

## COUNTY WORKERS FOR RELIEF IN NEAR EAST

As has been announced elsewhere in these columns, a nation wide campaign for funds to be used for relief work in the near East will be conducted from January 12th to 19th, inclusive. Mr. R. J. Alderman is Chairman of the "American Committee for Relief in the Near East" in Clarendon County, and has organized the various committees for the county drive. The county will be divided according to townships, and the following chairmen and their workers have been appointed in each township:

**Plowden Mill Township.**  
Gilbert Hodge, chairman; workers, J. M. McElveen, W. W. Johnson, Joe D. McFaddin, P. R. Alderman, R. E. Thompson and A. P. Howie.

**Sammy Swamp Township.**  
B. Walker Holliday, chairman; workers, H. D. Thomas, J. M. McFaddin, Z. B. Andrews, A. S. Corbett, N. G. Broadway, J. W. Cochran, M. S. Stokes, Henry Blanding, T. M. King, Arthur Felder, W. T. Briggs, J. M. Gibson.

**Fulton Township.**  
N. L. Broughton, chairman; workers, H. L. Baxley, R. C. Richardson, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Weeks, Mrs. H. A. Brailsford, Mrs. C. W. Bates, Mrs. D. R. Lide.

**Douglas Township.**  
John F. Turbeville, chairman; workers, W. J. Turbeville, W. H. Casteen, W. L. Coker, Mrs. D. L. Green, Miss Pearle Wheeler.

**Santee Township.**  
H. C. Cousar, chairman; workers, Charlie Wells, Webb Sprott, J. M. Rawlinson, Joe Sprott.

**Manning Township.**  
L. H. Harvin, chairman; workers, A. I. Barron, T. F. Coffey, W. M. Plowden, A. C. Bradham, J. W. Wide-man, Thomas Nimmer, S. O. O'Bryan, H. H. Huggins, E. C. Horton, Charlton DuRant, R. C. Baggett, H. J. Bomar, C. R. Sprott, I. I. Appelt.

**St. Marks Township.**  
C. M. Fulton, chairman; workers, Allen Holliday.

**New Zion Township.**  
R. D. McFaddin, chairman; workers, Joseph Rittiner, John Buddin, W. J. N. McCord, J. H. DuBose, J. L. Millsap.

**Calvary Township.**  
D. Leslie Tindal, chairman; workers, Miss Jessie Curtis, N. T. Broadway.

**Harmony Township.**  
J. M. Graham, chairman; workers, Edgar Nelson, Mrs. S. O. Plowden, Kennedy.

**Sandy Grove Township.**  
J. H. Ham, chairman.

**St. Zion Township.**  
Leon F. Galloway, chairman; workers, J. S. Holliday, E. C. Coskrey, Calvin Baggett, D. D. Plowden.

**James Townships.**  
J. M. Plowden, chairman; workers, I. V. Eason, George Joseph, J. E. Rowe, W. R. Davis, D. C. Mason, J. T. Touchberry, E. J. Roberson, W. H. Anderson, C. R. Touchberry, D. O. Rhame.

**NEXT WAR LOAN APRIL**  
Will be Called Thanksgiving Instead of Liberty.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 7.—Secretary of the Treasury Glass announced at a banquet here tonight that the next loan would be floated in April and suggested that it be called a "thanksgiving loan" instead of liberty or victory loan. Mr. Glass, who recently returned from the battlefields of France, paid tribute to the valor of the American and Allied troops and to France.

**ITALIAN MINISTER DEAD**  
Charge of Embassy Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Count F. Miniscalchi-Erizzo, charge of the Italian embassy, died today from pneumonia, which followed an attack of influenza. No arrangements for the funeral have been made.

Count Miniscalchi-Erizzo had been in Washington only a few months, having been assigned temporarily as counselor of the embassy here when Count V. Macchi Di Cellere left for Europe with President Wilson. He had been in the diplomatic service a number of years and represented his country at the capitals of several of the Balkan States.

Baron Pietro Arone Di Valentino, secretary of the embassy, has charge of the embassy affairs.

**PAYMENT OF ALLOTMENTS**  
House Passes Bill Without a Dissenting Vote.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The House passed without a dissenting vote today a bill directing the payment of allotments to families of soldiers on applications filed with the war risk insurance bureau prior to July 1, 1918. The quartermaster corps suspended these payments when it took over the bureau's work.

Democratic Leader Mann severely criticized the suspension.  
"It is a gross and burning outrage that a country which can give \$100,000,000 to help feed the starving countries of Europe should fall down on a simple task like this," Mr. Mann said. "Untold suffering has been caused by the incompetence of some one. It is a disgrace."

## EX-PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT PASSES AWAY MONDAY MORNING

Will be laid to Rest Wednesday Afternoon Without Pomp or Ceremony Sagamore Hill

**DEATH SURPRISE TO NATION**

Victim of Blood Clot in Lung Caused by Rheumatism—Had Returned from Hospital Apparently Improved.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Theodore Roosevelt for seven years President of the United States, died at his home at Sagamore Hill, at 4:15 o'clock this morning. The famous American, exponent of "the strenuous life," who had fought in the Spanish-American war and risked death hunting big game and exploring the jungles of Africa and South America, passed away peacefully while asleep, the victim of a blood clot in the lung, resulting from inflammatory rheumatism traceable to an infected tooth from which he suffered twenty years ago.

**Without Pomp or Ceremony.**  
Col. Roosevelt, twenty-sixth President of the United States, will be laid to rest without pomp or ceremony in Young's Memorial Cemetery in this village Wednesday afternoon. He will be buried on a knoll overlooking Long Island Sound, a plot which he and Mrs. Roosevelt selected soon after he left the White House.

In the words of the clergyman who will conduct the funeral services: "America's most typical man, known in every corner of the earth, will go to his grave as a quiet domestic, country gentleman, beloved by his neighbors."

After prayers at the Roosevelt home, at which only members of the family will be present, the funeral service will be held at 12:45 o'clock in Christ Episcopal Church, the little old frame structure where for years the colonel and his family attended divine worship.

**Simple Service.**  
At the request of Mrs. Roosevelt, no flowers will be sent. The altar will be decorated only with laurel placed on it for the Christmas season. Also in conformance with Mrs. Roosevelt's wishes, there will be no music and no eulogy, but only the simple service of the Episcopal Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. George E. Talmadge.

The church, founded in 1705 and rebuilt in 1878 will accommodate less than 500 persons, so that admittance will be by card only. These cards, it was announced, will be issued from the colonel's office in New York, and will be given only to relatives and intimate friends.

**Sympathy from Everywhere.**  
Cable messages and telegrams of condolence, not only from fellow countrymen of high and low degree, but from distinguished citizens of many nations were pouring into Oyster Bay tonight by the hundreds. All express heartfelt grief at the passing of a great man and deepest sympathy for Mrs. Roosevelt, always devoted to her distinguished husband and one of his most trusted advisers. The widow is bearing up bravely under the shock of his sudden death, coming so soon after that of their youngest son, Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, who lost his life in a battle with a German airman last July.

**Hastened by Grief.**  
The death of Col. Roosevelt is believed by the physicians who attended him to have been hastened by grief over Quentin's death coupled with anxiety over the serious wounds suffered by Capt. Archie Roosevelt, while fighting in France.

He was proud of his soldier sons and their heroism but he was a devoted father and he grieved for the one who gave his life for his country as well as for the other who was wounded. He hid his suffering from the world, however, in the hope that he might set an example for other fathers and mothers who had given their sons to the nation.

**Health Shattered.**  
Col. Roosevelt had been preaching "Americanism" and few realized that his health had been shattered. It was believed that the rugged constitution which had stood him in such good stead through so many years of "strenuous" life would not fall him and that he would regain his usual health. His messages of late however had been delivered through the medium of editorials of public statements instead of as addresses.

**End Came Suddenly.**  
Even to his neighbors in Oyster Bay, it seemed impossible that life had ended so suddenly for the rough rider hero of Spanish war days; the statesman who, as Governor of New York and as President, had wielded the "big stick" so fearlessly; the big game hunter of tropical countries; the citizen who preached preparedness long before his country entered the world conflict.

Apparently neither Col. Roosevelt nor his wife had any foreboding that death would so soon still his active mind and body. It was only yesterday that Mrs. Roosevelt sent a letter to Charles Stewart Davidson, chairman of the general citizen's committee appointed to welcome returning soldiers in New York, announcing that the colonel would accept the honorary chairmanship of the committee.

**Ready to Serve.**  
"The rheumatism has invaded Col. Roosevelt's right hand," wrote Mrs. Roosevelt, "so he wants me to write that he has telegraphed his acceptance. This note is to assure you that

he will be at your service by spring-time."

It was at 4:15 o'clock this morning that the former President died in his sleep, painlessly. His death was due directly to a blood clot lodged in one lung, the result of inflammatory rheumatism.  
"Put out the light, please," were the former President's last words. They were addressed to his personal attendant, James Amos, a young negro who had been in his service since he left the White House and who was sitting at the foot of his bed.

**Breathing Heavily.**  
Some time later Amos noticed that the patient was breathing heavily and became alarmed. He left the room to call the nurse who had been summoned from Oyster Bay yesterday. When they returned Col. Roosevelt had breathed his last. They called Mrs. Roosevelt, the only member of the family who was at home. There had been a family gathering Christmas day, but no alarm was felt over the colonel's condition, the children who were able to spend the holiday with their parents had gone to different parts of the country.

**Cable Messages.**  
Cable messages were sent to Major Theodore Roosevelt, who are in service in France, and telegrams to Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, to Capt. Archie Roosevelt, who left yesterday with his wife for Boston where his father-in-law died Saturday, and to Mrs. Ethel Derby, who was at Aiken, S. C., with her two children.

Mrs. Roosevelt telephoned to her husband's cousin, Col. Enlen Roosevelt, of New York, who started immediately for Oyster Bay, and to the colonel's secretary, Miss Josephine Stricker, who also was in New York. Miss Stricker gave the sad news to the world through the Associated Press.

Col. Roosevelt was visited twice last evening by Dr. J. A. Faller of this village.

**Complained of Heart.**  
At 10:30 o'clock when the second visit was made, the patient explained to the physician, "I feel as though my heart was going to stop beating." Dr. Faller had no reason to believe, however, that Mr. Roosevelt was in any immediate danger. So certain was he that this was true that Mrs. Roosevelt and the nurse retired.

One of Col. Roosevelt's New York physicians visited him Friday but although the former President was suffering some pain from the rheumatism, he made light of it, laughing and chatting without restraint.  
Col. Roosevelt called to Sagamore Hill yesterday a village barber whose work he liked.

"I'm feeling bully, John," he said, "but I sent for you because I don't feel like shaving myself today; so get ready."  
Col. Roosevelt's final illness dated from last February. It was on the fifth of that month, that following an operation on one of his ears, he was removed from Oyster Bay to the Roosevelt Hospital in New York. He remained there until March 3, meanwhile undergoing two more operations.

Two months later he insisted on keeping speaking engagements arranged for him in many cities and until the fall continued to give from the platform his views on international affairs.

In November he was forced to return to the hospital for treatment of rheumatism. Today, through an announcement by his physicians concerning the cause of his death, it became known that three weeks before he left the hospital to return to Sagamore Hill on Christmas day, he had suffered a pulmonary embolism which nearly proved fatal.

**Taft Very Sorry.**  
Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—Commenting on the death of Mr. Roosevelt, Wm. H. Taft today said:

"I am deeply shocked by the death of Col. Roosevelt. I saw him in the hospital six weeks ago, and he seemed to be very vigorous. He was suffering from rheumatism, but his voice was strong, his personality was as vigorous as ever and his interest in the questions of the day as tense and as acute as always.

"I mourn his loss personally, and I greatly regret it for the sake of his country."  
Asked if he thought Col. Roosevelt's death would affect the international future of the nation, Mr. Taft replied: "That's a very difficult question to answer. His influence and advice were important. His patriotic Americanism will be missed, of course, I am very, very sorry."

**Tribute from Hughes.**  
New York, Jan. 6.—Charles Evans Hughes today paid high tribute to Col. Roosevelt, declaring his greatest service was in the last years, when as a private citizen he had aroused the nation out of its lethargy and indifference and supplied the driving force of a ceaseless and powerful demand which lay behind the efforts which made victory in the world war possible.

"The death of Col. Roosevelt," Mr. Hughes added, "is an irreparable loss to the nation. His virility and courage were a constant inspiration. He personified the Americanism of which he was the most doughty champion. He demanded the recognition and performance of our national obligation in the war."

"In response to his patriotic call lay the safety of civilization and in this hour of complete victory the whole world is his debtor."

**Aeronaut's Tribute.**  
Washington, Jan. 6.—Ten airplanes from Hazelhurst Field, Long Island, flying in squadron formation, circled Sagamore Hill this afternoon and dropped floral wreaths around Col. Roosevelt's home, the War Department was informed by the commandant of the field.  
Lieut. Col. M. S. Harmon, commandant of Hazelhurst Field, also informed the department that an airplane watch would be maintained over Sagamore Hill day and night until the hour of the funeral Wednesday.

**Bryan's Tribute.**  
Baltimore, Jan. 6.—William Jennings Bryan here today paid the following tribute to Col. Roosevelt: "The rare qualities that won for Col. Roosevelt a multitude of devoted followers naturally arrayed against him a host of opponents, but his death puts an end to controversy and he will be mourned by foe as well as by friend.

"He was a great American and made a profound impression on the thought of his generation. His picturesque career will reform a fascinating chapter in our national history."

**Gen. Leonard Wood's Tribute.**  
Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 6.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood made the following statement after he had received word of the death of Col. Roosevelt: "The death of my friend, Theodore Roosevelt, brings to me a great personal loss and sorrow, but keen and deep as these are, they are but the sorrow and loss of an individual. The national loss is irreparable, for his death comes at a time when his services to this nation can ill be spared. Never was America more in need of his frankness and courage, his self criticism and far-seeing wisdom, than at present. His entire life and work was one of service to the nation; service for whatever he believed to be right."

**PAXVILLE ITEMS.**  
The Paxville Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet next Tuesday afternoon, January 14th, in a room of the graded school building. This being the first meeting of the new year, it is hoped every member of the union will be present, and any visitor will be welcome.  
Misses Iva Geddings and Pearl Broadway left Monday for Rock Hill to resume their studies at Winthrop college.

Miss Ruby Kelley, of Summerton, and a student of Limestone college visited her sister here, Mrs. Howard Tisdale, last week.  
Misses Alice and Emily Broadway left Saturday for near Turbeville to begin their school duties.  
Miss Geraldine Bowen has returned to Gaffney to resume her studies at Limestone college.

Mr. J. M. Geddings has received news that his son Graham who was wounded in France has landed a New York.  
Miss Hattie Herlong left last Wednesday for Ellerbe where she is teaching this session.

Mr. Marion Graham from near Manning has the railroad agency here and will move his family in a short time.

Miss Thelma McLeod has returned from a visit to relatives at Florence.  
Mr. Eugene Brown has returned to Greenville to resume his studies at Furman University.

**MUCH COTTON IN STORAGE**  
State Warehouse Now Holds Ten Million Dollars in Staple.

Columbia, Jan. 7.—The State Warehouse system, according to Commissioner W. G. Smith, is storing more cotton than at any other period of its history. It has in its keep approximately \$10,000,000 of the staple.  
Capt. Smith said today that the farmers of South Carolina are certainly holding their cotton for higher market, which he and the other cotton experts of the State freely predict will come.

**FIRE THREATENS GOVERNMENT BUILDING**  
Newport News, Jan. 7.—Flames, which for a time threatened the total destruction of the army port of embarkation headquarters here tonight, were confined to one wing of the immense frame structure by the army and city fire departments. The wing destroyed was the office of the Medical corps, and as most of the contents were removed the damage will not exceed \$25,000, it was estimated tonight.

**ENGINE TROUBLE FORCED THEM TO LAND**

Durham, N. C., Jan. 7.—Lieut. E. C. Miller and Lieut. M. F. Broeze in charge of two Curtiss airplanes from Langley Field, Va., en route to Camp Bealeton, made a landing here today on account of engine trouble and will spend the night here. They expect to resume their flight in the morning. They are on air route mail service.

## SUMMERTON NEWS TERSELY TOLD

Miss Martha Walker, the efficient book-keeper at the Manning Oil Millinery, spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Spartanburg county.

Private J. F. Hunsucker of Marlboro spent several days here last week with relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. H. Medlin and children spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Marion county.

Mr. Elberta Seymour, who has been engineer on the North Western for a number of years, is now at the navy yard in Charleston working. We wish "Al" well.

Mrs. Florence Rogan and children of Sumter motored down to our city Sunday and spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. L. B. Davis.

Mr. L. H. Godwin who is in the navy at Charleston, and Mr. C. L. Godwin of the aviation corps at Lake Charles, La., spent the Christmas holidays with their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Godwin.

Lieutenant Ellison Capers of Allenton, Pa., and Miss Katherine Capers of Durham, N. C., were called home last week on account of the death of their father, Dr. Ellison Capers. Dr. Capers was a most excellent citizen and his many friends mourn his untimely death.

Mrs. P. J. Holliday and Little Helen Lee, are spending some time with relatives in Columbia.

Mrs. N. H. Williams of Asheville, N. C., is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Davis.

Miss Alice Jones spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Durham, N. C.

Mrs. Wallace Mathis has returned home after spending the Christmas holidays with relatives at Winstboro.

Miss Sudie Davis, principal of the Cross Road school, gives the honor roll in her school for the month of December which is as follows: John Elliott Rowe, Irene Billups and Clifton Bronson.

There are a number of cases of "flu" in this section now, while it seems those who are having it now are not as sick as when it first hit here last fall. Mr. R. C. Barwick is also quite sick with typhoid fever and has been for the last several weeks, but his many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. C. R. Touchberry one of our energetic young farmers has bought the Deas plantation west of here, the price it is understood was something like thirty-five thousand dollars. Mr. J. W. Broadway has bought the Fairview farm owned by Mr. W. D. Allen.

A letter received from a Red Cross nurse in London by Mrs. J. J. Wilkie states that Sergeant Willie J. Wilkie is in a hospital there doing well. It will be remembered that Sergeant Wilkie was reported as dying on Oct. 10th with lobar pneumonia. This will be very gratifying news to his many friends who are anxious to see him return home along with many others of our boys.

Judging from the great number of tobacco beds that are being planted in this section the farmers are going into the tobacco business rather heavy this year, and most of them are very anxious to have a warehouse at this place, and the matter is being considered by the business men of the town and community, while as yet no decision has been reached.

The new year is upon us, and everybody seems happy over what was accomplished during the past year, and are now looking forward for even a better year. And every effort will be put forth by our farmers to make sufficient food for home consumption, and some to go to the Allied countries. While the cotton crop will not be neglected by any means as long as the price holds up anywhere around what it is now. Although to look around over the country and see the great amount of cotton that is now being held for better prices it hardly looks like it will be necessary to grow too much cotton this year. While some think the mills are running short, and that the price will soon advance, and this we hope will soon happen. If there are any people on earth that deserves high prices for what they make we certainly think it is the poor hard worked farmers who work the year round. Already many of them are now at work making preparations for this year's crop, while others are not through with the 1918 crop, as there are still lots of cotton in the field and much to yet be ginned.

"Good bye France, hello America." That is what the signing of the Armistice meant to hundreds of thousands of American soldiers. And this movement thrilled the hearts of thousands of mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and sweethearts, and has been the means of a much happier Xmas being spent than could have been enjoyed with the war still going on. While it was true that in a few homes there were bleeding hearts and sorrow caused by the death of a loved one abroad, and to those who are grieved, we who have been so lucky as not to have a loved one in a soldier's grave, we must sympathize with the unfortunate. Yet we are unwilling to believe that there is an American soldier buried in sunny France, even if it were possible that would give Germany the victory they have won for their life again. And how thankful we all should be that with the great struggle we have just fought to a finish, our loss was so small. Out of thirty odd white boys from our town only one death so far

## CORP. WILL BURGESS DIED FIGHTING

Company "B" 316th M. G. Bn., American Expeditionary Forces, November 21st, 1918.

Mr. C. N. Sprott, Manning, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Sprott: The occasion for this letter brings much sorrow to my company and myself and were it possible I would gladly spare the pain which it brings to you yet I can not feel that I have done my duty until I offer you my deepest sympathy in your bereavement. The official notice of Corp. Burgess' death has already been sent thru military channels, as is required by orders, and my personal esteem for Corp. Burgess prompts me to write this letter. He was killed while on a patrol on November 10th, and on that day he had been a member of my company exactly fourteen months during which time he had been one of the most reliable and trusted men of my command. He was always cheerful, willing and obedient and had all the qualities incident to a good soldier and a gentleman. I could not say more of anyone.

On the morning of November 10th, our company was ordered to take up a position to defend a couple of small towns and to aid an infantry battalion on our right to advance. About 2:30 in the afternoon the captain with several men went out on a patrol, among them was Corporal Burgess, while on this patrol they encountered an enemy machine gun nest and in the fight which followed the captain and Corp. Burgess were killed. I regret their death and mourn with their relatives and many friends but since it was necessary in the service of their country I am happy that they died facing and fighting the enemy.

Corp. Burgess' body was buried in the cemetery in the village of Haudimont beside the body of his captain. As required by orders his personal effects have been sent thru military channels and will be forwarded to you I am enclosing a copy of the list of his personal effects certified to by myself and witnessed by one of the officers of the company.

If there is any information you desire further you may write and I shall be glad to comply with the request.

Assuring you that you have my deepest sympathy, I am,  
Very sincerely,  
John D. Warlick,  
1st Lt. 316th M. G. Bn  
Comd'g. "B" Comp.

**DEATH OF MRS. E. D. SPR**  
Florence Woman Succumbs to Tacks of Pneumonia.

Florence, Jan. 4.—This town again made sad today when the announcement went out that Mrs. Richardson Sprott, the beloved of Mr. E. D. Davis Sprott, had away at her home in West Park street, from pneumonia, superinduced by a severe case of influenza, which seized her on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Sprott, with her husband and children, moved to Florence about three years ago, and had become popular in all walks of life. As a Christian, she was devout and was prominent in all the work of the Central Methodist Church, of which she was a member. She was thirty-two years old.

Be sure to see the surrender of entire German Fleet. At the Pax January 15th.

has occurred, that being Capt. A. Mood, who was killed in a some time last summer, and to and all the other boys from Clendon, who fought and died for our freedom and liberty let us say: "Beloved sons who away, to fight for Liberty; we honor thee; though sons of fame, that thou hast made us free again."

Thy blood was shed on the battlefield. Far over the ocean deep, and today we point with solemn tears to the place where thou do'st sleep. And ever pray that God in his love and pity guard the place where thou do'st lie. Until the day when he shall call his saints to himself on high.

And that we all your sorrowing friends, be patient and withstand grief and pain, and wounded be wrought by stern nature's hand, in this time of sad dismay, may submissive be, and in the price which thou hast paid. Thy glory may a see.

Thine was purely sacrifice, to count friends and home. Honor and fame we owe to thee, for a world's peace that now has come. And all we could wish, is that thou hadst lived, to see thine efforts crowned. To hear thy glory and praises sung. To freedom welcome sound.

We hope the legislature will pass the bill which will be asked for by the state automobile association. Twenty-five million dollars is no small amount of money to ask for, yet we along with many others have always favored good roads and talk will not build them. We have Senator Wideman and his co-workers, in the lower house, of representatives, will have it inserted in this bill that Clarendon, Sumter, Orangeburg and Charleston counties want the Wrights Bluff crossing over Santee. Come now, Senator Wideman, get the boys in a good humor and lets have that crossing, that has so much been talked of.  
NUB.