

WOUNDED MAN IS REMEMBERED

Friends Send Purse of \$1,100 to Soldier in Hospital

St. Matthews, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus will go to Milton Taylor, a St. Matthews boy who languishes on a bed in an Atlanta hospital...

Mr. Taylor went into battle in the opening of the American offensive and after a short time in the engagement...

Census Enumerators Begin Work

Director of the Census Sam L. Rogers has announced that everything is in readiness to begin the canvassing campaign that during the month of January, 1920, will cover every mansion...

Many other questions concerning home tenure, citizenship, marital status, literacy, sex, color and race are contained in the population schedule...

Even the family Ford will be counted, as in fact will all automobiles and tractors on farms. Questions as to telephones and electric light, gas and water plants also are included...

The Census Bureau desires to emphasize the fact that the information gathered in the census is for general statistical purposes only and that such information can not be used as a basis for taxation...

As a matter of fact the identity of individuals is lost as soon as the filled-out schedules are received at Washington. For upon reaching there the information is transferred from the sheets to cards...

The Bureau of the Census has always had the willing cooperation of the public in the past and confidently looks forward to that same spirit of cooperation for the Census of 1920.

Any further information will be given upon inquiry to Julian S. Wolfe, Supervisor, Seventh District, Orangeburg, S. C.

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THE NEGRO SOLDIER

What Col. George Harvey Says on the Subject

(From Harvey's Weekly.) Every plan proposed to congress as the basis for a system of universal military training contains the war department's estimate that approximately 650,000 boys will be available for instruction annually...

Much has been said and much has been written in praise of the exploits of our negro troops in France. Newspaper and magazine writers have found in "Young Black Joe" a ready vehicle for exploitation...

We wish these reports and stories were accurate. We wish there were no compelling reasons for revealing the truth. But there is. Distasteful as the task may be, it is essential that the facts be presented...

The Ninety-second division was organized in November, 1917, and was composed of the best negroes drafted. It was the only negro division sent to France. Originally all company officers were negroes...

The average period allotted for training white troops in France was four weeks. The Ninety-second was kept in the training area seven weeks. On August 20 or thereabout, the division, minus its artillery, was ordered to a quiet sector in the Vosges...

With the exception of the 368th regiment, which was ordered to the front line, the division was held in reserve with the First corps. The 368th was assigned to the Thirty-eighth French corps, and directly flanked the Seventy-seventh American division...

The negroes refused to obey orders, but in several instances the white field officers, forced small groups of them to go forward. As a result of this action, thirty-one negro company officers are immediately removed for cowardice and inefficiency...

The regimental commander reported as follows: "In general, the Second and Third battalions disintegrated without reason, and failed to go forward. The officers (negroes) and men, with exceptions as noted, fled to the rear in a disorganized mass...

"I have worked night and day to the very best of my ability since the time I took over the battalion on the 29th of July, and I have conscientiously tried to make a real battalion. I am utterly discouraged at the results: Not a single negro officer has shown any desire to get at close quarters with the Germans...

"The condition of the individual soldiers mentally during this time was awful. On several occasions when I had these men in the trenches, their one thought was of their certain death; any idea of getting into the Boche had absolutely departed from them...

"I gave to the training of the officers and men by the very best that was in me, and I was bitterly disappointed. Following this disgrace, the division was withdrawn from the Argonne and assigned to a quiet sector on the Moselle, where it remained until after the armistice was signed...

This, then, is the record of the only negro division sent to France. It is the most shameful chapter in the history of America's participation in the war. We would gladly have left

it behind the veil drawn over it by the censor, but to do so would merely help make a mockery of our future system of preparedness. Of course, when Secretary Baker, mindful of the large negro vote in his home State, commissioned negroes, we knew it was a crime, and we are quite sure that it will never be repeated...

But the quality of the negro enlisted man must be thoroughly understood. He cannot face a grilling fire. He is fitted only for the staff branches, where he will be far from the range of the artillery. This much has been proved by the experiences of the war.

We trust that before the senate committee disposes of the subject of military training the entire question will be thrashed out. Gen. Pershing has all the reports. Let them be laid before the committee. We have not the space for them. Negroes must, of course, be trained for military service under whatever system is finally evolved...

MACHINISTS VOTED TO STRIKE

Passage of Cummins Bill Would Have Caused General Walkout

Washington, Dec. 26.—Ninety-eight per cent of one hundred twenty-five thousand union railway machinists voted in November to strike with other trades in the event congress enacted the Cummins railroad bill with its anti-strike provision...

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

"The decision of the president with regard to the railroad properties was set forth in the following proclamation: "By the President of the United States of America: "A proclamation: "Relinquishment of federal control of railroads and systems of transportation."

"Whereas, in the exercise of authority committed to me by law, I have, therefore, through the Secretary of War, taken possession of and have, through the director general of railroads, exercised control over certain railroads, systems of transportation and property appurtenant thereto, or connected therewith, including systems of coastwise and inland transportation, engaged in general transportation and owned or controlled by said railroads or systems of transportation, including also terminals, terminal companies and terminal associations, sleeping and parlor cars, private cars and private lines, elevators, ware houses, telegraph and telephone lines and all other equipment and appurtenances commonly used upon or operated as part of such railroads and systems of transportation; and

"Whereas, I now deem it needful and desirable that all railroads systems of transportation and property now under such federal control be relinquished therefrom: "Now, therefore, under authority of section 14, of the Federal Control Act, approved March 21, 1918, and of all other powers and provisions of law thereto, be enabling, I Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, do hereby relinquish from federal control, effective the 1st day of March, 1920, at 12.01 o'clock a. m., all railroads, systems of transportation and property of whatever kind taken or held under such federal control and not heretofore relinquished and restore the same to the possession and control of their respective owners."

"Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, or his successor in office is hereby authorized and directed, through such agent and agencies as he may determine, in any manner not inconsistent with the provisions of said Act of March 21, 1918, to adjust, settle and close all matters, including the making of agreements for compensation and all questions and disputes of whatever nature arising out of or incident to federal control, until otherwise provided by proclamation of the president, or by act of congress, and generally to do and perform as fully in all respects as the president is authorized to do, all and singular the acts and things necessary or proper in order to carry into effect this proclamation and the relinquishment of said railroads, systems of transportation and property."

"For the purpose of accounting and for all other purposes, this proclamation shall become effective on the 1st day of March, 1920, at 12.01 a. m. "In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed."

"Done by the president, through Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, in the District of Columbia, this 24th day of December, the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and nineteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-fourth. (Signed) "Woodrow Wilson. "By the President. "Robert Lansing, Secretary of State. "Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War."

Arrested for Profiteering. New Orleans, Dec. 24.—The first arrest on charges of profiteering in sugar was made today when department of justice officials took into custody H. J. Astuge, retail grocer, who when arraigned before Commissioner Brown was granted a \$2,000 bond. Astuge is charged with making more than the fixed profit by charging 25 cents for sugar.

MEXICO HOLDS SAILORS IN PRISON

No Move Made to Release American Seamen Arrested at Mazatlan

Mexico City, Thursday, Dec. 25.—Pilaro Medina, in charge of the Mexican foreign office, declared today, in answer to a question, that the two American sailors arrested at Mazatlan for assault upon a Mexican citizen, were so far as the foreign office knew, still held there under the provisions of the Mexican common law.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Inter-Church World Movement Sends Prayer Into Far Places of World

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—The New Year will be ushered in during the closing hour of 1919 with a prayer from millions of hearts that is destined to be heard around the world. Watch night services in practically every nation will use this prayer, and it will be heard by the kneeling woman in a New York pew, by Chinese converts with bowed heads, by Hindoo women with arms folded crosswise by their breasts, by Persians, Japanese, Syrians, Russians, and every nationality.

This prayer was started on its world mission from the headquarters of the Interchurch World Movement in New York, and has been issued to southern churches by the southeastern divisional headquarters in Atlanta. It was sent by telegraph to the churches of the American continent, and by cable to the lands beyond the sea.

It is the first prayer to be sent around the world, to be translated into a thousand tongues and spoken simultaneously in countless places. With one voice, though in many dialects, it calls for the "elevation of justice and brotherhood" and appeals for the hastening of that "kingdom where justice, mercy and love shall rule the hearts and hands of men."

To Mexico City and Montevideo, the prayer was cabled for South and Central America; to Shanghai also, and from there it was relayed to Japan, the Philippines, Malaysia and Oceania, to Lahore, India, for distribution throughout India and the surrounding countries; to Reicht, Persia; and to Beirut, Syria for the Levant. To Cairo for the northern stretches of Africa; to Bolobo for the darkest places of the Congo; to Duncan for South Africa for the Zulu and the Boer. To Uppasala, Sweden, and Zurich, Switzerland, for all the countries of Europe. From each of these mission centers it was sent out to the stations everywhere, and the missionaries will receive it in the language of the people of their districts, and in every Protestant mission station, great or small, it will be spoken at special Night-Watch services on New Year's eve.

And when merry-makers are thronging through the Boulevard des Italiens, Paris, or streaming along the Strand, or pressing along the lighted side-walks of Broadway, or trudging through the Bund in Shanghai, waiting for the ringing of the New Year in churches and in chapels, some of them made of marble and some of them made of mud, Christian people of the white race, and the yellow race, and the black race, will be hearing the prayer that went around the world: The prayer for guidance to replenish a devastated earth and stay the unrest of perplexed peoples. The prayer is as follows:

Almighty God, Father of all mankind, at the end of a year in which malice has so often thwarted love we join the prayers of all Thy children around the world for peace, the elevation of justice and of brotherhood. Thou Creator, possessor of all things who didst make the earth for the races of man and didst set bounds for their habitation, forgive us our greed as we repent of our sin, and restore to all hearts the recognition of the transcendent right of human life to live.

Open our eyes, we beseech thee, to the dignity of labor, the sacredness of human service, and the privileges of production, that nation may join nation and man may join man justly in honest work to replenish a devastated earth.

Quicken the sympathy of our hearts, made dull by reports and sights of suffering, incomprehensible and needless. Call us again that we may bow before the eternal laws of creation, putting aside malice, envy, covetousness and brutality, to enter into the peace of the sons of the Most High.

Hasten by Thy gracious providence and by the consecrated efforts of Thy children the coming of Thy world-wide kingdom where justice, mercy and love shall rule the hearts and hands of men.

Create in us, O Lord, clean hearts, and renew right spirits for the coming year.

This we ask in the spirit of Jesus Christ, our only Hope. Amen.

MARION COUNTY SHERIFF SHOT

Sheriff Rowell Fatally Wounded By Negro Gambler

Marion, Dec. 25.—Sheriff J. B. Rowell, of Marion county, was shot three times and seriously wounded this afternoon at Sellers by a negro gambler whom he attempted to arrest. It is stated that the negro for whom Sheriff Rowell had a warrant for gambling was hiding in a house and when Mr. Rowell started to enter the door the negro shot him three times. Sheriff Rowell was taken to the Florence Hospital tonight.

Paris, Dec. 26.—A Soviet republic envoy, charged with a special mission to the Italian government arrived at Naples yesterday, according to a Rome dispatch.

Chamber of Commerce Notes.

The Sumter County Chamber of Commerce is in line with the Sumter county banks and supply merchants when it urges that upon every farm tobacco and peanuts be planted in limited acreages during 1920.

The question of how much cotton should be planted in 1920 to meet boll weevil conditions is one that the Chamber of Commerce is not prepared to advise about as the first year damages of the weevil is usually uncertain, and is said to range anywhere from fifteen to fifty per cent, according to weather conditions.

In any event it is safe to conclude that during 1920 is the time for every farm to begin the cultivation of tobacco and for the building of tobacco barns for future tobacco cultivation, and for every farm to produce at least sufficient peanuts to guarantee seed peanuts for 1921 because seed peanuts are going to be very high according to reliable authorities, and during 1920 is a splendid time in which to fence in pasture lands for future livestock production.

No one knows or can predict what the boll weevil will do to the 1920 cotton crop, but the experiences of every infested section has demonstrated that the second and third years infestation will be disastrous to cotton producers where more than six acres to the plow are planted. Therefore it stands to reason that many thousands of farmers must begin immediately familiarizing themselves with substitute crops to take the place of cotton reduction in 1920 and 1921, and to do this they must begin with tobacco and peanuts on limited scales in 1920.

Cooperating with the Farm Extension Division of Clemson Agricultural College and with the banks, farmers, merchants, land owners, and the United States Department of Agriculture for as rapid and complete organization as possible, the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce and the farm demonstrator J. Frank Williams will give their best efforts towards a campaign of education and cooperation during 1920 because Sumter county has no time to lose in getting ready to meet new conditions.

Every bank stockholder, merchant, farmer, professional man, land owner who rents or share crops land, every city property owner, and every man and woman in this city and county is vitally interested in what is going to be done on the farms of Sumter county during 1920 and 1921 because every dollar invested in Sumter county and every business enterprise is dependent upon whether or not the farms of this county are going to be prosperous or not.

As the recognized central headquarters for the agricultural, commercial, financial interests of Sumter county, recognized as such by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce should be supported by every farmer, bank, merchant, land owner and all other business and business enterprises. There must be some continuous, all the year around, and open headquarters with all time paid executives deposing their entire time and attention to the demands of the times. The Sumter County Chamber of Commerce has proven its worth as a city.

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town, and county central bureau of organization in war and in peace. Support and cooperate with it as it should be supported.

Shiloh News Items.

Shiloh, Dec. 24.—It is with sadness we report the death of Mrs. Lula Atkinson, beloved wife of Mr. H. A. Atkinson, also his loss of a little infant. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. E. K. Truluck and she was laid away at Shiloh. Mr. Atkinson we are sure has the warmest friendship and tenderest sympathies of the community.

Mr. S. J. Player and family have moved in our midst. We are glad to have them with us.

Mr. R. M. Green of Hillsboro, N. C., is spending the holidays here with friends and relatives.

Carlisle Goodman, who is attending school in Bamberg is at home for the holidays.

Mr. Ben H. Harvin of Harvin was here on business Monday. Mr. Harvin is representing two of the best fertilizer concerns.

Our deputy sheriff passed through our place yesterday en route to the lower section of the county.

Our school closed Wednesday for the holidays, will start up again Monday, fifth of January.

Here's wishing the editor, his folks and all other folks a Christmas teeming full of joy and merriment and a New Year full of prosperity and much happiness.

When the South produces all the live stock needed for home consumption and a surplus to sell, land will continue to sell at high prices, but there will be a slump if the one money crop policy is continued under boll weevil conditions.

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NEILL O'DONNELL, President. GOOD-BYE 1919 You were very kind to us. We are sorry to see you go; but the best of friends must part. Fare thee well. The First National Bank SUMTER, S. C. O. L. YATES, Cashier.