

REPORT ON RURAL SCHOOLS.

MISS HITE REVIEWS PROGRESS MADE DURING YEAR.

School Improvement Association Trying to Unite People for Educational Betterment.

Columbia State.

Recently issued by the State department of education is a bulletin on the South Carolina School Improvement Association.

The reports from the local associations are made up for the most part of accounts of ways and means used in the raising of funds necessary for some desired addition to the school house or its equipment.

The president opens her report with the statement that "at present the South Carolina School Improvement Association represents the only band of folk in this state working voluntarily for the betterment of educational conditions."

The president further states that in every community where the influence of the school improvement association is felt, the organization stands for: 1. A minimum school term of seven months.

In addition to the field work already described, four definite things have been undertaken by the association during the past year, namely, an educational exhibit at the State fair, the observance of clean-up day in the schools.

But all this, so Miss Hite points out, deals entirely with the monetary and material side of the work.

"To sum up the great aim of all school improvement workers, we need but one word, and that is cooperation," writes she.

BLOW PROVES FATAL.

Abraham Graham Succumbs to Injuries at Lake City.

Florence, July 26.—Abraham Graham died at Lake City yesterday morning as the result of injuries inflicted by David Smith and Duffie Graham, according to the testimony as brought out at the coroner's inquest.

NOTE DISPLEASES GERMANS.

UNFAVORABLE COMMENT IN NEWSPAPERS OF BERLIN.

Question of Use of Submarines as Viewed by United States Stirs Ire of Teutons.

Berlin, July 26. (Oversea News Agency Dispatch to Sayville, N. Y.)—The latest American note to Germany concerning submarine warfare was received most unfavorably by the German newspapers.

The Vossische Zeitung in a lengthy editorial says: "The refusal to accept German's practical proposal to protect American passengers shows an absolute lack of readiness to understand the German standpoint."

"Victory over the enemy is the supreme law for every belligerent. Those who render more difficult this task than does international law support the enemy."

"Those who demanded that Germany should conduct the war according to rules laid down by some academic professor, expect Germany either to endanger her submarines or to give up this warfare which means the weakening of Germany in the interest of her enemy."

"We know today that the passengers (of the Lusitania) could have been saved, but that they were neglected. Germany regrets their death, but she has a clear conscience and has no reason to disapprove of the conduct of her submarine commanders."

"President Wilson considers the further torpedoing of British warships carrying American passengers a deliberately unfriendly act. While Germany always is glad to respect American friendship, she has conceded everything that can be conceded. One bit more would be considered humiliating."

The Tagliche Rundschau and the Krueze Zeitung similarly declare that the American note calls for decided opposition and that it requires Great Britain to show at least an equal respect for the spirit of international law as the president demands from Germany.

The Tagblatt says: "The note shows clearly that the American government cares more for the crippling of our submarine war than for the safeguarding of American lives. The note proves that pro-British influence has gained an upper hand in President Wilson's circle. We hope the common sense of the American people will prevent citizens from serving as protection for English munition ships."

The Tages Zeitung says: "Neutrals have rights, but so also has a great nation fighting for its life. Though maintaining submarine warfare, Germany always is willing to respect the justifiable wishes of Americans, but not at any price."

Count Ernest von Reventlow in The Tages Zeitung declares the contents and wording far exceed even the most unfavorable anticipation. He writes:

"The note uses language which will find no response with the overwhelming majority of the German nation, since it seems in the last analysis an appeal to fear, a threatening, domineering demand. It breathes almost hateful disregard of the German Government's standpoint."

NOTE PLEASES ITALY.

President Wilson's Statement Highly Commended by Press.

Rome, July 26 (via Paris)—President Wilson's note to Germany is highly commended by the Italian press. The Tribuna says:

"The situation has reached a decisive stage, and all further discussion seems impossible or at least useless. It only remains to be seen what attitude Germany will adopt in the face of this courteous but firm statement of the American position."

In the Frozen North.

Seward, Alaska, July 27.—The temperature rose to 99 degrees in the shade here yesterday and reached 103 at Kenal lake. There have been only four rainy days in two months.

MAKING SPRAYING LESS DIFFICULT.

Suggestions for Preparing Bordeaux Mixture That Will Remove Unpleasant Features.

Clemson College, July 27.—At this season of the year, every up-to-date farmer and gardener has occasion to use Bordeaux mixture every few days. The making and using of Bordeaux is a pleasure if gone about in the right way.

The first necessity is that of keeping stock solutions on hand. If a man has to take the trouble to dissolve blue stone and hunt up good stone lime and slake it every time he wants to spray a few plants, the garden and orchard are certain to go unsprayed.

When lime is slaked and kept covered with water, it remains good indefinitely for making Bordeaux. Slake the lime and make it up to a known volume per pound of quick lime used and store in glass or earthen vessels.

A great many people object to spraying because they dislike to get the spray mixture on their hands. This is disagreeable, but if you will remember that both Bordeaux and lime sulphur are alkaline mixtures and will wash your hands thoroughly in vinegar or some other weak acid, when you have finished spraying, no stains or burns will result.

TO DO MARKET WORK.

New Man on Clemson Extension Staff Will Take Up Selling Problems.

Clemson College, July 27.—The latest addition to the extension staff at Clemson College is that of an agent in marketing. This position is filled by Fred W. Hofman, under a co-operative arrangement between the extension division of Clemson College and the Office of Markets and Rural Organization of the United States department of agriculture.

The new market agent is a native of Nebraska. He received his degree of B. S. A. at the University of Nebraska in 1910 and received his degree of M. S. from the same university in 1912. From 1913 to 1915 he was assistant horticulturist at the University of Kentucky.

Representing Clemson College and the United States, Mr. Hofmann will investigate marketing conditions in this State and work out some of the pressing problems of selling that confront South Carolina farmers.

BECKER MADE ANGRY.

Curses Whitman as Responsible for Story That First Wife Died Under Suspicious Circumstances.

Oasining, July 29.—In the shadow of death Former Police Lieutenant Becker is in a rage over the newspaper story stating that the death of his first wife was attended by mysterious circumstances. He loudly cursed Attorney Whitman, whom he charged with responsibility for the story, and trying to blacken his name.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS ARRESTED.

Federal Juries Begin Probe of Eastland Disaster.

Chicago July 29.—Robert Reid and Charles Eckliff, government inspectors, were arrested on charges of responsibility for the disaster of the Eastland. Others named in the coroner's report will be taken into custody. Federal county juries will begin a probe at once.

WILL RAISE EMBARGO.

Russian-American Agreement in Making.

Washington, July 28.—Details of an arrangement under which the Russian embargo on exports to the United States will be lifted will be worked out with the Russian ambassador, George Bakhmeteff. A request that this course be taken was cabled to the state department today from Petrograd.

THREE CAUSES OF DISASTER.

OVERLOADING, UNDERBALLASTING OR GROUNDING POSSIBLE REASONS.

Official Death List Remains at 824—Harbor Master Says Eastland Should Not Have Carried Over 1,200 Persons, and at Time of Horrible Catastrophe It Was More Heavily Laden Than He Had Ever Seen It Before—Display of Moving Pictures Forbidden by Censors.

Chicago, July 27.—Overloading, underballasting and grounding on the river bottom were cited in today's testimony at the coroner's inquest as reasons why the steamer Eastland turned over Saturday and drowned hundreds of excursionists. Adam F. Weckler, harbor master, and Joseph B. Lynn, assistant harbor master, both present when the steamer capsized with 2,500 persons aboard, ascribed the accident to these causes and told the coroner that the boat was "cranky" and never should have carried more than 1,200 passengers.

While the coroner was hearing testimony Secretary Redfield watched divers recover three more bodies. He stated formally that government supervision had not been lax and that the Eastland had carried many more passengers than were aboard when the ship rolled over. He said that federal officers would do everything possible to fix the blame, let it rest where it might.

Harbor Master Weckler testified that he arrived at the Eastland wharf 20 minutes before the steamer was to start and saw that the boat was listing. He said he called to Capt. Pedersen to trim the vessel, shouting that he would not open the Clark street bridge until the boat was righted.

"I never saw the Eastland loaded so heavily as it was Saturday," said Weckler, "and I have seen her depart many times." A boat difficult to handle under all circumstances is known as a cranky boat and I have noticed the Eastland to be cranky constantly. I don't think the Eastland should have been allowed to carry more than 1,200 passengers.

"After his arrest, I heard Capt. Pedersen say he tried for seven minutes to trim the steamer, but could not get water into the ballast tanks fast enough. I don't believe Capt. Pedersen realized the danger until the final plunge came."

Lynn, the assistant harbor master, testified that he arrived just as the Eastland was due to start and saw the list.

"I believe," said Lynn, "that the ship was on the bottom, aft or mid-ship. If she lay on a bank sloping towards the middle of the river and was being jammed down against this bank, she would naturally tip towards the river's centre. If the captain tried for seven minutes to right the boat without attempting to get off those on board there was negligence."

Lynn added that he saw many of the crew leap on the wharf side while the ship was careening.

John H. O'Meara, captain of the tug Kenosha, which was hitched to the Eastland to tow the ship out of the river, testified that he did not take hold of the Eastland until several minutes after other witnesses said the ship had begun to list. Even then he waited for the order to go ahead, and the Captain of the Eastland was not working out the stern as was desirable to protect the screws.

Capt. O'Meara said he got the word to go ahead, but before the tow line was taut the Eastland listed dangerously and he stopped. He had towed the Eastland four times and she always listed, he said.

L. S. Wheeler, assistant division superintendent of the department of justice, submitted government inspection certificates, one permitting the Eastland's carrying capacity to be increased to 2,570 passengers, 500 over previous permits.

William J. Wood, a naval architect, submitted to the coroner's jury a statement condemning various measurements and arrangements of the ship. Coroner Peter Hoffman then took the jurors to the wrecked steambot, so that Wood could explain technicalities.

Secretary Redfield tonight issued a second statement asserting there was no truth in reports of friction between federal investigators and anybody else. He said he had arranged to cooperate fully with State's Attorney Hoyne in trying to place blame for the accident. The statement said that the law required the steamboat inspection service to make an investigation, but that such an inquiry should be made by inspectors other than those concerned in certifying the steamer. It was purposed therefore to call on the Milwaukee board to hold the inquiry in Chicago. The statement continues:

"In order that the seriousness of

ROCKEFELLER DEPENDENT IN SUIT.

Woman Brings Sensational Charges in Damage Case Against Oil King's Brother.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 27.—Charging that she had been defrauded of \$10,000 in a stock deal and that he had beaten and injured her and caused her arrest on a false charge when, she called on him to get her money back, Mrs. Bertha M. Leland, a widow, who lives in Montreal and who formerly was a Cleveland restaurant cashier, today filed suits aggregating \$100,000 against Frank Rockefeller, brother of the oil king.

Rockefeller tonight characterized the action as a "villainous proceeding" and declared he would fight to a finish.

ANARCHY IN HAITI.

Country is Without a Government and Panic Prevails.

Port-au-Prince, July 28.—A panic prevailed today as a result of the revolutionary outbreak. It is expected that American marines will be landed. Haiti is without a government, although Dr. Rosalvo Bobo is expected to proclaim himself president. Last night was one of terror. The city was in darkness and shooting occurred about the streets and many buildings were burned.

HAITIAN PRESIDENT LYNCHED.

Dragged From French Consulate By Mob.

Cape Haitian, July 28.—President Guillaume was dragged from the French consulate at Port-au-Prince and killed by a mob, according to a dispatch received here.

Marines to Be Landed.

Washington, July 28.—Admiral Caperton on the cruiser Washington left Cape Haitian for Port-au-Prince last night. He has full power to land marines.

NOW MAJOR McMASTER.

Army Promotion for Well-known South Carolinian.

Columbia, July 27.—Friends in Columbia of Capt. George H. McMaster will be interested in knowing of his promotion to the rank of major in the United States army. Major Guyer, of the 15th infantry, was detailed for duty with the quartermaster's corps and the vacancy was filled by the promotion of Capt. McMaster. Two battalions of his new regiment are stationed in China and one battalion in the Philippines. Major McMaster at present is stationed at Fort Ontario, New York.

GIVES STAFF DINNER.

Admiral McGowan Celebrates Anniversary.

Washington, July 27.—Paymaster General Samuel McGowan of the navy formally entertained the officers of his personal staff and their wives at a dinner party at the Shoreham hotel tonight, celebrating the completion of his first year as chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts.

Bethlehem Steel Gains.

New York, July 27.—Bethlehem steel had gained thirty-eight points just before one o'clock.

this particular accident may be given due weight, we shall arrange with the local board of inspectors to have Mr. Thurman of the department of justice and myself conduct the inquiry, with the assistance of the commanding officers of the steamboat inspection service. It seems right to us, however, that something more should be done than that, therefore I have asked Harry A. Wheeler, vice president of the Union Trust company, and Martin B. Pool of Butler Bros. to act as unofficial observers or partakers in the inquiry. It is my purpose to ask that the Western Electric company select some technical member of its staff as a third representative.

"It is hoped to begin the inquiry Thursday. The supervising inspector general of the steamboat inspection service, George Uhler, will arrive from San Francisco tomorrow. These hearings are informal in the sense that legal restrictions as to testimony are waived."

Moving picture censors today refused permits to four concerns which wanted to display pictures of the Eastland disaster on the ground that the companies wanted to "commercialize a calamity."

Efforts to check up the total dead made no progress today. The official list remained at 825. While State's Attorney Hoyne said he had evidence that some 2,700 were on the ship, government checkers said that they were positive no more than 2,500 went aboard.

FACES TREASON CHARGE.

Harry D. Wilson, Recently Clerk in Consulate, Accused of Aiding Briton to Escape.

Washington, July 28.—Harry L. Wilson, of Portland, Ore., recently a clerk in the American consulate at Berlin and now under arrest here, faces charges state department officials consider extremely serious.

Wilson ostensibly was detained for attempting to leave Germany without a passport. The real complaint against him, however, according to information forwarded to Washington, is that he aided a British soldier to obtain a passport, asserting that he knew the applicant to be an American citizen.

Unlike diplomatic representatives, consular agents are extended no immunities or exemption from prosecution for offenses committed in another country. If Wilson's offense should be proved as charged it would constitute treason.

B. Y. P. U. NOTES.

Grace Church Organization Outlines Work for Ensuing Year.

The committee of the B. Y. P. U. of Grace Church met yesterday and arranged groups as follows:

Group 1.—Jane Boon, leader; Joel Brunson, Ainslie Felder, J. F. Tisdale, Ruth Brown, Kenneth Newman, Carrie Sparks, Laura Weatherly, Mrs. R. H. Cleapor, Henry Thomas, Frank Thorn and Henry Benbow.

Group 2.—W. H. Felder, leader; Muriel Hatfield, Roland Newman, Virginia Thomas, Rosa Lee Earle, Horace Riles, Lillian Tisdale, Dell Smith, Rubeun Benbow, Bland Cato, Florence Dawkins.

Group 3.—Marian Raffield, leader; Charles Boon, G. L. Jackson, Marion Weatherly, Douglas Atkinson, Ruth Revill, Geo. Rhame, Louise Brunson, Vivian Lewis, P. E. Tisdale, Eleanor Ramsey.

Group 4.—Percy Rhame, leader; Iva Belle Hughson, Julius Nelson, Robert White, Cutting McKnight, Claude Smith, Raymond Horn, Charles Wells, Thelma Turner, Leona Walker, Janie Revill.

A few names were omitted as it was not known whether they desired to continue as active members of the union longer or not. It is hoped they do. Their names will gladly be added to the groups above, if they so desire. Group 1 will be on duty next Sunday at 7.30 o'clock.

CAN'T DENY REGISTRY.

United States to Admit Foreign Steamers

Washington, July 28.—Secretary Lansing and Acting Secretary Sweet of the department of commerce today agreed that American registry can not be denied to 11 foreign built steamers purchased for the American Trans-Atlantic company, a corporation headed by Richard G. Wagner of New York. The freighters, according to the commerce department's information, were purchased in British, Scandinavian and Mediterranean ports by a Danish agent named Jensen and Theodore Laehr, a Dutch merchant, with money supplied by a capitalist of Essen, Germany, named Stinness.

The bureau of navigation has warned Wagner that if his vessels seek to engage in European trade they probably will find their way to a prize court.

REPORT ON LEELANAW.

Crew, Were Well Treated By German Submarine.

Aberdeen, July 28.—The official story of the destruction of the Leelanaw was told to United States Consul Quann by Captain Delk today. The captain, he stated, sighted the submarine sixty-five miles off the Orkneys Sunday afternoon. The German boat was sinking an English vessel. The submarine started after a second English vessel but abandoned her to chase the Leelanaw which was sunk after the crew had been given time to get their personal effects in boats and escape. They were then taken aboard the submarine which took them nearly to the Orkneys. They were given food and shown every courtesy. The submarine crew spoke English and most of them formally lived in the United States.

Many Victims Still Missing.

Chicago, July 28.—The Eastland disaster figures today stood at 825 dead and 506 still missing.

JAP OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

Big Election Fraud Causes Great Scandal.

Tokio, July 29.—It is announced that five prominent officials, including Secretary Hayashida of the lower house, have been arrested for election frauds. Other arrests are expected. The scandal is the biggest ever known in Japan.

Minister Oura has resigned from the cabinet.