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WALHALLA, S. C.:  
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1917.

LUTHERAN CHURCH AT WORK.  
Government Authorizes Great Work for Welfare of Soldiers and Sailors.

Under the authority of the National Government the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare, 437 Fifth Avenue, New York City, is sending out literature to Lutheran people throughout this country, asking their support in this most worthy and needy work. They act under authority of all synodical bodies. They are attempting to reach 2,500,000 communicant members of the Lutheran church and are appealing to all persons in sympathy with this work for the moral good of our men in camp, and in the navy. The following is a statement of their purpose:

"We estimate that 100,000 Lutheran young men are in the national service. Doubtless some are yours. Think of their condition spiritually. For 3,000 men there is one chaplain, burdened with other duties. Away from home and church surroundings, a sense of license easily creeps in; new temptations and dangers threaten. Soon they will be in a strange land, where at present spiritual influence is at its lowest. Their discipline and experiences will harden impulses. Many of them are about to die. We must care for them. Our boys must return to us Christian men, or meet us in glory before the throne of God.

"Furthermore, the government has committed to us the spiritual care of all Protestant interned alien prisoners. This our church can best do, and we are glad to do it.

"This work includes support of chaplains, maintenance of churches near frontiers, erection of hospitals in camps, literature in large quantities, and other mission work of various kinds. They are asking for \$2,000,000, or an average of \$1 from every member. This seems small when we remember the Y.M.C.A. only recently asked for \$25,000,000 for a work of this kind. This opportunity to serve in moral uplifting should appeal to every one.

TRAINS COLLIDE NEAR CALHOUN  
Fireman and Baggage-master Lose Lives—Passengers Hurt.

Clemson College, Dec. 14.—Fireman McKenzie and Baggage-master Blake were killed in a head-on collision which occurred at 8.15 o'clock this morning on the Southern Railway one mile north of Calhoun, when passenger trains Nos. 43 and 46 ran together on a curve. The dead men were of the crew of the northbound train, No. 46. The impact completely demolished both engines, two baggage cars, one express car and 20 feet of track was torn up. No passengers were seriously hurt.

It took several hours to extricate the body of the baggage-master. He was pinned under the tender.

The boilers are upside down in deep ditches on opposite sides of the track and the driving wheels of one engine are on top of those of the other.

R. H. Tedder, engineer on 43, was lightly bruised in jumping from his train. Conductor Pope Barrow was in charge of 43, and Capt. Laird in charge of 46. Much express and baggage were scattered along the track.

It is said that the accident was caused by the failure of an operator to deliver orders to the engineer of No. 46. Up to 4 o'clock this afternoon northbound passenger trains were detained by way of Belton.

DEATH BY DRUNKEN BRAWL.  
One Man Killed, Several Are Badly Slashed and Cut.

Lake City, S. C., Dec. 17.—A. E. Cook, about 25 years old, who lived three miles west of here, was fatally shot last night. It is alleged, by Lewey Springs, 18 years old. From reports gathered to-day, it seems that Broach Miles, step-father of Lewey, invited Cook and B. B. Gray to go to his home, and about dark 11 commenced drinking. Miles became drunk, proceeded to curse the entire Cook family. A general row commenced, Gray taking Cook's part, which resulted in Cook being badly beaten, Gray being cut in the arm with a knife and Miles sustaining two serious gashes in the face and neck.

Gray and Cook left Miles' house, going to Moore's Cross Roads, half a mile distant. About 9 o'clock, it is claimed, young Spring walked up, armed with a shotgun, to get Dr. L. W. Moore to go and attend his step-father. Meeting Gray and Cook there in the road some hot words were passed and Spring is alleged to have emptied the loads from both barrels into Cook's body, one taking effect in his head and the other entering his body very near the heart. Cook never regained consciousness, and died about 8 o'clock this morning, and Spring was taken to Kingstree to jail.

Staggering Facts.

The world has a total population of 1,623,000,000.  
The annual birth rate is 1,623,300.  
The daily birth rate is 157,000.  
The minute birth rate is 108.  
Nearly two are born each second.  
About three every two seconds die.  
Sixty die while you read the above.  
The average age at death is 33 years.

A man of letters may be jealous if his wife gets a fow.

MEANS DECLARED NOT GUILTY.  
Jury Brings Verdict After a Long-Drawn-Out Trial.

Concord, N. C., Dec. 16.—Gaston B. Means was acquitted here to-day of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, wealthy widow of New York, whose business affairs he had handled. The case went to the jury last night at 7 o'clock, and, as Presiding Judge Cline had ruled that a verdict might be rendered 7th Sunday, the jurors sent for him to-day and returned the verdict shortly after 10 o'clock.

After the foreman of the jury had formally pronounced the verdict of "not guilty," counsel for Means asked the court if it had any other charges against Means. Judge Cline replied there was none, and Means was given his freedom for the first time since last September, when he was arrested on a warrant charged with having shot the woman, who met death near here in August. Means always asserted she shot herself accidentally.

Reports had been current here that if Means were acquitted of the murder charges that New York officials, who took an active part in adding the prosecution, would seek his arrest on other charges, alleged misappropriation in New York of the woman's fortune and allegations of Means' connection with German interests, having been aired at the trial.

No Prosecution in New York.  
Assistant District Attorney Dooling, of New York, and a number of other officials from that State left here last night, taking with them documents seized in Means' New York apartments which were used in the trial, and Solicitor Clement, prosecuting attorney for the State, said in reply to questions late to-day that he did not anticipate any prosecution of Means in New York. He added, however, that he was not in a position to speak with authority. C. B. Ambrose, a Federal agent, also attended the trial, presumably on account of the alleged connection with German agents which Means explained by saying his activities were legal, and were before the break in relations.

After leaving the court house Means and his wife went to the home of Means' father. A little later Means appeared on the streets of the town, where scores of friends stopped him to extend congratulations.

History of the Case.  
Mrs. King, who was on a visit to Means' relatives, met death at Black-welder Spring, a lonely spot in the country near here, early on the night of August 29 last. With Means and a party of his friends she had stopped on an automobile drive, presumably that she might practice shooting with a small pistol Means had bought for her. Means and the woman were alone at the time, Capt. W. S. Bigham and Afton Means, a brother of Gaston Means, having walked down the road to shoot rabbits.

A coroner's jury accepted the statement of Gaston Means that she shot herself accidentally. After the woman's body was taken to Chicago for burial, charges of foul play were made. There the coroner's physician declared that the wound in the back of the woman's head could not have been self-inflicted. The investigation shifted to New York, where Mrs. King had resided for several years, and where Means had handled her business affairs. Search of the apartments there of Mrs. King and her sister and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Means disclosed, according to New York officials, that Means had misappropriated the woman's money and also that he was connected with German agents. Documents seized in the apartments were cited by New York police as proof of these assertions.

Mrs. King Wealthy.  
Mrs. King had inherited approximately \$1,000,000 from her second husband, the late Jas. C. King, of Chicago and New York, and Chicago officials declared nearly all of this sum had "vanished" during the time Means was connected with the woman's affairs. It also was asserted Means was preparing to offer for probate an alleged second will of Jas. C. King, which would give an additional \$2,000,000 to Mrs. King.

Walhalla Germans in Civil War.

Editor Keowee Courier: I desire a few lines in your paper to add two more names to the list of German Confederate soldiers furnished by Walhalla. These are in addition to the ones furnished by Comrade John W. Cannon in last week's issue, and it is only to keep the matter straight and cover and oversight by Comrade Cannon that the same is published.

First, we will mention our late townsman, Frederick W. Pieper. He was a member of Company C, Orr's Regiment, and was a member of the regiment band.

Then it is that we wish to mention that gallant and fearless young German, William Ahrens, who also was a member of Company C. He was killed in the battle of Fraser's Farm in June, 1862. At this battle the color bearer in Orr's Regiment was killed, and it was "Billy" Ahrens that ran forward and picked it up. In a few minutes he, too, was killed and fell dead, still clasping the colors. In this memorable battle Orr's Regiment lost 290 men—killed and wounded. S. K. Dendy.  
Walhalla, Dec. 18, 1917.

Rainfall for Week.

Rainfall for week ending December 16, at 7 p. m., is furnished us by H. W. Brandt, co-operative observer. The record follows:

Date	Inches rainfall
Dec. 10—Clear	0.00
Dec. 11—Cldy (melted snow)	.60
Dec. 12—Ply cldy	0.00
Dec. 13—Ply cldy	0.00
Dec. 14—Clear	0.00
Dec. 15—Clear	0.00
Dec. 16—Cloudy	0.00

Rainfall for week . . . . . 60  
Depth of snow, 5 9/10 inches.

# THE BIG CASH STORE.

## SOME SEASONABLE OFFERINGS IN MID-WINTER GOODS.

### LADIES' SUITS.

Our business in this department has been unusually large, and we have now on our racks about thirty or forty Choice Ladies' Suits, on which we are willing to make a big price concession to close them out before Christmas. These are worth \$15.00 to \$27.50. We are making the price - - - - - **\$12.50 to \$21 50**

### LADIES' COATS.

You will find that we have something that will please the eye and at the same time give 100 per cent wearing service. We still have on hand several dozen Ladies' Coats—New Models, Correct Colors, most all sizes. We have some real bargains in Ladies' Coats, very attractively priced from - - - - - **\$6.50 to \$20.00**

Misses' and Children's Coats.—Big stock of Coats for the little folks, ages 3 to 6 years, priced \$1.95 to \$4.50. Ages 6 to 12 years, priced \$2.50 to \$6.50; Ages 14 to 19 years, priced \$3.50 to \$8.50.

<b>Ladies' Skirts.</b> Ladies' Skirts in Serges, Poplins, Silks, etc. We have a big assortment to choose from. The models are very pretty. We have your size, and the price will please you. Serge Skirts, - \$3.00 to \$4.50 Poplin Skirts, - \$4.00 to \$6.00 Silk Skirts, - - \$4.50 to \$6.50	<b>Ladies' Waists</b> Several dozen Ladies Waists just received. They are very pretty and moderately priced. Crepe de Chine Waists, priced <b>\$3.50</b> Silk Waists are priced <b>\$2.50</b> Other Pretty Waists <b>\$1.00</b> are priced	<b>Men's Pants.</b> We have just what you are looking for in Men's Every-day and Dress Pants. Men's Dress Pants attractive priced at, the pair, from \$3.00 to <b>\$5.00</b> Men's Every-day Pants, well made and strong, <b>\$3.50</b> priced from \$1.75 to	<b>Men's Gloves.</b> Men's Leather Work Gloves and Automobile Gauntlets, Dress Gloves, etc. Men's Work Gloves are now priced from 50c. to <b>\$1.50</b> . Men's Automobile Gauntlets priced from \$1.50 to <b>\$3.50</b> . Men's Dress Gloves are now priced - - <b>\$1.25 and \$1.50</b> .
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### SHOES! SHOES! SHOES! SHOES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

If you want Shoes for heavy, every-day wear, or for dress, we have just about what you are looking for.

Men's Heavy Shoes are priced	- - - - - \$2.50 to \$4.50
Men's Dress Shoes are priced	- - - - - \$2.50 to \$6.00
Women's Heavy Shoes are priced	- - - - - \$2.00 to \$3.00
Women's Dress Shoes are priced	- - - - - \$2.50 to \$6.00
Boys' Shoes are priced from	- - - - - \$2.00 to \$3.50
Girls' Shoes are priced from	- - - - - \$2.00 to \$3.50
Children's Shoes are priced from	- - - - - \$1.00 to \$2.25

### RUSSO-GERMANIC DICKERING.

Armistice of Force—Peace Discussions Start at Once.  
Petrograd, Dec. 16.—Announcement was made to-day by the Bolshevik official news agency that Russia and Germany had agreed upon the terms of an armistice.

Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik minister, declared at a meeting of the Petrograd council of soldiers and workmen's delegates that peace negotiations would be begun immediately after the armistice had been signed.

The foreign minister announced that for a time a break in the negotiations seemed imminent because Gen. Hoffmann, the German negotiator, insisted on the right to transfer troops in small units.

The German commander finally accepted the Russian formula.

"We can't and won't aid militarism in any way," M. Trotzky said. "This question of transferring troops was most fundamental. I think our formula is considered by our allies to be satisfactory."

The Russian delegates constituting the armistice committee at Brest-Litovsk have advised the Bolshevik authorities at Smolny Institute that an agreement was reached with the Germans on Friday concerning the transfer of troops. It was to this effect:

"Both sides signing this agreement bind themselves until December 30, 1917 (January 12, 1918, new style), not to carry on operative military transfers on the front from the Baltic to the Black Sea, except such transfers as were already begun up to the moment of signing this agreement."

### Discussion to Begin at Once.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—An armistice agreement between the Bolshevik government in Russia and the Teutonic allies was signed at Brest-Litovsk Saturday, according to an official communication issued to-day. The armistice becomes effective at noon Monday and is to remain in force until January 14.

A provision in the armistice is that peace negotiations are to begin immediately after the signing of this armistice. The text of the communication follows:

"An armistice agreement was signed at Brest-Litovsk yesterday by plenipotentiary representatives of the Russian upper army administration, on the one hand, and those of the upper army administration of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, on the other hand.

"The armistice begins at noon December 17 and remains in force until January 14, 1918. Unless seven days' notice is given, it continues in force automatically. It extends to all the land, air and naval forces of the common fronts.

"According to clause 9 of the treaty peace negotiations are to begin immediately after the signing of an armistice."

## L. C. PATTERSON,

The Spot-Cash Man,  
**SENECA, S. C.**

# The People's Store.

**Just in Time for Christmas**

Buying, a more opportune Sale was never staged. Right at the time when you are in need of every surplus dollar for Xmas buying, and the time of year when prices begin to soar, we start this

## GREAT DECEMBER SALE.

Intelligent buying and a desire to save money for our patrons makes it possible for us to put prices under all competitors.

The biggest and best assorted stock of goods in Walhalla is right here awaiting you. We bought early and at the right price, making it possible to sell you at the low prices we've made during this Great December Sale.

**TO SERVE YOU**

in an intelligent way has always been our desire. To accomplish this aim we have experienced and courteous salespeople to look after your every want. They will be glad to assist you in selecting appropriate things. For absolute satisfaction come to the "People's Store."

### Sale Starts Saturday, December 15th, and Ends December 24th.

<b>LADIES' SPORT COATS.</b> We have 50 Ladies' Sport Coats, well worth \$3 and \$4; Special at . . . . . <b>\$2.25</b>	<b>CORSETS! CORSETS!!</b> Big lot of J. C. C. and College Girl Corsets. Specials in this sale at from . . . . . 65c. to <b>\$1.75</b>	<b>BOYS' SUITS.</b> Boys' new Serge and Novelty Suits, all sizes. Prices from <b>\$2.50 to \$7.00</b>
<b>LADIES' LONG COATS.</b> One lot Ladies' Long Coats. Specials in this sale, ranging from . . . . . <b>\$5.00 to \$15.00</b>	<b>SHOES FOR WOMEN.</b> American Girl—a Shoe as good as its name—and many more just as good, to go in this sale CHEAP.	<b>BIG LOT SUIT CASES.</b> Prices from 75c. to <b>\$1.05</b>
<b>SPECIAL BARGAINS IN CHILDREN'S COATS.</b>	<b>LADIES' BOOTS.</b> One lot of Ladies' Boots, worth \$6.50, special in this sale. . . . <b>\$4.75</b>	<b>MEN'S WORK SHIRTS.</b> 75c. value at only . . . . . <b>65c.</b>
<b>COAT SUITS.</b> Ladies' Coat Suits in Poplin and Serge, newest styles— \$15.00 Values at . . . . . <b>\$12.50</b> \$20.00 Values at . . . . . <b>\$15.75</b>	<b>SHOES FOR MEN AND BOYS.</b> Good values to go in this sale at a <b>BARGAIN!</b>	<b>TOWELS.</b> 15c. Towels at . . . . . <b>10c.</b> 20c. Towels at . . . . . <b>15c.</b> 35c. Towels at . . . . . <b>25c.</b>
<b>SKIRTS! SKIRTS!!</b> One lot \$2.50 value, Special at . . . . . <b>\$1.75</b> One lot \$4.00 value, Special at . . . . . <b>\$2.75</b> One lot of better grades, Special at . . . . . <b>\$3.50 to \$5.00</b>	<b>MEN'S SUITS.</b> We have a big line to go in this sale at a <b>BARGAIN.</b>	<b>MEN'S UNDERWEAR.</b> Men's Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear— <b>\$1.50 value, the Suit . . . . \$1.25</b>
		<b>MEN'S PANTS</b> <b>FROM \$1.25 TO \$5.00.</b>
		<b>MEN'S SUNDAY SHIRTS.</b> Men's Sunday Shirts, \$1.00 value, special at . . . . . <b>75c.</b> <b>\$1.25 value . . . . . \$1.00</b> 75c. value . . . . . <b>65c.</b>

### Remember the Date, Name and the Place.

Same Goods for Less Money. **The People's Store,** More Goods for Same Money.  
H. FAYONSKY, MGR. WALHALLA, S. C.  
**SELLS THEM FOR LESS.**

Earle's Grove Notes.  
Earle's Grove, Dec. 14.—Special: There will be a box supper at Earle's Grove school house Friday night, December 21. Everybody invited. Our school is progressing nicely and we are expecting to have three teachers after Christmas.

Earle's Grove has organized a W. O. W. camp with a good membership. We are sorry to give up Press Ables who is expecting to move to Greenville some time soon. We hope old Santa will not forget

as this Christmas, as he has a pocket full of money.  
Miss Margie Rice is spending a few days in Anderson.  
House Favors Amendment.  
Washington, Dec. 17.—The resolution to submit to the States a national prohibition amendment to the Federal constitution was adopted late to-day by the House. With a vote of two-thirds required for its approval, the vote of the House announced by Speaker Clark was 282 to 128, or 25 more than required.

Jews Oversubscribe Fund.  
New York, Dec. 15.—Jews throughout the United States have over-subscribed the \$10,000,000 fund for war relief and welfare work among their race. It was announced here to-night, New York has contributed more than half this amount. The total does not include \$1,250,000 pledged by Jewish labor, to be collected on Washington's Birthday.  
Give some people their pick and they will pick flaws every time.