



COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Colston Clippings.

Colston, Nov. 14.—A good many of the Colston people attended the Orangeburg fair last week.

Miss Annie Lou Hutson spent last week-end in Blackville.

Mrs. M. S. Wooley is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thos. Clayton in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. McMillan and family, Miss Elvie Kearse and Mr. Albert McMillan were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McMillan.

Misses Minnie Kirkland and Mamie McMillan spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Alberta and Natalie Kearse.

The Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Clayton were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clayton and little daughter, Mrs. B. D. Bishop and family, Mrs. J. F. Clayton and son, Ernest, and Mr. John G. Clayton, of Walterboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Padgett and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith.

Messrs. Hammie Folk and Talbert Padgett, of Bamberg, spent Sunday in this section.

Miss Dora McMillan spent last week-end in Bamberg.

Denmark Dots.

Denmark, Nov. 10.—Tuesday forenoon at the sharp turn of a Denmark street into the Bamberg road there was found a big automobile in a wrecked condition, the thick windshield and the right end of the front axle broken off. A yellow card was found in the car lettered as follows: "Camp Jackson transfer No. 392; White car; license 40,396; capacity, driver and six passengers;" with the signature of "Edward Bell, Colonel of Infantry, Provost Marshal." Information from one of the garages is to the effect that the accident occurred the previous night about 10 o'clock and that the party consisted of one man and several women.

About ten o'clock Wednesday morning a tenant house on P. R. Barton's farm, between Bamberg and Denmark, was destroyed by fire. The house was occupied by a negro family. All the furniture was lost. At the time the fire occurred the occupants were a little way off digging their potato crop.

Saturday, the last day of the second Liberty loan fund campaign, after a street talk by one of Denmark's four-minute men, and another by one of the teachers in the Voorhees (negro) school, 24 negroes subscribed to Liberty bonds, making 40 subscribers among the negroes of Denmark and the community. Liberty loans negotiated by the two banks in Denmark, first and second campaigns, aggregated \$73,000. One single subscription amounted to \$25,000. In all there were 71 subscribers.

Clear Pond Clippings.

Clear Pond, November 14.—Miss Daisy Murph attended the Orangeburg fair Thursday. She was the guest of her former college chum, Miss May Belle Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Folk and Misses Pet and Doris Folk spent the week-end at Hilda.

The many friends of Mr. Jesse Rentz were glad to have him as a visitor in the neighborhood Sunday. Mr. Rentz is stationed at Camp Jackson, near Columbia.

Miss Meta Hughes spent Thursday in Bamberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Kistler Rentz were the guests of Mrs. Joe DuBois Sunday.

Miss Daisy Murph was the guest of Miss Pattie Miley during the Lodge community fair.

Miss Ruth Morris spent Thursday in Bamberg.

Buford Bridge Budget.

Buford Bridge, November 14.—Many people from this section attended the fair in Orangeburg last week.

Mr. Kirkland Graham and family, of Ehrhardt, spent last Sunday with Mr. A. L. Kirkland and family.

Mr. A. L. Kirkland spent a part of last week in Columbia.

Rev. A. Sassarid filled the pulpit at Buford Bridge church last Sunday morning for the last time until after conference.

Mr. R. L. Kearse and family, of Colston, spent last Sunday with his

DANIEL WAS HIGH SCHOOL BOY.

Darlington Lad Among Missing from Patrol Boat Alcedo.

Darlington, Nov. 7.—J. R. Daniel, who was reported as among the missing from the United States patrol ship, Alcedo, sunk by a German submarine on Monday morning, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Daniel, and is a Darlington lad. The young man was only 17 years of age when he applied at the recruiting station in Florence for admission to the navy. After passing successfully the examination, he was sent to Norfolk for training. He took training at Norfolk to be a gunner, and in order to attain that position it was necessary to hit a target three shots out of four attempts. Young Daniels succeeded in making hits in all four efforts.

Sailed from Brooklyn.

After about two months' stay in Norfolk, he was taken to Brooklyn, whence, about the middle of July, he embarked for European waters. Since his departure his family has been hearing from him about once a month. Up to the time of his enlistment in March, he had been in attendance upon St. John's school here, and was a very popular young man. His father and mother and three other children live in Darlington.

Another from Georgetown.

Georgetown, Nov. 9.—The war has been brought one notch closer to Georgetown through the torpedoing by an enemy submarine on Monday morning of the Alcedo, the American patrol boat. Robert McCray, a negro seaman whose father is given as "Capus" McCray, Charleston, was born in this vicinity, Bucksell, and lived here until he enlisted in the navy. He is well-known among the whites of the city, having worked as house boy for a number of the best families. He was a servant for Mr. J. I. Hazard just before joining the navy and the latter has a picture of the U. S. S. Panther on which Robert was mess attendant when that ship took its famous trip around the world, sent him by the negro.

Capus McCray was a well-known negro cook hereabouts. He was cook aboard a number of tug boats and was later cook aboard the U. S. dredge Winyah Bay for quite a while.

Why Women Fear Mice.

Why is a woman afraid of a mouse? It is a question that no psychologist is able to answer satisfactorily. The best that can be done is to hazard a guess.

One scientist says: "A woman is afraid of any small animal whose movements are rapid and uncertain. For that reason she fears a bat quite as much as a mouse."

Another wise man suggests: "If women wore trousers, they would not fear mice. They fear it lest the mouse gain a lodgment beneath their clothing."

Another says: "It is largely a matter of education. Mothers teach their little girls to be afraid of mice."

Another: "Women anciently lived in caves, which were infested by swarms of mice. At night mice scampered over them, engendering a nervousness on the subject which has become hereditary in the sex."

Another: "A woman has an instinctive antipathy to any animal against which she cannot very well defend herself, and from which she cannot get away. If it pursues, how shall she escape? The fact that it never does pursue, being itself bent on escaping, ought to appeal to her reason. But reason never governs a woman where her impulses are concerned."

Another: "Women are not so much afraid of mice as they used to be. They know more about natural history than formerly, and it is no longer fashionable for a woman to be timid and nervous. Plenty of women nowadays are no more afraid of mice than men are."

Another: "Men are more afraid of a good many things than women are. A man has an instinctive fear of a dead body; it is not so with women. Since time immemorial it has been a duty of women to take care of the dead, and so they have got used to it."

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parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kearse and family.

Mrs. Everette is at present on an extended visit to her home at Fayetteville, N. C.

Mr. R. M. Kearse and son, Mr. Roscoe Kearse, have erected a grist mill at the junction of the Ehrhardt-Olar and Bamberg-Allendale roads.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

Mr. William E. Gonzales, of Columbia, United States minister to Cuba, is now in the United States on a vacation.

Negro freight handlers of the Atlantic Coast Line at Charleston, went on a strike Monday. That night they were organized into a union.

Three private soldiers were convicted by a jury in the sessions court of Greenville on Tuesday of the theft of a Ford automobile from a Greenville man.

The construction of the new post-office building at Columbia was begun last week. The building, which will cost \$236,000, is to be completed some time next summer.

There are 23 white girls in the jail at Greenville, on charges of vagrancy. This would indicate that the vice conditions there are improving; but it is said that such is not the case.

Detachments of English and French army officers are to be sent to Camp Jackson, Columbia, on December 1st for the purpose of giving instructions to the soldiers on modern conditions of warfare.

Of the 650 negroes who have been given army commissions following a term of training at the training school for negroes at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, there are sixteen credited to South Carolina.

More than 20,000 New York National Guardsmen, stationed at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, participated in the New York State and municipal elections of Tuesday, by voting at the camp on Monday.

Private John H. Blackman, company I, 118th infantry, whose home is in Society Hill, was killed Tuesday night by being struck by a train at Greenville. He was on guard duty at the railway crossing.

James Parker and his wife, both white people, were placed in the jail at Camden Thursday morning charged with killing Mrs. Rachel Carter, a white woman about sixty-five years of age, who resided on the farm of W. H. Tiller, in the West Wateree section of the county.

There will be a State convention of the Red Cross in Columbia on November 20 and 21. Prominent speakers from this and other States are expected. Delegates to the number of 300 to 500 from the various Red Cross chapters of the State will be present.

Perrie Richardson, of Barnwell, was badly injured near that place last week when his automobile was struck by a Southern passenger train on a grade crossing. The automobile was destroyed. Mr. Richardson is now in a hospital in Columbia for treatment.

A touring car occupied by six people was hit by a passenger train of the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroad Thursday morning at a crossing just north of Irmo and was practically demolished. All the occupants, four women and two children, were injured, two of them seriously.

Lawrence Teague, aged 15 years, one of the youngest soldiers in the military service of the country, is seeking to secure his discharge from one of the North Carolina companies stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville. He is using the habeas corpus proceedings on the ground that he was not 18 years of age when he enlisted and did not have the consent of his parents.

Extend Survey Area.

For the use of surveys of every kind, precise levels had been fixed on bench marks over 35,000 square miles of the United States up to December, 1916, but much more time is needed. The coast and geodetic survey urges that the survey area should be doubled within the next few years, using mean sea level, determinable within a small fraction of a foot as the datum. The percentage of the total area over which precise levels have been established is 16 in Germany, 10.6 in the British Isles, 5.4 in Austria-Hungary, 5.2 in Japan, 3.5 in France, and only 1.2 in the United States, excluding Alaska.

Watermans Ideal Fountain Pens at Herald Book Store.

TILLMAN DENIES THE CHARGE.

Not True That National Legislators Are Exempt From Income Tax.

In a statement given out Wednesday morning, Senator B. R. Tillman answers the charge that has been made that senators and congressmen exempted themselves from paying income tax, stating that the report is incorrect, and that there is no excuse for the statement. Senator Tillman's statement follows:

"In view of the statements published in many newspapers and periodicals that senators and congressmen voted in the last congress to exempt themselves from payment of the income tax while taxing other persons, I have been asked for a statement in explanation of the provisions of the law.

"The new revenue law does not exempt senators and congressmen from the payment of the income tax, just like all other citizens who are liable, and under the new revenue act senators and congressmen will pay about three times more income tax than they have heretofore paid. The only color of foundation for the statements published in the newspapers is the exception made to the provisions of the war profits tax. The war profits tax contains this provision:

"This title shall apply to all trades or businesses of whatever description, whether continuously carried on or not, except in the case of officers and employees under the United States or any State, Territory or the District of Columbia, or any local subdivision thereof, the compensation or fees received by them as such officers or employees."

"This exception has absolutely nothing to do with the income tax, but applies only to the war profits tax. It was inserted by the conference committee appointed to adjust the differences between the senate and the house. There was no vote in either senate or house upon this as a separate proposition. It was contained in the final conference report covering forty or fifty pages and that report had to be adopted as a whole in the closing days of the session in order to provide revenue with which to run the government.

It was adopted unanimously without any record vote. I do not know exactly how the governor of a State, the sheriff of a county, the congressman or senator can make any war profits out of his salary, but as it is apparent that some persons who wish to avoid payment of the war profits tax are using this exception as an excuse for opposition to the law, I shall favor a repeal of the exception so that they will have no excuse for their opposition. Members of the house did not have a chance to vote upon this as a separate proposition, but my opinion is that they will, when opportunity offers, join the senate in repealing it.

"Section 209, which applies the war profits tax to a business or trade having no invested capital, but having net profits of \$6,000 a year, was also inserted in conference and there was no separate vote upon it. The conference committee stated it was inserted in order to make the lawyer and other professional man, who is making excess profits by reason of the war, pay this tax as well as the merchant and manufacturer. I think it should be revised so as to apply only to those professional men whose profits now exceed the profits made by them prior to the war. This section, together with the other sections inserted in the bill by the conference committee will be considered at the next session and congress can be relied upon to do justice to all concerned. There is, however, no excuse for the statement that senators and congressmen will not have to pay any income tax, when, as a matter of fact, they will pay more than they have heretofore paid."

Form Barnwell-Bamberg Club.

Clemson College, Nov. 13.—In view of the fact that there is such a small representation from Bamberg and Barnwell counties; and, too, that Barnwell county is the mother of Bamberg, it was decided to form one club from both under the name of Barnwell-Bamberg club. Mr. C. B. Free, of Blackville, was elected president, and Mr. O. J. Zeigler, of Bamberg, was elected secretary and treasurer. The following is a list of the names of the boys now at Clemson from these counties:

Barnwell—Brunson, G. V.; Turner, R.; Free, C. B.; Hammond, W. R.; Maner, H. K.; Thompson, F. M. Bamberg—Faust, J. B.; Kirkland, J. M.; Neeley, J. E.; Smoak, R.; Sojourner, D. P.; Zeigler, O. J.

SHIPS GO ACROSS SAFELY

SOLDIERS AND SUPPLIES ARRIVING IN INCREASING NUMBERS.

Germans Throwing Hundreds of Big Shells at Trenches Held by Americans.

With American Army in France, Nov. 11.—Gen. Pershing said to the correspondents today:

"Troops and supplies are arriving in increasing numbers."

"Thanks to the French, British and American navies," he continued, "the submarine to date has not claimed the life of a single American soldier on the troop ships bound for France." The French officers, he said "were enthusiastic over the character, intelligence and spirit of the young officers arriving in France to continue their instruction and the American army is proud of them, too."

Firing on Americans.

Conditions in the American sector continue to be normal with intermittent artillery firing on both sides. At one place the Germans observed that the grass had been trodden down in the rear and they threw in a hundred shells with no result other than to churn up the mud.

The weather continues to be cold and rainy. The American infantrymen have had two diversions. The first incident occurred near daylight. The enemy, apparently thinking of raid was imminent, opened up with machine guns at the point where the lines are closest. A stream of bullets whistled over the American first line.

About the same time French troops on the American flank observed four Germans who were cutting the barbed wire defenses. A French patrol succeeded in heading off the Germans, capturing them all.

BOY DIES WHEN CAR UPSETS.

Henry Price, Aged Eight Years, of Walterboro, Killed.

Charleston, Nov. 12.—Henry Price, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Price, of Walterboro, was killed yesterday afternoon at the bend of the road in St. Andrew's Parish, a fourth of a mile on the other side of the bridge over the Ashley river.

There were eight persons in the car, a Ford, including Mr. and Mrs. Price, their five children and the children's uncle, Mr. H. R. Smith, who was driving. The oldest of the children is Evelyn, who was ten years old and the next to the oldest Henry, eight, was killed. The names of the other three children are Milton, Walter and Hubert.

The father and several of the children are in the Roper Hospital with slight bruises. Mr. Smith returned to Walterboro last night, but is expected to return to Charleston for the coroner's inquest which will be held today or tomorrow.

The Ford and the eight in it had come from Walterboro on a pleasure trip and the car turned turtle as it was coming around a curve in the road in sight of the bridge. Two other automobiles brought the injured in to Charleston to the hospital.

According to information from the coroner, the cause of the accident seemed to have been the misjudgment of the driver in turning the curve at the speed he was running. None of the others who were in the car were seriously hurt, but all their bruises are painful.

It seems that the father, Mr. Price, is hurt more than his wife or his four children, who are in the hospital. He is bruised about the head. While his wife has a dislocated wrist, she is said to be suffering more from shock than from anything else. This is also the case with the children. While turning the curve in the road, a tire blew out and this probably influenced the upsetting of the car.

Fire Near Cope.

Cope, November 11.—Fire early this morning destroyed a tenant house on the place of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Henery, about two miles north of Cope. The tenant was away on an adjoining place, nursing her sick sister, and the children were seen leaving the house about sundown to go to their mother, and must have left fire in the fireplace; although C. Wash Murdaugh, a negro renter, in reporting the fire to Mr. Henery this morning said the end of the house farthest from the chimney was burned away ahead of the rest, which may indicate that an act of incendiarism might have been done.

W. P. BEARD GUILTY.

Editor of Newspaper Banned From Mails Convicted.

Greenwood, Nov. 9.—W. P. Beard, of Abbeville, editor and publisher of the Scimitar, was found guilty here this morning on two counts of the indictment on which he was being tried. The two counts were, first, making and conveying false reports and statements with the intent to interfere with the operation and success of the military and naval forces of the United States, and second, an attempt to cause mutiny and disloyalty. He was found not guilty of the charge of attempting to prevent enlistment in the forces of the United States.

Counsel for the defense at once gave notice of a motion for a new trial, Judge Johnson reserved sentence pending the hearing of argument on this motion, which by agreement of counsel will be heard some time next week.

Six speeches were made this morning, Messrs. Sam. Adams, of Abbeville; T. P. Cothran and A. H. Dean, of Greenville, for the defense; District attorney Thurmond and Assistants Mays and Wyche, for the government. The jury was out about an hour.

Basis of Indictment.

The indictment against Beard was based on an editorial in his paper under the caption, "The Great Fizzle," in which he was said to have referred to the war with Germany as the "most ridiculous episode in history," and charged it was staged for the occasion and fulfillment of preselection pledges to secure support from money power. President Wilson was given the title of "fizzler" and members of Congress were called fools, cowards, grafters and Tories. Beard's paper was recently denied the use of the mails.

Beard has been a well known figure in certain political circles in this State. He has been especially active in support of former Governor Cole L. Blease in the latter's various political races. He has also been identified with the "Bull Moose" party in South Carolina.

"DRY" BY WOMEN'S VOTES?

Campaign for Prohibition in New York is Under Way.

New York, Nov. 9.—A campaign to make New York city dry through women's votes is under way. Opponents of the liquor traffic announced today that at New Year's eve watch services in New York churches, women qualified as voters by the ratification of the amendment in last Tuesday's election will sign petitions calling for a referendum on local option next April.

The law compels a referendum on local option upon petition of 25 per cent. of the qualified voters, it was said by those launching the campaign. They contend this does not limit signers of the petitions to registered voters. New York State women will become voters January 1. The signatures of the 25 per cent. of the qualified voters required to initiate the local option fight can easily be secured, "dry" supporters say.

ALBERT ORTH CONVICTED.

German Paper Publisher Given Jail Sentence and Heavy Fine.

Columbia, November 13.—Albert Orth, publisher of the Deutsche Zeitung, a German language newspaper at Charleston, was given an accumulative sentence late this afternoon in the federal district court in session here, amounting to 14 months in the federal prison at Atlanta and fines aggregating \$1,200, following his conviction on two indictments charging him with aiding and abetting in the escape of Lieut. Robert Fay and William Knobloch from the federal prison in Atlanta on August 29, 1916, and of harboring them in Charleston.

The jury received the first case, that appertaining to Robert Fay, at 1:35 o'clock this afternoon and returned a verdict in an hour and 25 minutes, and the other, relative to William Knobloch, was handed the jury at 5:30 p. m., and a verdict was rendered in 25 minutes.

Liquor constables have seized 800 gallons of grape juice from a farmer in Greenville county, who has asked the attorney general to rule upon the right of the constables to make the seizure. The attorney general holds that "there is nothing in the prohibition law of this State affecting the right of citizens to manufacture grape juice or other beverages, provided they do not contain in excess of 1 per cent. of alcohol."