

WIVES INSURE FREEDOM OF SEA

English Officer Thinks U. S. and England Should Maintain Fleets.

Declares Co-Operation of Nations' Forces on Water Would Keep Lanes Open.

Lieut. Col. G. G. Woodward, of the British army, speaking at the city auditorium last night, said the wisest thing just now would be for England and America to have a fleet sufficiently large to guarantee the freedom of the seas.

Colonel Woodward and Commander Blackwood delighted the audience. They spoke entertainingly and informally of affairs during the recent war emergency and the present peace making situation.

Colonel Woodward referred to an article in a Charleston paper which asked: "What will England do?" in a rather scornful manner.

"Some claim that England wants all the credit for winning the war. We do not say England won the war. We say that France won the war with the assistance of the allies.

Referring to the Americans, Colonel Woodward made the following remarks: "An English soldier asked his American cousin how he liked France. 'It's worse than hell,' replied the American.

Colonel Woodward in reciting the occupation by the British of points in other countries than France spoke of

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SECTION NO. 1. The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

Died of disease..... 33

Wounded severely..... 351

Total..... 384

The list includes the following from North and South Carolina:

Died of Disease.

PRIVATES

Kapp, Sid V., Rural Hall, N. C.

Wounded Severely.

CORPORALS

Boyer, Allen W., Simpsonville, S. C.

Williams, Wiley H., Washington, N. C.

PRIVATES

Mitchell, Edwin F., Burlington, N. C.

Keen, Oker, Coats, N. C.

Pearce, Arthur, Mapleville, N. C.

Brown, David A., Seneca, S. C.

Finley, John, Charleston, S. C.

Greer, James F., Greer, S. C.

Hancock, Joseph, Durham, N. C.

Moore, James T., Pendleton, S. C.

Watts, Mike, Taylorsville, N. C.

Burgess, Mack, Whitaker, N. C.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Wounded severely, previously reported missing: Privates Beatrice C. Sice, Irmo, S. C.

Returned to duty, previously reported missing: Lieutenant James F. Liles, Bennettsville, S. C.; Corporal William C. Salkers, Lugoff, S. C.; John L. Holbrook, Oakes, N. C.

Wounded, degree undetermined, previously reported killed in action: Private Frank P. Cox, Gray Court, S. C.

Returned to duty, previously reported killed in action: Privates Henry Floyd Pearson, Gibson, N. C.; Dewey H. Shearer, 112 Highland avenue, Equinox Mill, Anderson, S. C.

WANT ALUMNUS AS HEAD OF N. C. U.

Mecklenburg Alumni Suggest Men to Succeed Dr. Graham.

Promise to Rally to Support of Institution Declared in Critical Transitory Period.

That an alumnus of North Carolina should be chosen to succeed Dr. Edward Kidder Graham as president of the university was the consensus of opinion of alumni of the institution at a well attended called meeting of the University Alumni association of Mecklenburg county.

Lengthy consideration was given to conditions at the university which which have arisen as the result of demobilization of the student army training corps, with the loss to the school of a large number of its 1918 students.

H. S. Hall, president, was the presiding officer, and explained the object of the gathering. He urged the alumni to rally to the support of the institution during what he declared is a critical period when it is changing from the status given it by the student army training corps to its pre-war status, and also because of the recent loss of its executive head, Dr. Graham.

A resolution was offered by W. T. Shore, and unanimously adopted, in which it was stated the Mecklenburg alumni "were shocked beyond expression" over the death of Dr. Graham.

Archibald Graham, father of the late university president, and an honorary member of the county alumni association; Lenor Chambers, also an honorary member; Chase Brenizer, H. C. Jones, Alexander Graham, E. S. Delaney, Marvin Ritch, B. E. Cochran and others spoke briefly during the discussion of various topics.

After the assembly had expressed favor of selecting the new university president from among the alumni, suggestions were made that the following named alumni be considered before the selection is determined: M. H. Stacy, chairman of the university faculty; R. D. W. Connor, secretary of the North Carolina Historical commission and president of the State Alumni association; Dr. Archibald Henderson, professor of mathematics at the University of Virginia, and Herman H. Horne, a member of the faculty of the College of the City of New York.

In this connection the thought was advanced in the discussions that such a selection would give the university a president who would better understand and love more the men he would lead.

New officers of the Mecklenburg alumni are: Skinner Alston, class of '98, president; F. B. McCall, '15, vice president; Francis Clarkson, '16, secretary and treasurer.

A committee was named to draft suitable resolutions regarding the death during the past twelvemonth members of the county association who were in the army service and of those who were in civil life.

PAGEANT SINGERS TO HOLD REHEARSAL TONIGHT

A rehearsal of the choir and chorus of the Pageant of Light, which will be presented at the city auditorium Monday and Tuesday nights by talent from Camp Greene and Charlotte, will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at St. Peter's Catholic church parish house. All the city's singers were invited by Clarence O. Kuester to join these organizations to insure a greater measure of success for the pageant, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the fund to provide a memorial for Mecklenburg county sons who died in the world war. He said it is proposed to organize a chorus of 100 voices, an equal number each of baritone, tenor, alto and soprano. "All singers will be welcome," he said.

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LARGE REINFORCEMENTS FROM RUSSIA EXPECTED TO JOIN THE BOLSHEVIKI

Invasions of the Baltic Provinces Are Growing in Numbers and Practicing Depredations and Atrocities.

Special Wireless to The Observer From The London Times.

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Stockholm, Dec. 30.—Esthonian troops shipped to Revel under cover of a British squadron have been landed at Portakunda on the coast between Narva and Rakvere to attack the invading bolshevik forces in the rear. The latter retired eastward to the dinner port of the country after skirmishing. The Russian cruiser Parlatk under bolshevik command and with a bolshevik crew bombarded Fort Lighthouse, Weef Island, when a detachment of the British squadron came to the rescue. The Parlatk took flight but was pursued and surrendered after a few shots.

It is generally expected in the Baltic provinces that the invading bolshevik forces soon will receive large reinforcements from Russia. Support with heavy artillery are said to be on the march from Petrograd. The bolshevik detachment which took Dorpat is only the vanguard, chiefly consisting of native bolsheviks and Lettish soldiers sent ahead to revolutionize the country and levy blackmail from the bourgeoisie, which they have conscientiously done wherever they passed, preaching violent bolshevism and setting every village and farmyard. They are strongly supported

SOWERBY GIVEN CHARGE OF CAMP PIKE THEATER

J. H. Sowerby, (of the war department commission on training camp activities, who was in charge of the Liberty tent at Camp Greene, which has been removed, will leave Tuesday night for his newly designated station at Camp Pike, near Little Rock, Ark. He stated last night. Mr. Sowerby has been at this camp about a year and has become well known in Charlotte. In addition to his work, which was a heavy task, that of providing the proper kind of entertainment for the soldiers, Mr. Sowerby found time to co-operate with the other war work organizations within the camp and participated in their work. He was particularly active in his co-operation after the Liberty tent was taken down several weeks ago.

Lately Mr. Sowerby has been active as business manager of the Pageant of Light, which will be presented soon to Charlotte audiences at the City Auditorium by soldier talent and talent from this city.

Grandpa. Today's Grandpa don't care a hoot. For old age, you can bet; He dresses in a college suit, And smokes a cigarette.

NEGRO TRIED ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY GAMBLERS

Special to The Observer. Winston-Salem, Dec. 30.—A novel case was heard in the city court today. Hubert Oakley, negro, was held for the superior court on the charge of going into a room and, with pistol drawn, holding up and robbing six or eight negro men during a gambling game. The prosecutor, in whose home the game was broken up, claimed that Oakley got all the stakes and then some—a total of more than \$40.

CAROLINA DEATH RECORD.

MRS. MARY A. DOOLEY. Winston-Salem, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mary A. Dooley, widow of M. H. Dooley, for many years an official of the Southern railway, with headquarters in Washington, died this afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Norfleet. Mrs. Dooley had been a resident of this city since the death of her husband about two years ago. She is survived by Mrs. C. Norfleet, her only daughter; a brother, E. E. Mooney, of Knoxville, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Wilson, of Knoxville, and Mrs. W. W. Duffield, of Hartland, Ky. The interment will be at Knoxville.

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