

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—Mr. F. M. Simmons, of McColl, spent Friday in the city.

—Mr. Edward Taylor, of Columbia, spent several days in the city this week.

—Misses Julian and Margaret Eastler are visiting relatives in Allendale.

—Miss Kate Felder will leave next week for Asheville to spend the summer.

—Miss Margaret Ingram, of Sanford, N. C., is visiting Mrs. C. J. Field.

—Miss Mildred Gill, of Savannah, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. G. W. Garland.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ayer, of Blackville, visited relatives in the city this week.

—Mr. D. F. Hooton returned this week from Glenn Springs, where he spent a week.

—Mrs. B. D. Carter attended the Weathersbee-Bolick wedding at Wiliston last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Parnelle and children, of Savannah, are spending some time in the city.

—Mr. J. A. Wyman spent the weekend in Aiken with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. Hastings Wyman.

—Mrs. H. H. Copeland, after spending some time in the city with relatives, has returned to Augusta.

—Miss Germaine Sandifer, of Kingstree, spent a few days in the city last week with Miss Willie Snyder.

—Mrs. C. E. Simmons and Miss Bernice Simmons spent Monday in Blackville with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ayer.

—Miss Mattie Izzard, of Columbia, after spending a few days in the city with Mrs. J. A. Klein, has returned home.

—Miss Bertha Gray, of Charleston, returned home Monday after spending a few days with friends in the city.

—Miss Eugenia Beard returned Saturday from Augusta, where she has been attending the St. Joseph Academy.

—Mrs. L. E. Livingston and Miss Mary Livingston have returned home from Washington, where they spent a few weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Heard returned to the city Friday from their wedding trip to Atlanta, Macon and other Georgia cities.

—Miss Lucile Hunter is spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Hunter in the Hunter's Chapel section.

—Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Thomas have returned to the city from Florence, where they spent a few days with Mr. Thomas's mother.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Redfearn, after spending some time in the city with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Free, left Tuesday for their home at Pageland.

—Mrs. J. J. Cleckley and children, of Bamberg, have been spending a few days with Mrs. V. W. Brabham on Glover street.—Orangeburg, Times and Democrat.

The scholarship and entrance examination for Winthrop college was held at the court house last Friday. Quite a number of young ladies stood the examination.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. S. Brooker returned Saturday from a visit to the boll weevil infested portion of Alabama, where Mr. Brooker gained much first-hand information about boll-weevil conditions.

—Mr. H. L. Hinnant motored to Ridgeway Saturday afternoon, returning Wednesday. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Hinnant, who has been spending a few weeks with relatives there.

CUCUMBER TRAFFIC HELPS.

Northern Buyers on Blackville Market Paying Good Prices.

Blackville, June 16.—The streets of Blackville have presented quite a hustling appearance in the last two weeks on account of the cucumber traffic. They are lined with wagons, automobiles and trucks loaded with cucumbers. Buyers from the Northern markets are on the streets meeting the loads as they come in and making competitive bids to the farmers in order to get the crop, paying in some cases as high as \$2 per crate. This has been such a good market that farmers have hauled their crops here from around neighboring towns, some coming from near the Aiken county line. The banks are having more deposits than they have had in any past truck season. Numbers of small farmers, who had only a few acres, have already cleared money until they are placing orders for touring cars.

The cantaloupe crop in most cases bids fair to be a good one and the farmers are also expecting fine returns for this crop.

APPOINTMENT OF KNISLEY.

Whaley Makes Statement as to Why He Named Charleston Boy.

Much has been said and written about the appointment by Congressman Whaley of Andrew Ward Knisley to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. The following, which the Greenwood Index terms an "exposure" is reprinted by that paper from the York News:

"The News is informed that an effort was made by Andrew Ward Knisley, who claimed at one time to be from Chester, to get an appointment to Annapolis from the fifth district. Mr. Stevenson investigated the matter and found that Knisley's address was 2513 Aspen St., Philadelphia, and that his home was in Charleston, South Carolina, where he had lived since 1905, his father coming there and being in the employ of the engineers office in the custom house. After ascertaining that Mr. Knisley did not live in the fifth district, Congressman Stevenson addressed a letter to him and asked him to write him stating the postoffice address of his father, or if he were dead, his mother, and if she were dead also, his guardian. This letter was posted June 1st, but no answer was received until June 9th. At about 12 o'clock, June 4th, Lewis J. O'Hearn, a Catholic priest in Washington, D. C., called up Mr. Stevenson on the phone and asked him how his friend "Knisley" was getting along in connection with his appointment in the navy, to which reply was made that in Mr. Stevenson's judgment he was not entitled to it and that he expected to see that he did not get it. The Reverend Father O'Hearn replied that he was a resident of Chester, in the fifth district and that he was informed that when Knisley was at home he lived with Mrs. A. B. Collins, 107 Dewey street, Chester, S. C., that Knisley was a great friend of his (O'Hearn's) and Father Duff at Annapolis, to which Mr. Stevenson replied that he was not interested in the friendship business, what he wanted to know was did Knisley live in the fifth district. At 2:45 p. m. that day the following telegram was sent to Mrs. A. B. Collins, who is a devout Catholic and estimable woman:

"Washington, D. C., June 4th, 2:45 p. m. To Mrs. A. B. Collins, 107 Dewey Street, Chester, S. C. Knisley has had residence with you since January. Let it not be questioned. Friend."

"Mrs. Collins had received a letter signed by Knisley, 32 East street, Annapolis, Maryland, on April 17th, asking that he might use her home as his permanent address, so that he could stand his examination, and stating that her address had been furnished him by a priest residing in Columbia. It also stated that Father Kennedy in Annapolis had phoned Father O'Hearn at Washington that his appointment was O. K., and that he must get Mrs. Collins's street address so that he could state where he lived, and that his appointment was for Chester, South Carolina; that he possibly never would be there, but he must claim her house as his home. Mr. Stevenson got possession of these facts.

"Knisley, as late as June 8th wrote Mr. Stevenson that his home was 107 Dewey street, Chester, care of Mrs. A. B. Collins, and actually went to Chester on June 9th, where he spent the night with Mrs. Collins and received telegrams to and from a priest. Mrs. Collins was without any knowledge of the man and was entirely blameless in the whole matter.

"When the matter came to the attention of Secretary Daniels he cancelled the scamp's appointment and appointed John Davis Palmer, of Ridgeway. In the face of the evident purpose of these Catholic priests to have a scamp appointed to Annapolis from the fifth district and when the conspiracy was discovered by Mr. Stevenson and Knisley's appointment was cancelled by the secretary of the navy, Congressman Whaley nevertheless gave him the appointment from Charleston.

"It is creditable to Congressman Stevenson that in all matters affecting the fifth district he gives them his personal attention and endeavors to get the facts before acting. Secretary Daniels ought to order the fellow dismissed from the academy and promptly demand an explanation from Mr. Whaley for giving the appointment to one who was perfectly willing with the aid of two disreputable priests, to perpetrate a fraud on this district. We commend Mr. Stevenson's care and diligence in this matter."

Whaley Tells Why.

A Washington dispatch of July 7 is as follows:

"When his attention was called today to publications with regard to the appointment of Andrew Ward Knisley, of Charleston, to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., first by former Representative McCorkle, of the fifth district, and

GERMANY ON EVE OF UPHEAVAL.

Developments Point to Realignment in Favor of Reforms.

Berlin, July 7.—Unless present indications fail in the next few days the German Empire is on the eve of a momentous if not historical parliamentary upheaval. Developments under the gilded dome of the Reichstag building in the last forty-eight hours point squarely to a significant realignment in favor of the sweeping electoral and parliamentary reforms, in spite of the stubborn resistance of the reactionary old guard.

Although the sessions of the main committee and the constitutional committee have been of an executive nature, the press comments in this morning's papers permit the inference that the discussions of vital subjects of governmental policy frequently reached the boiling point.

Gravely Significant.

That they have been of gravely significant import is indicated clearly by the sudden decision to postpone the Saturday preliminary session, which was to have marked the opening of the general debate and the expected surprise of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. The absence of the chancellor from the sessions in the last few days has caused general comment. Late yesterday it was announced that the desire of the chancellor to inform himself more thoroughly on the nature of the committee was responsible for the delay of the general sessions.

Monday will mark the inauguration of what promises to be one of the most memorable parliamentary sessions in the history of the empire.

The chancellor was present yesterday when the committee convened. All the Reichstag factions remained in individual groups until late last night to decide what line of action should be taken.

Call on Chancellor.

The Zeitung Ammitag says a deputation of six of the Social-Democratic party called on Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg last Friday for the purpose of impressing the gravity of the situation on him. The delegates insisted that the chancellor make an unequivocal declaration that the government was prepared at any time to enter into peace negotiations on the basis of the status quo.

Representatives of the Progressive People's party and of the National Liberals also were in conference with the chancellor.

There are rumors that Prof. Adolf von Harnack, one of the most intimate advisors of the Emperor, is slated to succeed Herr von Trott zu Zolz as Prussian minister of education. The present minister is said to be opposed to sweeping electoral reforms.

Elegant Discourse.

"Ah want to be procrat'nated at de next co'ner," said Erastus Pinkney to the street car conductor.

"You want to be what?" demanded the conductor.

"Don't lose 'o' tempah. Ah had to look in de dictionary, myself befo' I found dat procrat'nate means 'put off.'—Cincinnati Enquirer.

then by himself, Congressman Richard S. Whaley made the following statement, when asked if he had anything to say:

"I had given the appointment to a young man and he declined it on the 12th of June by wire. The 13th of June was the last day on which the appointment could be sent in to the department for this entrance examination. This young man Knisley had passed all examinations and had been notified to report at the academy on the 18th of June. He had written me some time before asking for an appointment when I did not have one which I could give him. He had every reason to believe that the designation which he had as an alternate was bona fide. He had gone to a preparatory school and studied for the examinations, stood them, and successfully passed them. When I found out that he was a Charleston boy, and that I had this appointment available I was unwilling to disappoint him in his life ambition. Therefore, I gave him the appointment. I had been informed that the young man had claimed he was a resident of Chester, but it is well understood that young men are appointed from districts and States in which they do not reside and have to name some place in the district or State from which they get the appointment, and the department overlooks this in order to have the vacancies filled. Doubtless young Knisley knew, or had been informed by those in whom he had confidence, who in turn had gained their knowledge from the department, that this course was customary and recognized. I believe the young man was guilty of no moral turpitude and will make a good officer and reflect credit on the appointment. There is many an officer serving in the navy today and many a boy in the academy who has never been in the district from which he was appointed."

AIR FORAY ON LONDON.

German Planes Fly Over British Capital, Dropping Many Bombs.

London, July 7.—The second descent upon London by a squadron of German airplanes was made this morning between 9 and 10 o'clock when the business section of the metropolis was crowded.

Although the German contingent was larger, more daring, more deliberate in its methods and descended much lower than on the visit of June 13, the number of killed and wounded was, according to the first official roll, roughly one-third the previous casualty. Thirty-seven people were killed and 141 injured. The destruction of property may have been greater than in the first raid.

The flight of the Germans over London lasted about 20 minutes. English airmen engaged them for several minutes over the metropolis and anti-aircraft guns were firing briskly, dotting the sky with sharpnel puffs, but without success so far as concerned the destruction of any of the 20 or more machines which constituted the invading force.

The admiralty was able to report tonight, however, that naval airmen who followed them to sea brought down three machines. A British squadron sent up from Dunkirk to intercept the returning raiders did not encounter them because they had taken a more northerly route, but the British airmen met and destroyed other German machines.

The morning was one of haze, weather most favorable for crossing the channel without being observed. On their former visit, made in similar weather, the Germans kept high up in the mists, but today when they neared their objectives, most of them descended. Their formation was like a flock of wild geese as they approached and neither the British pursuers nor the guns were able to scatter them until they spread out before letting loose the bombs.

Thousands See Raiders.

Hundreds of thousands of people on roofs, from windows and gathered in the streets saw the remarkable spectacle. All London heard the noise of battle. At first there were a few minutes when the anti-aircraft guns were crashing sharply and the machine guns were rattling aloft. Then came three or four minutes when the heavy explosion of bombs and the shattering of glass were the dominant sounds; then a few minutes when the artillery fire receded into the distance.

The Germans steered a course across London from northwest to southeast. They dropped the last of their supply of bombs on a section of workmen's dwellings and crossed the Thames. Some observers say a giant airplane piloted the squadron and that the bomb carriers were in the centre, flanked by scouts for fighting off the British airmen. The low altitude and slow pace at which the Germans crossed London and the daredevil way they circled over their objectives have caused great surprise. When first seen they were steering a steady course from the northwest, evidently in the act of making a long sweeping curve which would ultimately bring their heads in the direction of home. They completed the manoeuvre over the Thames and as the British machines came into the picture the raiders quickened their pace.

Continue in Pursuit.

A fierce running fight ensued between a strong force of British machines and the raiders toward the mouth of the river. The machines flew fairly low and the rattle of machine guns was distinctly audible from the ground. None of the Germans had been brought down when the combatants disappeared from view, but the British squadron continued the pursuit and engaged them heavily.

Today's attack was plainly directed against the civilian population and the business and financial buildings. There is no question, the Germans knew where they were and it was not a matter of scattering explosives blindly from a great height. Why more persons were not killed is hard to explain. Thousands were in the streets in the area bombed.

AUDUBON MEETING CALLED.

For Wednesday, July 18, at Jefferson Hotel, Columbia

Columbia, July 7.—A meeting of the Audubon Society of South Carolina has been called to be held in this city Wednesday, July 18, by Dr. C. W. Barron, of Columbia, vice president. The call was issued by Dr. Barron in the absence from the State of Dr. C. E. L. Adams, of Columbia, president, and the action was taken at the suggestion of Governor Manning. The call follows:

"I hereby order a meeting of the Audubon society of South Carolina, to be held at noon on the 18th day of July, at the Jefferson hotel, Columbia, S. C., for the purpose of recommending to the governor a person for chief game warden."

NEARLY \$100,000 IN LICENSES.

State Highway Commission Makes Statement of Fees Received.

Columbia, July 9.—A total of \$90,637.06 has been paid into the State Highway department today for licenses on automobiles, motorcycles, and for dealers, stated J. Roy Pennell, State highway engineer, this morning.

With the exception of about 2,000 or 3,000 delinquents all the automobile owners in the State have secured licenses in conformity with the law, thinks Mr. Pennell. It is estimated that there are approximately 32,000 owners of automobiles in South Carolina.

"The enforcement of the law requiring automobile owners to secure licenses by July 1 is left entirely with the local officials in each county, and they are somewhat reluctant in enforcing it," stated the highway engineer. "Probably, however, this is partly due to the impression that prevails among some officials that the enforcement of this law rests with the State Highway commission."

That there is a false impression prevalent throughout the State relative to the permits recently issued by the highway department, is a statement made by Mr. Pennell. He explained that these permits were given to automobile owners when they paid their licenses, and the department was out of license plates, to show that they have been issued to holders of permits and it is no longer legal to operate a motor-propelled vehicle without the plate being attached thereto.

Richland county so far leads with the number of licenses secured. Next in order of registration comes Spartanburg, Greenville, Anderson, Charleston and Orangeburg counties.

Four-fifths of the money secured from license fees reverts to the county of its origin and the other one-fifth is used for the purchase of license plates and the maintenance of the highway department.

SHOES BOUGHT FOR ARMY.

Contract Let for 2,175,000 Pairs at \$4.73 Pair.

Washington, July 10.—Contracts for 2,175,000 pairs of army shoes at an average price of \$4.73 a pair have just been awarded by the quartermaster's division of the War Department.

The awards include 950 pairs of marching shoes and 1,225,000 pairs of field shoes. Agreements with twenty-nine manufacturers call for the completion of all deliveries before the end of the year.

LIGHTNING PLAYS TRICK.

Does Everything to This Man But Kill Him.

St. Matthews, July 10.—While sitting in his home observing the progress of the storm, Frank Wannamaker, a negro living upon the plan people have. The lightning struck the building, following the facing on the corner until it reached the level of Wannamaker. It then leaped to his body, made a path from his shoulder to the hand, then started again on the upper portion of his body, traversed his left side down to the tip of his toes, tearing his trousers and bursting a part of his shoe from his foot and concluding with a slight spilt of the flesh between the toes. He was knocked unconscious and was deaf for a day, but his physician says that aside from being a bit sore and somewhat nervous from the shock, he shows no signs of permanent impairment.

NOT ANXIOUS FOR MEX. HELP.

U. S. Not Advising Carranza to Break Relations With Germany.

Washington, July 10.—Reports that Mexico is about to break with Germany led to the authoritative statement that any such move would not be based on advice given by the American government.

Ambassador Fletcher, who came here to report in detail to Secretary Lansing on conditions in Mexico, has told the State department that despite some improvement in Mexican affairs generally, much remains to cause concern to the American government. This circumstance is considered important because a break with Germany would give Mexico an opportunity to get money and place the United States under certain obligations.

Those officials who have not been eager to see Mexico join in the war do not object to seeing Gen. Carranza supplied with money, but they believe that without contributing much real aid to the Allies, Mexico would make it hard for the United States, France, Great Britain and other nations with grievances against her to assume a stern attitude after the war.

Reassured Him.

He—You don't really care for me—you are merely flirting with me to make Jack jealous.

She—Nonsense! I'd have picked out a better looking man if I'd wanted to do that.—Boston Transcript.

Hold Fast to the Dollar.



THERE is an old saying that "any fool can make a dollar, but it takes a wise man to hold it." There is one sure way of holding the dollar, and that is to bank it. When a man deposits his surplus cash he is loath to draw it out. On the contrary, if he carries the money on his person there always is the temptation to spend. Bank your money with us.

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