

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. H. W. Scott, of Bishopville, is visiting his son, Mr. H. P. Scott.

Mrs. J. H. Levy, of Philadelphia, is visiting the family of her brother, Mr. O. H. Folley.

Dr. Carl B. Epps has returned to the city after a few days' visit to his mother who has been ill at the home of her daughter in Charleston county.

Miss Anne Carroll, of Bennettsville, and Miss Bessie McNair, of Hartsville, are visiting in the city.

Mr. D. C. Hook of Wedgefield has accepted a position with O'Donnell & Co.

Miss Mae Seymour has returned home after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Wilmington, N. C.

Miss Mary Belle Burgess, of Chitwood College, Columbia, is spending the holidays with her parents on Broad street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nigels, of Charleston, are spending a few days with Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Osteen.

Misses Frances DeLorme, Mary Ada Booth, Dorita Moise, Marian Bynum, Mariah Ralfield, Emma Pinckney, Jeannette White, Minnie DeLorme and Dorothy Shaw, who are attending Winthrop College, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. Samuel Sanders has gone to New York in the interest of O'Donnell Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. David H. Kincheloe, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. H. M. Stuckey. Mrs. Kincheloe is the wife of Hon. David H. Kincheloe of Madisonville, Ky., representative of the Second Kentucky District.

She is a talented musician and reader and has been giving entertainments under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. for soldiers in camps several months. For a number of years she was connected with the Redpath Chautauqua.

Messrs. G. G. Fox and Lawrence Brunson, who are employed at the Charleston Navy Yard, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Estelle Moore, who has a government position in Charleston, spent the week-end in the city.

Mr. Richard I. Manning is spending the day in Columbia. He expects to start on his European trip on Wednesday.

Mrs. C. A. Murphy left this morning for Newberry to attend the marriage of her sister, Miss Elizabeth McCrackin.

Cotton Market

Table with columns for LOCAL, P. C. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer, and NEW YORK COTTON MARKET. Includes data for Open, High, Low, Close, and various grades of cotton.

COMMUNITY SANITATION MEETING.

The opening meeting of the anti-fly campaign and for better and cleaner milk will be held at the Providence school, Privateer township, on Wednesday night, February 26th, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Pisgah News and Views.

Pisgah, Feb. 24.—The wet weather has retarded plowing on the low lands but on the high planes good progress has been made.

Very little guano has been received so far and the probability is that not much is going to be used.

Last week was an ideal one to kill hogs and the butchering season is practically over. More hogs have been killed than in many years, and several will have meat to sell.

The small grain crop is not promising, but there is time for it to come out.

The labor question is still acute. Many farms have no labor at all.

Mrs. J. W. Hawkins who is at the Columbia hospital for treatment is improving and will be well enough to come home in a short time.

Rev. J. B. Shiver of Rock Hill filled the pulpit at Pisgah church yesterday and preached a fine sermon.

Miss Ethel Watson visited relatives in Columbia last week and returned Sunday to the pleasure of her many friends. She is one of our popular young ladies and is the organist of Pisgah church.

Miss Sadie Rogers, who has been visiting at Rembert, came home Sunday.

Am thankful to say that we have no serious sickness at this time.

Sixty-three wounded soldiers and three officers passed through the city Saturday morning en route from Camp Meredith, N. J., to Camp Jackson. These men, who were returned from France for hospital treatment, are all from North and South Carolina and will remain at Camp Jackson until they are able to be discharged.

The men were traveling in two cars, which were sidetracked in the yard from 12 o'clock last night until 3:35 this morning.

Vener Plant Will Locate Here

Mills at Mocksville, North Carolina and Camden, S. C. to be Combined and Moved to Sumter.

Mr. O. L. Williams, of Mocksville, N. C., who operates a large Vener plant there and also one at Camden, S. C., has decided to combine the two plants and move them to Sumter. A site for the plant has been purchased, the lot adjacent to Witherspoon Bros. Co. coffin factory, containing four and a half acres, having been acquired and the titles recorded Friday.

Mr. Williams is not an entire stranger to Sumter, having been here on several occasions and is already very well known, and his coming to Sumter not only means the addition of a new enterprise to Sumter, but the coming in of good citizens, whom we are glad to welcome.

MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED.

Gen. Sharpe, Representing The United States Government, Presents Medal of James D. Heriot.

The Congressional Medal of Honor, the very highest award of merit that is bestowed by the United States government, was Saturday presented to Mrs. Carrie C. Heriot. The medal was won by her son, James Davidson Heriot, on a bloody battle field of France, when 30th Division was making history for itself, and proving to the world the stuff that was in the boys from the Sunny South.

The presentation was made to Mrs. Heriot by Maj. Gen. Henry G. Sharpe, in charge of the Southeastern Department, with headquarters at Charleston. It was a formal, but very quiet ceremony. The presentation was made at the residence of Mrs. H. T. Abbott on Washington street, and besides Mrs. Heriot and Gen. Sharpe, the only others present were Messrs. Robert L. and Joseph C. Heriot, brothers of the young man whose heroism was being officially recognized.

Mrs. Heriot and her two sons came from their home in Lee county this morning to meet Maj. Gen. Sharpe, who came up from Charleston for the specific purpose of making the presentation. By previous arrangements Gen. Sharpe called at Mrs. Abbott's home and there met Mrs. Heriot. The ceremony was formal, but simple. It took place at about 10:30 o'clock. General Sharpe returning to the Claremont Hotel and Mrs. Heriot and her sons leaving soon afterwards for their home.

The Congressional Medal of Honor is awarded by the president of the United States on behalf of the congress of the United States and is an award for personal valor. It is the greatest honor which any American citizen can win. It is of heavy gold in the form of a cross with a bar across, on which is written the name of the person winning it. A chalice of laurel leaves is wound around the face of the medal. On the reverse side is the date and place at which the deeds done were worthy of so high an honor. The name of "James Davidson Heriot" was that inscribed on the bar and on the reverse side the date and place were "October 12, 1918—Vaux-Andigny, France." The citation is reproduced elsewhere in this issue.

The medal is usually presented by the president in person, but in this instance, as the presentation had to be made posthumously, Maj. Gen. Sharpe of the Southeastern Department was designated to make the presentation and received the duplicate receipts for the medal, showing that it had been presented. Gen. Sharpe stated today that he had one other of the Congressional Medals of Honor to present, also to a Southern man, the second one to go to North Carolina.

MEDAL OF HONOR GOES TO MOTHER.

Mrs. Carrie C. Heriot's Son Killed in Action in France.

Charleston, Feb. 22.—For the purpose of presenting to Mrs. Carrie C. Heriot, of Providence, a medal of honor awarded posthumously to her son, Corporal James D. Heriot, Major Gen. Henry G. Sharpe, accompanied by Lieut. W. C. Bacon, goes to Sumter this morning.

Corporal Heriot was a member of the 118th infantry, Company I. He was wounded at the battle of Vaux-Andigny, France, and later on in the same day was killed while storming alone a machine gun position. He was awarded the distinguished service cross by Gen. John J. Pershing, but later the medal of honor, the highest decoration of the American government, was awarded by congress.

The general will go to Sumter and Mrs. Heriot will meet him there. It is not known whether there will be any public ceremony on this occasion, but so far as the two officers making the trip know the award will be made in private. The medal of honor is only given in exceptional cases.

The following is the official citation appearing in general orders No. 13 of the war department:

James D. Heriot, corporal, Company I, 118th infantry. For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty, in action with the enemy at Vaux-Andigny, France, October 12, 1918. Corporal Heriot, with four other soldiers, organized a combat group and attacked an enemy machine gun nest which had been inflicting heavy casualties on his company. In the advance, two of his men were killed, and because of the heavy fire from all sides the remaining two sought shelter. Unmindful of the hazard attached to his mission, Corporal Heriot, with fixed bayonet, alone charged the machine gun, making his way through the fire for a distance of thirty yards, and forcing the enemy to surrender. During this exploit he received several wounds in the arm, and later in the same day, while charging another nest, he was killed.

Walker's Luck Continues.

Columbia, Feb. 21.—Governor Cooper this afternoon granted a reprieve of two weeks to Aaron Walker, convicted of attempted criminal assault and sentenced to die for life. The execution could not be carried out on account of repairs being made to the electric chair. Walker was reprieved one month ago for thirty days on account of the illness of the executioner at the State penitentiary. Walker is a negro.

Thirtieth in Action

Extracts From Diary of Sergt. Thomas P. Hogan of Greeleyville.

(News and Courier.)

Mrs. T. J. Hogan, of Greeleyville sends The Sunday News a letter from her son, Sergt. Thomas P. Hogan, Company D, 114th M. G. Bn., Fifty-ninth brigade, Thirtieth division, for publication. In his letter Sergt. Hogan says: "As I have never given you much idea of my travels, will do so today. If you can get a large map of France you can follow me. Will give it as it appears in my diary, or the most interesting part of same." After detailing his trip across the Atlantic and the first few days overseas, Sergt. Hogan gives the following interesting record, day by day, of the great part played by the glorious Thirtieth:

Riots in Nuremberg

Civil War in Bavaria Continues Unabated.

London, Feb. 24.—Spartan riots have occurred in Nuremberg, Bavaria, where the prisons were opened and street fighting is in progress, according to an Exchange Telegraph Copenhagen dispatch.

Spent Good Night

Premier Clemenceau's Condition Continues Satisfactory.

Paris, Feb. 24.—Premier Clemenceau's condition continues satisfactory, the Associated Press was informed this morning. The premier spent a good night.

The German Warships

Peace Delegates Have Not Agreed as to Disposition of Ships.

Paris, Feb. 24.—While the supreme war council has not discussed the disposition of the surrendered German warships, the naval experts of the council have studied the subject. British and American officers are agreed that the proper solution is to sink them. The French and Italian officers disagree and if the experts do not soon reach an agreement the matter may be taken up directly by the council.

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At The Sumter Dry Goods Co. A list of new arrivals is published elsewhere. Lock it up and read it.

Queen of Belgium. I think if I had to live under the rule of a King I would choose King Albert of Belgium. He paid us a great compliment. Said we were the finest bunch of fellows he ever saw. We left the lines after we were inspected and returned to our rest camp. This is our second trip to the lines, I hope I will always be as lucky.

September 6—We packed up and loaded on a train. Where we were going no one knew. We left Belgium and are now again in 'Sunny France.'

September 7—We arrived at Hueler, France, where we stayed for a few days, long enough for Sergt. Bennett and myself to go A. W. O. L. and get confined for a few days.

September 18—Well, we are on the move again. We have now been made into a shock division. Guess this means we will be moving all of the time now.

September 22—Moved again, this time it was to the front again. We were loaded on motor lorries this time and did not have so much hiking today. We unloaded near Lin-court, about eight miles behind the front line. This is the Somme front, between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

September 24—We moved up to the reserve line this p. m. Gee! I feel just like something is going to happen.

September 27—Moved up to the front line to put on a stunt.

September 29—After all-night work in getting all our guns and arms up at 5:30 a. m. we laid down a barrage with the artillery. Our infantry went over and smashed 'Jerry's wonderful Hindenburg line' for him. Our company came out lucky, only having five men wounded.

October 1—Moved back to the reserve camp.

October 2—Moved back near Peronne for a rest. We need it, I think, as our division was pretty badly cut up in the stunt on September 29.

October 3—I took charge of the second platoon as officers were scarce.

October 5—Thought we were out for a rest, but orders came in to move up for another 'st.'.

October 6—Moved back to the front.

October 7—At 5:50 a. m. the stunt started. Had Jerry on the run by 6 o'clock.

October 8—Packed up our equipment and started to follow up the retreat.

October 10—Jerry is still running. We now have the country behind him. Don't look like he is going to give us a chance to get close enough to get a jab at him.

October 13—Our company was today attached to 103d division. This means 'over the top' for the dough boys.

October 16—My platoon was attached to Third battalion of the 103d infantry. Moved up into position this afternoon for attack tomorrow. Here is hoping.

October 17—At 5:20 a. m. the barrage opened and we went 'over the top.' We met the most stubborn resistance of any time yet. By 12 o'clock we had gone about nine miles. So far I had lost one out of my platoon, one man killed and two wounded. Had another attack tonight at 9:15. The moon is shining as bright as day.

October 20—The division was taken out for a month's rest, after staying in twenty-one days, making twenty-two attacks, capturing 4,000 prisoners, ninety-one pieces of artillery, 450 machine guns and advancing thirty miles. Our division sure has won a name for itself.

October 24—We arrived at our resting place, Merricourt, France, a small French village. We lost some of our best men this time, up the line. But such things must be expected in time of war.

November 11—Armistice signed. A great celebration by all.

November 12—I left on my train for Paris and St. Malo, France. Arrived in Paris.

November 14—Arrived at St. Malo, crossed the channel and went to Divard and I am staying at the Hotel Windsor. Some high life for a common soldier.

November 24—Left St. Malo and came back to the company which had moved from Merricourt to a large chateau near Le Mans. A beautiful home, but a little crowded.

December 12—Not room enough in the chateau, so we moved to three nice little town. Here I have a nice feather bed and am sleeping most of the time.

January 19—Here is hoping we will move soon and that that move will be to the 'good old U. S. A.' Pressley.

Serious Fall!

In the prices of percales, bleachings and gingham at the Sumter Dry Goods Co.—Advt.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The German long range gun which shelled Paris is now en route here to be placed on exhibition.

Have you investigated that attractive line of gingham dresses for children and house dresses for ladies at the Sumter Dry Goods Co.—Advt.

It is strange how popular out of date 1917 and 1918 automobile license tax plates continue to be. Within thirty minutes Sunday afternoon four cars, bearing out of date plates, passed through one street.

LIBERTY BONDS—Bought and sold. If you have bonds that you can not pay for or have to sell, see us. Will pay cash for them, or sell them for you. Guthrie & Company, Office over DeLorme's Drug Store.

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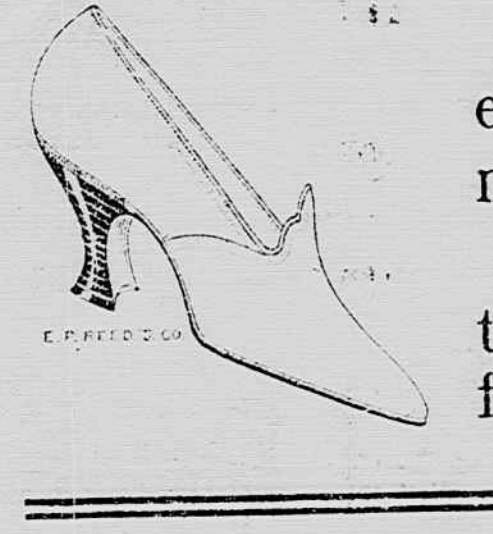
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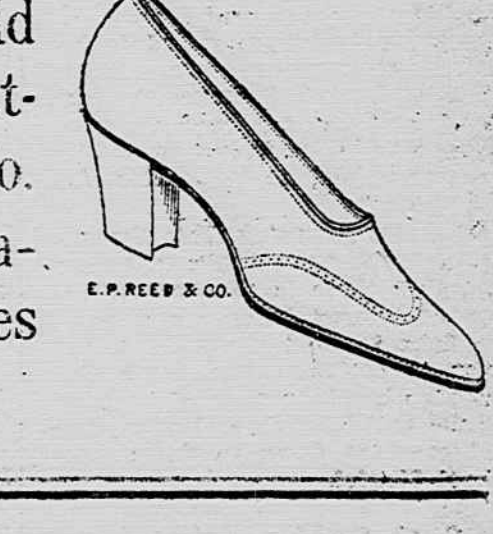
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