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May Slink Surrendered Vessels.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The American delegates to the peace congress have resolved to advocate the sinking of the surrendered enemy war ships and resist any proposition to distribute them on the basis of naval losses. This announcement is made by those in close touch with the American representatives, who, it is added, feel that such a position would result in avoiding contention and materially support President's Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisition of property. England, through Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, had previously acquiesced in the American plan to destroy warships, and it is declared, will continue to support the United States, although it is expected that some of the lesser naval powers will demand that the prizes be distributed.

State Health Statistics.

According to statistics compiled by Dr. James A. Hayne, State health officer, 24,508 deaths occurred in South Carolina during the interval between January and October 31, 1918, while the number of births for the same period was 36,209. The number of deaths for the same period of time in 1917 was 10,872 with 35,401 births.

Massachusetts Lady Died Here.

Miss I. D. Baker, a resident of Dedham, Mass., died at the residence of Mrs. E. C. DuBose Wednesday of apoplexy. The body was sent by express to Dedham yesterday morning.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Camden will be held at the offices of the Bank on Tuesday December 31st, 1918 at four thirty o'clock p. m.

C. H. YATES,
Secretary.

When hostilities ceased the American army was being prepared and equipped to hurl ten tons of mustard gas into the German forces for every ton the Germans could deliver. Major Gen. William L. Sibert, director of the chemical warfare service, said Friday at Washington at a dinner given in his honor. He said that the armistice was signed, the day that plans for the manufacturing of the standard gases were in operation with a manufacturing capacity greater than that of England and France combined. This capacity would have been troubled in the case of certain gases before the end of the new year.

Return to home waters of the first ships of the American armada sent to Europe to combat German sea power, will be marked by a great naval pageant in New York harbor about December 23. Secretary Daniels announced today that he will go to New York on the Mayflower to review the fleet, which will be led by Admiral Mayo, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, on his flagship, the Pennsylvania, which accompanied President Wilson to Europe.

Strongly recommending some system of universal military training for the State, William W. Moore, the Adjutant General, in his report to the General Assembly will suggest two methods, first, that youths who have reached their sixteenth year be required to have at least three months' intensive military training under proper authority each year for four years, and at the expiration of this period be compelled to enlist in the National Guard for three years; or second, that the youth be required to undergo a year's intensive training, preferably when he is twenty or twenty-one years of age, and then enlist in the National Guard of his State for one term.

MAJESTIC PROGRAM

Today Friday Dec. 20th.
SPECIAL FEATURE
Title Not Yet Announced
But it will please you

Saturday Dec. 21st.
SPECIAL FEATURE
Title Not Yet Announced
Bound to please

Monday Dec. 23rd.
Jesse L. Lasky Presents
PAULINE FREDERICK IN
"A Daughter of the Old South"
Also Official War Review Pictures

The Day Before Christmas
Everybody Should See
Dainty Vivian Martin in
"MIRANDY SMILES"
Pathe News on the Program

CHRISTMAS DAY
Lawrence Grant and Olive Tell in
"TO HELL WITH THE KAISER"
A screen classic production that puts
him where he belongs.

The Day After Christmas

And the Day After That
A Paramount-Artcraft Special
"SPORTING LIFE"
The Massive Drury Lane Success
Produced by Maurice Tourneur.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Through the kindness of Miss Melita Floyd, we are permitted to place on exhibition in the front window of the era office a German helmet received by her some time ago from a friend, who is with the American expeditionary forces in France.

Robert S. Caston, colored, who lived about a mile north of Kershaw, died last Thursday, aged about seventy years. He was stricken suddenly the Saturday previous and grew gradually worse until death came.

Owing to the very inclement condition of the weather on last Sunday the dedication of the Second Baptist Church, at the mill was postponed to another day, and announcement of the time will be made as soon as the date is agreed upon. Rev. T. A. Dabney, of Lancaster, who was to preach the dedication sermon came down to fulfill his engagement, but returned home on the afternoon train Sunday.

The Kershaw Graded School will close next Friday for the holidays and will remain closed until Wednesday morning, January 1, 1919. The out of town teachers, with the exception of Miss Carson, who is confined to her bed will go to their respective homes to spend Christmas.

Dr. W. C. McDowell went to Rock Hill Monday to bring home his little son, William, whose misfortune of getting badly hurt was noted in the Era last week. The little fellow is getting along as well as could be expected of one done up in plaster cast.

Clarence Hough has moved from DeKalb to the Hough home on south Matson street. Kershaw is pleased to have Mr. Hough and family as citizens of the community.

Miss Ida Brown, who spent some time at the home of her parents in the Abney community to assist in nursing members of the family who were sick, returned to Columbia last week, where she has a position with the Efford department store.

T. P. Ballard reported to us Saturday that he saw cotton blooming on the Falkenberg lot just south of town, that morning as he passed the home of Vance Falkenberg. December 14th is rather late in the season for cotton to be blooming, but there has been no real killing weather this fall.

Burrell H. Truesdale received a telegram late Saturday afternoon informing him that his mother Mrs. Hattie Truesdale, was seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. O. Beckham, in New York. Mr. Truesdale motored to Camden where he caught the northbound train for New York. Since his arrival there he has wired home that his mother was resting easy.

Hermitage Mill News.

December 17.—Everybody in the village is all tip-toe for Christmas and all the good times that accompany it. We are making preparation for a big time from the smallest child up. Christmas was made to be happy in.

Saturday night a week ago, the young folks had a fruit supper in the Cottage. We had a very enjoyable time. Games of all kinds were entered into with a zest. In the middle of the evening fruit was passed around.

Mrs. A. E. Briggs and Miss Corinne Jones spent Tuesday in Columbia shopping.

Private Taveres Thompsons with A. J. Rowe and another friend of his from Camp Jackson spent Sunday in the village.

Miss Jones attended the Illiteracy Convention in Columbia Friday and Saturday. She reports a very profitable and enjoyable time. Miss Kelly, State Organizer of Night Schools in North Carolina, was an interesting speaker at the Convention. Miss Will Lou Gray, Field Worker for South Carolina, was an enthusiastic leader. We hope to have



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Application for pardon of Paul Wierse formerly associate editor of the Charleston American, who was convicted of conspiracy to sink the steamship Liebenfels in Charleston harbor and sentenced to two years' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine, has been rejected by the Department of Justice.

MASTER'S SALE

State of South Carolina
County of Kershaw
In The Court of Common Pleas

Frank Moses and Amanda Smyrl,
Plaintiffs,
against
Lucretia Dickson, Defendant

Under and by virtue of a decree of his Honor Judge W. H. Townsend of date December 10th, 1918, I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Court House door in Camden, S. C., within the legal hours of sale on the first Monday in January next, being the 6th day thereof, the following described tract of land: All that piece, parcel or tract of land in the said County and State, containing thirty-four (34) acres, more or less, lying about 10 miles North of Camden, and bounded North by lands now or formerly of Henry Waddy; East by lands now or formerly of Adamson; South by Isaiah Waddy; and West by lands now or formerly of Adamson. Any one desiring to bid at the said sale shall first deposit with the Master the sum of \$50.00 as an evidence of good faith.

L. A. WITPKOWSKY,
Master Kershaw County.
December, 20th, 1918.

MASTER'S SALE.

State of South Carolina,
County of Kershaw.

E. P. Truesdale, R. B. DeLoache, Willis Shearn, co-partners in trade under the firm name of Enterprise Mercantile Company,
Plaintiffs,
against
Hattie Demsey and Alfred Dempsey, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a decree of his Honor Judge W. H. Townsend of date Dec. 18th, 1918, I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Court House door in Camden, S. C., within the legal hours of sale on the first Monday in January next, being the 6th day thereof, the following described tract of land: All that piece, or parcel of land situated and being in the State and County aforesaid, containing sixteen acres, more or less and being bounded as follows: North by lands of Eugene Mickle; East by lands of G. T. Little; South by lands of estate of W. D. McDowell and West by lands of Sam Bass. Any one desiring to bid at the said sale shall first deposit with the Master the sum of \$50.00 as an evidence of good faith.

L. A. WITPKOWSKY,
Master for Kershaw County.
December 19th, 1918.

Waterloo Mill Village Notes.

Our school closed last Friday for Christmas holidays. The teachers have gone to their respective homes until the close of the holidays.

The girls and boys of the village are practicing for the Christmas exercises which will take place at the Church in connection with the Christmas tree, on Christmas eve. We hope this will be the most enjoyable event this community has had in many years.

A large crowd gathered at the club house on Thursday evening for an old time community potato roasting. Ring games were played around a big fire on the lawn while the potatoes were being cooked. Stories, recitations, jokes and songs completed the pleasure of the evening.

Mr. B. W. Davis and children of Columbia spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis.

Mr. J. D. Shaw was in Columbia the past week end on business.

Rev. Reynolds of Selma Baptist Church of Sumter, guest of Rev. Benson, made a splendid talk on hope for peace at the Church on Friday night.

Miss Nelle Wilkes attended the State Night School association held in Columbia on the 14th and 15th. Miss Wilkes went as a representative of the village night school.

Pontiac Citizen Killed.

James A. Davis, aged 70 years, well known resident of upper Richland County, was instantly killed yesterday morning at 7 o'clock when he stepped in front of a Seaboard Air Line passenger train as it approached Pontiac, a station 14 miles above Columbia. The blow knocked the body about 60 feet. The coroner will conduct an inquest this afternoon. Mr. Davis has been a familiar figure around the court house for many years. He served several terms on the County Democratic executive committee and always exhibited a lively interest in political affairs. Thursday's State.

It having been conclusively proved before a Senate investigating committee that William Bayard Hale, a writer for the Hearst newspapers and formerly a confidential representative of President Wilson in Mexico, eventually became head of the publicity branch of German propaganda in this country—what is the Government going to do about it? If the Government does not punish him, the citizens of Washington ought to hang him on a lamp post.—Rock Hill Record.

Answer the Red Cross Roll Call

CHRISTMAS TOYS

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