

OVER 10,000 DESERTERS NOW IN SWITZERLAND

Berne, Switzerland, June 5.—Between 10,000 and 12,000 deserters from the armies of the Entente allies and the Central Powers have fled to Switzerland since the beginning of the war, or have refused to leave the country as the conclusion of furloughs and thus are classed as deserters. The majority are said to be Italians.

The long list constitutes a not inconsiderable problem for the authorities. They enjoy the same rights as other foreigners who are here legitimately, yet cannot be drawn on in any way for taxes or state expenses. They pay no military tax of immunity, and not infrequently commit deeds that make it necessary to send them to jail—where their support naturally falls on the confederation.

As a problem they may be said to rank in vexatiousness with the numerous and constant violations of neutrality which come to light almost daily, especially on the part of the French and the Germans.

The general staff of the army an-

nounces on an average a dozen a day violations a week by aviators who "cut across lots" on the way to or from France or Germany, and who cross the little neck of Switzerland that links up into both countries in the northwest corner of the country.

This little neck also is weekly the target for both French and German shells. The gunners, far behind the lines, get wrong ranges and "shoot up" Swiss territory before they can be told of their mistake.

Less often, but occasionally, prisoners of war attempt to escape either from Germany or France, and are shot and killed after they have reached Swiss territory, or else the pursuing shots crash over into Swiss territory and mounce those on this side.

It is generally the case that fugitives who do manage to reach this side, regardless of where they come from, are royally and handsomely treated. Recently four Russians escaped from Germany, swam the Rhine and landed on Swiss soil. They were met by a voluntary reception committee on this side, were given a meal that satisfied even their voracious, starved appetites, and were generally feted before being escorted to an internment camp where they will spend the rest of the war.

EIGHTY FOUR LADIES JOIN RED CROSS

Splendid Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon When Red Cross is Formed

OFFICERS ARE LECTED

Mr. L. L. Tillery Named as Chairman. Other Officers and Executive Committee Also Appointed. Work of Organization Outlined by Dr. J. C. Braswell and Others.

Eighty-four women and girls of the city of Rocky Mount yesterday enrolled themselves as members of the Rocky Mount Red Cross chapter. The meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms was attended by over a hundred ladies of this city and elsewhere and was a great success in every respect. The permanent officers of the organization were elected yesterday and also was the executive committee. The meeting was conducted ably by a perfecting organization and a brief outline of the work to be performed by its members was outlined by Dr. Braswell and other speakers.

The office elected were: Chairman, L. L. Tillery; Mrs. W. E. Fenner, first vice chairman; Mrs. R. B. Davis, Jr., second vice chairman; Hal Hayes, secretary; Miss Beale "Rum," treasurer; Mrs. Katie Arrington, chairman of the Branch committee; Mrs. L. W. Kottgoy, chairman of committee on first aid; and Mrs. Joe Whitehead, chairman of the committee on field service; Mrs. Henry Horne, chairman of the committee on entertainment; Mrs. R. D. Bullock, chairman of the committee on enrollment; Mrs. Strickland of Nashville, chairman of the committee on auxiliary chapters.

The executive committee is composed of the chairman of the different committees and the officers of the chapter, who will be ex officio members, and other men or women who may be added by the officers of the chapter.

Several men joined the chapter yesterday and it is understood that many more men and women have joined today. The chapter has been most successful so far.

Dr. Braswell told the ladies that the chapter was for Rocky Mount and Nash County and the reason that it did not apply to Edgecombe as well was because the ladies of Tarboro wanted a chapter of their own and this would cover Edgecombe, when formed. He said that the work of the Red Cross did not mean service in the field in France, but that it had for its purpose several different objects. The chief objects were for first aid work and that was the learning of making bandages, splints and doing general relief and first aid work when needed, secondly that it had as its object that of a charitable organization, for looking after those around them that needed aid and thirdly that the field service embraced the donating and maintenance of an ambulance to do relief work in France. Many other towns in the state have donated ambulances and it is thought that as the work of

Lemons Beautify!

Strain lemon juice well before mixing and massage face, neck, arms, hands.

Here is told how to prepare an inexpensive lemon lotion which can be used to bring back to any skin the sweet freshness, softness, whiteness and beauty.

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold cream. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so the lemon seeds get in. Then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is good to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sunburns and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, stimulant and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands, and see for yourself.

The organization progresses so that the Rocky Mount chapter will have a representative at the front. The ladies showed great enthusiasm in the work and it is thought that a great deal will be accomplished by them in this line of work.

Mrs. W. E. Fenner and Mr. Tillery both made short talks on the duties and work of the Red Cross and answered many questions as to how and what was to be done by the ladies. The work of the chapter was discussed generally, but plans for active work will not be taken up until the next meeting. The meeting was most successful and the chapter was given an enthusiastic start. It is thought that a great many more members will be enrolled today and the chapter purposes to establish branches or auxiliaries throughout the country and carry on the work on a large scale.

There was only one fatality at the meeting yesterday. Dr. Braswell became somewhat tired of standing up and betook himself to occupy one of the numerous chairs in the room. He sat down, but the chair was not physically able to withstand the great heaviness of the doctor and broke down from pure exhaustion. Several bones of the chair were broken and one or two joints were thrown out of place. The ladies were not sufficiently versed in the art of first aid work at such an early time, and as they had not taken any lessons in rendering aid to the wounded, the chair had to be allowed to suffer. No bandages were applied as none were to be found and the article of furniture was not de-combat when the meeting broke up. The ladies were of the opinion that the doctor should not make them do first aid work until they had taken lessons and therefore the chair will be turned over to some carpenter for physical repairs.

HOME GARDENING BULLETIN AVAILABLE

The Chamber of Commerce has received a number of bulletins from the department at Washington on the "Small Vegetable Garden," containing some valuable suggestions to gardeners, especially those who have planted back yard gardens. These little bulletins will be a great help to anyone in raising a garden this summer and they can be had by anyone calling at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Phillips building on Main street. The secretary, Mr. Hal Hayes, will be glad to give a bulletin to anyone who wishes it and these little bulletins will be a great help to the summer gardener this season. Let all those interested in gardening call at the chamber's room and get the bulletins.

SEVERAL HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Gastonia, June 5.—John Schism, aged 45, was brought in a hospital here yesterday afternoon perhaps fatally injured in an auto accident near Long creek bridge, this county. The other members of his family and two men all sustained more or less painful wounds, but none is serious except Schism, whom doctors think cannot live.

There were nine in the car when it

ORANGE JOOJ
A Cold Refreshing Pure Fruit Drink

Orange Jooj is one of Nature's best offerings. It is made from fresh ripe oranges, sweetened with pure cane sugar to give it just the right blend.

When hot and thirsty you will find it most delightful and satisfying.

5c at all drink stands
Less by the case
"If you like Oranges, you'll like Orange Jooj!"

Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.
Rocky Mount, N. C.

"It's Cloudy -- JOOJ That's the Fruit"

went over a 15-foot embankment in an effort to go around a wagon. Schism lived here and was taking his family to Mariposa mill to work. Among the injured were the owner of the car, Jones, and a boss of the Lloyd mills, Mettims.

WAR HITS SWEDEN'S MERCHANT FLEET

Stockholm, June 4.—Sweden's merchant fleet lost, either through the war or by accident, in the first three months of this year, thirteen steamers with a total tonnage of 222,932, to motor driven vessels with a total of 2,625 tons, and six sailing vessels aggregating 1,153 tons. Including three steamers lost by decision of prize courts, and other vessels withdrawn from service, the whole

fleet has been reduced by 41 units. The excess of tonnage lost over newly built or purchased tonnage amount to 15,429 tons. Many sailors, seeing no outlook for work under present conditions, have temporarily given up the sea and taken positions inland, many of them going to farms.

GRAPHITE DEPOSITS FOUND IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, June 4.—The discovery of extensive graphite deposits is reported from Ragunda, in the province of Jamtland. Outcroppings veins as much as two feet in diameter have already been found. The newly found deposits are of great importance for Sweden as supplies of graphite have become very short, imports from Germany ceased long ago.

La Mode
DRY CLEANERS
"We clean anything"

136 Sunset Avenue

J. A. POOL, Owner and Manager
Successors to J. H. Ledbetter

With improved facilities for cleaning and dyeing we are offering a superior service and can give you the same class of work as obtained in the largest cities.

We invite your inspection of our plant and solicit a trial garment.

Phone 829 and our auto delivery will call.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

This Will Be "SPECIAL WEEK" at The Gift Shop
Unusual Bargains are on sale each day of this week. Sales start each day at 9 a. m. and last one day only

Wednesday, June 6th
Serving Trays, \$2.00 value at 98c. Framed Pictures, \$5.00 values at \$2.98.

Thursday, June 7th
Books of Fiction, \$1.35 and 60c values at 39c.

Friday, June 8th
Bronze Ware and Mahogany Novelties, to be sold at a Reduction of 50 percent. Half of Original Price

Saturday, June 9th
This day is for the Merchant or Office Man. This sale will include Files, Cabinets, Blank Books, Paper Fasteners, Ink Wells, etc. These will be Reduced 25 percent.

The articles will be put in the window on day of sale. No articles will be charged to anyone at these prices. It is strictly a cash sale. Come and see our window display and get some of these values.

Thomas Book & Stationery Co.
North Main Street THE GIFT SHOP North Main Street