SOCIAL and PERSONAL

RECESSIONAL.

God of our fathers, known of old—
Lord of our far-flung battle line—
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The captains and the kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

Far called, our navies melt away—
On dune and headland sinks the fire—
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard—
All valiant dust that builds on dust,
And, guarding, call not Thee to guard,
For frantic boast and foolish word
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord.
—KIPLING.

Miss Annie Moss of Wilson, who has been spending some time here with friends, returned home yesterday.

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Mrs. L. B. Ingram left yesterday afternoon for Greensboro, Ga., where she will visit with friends and relatives.

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Miss Florence Westbrook, of Rocky Point, is spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. H. S. Hale, on North Third street.

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Circle No. 3 of Fifth avenue Methodist church meets this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. H. W. Howell, 723 South Fifth street.

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Miss Nellie Dooley, registered nurse, has returned from Rockingham where she spent several weeks doing relief nursing influenza and pneumonia patients.

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Miss Florence Jeffress, the county home demonstration agent recently elected, will be with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Whaley, at 16 North Fourth street, during the winter.

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The Junior Missionary society of Trinity Methodist church will meet at the church this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All children of the church are urged to be preesnt at the meeting.

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The Woman's Bible class of Trinity Methodist church will hold its regular business and social meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. W. P. McGlaughon, 105 North 15th street.

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Friends in the city will learn with regret that Miss Smith, sister of Mrs. M. T. Plyler, and four of Rev. Mr. Plyler's children are ill with la grippe at the family residence, 401 North Second street.

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The board of directors of the Wilmington Red Cross meets at noon today in the assembly hall of the chamber of commerce. Important business will be transacted at the meeting and a full attendance is urged.

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Major Milnor will deliver an address to the members of the Red Cross motor corps at 12:30 o'clock today in room 402, Murchison Bank building. Major Milnor recently returned to this country from overseas and will speak of the work accomplished by the Red Cross motor corps abroad. Miss Phelps, chairmen of the Red Cross relief committee, will be present at the meeting.

BICKETT ISSUES CALL UPON THE MINISTERS

Urges Them to Rally Their Congregations Sunday For Special Prayer and Thanksgiving.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, Nov. 12.—Governor Bickett issued a call today upon all ministers of the gospel to rally their congregations for special prayer and thanksgiving Sunday all over North Carolina. The call to the ministers and the people to hold these services and for general resumption of church following the epidemic has a striking note of gratitude and rejoicing both for the victory that has attended American and allied arms and for the passing of the terrible epidemic. The address of the governor to "all ministers of the Gospel" follows:

"Today our hearts leap with joy; our eyes shine with gladness and our lips are full of praise.

" 'God in His Heaven,
All's right with the World.'

"For many weeks our churches have been closed. On next Sunday they will be opened again; therefore, I devoutly urge that every service be one of prayer and thanksgiving. Let all the people assemble in their places of worship and lift up their hearts in praise of the Lord of Hosts for his mighty deliverance and in prayer that in our day of triumph he will keep us just and gentle still."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

—J. H. Rehder, home missionary treasurer of the United Lutheran synod of the south, left last night for New York city as a delegate to the Lutheran merger convening there.

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Picked Up Around Town

Ceremonial In January.

It has been announced that the annual ceremonial and business session of Sepa Grotto will be held here January 31. The meeting will be featured by a big parade, participated in by the Sepa Grotto patrol and drum corps, and social functions, which will include a supper to be served for ladies.

People of Currie Celebrate.

A large number of patriotic citizens of Currie and vicinity gathered at the old Moore's Creek battle grounds Monday and celebrated the return of peace. It was only a few minutes after the peace message was received that word was sent in every direction, by rejoicing citizens, to hasten to the battle grounds and join in the celebrating. Everybody showed a feeling of happiness over the news of peace, and it was well on toward night when the crowd began to leave.

Receives Pythian Expression.

Capt. Thomas D. Meares, supreme master of the exchequer, Knights of Pythias, yesterday received the following expression from Fred E. Weaton, of Minneapolis, Minn., supreme keeper of records and seal: "Pythian knighthood rejoices with a world redeemed from a ruthless autocracy. God grant that lasting peace, now assured, may bind human hearts stronger and stronger in the bonds of democracy and fraternity. May your grand domain fashion new aspirations in the fulfillment of Pythian destiny."

Funeral of Capt. Carroll.

Capt. Thomas B. Carroll, known to citizens in Wilmington as Dr. Carroll, was laid to rest yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in Oakdale cemetery, the body having arrived in the city Monday evening from Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, where Dr. Carroll died suddenly Sunday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted from St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral by Rev. Father Christopher Dennen, and was largely attended by sorrowing friends. Those acting as honorary pall bearers were Captain Blount and Lieutenant Ford, the military escort accompanying the body from Fayetteville. The active pall bearers were U. A. Underwood, J. J. Allen, Martin O'Brien W. A. McGirt, Samuel King and Guy Love.

NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS.

Mrs. Meredith has received the following interesting letter from her husband, Lieut. L. J. Meredith, who volunteered in the medical department more than a year ago, and who sailed for France with the 30th division. Before entering the service he practiced dentistry in this city:

"It has been a week since I've written you and haven't had a minute since. Have been up at an advanced dressing station. Hundreds of wounded were cared for and sent back to the base hospitals. German wounded were treated also. When I would go with a squad of stretcher bearers I would never stop a minute. Worker hard with artillery fire raining all about; I haven't had my clothes off for many days. Will tell you all about the sights later, but hope to forget all about some of them.

"After leaving Flanders, where our boys did some hard fighting, I stopped three or four times on my way to Cambrai. At the first place we stopped I was billeted in a picturesque chateau. My room was on the third floor and I could see for miles around. After leaving there we arrived at another town, where I spent a whole day—from 7 in the morning until 9 that night. The remainder of the journey, except 11 miles, was made by rail. We travel in a hurry "over here." I had a 'side door Pullman,' a box car previously used for transporting horses. I sat in the door with my feet hanging out all the way so I could get a view of the country. I visited the cathedral at Amiens while I was there, and it is a grand old place. It has been damaged by shell fire to some extent, but most of the beautiful works of art have been removed and the rest covered with sand bags.

"Our next move put us right at the front around Cambrai. On the way down I passed many ruined towns, places the size of Wilmington, with not even a green thing in sight. This is certainly a battle ridden country here—no house is left anywhere, trees torn up and cut down, telephone poles are down and the ground is a plain of holes and mounds. There are holes up under every little bank, and the soldiers live in them—reminds me of field rats or prairie dogs. There are a few huts around in spots that we built and some the Germans left—I'm in one now. I have a fire burning in a German stove and using some coal they left.

"The boys are some fighters. Whew! Fritz thought the Hindenburg line was impregnable, but we went through it like a circular saw. We had some losses but we expected that. Hate so much that Hargrove Bellamy is missing. You know he was a lieutenant and married just after we were.

"I am expecting to be home pretty soon. The way the enemy is weakening it can't last long. Bulgaria is out. Turkey must fall, and then Austria comes next. Germany is one the run all along the front. Our boys are kept busy keeping up with the advance and we medical men nearly run our tongues out keeping up to care for the wounded. What is most horrible about the whole thing is that the German's carry all the young and able-bodied men and women with them. You should see how grateful and happy the civilians left in the cities we capture are to see the Americans. I can't begin to write about all the things I see, but will tell you about them in the near future."

COLONEL HOUSE AND BRITISH PREMIER EXCHANGE MESSAGES

London, Nov. 12—(British Wireless Service)—Col. Edward M. House, the special representative of the United States government, sent the following message yesterday from Paris to David Lloyd-George, the British prime minister, on the cessation of hostilities:

"Sincere congratulations. No one has done more to bring about this splendid victory than you."

To this the minister replied: "Many thanks for your generous telegram. Nothing contributed more to the victory than the prompt response of the president to the appeal I made to him for American help in those critical days."

Amsterdam, Nov. 12.—Ten thousand railway men have decided to maintain railway [illegible] in Germany.

BELGIUM DEMANDS FULL INDEPENDENCE

Will Not Submit to Status of "Guaranteed Neutrality."

A Return to Status Quo of 1914 Would Entail a Perpetual Intrusion by Germany, Declares Official Statement.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The Belgian legation, in an official statement today, announced that Belgium will no longer submit to a status of "guaranteed neutrality" like that which existed before the war. It aspires to "complete independence; to the rights common to all free peoples."

A return to the status quo of 1914 will entail a perpetual inrtusion by Germany on the domestic life of the nation and create a situation "intolerable to public opinion and certain to cause serious difficulties."

"The note of December 24, 1917," said the stateemnt, "addressed by the Belgian government to the pope in reply to the pontifical message advances as one of the indispensable conditions of a just peace as far as Belgium is concerned. Political, economic and military independence without condition or restriction.

"These words are explicit. The Belgian government is opposed to the reestablishment of obligatory, permanent neutralization which would fetter its freedom of action without insuring peace to the nation. It aspires to complete independence; to the rights common to all free peoples.

"Belgium must be allowed freedom to determine her own destiny; she must be free to adopt of her own volition a policy which shall keep her outside of the great international competitions and permit her, if some new danger should threaten to take any necessary measures to defeat the hostile designs directed against her."

LANDOWNERS TAKE SETTLEMENT PLANS

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the unsurpassed advantages of the southern country for such purposes, and the organization above mentioned propose to do whatever is essential to co-operate with others in the south for the advancement of the entire southern country, and,

"Whereas, we recognize that it is only by effective organization and combined effort that full success can be attained, and acting upon suggestions made by representatives of the interior department who have outlined the plans mentioned, that a means of collective action should be evolved by those who wish to co-operate, and,

"Whereas, the existence of the aforementioned associations, with a membership of 3,000, and representing over 25,000,000 acres of land, constitute practically all of the effective large organizations of land owners in the southern country, has been largely due to the years of untiring work of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization of Baltimore, in its broad policy for the development of the entire southern country;

"Be it therefore resolved: That the aforesaid land associations shall take over the Southern Settlement and Development Organization, under the suggestions of the officers of that organization, as a clearing house and medium through which to give collective expression to the desires of the land owners of the south, to the end that all sections of the southern country may be benefitted by the movement to be put in force by the secretary of the interior, and,

"Be it further resolved: That we extend to the visiting delegates from the states of Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, and those who have attended this congress, an invitation to co-operate with us and act with us as individuals until state organizations shall have been effected in their respective states, and we further invite such associations when organized or at present existing to accept membership in the Southern Settlement and Development Organization on the same basis and with the same voice in its management that we may have,

"Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the governors of the southern states and other in interest."

Governor Bickett spoke in part as follows:

"There is a wide spread belief that a man never accomplishes much in a new field of endeavor until his convictions deepen into an obsession, and men say he is crazy on the subject. Certain it is that in the prow of every canoe that pushes its nose into untried waters sits a fanatic. In a way such a fanatic is responsible for the glorious finish of the world war. For just the other day I saw a cartoon representing the kaiser standing with clinched fist before a statute of Christopher Columbus and hissing through his teeth: 'Yes, durn you, if you hadn't turned fool and discovered America, I'd a won this war.'

"Up in North Carolina it is known from Cape Hatteras to the Smoky Mountains that I live under the despotism of a conviction that the only way to build up a wholesome and stable civilization is to afford every citizen a decent chance to sleep under his own roof and till his own soil.

"The most fatal monopoly that could grip this country would be a monopoly of the land, for there can be no government of the many while the lands are in the hands of the few. All history shows that the fruits of such a monopoly are, first, autocracy with its oppressions and cruelties, and then mobocracy with its carnival of destruction.

"For a half century Jas. J. Hill was the most picturesque figure of the northwest. In him were blended the dreamer and the doer, the prophet and the man of affairs. A few years before his death he said:

"'Land without population is a wilderness, population without land is a mob.' Russia and Mexico are tragic examples of the truth of Hill's epigram. The men who have made Mexico intolerable and who have turned crimson all the snows of Russia are landless men. There will never be an orderly, stable government in these sorely afflicted countries until the men who cultivate the land are given a fai rchance to own it.

"At all times it is wise and profitable to encourage the largest number of citizens to become home owners, but at the present time such a policy is the one sure guaranty of our national safety and peace. When the Germans started their great offensive last March Lloyd George said: 'The race is between Hindenburg and Wilson.' Today the ends of the earth know, and knowing rejoice, that Woodrow Wilson won that great Olympic. But peace brings with it the very gravest problems and solutions of these will be offered as plentiful and as pestiferous as the frogs that came up on the land of Egypt. The sane reformer, the Utopian dreamer, the red handed revolutionist will each bid high for the allegiance of a people intoxicated with a new birth of freedom. Our surest bulwark against the excesses of bolshevism and all its kindred insanities is the citizen standing in the doorway of his own home.

"Hence every consideration of safety and progress urges us to take unusual steps to multiply these defenders of our land from foes without and from fanaticism within. The secretary of the interior sees lclearly the obligations and the opportunities of the hour, and is taxing all his energies to devise plans for giving to every returning soldier something more than a fair chance to acquire a vine and fig tree of his own. Both economically and sociologically the plans are sound. They are bottomed on the eternal verities and the fruitage will be rich and full after many years.

"Mr. Secretary, North Carolina pledges to you lively support and loving sympathy in the prosecution of this noble work. You have the plans, the South Atlantic states have the lands. From Virginia to Florida millions of acres, now a wilderness, are waiting to become a paradise at your touch. It is my judgment that in the state of North Carolina alone can be found desirable homesteads for at least half the returning soldiers who will feel inclined to take advantage of the opportunity the government affords. And these are no barren wastes but fertile lands capable of producing everything for the comfort of man and beast. A few years ago a newspaper in the tidewater section of Virginia published that a truck farmer in that section had gathered three pecks of potatoes out of a single hill. A north Carolina paper rejoined that on the North Carolina side of the line we grew potatoes so large that it took three hills to hold a single potato.

"Some time ago I was down in Currituck, the extreme northeastern county of the state, and I said to one of the natives, 'What do you people raise down here?' He replied, 'ducks and democrats, hell and sweet potatoes.' Mr. Secretary, I commend to your consideration a soil that contributes to the world four of its greatest staples.

"And we not only have the soil, but the climate as well. The growing seasons are so long that all through the coastal plain four money crops may be made in a single year, and cattle can be grazed without housing the year round. Recently the state of North Carolina has had a proposition to lease some of its swamp lands to cattle growers of Texas who are thinking of shipping thousands of cattle to our fine natural pastures for the winter.

"In hundreds of cases tenant farmers pay all their expenses, including rents, out of the proceeds of vegetables and peanuts, and have their tobacco, cotton and corn left as a net profit. On the MacRae colonies near Wilmington whole families are today living and prospering on ten acres of land. Some years ago a little book was published with the title, 'Is Ten Acres Enough?' That question has been definitely answered in the affirmative by the Wilmington farm settlements.

"We not only have a fertile soil and a salubrious climate on and in which we can produce anything from three pecks of potatoes to the hill to a president of the United States, but in the language of the eunuch to Philip,' Behold here is water.' Candor forces the confession that there is too much water. A farmer, once praying for the blessings of the harvest, said, 'Oh Lord, let there be a great harvest; let there be barrels of wheat and barrels of corn, and barrels of pork and barrels of pepper—Oh hell, that's too much pepper.'

"We have too much water, but it is entirely feasible to eliminate this objection at reasonable expense. The Wilkinson development of seventeen thousand acres of swamp lands in Beaufort county is a magnificent demonstration of the possibilities of these lands. The lands were thoroughly drained and sold to settlers for $20 per acre, and today $100 per acre is the prevailing price. Mark Potter, president of the C. & O. railroad is developing fifty thousand acres that promise to duplicate the Wilkinson success.

"I do not know about the arid lands of the west that require irrigation, but I am satisfied that they would not appeal to the soldiers from the Atlantic seaboard states. If these soldiers shall desire to take advantage of the plans proposed I am sure they would prefer to settle where they already know the conditions under which they would have to live.

"Mr. Secretary and Gentlemen, I invite you all to come to Carolina, once the Rip Van Winkle of the union, but now the land of 'Dreams Come True.'

Council Takes Over Fortress.

Amsterdam, Nov. 12.—The fortress of Posen is in the hands of the workers and soldiers and the military authorities have placed themselves at the disposal of the council.

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DEMOBILIZATION IS NOW BEING STUDIED

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struction and manufacturing, held up and restricted because of war work, and that thousands of skilled laborers soon will be needed in all parts of the country for this work.

Secretary Baker said today that every phase of demobilization of the army is being carefully studied by war department agencies, but as yet no plans have been finally formulated.

The question of the number of American troops to be retained in France or elsewhere in Europe is being studied on that side, Mr. Baker said, while the general staff is preparing recommendations as to the number to be kept under arms in this country. The problem in Europe remains one of joint operations with the allied nations in after the war guarding and other work to be done by the military forces and no conclusions on this point can yet be made.

Mr. Baker said several factors will govern the order in which the men will be released from the army. It is obvious, he said, that as a matter of justice men who had been longest in the service should be released first but the industrial situation and the special need for men of a certain calling probably will modify the principle of making length of service a guide to order of muster out.

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These changes are made in order to conserve man power, mule feed, gasoline and wear and tear, in accord with the wishes of the War Industries Board. The co-operation of the public is earnestly requested. Please try to help us by having your ice box ready when wagons call, have proper change or ticket ready for quantity wanted, and see that proper weights are delivered. Generally speaking, our drivers are good reliable men, but it is not now possible to carry experienced ice men on wagon at all times. Worthy complaints are welcomed. They help us to maintain good service.

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