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TWO NEGROES DROWNED
Went in Loaded Wagon and Were Swept Down Stream.

The Monroe Enquirer carries the following story:
George Strain, colored, and his son lost their lives several days ago in Wild Creek near Tradesville, S. C. The two men lived alone in Lancaster County, S. C., the wife and mother having died some time ago. They were tenant farmers and decided to move from Lancaster county to a farm in Chesterfield county. They loaded their few household goods on a one-horse wagon, tied their two cows and two dogs behind the wagon and started to their new home. When they reached Wild Cat Creek, the swift current of which they did not know, they drove in. The cows broke the slender ropes with which they were tied and escaped. Men, mule, dogs and wagon were swept down by the ice cold waters of the stream and the younger man was drowned. The old man reached the bank and crawled out on the land, but was so numbed by the cold that he died a few feet from the water. The dogs were drowned, but the mule escaped and a week after the men were drowned was found in Mr. George McManus' pasture with shafts and front wheels of the wagon hitched to it. The mule was nearly dead from exposure and lack of food. The men had been dead a week before they were found and it was mere chance that a man out hunting found the body of the older man and after the body was found inquiry revealed the facts above stated. The neighbors of the two men supposed that they had

reached their new home in safety and the owner of the farm to which they were making their way supposed that the weather was too bad for them to move. The cows went to a farm house and were impounded, the man who impounded them having no idea that their owners were drowned and indeed not knowing whose they were.

Former British Ambassador Dead.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Sir Cecil Spring Rice, former British ambassador to the United States, died this morning at 1 o'clock of heart failure at Government House. Lady Spring Rice and his son and daughter, Anthony and Betty, aged eleven and eight respectively, were with him.
The diplomat passed away while virtually in his sleep. Sir Cecil had complained of not feeling well and Dr. Thomas Gibson was summoned shortly after midnight, but the patient expired from heart failure not long after he arrived. The diplomat had been ailing for some time and his last public appearance while ambassador was made when he delivered an address before the Canadian Club here on the diplomatic side of the war.
Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon and buried in Ottawa.

J. D. Rogers, engineer of the New York-Jacksonville Flyer, was fatally injured and a fireman on the freight badly hurt in a wreck on Wednesday night, about 30 miles from Savannah. The accident was caused by the switch being left open when the freight went out into the siding to take on water and the passenger train crashed into it with the fatal result stated.

GREAT ATTACK EXPECTED

Germans Have Resumed Drive On Russian Territory.

Beyond the entente allies' lines in France and Belgium the military leaders, with their armies ready, are expecting the Germans to launch their much-talked-of offensive, but there still is no outward sign of its near approach. Artillery duels and raiding operations and intensive aerial activity continue to feature the fighting all along the front.

Three successful raids against the Germans have been carried out by the British in Flanders and near Lens and Arras in northern France. In Flanders the raid, which was carried out south of the Houtholst wood, resulted in the British penetrating German positions on a wide front, the infliction of numerous casualties and the taking of prisoners.

Sixteen German airplanes were accounted for Sunday in aerial fighting by British army airmen, and in addition German towns and military positions behind the battle front were heavily bombed. British naval airmen also paid a visit to the German naval and aerial bases at Zeebrugge, which were effectively bombed, and drove down three German machines that attempted to give battle.

The tense political situation in Great Britain, arising from the secrecy surrounding the recent supreme war council at Versailles and the retirement of General Robertson as chief of the British imperial staff, has been bridged.

Premier Lloyd George announced to the house of commons that it had been decided to set up a central authority to co-ordinate the strategy of the allies, and that the plan submitted by the Americans, "which was the case for the present proposal," was one of the ablest documents ever submitted to a military conference. The plan was adopted with minor changes.

The Russian bolshevik government has capitulated and announced its readiness, although protestingly, to sign a peace compact under the hard terms imposed by Germany.

Notwithstanding this fact, Teutonic troops are advancing eastward into Russia over a front of 400 miles, from Riga in the north to Lutsk, a scant 50 miles from the east Galician border on the south. Apparently thus far the operation has met with no opposition. The northern reaches of the Dvina river have been crossed by the enemy, the important railroad town of Dvinsk, whence roads run north-eastward, to Petrograd and eastward to Smolensk, has been captured, and Lutsk, one of the famous fortresses of the Volhynian triangle and forming the gateway leading eastward to Kiev, has been entered without the Russians attempting to stay the foe.

The official announcement of the capitulation was signed by Nikolani Lenine and Leon Trotsky on behalf of the peoples' commissaries of Russia. It protests against Germany attacking a country which has declared the war at an end and which is demobilizing its armies on all fronts, but under the circumstances, it says, the government regards itself forced formally to declare its willingness "to sign a peace upon the conditions which had been dictated by the delegates of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk."

The only indication that the enemy will meet with hindrance comes in an announcement by Ensign Krylenko, the bolshevik commander-in-chief. In his order he instructs the Russians when they encounter German troops to endeavor to persuade them to refrain from hostilities. "If the Germans refuse," he adds, "then you must offer them every possible resistance."

As yet there is no indication from German sources concerning the full intentions of the invaders, but it has been assumed that in the north the capture of the provinces of Livonia and Esthonia is contemplated, and in the south, in little Russia, aid is to be lent the Ukrainians in stemming the tide of the bolshevik movement against them.

Apparently all is still chaos in Russia, with civil war in progress at various points and the food situation daily growing worse. So serious has become the latter factor that Trotsky has been appointed food controller and given unlimited powers. Already he has ordered the arrest of speculators in foodstuffs.

"The Clever Mrs. Carfax."

Julian Eltinge, the famous impersonator of feminine roles, was about ten years ago working behind the counter of a Boston store. Today he stands at the very pinnacle of success and has recently added to his list of successes two photoplays, the first, "The Countess Charming," the second "The Clever Mrs. Carfax," both of which are Paramount pictures.

Receiving a fabulous salary and literally tons of mail from screen admirers every day, Mr. Eltinge has retained his natural manner and good fellowship and is as popular among his fellow actors as with the public. His second picture, "The Clever Mrs. Carfax," is to be at the Majestic Theatre next Tuesday.

Kirk LeGrande, a car repairer for the Columbia and Newberry railroad in Columbia is in jail charged with killing Joseph A. Rowland, a foreman in the railway shops. LeGrande, shot Rowland six times, several shots missing the mark. Jealousy on account of the position Rowland held is the probable motive for the crime.

James B. Davis, for fifteen years superintendent of education in Greenville County, died at Greenville Saturday following amputation of his leg.

Red Cross To Enter New Field Of Service In Army Camps Of America

At the suggestion of Secretary of War Baker, the American Red Cross is about to enter a new field of service in the army camps of the United States, a field in which they are already working in France, the Bureau of Communication between the men in the hospital and their families at home. This will necessitate building a Red Cross house in every army camp in the country and securing for each house a man who will keep in personal touch with every man who is admitted to the camp hospital, as well as a sufficient stenographic force to handle the letters dictated by these men and to keep their families constantly informed as to their condition and progress.

Col. William Lawson Peel, General manager of the Southern division, has just received letters from W. R. Castle, Jr., director of the Bureau of Communications, and from Harry B. Wallace, assistant director-general of military relief, explaining Secretary Baker's plan and asking for suggestions as to men in this division who are qualified for the positions of responsibility at the camps. Colonel Peel announced Thursday at a meeting of his bureau directors that the Southern division would co-operate in every way with the national organization and that work would be begun at once to assist in carrying out Secretary Baker's plans.

The directors of the work in the Red Cross houses will be under the authority of the Red Cross Field Directors in the various camps, who in turn are under the supervision of Z. Bennett Phelps, director of military relief for the Southern division.

Secretary Baker says in his letter: "Since the American Red Cross has already established in France, in accordance with an army order, a service to keep families in America in personal touch with their boys, ill or wounded in the field, it is suggested that this service be extended to the camps in the United States. American Red Cross representatives at the camps, here, as in France, would have access to daily lists of admissions and evacuations from the hospitals, and, so far as it is in accord with necessary medical rules, would be allowed to talk with sick men. They would be expected to keep families constantly informed as to the condition and progress of the men in the hospitals, to write letters for men unable to write themselves, and in general to fulfill that clause of the Red Cross charter which designated the society as 'a medium of communication between troops in the field and their families at home.'"

Red Cross Worker Honored By Nurses Association

Miss Jane Van De Vrede Nominated Director For 1919-1920.

Miss Jane Van De Vrede, of Savannah, director of the Bureau of Nursing, Southern Division, American Red Cross, has recently received word from Mrs. Charles D. Lockwood, chairman of the nominating committee of the American Nurses Association, of her nomination as director of the association for the term of 1919-1920.

This is one of the highest honors that can be given a member of the nursing profession and comes as a recognition of Miss Van De Vrede's splendid service. The nomination will be confirmed at the association convention the first week in May.

Appropriations For Relief Work In France Announced By Red Cross War Council

The Relief work of the American Red Cross in France is already well under way, and appropriations for this work to the amount of \$30,519,269.60 have been made by the Red Cross War Council to cover the period from the time when the United States entered the war up to April 30, 1918.

Of this amount, \$14,019,859.56 is for military relief, under which head comes everything pertaining to hospitals and hospital supplies, canteen service, and arrangements for the recreation and comfort of the American soldiers when off duty.

For civilian relief, including aid to refugees, care and prevention of tuberculosis, care of children, re-education of mutilated and blind soldiers and general relief work in six districts of the devastated area, a total of \$9,556,422.15 has been appropriated.

The bureau of supplies and other administrative bureaus will receive \$2,359,541.75. Under this head come all transportation facilities, the department of engineering, the expenses of 27 warehouses and insurance on goods stored therein, as well as all office expenses in France.

Under the head of miscellaneous activities, for which \$2,533,346.20 has been appropriated, come such things as relief of the families of sick and wounded French soldiers, all emergencies, the American ambulance fund, food for the French people, the Red Cross health center and other similar work.

In addition to this amount, an appropriation of \$7,063,049.12 has been made for the purchase in the United States of supplies for shipment to France.

Of this appropriation, only a very small percentage goes for salaries as more than 2-4 of the Red Cross workers in France are volunteers, a great many of whom even pay their own expenses. It has been estimated by the War Council that for every dollar donated to the war fund, \$1.02 is spent in direct relief, the .02 being interest.

Vernon Castle Killed Flying.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 15.—Capt. Vernon Castle, of the British royal flying corps, who braved death for more than a year over the German lines with but only a minor wound, met death on a peaceful flying field today in an effort to avert a collision with another aviator. The cadet aviator with whom he was flying, R. Peters, was only slightly injured.

Captain Castle, world famous as a dancer, was killed when he prevented what would have been certain death for him, the cadet with him and an aviator in another plane who was landing nearby at what is known as a "blind angle." The aviator could not see Castle's machine which was on the ground and could not hear it because of the noise of his own engine.

Captain Castle saw the collision coming and "zoomed up" seventy-five feet, but went at such an angle that his engine died, unable to push the plane farther. So close was the escape from a serious collision that Castle's plane struck the other plane's tail, smashing it.

Castle's plane turned on its side, then plunged nose-downward to earth. He sought to right it but there was not time enough. Had he been 20 feet higher he could have landed safely.

Captain Castle was one of the best liked men on the aviation fields. He streamed down the cheeks of officers and men as they worked releasing his badly mangled body from the wrecked plane.

Private Thomas Hawthorne, of Dayton, Ohio, was killed and several other men were wounded when a bolt of lightning Thursday afternoon struck amidst a number of artillerymen at Montgomery, Ala. Several horses were also killed.

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