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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Schofield Sketches.

Schofield, March 6.—Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bishop, of the Colston section, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Roberts, of Kentucky, has moved his family here.

Lewis Lain, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lain, was taken to a hospital in Columbia last week for an operation for appendicitis. He is reported to be resting well at this writing.

Mr. Otto Cook spent Sunday in Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peebles visited relatives at Olar last Sunday.

Mrs. Lawrence French happened to a very painful accident last Friday morning. She fell from the steps of her residence and sprained her ankle. It was first thought that her leg had been broken.

DRAEBLER.

Burford Bridge Budget.

Burford Bridge, March 6.—Rev. W. C. Kirkland, editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, of Anderson, is in the community with relatives.

Mr. J. H. Kirkland spent several days in Columbia last week.

Rev. W. C. Kirkland and Mr. A. L. Kirkland and son, Fletcher, spent Sunday afternoon in Varnville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kirkland spent last Sunday in Ehrhardt.

Mr. J. B. Kearse motored to Ehrhardt with Mr. R. M. Kearse last Saturday.

Mrs. Victor Kearse returned from Charleston last Saturday, accompanied by her sister, Miss Myrtle Everette.

Mrs. J. B. Kearse, in company with her son, Mr. Henry Kearse, went to Varnville last Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Henry McMillan.

Mr. W. C. Sease, of Ehrhardt, was seen visiting in the neighborhood last Friday.

Fishing seems to be the popular sport now around here. Quite a lot of fish has been caught and it seems as if a lot more is expected to be caught.

Several from this place attended the play, "The Lone Star," at Olar last Friday evening. BOAGUS.

Spring Branch Sayings.

Spring Branch, March 6.—The weather has made a considerable change since the issue of last week. It seems almost like winter again.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Crider and little daughter were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sandifer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Herndon were the guests at Mr. J. P. O'Quinn's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Zeigler were the guests at Mr. T. J. Crider's Sunday.

Miss Daisy Malphrus, of Jasper county, is spending a few days with Misses Clara and Eula O'Quinn.

Mrs. Laura Bessinger and sister, Mrs. Della Kinard, were the pleasant guests at Mr. and Mrs. J. P. O'Quinn's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sandifer and children were the guests at Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sandifer's last Sunday.

Mrs. Della Kinard, of Ehrhardt, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Laura Bessinger.

Miss Minnie Crider spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Bertie and Adrine Goodman.

Mr. Grover Crider and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Smoak.

Mr. Hansford O'Quinn spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Charles Goodman.

Mr. J. W. O'Quinn, of Jasper county, is spending a few days with his brother, Mr. J. P. O'Quinn.

The sand storm seemed to be very severe last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Neela Bazzel, of Ehrhardt, is spending a few days with Mrs. Laura Bessinger.

Oak Grove Greetings.

Oak Grove, March 5.—There have been several pinder shellings during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kinard and two sons spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Rentz.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Copeland and family spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Copeland.

Mrs. Bennie Goodwin, of the Little Swamp section, visited in this section last Sunday.

Mesdames A. K. Rentz and J. T.

England dined with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Carter last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Copeland spent last Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Copeland.

The farmers are getting busy for planting.

Miss Grace Hoffman spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Rose Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. McMillan spent last Sunday with Mr. I. W. Rentz and family.

Miss Pattie Miley, of the Lodge section, was in this section last Sunday evening.

Clear Pond Cullings.

Clear Pond, March 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Aquilla Drawdy visited their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Folk, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tant and children visited relatives near Denmark last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Folk and son, H. M., visited relatives near Hilda Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Padgett visited relatives and friends near Govan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Morris were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. McMillan Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Roy Morris dined with Mr. Joe Martin Sunday.

Miss Meta Hughes spent the week-end with Miss Florine Hughes.

Misses Kate Kornegay and Mamie and Ruth Morris were the guests of Misses Mary and Laura Fender Sunday afternoon.

Miss Adrine Morris dined with Miss Mary Martin Sunday.

Mr. Connie Crider was the guest of Mr. Henry Hughes Saturday and Sunday.

The peanut shelling at the home of Mr. Hughes Saturday night was enjoyed very much by the young folks.

A good many of the Clear Pond folks visited at Crystal Spring Sunday afternoon.

Briar Creek Bristlings.

Briar Creek, March 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cooner, of Farrell's, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson.

Miss Chlo Richardson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. King Hicks.

Miss Lillie May Cooner dined at the home of Mr. and Mrs. King Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. O'Quinn spent Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. O'Quinn.

Miss Hattie May Morris spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Katie O'Quinn.

Mr. Eddie McMillan and Mr. Clayton Jolly spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. R. M. O'Quinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cooner spent Sunday with Mr. T. W. Richardson.

Mr. Odell Sandifer spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Louis Sandifer.

Rev. J. W. Goode spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McPhail.

Mr. D. D. Steedly, of Midway, dined at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Steedly Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bessinger spent a few hours in Blackville Thursday.

Mr. Dewey Donald spent Sunday at the home of his grandfather, Mr. D. O. Steedly.

Miss Julia Belle Hutto spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Steedly.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Steedly spent a few hours at the home of Mr. D. O. Steedly Sunday.

Mrs. Gus Hutto and Mrs. Eugene Hutto, of Bamberg, attended services at Briar Creek Sunday evening.

We are very glad to learn that Mr. Herbert Boils is improving.

Mrs. J. W. Bessinger dined with her sister, Mrs. Leila Bessinger, Sunday.

Mrs. Alice England is spending some time at her old home at Oak Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jolly attended services at Briar Creek Sunday.

Mr. Eugene Morris dined with Mr. Rudolph Richardson Sunday.

Colston Clippings.

Colston, March 6.—We have been having warm spring weather for the past few weeks, but it has changed very suddenly to winter again.

Misses Bessie and Evelyn Kirkland, Mrs. W. G. Kirkland, and Mr. Eddie Walker spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Padgett.

Misses Dora and Mamie McMillan, of Bamberg, spent last week-end at home.

Misses Sadie Boyd and Ethel Logan attended the teachers' meeting

WILSON'S HANDS TIED.

Twelve Senators, Led by La Follette, Refuse President Power.

Washington, March 4.—Twelve senators, led by Senator La Follette and encouraged by Senator Stone, Democratic chairman of the foreign relations committee, in a filibuster, denounced by President Wilson's spokesman as the most reprehensible in the history of any civilized nation, defied the will of an overwhelming majority in congress up to the last minute today and denied to the president a law authorizing him to arm American ships to meet the German submarine menace.

Unyielding throughout twenty-six hours of continuous session to appeals that their defiance of the president would be humiliating to the country; uncompromising in a crisis described to them as the most serious to the nation since the civil war, La Follette and his small group of supporters refused a majority of their colleagues an opportunity to vote on the armed neutrality bill and it died with the Sixty-fourth congress.

To fix responsibility before the country, seventy-six senators, thirty Republicans and forty-six democrats, signed a manifesto, proclaiming to the world that they favored passage of the measure.

The text of the manifesto follows: "The majority of United States senators favored the passage of the senate bill, authorizing the president of the United States to arm American merchant vessels, a similar bill already having passed the house by a vote of 403 to 13. Under the rules of the senate, allowing unlimited debate, it appears to be impossible to obtain a vote previous to noon, March 4, 1917, when this session of congress expires. We desire the statement entered on the record to establish the fact that the senate favored the legislation and would pass it if a vote could be obtained."

Thirteen senators declined to sign the declaration, but one of them, Senator Penrose, Republican, of Pennsylvania, announced that he would have voted for the bill had opportunity been afforded him.

Gave a \$365 Calendar.

Charles I. Frohman, of Columbus, Ind., spent more than \$365 to make a calendar he gave to his sister, Miss Lillie Frohman. Frohman used a \$1 bill for every day of the month on his family calendar, and at the top he showed the moon changes, making the moon of a \$5 gold piece.—Indianapolis News.

in Bamberg Saturday.

Mrs. Sudie Barnes returned home Tuesday of last week from the Baptist hospital. She is doing very nicely, and her many friends will be glad to see her out again.

Mr. Frank Kirkland, Jr., spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Folk.

Messrs. Bill and Wilson Beard, and Gerald Kearse motored to Augusta last week-end.

Misses Sadie Boyd and Ethel Logan spent Thursday night of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. McMillan.

Miss Chlo Kearse, of Carlisle, spent last week-end with her brother, Mr. B. L. Kearse, of this section.

Miss Nelle Clayton, of Spring Branch, spent last week-end at home.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, March 3.—Mrs. George D. Sanders was hostess at a dinner party on Tuesday evening at her lovely home in compliment to her guests, Misses Beulah, Lucile and Carrie Jenkins, of Charleston.

Covers were laid for 16 and a six course dinner was served. At its conclusion, the remainder of the evening was spent with games and music. The Misses Jenkins have been the recipients of much attention during their visit here.

Miss Beulah McNemar, reader and entertainer, gave an entertainment under the auspices of the Aid society of the Baptist church on Monday evening in the school auditorium. She was assisted by Mrs. E. A. McDowell and Miss Helen McDowell with piano, violin and vocal numbers. The evening was an artistic and financial success.

An enjoyable occasion of last Friday evening was a "tacky party" given by the ladies of the Methodist church in the Masonic hall. A large crowd attended and entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Mrs. John Harter was awarded the prize for the tackiest lady present and Raymond Hammond won the men's prize. Refreshments were served, and a large sum realized.

GERMAN PLOT DISCOVERED.

Proposal to Mexico and Japan to War on United States.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Associated Press is enabled to reveal that Germany, in planning unrestricted submarine warfare and counting its consequences, proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war on the United States, if this country should not remain neutral.

Japan, through Mexican mediation, was to be urged to abandon her allies and join in the attack on the United States.

Mexico, for her reward, was to receive general financial support from Germany, reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona—lost provinces—and share in the victorious peace terms Germany contemplated.

Details were left to German Minister Von Eckhardt in Mexico City, who by instructions signed by German Foreign Minister Zimmermann at Berlin January 19, 1917, was directed to propose the alliance with Mexico to Gen. Carranza and suggest that Mexico seek to bring Japan into the plot.

These instructions were transmitted to Von Eckhardt through Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador here, now on his way home to Germany under a safe conduct obtained from his enemies by the country against which he was plotting war.

Germany pictured to Mexico by broad intimation, England and the entente allies defeated; Germany and her allies triumphant and in world domination by the instrument of unrestricted submarine warfare.

A copy of Zimmermann's instructions to Von Eckhardt, sent through Von Bernstorff, is in possession of the United States government. It is as follows:

Zimmermann's Letter.

"Berlin, January 19, 1917.

"On the 1st of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this, it is our intention to endeavor to keep neutral the United States of America.

If this attempt is not successful we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico: That we shall make war together and together make peace. We shall give general financial support and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details are left to you for settlement.

"You are instructed to inform the president of Mexico of the above in the greatest confidence as soon as it is certain that there will be an outbreak of war with the United States and suggest that the president of Mexico, on his own initiative, should communicate with Japan suggesting adherence at once to this plan; at the same time, offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

"Please call to the attention of the president of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace in a few months. (Signed) "ZIMMERMANN."

President Wilson Knew.

This document has been in the hands of the government since President Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. It has been kept secret, while the president has been asking congress for full authority to deal with Germany and while congress has been hesitating. It was in the president's hands while Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg was declaring that the United States was placed an interpretation on the submarine declaration "never intended in Germany" and that Germany had promoted and honored friendly relations with the United States "as an heirloom from Frederick the Great."

Of itself if there were no other, it is considered a sufficient answer to the German chancellor's plaint that the United States "brusquely" broke off relations without giving "authentic reasons for its action."

Supplies Missing Link.

The document supplies the missing link to many separate chains of circumstances, which until now have seemed to lead to no definite point. It sheds new light upon the frequently repeated but indefinable movements of the Mexican government to couple its situation with the friction between the United States and Japan. It adds another chapter to the celebrated report of Jules Cambon, French ambassador in Berlin before the war, of Germany's world-wide plans for stirring strife on every continent where they might aid her in the struggle for world domination which she dreamed was close at hand. It adds a climax to the operations of Count Von Bernstorff and the German

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

By a vote of 209 to 16, the qualified electors of Anderson on Monday voted to issue bonds in the sum of \$125,000 for street paving.

John R. Wilson, aged 78, of Abbeville, committed suicide Sunday by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. Ill health was the cause.

Prof. William Hood, for 28 years a member of the faculty of Erskine college, formerly state treasurer of South Carolina and a member of the famous Wallace House, died at his home at Bartow, Fla., Sunday.

R. L. Kirby, engineer and H. L. Goldson, brakeman, narrowly escaped death near Union Tuesday by the overturning of the Southern railway's engine pulling freight train No. 175. A loose rail caused the accident, the engine toppling down a ten foot embankment.

G. E. Conner and G. L. Oliver, who last week cut and seriously wounded Prof. Fred McGill at Cartersville, S. C., have been released on bond in the sum of \$3,000 each. Reports from the hospital state that Mr. McGill is resting well and should no complications set in he will recover.

The Abbeville grand jury, in session Tuesday, failed to find a true bill against eight white men charged with lynching Anthony Crawford, a negro, last October. Eighteen men who were charged with participation in a riot on the streets of Abbeville at the time Crawford was killed were also dismissed.

WILSON INAUGURATED.

Takes Oath of Office For Second Time as Chief Executive.

Washington, March 5.—Woodrow Wilson, with the major part of the world at war and America poised on its verge, consecrated his second inauguration as president of the United States today with a last message of hope for peace.

Standing in the shadow of the nation's Capitol, with his face turned toward the eastern war-seared skies, the president renewed his oath of allegiance to the constitution, praying to God that he may be given wisdom and prudence to do his duty in the true spirit of the American people.

While trumpets blared and martial accoutrements rattled prophetically about him, the president pictured the deep wrongs the United States patiently had borne in the conflict of other peoples, without wishing to wrong or injure them in return. Assembling tragedies of another continent had removed provincialism and made American citizens of the world, and that the principles of this republic should be applied to a liberation of mankind, he resolutely voiced a determination that America, standing "firm in armed neutrality," must demonstrate her claim to a "minimum of right and freedom of action" in world affairs.

Peculiar interest and significance in the light of the rebuke last night to senators who prevented the passage of the armed neutrality bill were attached to the president's assertion on this point. Even more interest and concern were aroused when he added:

Unselfish Purpose.

"We may even be drawn on by circumstances, not by our own purpose or desire, to a more active assertion of our rights as we see them and a more immediate association with the great struggle itself. But nothing will alter our thought or our purpose. We desire neither conquest nor advantage. We wish nothing that can be had only at the cost of another people. We always have professed unselfish purpose, and we covet the opportunity to prove that our professions are sincere."

In the Toils of the Law.

"I have almost starved to learn," said the struggling student, the first day he hung out his shingle.

"And now you must almost learn to starve," replied the old attorney, who remembered the echoing emptiness of his earliest office.

embassy in this country, which have been colored with passport frauds, charges of dynamite plots and intrigue, the full extent of which never has been published.

SENTENCED TO DIE.

Jasper County Men Convicted of Murder of W. D. Thomas.

Ridgeland, March 3.—Guilty of murder, without recommendation to mercy, was the verdict returned here tonight against Aleas Cooler and Will Davis, white men, tried on the charge of murdering W. D. Thomas, a woods rider for the Okeetee hunting club.

Judge Ernest Moore sentenced Cooler and Davis to be electrocuted at Columbia on April 6, after refusing the defendants a new trial. The case will be taken to the supreme court on appeal, it is understood.

The case was given to the jury at 5 o'clock this afternoon and the verdict was returned at 8:30 tonight.

The convicted men appeared to receive the verdict calmly, but their wives, who were in court when the jury reported its findings, broke down and sobbed.

Feeling among the friends of Cooler and Davis and their alleged victim is still very high here. About twenty special deputies have been sworn in and are guarding the jail in which the prisoners are confined. So far no attempt at violence in any manner has been made and the authorities are using every precaution possible to prevent trouble.

Cooler is about thirty-five years of age, married and has seven children. Davis, the other defendant, is twenty-nine, has a wife, but no children, having only been married a few months. Mrs. Davis is a first cousin of her husband's co-defendant, Thomas, the deceased in the case, was sixty-three years old and left a wife and eight children.

Probably the State has never had another trial where the circumstances were exactly as they were in this case. Each defendant and his counsel endeavored to fasten, the guilt upon the other defendant.

The most sensational testimony was given by the thirteen-year-old son of Cooler. The lad testified that he was with the two defendants when Thomas was killed, that two shots were fired; that he heard, but did not see who fired the first shot, but that he saw Davis fire the second shot.

Cooler, a defendant and the boy's father, stated on the stand that his son told the truth, but that Davis fired both shots. Davis denied that he was with Cooler and the latter's son when Thomas was killed.

The tragedy occurred on December 20 last, on the land of the Okeetee club, the prosecution alleging that the defendants were trespassing on the club's hunting preserves when they were discovered by Thomas.

The jury had been together since Thursday; when the trial was begun, and when they filed out of the court room to deliberate this afternoon they had a very determined and tired look upon their faces.

At last night's session of court Cooler was subjected to a most severe cross-examination by former Senator S. G. Mayfield, of Bamberg, who was assisting in the prosecution, but Cooler gave the same testimony that he gave on direct examination.

It was brought out that Cooler and Thomas had at previous times been in difficulties, and even that they had had a shooting and cutting scrape. Many other witnesses were introduced to show of this ill feeling, and some even testified that Thomas had told them he would leave Cooler in the woods if he ever found him on the Okeetee club land hunting.

About 11 o'clock last night both the defendants and the State had rested, and court was adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning, when arguments by counsel were begun. The court allowed five hours for the two defendants' attorneys and two hours for the State's attorneys. Seven arguments were made in this case, ranging from fifteen minutes to one hour. The speeches at times brought tears and at other times laughter from the crowd which packed the court room to its utmost capacity.

Each Defendant Accused Other.

This case developed into a three-cornered fight, each defendant claiming the other did the shooting. The State's attorneys asked for the conviction of both defendants; Cooler's attorneys for the conviction of Davis, and Davis's attorneys for the conviction of Cooler.

This situation was unusual and it practically amounted to attorneys for Cooler assisting the State in trying to convict Davis, and Davis's attorneys assisting the State in trying to convict Cooler.

Arguments were concluded at 4 o'clock and the case given to the jury at 5, after a very clear and learned charge by Judge Ernest Moore.