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When the doors of the Royal theatre eat throng of Wilmingtonians quickilled the auditorium until there was onger standing room and the doorpers had to send away many who with flags of the allied nations, ferns and evergreen plants forma portion of the foreground of the where the distinguished speakor H. E. Rondthaler, of Winstonlavy, and Lieut. Gaston Schiff, of French army, sat together with wor P. Q. Moore and a group of rep-

ev. Dr. W. H. Milton, rector of St. nes' church, presided and introduced first speaker Dr. Howard E. thaler, president of Salem college. educator and orator of who delivered in fitting terms rica's tribute to Great Britain. Reing his hearers of the vast burden by the British nation during the ears of bitter fighting, Dr. Rondstated that an army numbering on men was raised by Great to help check the advance of tuns and drive them back across Of this number, he added. the British nation had no when war was declared, 100,000 mustered into service as volunduring the first week of the war. nd served at home hereby releasing nol

has cost great Britain \$29,-Rondthaler declared. to this she has loaned .000,000 and donated "far

ation and salute the Union

Touching upon the f the administration because isitania was sunk in May, that time there were in ued on Page Ten).

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# ROTARY CLUB HOST STATUS OF MARINE

Tribute to District Governor Rondthaler Dr. Stiles Believes It Will Con- Meeting Be Held For Christmas Wilmington and Charlotte to Be and Others Guests.

ancity Audience Gathered at Royal Wilmington Rotarians Hear Rotarian Has No Information From Washington Chief Review Rotary and Its Purposes-Elaborate and Pleasant Affair.

Great Britain and America A. building at 1 o'clock yesterday at- public health expert who has been last night by the Red Cross chapter, bilizing their forces with the idea in leading spirits in a league of nations Rondthaler, district governor for Ro- in this city and who has converted it 52nd battalion, Canadian forces, will in Washington Friday when the Bahkfor the preservation of freedom and de- tary in North and South Carolina and into a large laboratory for experimen- be in Wilmington next Wednesday. peracy throughout the world, the ap- Virginia, and president of the Salem tal work, stated last night that he had December 11, and will deliver an adagrance of three distinguished repre- college, Winston-Salem, was a most received no information from Wash- dress that evening in behalf of the of these mighty nations at elaborate affair and was fully attended ington relative to the article appear- Red Cross roll call, which is schedas many guests.

The meeting was arranged particuwas one of the speakers at the Britain day celebration, the invitation to speak ment of wounded soldiers returned Red Cross, will be held at the Acadhere having been extended upon the from the battle zones. suggestion of members of the club. It was a great pleasure, however, for while making no prediction, seem inthe club to be host to the other prominent visitors, some being local and others men of prominence from other parts of the country and two from another continent. The meeting opened with a sumptu-

ous turkey dinner and closed with three cheers for Great Britain and an urgent request that everyone attend the celebration at the Royal theatre later in the afternoon. Following the luncheon two musical numbers were very pleasingly rendered by Mrs. Mattie Longfellow and one, a Scotch song, by Mr. Knox, Canadian soldier, who is making Wilmington his home for the present and who was one of the guests at the luncheon. Both Mrs. Longfellow's efforts and that of Mr. Knox, were fully appreciated by everyone. Following this, Secretary Louis T. Moore called the names of the visitors, each one rising to his feet as his name was called, receiving rousing applause,

especially when the four Canadians

were introduced. Captain J. P. Curran, of the British navy was the first speaker, and in an interesting way he told of the strained relations that existed between the governments of the United States and Canada for 20-odd years and of its being wiped out almost overnight when the United States declared war on Germany. The war has brought the United States and Great Britain hin a month one million volunteers much closer together and by the coresponded to Kitchener's call for operation of the two governments in the future the Englis nations there will be a fleet sufficient in size and quantity

Captain Curran has Great Britain and has shipping centers of the nation stimustill in its infancy. With a shortage of 20,000,000 tons of the shipping proand with the production far from what is desired, he sees a great fuure for the shipbuilding industry in his country.

Captain Curran visited the Liberty nas visited, he said.

Dr. Rondthaler made address at the luncheon, and after tory of Rotary, telling how it origision, in a span of a few brief years

connection with the outside world, and especially things of a lighter nature

affairs of public interest in an informal

At the conclusion of Dr. Rondthaler's ddress the Rev. John Jeter Hurt, D.D.

Mattie Longfellow, Dr. Rondthaler, ian soldiers, Messrs. Stuart, Knox, Willetts and Baker; Mayor P. Q. Moore, Lieutenant George P. Elliott, commandant of the local naval reserves: Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, Rev. Dr. John J. Hurt, Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, Rev. Frank D. Dean, Peter J. Van Geyt, J George A. Boyd, of Charlotte; J. A. Pullen, East Orange, N. J.; R. C. Merrit, E. P. Willard, John J. Blair, and L. E. Bond, Harrisburg, Pa., who has recently become associated with the

Y. M. C. A. The menu of the luncheon was: Turkey, cranberry sauce, rice, gravy, mashed potatoes, garden peas, pickles, celery, hot coffee, block cream, cake and cigars. There was a beautiful rosebud at each of the places, and vases of beautiful carnations on the

The decoration was the work of Messrs. Polvogt and Rehder.

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# AT TURKEY DINNER HOSPITAL UNCERTAIN

tinue a Laboratory.

Relative to Making it A Reclamation Institution for Wounded Soldiers.

by members of the Rotary club, as well ing in yesterday's Star and which was uled to commence the following Monlarly in honor of Dr. Rondthaler, who of a sum of money in fitting the build- be arranged under the auspices of the ing up for a hospital for the treat-

> To the contrary, however, Dr. Stiles, clined to the belief that there is some mistake relative to the use of the building as a hospital for wounded solground that expenditures for institutions to be used for this purpose should come through the war department, whereas the dispatch stated that the proposed expansion of the hospital facilities would come through action of Surgeon General Rupert Blue, who is at the head of the public health de-

Dr. Stiles stated that the public health service makes an estimate about May of each year of the funds needed for a year's work. However, this year it was found necessary to ask for an additional sum for marine hospitals, this request being made prior to the decision to convert the local hospital into a laboratory, and he believes that the hospital in Wilmington was incorporated in the project in this manner. He sees no reason after going to the expense of changing the hospital into a laboratory, for another change in plans and converting it back to a hospital.

But regardless of which way the tide turns there is going to be a pretty large expenditure of money at the hospital between now and July 1, next. soldiers there it will, of course, be ed and new buildings will probably gram announced. e constructed, if Dr. Stiles carries

# SPEAKS WEDNESDAY

Roll Call.

C. S. Mason Will Deliver an Address at the Academy of Music Under Auspices of Red Cross-Roll Call Starts Tomorrow Week.

The luncheon, given in the Y. M. C. Dr. Charles W. Stiles, United States | According to announcement made based on a Washington dispatch, and day, December 16, and continue to De-Wilmington chapter of the American emy of Music at 8 o'clock.

> Mr. Mason needs little introduction to Wilmingtonians, having delivered an address in this city during the Red Cross membership campaign of last year. He will be remembered as a speaker of force and eloquence, and diers, this stand being taken on the the announcement that he has been secured for a return engagement here will without doubt be learned with much pleasure by residents of the city who heard him speak on his previous visit to Wilmington.

> > Mr. Mason fought with Canadian forces overseas during the early part of the war, rendering gallant service on the British front. He was wounded in the battle of Vimy Ridge, sustaining injuries so severe that he was later released from active service. He is well versed in many matters of interest pertaining to the great war and the invaluable service rendered on all fronts by the Red Cross, and is able to speak with authority on the necessity for continuing the humanitarian work undertaken by the "greatest mother of all the world.'

Mr. Mason comes to Wilmington from Atlanta. He is sent out under the direction of the speaker's bureau of the southeastern division of the American Red Cross, with headquarters in Atlanta. A telegram stating that he would reach Wilmington next Wednesday to speak in the interest of Christmas roll call was received last If it is decided to care for wounded night. Arrangements for the meeting will be completed during the early

Preparations for Red Cross roll call organization for the membership cam-

## CANADIAN SOLDIER MOBILIZING FORCES FOR BANKHEAD BILL

Represented.

Belegations Will Appear Before Con-Resolutions Have Been Forwarded by Local Body.

Wilmington and Charlotte are moshen they shall be linked together as ternoon in honor of Dr. Howard E. placed in charge of the marine hospital C. S. Mason, formerly a member of the view of launching a massed offensive head military highway bill is taken

> The reason for this offensive is that should the bill get favorably reported the chances of the proposed Wilmingwhich had to do with the expenditure cember 24. The meeting, which will ton-Charlotte military highway that the chambers of commerce of the two cities most vitally affected have been turning heaven and earth to have established, will be most favorable, but the other hand should the bill be so much to the Queen city and to North Carolina's seaport city, will naturally die with it.

> > The Wilmington chamber of commerce has already drafted resolutions and forwarded them to the proper authorities and in addition plans are under way to have a strong delegation present to support the measure in person. The Charlotte chamber has already announced definitely that it will have a strong representation at the hearing.

The resolutions of the local body were drafted at an executive committee meeting last week. There are two resolutions, one of which puts the chamber on record as favoring the passage of the Bankhead bill and the other urges that in case the bill gets favorable action in both branches of congress that the Wilmington-Charlotte highway be given preference over any other project. It will be remembered that delegations from Wilmington and Charlotte presented the matter before the secretary of war at a conference a few weeks ago.

If the bill passes it will make available \$100,000,000 for highway construction throughout the country, and in view of the fact that the bill is a war measure it will be left with the secretary of war as to where the money will be spent. The woads will be lonecessary for equipment to be install- part of the week and a detailed pro- cated where they will be of the great- foreign countries, could be assembled at our Ten Day Shoe Sale. Wilming in mind the local promoters, as well seas shipments. the importance attached to the local | less affected, will continue the fight

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The argument in favor of Wilmington was the importance of Wilmington as a port city, where men, provisions and war supplies could be assembled for exportation to foreign countries, and where cargoes of raw material could be received from other countries and transported to inland towns. It would connect with Charlotte, a cantonment city. This argument will not be so important now that hostilities have ceased, but it is pointed out that it will be of equal importance in assembling foodstuffs, which is needed in such large quantities in est military value, and having this here and loaded on steamers for over- ton Shoe Co.

as long as there is a ray of hope securing the highway.

Verdict For the Defendant.

After deliberating for about seven hours the jury in the case of Mrs. H. A. DeCover against Mrs. Nan Carlisle, taken up at Thursday's session of superior court, last night at five minutes of 10 o'clock rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant. Mrs. DeCover was suing for damages, alleging that the defendant made misrepresentations in the sale of a number of cows.

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