

ENGLAND TO BLOCKADE ALL GERMAN PORTS

Retaliation for Declaration of War Zone.

NOT TO RISK NEUTRAL SHIPPING

England and Her Allies have Answered the Threat of a Blockade of English Ports by Declaring Everything Contraband of War.

London, March 1.—England and her allies have answered Germany's declaration of a war zone in the waters around the British Isles and the coast of France by retaliatory measures which will be undertaken immediately to prevent commodities of any kind from reaching or leaving Germany.

The measures will be enforced by the British and French governments, as the text of the British note puts it, "without risk to neutral shipping or to neutral or non-combatant life and in strict observance of the dictates of humanity."

The announcement was made by Premier Asquith in the British parliament today and apparently the government's action is a matter of supreme satisfaction to the British public and press.

The operations of the allied fleet in the Dardanelles, as perhaps presaging quick developments in the Balkan situation, dominate the military situation on sea and land. The more optimistic expect Constantinople to fall but there is a noticeable disposition to realize that the ships face no easy task, notwithstanding the 20 mile range of the guns of the superdreadnought Queen Elizabeth.

Whether any progress has been made since the outer forts were demolished has not been made known officially, a statement issued tonight saying that rough weather is hindering operations and making it extremely hazardous, if not impossible, for aeroplanes to take wing from the ships for observations necessary to direct the fire.

The interest which the British people are taking in these operations is evidenced by the frequent official statements regarding them.

Little of importance has occurred in the west and of the operations in the east the Russians are claiming much and the Germans saying little.

There are signs that the Russian armies are feeling their way, preparatory to a vigorous offensive. Germany has conceded that the Russians have retaken Przasnysz, north of Warsaw, and the Russians are still elaborating on its strategic importance.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY.

Farmer of Trinity-Ridge Claims a Saving of \$7,000 per Ton by Home Mixing.

The Advertiser has received the following letter from John D. W. Watts, county farm demonstrator, which will doubtless prove an eye-opener to many farmers:

Editor The Advertiser: At a meeting of farmers at the school house this afternoon it developed that one farmer had saved \$7,000 per ton on 33 tons of fertilizer by mixing the ingredients at home. Another mixed his at a saving of \$5,000 per ton. Our district used 1,000 tons of fertilizer, of which 200 tons were mixed at a saving of \$1,000. Eight hundred tons were bought already mixed at a loss of \$4,000. Is it possible that we farmers are going to continue buying ready mixed fertilizer with the example of this saving by home mixing set before us so clearly? Think of \$4,000 out of one school district lost in this way.

I have a number of simple home mixing formulas and will be glad to send them to anybody who will ask for one.

John D. W. Watts, Laurens, S. C., R. F. D. 5.

In Race for Solicitor.

Mr. B. L. McDowell will be a candidate for solicitor in the Eighth Judicial District in 1916. For some time it has been reported that he aspired to the position now held by Solicitor Cooper. He stated today that the report was correct.—Greenwood Daily Journal.

GALLON A MONTH ACT EFFECTIVE SOON

Measure Makes It Necessary for Consignee to Get Whiskey from Railroad or Express in Person.

Columbia, Feb. 24.—The "gallon a month" act, which was passed at the last session of the general assembly, will go into effect early in March, 20 days after it has been signed by the governor.

The title of the act is: "To regulate the shipment of spirituous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors or beverages into this state; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act."

Governor Manning has already approved the act.

The act provides that it "shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or company to ship, transfer or convey any intoxicating liquors from a point without this state into this state, or from one point to another in this state, for the purpose of delivery, or to deliver the same to any person, firm, corporation or company within this state, or for any person, firm or corporation to receive or be in possession of any spirituous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors or beverages, containing more than 1 per cent of alcohol for his, her, its or their own use, or for the use of any other person, firm, or corporation, except as hereinafter provided."

Section 2 provides that "any person may order and receive from any point without the state not exceeding one gallon within any calendar month, for his or her personal use, of spirituous, vinous, fermented or malted liquors or beverages."

The act declares it unlawful for any railroad or express company to deliver whiskey to any person other than the consignee. The companies will not be held liable for damages for non-delivery.

Any person receiving such a package under fraudulent pretenses will be subject to a fine, upon conviction, of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

Section 5 says: "It shall be unlawful for any intoxicating liquors or beverages to be stored or kept in any place of business or club room or house in this state, whether for personal use or otherwise, and the liquor or beverages herein allowed to be imported, if stored, must be stored in the home or private room of the person or persons so ordering."

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Any person violating this act shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 and imprisonment for not less than three months, or both.

Section 8 says: "Nothing herein contained shall prevent the sale or transportation of alcohol under and in accordance with the statutes of this state, as contained in Criminal Code of 1912, Section 799, 800, 802 to 812, inclusive."—Spartanburg Herald.

To Close Stores Early.

A large number of the merchants of the city are signing an agreement drawn up between them for the early closing of stores during the summer months. Yesterday the paper with the agreement upon it, was circulated among the furniture, dry goods, jewelry and hardware stores and the managers of nearly all of them agreed to close at six o'clock after March 15th. The grocerymen have not been approached on the matter yet, but it is understood that several of them are willing to join the movement provided the remaining grocers do. In view of the fact that an early closing movement participated in by all the merchants would not cause a loss to any of them, it is thought that nearly all the stores in town will enter the agreement.

New Library Books.

The librarian has announced the arrival of the following new books at the library:

- The Lost Boy.
- The Turnoff.
- A Warrior Way.
- The Pastor's Wife.
- The Haunted Heart.
- The Raft.
- Saturday's Child.
- Bamby.
- Big Tremain.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD COUNCIL.



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Left to right around the table: James B. Forgan, president; M. H. Grim, secretary; J. P. Morgan, W. S. Rowe, George J. Sney, Archibald Kains, Daniel G. Wing, Charles A. Lyerty, J. Howard Ardrey, L. L. Rue, vice president, and Rolla Wells.

HOME COOKING COURSE.

Winthrop College Will Send Expert to Assist in Organizing Home Cooking Classes.

Rock Hill, Feb.—Winthrop College offers short courses in domestic science to towns and communities interested in home betterment, as a part of its extension service to the people of South Carolina. Any community can secure this traveling cooking school for two days, provided it will make the arrangements necessary to insure the success of the undertaking, and provided its application is received before all the time available for this purpose has been engaged.

The short course in cooking means that the women and girls of a community will have four cooking lessons and lecture and four conferences with an expert in the domestic science field. It will stimulate interest in the home subjects and disseminate knowledge concerning them.

In order to make the short course in domestic science a success, there is need of a local committee which shall pave the way for it. Whoever undertakes it in a given community, should seek the co-operation of the churches, press, clubs, ministers, teachers, housekeepers, girls, and boys of that community. All that is wanted is their interest, which means that they will enlist the interest of others.

An active committee is necessary—preferably a small committee, because it is a better working unit. This committee may be selected by the woman who first decides to try to bring the traveling cooking school to her community. This committee should see the city and county superintendents of education, the ministers, the teachers, the newspaper men.

In addition, the committee will purchase the supplies needed for the cooking lessons and see that they are in place. It will be the duty of this committee to secure a large, clean, well lighted room, a servant, chairs for audience, a platform (desirable but not a necessity), and equipment.

Home Economics.

Shorter courses in small towns or rural or mill communities.

Object: To reach women of the town and surrounding country and interest them in study of home development.

One or two day engagements, preferably the latter.

Mr. A. S. Perry Returns.

Mr. A. S. Perry arrived in the city Monday and in the future will have charge of the Idle Hour Theatre. Mr. Perry has a large number of friends here who are glad to see him return.

Elected Captain.

At a meeting of the Traynam Guards last week, Mr. Arthur Lee was elected captain to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Capt. W. R. Richey, Jr. Capt. Richey's present position with the government will necessitate his frequent absence from the city and for that reason he thought best to resign. The company under his command has been one of the most efficient in the National Guard of this state.

ENJOYABLE MEETING.

Christian Endeavors Enjoyed Interesting Program Led by Mr. J. N. Wright

The regular weekly meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church Sunday evening was an unusually interesting and profitable one. The meeting was led by Mr. J. N. Wright, who had prepared a set program for the evening. He was ably assisted by several other members of the society. The following program was rendered:

What chapter do you find helpful in Temptation? Mrs. Robt. Eichelberger.

What chapter have you found comforting in trials? Mrs. J. D. Watts.

What chapter has enabled you to overcome doubts? Miss Rebecca Clark

What chapter appeals to you in times of rejoicing? Miss Elizabeth Simpson.

Among Christ's words, which chapter is a favorite with you? Grady Wasson.

Special music. Solo by Mrs. Aiken.

What are your favorite chapters of the Bible and why? Miss Dean, Miss Sarah Dorroh, Miss Henry Wright, and others.

The Christian Endeavors meet every Sunday evening preceding the regular service and many enjoyable meetings are held.

MEETING OF TEACHERS.

Monthly Meeting of County Teachers Association to be Held March 13.

The following program has been announced for the monthly meeting of the County Teachers Association, which is to be held Saturday, March 13th:

How do Personal Appearance and Health Influence the Efficiency of a Teacher? Miss Blanche Pinson.

Is Experience in Years Always a Safe Guide in Judging the Efficiency of a Teacher? E. A. Fuller.

Define Progressive Scholarship and Tell How it Reflects Upon a Teacher's Efficiency. Miss Croighton.

The Advantages Offered by Some Summer Schools. Miss Irene Workman.

Burns Leases Another Store.

The enterprising firm of J. C. Burns & Company have taken a long lease on the store room of the Simmons property recently vacated by the Red Hot Racket and will open for business in it at an early date. This does not mean that their big establishment on West Laurens street "next to Bramlett's shop" will be discontinued. The new store will be an entirely separate business house run along the same general lines as the present store. Both stores will be continued and the usual large stock of goods will be carried in both places. J. C. Burns & Company will then be operating six stores—two in Laurens, one in Greenville, one in Spartanburg, one in Anderson and one in Greenwood.

Only One Sale.

Monday was March salesday and a large crowd was in town but only one tract of land was sold. Sheriff Owings sold 52 1-2 acres in Waterloo township to N. B. Dial, Esq., for \$250. The sale was in settlement of the case of J. W. Ferguson vs B. Y. Cooper and Carol Y. Culbertson.

W. R. RICHEY, JR., PROMOTED.

Will Have Charge of Practically All of South Carolina in His Department.

Mr. W. R. Richey, Jr., arrived in Laurens Sunday from Washington and for the present will make this city his headquarters. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Richey and little daughter, Sarah. For the past several months they have made their home in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Richey was connected with the Department of Commerce, collecting statistics on manufacturing.

Several days ago the department notified Mr. Richey that he had been selected to take charge of all of the work in this state with the exception of a few counties. He will have under him five men, whose headquarters will be in various towns of the state.

Mr. Richey as chief of this group will make Laurens his headquarters. Mr. Richey has been in the service less than a year and this early promotion is fine evidence of the high stand he has taken in the department. His thorough work and efficiency has already won for him an enviable reputation. The position as chief in this state was sought by many older members of the department and the fact that Mr. Richey was selected from a large number of trained men is still greater proof of his high stand in his work.

Among his assistants in this state there will be two Laurens men, Messrs John F. Bolt and James T. Crews, both of whom will begin their work this week.

Court Next Week.

The March term of the Court of General Sessions will convene Monday with Judge Ernest Moore, of Lancaster, presiding. There is a heavy docket and the session is expected to last throughout the week.

Ninth Consecutive Time.

At the recent meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association, held in Charleston, Dr. R. E. Hughes was signally honored by being re-elected for his ninth consecutive term as secretary of the association. On account of the doctor's popularity and the thoroughness with which he does the difficult work pertaining to the office, it is always taken for granted at the association meeting that "no one else need apply". His election is generally taken as a matter of routine. Speaking to a reporter for The News and Courier, in Charleston, Dr. Hughes stated that the last meeting was one of the most enjoyable and profitable that the association had yet held.

Returns to Greenville.

Mr. William Ornduff, who has been conducting a store here on the public square for several years, has closed out the business and shipped the remaining goods to his Greenville store. While Mr. Ornduff did not spend a large part of his time here, he came to know quite a few people who regret very much to see him discontinue his business here. His store, popularly known as the Red Hot Racket, was a favorite gathering place for bargain hunters and many of these are sorry he has gone.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People all over the County and to Those who have Left the Family Hearthstone and gone to other States.

Nannie, March 1.—The farmers are very busy preparing their lands for cultivation.

Miss Ada Taylor who has been visiting Mrs. Carl Bramlett has returned to her home in Clinton.

Misses Ida, Lora and Carrie Burns were the guests of Misses Blanche and Dena Nelson Friday afternoon.

Misses Eva Bolt and Plumer Craddock were in the city Saturday.

Mr. Horace Nelson of Gray Court was visiting homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maude Gambrell, of McCormick was visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gambrell the past week.

The Wodorow Wilson school is going to have a "Community Spelling Match", Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come.

Messrs. Luthy Bramlett and Hen Bolt were in Barksdale calling Sunday evening.

Poplar Spring, March 1.—Mrs. J. A. Walker visited at her daughter's, Mrs. Mary Burnette, the past week.

Misses Annie Lizzie and Mary Abrams, Addie Simpson and Julia Etta Walker visited Miss Grace Simmons Saturday night.

Mr. W. M. Dodson has been visiting in this community the past week.

Miss Ethel Donnan has been sick for the past week but we are glad to say she is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Simmons visited their uncle, Mr. J. E. Moore near Shoals Junction yesterday and attended preaching at Turkey Creek church and heard a fine sermon by Rev. E. L. Kugley.

All those reported sick last week are better now.

Mr. John McIninch and wife, of Ware Shoals visited Mr. McIninch's father yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pitts visited Mrs. Pitts' father, Mr. H. S. Wallace, Saturday night.

Mountville, March 1.—On next Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. C. M. Fuller, the public is cordially invited to attend an oyster supper, after which cream and cake will be served. These refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, the proceeds of which will be used in making some improvements in the Sunday school room. Everybody come.

The third attraction of our lyceum course was presented on last Monday evening, by the Bulch Buck quartette to a large and appreciative audience. The fourth and last number of this course will be given on March 8th, by Mr. Aldine Pound. This will be the last, but by no means the least.

We are sorry to report the serious illness of Eugene Mitchell, who had to give up his studies at the Presbyterian college a week ago. Today his condition is somewhat improved, and we hope for him a speedy recovery.

Rabun, Feb. 24.—We have been having some very pretty weather for the last few days.

Mrs. Rebecca Owens and Miss Edna visited Mrs. Claude Wasson of Friendship section Wednesday.

Mr. Bob Bolt and family spent Wednesday with Mrs. Florence League and family.

Mrs. Pleas Bolt is visiting her son in Anderson, who is very sick at this writing.

Mr. John Mahon of Greenville, is visiting relatives in this community.

Mrs. T. P. Babb and Mrs. Houston Babb were in Laurens shopping Friday.

Mrs. Bill Mahon spent the weekend with relatives in the Mt. Olive section.

Mrs. Will Bolt and children visited

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