



THE HOSTESS HOUSE THAT WAS BURNED.

HOSTESS HOUSE BURNS LATE HOUR TUESDAY

Y. W. C. A. Structure Hardly Got Start Before It Was Destroyed by Flames.

The Camp Greene hostess house, a structure that had come to have a large place in the life of the soldiers here, though hardly dedicated more than a month since, was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday night of the past week. The loss by the fire was approximately \$10,000, reported to be fully covered by insurance.

The destructive fire occurred about 1 o'clock in the morning. At the time three of the Young Women's Christian association secretaries were in the building, and they barely escaped with their lives. Practically all of their personal belongings were lost. In addition to the building and the handsome furniture which it contained, the fire destroyed about \$2,000 worth of groceries which were stored in the house for use in the cafeteria which was operated there. The secretaries said they probably owed their lives to Private Quigg, of Battery C, Sixteenth Field Artillery, who was on guard duty nearby.

The hostess house was in charge of Mrs. Pinkham, assisted by Mesdames Gonzalez and Gilbert, Misses Turney and Holmes. These delightful hostesses had already made a success of the institution. The soldiers were making large use of the comforts and conveniences which it afforded and their visiting wives, mothers and friends were always assured of a cordial welcome.

Mrs. Cathrine Vedder, southern field secretary of the Y. W. C. A., arrived in Charlotte on Saturday for the purpose of going over the situation. Together with her associates, she will determine whether or not the hostess house will be rebuilt. It is fully expected, however, that it will be rebuilt at once. It is also probable, according to information which was given Trench and Camp.

that the house will be located in a different part of Camp Greene from the old location. These plans will be announced shortly.



MADAME GRACE HALL RIHELDAPFER
Whose singing in camp the past week so charmed the soldiers.

DRIVE TO FAIL SAYS SECRETARY DANIELS

Declares Germans' Great Offensive on Western Front Will Not Succeed.

New York, April 12.—Failure of the last German drive in Flanders and France, "the supreme struggle of autocracy," was predicted by Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, in an address here tonight before the National Democratic club.

The chief speaker at the club's celebration of the 15th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, Secretary Daniels said that we are now seeing fulfilled Jefferson's prophecy concerning France and the United States.

"Every day," he said, "as we eagerly and anxiously scan the news columns to learn the news from the battlefields of France, we rejoice that brave Americans, fighting side by side, with the French, are cementing old friendships in the death struggle with autocracy."

"American soldiers are as proud to fight under Foch as LaFayette's soldiers were proud to fight under Washington."

"The mortal conflict between despotism and democracy is on. Never doubt the end, even in the darkest hour. God rules in the heavens. All will be well with the world, and the fate that befell the Napoleons and the Caesars and the Hannibals will befall the kaiser."

"The latest drive in France is the supreme struggle of autocracy. The German war lords knew they must win before America could throw its full strength into the struggle."

"France and England will hold fast and we are coming" millions strong, as rapidly as ships can transport men and supplies. No nation was ever yet victorious unless it could control the seas."

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS AWARDED TWO

With the American Army in France, April 12.—(By the Associated Press.) Capt. James Norman Hall and Lieut. Paul Frank Bair, members of the American aerial forces on this front, were today awarded the distinguished service cross. They are the first American aviators to receive this new military distinction. The official citation states that Captain Hall on March 26 attacked a group of five enemy single seated machines, and three enemy two seaters while he was leading an aerial patrol of three machines. He himself destroyed one and forced down two others which probably were destroyed. Lieutenant Bair on March 11 attacked single handed a group of seven enemy pursuit machines, destroying one which crashed to the ground near the French line northeast of Rheims. On March 16 he attacked two enemy two seaters, one of which fell in flames. Since the first of March Lieutenant Bair has driven down six enemy machines, three of which are officially credited to him.

BASE HOSPITAL GIVES CAPTAIN LYLE WATCH

Franklin Doctor Given Token by Fellow Officers When He Retired From Active Service.

Capt. S. H. Lyle, medical corps, recently honorably discharged from the service because of physical disabilities, was presented with a wrist watch by the members of the medical staff of the base hospital at Camp Greene. Before Christmas a board recommended his honorable discharge, but

Captain Lyle remained at his post, in the receiving ward of the base hospital. Captain Lyle's home is at Franklin, N. C.

In a short talk prior to the presentation of the token of the esteem of the medical officers, Capt. Joseph H. Way, of Waynesville, N. C., stated that from the time the base hospital was organized, Captain Lyle had stood in the receiving ward and that more than 10,000 patients had been diagnosed by him, sometimes in the office, often in the ambulances, and at all hours of the night, as well as of the day. He also said that during these months, Captain Lyle's health had been impaired to such a degree that he had been constantly on a diet.



The presence in Camp Greene of these eight full-blooded Mexicans is illustrative of the fact that we have a cosmopolitan bunch here.

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