

The Watchman and Southern

WORD FROM HASSELL DICK.

First News Received in Eighteen Months.

After waiting more than a year and a-half without receiving any word from his son, Hassell H. Dick, who has been in the consular service for several years...

In May, 1917, Mr. Lansing received a dispatch from Constantinople saying that "Mr. H. H. Dick and party had left Jerusalem for Constantinople."

Coroner Seale held an inquest this morning for the purpose of officially determining the cause of the death of Moses Dixon, the negro who died at the Toumey Hospital yesterday afternoon...

RECRUITS FOR THE ARMY.

Washington, July 26.—Regular army recruiting brought in 2,370 men yesterday. New York with 287 men obtained during the day needs only thirty-one to fill its quota of 18,236...

GERMANS CONTINUE OFFENSIVE.

Determined Effort Being Made to Break Through in West. The Germans are continuing their strong effort to break through on the western front, with both Paris and London reporting activities.

The big three weeks' prize tobacco selling starts next Monday, July 30th, at Glenn's Tobacco Warehouse. A number of the business establishments have promised to have representatives at every day's sale...

ALLIES' WAR AIMS.

Paris Meeting Renews Declaration That Entente Will Fight Till Prussian Military Menace is Subdued—Can Trust Greece Now.

Paris, July 27.—The allied powers yesterday concluded their conference after announcing a decision to continue the war until the object for which they are fighting is attained.

The allied powers, more closely united than ever for the defense of the people's rights, particularly in the Balkan peninsula, are resolved not to lay down arms until they have attained the end which in their eyes dominates all others—to render impossible a return of the criminal aggression such as that whereof the central empires bear the responsibility.

There was unanimous agreement on all decisions reached during the meetings. The ministers of appointments affected will meet in London to draw up the executive measures. The following announcement respecting the decision of the allies concerning Greek territory now occupied by their military forces was published today:

FOR MARKETING OF COTTON.

Plans to Hold Conference on Subject. Columbia, July 26.—Plans for a world conference on the marketing of cotton to be held immediately at the close of the war, and at which plans for a scientific method of handling of the crop would be devised are in the making.

Col. E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, was communicated with by Rufus W. Wilson, secretary of the association, in an effort to find the sentiment of the Southern Cotton Congress of which Col. Watson is president.

The following reply from Mr. Wilson indicates that tentative plans are being mapped out for the conference: "It was a pleasure to receive your letter of June 21, and to note the keen and intelligent interest which it manifested in the international cotton conference proposed by this association."

"The stabilizing of the prices of cotton as well as better methods of marketing are among the vital questions sure to be considered by such a conference. In view of this fact, it seems to the officers of our association that the preliminary arrangements for the conference might very properly be handled by a joint committee composed of representatives of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, and of the Southern Cotton Congress."

At the close of the meeting Mr. J. Lem King volunteered his services whenever needed as he had had two years experience in a shipbuilding plant.

TO CREATE SHIP BUILDING RESERVE.

Sumter Men Will Enroll to Help in the Building of Ships if Called on by the Authorities.

Ships, more ships, and yet more ships were the most urgent need of the allies and the United States as set forth by Lloyd-George, the brilliant commoner so ably guiding the English administration.

The government of the United States has called on the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to aid in finding men for the work of turning out shipping tonnage to the extent of five or more times more than this country has ever built before.

The unlimited resources of this country cannot help to win the war unless they can be placed where they are needed. The men of France, worn to fizzle trying to save their land and their women from untold horrors can not hold out unless food and supplies can be taken to them.

There are more ship yards now at work than ever before, and more are to be put in operation. Ten times as many men will be needed to work in these plants as are now at the plants.

These men must come from everywhere. It is the wish of the authorities that labor conditions be not disturbed anywhere by drawing from any one point so many men that it will hurt that place.

The committees appointed by Chairman Phelps are H. R. VanDeventer, chairman of the central committee; H. A. Moses, chairman of the publicity committee, and E. L. Witherspoon, chairman of the labor committee.

The other members of the Publicity Committee are H. G. Osteen and F. D. Knight, and the other members of the Labor Committee are W. F. Carr and Danny McKiever. An immediate order for enrollment cards was placed and Mr. McLeod instructed Secretary Reardon to write to the Ship Building Committee for 200 shipbuilders' reserve buttons.

The committees will go immediately to work to explain to all carpenters, plumbers, mechanics and painters the plan of voluntary enrollment for future calls. No employer should be antagonistic to this work, for it is to put into operation a plan whereby only a small proportion of his men would be taken—if any at all—instead of, perhaps, many of them getting the moving fever all at one time and leaving him in a bunch.

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A Soldier's Prayer.

(By Harold MacGrath of the Vigilantes.) Lord, give me this day my manhood to stand straight. Lead me into battle with a clean heart and a sober mind. Deliver me from blind hate and wanton ruthlessness; give me only that white anger that lends righteousness to battle.

GAME WARDEN GIBBES.

Appointed for Third Time by Governor

Columbia, July 28.—Wade Hampton Gibbs of Columbia was appointed chief game warden of South Carolina by Gov. Manning last night for the third time. Mr. Gibbs was first appointed on February 26 to succeed A. A. Richardson who had been appointed four years before.

Mr. Richardson declined to turn the office over to Mr. Gibbs on the ground that he had not been recommended by the Audubon Society the course provided by law. The question was carried to the courts by Mr. Gibbs in an effort to oust Mr. Richardson and occupy the office.

Later President Adams held a referendum by mail and forwarded his own name to the governor for appointment. This was also returned by the governor as unsuitable.

On July 18 a meeting of the Audubon Society, called by Dr. C. W. Barron, vice president, was held and the name of Wade Hampton Gibbs sent the governor. President Adams announced that this meeting was illegal.

The Girl He Will Leave Behind.

Memphis Commercial Appeal. Under the selected draft law the first drawing has been held. Over 600,000 men will be sent, before many months have passed, across the Atlantic to join our fighting force in France.

The boys are eager to go. They see a picture of glory waiting to be painted. They hear the glad shouts of victory and the cheers of friends on their return home.

In their eagerness to follow the call to colors these ambitious youths, like their fathers and grandfathers, forget the mother, the sister, the sweet heart, the girl they will leave behind.

It was at the great reunion of the Blue and the Gray held on the field of Gettysburg, on the anniversary of the battle fought 50 years before, that veterans of the vanishing armies held a campfire session. Old comrades who had met on the bloody field before became closely knit together in the inseparable ties of brotherhood as they exchanged stories of the little episodes, of a personal nature, that occurred at the time.

Old bitterness was forgotten. The end was in sight of all. Each one present seemed to realize that their days were numbered and because of this they talked with greater enthusiasm of the days of the sixties.

Toasts were offered filled with sentiment to great commanders, living and dead. Toward midnight one old veteran in gray addressed his comrades of both armies in a voice that trembled with emotion.

"Boys," he said, "there is one sentiment I want to give you. In the goodtime we have had here most of us have thought of home as it is now and it was 50 years ago. You all recall, as you lay on this very ground 50 years ago, waiting to go in battle, that your thoughts were about the folks at home—the wife and the baby that you had kissed good-bye so tenderly when you marched away to war. It was the memory of the girl he left behind him that kept many a faltering fellow straight in the path of duty. Now boys, we are nearing the end of life, and before I leave I want you to join me in a tribute to the girls we left behind us 50 years ago."

Every gray head within the sound of the speaker's voice was bared. Then the old man, his eyes wet with tears and with upraised hand, said, "Some of them lie in their graves, but some, bless God, are spared to go with us to the last camping ground. They are bent and gray, like we are, but they are just as dear to us as they were 50 years ago. Boys of the north and of the south—God bless the girls we left behind us."

Our boys of today are leaving for the same patriotic purpose that our fathers of the sixties left for. Our boys of today will go to the front buoyed with confidence and in many cases they will dream in the trenches of the girl they have left behind.

Will—after a lapse of 50 years—they think as this veteran of Gettysburg thought so reverently and lovingly of the girl he left behind?

SIX LIEUTENANTS DISCHARGED.

Fail to Qualify in Recent Examinations.

Columbia, July 28.—Advice from the adjutant general of the South-eastern Department, United States Army, to the adjutant general of South Carolina yesterday was that six officers of the South Carolina National Guard have failed to qualify in recent examinations and have been discharged from the service.

The telegram from Adjutant General Evans to Adjutant General Moore was as follows: "The department commander directs that you be informed that Second Lieut. W. L. Hart, First South Carolina Infantry; First Lieuts. R. J. Ortman, Jr., G. M. Bennett, A. R. Richardson and Second Lieuts. W. E. King and G. A. Knebel, Second South Carolina Infantry, having failed to qualify recent examinations are discharged from service."

Death.

Mr. William Brearley died at his home near St. Charles Friday afternoon, after a long illness. He was about 66 years old and had lived practically all his life in the Mt. Zion neighborhood.

Chamber of Commerce Notes.

Several hundred letters were mailed out to farmers of Sumter, Lee, and Clarendon counties by the Chamber of Commerce today, notifying them of the cotton growers' selling association meeting in Sumter next Friday, August 3, at Glenn's Tobacco Warehouse.

If the cotton growers want better prices for their cotton, and desire also that local cotton buyers be in better position to pay better prices the cotton growers must do their part to improve the kind of cotton grown, picked and packed.

Owing to an oversight on the part of the secretary, the Chamber of Commerce failed to include the name of Mr. Henry D. Barnett who contributed five dollars to the tobacco premium fund published a few days ago.

The report that First Lieut. Allen Richardson of Company L, had been discharged from the service was a great surprise to Sumter people generally for it has been understood that he had made good on the border and that he was in every particular an efficient and ambitious young officer who would rise in the service. This being the general impression there was naturally many inquiries as to the cause of his discharge from the service. Capt. R. T. Brown, when asked for an explanation of the discharge of Lieut. Richardson, stated that the order of discharge was based solely upon the failure of Lieut. Richardson to pass the rigid physical examination in one small particular.

New Honey.

I am now extracting the new crop of honey and am selling at the old price, 35 cents per quart, on draught, or in glass jars, 45 cents per quart. Have a limited supply of white comb honey in sections, about one pound, that I am selling at 20 cents per section. Send to my residence, 320 West Hampton Avenue or Phone No. 2. N. G. OSTEEEN.