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ABBEVILLE COUNTY HAS SERVICE FLAG

Exercises Held Saturday Afternoon in the Opera House.

BANNER IS UNFURLED BY MRS. J. M. WILKINSON

Daughters of the Confederacy Present to Abbeville County Service Flag Containing 421 Stars—15 of Which Are Gold.

The exercises for the unfurling of the service flag of the Daughters of the Confederacy last Saturday was an occasion to stir the patriotic fervor of all the large crowd present. The time for the unfurling was one o'clock, and at this hour the square was filled with people. The exercises were held in front of the Court House and in the Opera House. Capt. J. L. Perrin was master of ceremonies and announced the opening of the meeting with prayer by Rev. J. L. Daniel, after which there was a song by the children who were grouped on the steps of the portico. The flag was presented by Dr. J. S. Moffatt in a happy speech and was accepted by Mayor J. Moore Mars in a few graceful words.

The flag was unfurled by Mrs. J. M. Wilkinson, who has five sons in the army, an honor for Abbeville County which she enjoys alone. The flag bore four hundred and twenty-one blue stars and fifteen gold stars, and represented the total of white soldiers who have gone from this county. The fifteen gold stars represent the young soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice.

Miss Fannie Stark sang the "Star Spangled Banner" after which the crowd moved into the Opera House and listened with pleasure to the fine speech made by Gen. M. L. Bonham.

Rev. H. Waddell Pratt paid a touching tribute to the young men who have given their lives in defense of their country and during his tribute there were many loving thoughts given the young heroes.

The program was made more charming by the beautiful solos sung by Miss Terry Anderson, of Arkansas, and Sgt. Teasdale of Camp Jackson. The 59th Artillery Band was here from Camp Jackson for the occasion, and the program was enlivened by the attractive music.

The Daughters gave the Band and the invited speakers a delightful luncheon at the home of Miss Maggie Brooks on their arrival in town. The tables were served by the young ladies in their canteen suits and the luncheon was a most pleasant affair.

The flag is a handsome one and hangs from the top of the Court House portico.

BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS.

Columbia Candy Kitchen Purchased From Messrs. Venos and Kapetanakis by Mike H. Kustas.

Messrs. Venos and Kapetanakis, who have for the past four years conducted the candy kitchen and ice cream parlor on the west side of the square, have sold their business to Mr. Mike H. Kustas, who will conduct the establishment in the future. After having spent about fifteen years in America "George" and "Dick" have contracted a genuine case of homesickness and are leaving a few weeks for Sparta, Greece, where they will make their home in the future. Before sailing, however, they will visit friends and relatives in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and other eastern cities.

Mr. Kustas will have associated with him in the business Messrs. Jas. Lamantis and son, who arrived in Abbeville before the holidays to assist the former owners in waiting upon the Christmas trade. Mrs. Chalmers will join them here in a few days.

WILL YOU BE WEARING YOUR RED CROSS BUTTON WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME?

WHEN ALL YOU NEED TO JOIN THE RED CROSS IS "A HEART AND A DOLLAR" AND YOU CAN WEAR THE BUTTON ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE CROWD—OH-H-H-BOY! AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-RAND AND GLOR-R-RIOUS FEELIN'?



By courtesy of Clare Briggs New York Tribune.

AMER. AND BRITAIN REACH AGREEMENT

Differences Fade as Wilson Rounds Out Preliminaries.

GENERAL FEELING OF OPTIMISM PREVAILS

Lloyd George Assures Correspondents of United States Newspapers That Harmony Exists Between Countries Over Matters to Be Considered at Conference.

London, Dec. 29.—Premier Lloyd George, in receiving American newspaper correspondents at his residence last night, said the conferences with the president had brought about an agreement on general principles. The premier said he felt assured that matters which had been agreed upon between America and England would prove of the greatest assistance in the work of the peace congress.

An understanding virtually had been reached already between the entente powers regarding the admission of the various nations to the peace conference itself, said the premier. In his conferences in Paris with the premiers of France and Italy, President Wilson had become fully acquainted with their views and he had now also acquired a knowledge of the British standpoint.

"And," continued the premier, "I

feel assured that all these powers are in accord on the basic principles of the peace which will come before the conference. At any rate it will be certain that America and England will be found working in complete harmony in the conference."

At the close of his address, answering a question as to which he expected the British delegation to go to Paris, the premier replied that owing to the necessity of clearing up the general election and other pressing business, it could not be before the end of the first week of the New Year.

The newspaper men were received after a long conference between the premier, Secretary Balfour and President Wilson and which will be continued at the premier's dinner tonight to the president at his official residence in Downing Street. Details of the general plans discussed this afternoon will be further discussed at the dinner.

LOUIS LAWSON HERE.

Louis Lawson was in Abbeville for the holidays visiting his grandmother and other kindred. He is attached to the Marines and is located on Prais Island. He suffered an injury to one of his arms recently through the explosion of a gun, but notwithstanding this he went on the field a few days ago after only a weeks practice and won a medal as a sharpshooter.

Lieutenant Wallace Harris is in the city spending several days with his mother, Mrs. Annie C. Harris. He is looking fine and has been enjoying life in Camp Gordon.

PEACE OF WORLD BY CONCERT OF NAT'NS

Wilson Reaffirms Attitude Against War in Guildhall Address.

BALANCE OF POWER IS THOUGHT DISCARDED

Tremendous Ovation Given President of United States in Speech Heard by Gathering of Distinguished British Statesmen in Historic House.

Speaking Saturday in the historic Guildhall at a ceremonious gathering of Great Britain's most distinguished statesmen, President Wilson reaffirmed his principle that there must no longer be a balance of power which might unsettle the peace of the world, but that the future must produce a concert of power which would preserve it.

The president's reception at the Guildhall was so spontaneous and hearty that it carried an unmistakable note of friendship and admiration. When he arose to speak there was prolonged outburst of handclapping and cheering and his talk was frequently punctuated by applause. At the conclusion of his address the audience rose with one accord and cheered and it kept up the applause (Continued on Page 6.)

JOHN T. DANIEL DEAD.

Has Been Rural Mail Carrier at Lowndesville for Ten Years.

Lowndesville, Dec. 26.—Mr. John T. Daniel died at his home in Lowndesville, Tuesday, December 24th, in the 45th year of his age. For several months Mr. Daniel had been a great sufferer from a complication of diseases, he had sought relief at several sanitariums, but to no avail and on Christmas eve, when all the world was full of cheer, the silver cord broke and the spirit of the weary sufferer went into the Great Unknown.

In early manhood, the deceased connected himself with the Methodist church and was liberal in its support. He was also a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a W. O. W. For the past ten years he had been employed by the Government as a rural carrier and by his genial manner, his accommodating disposition and his strict attention to business, he had become a great favorite with all his patrons. His optimistic spirit, his courteous, friendly nature and his fine conversational power had made in many close friends, who proved the depth of their friendship by their ministrations to him during his long illness.

About 12 years ago Mr. Daniel married Miss Ella Hodges, a daughter of Mr. G. T. Hodges, of Anrville; 4 years ago she died leaving two little girls, Grace and Ruth, who now are aged 10 and 7 years respectively. The tender love and untiring care manifested by him for his little motherless girls was often remarked and commented upon by those who knew him. In speaking of his departure to his friends, he expressed himself as having no fear for the future, only regretting the separation from his children.

He leaves a father, three brothers the youngest of whom, Willie, is in France, and two devoted sisters to mourn his loss.

The funeral services were held at the home, conducted by Rev. J. A. Clotfelter and Rev. H. C. Fennell, after which the body was taken charge of by the Masons and interred in the family cemetery with fraternal rites.

The family has the sympathy of the entire town and community in their deep sorrow.

LIEUT. NEUFFER HOME.

Lieutenant Gottlob A. Neuffer, who was wounded in action in Flanders, and who arrived in New York several days ago after undergoing treatment in an English hospital, has been transferred to Camp Jackson, and is expected home today to spend several days with relatives in Abbeville. Lieutenant Neuffer will be the first of our boys to come from overseas, and will be warmly received by his home people. He will be the centre of attraction for all the little boys.

MUSICAL PLAY FOR CANTEN WORK

Mrs. M. T. Coleman's division for canteen work has arranged for a production of the musical play, "America First," or the Girl and the Soldier. It will be given by local talent under the instruction of Mr. Wm. A. Baker, who comes to Abbeville with fine letters of introduction from other cities where the play has been given.

Mr. Baker is a brother of A. L. Baker, who some time ago gave the Indian opera, Powhatan, here. The singers, actors and dancers are now practicing for the piece, and the rehearsals are progressing finely.

"America First" will be given in the opera house on Monday night Jan. 13, and about one hundred will be in the play.

Miss Angela Roche came down from Greenville and spent the holidays with her home folks. She is attending the Ursuline Convent at Greenville and Madame Patricia is teaching her to play the "Black Hawk Waltz," which is a favorite with her father, Col. Pat Roche.

SEEKS RETURN TO OLD PATHS OF DUTY

Wilson So Announces From Grandfather's Pulpit at Carlisle.

FORCE OF WORDS CUT AS DEEP AS SWORDS

President Pays Eloquent Tribute to Mother, Memories of Whom Come Back With Increasing Force as Years Accumulate. Hears Sermon by Bishop.

Carlisle, England, Dec. 29.—President Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, came to Carlisle today in rain and a cold penetrating mist to visit the girlhood home of his mother. But the warmth of the greeting of the people of the town and of the thousands of strangers from the surrounding country more than offset the dreariness of the weather. Large crowds lined the streets and cheered the presidential party lustily as it drove from the station, where the president was received by Mayor Bertram Carr and local notables, to the Crown and Mitre Hotel, where the president signed the Freeman's roll.

They visited Annetwell Street, where the site of his late grandfather's chapel was pointed out to him and the house in Cavendish Place that was built by his grandfather. During the services, the Rev. Edward Booth, the pastor, requested the president to come into the pulpit and address the assemblage. This the president did, delivering a short speech, in which he touched simply but eloquently on his mother. The president spoke as follows:

"It is with unaffected reluctance that I inject myself into this service. I remember my grandfather very well, and remembering him, I can see how he would not approve. I remember what he required of me and remember the stern lesson of duty he spoke. And I remember painfully about things he expected me to know that I did not know.

"There has come a change of times when laymen like myself are permitted to speak in a congregation. There is another reason why I was reluctant to speak.

"The feelings fixed in me today are really too intimate and too deep to permit of public expression. The memories that have come of the mother who was born her care very affecting. Her quiet character, her sense of duty and her dislike of ostentation have come back to me with increasing force as these years of duty have accumulated. Yet, perhaps, it is appropriate that in a place of worship I should acknowledge my indebtedness to her and her remarkable father, because all that the world is now seeking to do is to return to the paths of duty, to turn from the savagery of interests to the dignity of the performance of right.

"I believe as this war has drawn nations temporarily together in a combination of physical force we shall be drawn together in a combination of moral force that is irresistible. It is moral force as much as physical force that has defeated the effort to subdue the world. Words have cut as deep as swords.

"The knowledge that wrong has been attempted has aroused the nations. They have gone out like men for a crusade. No other cause could have drawn so many nations together. They knew an outlaw was abroad and that the outlaw purposed unspeakable things.

MISS BEST RESIGNS.

Miss Lila Best, one of the teachers in the Graded School, has "resigned" her position, and will not return to Abbeville.