

## FIRE ON MAIN STREET YESTERDAY

### Merchants and Planters National Bank Building Seriously Damaged by Fire.

After a hard fight the burning Merchants and Planters National Bank building was saved, yesterday, except that the roof was practically ruined and the entire building was saturated with water. The fire, which was of unknown origin was discovered between the roof and the top story and it was with great difficulty that the water could be gotten at it. The offices of Dr. O. L. P. Jackson, P. K. Switzer and S. G. Sar-ratt were injured, the furniture and fixtures being damaged by water, as was the case with that of Macbeth Young, attorney. All of them except Dr. Jackson carried some insurance.

Glymph's pharmacy and Merchants and Planters National bank were deluged with water, and stock and fixtures were badly damaged. After about two hours of heroic fighting the fire was brought under control. Both Glymph's Pharmacy and the M. & P. Bank were covered by insurance, as was the building. Both the drug store and the bank will open at once for business at the old stand.

## UNION ENTERTAINS SOLDIERS

One of the most delightfully informal affairs which has been given in this city in many days, was the breakfast of this morning to the soldiers from Camp Wadsworth who are our guests for Thanksgiving. The young gentlemen arrived on the early train and were immediately taken to the Saminary where hot coffee and sandwiches were served them, by interesting maids and matrons. After breakfast they had a merry time dancing, singing, and making friends all around; they have captured Union and one handsome young fellow asked us to say that a certain pair of eyes had captured him and he was going to ask Uncle Sam to move his camp to this town.

## Let Them Smoke.

- Previously reported -----\$43.55
  - Mrs. A. P. McElroy, ----- .25
  - Mrs. D. A. Boyd, ----- .25
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  - Mrs. A. R. Morris, ----- .25
  - Mrs. F. D. McGuinn, ----- .25
  - J. Frost Walker, 3rd, ----- .25
  - Wesley Martin Walker ----- .25
- Look at our smoke fund, \$45.30 Less than \$5.00 to collect to make our part.

Are you going to let it go down in history that Union county failed to do her part by the brave boys who are fighting for us in France Surely not! We do not believe this will happen, but only one more day in which to contribute to the fund. Christmas will be cheerless for the boys if they knew we had fallen down on this proposition.

## Dye Supplies on Decrease

London, Nov. 15.—The manufacturing of dyes in Great Britain and supplying the British trade which heretofore had been dependent almost entirely on Germany has proved very successful according to the report of a company subsidized by the government for that purpose.

The production of dyes continue to be limited by the shortage of certain materials but the supply has been increased during the year and the variety of dyes extended. Co-operation among dye manufacturers is urged to increase the output of dyes and the need of further capital is emphasized by the fact that the recently published accounts of five of the German dye manufacturing firms show assets amounting to 35,000,000, including cash resources of ten millions.

## Capt. R. G. Hamilton

Dr. R. G. Hamilton who enlisted in the ambulance corps, ranking as Lieutenant has been promoted to the rank of Captain. He is now located at Tobahama, Penn. Dr. Hamilton's promotion is a deserved one; he comes from fighting stock, his father, P. P. Hamilton is a confederate veteran and his great grandfather, Joseph Hamilton was a Revolutionary hero. His great grandfather James Jeter on his maternal side of the house was also a Revolutionary veteran.

## MOTHER AND CHILD HURT BY BAD FALL

Mrs. Aubrey Gilmore, of Santuc, while descending the stairs leading from the rest room here to the street today stumbled and fell with her seven months old child in her arms. At first it was thought that the child would be seriously injured, probably killed by the fall, while the mother was thought to be but lightly injured. After being driven home in an automobile it developed that the mother was more injured than was the child, the severe shock causing her to be really ill. It is now thought that beyond being badly bruised and shocked, both will be all right.

## QUIET WEDDING WEDNESDAY

Miss O. B. Brannon and Mr. R. E. Foster were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. John F. Matheson, and left immediately for Georgetown, S. C., where they will spend their honeymoon.

These young people have a host of friends in Union who unite in wishing them long life and great happiness.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. A. B. Brannon and is a young woman of many charming qualities of mind and heart; the groom is a young man of excellent character and is industrious and hard working. He has been in the automobile repair and blacksmith business associated with his father, Mr. R. S. Foster, under the firm name of Foster & Son.

After the honeymoon sojourn they will be at home to their friends at Union, S. C.

## Thanksgiving Dinner.

Our good friend, J. S. Westmoreland, the champion truck farmer, remembered us and brought things for our Thanksgiving dinner, lettuce, nice crisp heads, strawberries, celery and tomatoes. Fine business and we have already enjoyed the goodies and are now enjoying the thought of such a friend.

Mr. Westmoreland has frost proof cabbage and lettuce plants for sale at a reasonable figure. Phone him at 375 and find out about them.

## At The Hotel Union

Wednesday, November 28, 1917

R. W. Poole; P. M. Daniel; Ed Passmam; J. B. Frazier; F. M. Carroll; Robt. Palmer; R. A. Sulzer; E. A. Strolley; W. H. Franks; Raymond Kennedy; Richard M. Carver; H. B. Walter; Carl F. Mowrey; Udo Kreppler; Ernest Harold Holden; John P. Deery; W. A. Underwood; H. G. Wright; J. W. Walling; W. E. Bates; D. H. Mitchell; G. H. Steagler; E. H. Webb; Scheumacker's Orchestra; C. M. Watkins; A. D. Driver; Geo. E. Batner; Mr. and Mrs. Burt Kessell; At Hotel Union Thursday Nov. 29., 1917.

## American Physician

### Addresses Royal Society Of Medicine

London, Nov. 17.—"The doctor has made this world struggle probably one of the least deadly ever fought in proportion to the numbers engaged," said Dr. Woods Hutchison, an American in an address at the Royal Society of Medicine.

"The doctors control over wound infections is so masterly," he added, "that if the wounded who survive six hours, 90 per cent recover, of those who reach the field hospitals 95 per cent recover and of those who arrive at the base hospital 95 per cent get well."

"The twin angels anaesthetics and antiseptics have not only enormously diminished pain and agony but have made amputations rarer and grave crippling fewer than ever before in war history. Barely 5 per cent of the wounded are crippled or permanently disabled.

"From the statistics made public there is good reason to believe that the death rate of this year, in spite of colossal increase in instrumentse and engines of scientific slaughter, does not much exceed 5 per cent."

Captain T. A. Hollingsworth of Camp Jackson spent Thanksgiving day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hollingsworth on S. Church street.

## FRENCH REPORT GERMANS REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Nov. 29.—The official statement today says "in Champagne north of Carnillet the enemy last night, after a violent bombardment, undertook an attack on a great stretch, but was repulsed with heavy losses." The French raided the German lines in Aronne, west of Aire, and took ten prisoners.

## Gorgas Reports Investigation Camp Wheeler

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Nov. 29.—Surgeon General Gorgas, reporting today on the investigation of measles and pneumonia at Camp Wheeler, Maton, declared that the number of cases of measles was decreasing. But expressing the fear "that we may be in the beginning here of an epidemic of septic pneumonia." It appears from the report in the statement of the war department that one thousand additional tents had been shipped to Camp Wheeler. The number of men here in each tent reaches from nine to five. Winter clothing is now being supplied. The new arrivals are being segregated to minimize the danger zone.

Gorgas in report said, "in recent inspection Camp Wheeler I found conditions as is been indicated by reports. There has been some ten thousand cases of measles, at this time three hundred cases of pneumonia in the hospital. In the past month there was sixty deaths from pneumonia. The height of the measles epidemic passed ten days ago, now markedly on the decline but pneumonia doesn't develop until a week or ten days after incidence. Measles can therefore be expected to cause a considerable number of deaths from pneumonia. Whatever the original cause of the epidemic, present conditions, are evils accentuated by the crowded condition of the camp."

## Scandinavian Conference Now in Session

(By Associated Press)

Christiania, Nov. 29.—The Scandinavian conference opened yesterday with speeches by the kings of Norway and Sweden, after which the Premier and Minister of the three nations conferred several hours.

## French Ships Sunk Week Ending November 25

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Nov. 29.—Three French steamships of over sixteen hundred tons, one of less were sunk by submarines or mines during the week ending November twenty-fifth.

## Thanksgiving Day Observed by President and Government Officers

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Nov. 29.—The President spent the Thanksgiving quietly. He attended Union services at the Methodist church where Bishop William F. McDowell preached. The White House dinner, as it was stated, was prepared according to the rules advertised by the food administration. Practically all diplomats attended the Pan-American mass at St. Patrick's church where Cardinal Gibson gave his blessings.

## Rumored That New Troubles Arise in Petrograd; People Seem Unconcerned

(By Associated Press)

London, Nov. 29.—The Daily Mail today contains an apparently mutilated telegram from Petrograd, dated four o'clock Wednesday, indicating a renewal of trouble there. It says there has been some fighting and several persons were wounded. It adds "people going about business in most ordinary manner." One never imagines there had been another revolution in Petrograd.

## British Positions Cambria Front Unchanged

(By Associated Press)

London, Nov. 29.—No change of the British positions on the Cambrai front is reported in today's official communication. Being successfully repulsed several German raids.

## Inter-Allied Conference Meets Tomorrow

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Nov. 29.—The inter-Allied conference will be opened at 10 o'clock tomorrow, with Premier Clemenceau presiding. The conference will be called upon above all other questions to dispose of concrete problems, such as food supplies, and the blockade, upon which special delegates will prepare opinions.

## Italians Report Heavy Fighting on Whole Front

(By Associated Press)

Rome, Nov. 29.—Heavy artillery is in progress all along the front but no infantry actions of importance have been reported by the war office today. On the lower Piave near the Italian batteries are directing destructive fire on the enemy boats.

## Germans Force Civilians in Italian Territory to Serve as Laborers

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Nov. 29.—Austro-German invaders of the Italian territory official dispatches received here today from Rome says the Germans are compelling the civil population in occupied territory without respect to age or sex to work on fortification of Tacliamento. On the left bank of the Piave, a German officer was taken prisoner the dispatches say, and also confirms the report that Hindenburg had personal charge of the drive into Italy.

## Mrs. DeSaules Furnishes Thanksgiving Dinner to Prisoners

(By Associated Press)

Moreola, Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving dinner for prisoners in Nassau county jail was provided today by Mrs. DeSaules, charged with the killing of her divorced husband. The trial was suspended for the holiday. She dined in the sheriff's quarters with her little son as a lone guest.

## Winter Season Opens at New Orleans With Horse Racing

(By Associated Press)

New Orleans, Nov. 29.—The Winter Season with horse racing began here today with opening meet at new Shrewsbury track.

## Germans Report British Active at Cambria

(By Associated Press)

Berlin, Nov. 29.—The British artillery yesterday were shelling the town of Cambrai, the German general staff announced today.

## Switzerland Attacks Coal Problem

Berne, Oct. 30.—Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Switzerland has at last attacked the problem of economizing its meagre coal supply. It has begun none too soon and apparently none too strenuously, for Germany's initial delivery for September under the new economic agreement has fallen many thousands of tons short of the promised minimum of 200,000. It is scant satisfaction for Switzerland that its loan to Germany is reduced accordingly.

In anticipation of having the struggle along with 200,000 tons or less of coal a month, the Swiss government has cut to the bone the railroad traffic, raised rates and made it so difficult and so expensive to travel that only necessity is apt to induce a Swiss to move from one part of his tiny country to another. The government also has issued drastic regulations governing heating. The sale of certain types of electric stoves was forbidden, while electricians were forbidden to install new switches and lines such as would be necessary for utilizing stoves. Hotels and pensions may heat only one quarter of their rooms and must close their cafes and restaurants at 11 instead of 1 o'clock. The hours of opening stores are reduced.

The movies, cabarets and variety theatres must close at least twelve days out of each month. The temperatures of theatres or of hotels must not exceed a certain degree. Restaurants and cafes have to lop off the best two hours of their business by early closing, and are forbidden to serve warm meals before nine in the morning.

If coal were Switzerland's only shortage, she would face the winter with some degree of equanimity. But she is running short of food all along the line. Of flour and breadstuffs she has just enough, on the 250 grams a day for person basis now in force, to last until late in the winter. Unless America permits the export of wheat in some measure Switzerland will soon have to drop to 100 grams a day.

The economic department of the government has just issued a circular calling attention to the fact that, in addition to a shortage of coal and

## DEATH OF J. G. HOWELL

John Gist Howell died at his home on West Main street Wednesday afternoon after a long illness. Mr. Howell leaves besides his wife, the following children to mourn his death: Mrs. Wallace Gilliam, of Whitmire, Mrs. Foster Bentley, Mrs. Sam Wix, Miss Etta Howell, Miss Bessie Howell, Sgt. Foster Howell, of Camp Sevier, Sidney Howell, of the U. S. Navy, and J. G. Howell, Jr.; two brothers Wade H. Howell of this city and Kelly Howell of Greenville and four sisters: Mrs. Jack Belue, of Spartanburg, Mrs. Charles Whitlock, of this city, Mrs. Hughes Crawford, of Kelton and Mrs. C. O. Johnson of Atlanta.

Mr. Howell was for years a faithful member of Duck Pond Baptist church and was a member of the Woodmen of the World, Red Men and the Odd Fellows; he was about 55 years of age and was a native of this county. Before his health failed several months ago he held a position with the Union Grocery Company and was held in high esteem by his business associates and friends.

His body will be laid to rest at Rosemont cemetery this afternoon and the funeral services will be held at 3:30 o'clock at the home.

wheat, there is all too little cooking fats and oils on hand. In some districts they have disappeared altogether. Foreign potatoes are to be had only in two cantons. Barns and Basal, and even wood is scarcer than it ever has been.

So Switzerland is trimming its economic sails as rapidly and as drastically as it may. It isn't the easiest task in the world, and is the harder because there is political opposition to every move made by the government. President Schulthess had one of the full days of his political career recently when he tried to explain to refractory deputies in parliament why it was impossible to lower prices when foodstuffs and kindred things continued to become scarcer and scarcer.

A. Kuhulas has his store beautifully decorated for Thanksgiving.