom Staley of this city. The patient came to Bristol last Sunday and the optic was removed by Dr. Staley Monday. Since that time he has remained here for treatment. Before the eye was removed Mr. Hensley suffered excruciating pain which immediately left him, he stated, when the ball was taken out. The tiny particle of steel, which cost him the loss of an eye, was found lodged at the back side of the eye, the hot piece of metal having ploughed almost entirely through the ball. It was stated that had he delayed having the blinded eye removed it would have affected the other optic, which he might have lost, thus putting him totally blind. Mr. Hensley is an employe of the Stenega Coke and Coal Company and was working for that company when the accident occurred. Samuel Wax, of Big Stone Gap, remained with the patient while in Bristol, returning home with him Thursday afternoon.—Bristol Herald Courier.

Appearing Prosperous Pays.

A certain aristocratic beau, who was known to be habitually "broke" was asked at one time, "How do you manage to wear those nobby clothes?" to which he replied, "By stopping at the best hotel." When asked how he managed to stand off the hotel, he replied, "Why, that's simple! By wearing pretty clothes and appearing prosperous." This, of course, is not a good rule to follow, yet there is a lot in looking and appearing prosperous and up-to-date.

If you are writing letters to prospective customers on plain, cheap paper and with a pencil, you don't look prosperous and up-to-date. I know of nothing that pays more on the investment than attractive stationery, ink, fountain pen and a typewriter.

The increased orders will soon pay the price of such things. Try and see.—The Progressive Farmer.

Keep School and Civic Leagues Active During Summer Months.

Many of the 800 School and Civic Leagues in our state have formed the bad habit of "going into summer quarters" by not having regular meetings during this season. It is to be hoped that this unwise custom will be discontinued by the majority of the school leagues this summer; for there is so much that can be done during these vacation months. It is a splendid time to use the local talent in some good plays and entertainments for the young people will be free from school duties and can give time to practice. The boys and girls that have been away to college will be at home so you can have their assistance for this work. This would add greatly to the social life of the community and place some money in the treasury.

The Health Committee can be very active by keeping up a live interest in screening the houses, fly swatting and clean up days; for these are the months that we need to put forth every effort to keep down typhoid and to prevent diseases among infants. The building and grounds committee can keep things attractive about the school and have all needed repairs made to building and out-buildings, so that everything will be in readiness for the opening of school.

By keeping up these regular meetings and activities of the league you will take away that lonely appearance of the school building for the summer months and thereby make it what it should be, an attractive place all the year around. Let us hear from you saying that your league will keep up its active work all during the summer then you will have a good report in November as well as in May.

J. H. MONTGOMERY,
 Executive Secretary,
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Voters of Big Stone Gap: I take this method of announcing myself a candidate for the office of Town Sergeant at the election to be held Tuesday, June 8th. I appeal to all the voters, regardless of party, for their support, especially to those who are anxious to see our laws justly and impartially enforced. If intrusted with this office I shall certainly perform the duties thereof to the very best of my ability. Your obedient servant,
 MARSHALL BELCHER.

FOR THE SENATE.

To the voters of the Second Senatorial District composed of the Counties of Lee, Scott and Wise: I hereby announce my candidacy for Senator in said district, subject to the will of the Republican Convention. I desire to state that if nominated and elected I will serve the whole people of my district to the best of my ability. The support and influence of all is most earnestly solicited.
 J. M. GOODHOPE,
 Big Stone Gap, Va.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

Indiana Man's Kidney Troubles Disappear

"After suffering many months from kidney trouble," writes W. H. Fox, of Noblesville, Ind., "and after having tried many remedies and prescriptions, I purchased a box of Foley Kidney Pills. They not only did me more good than any other remedy I had ever used, but they positively set my kidneys right. Other members of my family have used same with similar results. From every state in the Union come unsolicited letters telling of satisfactory results from Foley Kidney Pills. When the kidneys become clogged up, get sluggish, and filter and strain out of the blood only part of the poisonous waste matter, the balance remains and circulates through the system, uric acid forms and creates painful joints and muscles are thereby affected. Foley's Kidney Pills cleanse and tone up the kidneys, so that backache, rheumatism, sore muscles, aching joints, migraines, headaches, indigestion and irregularities disappear."

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 Big Stone Gap, Va.

Statement of the Financial Condition OF THE

Interstate Finance & Trust Co.

Located at Big Stone Gap, in the County of Wise, State of Virginia, at the close of business, May 1st, 1915, made to the State Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 63,136.25
Overdrafts, secured, unsecured, 437.91	437.91
Bonds, Securities, etc., owned including premium on same	98,025.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,455.00
Other cash items	136.09
Due from National Banks	1,981.28
Payable currency	890.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	123.50
Gold coin	102.50
Silver coin	703.05
Revenue Stamps	44.00
Total	\$167,073.81

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Unliquidated profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes	80.82
Individual deposits, including savings deposits	69,157.11
Time certificates of deposit	8,297.64
Certified checks	1.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	91.00
Due to National Banks	2,123.85
Due to State Banks, Private Bankers, and Trust Companies	474.35
Notes and bills re-discounted	7,325.00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit representing money borrowed	28,800.00
Reserved for accrued interest on deposits	5.22
Reserved for accrued interest on certificates of deposit	137.70
Reserved for accrued taxes	500.00
Total	\$167,073.81

I, R. P. Barron, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Interstate Finance and Trust Company, located at Big Stone Gap, in the County of Wise, State of Virginia, at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1915, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. P. BARRON, Cashier.
 C. S. CARTER, /
 R. T. IRVINE, / Directors,
 W. T. GOODHOPE, /

STATE OF VIRGINIA, County of Wise,
 Sworn to and subscribed before me by R. P. Barron, Cashier, this 12th day of May, 1915.

J. B. WAMPLER,
 Notary Public.
 My commission expires December 3rd, 1916.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the voters of Big Stone Gap: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sergeant of the town of Big Stone Gap, at the election to be held June 8th. I earnestly solicit the support of everyone, promising, if elected, to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
 Yours very truly,
 C. F. MAHAN.