



RELIEF WORK MUST BE CONTINUED

ENROLLMENT SHOULD BE NATION-WIDE.

STARVATION AND SORROW DID NOT VANISH WHEN THE FIGHTING CEASED.

Now that the war is won, many Fairfield County citizens are asking why the Red Cross is planning to enroll the entire population of the county as members the week before Christmas.

The Chairman of the local Executive Committee of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call organization makes the following reply:

"Starvation, sickness and sorrow did not vanish in Europe when the fighting ceased. On the contrary, the new conditions have revealed greater opportunities for the American people, through the Red Cross, to extend relief. This work is just as imperative in peace as in war, though not so dramatic.

"Besides, Fairfield boys in France or in home camps, with millions of other American soldiers, and sailors, have a right to expect that Red Cross service will be continued for them in full measure until demobilization is completed. This means the Red Cross must carry on for many months, and the money raised through membership dues will help finance the service."

All that is asked of any adult in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call is that he or she shall have "a heart and a dollar." When you multiply these hearts and dollars by the millions of adults in the United States, it is evident that a substantial total will be raised if the response to the Roll Call is general.

Children will not be solicited, as they are already represented in the school auxiliaries, or will enroll through the auxiliaries at twenty-five cents a year, but they will be valuable aids in the Roll Call by reminding their parents of the opportunity to register approval of the greatest relief work in history.

THE ILLITERACY COMMITTEE.

The South Carolina Illiteracy Commission has taken up its headquarters at the University of S. C., which is very appropriate on account of the educational nature of this work and also that it may be in close touch with the Chairman, Professor Patterson Wardlaw. Other members of the Commission are J. E. Swearingen, Mrs. J. L. Coker, Miss Mabel Montgomery, George D. Brown, S. H. Edmunds, and C. E. Burts, with Miss Will Lou Gray as the efficient field worker.

The Illiteracy Commission is preparing to wage a campaign for the establishment of adult schools in every County of the State. In order that the work may be efficiently done it is necessary that the Legislature appropriate funds and that the teachers of the State be trained in this work. The Legislature will be asked to appropriate \$25,000.00 for the work of establishing and maintaining these adult schools. Such facts as the following prove the wisdom of this expenditure:

- 1. Massachusetts gave her citizens 7.4 years schooling.
- 2. United States gave her citizens 5.23 years schooling.
- 3. South Carolina gave her citizens 3.18 years schooling.

Of all the states South Carolina ranks:

- 1. Lowest in expenditure per capita for education.
- 2. 25 per cent of population illiterate—next to last.

In order that the teachers may be trained in this work a special Institute was held in Columbia December 13 and 14. The program consisted of round table discussion of adult school problems, demonstration work, and an inspirational address. There was present at the institute not only teachers appointed as County Leaders but many mills sent representatives in order that those teachers who have night work in their charge may be more efficiently equipped for their work.

SENATE MEMBERS BEGIN DISPUTE

TALK OF REVENUE BILL CONTINUES.

REPUBLICAN SMOOT DELIVERS ADDRESS CRITICIZING BILL AS NOW CONSTRUCTED.

Washington, Dec. 16.—After Senator Smoot, of Utah, Republican, had delivered a prepared address criticizing the war revenue bills the senate today began consideration of disputed sections of the measure. On the first roll call taken on the bill the senate voted 36 to 16 to retain the finance committee's amendment providing for refund of taxes to those who demonstrated to the treasury department that in previous years have suffered a net loss in their business.

Tomorrow it is planned to discuss the income tax section. General debate also may be reopened then, as Senator Penrose of the financial committee plans an address during the day. Discussion by members, however, is not expected to longer delay final disposition of the bill. Senator Simmons, chairman of the financial committee, said he expects passage of the measure by Christmas, and Senator Smoot in his address expressed the belief that the bill soon would be adopted.

Most of the session today was taken up with discussion of the "net loss" amendment. Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, Republican, led the attack on the government's tremendous revenue losses, if serious and general industrial depression should develop. He also said it should be possible to do business incompetently and mismanagement.

Senators Smoot, Jones of New Mexico and McCumber of North Dakota, with Senator Simmons defended the amendment, declaring that demand for such a provision had come from agriculture, as well as business interests. The amendment, they said, is designed to balance the tax and is similar to an English income tax provision.

The senate also adopted without objection the finance committee's amendment to the house provision authorizing the commissioner of internal revenue, in computing income taxes, to require inventories.

A congressional meeting is called for Lebanon congregation first Sunday—January 5th, for the purpose of finding whether or not the church is ready to call a pastor.

E. M. McNaull, Clerk.

FOUND—One stray mare blue mare mule with a leather halter on it at my place since Monday. Owner can get same by paying all expenses.

E. M. McNaull.

FELLOW TOWNS-PEOPLE—ATTENTION!

Miss Helen Kohn, Secretary of Columbia Red Cross Chapter has called over long distance to know how many soldier Winnsboro will entertain on Christmas day. Other towns are assisting Columbia in giving an invitation to either homeless or boys far from home who are in service yet. If you will take one, two or more of these boys from Christmas eve afternoon till Christmas afternoon, please phone Miss Alice Walker during the day Friday or not later than Saturday.

Miss Genie Gladney, Principal of Swansea High School, has returned home for the Christmas holidays. School there having been again suspended on account of influenza.

Mrs. W. C. Ruff of Columbia spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Alva Stevenson.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the books of subscription to the capital stock of the Farmers Bonded Warehouse will be open on Saturday, December 20th, at 4 p. m., at the office of the Bank of Shelton, Shelton, S. C.

- H. G. Colvin.
- J. R. Shelton.
- W. B. Wright, Jr.
- Incorporators.

SOLDIERS COME ON MANY SHIPS

TROOPS RETURNING FROM DUTY IN FRANCE.

WITH ARTILLERY BRIGADE AS TRAINED AT CAMP JACKSON.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Announcement was made by the war department late today of the sailing from France of four additional transports, the General Georgia, the Saxonia, the Cedric and the Mongolia. E. R. Stettinius, special representative of Secretary Baker in France is returning aboard the Cedric. The Saxonia carries casuals and 693 wounded and sick. The General Gorgas has only 14 officers, seven enlisted men and one civilian. The Saxonia and Cedric sailed from England December 14, and the General Gorgas and the Mongolia from France December 12.

Aboard the Mongolia are the Seventy-third and Seventy-fourth Coast Artillery and One Hundred and Thirty-Eighth Field Artillery, with the headquarters of the Fourteenth Coast Artillery Brigade. The vessel also carried 735 sick and wounded men.

Aboard the Cedric is the Three Hundred and Thirty-second Aero Squadron and ten casual companies, and a large number of sick and wounded, unassigned officers and other general casuals.

A message from General Pershing added about 3,000 additional men to those designated by him for early return to the United States. The units are the Four Hundredth, Four Hundred and Sixty-fifth, Four Hundred and Sixty-seventh, Four Hundred and Ninety-ninth, Eight Hundred and Thirty-fifth and Eight Hundred and Fourth Aero Squadrons; the first Gas Regiment at full strength; the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School detachment and a replacement battery.

The war department also announced today the sailing from France of the transports Manchuria, the Persia, Mow, Carilo and Balf with returning American troops.

The organization aboard the Manchuria are the One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Seventeenth Field Artillery, headquarters Fifty-sixth Field Artillery, Brigade One Hundred and Sixth Ammunition Train, headquarters training cadres from the Thirty-first Division and 956 sick and wounded.

The Persia Maru sailed December 12 with the Twelfth Division, advance school detachment of 65 officers and 99 enlisted men and civilians and with 18 officers and casuals.

The Carillo sailing on the same date carried 24 officer casuals.

The Baltic, sailing from Liverpool December 14 for New York, carried seven casual companies of about 160 men each and three officers and a number of medical casuals and sick and wounded.

The artillery regiments of the Thirty-first Division, making up the Fifty-sixth Field Artillery Brigade were trained at Camp Jackson before going overseas. The brigade was in command of Brig. Gen. John L. Gayden, while at Camp Jackson.

DEATH OF JOE SALEM.

On Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock Joe Salem died of pneumonia following influenza. He had been sick for more than a week, and gradually grew weaker with complications.

Joe Salem was a brother in law of John and William Ameen and associated with them in business. He was a native of Syria and came to this country a few years ago. He has impressed everyone with his loyalty, honesty and integrity. Many have remarked upon his studious habits in learning to read and speak English.

His wife is still in Syria, he having hoped and planned to bring her to America as soon as the war was over. He has not heard from her for many months on account of the terrible condition existing in Armenia and Syria. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his bereaved ones.

WARNING NOTICE.

All trespassing of stock, hunting or fishing on lands controlled by me will be punished to the extent of the law.

A. G. Douglas.

TRADITIONS FALL BEFORE PRESIDENT

WILSON CALLS AT MINISTRY OF WAR IN PARIS.

FOLLOWS HIS WELL-KNOWN SYSTEM OF GOING TO SEE THOSE HE DESIRES TO CONSULT.

Paris, Dec. 18.—President Wilson began breaking traditions today when, in addition to paying a formal visit to the town hall for the appointed ceremonies there, he made a call at the ministry of war for a talk with Premier Clemenceau, who also is minister of war. He decided also to accept the dinner invitation of foreign ambassadors, his first acceptance being to the invitation extended by the Earl of Derby, the British ambassador to France.

The visit of the head of a foreign nation to the ministry and his acceptance of the hospitality of a foreign ambassador are not strictly in accordance with custom, but President Wilson fit that the opportunities thus afforded of getting on to personal contact justified him in disregarding the traditions.

The visit which Premier Clemenceau paid President Wilson yesterday was not only the occasion of an agreeable personal meeting but it resulted in a fairly full understanding as to the plans for the president's visit throughout the next fortnight. The meeting was described as extremely cordial, both the president and the French Premier later rejoicing their highly favorable impressions of each other. As the call lasted a full hour it permitted a conference over the plans of the meeting of the inter-allied conference and the peace congress and of at least the preliminary discussion of some of the great international problems about to be taken up.

Concerning the plans, it now appears that the president's visit to Italy should be postponed until the middle or the latter part of January as his time meanwhile will be fully occupied in meeting the political leaders coming from various points, in attending the opening sessions of the inter-allied conference and the peace congress, in visits to the American front and the French and Belgian devastated regions, and probably a visit to Brussels and King Albert of Belgium.

MITFORD.

Mr. W. Isenhower motored to Winnsboro one day last week on business.

Mr. R. H. Ford and mally spent last Sunday at Mrs. G. G. Jackson's.

Mr. Wall and Mr. Fowler and family visited Miss Bessie Fowler at Corn-

Mr. Joe Nichols, Jr., is home on account of having a finger cut off while working for the Southern Power Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson spent last Sunday at Mrs. G. G. Jackson's. The Rev. Mr. Kilgore was a visitor in Mitford last Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Moore took dinner at Mr. W. S. Keistler's last Sunday.

Mr. Warren McElduff and Mr. B. F. Page spent Sunday with the Jackson boys.

Mr. W. S. Keistler and family spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Gladden Dye's.

Miss Julia Nichols spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Ligon's.

Mr. Will Isenhower and children spent last Sunday in Chester.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. G. W. Higgins is very sick.

Mr. James Smith is visiting relatives in Mitford.

Mr. Wade Stroud of Basconsville called on Mr. C. L. Ligon Monday afternoon.

Mr. Will Nichols of Nitrolee spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. J. S. Glass and daughter spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. G. W. Higgins's.

Master John and little Misses Farnyard, Elizabeth Thomasson spent a few hours at their aunt's, Mrs. J. S. Glass's.

Mr. Edd Jackson spent the weekend at home with his mother, Mrs. G. G. Jackson.

Mr. Joe Jackson has gone to Camden to work.

THIRTIETH LOOSES MANY BRAVE MEN

TOTAL CASUALTIES OVER SEVEN THOUSAND.

NEARLY FOUR THOUSAND, HOWEVER, SUFFERED ONLY SLIGHT WOUNDS.

Washington, Dec. 16.—General Pershing cabled the war department today that practically complete reports of deaths in action among the expeditionary forces should reach the department by December 20, and of severely wounded by December 27.

Total casualties to November 23 in the Thirtieth Division (North Carolina South Carolina and Tennessee National Guard) were given at 7,623. The casualties were classified as follows: Killed in action, 1,168; died of wounds, 238; died of disease, 15; died of other causes, 5; severely wounded, 805; slightly wounded, 3,973; missing or captured, 193.

General Pershing reported that the number of duplicated casualties discovered in the central records office since November 27, would not operate to reduce the total for the entire expeditionary forces, given in his summary of that date, an additional casualties reported more than offset the duplicates.

The report today from the American commander was in reply to specific questions cabled by the war department. In asking regarding the casualties in the Thirtieth Division, the department said there had been "much apprehension" here about the losses of this unit, which helped the British army break the famous Hindenburg line.

MONTICELLO.

The many friends of Sergt. Robert R. Shedd, Company C, 17th Engineer Regiment, will be glad to hear that he has reached the home land. He sailed from France Nov. 7th, landed at Newport News, Nov. 27. After a few days he went to Fort McPhearson, Atlanta. Sergt. Shedd received three wounds Oct. 14, while he is not seriously wounded, yet he is in a rolling chair and must remain for some time in the hospital. He has recently been visited by his brother, J. E. Shedd, Mr. and Mrs. Maybin and Professor Harper and wife. He is hopeful and happy.

Robert Shedd landed in France Oct. 31, 1917. His first work was building barracks, but in a few months was in active service. In one of his letters he says: "First front was Lorraine and Baccarat Sectors, 110 days without relief. Then we were called to Champagne front here we joined the French army and together we were successful in breaking up the German advance on July 14-16, they were driving for the city of Chalons. Then we were called to Chateau eight days of the hardest fighting ever known to the American Army. Next we went to St. Michael then to Argonne Forest on the Verdun Sector. There I was wounded by three machine gun bullets while aiding my platoon in a drive on the enemy. Had nothing to eat for more than two days—slept in a wagon the night after I was wounded. The next day I was carried to a hospital and operated on successfully. I have steadily improved and hope to be well and strong again."

The postmaster general said he believed that an effective plan could be worked out by which the waste of competition may be eliminated and the advantage of private initiative in research, investigation and experimentation not be lost. Calling attention to the fact that under the existing law the telephone and telegraph properties will automatically revert to the private owners upon proclamation by the president of many of the independent companies could not take back the properties without serious loss to the investors and great detriment to the service. Many of these companies, the letter says, were operating at a loss, owing to waste incident to competition and diversity of State regulation, and as proper depreciation funds have not been set aside, the properties were drifting into a condition where proper public service could not be rendered.

IN FLANDER'S FIELDS

By Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. (Died while on duty in Flanders.) In Flanders fields the poppies grow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are dead. Short days ago,

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved; and now we lie In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!

To you with falling hands we throw The torch. Be yours to hold it high;

If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies blow

In Flanders Fields.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE OVER WIRES

NO MONEY IS NEEDED FROM THE TREASURY.

SAVINGS MADE UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS SHOULD PAY COST IN 25 YEARS.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Ownership by the government of the telegraph and telephone systems of the nation was characterized as "imperative" by Postmaster General Burleson today in a letter to Representative Moon, chairman of the house committee on post-offices and post roads. Mr. Burleson said the systems can be acquired "without the appropriation of a dollar from the public treasury" by applying to a mortization fund for 25 years the savings made under government ownership through elimination of duplications in plants and operating expenses.

In support of the government ownership resolution introduced in the house last week by Representative Moon, the postmaster general quoted from the recent letter of Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and from the annual reports of a number of the postmasters general since the Civil War, all of whom agreed, he said, that government control or ownership would greatly contribute to the efficiency of service.

"The economic importance of the proposition to acquire the properties by the government is very great," Mr. Burleson wrote. "Private capital is invested in public service enterprises with the expectation of 7 to 8 per cent, and often a greater return on the investment. This, of course, the public is expected to pay while the government can borrow money at 4-1-4 per cent. The public, however, pays the difference in either event. The difference between 4-1-2 per cent. and 8 per cent. for the money invested in the wire systems of the United States would maintain and pay for the property in 18 years and nine months. The government, as an owner, would no more expect to charge for interest in the investment than it would for money invested in postal facilities, navy yards or other public property.

As justification for the permanent taking over of the wire systems, Mr. Burleson said:

"To establish and maintain means of communication is much the function of the government as is the provision for national defense. . . . Moreover, it is essential to the development of the country and to the progress and prosperity of its people. It is a defense of the national interests as much in peace as in war. . . . Extension of the wire service should be determined by public needs, not the opportunity for private gain.

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NOTICE.

Subscribers to the United War Work Campaign will please make payment as they come due.

J. M. Lyles, Treas.

FOR SALE—2 acre lot and out buildings near Rion, S. C., on public highway, apply to Mrs. Ella Walling, Elberton, Ga.

FOR SALE—One Dodge touring car at a bargain. Looks good and runs well. The first check for \$650 gets the car. M. Hoke, Rockton, S. C.