

Scraps and Facts

A motorcyclist covered 100 miles at Saratoga, N. Y., Saturday in 97 31 minutes.

Three highwaymen held up and robbed twenty-five tourists in the Yellowstone National park, Friday. They got only a small amount of booty.

Miss Helen Haycraft of Littleton, N. C., was fatally shot by her father, James Hayne, Thursday, and died in a Statesville hospital Friday night.

Leggemen cracked the safe in the office of the Standard Oil company at Charlotte, N. C., early Saturday. All told they secured \$150,000, \$40,000 of amount being in cash.

All the German military forces in South Africa, have unconditionally surrendered to General Botha, in command of the British forces, according to a report from Pretoria.

Archbishop James E. Quigley of Chicago, and one of the most prominent prelates of the Catholic church in America, died Saturday at the home of his brother in Rochester, N. Y.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, at the Hotel Hamilton, City, N. J., Friday after the largest and most enthusiastic meeting in the history of the organization.

General Huerta, charged with violation of the neutrality laws, waived a preliminary hearing at El Paso, Tex., Friday, and in default of a hearing before the United States court at Fort Bliss, where he will remain in charge of United States marshals.

The strike of carpenters and allied trades in Chicago has been extended by compromise and the 150,000 men involved will return to work. During the past sixty days building permits for \$10,000,000 worth of new construction have been issued, all of which has been held up on account of the strike.

Advices from Vera Cruz, Saturday, are to the effect that General Pablo Gonzales has occupied Mexico City with a Carranza force. No details were given as to any fighting with the forces of Zapata. It was stated, however, that the Zapata forces were retiring from the city.

W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve board, says a Washington dispatch, has received preliminary reports of warrents for the arrest of the man who is said to be the author of the article in the New York Times, which is said to be adequate. Officials are anxiously awaiting warehouse legislation in Georgia and Alabama.

The dry-west coast has made its appearance in a new quarter, says a Washington dispatch. After a long struggle it has been decided to drop the "dry" and to issue a new issue of the United States pharmacopoeia, which is the acknowledged official and standard list of drugs.

Although the German case in the court would seem to have lost their standing as "drugs." Some fear has been expressed by druggists that the German case will be impossible for drug stores after January 1 next to sell whiskey or brandy unless they take out a saloon license. The German case is not shared this view. Fifty scientists who constitute a committee to revise the pharmacopoeia have voted by a 24 to 2 vote to exclude the two intoxicants.

German hate scarcely surpasses British hate now, says a London dispatch. A British newspaper has named Ehrmann, about seventy years old, who has lived in England all his life and been a naturalized citizen of the United States. The Norwich county court and asked enforcement of a debt for \$70. Judge Mulligan refused to hear the case on the ground that it was appealed to a higher court. Then Judge Mulligan did hear the case and delivered a remarkably written opinion in which he said that the "taint of the Huns," and "the same dog with another collar." When the facts were brought to the attention of the German judge, he lectured Judge Mulligan severely, telling him the judicial bench was "scarcely the place from which to give expressions of personal feeling, particularly when they are directed against a person who is entitled to the rights of a British subject."

London, July 12: Sir Henry Dalziel, Liberal member of parliament for Kirkcaldyburgh, and D. F. Penney, member of the House of Commons, have again brought the cotton discussion to the fore by insisting in the house of commons that the British government should not be lectured by the Austro-Germans, and why it has not declined cotton contracts. Failure so to do, it was pointed out, was prolonging the war, and was placing at the disposal of the manufacture of explosives, was continually reaching Germany through neutral countries. The secretary of foreign affairs, in reply said the government must consider the interest of the British people, and that the cotton keep cotton out of Germany were considered to be effective. If it were shown conclusively that cotton should be going into Germany, the government would take any steps necessary to check it.

Warning to look out for bombs concealed in their hands was flashed by wireless telegraph from the British navy to two ships at sea which sailed from New Orleans July 8. Both the Howthhead and Baron Napier, cleared with cargoes of mules for the British army July 8, and sailed for Dublin and Belfast via Norfolk, and the latter direct for Avonmouth. Sending of the warning was ordered by Secretary Duffell after receipt of a telegram from a New Orleans newspaper saying a letter to that paper signed "Pearce" indicated that explosives had been placed aboard these vessels. Radio messages were sent broadcast over the sea, and even if it were not picked up by the Howthhead, the Baron or the Howthhead, some other ship in the neighborhood may relay it. Naval officials thought that the warning would be taken by some of the wireless stations along the Atlantic coast yesterday.

According to the reports of the past few days there has been a distinct lull in the fighting in various parts of the western front during the past week, compared with the fierce conflicts of the weeks previous. After the lull in the fighting, the Austrians continued to advance into Russia in a manner that seemed to indicate an intention to crush the Russian armies in the Caucasus. The Austrians, however, were able to concentrate reinforcements in sufficient numbers to hold the Germans in check and the understanding is now that the Germans have entrenched for the defense and propose to hold their ground until the large Russian reinforcements against the western front. Fighting is going on "necessarily" in France and both sides are claiming advantages, but appears that the operations have not been notably extensive. The Italians claim some gains in their operations against the Austrians, but it is not clear that they do not pay a great deal of attention to this situation.

Field Marshal Sir John French, reviewing the operations of the British expeditionary forces in April and May, says a London cable, makes caustic reference to the German use of gas, saying that "the use of gas is a new method of warfare, and it is not clear that the British have been able to do anything to prevent it."

The Greenville Piedmont calls attention to the fact that the interview which Senator Hoke Smith gave the Augusta Chronicle recently and which was reproduced in The Enquirer, remains unanswered. Our contemporary is right, but it does not tell the worst. That interview was a masterpiece of evasion. It is not surprising that the Greenville Piedmont understands the situation all right, as is evidenced in its explanation that both political parties know how the south is going to remain solid regardless of anything either party does or does not do. The Republicans know they can do nothing to win the south or a part of it and they do not try, and they devote themselves to pleasing the north and west, which are in the habit of exchanging their votes for results. The Piedmont is exactly right; but the situation is not altogether hopeless. There are certain evidences which show that the south is slowly and steadily growing wiser.

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Vituperation, abuse and vilification are as worthless as they are cheap, and fortunately most harmful to those who wantonly deal them out.

The people who build up communities are the people who work and produce something—of which the people who sit about quarreling because the other fellow is not willing to turn over his means to their management.

It is indeed a pity that congress did not pass the president's shipping bill. If it had done so, this country would now be so busy developing trade with South America that it would have but little time to bother about what is going on in Europe.

It is said that the president does not consider the German-American situation extremely critical, and as the president is in a better position than anyone else to know, we have a right to conclude that if he has so expressed himself, his opinion is worth more than the opinion of other people.

There are a great many people who insist upon looking only at the dark side of the picture, and who say the situation will get worse before it gets better. It is foolish to try to deny that things look gloomy right now; but it is very well to remember that practically everything of a material nature is hinging on the continuance of the war, and that may end at any time.

The activity of Mr. Harding, of the Regional Reserve board, in trying to prepare so far in advance against possible trouble in connection with the moving of the cotton crop, is commendable of the foresight and general patriotism of that official. As we see it, Mr. Harding is entirely right in looking for trouble that will surely be forthcoming unless proper provision is made to meet it.

We are publishing the full text of the German note in order that the reader may undertake to arrive at his own opinion for himself. Some of the papers say that this note is an insincere, laughing matter and other that it is almost pathetic in its honest earnestness. Of course it will depend to a large extent upon a man's bias as to how he will construe the sincerity of the note, and upon his good judgment as to how much importance he will give to the German case as it appears upon its face. The safest way to construe a paper like this is as saying exactly what it means, and meaning exactly what it says.

The attitude of Great Britain toward cotton, is weighing heavily on the cotton producers of the south, and is beginning to protest against a situation which gives England the option of naming such prices for the staple as may suit her pleasure. Although just now Germany would be glad to pay 30 cents a pound or more for southern cotton, there is no market available in England or elsewhere at more than one-third of that price.

The northern dealers in war munitions and the western dealers in foodstuffs are having a picnic; but from the way the thing appears to us, it is largely, if not entirely at the expense of the people of the south.

A careful perusal of the excellent address of Chief Justice Gary, published on the front page of today's paper is bound to leave an impression that this distinguished jurist has given much consideration to what he should say on this occasion. And in our opinion Judge Gary has chosen and prepared his subject matter with much wisdom and ability. The whole tenor of the address is wholesome and uplifting along lines that stand in honor need of elevation, and what his honor says, especially coming from a man occupying the lofty position, is well calculated to bring about present and future good. The address should not only be read and studied; but it should be filed away and read and studied again.

The people of Richland and Greenville counties are badly stirred up over their respective road bond issues. Both issues, it appears, are being attempted on the strength of legislative enactment. The objectors hold that the legislature has no right to saddle a debt upon the people of the county without the consent of a majority of the qualified voters as expressed at an election duly called for the purpose. The objection to the bonds is not nearly so strong as is the opposition to the manner by which the attempted authorization has been made. It is not our quarrel, and we have nothing to gain by mixing up with it; but we are inclined to think that these proposed bonds are unlawful and that the supreme court should so hold.

To our view the German reply is friendly, firm and courteous; but it does not carry a suggestion of a concession. The German idea is that the only British supplies can be interfered with by the use of submarines, and that if Americans persist in traveling on British vessels carrying munitions of war and the like, they will do so at their own risk. The offer to guarantee safe transit to American vessels that carry no contraband or to other neutral vessels in the same situation seems fair enough. As to whether the president will accept the reply as satisfactory remains to be seen; but whether he does or not, we are still with the president. We are neither pro-German nor pro-English. We are American.

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