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DISASTEROUS FIRE AT ROSMAN FRIDAY

The Toxaway Tanning plant at Rosman was destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon.

About three o'clock in the afternoon a small flame was discovered in the ventilator room which was located in the main building of the plant. The buildings were equipped with fire extinguishing apparatus, but something went wrong with the machinery when an effort was made to turn the water on and the fire soon spread beyond control.

The entire plant and several thousand pounds of leather ready for shipment were wiped out by the blaze with a loss of \$500,000.

The main building of the plant was 800 feet long and two stories high. The plant was insured.

Since the United States entered the war the Toxaway Tanning Co. has been filling large orders from the government and at the time of the fire the company had a contract to make half a million dollars worth of leather for Uncle Sam.

J. S. Silversteen, vice-president and general manager of the Toxaway Tanning Co., who had been in New York city for the past ten days, arrived at his home here Saturday afternoon and it is understood that the work of reconstruction of the plant has already commenced.

HELP THE LITTLE FOLKS

There are two dozen little girls from 5 to 10 years old who are anxious to keep their knitting needles busy for the Red Cross while awaiting a regular allotment of Junior work from Atlanta.

Every little piece of worsted, even a few yards in length, can be used in knitting the squares which make up the afghan for the convalescent. We have plenty of knitters, but no material.

While you are getting out your winter clothes, won't you look in boxes and trunks and try to find something the children can use.

Bring to Red Cross rooms or notify any of the Juniors and they will call.

Violet F. Henry,
Chm. Junior Red Cross.

DIED OF PNEUMONIA

Private Jim Mitchell of Company A died Oct 8th of pneumonia. The remains were shipped Saturday to his mother, Mrs. Nellie Mitchell, at Nelson, S. C., accompanied by an attendant. Funeral services were held previous to shipment at the undertaking establishment of Kilpatrick & Son by Rev. John R. Hay of the Camp Y. M. C. A.

CARD OF THANKS

Editor Brevard News:
Please permit me to express my gratitude to the people of Enon and Blantyre communities who have been so thoughtful and generous in sparing so liberally with us of their provisions during the afflictions of my wife, who has been confined to her bed about four years.
R. R. Mahaffay.

HOW THE PRESIDENT BUYS LIBERTY BONDS

President Wilson had already bought \$10,000 in Liberty Bonds when Secretary McAdoo called upon him as a canvasser. The President agreed to take \$20,000 more if partial payments would satisfy the Secretary, as of course they did.

In thus using his credit for the war the President is entirely safe. His first payment is \$2,000. The rest may be taken up pretty much as he pleases. He may not be able to meet the "Government - plan" installments as they fall due; in that case the Washington banks, like those of New York, will loan money on the bonds as security. The one important thing is that the Treasury gets the money; the troops in France get the shoes and uniforms, the guns and shells and airplanes.

The example of the President in this simple transaction is a good one for other people. Not even in the United States can a loan of \$6,000,000 be placed upon a cash basis. Buyers, large and small alike, are doing a patriotic service in buying upon credit and paying upon installment. Even if there were risk, the process would be praiseworthy. There is none.

YOUR HEALTH

Do all that you can to prevent the spread of influenza. Much has been done and much is yet to do. I feel encouraged. I believe that more are getting up than down with the disease. The County Board of Health, by its directions has, in my opinion, prevented fifty per cent of the disease. The sanitary condition of our soda fountains would be a credit to any city, and the paper cups alone have prevented the spread of a great deal of influenza.

Let every one—everybody keep to themselves as much as possible, avoid crowds and do not meet to form crowds.

Let each family stay at home as much as possible. Children should stay home and not mix with other children. Even the sick should not mix, should not swap germs.

Do not visit a sick person except as a helper or nurse. When needed, you should do your Christian duty by nursing the sick, do your duty and fear not.

All good people should help the doctors by nursing. The doctors cannot do all.

Do your patriotic duty by obeying all of the rules and regulations of the County Board of Health. Let all of those who read the rulings, tell all others who do not read the paper. Publish these rulings by word of mouth throughout the county at once.

To try to prevent the disease, let an adult take one teaspoonful of sulphur three times daily, children in proportion. If this does not prevent the disease, it will put the system in a good healthy condition. Watch and work.

Yours truly,
C. W. Hunt,
County Health Officer.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT WILSON



WILSON'S REPLY STRIKES HEART OF QUESTION

The President's reply to the recent peace proposal of the Kaiser is expressed in the language which has characterized all official utterances of the Wilson administration.

Mr. Wilson tells the German government that peace cannot be discussed until the arms of the Huns are laid down.

Meanwhile our boys are marching on to Berlin—and we are going "over the top" with the Fourth Liberty Loan.

WILL YOUR NAME BE WRITTEN THERE?

Next week a full list will be published showing the names of every person in Transylvania County who purchased Fourth Liberty Bonds, also giving the amount each one purchased. Now, we are advised from Washington that we must take the full amount allotted to our county.

This means that we need the help of every man and woman in the County. We just must buy our allotment! Won't you buy a Bond and help the boys who are over there fighting for you, while you are at home living quietly with your family? Send in your subscription to Brevard Banking Co., by Saturday noon, Oct. 19th, as that is the last day. Will your name appear in the next weeks paper as one who helped to put our County "Over the Top?" The Government is not asking you to give one dollar, but simply asking you to loan your money to them, for which they will pay you 4½ per cent interest.

Fourth Liberty Bond Com. Transylvania Co.

INTEREST IN G. & W. RAILROAD GROWING

Benefits to be derived by this section from the early completion of the G. & W. Ry. will soon emerge from the fog region of talked-of possibilities and much-discussed theories into the daylight of reality and practical demonstration.

In an effort to get authoritative information as to when actual building operations will begin on the proposed road the News wrote to Mr. J. Norwood Cleveland and other prominent business men of South Carolina, who are interested in the project, requesting some statement for the many readers of this paper anxious to know what the outcome of the present railroad agitation is to be. Replies to these inquiries were not received in time for publication in full. However, there seems to be no lack of confidence and optimism in Greenville. We have the assurance that work on the G. & W. will begin just as soon as the necessary preliminary formalities can be cleared out of the way.

The government now recognizes in this section a source of most valuable hardwoods and other building materials and for this reason it seems that this road is now considered a war necessity and as such the work will probably be in charge of government engineers.

The completion of this road will not only give Brevard a direct connection with the markets of the east and the Tennessee and Kentucky coal fields on the west, but would bring this Land of the Sky to the very threshold of the middle and southwestern states and then indeed would this favored section become that for which it is so preeminently fitted—"the playground of America."

PRINTER'S ONLY ALIBI

It seems many people turn mistakes into personal profit. About the only one who fails to grind his errors into the grist of gold is the printer, which leads an exchange to make the following pertinent observations:

When a plumber makes a mistake he charges twice for it.
When a lawyer makes a mistake it's just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake it is just what he expected, because the chances are ten to one he never learned his business.

When an electrician makes a mistake he blames it on "induction," because nobody knows what it is.

When a doctor makes a mistake he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake it becomes the law of the land.

When the preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference.

But when a printer makes a mistake everybody knows it, and his only alibi is the devil.—Leavenworth New Era.

Every mall brings to the reunion committee hundreds of requests for reservations of rooms at the hotels, boarding houses and private homes. Applications for certificates upon which tickets can be purchased keeps two stenographers busy attending to them. The heads of departments and divisions report increasing interest in the Tulsa reunion all over the south and southwest. The demand for rooms is not confined to one section. It is widespread. Tulsa expects a large attendance and is making preparations accordingly.

THE PRAYER CORNER

When the telegram announcing the French victory over the German hordes at the battle of the Marne in Sept., 1914 was delivered at the English War Department, Lord Roberts, who was in Lord Kitchener's office, said: "Only God Almighty could have done this," and Lord Kitchener said quickly: "Somebody must have been praying."

If every Christian in our land were to stop for just one minute every day as the clock strikes twelve to ask our Heavenly Father that our men and those of our allies be strengthened to hold and to drive back the hordes of the enemy, what a power this would represent, and what a strength it would give to those brave men battling for their lives and for ours, and for all that makes life dear and worth while!

Governor Bickett of North Carolina was playing tennis not long since at a court near Raleigh. When he heard the tolling of bells he raised his hands and said: "Hold on boys. There is the angels." The game was stopped while the players joined the Governor in silent prayer.

Let us, my friends, follow our Governor's lead and wherever we may be, or whatever we are doing when 12 o'clock strikes, bow our heads in silent prayer, daily,

1. For those who fight and die for us.
2. For strength to finish the task of winning a just peace.
3. For those who loyally serve and sturdily sacrifice at the home base.

"Give a moment to God."
C. D. Chapman.

Y. W. C. A. FIRST TO WEAR UNIFORMS

When the order went out from the War Department that all civilians working in camps must wear uniforms, the Y. M. C. A. workers had already ordered theirs.

Y. M. C. A. workers in France, of which there are about a hundred, have worn the French officers' blue uniform with the silver buttons and the Blue Triangle on the sleeve and hat for several months. The Blue Triangle, indeed, is already familiar in France over the doorways or at the side of door casings at sixteen different canters besides all the nurses' clubs at American base hospitals.

The Blue Triangle is in use in this country to mark the ninety-three hostess houses already opened or building in the army, navy, and aviation camps, the one hundred and twenty-seven club centers and all the War Service club houses being opened in the Government munition centers. All these places have been opened by the War Work Council since war was declared.

HOLSTEIN CATTLE

J. A. Arey, assistant State Daryman of Raleigh, is in Transylvania in the interest of getting a carload of Holstein cattle for the Penrose section.

T. H. Shipman, cashier of the Brevard Banking Co., has very kindly agreed to loan money to those who are unable to pay all cash on cattle.