ROLL CALL OF THE RED CROSS CLOSES

Final Reports Wired to Atlanta Preparations Being Made For Preparations For Celebration Lieut. Salling Writes of 81st Report on Wilmington by Child This Afternoon.

Wilmington Chapter Lacks Approximately 1,000 Members of Having Reached Goal-County Will Go Over the Top Today.

The Red Cross Christmas roll call headquarters on Princess street closed Saturday evening, the Red Cross chapter still lacked approximately 1,goal of 5,000. This deficit can easily be made up, however, declares W. A. McGirt, chairman of details, if the canvassing committees will pursue their work relentlessly until the last

Chairman M. T. Piyter, who returned to the city yesterday morning. urges that all canvassing committees. the manufacturing plants and the roll call committees at the shipyards send n their complete reports *before 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. Many of these committees, particularly those working at the shipyards, have withheld their reports until today in order to send in a full list of members. The negro organizations and many of the rural districts are expected to send n complete reports today, and these will aid to a large extent in gaining the goal set for the roll call. The are especially urged to send in their complete reports today; otherwise they will not count in the results

New members enrolled with the Red today will benefit the Red Cross and Wilmington, as they will help to swell the county's total when the resent to Atlanta. Members enrolled after today will be of benefit the Red Cross, as it will be too late to include them in the roll call reason Chairman McGirt urges that every Wilmingtonian whoever expects to join the Red Cross should do it today and help Wilmingleading place among the cities of the state when the final results of the roll call are published. The Red Cross, it has been pointed out, is an organization laboring to relieve human suffering in peacetime as well as during the war, and

soldier and those soldiers disabled will turn to the d Cross to be helped back to health and to be placed in new industries for ecial training and new eduon are required. Protection from uberculosis, from other forms of disfrom pestilence and poverty, om suffering and distress is one of e many duties of the Red Cross in As Chairman Plyler as pointed out, lending one's support the Red Cross by becoming a memis furnishing protection for oneself, the members of one's family and the community in general.

The following appeal urging Wilarted support to the Red Cross ristmas roll call and by enrolling day to aid in making it the most sucessful membership campaign ever enducted by the Red Cross has been ssued by J. G. McCormick, chairman I the New Hanover food administra-

There is no organization more deserving of our support. Since the signing of the armistice our obligation to sup-Red Cross is even greater an before. Deservedly termed 'the reatest mother in the world, its past astruction will be no less glorious. returning soldiers bear evidence how well the Red Cross has fulfilled mindful of its obligations at To fail to measure up to our all duty in the present membership ross needs your dollar, or more, if needs will permit. In addition have your warmest sympathy You should esteem it both an and a privilege to have your appear on the Red Cross memship list, such an honor and such Vilege that no true American can ord to deny himself. In the end, mington should do what heretoshe has always done, her full The membership should exceed most optimistic expectations of the call of this great roll call is made Ilmington shall not be found want-

MR. PICKETT LAID TO REST

wices Held From St. Pauls Church -- Masonic Honors at Grave. funeral of R. H. Pickett, who of heart affection early Saturmorning, was held at 4 o'clock a St. Paul's Episcopal church yesday afternoon by Rev. D. L. Gwathrector, and interment was made Oakdale cemetery with Masonic

r. Pickett was a distinguished son, having held high office in the al and state organizations. Pallfers from the order were W. D. eMillan, Jr., E. L. White, Dr. M. J. Ison, E. L. Davis, C. B. Newcomb uplars formed the escort and among Who came from a distance for The floral tributes were very Hurt, of the First umerous and unusually beautiful.

lays Return Engagement.

sot two more, and a turkey "into the argain." as Officer Marcus Gray of headquarters would say. At least it enilty of the Saturday night raid. Anyway. Mr. Goodman has lost a nice unch of chickens and a turkey, and police have been advised of the

MOOSE GIVE DANCE **NEW YEAR'S NIGHT**

Elaborate Entertainment.

Lodge Will Keep Open-House New Year's Day for Members and Visiting Brothers-Big Masquerade Ball.

The Wilmington lodge of the Loyal closes this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock Order of Moose is preparing to enter- preparations for the community Christwhen the final report of the Wilming- tain royally and in a manner appro- mas tree and entertainment which will ton chapter will be wired to Red Cross priate to the season on New Year's day. be given tomorrow evening upon the headquarters of the southeastern di- At the session held Thursday evening postoffice lawn under the auspices of vision in Atlanta. When roll call in the Moose club rooms plans were the War Camp Community Service, and perfected to keep "open-house" without doubt large crowds will atthroughout the day and serve refresh- tend and take part in the community ments and lunches to all members of song service, one of the principal feamembers of having reached its the lodge and visiting Moose men-who tures of the entertainment, provided

> The climax of the day's celebration | will be a masquerade and fancy-dress | mas carols and patriotic songs has ball which will be given in the club been prepared for the occasion by the rooms in honor of the lodge members and their friends. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock and continue until mid-night. At 11 o'clock the couples will unmask and the judges of the evening will award prizes. Four prizes will be offered, two for the couple wearing the most artistic costumes and two for the funniest mas-

The New Year celebration of the Moose club will undoubtedly be one of the most elaborate social affairs ever staged here by a fraternal organizaion. The club rooms are to be profusely decorated with evergreens and patriotic colors. The club occupies one entire floor above the A. David company, on North Front street, which furnish a commodious and ideal dance hall. The rooms will be opened in the early part of the morning on New Year's and will remain open during the entire day, giving the club members an opportunity to gather there with their friends or to meet visiting brothers from Moose lodges in adjoining districts. The reading room of the club, well equipped with popular magazines and good literature in book form, and the billard tables and loungfor members who drop in at the club during the day.

Music for the ball will be furnished for the evening. Music for the last dance given by the Moose club was furnished by the Whitlock-West orchestra, and the committee on arrange-

for the New Year's dance. Moose lodge is planning to extend its tree. club rooms to include another floor of the building in which it is now housed. This will afford space for the installation of several additional features for the attractive and handsomely fitted club.

METHODISTS ARRANGING PLANS FOR CENTENARY

Campaign to Raise \$35,600,000 Among Churches of South April 27 to May 3.

Returning early yesterday morning from Memphis, Tenn., where he went Tuesday evening by the boys' drum last week to attend a convention of and bugle corps. Upon this occasion, southern division of the Methodist church, Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace church, reports that plans are well under way for the inauguration next spring of the Methodist centenary movement to raise \$35,000,000 to be expended for missions and in charitable

Mr. Plyler, as chairman of the board of missions for the Eastern North Carolina conference, was among the representatives of this district at the Wednesday of last week and continued through Thursday night. The campaign to raise the desired funds. Mr. ing the latter part of April and first of May, commencing upon the last Sunday in April and closeing the first Sunday in May. The sum of \$35,000,000 to be raised during this period will be appropriated for use in home and foreign mission fields, for church extension work and in relieving the dis-

The centenary movement, according to plans developed at the conference in Memphis, will be conducted along the same general line of recent campaigns for securing funds for patrictic and humanitarian projects. Each district will, be organized through its church leaders and each church will be allotted its quota of the fund. Plans for the centenary and suggestions for raising the funds will be printed in a hand-book and issued during the early part of January. The majority of these directions for the campaign were outlined while the Methodist divines were in conference Wednesday

and Thursday. As chairman of the Red Cross Christmas roll call for New Hanover county, Mr. Plyler was interested in noting roll call activities in Tennessee and other states through which he passed. Influenza, he states, is serjously handicapping the Red Cross drive and throughout the south- eastern district generally. Wilmington, he declared is showing up as well as and lege, Pa., and Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Faiperhaps better than many other cities son, of Goldsboro. Loved ones have

in the south-east. FUNERAL OF MRS. WYLIE

Held Yeserday Afternoon From the Residence-Lovely Floral Tribute. The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Fennell Wylie was held yesterday after-Service was Jos. F. Rhem, of New noon at 3 o'clock from the residence grand high priest of the Royal of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. chapter of North Carolina. C. Fennell, 807 Market street, Rev. Dr. A. Ashley and R. W. Scott, Jr., of Bol- D. McClure of St. Andrew's Presbyterwere also here to attend the fun- ian church, and Rev. Dr. John Jeter

holding the service. Interment was made in Selections were given by a quartette that had been the property of Rev. R. ever his entrenching teels could work, ickens at the residence of Adolph composed of Mr. Fenley. Mr. Muse, oodman, 106 North Sixth Street, are Mrs. Julian Taylor and Mrs. Meredith popular with certain parties be- Seldom has there been seen such a alse of their many fine eating quali- profusion of beautiful flowers as were that after stealing two of the sent to the grave by loving friends, Wis Friday night, whoever it was, of whom there are so many, deeply went back again Saturday night and sorrewing over the passing of a most

lovable young woman. Palllearers were J. O. Hinton, James F. Post, George Honnet, Lieut, W. C. s supposed that the Friday night thief Denny, Capt. E. A. Metts and C. L. Dickinson.

Among those attending the service were Miss Mary Hardison of Rocky Mount; Herbert Wyche and Colonel James, of Greenville, N. C.

COMMUNITY TREE ON FINAL FIGHTING POSTOFFICE GREEN

Christmas Eve Nearly Complete.

Entertainment at Community Christmas Tree Commences at 7:45-Tree to Be Erected Today-Lean of Decorations Asked.

Much interest is being shown in happen to be in the city upon that day. the weather is favorable.

A very complete selection of Christ-Victory chorus. The school children and the community as a whole have been requested to join in the singing around the Christmas tree and assist in making the celebration a "community affair" in every sense of the word: The singing will be led by Mrs. G. S. Boylan, Miss Nellie Bowden and Prof. W. G. Robertson. The following statement relative to the entertainment Christmas eve was given out last might by A. E. Howell, community service secretary:

"The committee arranging for the community Christmas tree on the postoffice lawn and the many friends this will be a real tree. Everybody who has anything that would be of to bring it to the Army and Navy club building today, or better yet, come and put it on the tree. Any one who can come and help decorate the tree is argently requested to do so. "The tree will be brought in from

the country by T. C. Morris, of East Wilmington, who says he expects to o'clock this morning. A squad of Boy Scouts will assist in setting it up. As ing rooms will furnish entertainment soon as the wiring is completed and the electric lights strung on the tree, bulbs and all that goes to make up by an orchestra which will be engaged a real Christmas tree. Everybody can contribute to this part of the decorathe decorations are not placed on the ments hopes to secure these musicians tree personally, leave them with Mr. Howard, foreman at the Army and

> Wilmington's expression of her Christvoices raised in song to do that. This is also being provided for. F. P. Harrill, president of the Liberty chorus will provide a plano for the occasion to help Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Boylan and Miss Bowden lead the singing at 7:45 Christmas eve. Mr. Harrill plans to meet with the Liberty chorus on Fifth and Market at 6:45 p. m. to sing carols about the city and wind up this trip at the community tree at 7:45 so the chorabout the tree.

"The entertainment will be opened prominent part. They have been sing-Cards with the names of the schools

tle front in France. Surely singing sweethearts home rejoicing over the this opportunity to decorate our tree news that those noble boys died in the and sing in honor of the season and this most blessed of all Christmases in the last five years. Let us also behome a 'singing army.'"

ENSIGN SHAW AT REST

Fine Young Naval Officer Buried Oakdale Yesterday.

The remains of Ensign Harry Falson Shaw, who died of pneumonia in New York Thursday, arrived on the train from the north yesterday shortly after noon and the funeral service was fracas. held at 2 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church by Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, pastor, assisted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and interment was made

A detachment of men from the naval reserve station here acted as pallbearers, the honorary pallbearers being John Wells, Jr., George Mitchell, Ensign Bernard O'Neill, Edwin Josey. Grav Hicks, Lawrence Wright, B. B. Reynolds and Louis J. Poisson.

Present at the funeral besides many friends were Mrs. W. M. Shaw of remain, was sick Sunday and Sunday Southport, Ensign Shaw's mother; his night with the same complaint, leaving sister, Miss Ruth Shaw, who had been the whole job up to me. For three or with him in New York, where she had four days I was in the saddle from 16 stopped enroute overseas; his brother. Prof. Heman Shaw, of Haverford col- Lord, I pulled through. the deepest sympathy of a multitude of friends in the city, Ensign Shaw travels since he left camp have been was very highly esteemed for his fine extensive, beginning at Halifax, N. S., qualities and news of his death was thence through England via Liverpool, received here with much regret.

THIEVES LOOT A CHURCH

St. John's Mission at Fourth and How art Streets Is Robbed.

Thieves, supposedly young ones, a stealing a number of articles of more France.

away certain silver articles and a lot very wise animal and I wished I was a of creckery some times used at church | mole!" lection for the orphans.

police last night.

WAS SANGUINARY

Division Losses.

Speaks in Highest Terms of Captain Local Condition as Seen by Agent of Loughlin and Lieutenant Davis. Lieutenant Isaac Tillery Writes Of His Experiences.

November 11, as horrible in its losses, report on Wilmington conditions, apand speaks in highest praise of the pearing in yesterday's Raleigh News bravery and efficiency of Capt. J. J. and Observer, in connection with re-Loughlin and Lieut. Gregory Davis, ports on other North Carolina towns: both of this city, who fell in the last of This is a seaport town and railroad the battles. A series of very interest- terminal of about 22,000 inhabitants, ing letters from Lieut. Isaac G. Tillery, It has an excellent boys' club division son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tillery, 309 of the Y. M. C. A. and a capable secre-South Second street, has also been received and are given below.

Lieutenant Salling, who was with the Applewhite realty agency, and whose recent promotion to first lieutenant has just been learned, says under date of

November 13: "No mail from you for almost two weeks now, but guess it is somewhere in France and will catch up with me the first time we stop for a few days. I have not written to you myself since the middle of last week, but when you know of the hell we have been through I know that you will pardon me, and some day, when I am home again and the horror of it all and the sadness have worn off, I will try to tell you the whole story. Now I can tell you only the boys congregate, and many gamble, part of it. We have traveled at such a pace since the first of the month that papers or fruit from stands is common helping to make it a success hope that the days and nights have been crowded together. We are on our way to ploys about 15 boys and the Postal Telthe western front, marching all night egarph about nine. The Atlantic Coast use in decorating the tree is asked long and snatching two or three hours of sleep during the day. The three 14 and 15 at good wages. The boys of nights we marched last week we averaged about 25 miles per night, and it leaving in order to accept these posirained and rained and rained. It is tions, which pay from \$22.50 to \$40 a true I could have ridden, but as part month. There are about 100 boys in of the company had to march, I hoofed Wilmington who work irregularly, do every step of the way with them. When we arrived in the vicinity of Verdun, we took up immediately a front-line position which we held until Friday tribute hand bills, or haul wood. These morning, when we were relieved by the French and ordered to go over to our right and support the 322nd infantry, which was going over the top most common offenses being the stealwent forward as prescribed, but gee! how this division suffered! The 323rd and 324th were also going forward on our right, but Sunday morning when lot a bit All night Sunday night and Monday until 11 o'clock when the ces-

battle. Even then (Sunday night) the mon to this kind of work. sights around the first aid stations were horrible. Got in at 3 o'clock When we reached the bottom of the hill second grade in school. we heard the first peace rumors, and later Lieut. Whitelegg, of brigade head-However, hell kept up until the last ator. will be placed in prominent places so minute, but when 11 o'clock arrived everything ceased and the stillness of group easily. Words to the songs will death reigned over the battlefield. We be projected upon a screen so all who were then well up in the line, and past heart heavy and sad, that even then declaration of peace, while strewn all around were the bodies of their beloved how doubly sad to them will be the ened little fellow, has been working for last 24 hours of the conflict!

"Captain Joe Loughlin was one of come a 'singing people' welcoming' great divide in those last trying hours, and I must say for Joe that in his capacity as intelligence officer for his regiment, that he was always just a little better than any other intelligence officer in the whole division. Lieut. Gregory Davis died as a gentleman and an officer should, gallantly leading his platoon to the last. In my own regiment one of my best friends, Lieut. Bill Bailey 'got his' while leading a charge in the last five minutes of the

"How happy I will be when the word received to go home! There is one to the last minute, and in this last drive we captured more towns and more ground than any other division on the entire front. One artillery officer of another outfit told me that he had never seen the 'Wildcats' before, but they are 'some fighters!'

"In these last and most strenuous days of the fight, 'Dry' was in the hospital with the grippe, and the captain, who is still with us and will probably to 20 hours each day, but thank the

Lieutenant Tillery's Letters Lieutenant Tillery, of the machine guns, says in his first missive that his London and Dover to Ypres in Belgium, and over a good deal of France, He went into the trenches first on July 16. He writes of shells falling all around him and his plateen for hours at a time, as he would write of a shower of rain. He writes very graphically of his preparations for going over the top the some time recently entered St. John's first morning and describes the tremenmission at Fourth and Howard streets dous beauty of the barrage which pre-and ransacked the entire building, ceded the attack, During the terrific uproar of shells and guns he noticed or less value, and certain vestments a ground mele digging in as fast as E. Gribbin, rector, who is now in Like Zeb Vance in the civil war, who noted a rabbit beating it for the rear Rev. J. H. Taylor, rector-in- charge, and exclaimed, "Go it Melly Cottentail, discovered the thefts yesterday after- if I didn't have any more reputation noon when he visited the church and than you have to sustain, I'd run, too," found the building open. Every hook Lieutenant Tillery says "As I watchand corner of the house had been ed him during this awful din and roar, searched by the thieves, who carried it occurred to me that Mr. Mole was a

entertainments. Included in the silver | In a letter of November 8, Lieutenant articles was a small baptismal fount Tillery sends word to "Jesse Roach and a silver plate used in making cel- that if he wants excitement not to join mr. Taylor reported the affair to the gun company." He says he is obsessed colice last night.

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CHILD LABOR HERE IN VISITOR'S EYES

Labor Investigator.

the National Committee Studying Child Labor Conditions in State

A letter from Lieut. J. H. Salling Miss Theresa Wolfson, special investo his wife describes the final fighting tigator of the national child labor of the 81st division up to 11 o'clock committee, has submitted the following

> tary who has come into intimate touch with the 2,000 boys of the city. Through the activity of the Y. M. C. A. and several city clubs a Newsboys' club has been organized which counts in its membership 70 active newsies ranging in age from 8 to 14. The boys meet about three times a year and once a year a dinner is given to them by the newspaper managers and city clubs. The boys' secretary keeps in touch with these boys as much as he can. Nevertheless for the last year delinquency among newsboys has been about 14 per cent, according to the Y. M. C. A. secretary. School is dismissed at 2:30 and the afternoon papers are issued at 3:30 or 4. During the interval shoot dice or fight. Theft of money or among them. The Western Union em-Line railroad offices employ boys of 13 the upper grades in school have been not attend school and are typical street urchins; sometimes they sell papers, sometimes they work on the docks, disboys, who come from an unfavorable environment, form about 85 per cent of the delinquency cases of the city-the ing of peanuts, candy, fruit and bi-

Children engaged in blind-alley jobs -unregulated occupations which lead nowhere but which keep them on the we went forward and took up the as- street at any time of the day or night sault, God, how we suffered from ma- derive no benefit from their employchine gun fire! But did they stop us? | ment. Juvenile delinquency decreases

cycles.

Several young girls are employed in "I guess you wonder where I was: the 5-and-10-cent stores, but the dry Sunday morning when our troops had goods and department stores do not moved so far forward as to make it employ children except in delivery sernecessary to move our supply base, I vice. The manager of one of the large took a big ration and supply train stores said: "We can't use young boys and ran it up close to the front and es- and girls, they are not capable." The tablished a base in the woods nearby. drug stores employ boy clerks and soda In fact, from the hill where I was lo- "dispensers," who are subjected to the the Western Union for six months. He cated I could see the whole scene of late hours and excessive standing com- is on the job one week at 7 a. m. and

Robert, a little lad of eleven years, Monday morning, after being in the attends school in the forenoon and af- ber of messages delivered he never saddle since 7 o'clock Sunday morning. ter 2:30 goes to work in a moving pic- takes more than 10 or 15 minutes for us can help in the general singing During that time I wore two horses ture house, where he sens candy, pea- his meals. He sleeps in the back of an completely out. Was up again and out nuts and soft drinks until 10:30 every old paint store most of the time beat 6:30 o'clock getting things in shape night. He works on a commission ba- cause his family lives out of town. He for the day, and was starting out at sis and if he cleans up the theatre after has been arrested for "scrappin' with 8 'oclock on horseback when the cap- the show or early the next morning, another messenger boy over a "cigschool boys and girls will have a very tain up and said he would go with me. he can earn \$5 a week. He is in the butt." A pal of Elbert's, 12-year-old

The other moving picture houses em- 8 in the morning until 2:30 in the afterploy boy ushers. One had a 14-year- noon, when he goes to a vaudeville quarters, confirmed them, stating that old boy as operator who learned to run house and sells peanuts and candy until groups according to their schools. hostilities would cease at 11 o'clock. the machine by helping a former oper-, 10:30 or 11 o'clock at night. In this

Messenger service does not hold boys. Of the 15 in the employ of the Western | cally 12 hours a day. Union, few have been in the service us had been riding wounded and dead, more than a year and over half have "It was because our army was a and the thought struck me, making my been there but three months or less. there were wives and mothers and ice of easy money leads young boys into this work. Its irregularity and constant association with street influences leave their mark upon the boys. husbands and sons and loved ones. Oh, Thirteen-year-old Elbert, a small wiz- ing newspapers are numerous. Many

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quits at 7 p. m. The next week he goes Dr. O. M. Knight Dies After Illness of on at 10 a. m. and quits at 10 p. m. Since he is paid according to the num-

Albert, works as messenger boy from place he receives 10 cents for selling a dollar's worth of candy. He earns on

the average \$4 a week, working practi-The boys who deliver for stores are paid by the trip, at about the same rate as messengers. Between trips they

hang about the stores virtually idle. Street Trades. As Wilmington is a town with a considerable transient population, little "newsies" handling morning and even-(Continued on Page Six).

VENERABLE MAN PASSES.

Two Days-Remains to Richmond. Dr. O. M. Knight, grand-father of Mrs. C. A. Himmelman, Died early Sunday morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Himmelman, 1902 Perry avenue, after an illness of only a few days. He was 95 years old.

Mr. Knight came to Wilmington from Nottoway county, Va., last February and since that time has lived here with his grand-daughter and her family. He seemed in good health until two ago, when he contracted a slight cold which grew worse quickly, developing into pneumonia and prov-

Dr. Knight was the oldest graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, of

Lexington. The remains were taken last night to Richmond, where funeral services will be conducted and interment made. Surviving the deceased, besides his grand-daughter here, is his daughter, Mrs. Cyrus De Camp, of New York

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