

113TH. DEBARKED AT NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

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UNDER THE ARCH OF VICTORY

Record of Regiment Proves It Worthy of All Honors America and North Carolina Can Bestow.

Newport News, Va. (Special).—Having won in four short but terrible months of warfare undying fame through its operations with each of the three American armies in France, materially assisting in blasting out the break of the Kremsfeld line, the 113th field artillery is resting in an American camp, joyous in the thought that a few days hence they will be again among those they left behind when they sailed from New York last May 26.

After a troubled night's rest on the Santa Teresa which brought the regiment here from France, the boys came ashore.

Battery after battery passed up the gangway, each man receiving a cake of chocolate, a doughnut and a large package of cigarettes, but they never looked up and the redness of their faces hardly all could have been attributed to the chill of the morning.

Tramp, tramp, in a thunder of sound they traversed the pier and into the street, with Old Glory and the regimental colors fluttering in the brisk breeze. Tramping with the bearing of victorious heroes, they of the khaki line marched under the arch of victory, nearly completed by the North Carolina citizens of this town and their neighbors. It was fitting that a unit of the Thirtieth division should be the first to pass under this massive and artistic work of masonry and the record of this crack unit justifies the assertion that it is worthy of all and more of the honors that America and North Carolina can bestow.

Greensboro-New Bern Road.

Completion of the hard-surfaced road from New Bern to Greensboro, "provided the matter is pushed enough," by the end of the coming summer, was prophesied yesterday by Mr. W. S. Fallis, engineer of the North Carolina Highway Commission.

Work in Alamance county is already under way, Mr. Fallis announced, and plans are completed for the road in Durham, Orange, and Wake counties. Bids are called for a part.

Mr. Fallis stated that he had received informal applications from all the counties but one in the New Bern-Greensboro route to take advantage of the Federal aid this season. The one excepted county, Lenoir, is pushing a \$2,000,000 bond issue, so is sure to be in with the rest.

In the four counties mentioned 17 miles of pavement are to be built in Orange, 10 to 12 in Durham, the same in Wake and 25 in Johnston. Alamance has 13.4 miles to do.

"The road can be built this summer if the matter is pushed," said Mr. Fallis.

This is a Federal aid road, which means that the county will pay one-fourth of the cost, the State one-fourth and the Federal government the remaining half.

No Need to Forward Papers.

Washington (Special).—Regulations governing the payment of \$60 bonus to honorably discharged soldiers were amended by the War Department today to permit the acceptance by discharging officials of a "true copy" of discharge certificates. Heretofore the original certificates were required, but it was found many soldiers refused to part with the papers, preferring to lose the bonus rather than risk the loss of official evidence of their honorable release from the army.

All copies submitted under the amendment authorized must be certified by the army recruiting officer nearest the soldier's residence.

Women's Clubs to Help.

Presidents of women's clubs in every quarter of the State are receiving from Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, president of the Federated Clubs of the State, an urgent letter asking that all these clubs be actively interested in Clean-Up Week, March 24-29, as designated by Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal James R. Young. Mrs. Johnson suggests that, if necessary, the Woman's Club in a community take the initiative in this clean-up movement that means so much for safety, health and tidy appearance.

Poster for Centenary.

A beautiful new poster has just been issued by the Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that is one of the most effective pieces of advertising issued in their campaign for \$36,000,000. It is a photograph of President Wilson and over his signature the following quotation: "Let no man suppose that progress can be divorced from religion, or that there is any platform written for the ministers of reform other than the platform written in the utterance of our Lord and Savior."

Pressure For Quick Action.

Swamped by letters and telegrams asking him to appoint anywhere from 10 to 25 members of the North Carolina highway commission, Governor Bickett who had meant to take his time in selecting four men to direct the \$22,800,000 road project written last week into law, may be driven to make his appointment earlier in self-defense.

The name most persistently offered is that of Henry Branson Varner, good roads bug for 10 years and publisher of the only turnpike magazine south of New York or east of Chicago. Mr. Varner is chairman of Governor Bickett's commission, too, but he is first, last and all the time a road enthusiast. He has more endorsements than any man in the state.

The positions are more sought than any public station filled by Governor Bickett since he began the governing business. The west, the center, and the east have their peculiar geographical appeal. Then there is a member-at-large. The members receive for their actual work a per diem of \$10 and expenses. The chairman of the commission would draw a wage of \$5,500 and expenses.

One Bureau to Be Retained.

Washington (Special).—Maintenance of more employment bureaus than the 56 determined upon when the federal employment service was ordered reduced because of the lack of funds will be made possible by co-operation of volunteer workers. Director General Densmore said. He explained heads of many of the state organizations had offered to continue at nominal salaries and their clerical staffs had arranged to conduct their work during spare hours.

The cities in which the federal employment service will continue its bureaus after March 22 include Raleigh, N. C., Columbia, S. C., Richmond and Norfolk, Va.

Amendments to Constitution.

No legislative act was considered more thoroughly by the General Assembly than Governor Doughton's proposed amendment to the State constitution. It was gone over in detail at hearings before both the house and senate finance committees and was discussed at length on both floors of the legislature. It now goes to the people for consideration with the prediction from wise public leaders that it will be adopted.

Two amendments are embodied in the bill, one being to change the constitution as to taxing incomes and the other lowering the period of residence to one year in the State as a requisite for voting.

North Carolina Casualties.

The following list of casualties overseas among North Carolina troops was recently made public by the War Department at Washington:

Killed in Action—Privates Jenkins Pennell, Ivanhoe; R. L. Blackwell, Hurdles Mill, previously reported missing.

Died of Wounds—Corp. W. A. Davis Seaboard, previously reported missing.

Died of Disease—Corp. Richard E. Adams, Asheville; Privates J. E. Lewis, Morven; Harry Owens, Garland; Roy A. Sumner, Dallas; James Tilley, Halifax; Charles Vaughan, Coalfield; Roger Williams, Wade; Sgt. M. Clark Johnson, Winston-Salem; Privates F. E. Snivey, Maggie; D. U. Britton, Rich Square; Artie Ellis, Huntersville; W. M. Herwood, Weaverly; L. L. Aushon, Robersonville; Robert Gallis, Aurora; Robt. Vaughan, Murfreesboro.

Died of Accident—Private T. G. Hunt, Alert.

Sick in Hospital—Private Robt. L. Ross, Gibson, previously reported missing; E. Powell, White Oak, previously reported missing.

Returned to Duty—Private J. F. Teague, Nays.

Severely Wounded—Sgt. L. P. Pearson, Asheville; Privates Zebulon V. Williams, Vauxton; R. L. Goff, Doughton; Lewis, W. H. Jordan, Rockford; D. R. Nimocks, Fayetteville; Private A. A. Moore, Trust; Albert Royner Dunn, previously reported missing; J. P. Harwell, Cornelius; J. N. Emerson, Sevenshaw, previously reported missing.

Slightly Wounded—Privates Guy F. Well, High Point; W. E. McDonald, Healy; James Reeves, Sanford; O. C. Baggett, Harmony; Lieut. J. H. Coldwell, Clemmons.

Warehouse Head Suggested.

An incident born to have Mr. John Paul Lucas, lately executive secretary of the United States Food Administration for the State of North Carolina, appointed to the office of superintendent of the new State warehouse has been started here in Raleigh.

Mr. Lucas is being used for the position because of his knowledge of the situation and his ability as a public man. He has handled the public campaigns for the Food Administration and for the Food Conservation Commission.

Some New Enterprises.

The following corporations recently filed articles of incorporation. Granville Hosiery Mills Co., Creed moor; authorized capital \$50,000, subscribed \$5,000; duration unlimited. American Real Estate and Insurance Co., Gastonia; authorized capital \$100,000, subscribed \$7,500. Public Investment Company, Winston; authorized capital \$50,000, subscribed \$500; duration 30 years. Troutman Light and Power Co., Troutman; authorized capital \$50,000, subscribed \$2,500; duration 60 years.

To Relieve Congestion.

Fayetteville.—Steps to relieve the congestion brought about by the burning of the Rosemont hotel, were taken when J. P. Sanders, proprietor of the LaFayette hotel closed a contract for the lease of the two upper floors of the building owned by the Huske Hardware house on Hay street and will fit them up immediately for the entertainment of guests. Other hotels here are making efforts to expand their facilities, though most of them are already overtaxed.

BEAUFORT COUNTY WILL BUILD ROADS

BOND ISSUE OF \$1,000,000 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

DATE OF ELECTION APRIL 20

Office of State and Federal Government to Assist is Accepted By the Board of County Comm'rs.

Washington, N. C.—One of the most important meetings ever held by any set of officials in Beaufort county was held when the county commissioners met in special session and called for an election to vote on a million-dollar bond issue for the construction of permanent roads throughout the county. The date for the election was fixed for April 29. The commissioners also decided to accept the proposition offered by the State and Government for assisting in road building, agreeing to put up one-fourth of the amount required to secure federal aid. They also donated \$500 to be used on the celebration which it is planned to give Beaufort county boys who have been in the service upon the return of Battery B of the 113th Field Artillery.

Ex-Soldier Caught Blockading.

Statesville.—E. J. Cain, a young soldier recently discharged from the military service, giving his home as the northern part of this county, was arrested by Police Officers Gilbert and Mills. He was caught in the act of measuring up a lot of blind tiger liquor. The officers had gone to the home of Charlie Allison, colored, to search his premises for some articles recently stolen here. Allison was under suspicion of having received them. The officers, not suspecting anything unusual, walked into the home of the negro and found Cain and the colored man in possession of four gallons of whiskey. Cain was arrested and tried Saturday night and released on bail of \$200. His team consisting of a horse and buggy were seized by the officers and it together with the whiskey was turned over to the county authorities.

Fair of the Carolinas.

Charlotte.—The directors of the Fair of the Carolinas decided to hold a fair here during probably the second week in next October. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for discussing plans by which the fair next fall would be operated.

A conference with the directors of the Charlotte Merchant's association will be requested by the fair association directors for the purpose of discussing with the merchants the matter of securing their co-operation in holding the fair.

Next Mayor of Gastonia.

Gastonia.—Friends of Captain R. Gregg Cherry of Company A, 115th Machine Gun battalion, 30th division, now en route home from France, have launched a boom for him for the office of mayor of Gastonia. This fact will come to Captain Cherry as a surprise when he lands in the homeland. The mention of his name in connection with this office is without his knowledge or consent but his friends believed that he would not turn a deaf ear to the call, which will be unanimous.

Hambrick Charges Dismissed.

Goldsboro.—O. V. Hamrick, principal of the Goldsboro high school, was tried in the county court upon the charge of assaulting Harold Grady, one of the school pupils with a stick. After hearing both sides of the case Judge D. H. Bland refused to find Hamrick guilty of this offense. Hon. J. L. Barham, prosecuting attorney for young Grady, stated following the trial that he was not satisfied with Judge Bland's decision, and that while it was not possible to appeal the case he intended placing same in the hands of the next Wayne county grand jury.

Red Cross Conference.

Greensboro.—Home service workers of the Red Cross will meet in Greensboro March 26 and 27 for a conference. All Red Cross workers of the central northern counties of North Carolina are expected to attend, but the meeting is especially for home service workers. Sessions will be held in the Elks club, and the visitors will be entertained at the Guilford hotel. Miss May C. McDonald, of the southern division headquarters in Atlanta, is here to act as executive secretary.

Carload of Fine Jerseys.

Charlotte.—Charles E. Miller, Mecklenburg county demonstration agent, returned from Ohio where he bought a carload of Jersey cattle for Mecklenburg breeders.

There are 21 head in the carload. Mr. Miller said that the cattle form one of the best lots that have ever been brought into this county.

Nearly 100 head of thoroughbred Jersey cattle have been brought into Mecklenburg county within the last year or more, and there are at present about 125 head in the county.

25 High Schools Convened.

Wake Forest.—With twenty-five accredited high schools represented, covering a wide geographical extent from Edenton to Asheville, the Third Inter-Scholastic Declamation Contest, which closed at Wake Forest College, marked the beginning of a new era in the declamation field, by the unusual excellence of the declamations delivered. The first prize, consisting of a scholarship in Wake Forest, and a handsome medal from the Literary Societies, went to Mr. Victor Young, of Durham City School.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS AHEAD

Contract for a New Street Railway System Has Just Been Signed by the City of Fayetteville.

Fayetteville.—The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting paused to review the most prosperous 12 months in its history, and looked forward to the most promising year that has ever awaited Fayetteville. The reports of the various officers and directors showed progress everywhere.

Two very substantial instances of this kind were brought out when Mayor J. D. McNeill, reporting for the conventions, entertainment and street railways committee, told of the signing of papers that day with a Richmond capitalist, who is to build a street railway through the principal streets of Fayetteville, to the Cape Fear river and to Camp Bragg, and when D. U. Sandlin, head of the division of wholesale and industrial affairs, reported the acquisition of the big Jackson Brothers Lumber Company, which has bought land for the building of a woodworking plant, and secured the passage of ordinances allowing the building of spur tracks to the site and the opening of two new streets in the southeastern part of the city, by which the property will be reached. The company will employ 700 hands here.

More Tobacco Warehouses.

Sanford.—A second tobacco warehouse company has been organized to erect a warehouse for the coming season in Sanford.

The stockholders held their first meeting last night in the Commercial club rooms and elected the following directors: H. A. Palmer, J. W. Cunningham, J. E. Brinn, K. L. Baldwin, J. E. Walker, M. C. Reeves and Geo. L. Stone, who met and elected J. W. Cunningham, president, and J. E. Brinn, secretary. The directors also appointed a committee to secure charter, select lot and erect a building, work to begin within 30 days if possible.

The outlook for a large tobacco crop in Lee county this year is good. Extensive preparations have been made in the way of plant beds. Between 40 and 50 tobacco farmers have moved into the county this year and have already made arrangements for crops. It is expected that there will be more than two million pounds put on the Sanford market this fall.

New Type of Road.

Charlotte.—The Mecklenburg county commissioners have under consideration a new type of asphaltic road with the view of using it on the highways of this county.

The advantage of the road was pointed out to be that little rock will be required. Unless some preparation can be secured which can be laid without rock the county commissioners will be undoubtedly unable to do any extensive repair work on the Mecklenburg county roads. Mr. McDonald said last night. Because of the labor shortage during the fall and winter the farmers of the county have gathered practically no rock and it would be prohibitory to ship it here for road purposes.

Delight of Traveling Public.

Greensboro.—The furnishings for the O. Henry Hotel have been ordered and it is expected that this new hostelry will be occupied not later than May 1. It is understood that the contractors expect to hand over the keys of the completed building early in April. The furniture will be placed as rapidly as possible. News that the hotel is to be occupied in a short time will be hailed with delight by traveling salesmen and others who visit Greensboro frequently or occasionally.

Elections on Petition.

Shelby.—The county board of commissioners on petitions signed by the voters of No. 5 and No. 11 townships issued calls for elections to be held in each town April 14 on the question of bond issues for good roads. No. 5 will vote on an issue of \$40,000 worth of bonds while No. 11 will vote on an issue of \$30,000 worth of bonds. If these two elections carry, as it is thought they will, because the state-wide road law under which the election is called, the issues can carry on a majority of votes cast.

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YELLOW PERIL IN LOWER CALIFORNIA

ATTENTION OF JAPANESE IS CALLED TO OUR ATTITUDE ON ALIEN LAND HOLDING.

ONE MILLION ACRES SOUGHT

No Land Sales to Foreigners Which Might Be Used for Military or Naval Purposes Favored.

Washington.—As a result of telegrams from Senator Phejan, of California, giving information of a proposal by Japanese interests to acquire a large tract of land in Lower California owned by Americans, the state department has called the attention of the owning corporation, the California-Mexico Land Company, of Los Angeles, to the attitude of the United States government toward such sales of property which might be used for military or naval purposes.

It was said at the state department the land in question was reported to comprise nearly a million acres. The use to which the prospective purchasers propose to put it is not known here.

Documents indicating the attitude of the government to which the department called the Los Angeles company's attention included the Lodge resolution in the 62nd Congress and a message by President Taft.

The Lodge resolution declares the sales of property by Americans to any nation which might use the site as a base to threaten the United States could not be seen without grave concern by the government of the United States. The message of President Taft transmitted a report by Secretary Knox in response to a senate resolution, and conveyed correspondence between the office of the secretary of state and a New York lawyer who represented a Japanese syndicate which sought to purchase land on Magdalena bay.

SITUATION IN EGYPT IS DISTINCTLY GRAVE

London.—The situation in Egypt is becoming worse and at the present time is distinctly grave, a Reuter dispatch from Cairo says. General Allenby, the commander in Palestine, will reach Cairo Tuesday. The large forces of troops already in Egypt are being reinforced.

A large number of armed bedouins have entered Behira province, lower Egypt, from the west and are robbing towns and villages. The situation is not regarded as presenting any military danger.

The Turkish flag is reported to be flying in some villages of Behira province. There are no reports of any casualties having been suffered by the military, but some prominent native officials and several Egyptian police have been killed.

50 MISSOURI LEGISLATORS CHALLENGE REED TO RESIGN

Jefferson City, Mo.—Fifty Democratic members of the Missouri legislature offered to resign if Senator Jas. A. Reed, Democrat, from Missouri, would resign from the United States senate. The legislators then proposed to run for re-election, as they suggest Reed should do, to force a popular vote in Missouri on the league of nations.

The house of representatives recently passed resolutions demanding that Senator Reed resign because of his opposition to President Wilson's program.

HYDROPLANE FALLS; TWO FLIERS ARE KILLED

Pensacola, Fla.—Two student officers of the naval station here were killed this afternoon when their hydroplane fell into the bay. They were J. A. Gata and K. J. Hammond. The authorities did not give the home address of the men. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

FIRST GREAT RESULT TO BE OBTAINED IS PEACE

Paris.—"The first result to be obtained is peace, and the quickest peace possible," said David Lloyd George, the British premier, in a statement. "All internal events in every country, allied or enemy, are dependent upon that peace, which we expect and desire to come at the earliest possible moment. Pending this, everyone is living in a state of expectation and uncertainty. Commerce and industry are stagnated."

30 TRAINING CAMPS ARE TO BE RETAINED BY GOVERNMENT

Washington.—Decision of the war department to proceed with the purchase of the sites of 15 army camps and 15 balloon and flying fields over the country was announced by Acting Secretary Crowell. Less than \$15,000,000 will be involved. Mr. Crowell said, and it will not be necessary to await action by Congress as the department now has the necessary funds. With these purchases the army will have 30 training camps.

MOVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MARCH 30

REVIEW.

GOD'S HAND IN A NATION'S LIFE

SELECTION FOR READING—John 24: 14-23.
GOLDEN TEXT—Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.—Proverbs 14:31.
PRIMARY TOPIC—How God led his people (Psalms 77:20).
JUNIOR TOPIC—Recognizing God's leading.
INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Evidences of God's guidance.

Since Israel was a theocratic nation, perhaps the best method of review will be to trace God's hand in that nation's life. Israel was led, fed, clothed and disciplined by God.

Lesson I. God's hand is clearly discernible in the experiences of Israel in Egypt. Israel was to be the religious teacher of the world, therefore the nation must sojourn in Egypt, the most advanced in learning of any nation at that time. In order that Moses the great lawgiver might be equipped with the best possible education God used Pharaoh to oppress the people. This oppression served a threefold purpose: (1) It served the testimony to the Egyptian nation that the living God was the God of Israel. The more they oppressed them, the more they multiplied. (2) It served a beneficent purpose in bringing the nation into its own. It required the crucible of suffering to bring humanity into its own. (3) It made the nation willing to leave Egypt and go to Canaan, the promised land. Had not the hand of oppression been upon them they would have chosen to remain in Goshen.

Lesson II. When Israel was ready to go to Canaan God had a leader ready for the difficult task. His parentage, education at his mother's knee and at Pharaoh's court, and communication with God in the desert of Midian had equipped him for this work.

Lesson III. Though enslaved by a powerful nation, God undertook freedom for Israel, and by ten telling strokes—the plagues—he tore the shackles from their hands and set them free. The Passover is a memorial of that blessed deliverance.

Lesson IV. God opened the Red sea and made a path of safety for Israel to cross, but overwhelmed Pharaoh and his hosts in the sea.

Lesson V. Israel bitterly complained when they faced the wilderness without food. God sent them manna and quails. The manna did not fall them until they came into Canaan.

Lesson VI. God sent Jethro to give needed counsel to Moses. The strength of Moses was about to break. God took one outside of the commonwealth of Israel and through him communicated the wisdom which Moses needed to save him from collapse through overwork.

Lesson VII. At Sinai Israel is organized into a nation, and the ten commandments are given as their constitution. In this constitution is clearly set forth man's duty to God and his obligation to his fellow men.

Lesson VIII. God's hand is seen in his burning anger against the nation for turning away from him to worship the golden calf. He is a jealous God; he will not tolerate a rival.

Lesson IX. Through unbelief, the spies are sent to search out Canaan. When they were urged to take possession of the land according to God's promise they rebelled. Because of this failure God caused them to wander in the wilderness for 38 years.

Lesson X. When God's disciplinary measures had run their course the people were back again upon the borders of Canaan. Joshua was chosen by God to lead the people, as Moses' time to depart had come.

Lesson XI. In the cities of refuge God provided that revenge should not take the place of justice.

Lesson XII. Before Joshua's death God through him set forth the conditions upon which the nation's welfare could be maintained, namely, whole hearted obedience to God and separation from their wicked neighbors.

A Prayer.

Our Father, we bless thee that thou hast not wafled to be asked but knowing our need, hast permitted us, in thy great mercy, to make our requests known unto thee, as well as our admiration and joy in thee, so we pray thee for the things that are requisite and necessary. Thou knowest what things we have need of before we ask thee, but thou hast hidden us ask thee because thou delightest in our consciousness of dependence upon thee, and wouldst have us feel our needs that we may be fit to receive their supply. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sphere of His Holiness.

If this sphere of his mercy is no wrath, tenderness and severity, is so beautiful, what shall be the splendor of the sphere of his holiness? What the glory of the presence chamber, judged by the excellence of this distant boundary lodge?

Going to Church.

We cannot take advantage of the church without going to church, any more than we could take advantage of a week-day school, without going to classes each day.