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GIVEN BIG SEND-OFF

More Citizens Treated Draft Men in Fine Style Last Saturday.

A large crowd of unusually happy and good folks gathered at the Seaboard station last Saturday to say good-bye to the large number of selective draft men. There were also quite a good number of white friends of these men at the station.

The men all formed in line at the front house and marched to the station where they were placed in charge of William Randolph Williams. They were with banners flying and with knowledge of all as to their welfare and for their safe return.

Farewell Service at Church.

Last Friday night there was a religious reception and farewell service at the Mt. Moriah Baptist church for the colored young men who were drafted and left on Saturday for Camp Jackson. The pastor, together with two committees from the Uplift church arranged for this reception which was enjoyed by all. The following program was carried out:

The audience rose and sang "America" after which the Rev. E. W. Stratford in prayer. The Jackson Graded School then sang a chorus, "Mother and Nathaniel Boykin recited "The Soldier." Short addresses were made by Mayor C. H. Yates, Prof. C. Lowery, Rev. J. H. Graves, Rev. W. Stratford, Editor C. W. Birch, Rev. J. H. Tooley, Hon. L. T. Clark, Dr. John W. Corbett and Sen. A. J. Beattie. These addresses were interspersed with solos by Dr. J. Pickett and Mrs. Theodosia Frier, both of whose songs were patriotic and well rendered.

The Jackson Graded School then sang a chorus "U. S. A. Forever" in the time of Dixie. Each soldier boy was given a copy of this song, which was rolled and tied with red, white and blue ribbon, as a souvenir. "God be with You 'Till We Meet Again" was sung and Rev. T. J. Williams pronounced the benediction.

The soldier boys together with the participants were asked to take their prepared refreshments, consisting of ice cream and lemonade.

All of the addresses were very good, inspiring and patriotic and could not be failed to impress upon the minds of the young men the importance of duty to their country and as they carry with them our benediction.

We desire to return thanks to all who in any way helped to make this occasion what it really was—a grand success.

J. W. Boykin, Pastor.

STATES HIS POSITION

Baruch, Formerly of Camden, Loyal to Adopted Country.

Selecting from "Who's Who" and the Social Register" the names of persons of German birth or descent, The Chronicle Magazine sent them a letter asking for an affirmation of their loyalty to America. In its issue published last week the Chronicle will print a large number of the replies, a majority of which satisfied the editors of the magazine that the writers were good Americans. Some of the replies were disloyal and were turned over to the Department of Justice. Some others related that their ideas were none of the Chronicle's business.

Dr. Simon Baruch formerly of Camden, but now physician of New York City, sent the following reply:

If I did not stand ready to consecrate part and soul and all that I possess to the defense of my adopted country, I would despise myself as a scoundrel and perjurer and regard myself as an ingrate to the Government that has so sixty years enhanced and protected my life, honor, and happiness. Otto H. Kahn, Banker, New York City—I do not hesitate to state it as my solemn conviction that unmistakably and wholeheartedly Americans of German origin should throw themselves into the struggle which this country has entered in order to rescue Germany, no less than America and the rest of the world, from those sinister forces that are, in President Wilson's language, the enemy of all mankind.

Hot Supper.

The ladies of the Luzzoff Presbyterian Church will give a hot supper at the Luzzoff School House on Friday night, Oct. 19th. The public is cordially invited.

TILLMAN MAKES STATEMENT

Will Be Candidate For Re-Election if People Want Him.

A special to the News & Courier from Trenton, S. C., dated October 6, says:

Knowing that the people of the State were anxious to learn the probable attitude of Senator Tillman in the next senatorial race, since the papers have been discussing the matter, this correspondent sought an interview with him this morning. The Senator was averse to saying anything on the subject, because of his statement two years ago that he would retire at the end of his present term. When it was brought to his attention that this country had become involved in the most gigantic war of all history since that time, and that his services were more needed now than ever, he said:

"I have received many letters from old friends, and from many who have never supported me before, urging me to be a candidate to succeed myself, notwithstanding my declaration two years ago that I would retire. When I make up my mind, it is not often that I change it. I do not wish to be a candidate, my family wish me to retire from public life. But on account of the fact that we are at war, and that the President needs the undivided support of his party, I have recently said that the only condition on which I would be a candidate was for the people to 'conscript' me. In other words, I must be convinced that they really want me to run, or I shall retire as previously announced."

"The Senator is receiving many letters urging him to be a candidate again, to all of which he has answered as above. It is a matter that is up to the people as to whether the Senator shall again represent them, as he has done for so long and so acceptably to the large majority of the voters of the State. Their wishes can be made known either by letter or petition, and what is done should be done quickly. The opposition is very busy, and it is high time the friends of the present Democratic administration make known their wishes."

Baptist Church Calls a Pastor.

At the close of the evening services at the Camden Baptist Church last Sunday a church conference was held and it was unanimously decided to extend to Rev. M. M. Benson a call to the pastorate of the Camden church. Rev. Benson preached at both services last Sunday and will again fill the pulpit at the evening services next Sunday at 8:00 o'clock, at which time his decision as to his acceptance will be made known.

In the meantime the regular yearly conference of the members of the church will be held Sunday morning, October 14th, at 11:15 at which it is hoped a full attendance of the members will be present. The treasurer's report for the year will be read and officers of the Church elected for the ensuing year. All members are earnestly requested to attend both of these services.

Liberty Loan Agents.

E. W. Robertson, of Columbia, head of the Liberty Loan Campaign in South Carolina has appointed the following Liberty Loan agents for Camden and nearby towns:

Camden—C. H. Yates.
Bethune—J. E. Caskey
Bishopville—W. K. Scarborough.
Kershaw—T. B. Clyburn.
Jefferson—C. T. Blakeney.
Lancaster—Geo. W. Williams.
Winnsboro—J. W. Jennings.
Heath Springs—H. A. Horton.
Sumter—I. C. Strauss.

British Casualties.

London Oct. 9.—British casualties reported during the week ending today totalled 17,505. The losses were divided as follows:

Officers killed or died of wounds, 311; men, 2,965.
Officers wounded (or missing), 862; men, 13,367.

British Vessels Lost.

London, Oct. 10.—British merchant vessels over 1,000 tons sunk by mine or submarine in the last week numbered 14, according to the official statement of the British admiralty tonight. Two vessels under 1,000 tons and three fishing vessels also were sunk.

The summary:
Arrivals, 2,519; sailings, 2,632.
British merchant vessels over 1,000 tons sunk by mine or submarine, including one previous, 14; under 1,000 tons, including one previous, two.
Fishing vessels sunk, three.
British vessels unsuccessfully attacked, including three previously, five.

GREECE TO ENTER SOON

Equipment of Troops With Aid of Allies Nearly Completed.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Greece is nearly ready to put a large and effective army in the field to co-operate with the Allies, according to dispatches from the Athens foreign office to the Greek legation here. Lack of equipment is being remedied rapidly with the Allies' aid.

Minister Roussos today gave a summary of the situation in his country as described in the legation's dispatch.

"The situation in Greece is becoming more satisfactory every day. The people are thoroughly confident of the efficiency of their government, and they are willing to allow the present ministry to continue in the work of re-organization of the resources of the country so that Greece may throw her full strength into the war."

"There is now no pro-German party in Greece. In fact such a party never existed save in the possession of King Constantine aided by certain members of his court. But he knew the real feeling of the Greek people, who were attracted by tradition and sympathy with the western principles of Europe, and never dared to openly expound his German connections. He did his best, on the contrary to conceal them."

"The Greek people had a real affection for their King and had confidence in his words. Finally certain acts of the King's entourage created a suspicion in the minds of the people and they backed M. Venizelos in his Saloniki campaign which brought Greece frankly and loyally into the war. Today the real state of affairs as regards the court has been exposed."

"The abdication of King Constantine without bloodshed or an uprising of the people indicates the absence of any organized pro-German feeling. The reasoning people of Greece had long realized that Constantine's policy was carrying the country to ruin and relief was felt when he abdicated. Perfect order now reigns throughout the country, and the malcontents have been disposed of."

"The French troops were received with great enthusiasm when they landed at Piraeus. M. Venizelos is cheered whenever he appears. All events have proved that his policy was the only one Greece could adopt."

"King Alexander is in perfect accord with his people and with the government and his good faith is unquestioned. Greece will now use every effort to aid the common cause."

THE LEE COUNTY FAIR

Desires Sister Counties Place Exhibits At Bishopville.

Bishopville, Oct. 10.—The Lee County Fair Association have opened all the departments of the fair to be held at Bishopville Nov. 28-29-30 and Dec. 1, to all the adjoining counties, and desires to have all her sister counties exhibit. The premium list can be obtained by sending your name and address on a postal card to Mr. W. R. Scarborough, Secretary, Bishopville, S. C. The County Fair is one of few county fairs that has opened its departments to other counties. The horse and mule, swine and poultry departments are open to the world.

The grounds have been enlarged, additional buildings erected, and all preparations made to accommodate any and all exhibits.

The horse show promises to be the largest ever held in the State. Many entries have been received from the best show horse owners in the country. The show ring is the largest in the State.

A feature of the fair will be the trotting and running races every day.

Death at Mill Village.

Mr. Houston Davis, aged twenty years, died Tuesday evening at the Wateree Mill village after an illness of seven weeks with typhoid fever. He is survived by a young wife. Mr. Davis was the son of Mr. W. B. Davis of the mill village and is also survived by several brothers.

In A Baltimore Hospital.

Friends in this city of J. M. Carson of Kershaw will regret to learn that he is in a hospital in Baltimore for treatment, having been taken there last Friday night.—Rock Hill Record.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends for their many kindnesses shown us in their recent illness and death of our baby. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Langley Oct. 11, 1917.

ALLIES HITTING HARD

French and British Attack Germans Simultaneously.

The big fight is on again in Flanders and the Germans are being hammered hard. Field Marshal Haig is battering away on the sector east and northeast of Ypres while French troops have joined with the British left wing to the south of Dixmude in an endeavor to bring that section of the line even with the sharp wedge that has been driven into the German front by Haig's men east of Broodseinde.

Launching their attacks simultaneously Tuesday morning, both armies had made considerable gains before nightfall in addition to inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans and taking many prisoners. Prior to the announcement of the commencement of the attack, there had been no indication that the Frenchmen were ready for an advance. With apparent ease the French crossed the flooded Broenbeek and Jansbeek Rivers and captured the villages of St. Jean de Mangelare and Veldhoek, together with numerous blockhouses, and took prisoner several hundred Germans. The advance of the French was over a front of more than a mile and a half and they penetrated the German line to a depth of one and a quarter miles.

Haig's principal offensive centered on the portions of the Passchendaele-Gheuvelt Ridge still held by the Germans, being directed eastward from Poelcapelle, which was captured, and northeastward from Broodseinde towards Passchendaele, the ultimate object still being the Ostend-Lille Road. Taken as a whole, the joint operation makes more apparent the crowning desire of the allies in this region—the forcing back of the Germans to points where their evacuation of Ostend and Zeelbrugge, naval and submarine bases on the North Sea, will become necessary.

At several points Haig's advance was sharply contested by the Germans, particularly north of Broodseinde and near the Polderhoek chaetau. Nowhere were the Germans able to stay the advance except near the Polderhoek chaetau, where the terrific fire of the German machine guns momentarily forced the British to give ground. Later the attacking troops realigned themselves and the successful push went on again.

Along the Aisne and Champagne front and on the left bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector intensive artillery duels are still in progress between the French and the Germans. In Champagne the French have carried out a successful raid near the Butte of Tahure and taken prisoners.

There still is considerable infantry and artillery activity between the Russians and Germans in the Riga sector of the Russian front. Reciprocal bombardments are in progress between the Italians and Austrians on the Austro-Italian front and between the entente forces and the Teutonic allies in Macedonia.

Another Austro-German peace offer which is to be based on the principles of no territorial aggrandizement, the surrender of Belgium and French territory, the renunciation of territorial acquisitions for money payment and no indemnity by either side, is soon to be put forth, according to a prominent Berlin newspaper.

Plays To Large House.

Six hundred and six paid admissions was what the box office receipts showed at the Camden Opera House Monday night when Bud Fisher's funny play "Mutt and Jeff Divorced" was the attraction. The show taken as a whole was great deal better than their past performances and brought automobile parties from nearly every nearby town. The reserved seats were all sold late in the afternoon and in the galleries standing room was at a premium.

On Wednesday night, "Stop, Look, Listen" another fun making aggregation composed of about thirty people—mostly girls—was the attraction at the opera house. The musical numbers were fine and the specialty acts were greatly enjoyed. This attraction, too, brought out one of the largest houses seen in Camden in years. It was a real good show and the large audience was appreciative.

Mr. Moore Seriously Ill.

The many friends of Mr. J. H. Moore, the popular contractor, will regret to know that he is in a Columbia hospital in a serious condition. He was taken suddenly ill on Sunday and was carried to Columbia Tuesday when a serious operation was performed.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

A Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Oct. 10.—Mr. E. H. Watkins has accepted a position with the S. A. L. railroad at McBee. His family moved to McBee Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Baseom Best, and Mrs. J. A. Stone motored to Hartsville last Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Bradley of China, who are at home on a furlough, spent last Thursday in town with Dr. Bradley's sister Mrs. Agnes Bradley.

Rev. J. M. Forbis spent Friday in Camden.

Dr. Bristol and family, who have been boarding at the King hotel for some time have rented rooms at Miss Tyson Bradley's and will do light housekeeping.

Mrs. J. H. Nichols of Hodges spent Friday in town.

Mrs. W. E. Davis went to Bishopville Thursday on a shopping expedition.

Mrs. L. A. McDowell and little son returned to Camden Sunday after spending a few days in town with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. McLaurin, accompanied by Mr. J. L. Davis and Miss Ruby Davis, motored to Columbia Sunday.

Four or five negroes left Saturday for Camp Jackson amidst a shower of tears from their female relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hough of Kershaw were in town Sunday.

Mr. M. O. Ward went to Hamlet Saturday night to attend a meeting of the Order of Railroad Trainmen.

Mr. Flynn Kelly, who for some time has been stationed at Ft. Screven, Ga., passed through Bethune Saturday night en route to a camp in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. A. B. McLaurin returned Tuesday from a short visit to relatives in Hartsville.

Mr. N. A. Bethune and Rev. J. M. Forbis left Monday for Columbia to attend a meeting of the Presbytery held at the Shandon church.

Mr. John McDonald, Jr., and wife of Hartsville were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. F. W. Veto and her two little boys, after a weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Robertson, left Wednesday for their future home at Canton, N. C. Mrs. Veto was accompanied home by her sister Miss Annie Jennie Robertson.

Misses Sue Anderson and Lucile Williams and Messrs. Robert Bethune and Loring Davis motored to Camden Monday night to see Mutt and Jeff.

Miss Belle Bradley and her three brothers left Tuesday night for Cedar Springs where they will attend school.

Mrs. Benton Brown and children of Hamlet are visiting relatives here.

Mr. Loring Davis left Tuesday for Hartsville where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper for McDonald Bros.

Mr. D. T. Yarbrough, Miss Florrie Bethune and Miss Lillian McDaniel spent Saturday in Camden.

Prof. J. Gary Allen spent the week end in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Davidson and children accompanied by two of the Camden hospital nurses visited at the home of Mr. W. M. Stevens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Robertson, Miss Marceline Estridge and Mr. Jack McLaurin attended the Buffalo township Sunday School convention at Timrod Baptist Church on last Saturday.

Death of a Child.

Corbett Russell Langley the nineteen-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Langley, died on Friday at midday. The little fellow was buried at Malvern Hill burying ground, after funeral rites said by the Rev. W. B. Jordan, former rector of Grace Church.

In World's Championship Series.

Camden baseball fans were interested in the announcement Thursday that Rube Benton, the famous pitcher for the New York National baseball team had won his game against the Chicago White Sox by a score of 2 to 0. The game was played before 33,616 spectators and the total receipts were \$73,061. Chicago took the first two games and Chicago must win two more and New York three games to cop the world's championship. The interest in Benton's victory arises from the fact that he first began his baseball career in Camden. He was a member of a fast mill team at this place, but later was a member of the Camden team, and went from here to the South Atlantic and his rise in the baseball world was steady.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Miss Maggie Reese, teacher in the school at St. George, spent the past week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reese.

Miss Ottilie McCaskill left last week for Auburn, Darlington county, to enter upon her duties as teacher in the school at that place.

The Sand Hill School will open Monday, October 15, with Miss Mabel Wannamaker, of St. Matthews, as teacher.

Jack Horton left the past week for Louisville, Ky., where he will take a course in Kingswood College.

Mrs. E. H. Wrenn of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting here at the home of her brother-in-law and sister Prof. and Mrs. H. W. Scott.

Daniel W. Horton has accepted a position in the Carolina National Bank at Darlington and was entered upon his duties there.

Lewis Gaskins left last week for Charleston to enter as a student at the South Carolina Medical College.

In an election held Tuesday October 2, in the 3C's School District to determine whether or not an additional tax of 2 mills should be levied for school purposes the vote stood 10 to 11 in favor of the tax.

James Hunter and Miss Pearl Knight were married Sunday, October 7, at the home of Rev. J. M. Neal, the officiating minister.

Soulee Cook, Lee Truesdale, Walter S. Cauthen, D. Jack Gardner and W. C. Perry, of Camp Jackson spent several days here the past week with relatives and friends.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kershaw Cotton Mills held last week the board of directors of last year was re-elected. Leroy Springs was re-elected president and John T. Stevens vice-president. J. M. Carson was elected secretary and John H. Poag of Lancaster, treasurer. Mr. Poag arrived Monday and has charge of the mill office vice G. F. Latimer, who resigned to accept the position of assistant general manager of the Lancaster Mercantile Co.

On last Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock as J. D., the 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hilton stepped from behind a stalled auto into the road, near his home, he was struck by a Ford car being driven by Miss Ruth Adams and received a severe cut on the head. The wound extends from his nose to the back of the little fellow's head. He is getting along fine.

A son of W. E. Elliott was kicked by a mule at his father's home near Bethune, last Sunday and received painful injury.

John Roberts fell from a wagon Saturday and broke his leg near the ankle.

LOSING STRENGTH

Allies Reaching Full Strength While Germany Goes Down.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Germany's military strength now shows a clear decrease for the first time since the war began, according to a review based upon data of the French general staff made public here tonight by the French high commission.

Worn down and driven back by the never ending pounding of the allies on the Western front, the statement says, the Germans have made their supreme military effort after drawing heavily upon their inactive armies in the East and calling out their 1918 and part of the 1919 reserves.

Thus while the allies have reached and prepared to maintain their full strength while awaiting the coming of America's great army, the enemy's resources are diminishing at the very moment when the military situation demands that they increase.

"This shows," concludes the statement, "the decisive character attending the operations of 1918 when three great democracies, England, France and America, will unite their entire strength in attacking the enemy, in conformity with the only sound principle of war."

Dr. Stevenson Gets Commission.

Dr. R. E. Stevenson, of this city, has received his commission as a Lieutenant in the Dental Corps of the United States army. Along with numbers of young dentists of South Carolina he made application at the outbreak of hostilities and stood the examination. He is on the reserve list and will not be called into service until the next draft.