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VOLUNTEERS MAY SERVE OVERSEAS

Call for Fifty Thousand Coming—
Will Visit Germany—Men to Be
Concentrated at Camp Meade
for Early Duty in
France.

Washington, March 28.—An immediate call for 50,000 volunteers for service in Europe has been prepared by the war department and probably will be published tomorrow. As an incentive to enlistment the men will be offered early duty in France as a relief for men in the expeditionary forces who wish to return home.

Enlistment in this special force will be for three years. The men will be concentrated at Camp Meade, Md., and probably will be sent overseas in contingents of 1,000 strong.

War department officials expressed confidence that no trouble would be experienced in raising the 50,000 men or an even greater number if necessary. The bulk of the men are expected to come from recently discharged troops, especially those who after having been drafted and trained were prevented from going overseas by the armistice. Opportunity to see service in Germany, it is thought, will lead many of these to enlist.

A number of officers, probably ten to 12, will be sent overseas with each increment of 1,000 men leaving Camp Meade. These will be used at the concentration camp to give the preliminary training necessary to whip the men into casual, organizations and make the required examinations. On arrival in Europe they will take the places of officers eligible for discharge.

PROF. WILSON HERE.

Prof. Walter W. Wilson, of Level Land, arrived again on Monday afternoon. He brought along Prof. Temple, also of the Nail Kag College, of Level Land. They tackled Joe Hughes and Eugene McMillan in the Hillbilly stronghold, and beat them 7 to 4. Old man Cotran came into the game at this point succeeding Joe Hughes, and it is said that what he got was a plenty. It was the first time in his long and honorable career as a Setback artist that he went home "skunt," but such was the case, as sad as we find it to tell on him.

A HARD JOB.

The doctors over at Anderson are having a hard time making an aristocrat out of Dr. Gambrell. They have operated on him three times and so far have failed. He returned to Anderson on yesterday for another try. If they fail this time, he expects to give the effort the good-bye. However, his ailment of the ears is greatly relieved and he begins to feel like himself again.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The following new subscribers have handed us their names, with proper accompaniment since our last issue: Geo. Nance, Will Hall, Lieut. F. E. Harrison, O. T. Bradbury, T. O. Price, Rev. J. B. Hillhouse, Cindy Martin, and J. J. Price. This is what we call coming some.

A SICK BABY.

The little baby girl of Mrs. James Woodhurst is improving after an attack of double pneumonia. Mrs. Egermann nursed the little girl and helped pull her through.

COTTON MARKET.

Good cotton on the Abbeville market brought 27 1-2c. yesterday. March futures closed in New York at 25 1-2c.

GERMANS NOT WILLING FOR HALLER TO PASS

General Nudant Meets, With Refusal
on Presentation of Marshal Foch's
Note Demanding Passage Thru
Danzig for Polish Divisions,
Part of Allied Army.

Berlin, March 28.—General Nudant, representing Marshal Foch on Wednesday, submitted a note to the German government demanding a passage through Danzig for the Polish divisions under General Haller, which are a part of the allied army and permission for their march to Poland to maintain order. The note added that any refusal would be regarded as a breach of the armistice.

The German government, after exhaustive deliberations by the party leaders, replied that according to the armistice, it was only obliged to grant the allies free access to the Vistula to maintain order in territories of the former Russian empire. In concluding the treaty, the government declared, it proceeded in any case from the standpoint that there could be no question of Polish troops.

The note then refers to incidents during the journey of Ignace Jan Paderewski, the Polish premier "who, grossly violating the hospitality accorded him on German soil, gave the signal for revolt and civil war and who, when he was in Danzig in December, 1918, said: 'If the Polish division from France and Italy should be in Danzig, then Danzig and all west Prussia would be Polish.'"

Proceeding, the note refers to numerous demands by the German majority in west Prussia who wish to resist Polish attacks by force, and says that by such civil warfare the German eastern front against Russian Bolshevism will be endangered.

In conclusion the communication asked for information as to the composition and strength of General Haller's army, the date of its landing and transit of Poland, and what guarantees the allies can offer that General Haller's army, or a portion of it, will not participate in Polish demonstration or a possible insurrection of the Polish minority.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Mack McCullough and Clayton Bannister, of the Lowndesville section, had a narrow escape on Friday night when the automobile in which they were riding, turned over near the residence of Mr. George Mann, on the Lowndesville road. Mr. McCullough received the more serious injuries, having three ribs and his collar bone broken, as well as suffering internal injuries. Bannister escaped with general bruises but with no bones broken.

Both of the injured are farmers. They ran out of guano horns Friday afternoon, and went to Iva to replenish the stock. They bought the guano horns, but the month's supply of the family remedy had come in and they took a dose or two of this. The next thing in order was a ride to Abbeville, which was made on good time, the accident happening on the return trip.

Dr. Pressly was called in soon after the accident and found the two men at the home of Mr. Mann. He found them suffering considerably, but by morning Mr. Bannister was able to return home, while Mr. McCullough was taken to the hospital for further examination and treatment.

THE VICTORY LOAN DRIVE.

Wm. M. Barnwell and C. H. McMurray were the representatives from Abbeville who met in Columbia with representatives from other parts of the state on last Thursday to plan for the big Victory Loan Drive.

HOME FROM COKER.

Miss Caroline Reese and Miss Wilona Barksdale came up from Coker College this week and spent a few days looking after spring shopping and visiting home folks.

5,500 MISSING— GENERAL PERSHING

Total Compares With England's 161,800; France's 290,000—Access to
Prison Camp Sites in Germany
Leads to Many American
Graves.

Washington, March 27.—General Pershing reported to the War Department today that there are still 5,500 officers and men of the expeditionary forces listed as missing. This total compares with the British official figures of 161,800 missing and the French of 290,000.

All of the 5,500 names have been reported as "missing" in casualty lists already published, the report said. Re-interments of bodies from isolated graves in the centralized cemeteries is furnishing additional identification in a number of cases, and for this reason the records of the grave registration service are being carefully studied.

Re-examination of grave registration reports, and also of hospital records, referred to by Gen. Pershing, was said by officials at the War Department to explain the "killed in action" and "wounded in action" casualties still appearing in the daily casualty lists sent out by the department.

The British war office, Gen. Pershing's report said, had adopted the policy of considering twenty-six weeks in the case of an officer and thirty weeks for an enlisted man as the length of time after the man had been recorded as missing before death is presumed. In the French army, he said, no definite period had been fixed.

"No accurate estimate of unreported deaths can be given," said Gen. Pershing's report. "There are, however, 5,500 missing to be accounted for, all of whom have been reported to Washington as missing. Reinterment of bodies removed from isolated graves to centralized cemeteries is furnishing additional identification of deaths hitherto reported as missing. This is especially true of reburials of bodies originally buried by Allied units to which American troops were attached, identifications being either incomplete or imperfectly registered at interment."

"Deaths of American soldiers in French hospitals, of which only meagre and often incorrect records on file, are likewise disclosed by reburial of these bodies, resulting in complete identification. Access to sites of prison camps in Germany and to territory formerly within enemy lines is leading to discovery of many American graves and identification of casualties previously reported as missing."

"Each company or other unit of the American expeditionary force have heretofore been furnished a complete list of officers and men carried as missing up to February 1. All units are required to display such list in places accessible to members of command for the purpose of securing casualty information from every possible source. This expedient is resulting in locating hitherto unknown graves and identification showing present status and whereabouts of many battle casualties."

"Consideration should be given to the fact that methods of warfare as well as the extent of terrain fought over lent exceptional difficulties to discovery and burial of dead. Burial parties frequently completed their mission under heavy fire and often could only be done under cover of darkness, thus making identification difficult and often impossible. Reburials are now furnishing means of identification in a great majority of such cases. For this reason grave registration and chaplain reports are being again investigated. A small percentage of such reports investigated are proving to be cases of American dead previously interposed as such. As rapidly as identification

FABULOUSLY RICH —A BIG GOLD MINE

Gold Mine Discovered on Plantation
of Col. Pat Roche Near City.
About Twenty Thousand Dollars
in Nuggets Picked Up by
Young Geddings Roche.

Although there has been a studied effort to keep the public in the dark, it has leaked out, and as usual The Press and Banner got the news first, that a gold mine has been discovered on the plantation of Col. Pat Roche near the city, and it now seems that Col. Roche is to be one of the fabulously rich men in the country.

The gold was discovered by accident. Mr. Roche had been promising Geddings, his bright young son, to take him out to the farm for several days, but on account of the weather and one thing and another the promise had not been kept until Saturday a week ago. On that day it was warm and bright, so it was decided that Geddings should have his outing, and a merry one it was.

While he was crossing the rocky bluff on the far side of the plantation about noon time, the little man discovered something which shone like gold. He picked it up and looked about him and soon discovered other nuggets, because that was what they proved to be, nuggets of pure gold. He carried these to his father and the old man stepped lively when he had looked at them, not that he loves gold, but he likes the things which it buys. When he arrived at a place where Geddings found the gold, he soon located a kind of pocket in which he found enough of the yellow metal to line his pockets.

Hurrying home, he took these to the nearest assay office and found that he had already taken from the soil of a place he was about to sell for five thousand dollars, twenty thousand dollars in gold.

On the advice of the men in charge of the assay office he came back home and quietly took a sack of the rocks from the bluff, which he shipped to a chemist at Clemson College. The assay shows that these rocks are rich in gold, some of them running as high as four hundred dollars to the ton.

Mr. Roche has already been offered more than a hundred thousand dollars for a one-half interest in his farm by a syndicate in Greenwood which makes a specialty of buying up all the gold mines and which it appears to us is trying to corner the gold market.

All of which makes interesting reading for the financially inclined on this the first day of April.

VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN

SUNDAY—MAY 4TH

Richmond, Va., March 28.—May 4 has been fixed as Victory Liberty Loan Sunday, it was officially announced today by the War Loan Organization here. Lewis B. Franklin, Director of the War Loan Organization of the United States Treasury stated in a telegram, received in Richmond, that the above date had been set to avoid any conflict with the Easter services of Sunday, April 20.

Coming just after the middle of the Victory Liberty Loan Campaign it is hoped that this Sunday will be observed as a special day of thanksgiving for victory. Every minister in the Fifth Federal Reserve District will be asked to cooperate to this end. Ministerial unions will also be expected to participate. Sunday schools and Bible classes will be requested to observe Victory Sunday, as the Easter season seems a fitting time for a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving.

Can be completed from information originally filed on subsequently obtained from every possible source, present status of each case is being reported by cable.

JAPANESE INVADE LOWER CALIFORNIA

Mexico Grants Rights to Corn
Corporations—May Cause Friction.
Aguirre Certain, However, That
Monroe Doctrine Not Involved
in Transaction.

Mexico City, Saturday, Mar. 29.—That Japanese corn corporations have been granted concessions to exploit agricultural lands in Lower California was the statement made late today by Gen. Amado Aguirre, under secretary of development and agriculture.

The affirmation was made, however, that the concessions were fully authorized by the provisions of the Mexican constitution regarding the area and position of the territory in relation to the ocean shore and the frontier line.

There was nothing in the concessions, it was asserted by the under secretary, that might possibly lead to difficulties as far as the Monroe doctrine was concerned.

Reports that there is a possibility of international controversy over the granting of the concessions to the Japanese were said to be absurd by Gen. Amado Aguirre in an interview earlier in the day, in which he said the action was legal. At that time he would not admit the concession had been granted. The Japanese legation here denied it had any official knowledge of the action.

SAMUEL F. NANCE DEAD.

Samuel F. Nance, eldest son of the late F. W. R. Nance, did not linger long after his father was called. Death claimed the son on Saturday, March 29th, at 8:30 P. M., and he joined the father on the other shore.

Mr. Nance was in his sixty-second year. He was born in the state of Mississippi, being a twin brother of Miss Lizzie Nance, formerly of Abbeville, but now of Due West. He was a farmer and followed this occupation during all of his life, except for four years when he was jailer of Abbeville County. He lived before coming to Abbeville near Due West, but he has made his home in Abbeville for the last twenty-seven years, having his residence in Fort Pickens, and tending his farm near the city.

In early life he married Miss Fannie Agnew, who has been a most devoted and helpful wife to him during all the years. She with four sons, Eugene, John, George and Roy survive the father. Two daughters preceded him to the grave.

Mr. Nance was never a strong man physically, but he did not suffer from bad health until August of last year. At that time he was stricken with a disease of the heart, complicated with liver trouble. This in connection with a case of influenza during the winter weakened him, so that he was confined to his bed for several weeks. Though this was true, and though he was not expected to recover, he came suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday night, only a few minutes after he had been in conversation with friends, and apparently in as good physical condition as he had been in for sometime.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Sabbath afternoon by Rev. M. R. Plaxco, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, which Mr. Nance had been a member for many years. The interment was at Long Cane immediately after the services.

A GOOD ROAD.

The road from Abbeville to Culhoun Falls has been worked recently and if you are looking for a fine drive you may turn your car in that direction. The work done is better than any which has been done in the county in a long time.

All of the roads are in better condition than one would expect, but there are many holes which might be filled, as well as bridges needing repairs. All roads leading into Abbeville need scraping.

PASSPORTS ISSUED TO IRISH MISSION

Americans to Present Ireland's
Claims at Paris, Walsh, Dunne and
Ryan—Americans Will Endeavor
to Obtain Hearing at the
Peace Conference.

Washington, March 28.—Passports were granted by the State Department today to Frank P. Walsh, former joint chairman of the war labor board; Edward F. Dunne, former Governor of Illinois, and Michael K. Ryan, former Pennsylvania Public Service Commissioner, who are going to Paris to present Ireland's claims at the peace conference as spokesmen of the Irish race convention held last month at Philadelphia.

In submitting their request for passports, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Ryan, representing the committee, stated the purpose of their mission was to "obtain for the delegates selected by the people of Ireland a hearing at the peace conference and to place before the conference, if that hearing be not given, the case of Ireland, her insistence upon her right to self-determination of the republican form of government established by her people."

No Statement Issued.

No statement was issued at the State Department in connection with the granting of the passports and officials declined to discuss the matter informally beyond saying that passports had been granted.

Mr. Walsh, who will head the mission which expects to sail April 2 on the steamer La Touraine from New York issued the following statement today:

"The committee is going to France as American citizens, holding no allegiance, actual or spiritual, to any other nation on earth, but imbued with the necessity of extending the principles of free government to Ireland, which is the typical small nation of the world being deprived of the right to determine for itself the form of government under which it shall exist."

"Naturally men and women of Irish blood and ancestry everywhere have a deep and sentimental attachment to the land which gave birth to their race, and at this crucial moment of new world concepts desires to render all of the assistance in their power to the representatives of the people of Ireland delegated to attend the peace conference. The committee expects to remain in France until Ireland's case is fully determined by the conference."

SATURDAY.

Saturday was a busy day in Abbeville; the streets were lined with cars and the stores were full of busy shoppers. Some had money while others were working their credit. In all it was one of the busiest days in the stores since the Christmas holidays.

MEETING THE BOYS.

Lieut. G. A. Neuffer, Lieut. Owen Speed, and Lieut. Carol Swetenburg went down to Columbia this week to be on hand for the arrival of the Thirtieth, and to give the glad hand to the boys.

OFF TO TATE'S.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chalmers left last Wednesday for a stay of some length at Tate Springs. Mr. Chalmers hopes to be greatly improved by the healthy waters.

HOME FROM FLORIDA.

Mrs. George White, Jr., came home last week from Florida. She had a pleasant visit but became a victim of malaria and had to return to the up country.