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Washington, Feb. 9.—Cloudy with somewhat colder weather the first half of the week, scattered local rains and reasonable temperature the last half, is the forecast for the South Atlantic States next week.

**Paxville News Items.**

Taxville, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Mudge Curtis and Miss Vivian Curtis returned last week from a visit to Mr. Alva B. Curtis at Anniston, Ala.

Mrs. Elma Tisdale and son, William, left on Monday for their home at Rock Hill, after an extended stay at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Geddings. She will stop over in Sumter for a short visit to Mrs. Leslie Brunson and Mrs. J. C. Pate.

Mr. J. L. Pritchard, of Elloree, was here Sunday and Monday visiting friends.

Soldier Waldo Reynolds has returned to Camp Jackson after a visit to his home folks. He has been convalescing from a serious spell of sickness.

Miss Roberts, a teacher in the Pinewood High School, spent the past week-end here as a guest of Misses Edmunds and Perritt.

Mrs. Maggie Garvin, of Sharon, who is here on a visit to her niece, Mrs. Joe Mims, Jr., is spending a few days in Sumter at the home of Mr. J. W. Mims.

Mrs. Hattie Durant, after a stay with her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Keels, left Thursday to spend awhile with her son in Sumter. Mr. Eugene Duwent.

The Paxville Methodist missionary society was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 6th, at the home of Mrs. T. W. Gunter. The president, Miss Jessie Curtis, presided over the meeting. Miss Leatha Edmunds very beautifully presented the Bible lesson, "The Challenge at a Time of Great Prosperity and Possibility." It was the study of the story of Solomon's receiving and availing himself of God's wonderful challenge. "Ask what I shall give thee," with its implied assurance that his desire would be granted. Like Solomon, we are commanded to ask. God has no favorite, and he is still eager to bestow upon his needy servants the fullness of his gifts.

Mrs. W. R. Keels, our faithful treasurer is doing the best work in the history of the society. The work is going steadily on notwithstanding the claims of war. New responsibilities will not hinder the fulfillment of former claims and obligations, and the women of Paxville Methodist missionary society can and will do this and not leave the other undone. The agent of "The Missionary Voice," Mrs. F. S. Geddings, has secured a yearly subscription for almost every member of the society. The members will work this coming month on squares for a patch work quilt which will be sold and proceeds donated to pledge money.

Miss Eule Perritt read the following leaflet, China: "Beginnings in China," "Types of Work," "Story of McTyeire," and a character sketch "Story of Helen Richardson."

Mrs. J. W. Mims, Jr., named and located the schools of China, and the missionaries there.

The monthly bulletin was presented in the form of a quiz which proved real interesting. I hesitate to mention our mortification when this query was presented by our leader. "Can anybody present give the name of the first missionary sent out by American Methodism in 1819? What country did he go to?" Mrs. Hattie Durant thinks she answered correctly. We are waiting for a positive correct statement of it. Upon the adjournment, a social half hour was enjoyed, during which the hostess served apples and nuts.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Curtis, the first Wednesday in March. Any visitor is always welcome at the meetings, irrespective of denomination.

Mrs. T. W. Gunter,  
Publicity Supt.

**No Right to Kick.**

Waiter—The customers are complaining that the coffee tastes like mud.

Chef—That's all right. Tell them it was ground this morning.—Tit-Etta.

**AMERICAN IN CHARGE.**

**FRENCH GENERAL RELINQUISHES COMMAND.**

In Turning Over Sector "Borrowed" Officer Says it Will Be Well Defended.

With the American Army in France, Saturday, Feb. 9 (By the Associated Press).—An American general now commands the sector of the front recently taken over by our troops. When the Americans first entered the sector it was under the command of a French general commanding a certain large unit of the French army.

In turning over the sector to the American general on Feb. 5 the French commander issued a general order in which he expressed complete satisfaction with our troops and was confident that the sector was in good hands and if attacked would defend it with great valor. The order turning the sector over to the Americans, a copy of which was communicated to our forces, reads:

"On February 5, the commanding general of — American unit takes command of — sector. The commanding general of — French units takes occasion to express to the American general, the colonels of artillery and all of the American units which have been under his orders complete satisfaction with the way in which American troops have acquitted themselves of the mission entrusted to them. Their good will and their ardent desire to excel and the rapidity with which they have adapted themselves to life of the sector have brought them the admiration of all. General — hands over the sector with confidence that it is in good hands and that the American troops will organize it with method and the tenacity characterizing American genius and in case of attack will defend it with great valor."

**TIME IS EXTENDED.**

**Roper Telegraphs Heyward of Extension of Time to Return Income to April 1.**

Columbia, Feb. 10.—D. C. Heyward, collector of internal revenue, yesterday received a telegram from Commissioner Roper stating that the time for filing all income and excess profits tax returns, including information at the source, had been extended to April 1. The collector understands this to mean that all income tax returns, both of individuals and corporations, are extended to that date.

This will be welcome news to many taxpayers in South Carolina, for the reason that the time was getting very short to make income tax returns, the law requiring that these returns should be made by March 1. On account of war conditions, it has been absolutely impossible for the department in Washington to get out the returns promptly, as has been done heretofore, and this, of course, is the reason why the extension has been granted.

Collector Heyward's office is still short of income tax return blanks, and these blanks are being received very slowly. He expects a large supply within a few days, and then blanks will be sent to all corporations and all individuals whose names are recorded at the collector's office.

The deputy collectors in the field will continue from now to April 1 to visit the various counties in the State and all individuals who were due taxes to the government should make it a point to see these deputy collectors, whose visits will be advertised in advance. As has been stated before, these deputy collectors will assist the public in taking income tax returns from individuals only. Corporations will make their returns direct to the office in Columbia.

From time of time the collector will give out information from the office in Columbia, and all decisions on subjects of importance, as they are announced from Washington, will be made known through the press of this State.

**REMARKABLE STATEMENT PUBLISHED.**

**London Has Report of Recognition of Ukraine Republic.**

London, Feb. 11.—The remarkable statement that France and Great Britain have recognized the Ukraine republic and sent diplomatic representatives there, was contained in the official statement sent out by the Russian wireless news agency and issued here through a press bureau.

**America Not Consulted.**

Washington, Feb. 11.—The government here has no knowledge of the report that France and Great Britain have recognized the Ukraine republic and sent diplomatic representatives there. As the United States as a co-belligerent has not been consulted, officials are inclined to doubt the report.

**NEW FLOUR ORDER.**

**Pound for Pound Order Modified for Farmers and Others Who Have Corn.**

Columbia, Feb. 10.—The national food administration has given authority for a modification of the pound-for-pound law in order to give relief to the farmer in South Carolina who has his own corn ground locally. Much dissatisfaction has been caused among farmers, who felt that it was unreasonable to ask them to buy Northern or Western meal when they had their own home ground meal which they could use. There was no protest concerning reduction of the consumption of flour, but simply that the farmer did not wish to buy meal from his store when he had better meal or grits at home.

Under the new rule the farmer can have his corn ground by a miller, who will give him a certificate. This certificate must be filed with the grocer by the farmer, whereupon he can buy an equal amount of flour—not in excess of half a barrel.

This plan was recommended by practically the unanimous vote of the county food administrators at their meeting in Columbia on the 4th instant, and has been advocated by a large number of prominent people having knowledge of conditions in South Carolina.

The national administration was by wire immediately consulted about it, and on Saturday gave its consent to the plan. For the information of county food administrators and food representatives over the State, millers and farmers, the following is a description of the procedure necessary for farmers to obtain flour upon a miller's certificate.

The farmer takes his corn to the mill and has it ground. He signs a certificate which the millers will have, stating number in his family or tenants for which he buys, the amount of flour he has on hand, and agreeing to use in his household equal weights of flour and substitutes. Thereupon the miller signs a certificate as to the number of pounds of meal ground. This certificate is then filed with the grocer, and whereupon the farmer can buy an equal weight of flour, but in no case in excess of one-half barrel.

This relieves the only difficulty that has been encountered in South Carolina.

There has been no objection whatsoever to the reduction in consumption of flour, and the farmer has been patriotically ready to reduce his consumption of flour, but he very naturally did not desire to buy more of what he already had an abundance in his home.

Blanks are being mailed to the county food administrators for distribution to millers. They were mailed yesterday afternoon. Millers should apply to the county food administrator of his county for the blanks.

**SPANISH STEAMER TORPEDOED.**

**Germany Making War on One More Neutral.**

(By Associated Press.)

Madrid, Feb. 9.—It was officially announced today that the Spanish steamship Sebastian, forty-five hundred tons, was torpedoed while en route to New York. The crew was saved.

The Italian steamship Duca di Genova, seventy-eight hundred tons, was torpedoed. It is reported that the vessel was sunk only half mile off Murviedro Beach. If the sinking is confirmed a protest will be forwarded to Berlin. The Spanish press consider the case extremely serious.

**ABDUL HAMID DEAD.**

**Former Sultan of Turkey Goes to Last Account.**

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—The death yesterday of Abdul Hamid, former Sultan of Turkey, from inflammation of the lungs, was announced in a dispatch from Constantinople, via Vienna. A state funeral will be held.

**Pisgah News Notes.**

Pisgah, Feb. 11.—The warm spring days have put new life in the people. Farm work is progressing as well as could be expected. The wheat is beginning to turn green to our pleasure. A number will plant oats of the early variety with the hope that they will live. There is no doubt but what as great an effort will be put forth to raise everything possible to live on, as was last year. A good many have hogs to kill yet.

Mr. D. J. Hatfield, who went to Texas to see his sick son who is in the aviation company says he had a terrible time to get there owing to ice floods. Said they charged him \$17 for one night at hotel. How is that for prices?

A number of people have cotton seed for sale but don't care to take the present prices.

Harold Hatfield, son of Rev. S. B. Hatfield, of Cassett, spent the week-end here with relatives.

**LIQUOR LAW AMENDED.**

**Judges of Probate Further Restricted.**

Columbia, Feb. 10.—By an act of the general assembly, passed in the house of representatives yesterday and ordered enrolled for ratification, the law relating to the issue of permits under the quart-a-month act was somewhat tightened to further check abuses. As amended the law requires that permits shall be issued only in the office of the judge of probate and by him personally. No additional fee in excess of 10 cents shall be charged and it is made incumbent upon the judge of probate to ascertain the truth of statements contained in the affidavits. Otherwise permits are not to be issued. Violation is punishable under the charge of malfeasance in office. The bill was passed by a vote of 56 to 29. Provisions of the law are that any person desiring to import alcoholic liquors under this act shall apply to the judge of probate of the county and file with him an affidavit that he has not received any like permit during the same calendar month and containing one of the following statements:

(a) The amount and kind of alcoholic liquors desired, not exceeding one quart; that the consignee is not a minor nor a student of any institution of learning, and if a woman, that she is the head of a family; the office of the common carrier from which delivery is desired, and that same is the nearest office of said common carrier to the residence of the applicant, and that same is desired for medicinal purposes; or

(b) Applicant is a minister, pastor, priest, rabbi or regularly constituted officer of a regularly organized religious congregation or church, and the name and location of the church or congregation for which the same is desired, and that the same is purchased in good faith, to be used for sacramental or religious purposes, and no other, the amount and kind of alcoholic liquors, not exceeding one gallon of wine; or

(c) That the applicant is the head of a family of the Hebrew faith, is not a minor, the amount and kind of alcoholic liquors desired, not exceeding one gallon of wine, and that the same is desired for religious purposes for use during Passover. This application shall only be filed during the month of March of any year.

Upon the receipt of such affidavit and the payment of a fee of 10 cents the said probate judge shall issue a

permit under his hand and official seal to receive the alcoholic liquors specified, which permit shall contain the name of the consignee, the amount and kind of alcoholic liquors and the office of the common carrier from which delivery is to be made.

The said probate judge shall keep a record of all permits in a permanently bound book, in which the names of the applicants are entered alphabetically, and said permits shall be numbered consecutively and the number, the name of the consignee, the amount of alcoholic liquors, and the office of the delivering carrier and date of said permit shall be entered on said record. The said probate judge shall, out of the fees received, procure the permits and records, herein required, to be kept, and shall keep the remainder as his compensation for the issuance of the said permit: Provided, That in no case shall the probate judge issue such permit unless he is satisfied of the truth of each statement contained in the affidavit herein required, nor shall such permit be issued by other than the probate judge personally, and within the precincts of his office. Any violation of the provisions of this act by the probate judge shall subject him to prosecution and penalties as for malfeasance or misfeasance in office: Provided, further, that the charge for issuing such permit and taking the affidavit required to obtain the same shall not exceed 10 cents, and no charge in addition to this amount shall be made by the judge of probate or any clerk or assistant for taking the affidavit required for such permit, nor shall any officer be designated by the judge of probate to take such affidavit.

**CABLEGRAM FROM FRANCIS.**

**Proves Allied Diplomats Are Still in Petrograd.**

Washington, Feb. 8.—Late today the State department received a routine telegram from Ambassador Francis in Petrograd dated February 4. This was regarded as discounting further the unconfirmed report that the diplomatic representatives of all Allies had been expelled from the capital by the Bolsheviks.

New York, Feb. 11.—While the fourth heatless Monday in New York is being enforced as strictly as its predecessors, the fuel administration granted exemption to the entire cloak and children garments trade to continue work

**CRIME IN CHICAGO.**

**Five Hundred Rifles Issued to Patrolmen in Chicago Searching for Lawless Men.**

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Five hundred rifles were distributed to Chicago patrolmen today and a score of automobile squads were organized to hunt down gangs of gunmen and armed robbers who have been terrorizing the city for the past weeks. Confessing that present police methods were powerless to halt the ways of crime which has resulted in many murders, scores of payroll robberies and hundreds of holdups, civil societies and city officials have united in a plea to Gov. Lowden to suspend the paroling of known criminals from penal institutions. It is claimed that these prisoners when released return to Chicago and have been the motive force behind the present unparalleled reign of lawlessness.

**Fighting on the Aisne.**

Paris, Feb. 11.—Active artillery fighting on the Aisne and Verdun fronts is reported in today's official communication.

**DO YOU HAVE DIZZY SPELLS?**

**It's Important to Learn the Cause, as Many Sumter People Have.**

Dizziness is never a disease of itself—it's only a symptom of some deeper-seated trouble. Much dizziness is caused by disordered kidneys failing to filter all the poisons from the blood. These poisons attack the nerves and dizziness results. If you are subject to dizziness, there is good reason to suspect your kidneys, and if you suffer backache, headache, and bladder disorder, you have further proof. Many Sumter people have learned the value of Doan's Kidney Pills in just such cases. Read this Sumter woman's statement:

Mrs. Annie C. Carnes, 407 Bartlette St., says: "My kidneys were disordered and my back ached. I had headaches and dizzy spells, too. I used Doan's Kidney Pills as directed and they cured the trouble."

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