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NORTH-WESTERN BATTERY OF FIELD ARTILLERY.

To The Boys of Watauga County.

Governor Bickett has conferred a great boon and a great honor upon our part of North Carolina by assigning one of the batteries of our new artillery regiment to Caldwell and adjoining counties. Men to whom the serious business of War is new and strange, cannot fully appreciate how much this means to the community. It means to the Boys service under the most favored conditions. Instead of being scattered abroad into every part of the world among strangers; it means service with friends and neighbors, and under officers interested in the welfare and comfort of every individual man. It means that every man in the battery will be treated as a man, and not as a cog in a machine. It will mean that back home, there are loving hearts to feel for you, and loving hands to do for you. It means cheer and sympathy in time of health, and comforts and loving care when sickness or wounds come. It will mean that those at home will be kept in constant touch with the boys at the front, for every day some of them will write home and give the news of the others. It will mean that there will be no long, heartbreaking, uncertain silences. Absences will not break the chains that binds those at home to those in the ranks. The fathers and mothers and sisters and sweethearts will know where their loved ones are and how they are faring.

If this battery is raised, it will be OUR BATTERY, and around it the hopes, the pride and the love of a great patriotic community will center.

To me, light artillery is the most desirable branch of the service. There is a dash, an exhilaration, a joy of movement about field artillery that is not afforded by any other arm of the service.

Boys, many of you will have to go to war whether you want to or not, and you know not where or among whom. For your own sakes, for the sake of those left behind, for the credit and honor of your section, let an old soldier, who has commanded boys from Watauga, appeal to you to go with your friends and neighbors where your fortunes can be followed and your welfare provided for.

Take this opportunity. It will not come again. If you do, many of you will stare in the face the grim realities of a draft. I wish I could make every one of you see how important this is. You will be cared for as soldiers never were cared for before. Every man in the battery will be splendidly mounted by the government, and the pay will be twice as much as soldiers ever received before. Send in your names, ages and postoffice address to B. F. Williams, Lenoir, N. C., or send to him for regular enlistment blanks. The ranks are filling rapidly; don't get left! As you all know, I have a warm place in my heart for the people of Watauga, and I want them to have every advantage.

I am too old myself to go with you, but if I could shake twenty years from my shoulders, I would gladly offer to lead you, and would now be entering my third war.

EDMUND JONES.
Lenoir, N. C.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

RENEW RACE RIOTS IN EAST ST. LOUIS

MOB FIRES HOMES OF NEGROES AND SHOOT OCCUPANTS AS THEY FLEE.

MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED

Twelve Companies of National Guard on Duty.—Estimates on Number Killed During Day of Rioting Run as High as 250.

East St. Louis, Ill.—An estimate of the dead in the race riot and fire ranged from fifteen to seventy-five, of whom two were white men.

Buildings were still burning at four different points in the city.

The property loss was estimated by City Attorney Fekete at \$3,000,000.

Forty injured negroes and six injured white men in one hospital and almost an equal number in another.

Colonel Tripp, assistant adjutant general, stated shortly before midnight that the rioting crowds had for the most part dispersed.

At least fifteen negroes were shot and killed by mobs here as they fled from their burning homes which had been set on fire by white mobs. The exact number who perished in the burning houses, if any, is unknown, and will not be ascertained until the ruins are searched.

Military rule was proclaimed and at the same time 300 white men were arrested and locked up at police headquarters. Negro quarters in various parts of the city are on fire and the flames reach the very edge of the business district.

Estimates of the number of negroes who perished in the fire ran as high as 100, but there was nothing authentic on which to base these estimates except that hundreds of whites stood around the edges of the burning districts and fired at the negroes as they fled from their homes.

State's Attorney Schaumloeffel, of St. Clair county, drove through the riot-swept district with Police Inspector Walsh, of St. Louis, Mo. The state's attorney estimated that the dead negroes would number 250. All estimates, however, are conjectural.

The mayor of East St. Louis sent for Fire Chief Swingley of St. Louis, Mo., to assist in fighting the flames, which threatened to destroy a large part of the city. A company of the St. Louis fire department started to East St. Louis but was ordered back by Chief Swingley.

KERENSKY LEADS RUSSIAN TROOPS IN BRILLIANT VICTORY.

Thousands of Prisoners Taken and Many Guns.

Petrograd.—The brilliant Russian advance, the news of which has sent a wave of rejoicing through the entire country, was led by War Minister Kerensky in person.

For the last four days the war minister has been continuously at the front, spending every effort to urge the troops to advance. He finally rode to the front line trenches and placing himself at the head of the troops gave the order to advance.

The spectacle of the popular war minister on the firing line accomplished what oratory had failed to do and the Russian line swept forward into the German trenches.

The Russians have captured Konluchy, on the Gallician front, together with 164 officers and 8,400 men, the war office announced.

DISCLOSE CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY LAKE SHIPPING.

Washington.—Secret investigation by government agents has disclosed the existence of a conspiracy to destroy or hinder shipping on the Great Lakes and thereby delay the organization of American war armies and check the flow of food and munitions material from the west to the east.

No conspirators have been captured and the identity of none has been made public, but state, navy and justice departments are co-operating to bring the offenders to punishment.

YOUNG EMPEROR IN PALACE OF PRESIDENT.

Tien Tsin.—Hsuan Tung, the young emperor, according to reports from Peking, has taken possession of the palace occupied by President Li Yuan Hung and is surrounded by prominent military leaders. A demand was made upon President Li that he resign in favor of Hsuan Tung. The president replied that he would resign in favor of the vice president, as he was unable to resign in favor of the emperor.

Brown Mountain Light.

H. C. Martin in Statesville Landmark
I wish to thank you for so ably defending "home talent" at all times and particularly for your kindly references to my efforts to fathom the mystery of the Brown Mountain Light. For a long time I thought the singular phenomenon a myth, but when persons of unquestioned veracity told me they had seen it, I became interested, and a little more than a year ago, with the assistance of Dr. L. H. Coffey, county physician of Caldwell, organized an expedition of investigation.

We had about a dozen men in our party and established five camps, two on Adams' Knob, three miles from Adako, in Caldwell county, and three on Brown Mountain. These mountains are separated by Wilson Creek valley and gorge and the camps on Adams, Knob were from one to three miles distant from those on Brown Mountain, air line. The lookouts at each camp were supplied with pistols at the first appearance of the light the watcher who first saw it fired a number of shots, thus notifying the other camps.

During our night-watching we saw four appearances of the light, one by those on Adams' Knob and three by those on Brown Mountain.

Strange to say, however, when the light was visible to those on the mountain it was not visible to those on the other.

We did not arrive at any definite theory as to what the light really is or what produces it. We did find, however, that it is not the light from a mountain cabin; neither is it the light of a moonshine distillery, nor is it the headlight of a locomotive, as a so-called government expert, who visited the mountain some years ago, pronounced it.

I have seen the light on several occasions from different places and am still on the hunt for a solution of the mystery. I am now inclined to believe it is produced by mirage. I hope to be able to meet the government representative who is to make an investigation soon. I understand and trust the mystery may be solved. The light is so eccentric in its movements and appears at so many different points about the mountain, which is six miles long, that I think considerable time and expense will be involved in making anything like a satisfactory investigation of it.

Blowing Rock, July 1,

Mrs. Catherine McRary.

"A Friend" in the Lenoir Topic pays this beautiful tribute to the memory of Mrs. Catherine McRary, mother of Mrs. H. J. Hardin, of Boone, who recently passed to her reward in that town:

"She lived on the sunny side of life, and now she has gone to live where the flowers bloom forever. She was a good example of the finest type of christian. Heart-felt religion cleared away the clouds from the sky of her declining day, and brought her a sunset filled with peaceful glories. A light was on her face that had never shone on land or sea. It was a reflection of the shimmering rainbow which arched the throne of her Lord. In the deep quiet of her eventide, she heard faint echoes of the songs which are sung by the choir invisible. She caught the fragrance from the flowers of Paradise. She was a saint. God has called his child home at the close of the day.

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MORE COOPERATION IN HUNT FOR SPIES

PERPLEXING PROBLEMS THAT MUST BE MET IN STAMPING OUT EVIL.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ALLIES

Have Come to America in Effort to Run Down German Agents.—Many Schemes Set on Foot by Detectives.

Washington.—More complete and efficient co-operation of United States secret service agents with those of its European allies is recognized as the great problem that must be met in stamping out the spy evil.

While it was stated that operatives of the state, war, navy, and justice departments are co-operating with good results in running down active alien enemies, it was strongly indicated that much remained to be accomplished in relationships with the services of foreign countries.

Representatives of the allies already are in this country, it is understood, and are working to bring about the desired co-operative action. This work, for obvious reasons, could not be considered seriously before the United States entered the war, and the working out of the ramifications of a co-ordination scheme require unusual discussion, as well as time for setting the actual machinery in motion.

The secret service of the United States was confronted at the entrance of America into the war with a program of discouraging magnitude. The machinery of the departments, built up almost entirely for the handling of domestic problems, was suddenly required to shoulder the immense burden of coping with thousands of plotters and spies.

Many schemes set on foot by enemy plotters have been thwarted and it is said that the archives of the departments contain records of activities, which would, if made known, be of startling nature.

That the attacks upon American transports were the result of the work of spies is accepted generally in Washington without surprise. The sailing of transports, although not mentioned by the newspapers, was known to a large number of persons, who witnessed the transfer of troops from points in the United States and their departure.

MAJOR GENERAL WOOD INSPECTS CHARLOTTE SITES.

During One Day's Stay He Visits Three Sites and Delivers Two Addresses.

Charlotte.—General Leonard Wood, commander of the United States army, department of the southeast, spent Thursday, July 5, in Charlotte, and it was a busy day for the distinguished soldier and citizen.

In addition to inspecting three possible sites for an army camp which it is hoped will be located at Charlotte, he found time to deliver two addresses, one to an audience of thousands on the First Presbyterian church lawn at six o'clock in the evening, and the other following the banquet served at the Selwyn hotel in his honor at 8:30 o'clock. For no matter how busy the general is, and in these stirring times of preparation that America may do her part in the world-struggle for democracy no man is busier, he always finds time to preach the "doctrine of preparedness" and never loses an opportunity to say a word, wherever he may be, that will help to stir the American public to a realization of the gravity of the crisis with which the American nation is confronted.

In his rather blunt, but direct and soldierly way, General Wood told North Carolinians a good many things they had probably not heard or thought of before, and it is not to be questioned that he went away from Charlotte leaving the people of this city a deeper sense of duty and obligation that falls upon every citizen in this time of national peril.

Best Remedy For Whooping Cough.

"Last winter when my little boy had the whooping cough I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. J. B. Roberts, East St. Louis, Ill. "I kept his cough loose and relieved him of those dreadful coughing spells. It is the only cough medicine I keep in the house because I have the most confidence in it." This remedy is also good for colds and croup.

AMERICAN TROOPS ALL SAFE IN FRANCE

GERMAN UNDERSEA BOATS MADE ATTACK ON THE TRANSPORTS.

ONE SUBMARINE IS SUNK

Last Units of the American Expeditionary Forces Have Arrived in France.—Not a Life Was Lost During the Transportation.

Washington.—American destroyers conveying transports with troops for France fought off two submarine attacks. The first news of the fights was given out by the committee on public information, with formal announcement of the safe arrival of the last of the transports with their convoys.

At least one submarine was sunk. Both of the attacks were made in force, showing that the Germans had information of the coming of the transports and planned to get them.

This announcement was issued: "The navy department at five o'clock this afternoon received word of the safe arrival at a French port of the last contingent of General Pershing's expeditionary force. At the same time information was released that the transports were twice attacked by submarines on the way across. "No ship was hit, not an American life was lost, and while the navy gunners report the sinking of one submarine only there is reason to believe that others were destroyed in the first night attack."

FRANCE AND ENGLAND CELEBRATE FOURTH OF JULY.

United States Soldiers Center of Celebration in France.

American Independence day was celebrated enthusiastically in England and France as well as on the battle fronts. In Paris, a battalion of the first American expeditionary force on its way to the front was the center of the celebration. The soldiers of revolutionary Russia maintained their attempts to break through the Austro-German lines in eastern Galicia. Cheered by the results of the fighting during the first three days of July, General Brusiloff's men continue their efforts, especially in the region of Brzezany and are throwing fresh forces against the Teuton positions.

During Sunday and Monday the first two days of the new drive, the Russians captured 300 officers and 18,000 men, and on Tuesday and Wednesday probably added several more thousands to the total. Twenty-nine guns and thirty-three machine guns were taken from the Austro-Germans.

Violent artillery duels have been in progress on the Kontuchk-Zlochoff sector, on the Stokhod, in Volhynia and at Brody, on the Gallician-Volhynian border.

In the Champagne on the western front the German crown prince has made another desperate and fruitless effort to break the French lines northwest of Rheims. Attacking in force along an eleven-mile front, the Germans made especially strong efforts around Cerny and Ailles and against the California-Plateau. The French repulsed all attacks with losses.

After checking the Germans the French took the initiative in a strategic operation east of Cerny and captured a strong German salient. German attacks on the left bank of the Meuse were repulsed.

Raid and patrol engagements have occupied the German and British further north. Several Austrian attacks on the Carso south of Gorizia were checked by the Italians, Rome reports.

Chinese President Flees.

Tsin, Tien, China.—Li Yuan Hung, the Chinese president, with two attendants, escaped from the palace and sought refuge in the Japanese legation.

PERR CAPITA WEALTH IN UNITED STATES NOW \$45.86.

Washington.—The average man in the United States is \$11.51 richer than he was three years ago. Total money in circulation, shown in a chart in the July federal reserve bulletin, has risen from \$3,480,000,000 on June 1, 1914, to \$4,742,000,000 on June 1, 1917. The circulation wealth per capita in 1914 was \$34.35; in 1915 \$35.44; in 1916 \$39.29 and in June 1917 was over \$45.86.

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