

BELIEVE ALLEGED CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED

Matter Discussed By City Council--Various Members Make Statements

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INSTALL OFFICERS TOMORROW EVENING

Supper Will Be Served Members of St. Andrews' Brotherhood

Newly-elected officers for the ensuing year will be installed by the membership of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews' Presbyterian church at their regular monthly meeting tomorrow night.

The exercises will be conducted under the direction of Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of the church. It is expected that the newly elected officers will have something of interest to say to the membership of the Brotherhood and every individual member is urged to be present.

PREACHED HELPFUL SERMON.

Services at Southside Baptist Church Growing in Interest Daily. Rev. W. Marvin Huggins, who is conducting evangelistic services at the Southside Baptist church this week, both afternoons and nights, preached a helpful and inspiring sermon to a large and interested audience last night.

"Blessed are those who come hungering and thirsting after righteousness," says the Christ. Indeed, we feel that Southside Baptist church and community are being filled. The longings of the soul brought many to the house of prayer Tuesday evening.

The evangelist Huggins, after an inspirational song service, read for the lesson of the evening the twentieth chapter of Revelations. I John 4:8 was the Scripture where the text was read. The theme, "God is love," is the greatest statement in all the Bible the evangelist said.

There is no one in the city of Wilmington, said Mr. Huggins, that God is not willing and anxious to save. There is nothing that can bar the love of God's love. Miss Fannie Crosby, who for 24 years gave to the world song, filled with God's love, is a striking example of the love He has for you and for me.

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MRS. LEWIS' INHERITANCE.

Wilmington Girl Given Space In The Atlanta Constitution. The following concerning the rich inheritance of Mrs. Louise Wise Lewis is taken from the Atlanta Constitution:

"Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, formerly Miss Louise Wise, who is the wife of a soldier at Camp Gordon, will inherit on July 27 about \$65,000,000 in cash, stocks, bonds and jewelry, the estate of Henry M. Flagler, prominent builder of the Florida east coast.

Mrs. Lewis has been living in Atlanta since the fortunes of war called her husband to Camp Gordon. She was the favorite niece of Mrs. R. W. Bingham, formerly Mrs. Flagler, who left the bulk of her estate to the bride of the Gordon soldier.

"Mrs. Bingham's death last year brought forth an accusation that she died by poison, and there was for some time a threat to attempt to break her will by minor beneficiaries. Both difficulties were cleared, however, and it now seems settled that the wife of the Philadelphia clerk, now a soldier, will inherit the estate.

J. S. Bowers, aged Hampstead merchant, who was given a preliminary hearing Monday afternoon before United States Commissioner A. S. Carr, on a charge of violating the espionage act, and held for the May term of Federal court, yesterday afternoon arranged the required \$500 bond and was released pending the convening court.

SECRETARIES ARE IN GREAT DEMAND OFFICIAL CABLES

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Meeting Recently Held In Atlanta to Assist In Speeding Up of the Work of Retherood

MUST REALIZE THAT WORK IS IMPORTANT

With ninety-six important positions inadequately manned, forty-seven near the front line and thirty-eight under shell fire, E. C. Carter, chief secretary for the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. in France, has cabled insisting that not less than 1,000 Red Triangle secretaries be sent overseas this month.

"Make people of America realize that no bank or college presidency or big city pulpit is so great national importance as a hut secretaryship here," reads his cable from Paris. In response to this urgent appeal for men, members of the recently created Southeastern War Personnel Committee of the National War Work Council recently met in Atlanta to speed up the drive for secretaries.

S. A. Ackley, commanding the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. forces in the Southeastern Department, who returned from the national conference called at New York last week-end to avert the overseas personnel crisis, said this morning: "Over there or on their way across today the Red Triangle has 1,368 men and 270 women in the post exchanges, two of whom were recently killed in action. There are at present 2,989 men working in the training camps and cantonments of America. This makes a grand total of 5,127 workers as against the original estimate of 1,500 required."

"But this is only the beginning of what we must supply. France, Italy and Portugal have seen the wonders of the American system of preparation and have increased our problems by asking that we supply them with similar service to that rendered the American expeditionary forces. To meet our needs overseas and at home we require 1,500 new secretaries during April. Are we to fall?"

Quoting in part the words of Chairman William A. Sloane, of the National War Work Council, Dr. W. W. Alexander, director of the Southeastern Department Bureau of Personnel, said: "We are laying before the men of the South the greatest opportunity for patriotic service that has ever been offered to Americans who are beyond the fighting age. Unless we get the right kind of men, and an adequate number of them, we must admit of failure to perform the task which our government and her allies have imposed upon us."

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THE PLAN APPROVED.

Concrete Shipbuilding as Seen by New York Correspondent. The following Washington correspondence of the New York Tribune concerning shipbuilding will be of interest locally. Says The Tribune:

"President Wilson has approved Chairman Hurley's request for \$80,000,000 to build concrete ships. A recommendation that this amount be appropriated was sent to Secretary McAdoo some days ago, with the indorsement of the White House. It will be presented to Chairman Sherry of the House Appropriation Committee Monday.

"The chairman of the Shipping Board has an appointment with Chairman Sherry at noon. He will urge that the concrete ship appropriation be given immediate consideration and that \$15,000,000 of the amount be made available at once. "It is hoped that the House will act favorably on the proposal immediately. Assurances have been given the Shipping Board that the Senate will act with dispatch as soon as the message reaches that body of Congress.

The Shipping Board had already planned to construct launching ways for three 3,500-ton concrete vessels. It was planned to build ways of the 7,500-ton type later. But with this large appropriation in sight Chairman Hurley said rush work would be begun immediately at the projected plant in Wilmington, N. C.

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CAPT. LESLIE VICKERS TO SPEAK HERE AGAIN

Will Tell of His Life In the Trenches--April 26 Is Date Selected

Captain Leslie Vickers, front line trench man and who has been, touring the country in the Allied cause since his incapacitation, has been secured for a return engagement here and will speak at the Academy of Music on the night of April 26 on "My Life in the Trenches." The proceeds of the seat sale will be devoted to charitable purposes. Those who heard Captain Vickers when he was here would not think of missing his second address and those who were so unfortunate as to be unable to gain admission to the Academy will take advantage of his return visit to hear him.

Since Captain Vickers' departure from the city there has been a pronounced desire for his return. He spoke here under the auspices of the Third Issue Liberty Loan Bond campaign and there are many who are desirous of hearing the story of his life in the trenches with the shells from the Boche guns screaming overhead and bursting on every side. In his initial address he referred only casually to these things and there is a big desire on the part of many to hear him along this line more fully.

When war was declared Captain Vickers was a congregational minister in New Jersey, but he heard the call and answered it and remained on the firing line until he was no longer fit for service. He then returned to this country and since that time has been doing everything in his power to help the Allied cause. Following 18 months of service he was invalided home. He has done much to arouse the people of this country to the necessity of throwing every particle of strength they possess into the balance against the common foe of humanity and mankind and he will be heard with interest.

KENLY WRITES EMPLOYEES.

Railroad Head Points Out Few Things to Minor Officials. The following circular letter, addressed to officials and employees of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, has been issued from the office of President John R. Kenly:

"It seems appropriate that I should briefly call to your attention some features of the new order of things, brought about by the action of the government in taking over the operation and control of the railroads of the country.

"As a result of these changed conditions, you are now in the direct service of your country in time of war--just as much so as if you had enlisted in the Army or Navy--and your sphere of usefulness is scarcely less important, since the proper preparations for and successful conduct of the war demands first of all an adequate and efficient transportation system at home.

"The old organization of our company--officials and employees together--now constitutes a government agency, engaged (for the time being) in the operation of this particular railroad system, but nevertheless an integral part of the consolidated whole, entirely subject to the supervision and direction of the director-general through his duly constituted representatives. For convenience, the country has been divided into three territorial districts: Eastern, Western and Southern. Over each of these a regional director has been appointed. The lines of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company lie within the Southern district, of which Mr. C. H. Markham, formerly president of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, is regional director, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

"Every dollar now received or expended by this company is the government's money. The money which you have heretofore produced efficiently and administered so carefully should be now, more than ever, most zealously guarded and conserved at a time when the practice of strictest economy is so vitally essential.

"In the interest of economical operation and unification of effort, the government will probably find it expedient to effect a combination of certain positions, which may result in dispensing with the services of some persons now in the company's employ. While this is to be regretted, such action should be regarded as one of the exigencies of the times.

"Whatever changes take place, however, there will be no departure from the established policy of this company as to suggestions and recommendations for the improvement of the service. Let there be no complaining criticism or disloyal utterances; but if you have any suggestions to make, you should feel perfectly free to bring them before your superior officer.

"In administering the affairs of this company in the past my great pride has been the unselfish devotion to duty, efficiency and splendid loyalty of its officials and employees. Surely I am justified in the belief that in the crisis of our nation's history I can count on the renewed pleasure of seeing each one of you fully maintain these characteristics.

"The government has embarked upon an undertaking of great magnitude and vast importance. The immediate success of its transportation experiment is vital to the security of America and to the preservation of her traditions. I need hardly remind you that, under present conditions, this will require not only your wholehearted co-operation, but also the constant exercise of the best efforts of which you are capable.

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FREE SAFE DEPOSIT FOR Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. Everybody should own Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. When purchased these should be kept in the safest place. This Company offers to receive from customers for safe keeping in its armor steel fire-proof, burglar proof and mob-proof vault their Liberty Bonds or War Savings Stamps without charge or expense of any kind for this service. Doubtless, more Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps will be purchased when people know that they will be safely cared for without expense. The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company 110 PRINCESS STREET. "SAFETY AND SERVICE"

BACKING THE DEPARTMENT. Rotary Club Will Assist in Making the City Flyless. Copies of the following letter were mailed all hotel, restaurant and cafe proprietors yesterday afternoon by Secretary Louis T. Moore, in an effort to assist the Health Department in its campaign looking toward eradication of the fly. The letter reads: "The health department is now waging a vigorous fight against the fly because the fly is a menace to health. "The department can accomplish very little without your co-operation and the co-operation of every merchant. "On the other hand, a great deal can be accomplished if the merchants and housewives will lend their assistance to this movement, in fact, the fly can be exterminated, provided everyone will enter into the fight early and wage a vigorous fight at once. "The Rotary Club is very anxious to see this pest destroyed in Wilmington and realizing that this can be done, we have joined with the health department and shall lend our best efforts to this important movement. "All merchants (hotels, bakeries, restaurants, candy and fruit stores, meat dealers, etc.) are requested to install fly traps at once. An early fight means an easy fight. "Are you willing to co-operate to this extent? "We believe that you are because the fly is not only a menace to health but a great nuisance to any up-to-date business house. "We are counting on your support and the support of every Wilmington business man who is desirous of seeing our city a clean and healthy place in which to live and transact business."

40,000 Troops At Helmsingfors. London, April 17.--The Germans have landed 40,000 troops at Helmsingfors, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. A German squadron anchored in the harbor of Helmsingfors consists of 12 ships, including the battleships Posen and Westfalen each of 18,600 tons. Reichstag Re-Assembled. Amsterdam, April 17.--The German Reichstag re-assembled on Tuesday, when the new taxation bills approved by the Bundestag were introduced. The proposals include a apiritus monopoly and beer and wine taxes. Enough Army Chaplains. Washington, April 17.--The War Department has enough chaplains in the service and on its eligible list for all present needs, it was announced today, and no more applications will be accepted. More clergymen have applied for service than the army could use. Manager Fohl of Cleveland predicts a big year for Pitcher Guy Merton, the Indians' star finger.

ARE YOU Nervous and despondent, weak and debilitated, tired mornings, no ambition; lifeless; memory gone; easily fatigued; excitable and irritable; eyes sunken; red and blurred; pimples; restless; nagged; weak back; bone pains; lack of energy and confidence? Have you got a dull pain in head or back; any numbness, tingling in hands or feet; inclined to melancholy; feeling of bloating. Are you discouraged, having tried and tried without receiving any benefit? Stop It, For There Is MANTONE A Doctor's Prescription, Free From Alcohol Endorsed by physicians and numberless men and women as the ideal nerve, blood and brain tonic and reconstructor. "Makes You Feel Good All Over" Poor, sick people get it Free by writing GUARANTEED NO BENEFIT NO COST CORONA CHEMICAL CO. WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA SOLD AT ALL DRUG STORES

HALF-PRICE SALE of Infants and Children's SLIPPERS Saturday we will place on sale a big stock of infants' and children's Leather Slippers, Pumps and Oxfords, at prices less than the present wholesale cost. Infants' Slippers in all sizes, worth \$1.00; closing out at 49c. Children's Pumps and Oxfords, sizes 5 1-2 to 8, at 69c. Children's Plain and Strap Pumps and Oxfords, sizes 8 1-2 to 11 1-2, 98c, \$1.39 and \$1.75. Children's Leather Slippers, Pumps and Oxfords, sizes 12 to 2, 98c, \$1.48, \$1.98. These Slippers are all leather in tan and black, and the sale prices are lower than wholesale cost. Remember---The Sale Starts Saturday J. H. Rehder & Co. THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE 615-617-619 North Fourth Street We Refund Car Fare On Purchases of \$2.00 Or Over