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TRAINERS RUSHED TO NEEDY DISTRICTS.

Orders Null—President to Go Before Congress to Recommend Rail Legislation.

Orders went forward Tuesday government orders, based on report of Director General McAdams, that railway congestion rather than shortage is responsible for the famine in many districts. Receipt of reports that hundreds of coal cars were stalled behind long strings of cars, and shipments of higher priced than coal, all existing orders for the entire country, were suspended by Robert S. Lovett, director of the war industry, on recommendation of the general. This is expected to bring about a quicker movement of the coal, and a lessening of the congestion. It is expected that the government will go before Congress on Friday to present his recommendations for legislation to make the operation fully effective and provide for compensation of the government, and legislation which has been drawn will be introduced after his address. Some think there will be a vigorous fight over the question of whether the government should be effective during the period of the war and a time thereafter, or should be repealed until specifically repealed by Congress.

BANDAGES FOR RED CROSS USE.

Dressings Found Infected Ohio—Seek Plotters.

To poison Red Cross bandages and wholesale death among the of America and her allies has been exposed and frustrated. A thousand four hundred surgeries, rolled by patriotic workmen, were infected with a greenish poison while in between Toledo and Cleveland. Only every one of the 3,400 were burned. They were secretly in the rear of the Red Cross headquarters in Cleveland, O. Ev- erything was made to keep the matter. Officials of the lake district of the Red Cross refused to be poisoned bandages, but the information was obtained. The bandages had been destroyed by government agents, aided by slender clues, were trying to solve the mystery.

THREE BIG FIRES AT NORFOLK TUESDAY

Thought to Be the Work of Incendiarism—Great Property Loss and One Man Killed.

Three distinct fires, all within a few hours of each other, but located in two squares in the retail heart of the city on Granby street, Norfolk, and to say the least, all of suspicious origin, Tuesday destroyed five of the largest buildings in the city, entailing a loss of fully \$2,000,000. A score of business establishments were completely wiped out and several badly damaged by water.

WARN REGISTRANTS WHO HAVE CHANGED ADDRESS

Hundreds Advertised as Deserters Because Friends or Relatives "Forgot" to Forward Mail.

"Have you changed your mail address since you registered under the draft law?" Such is the heavy black caption over posters being sent out from Raleigh signed by Maj. John D. Langston, aid to the Governor. The men who must answer the above question in the affirmative are given some advice as follows:

MORGANTON MAN GETS CENSORSHIP APPOINTMENT

Mr. A. C. Avery Appointed to Important Position With Rank as Lieutenant.

Morganton people are much gratified in the appointment of Mr. A. C. Avery, a local attorney and chairman of the Burke board of exemptions, to a position on the board of censorship of foreign mails and cables. Mr. Avery takes up his work on January 8th in New York. The censorship board of which Mr. Avery is a member was authorized by the trading with the enemy law recently passed. The post office department, the war and navy departments, the war trade board and the committee on public information are represented on the board. Mr. Avery is in the navy department with rank of lieutenant.

EX-GOVERNOR PATTERSON TO BE HERE JANUARY 8.

Former Governor of Tennessee Will Make Prohibition Address in Morganton.

Under the direction of the Anti-Saloon League of America and with the co-operation of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina, a campaign in the interest of nation-wide prohibition will be conducted in North Carolina January and February. This campaign will include 335 meetings, and every town of 300 or more inhabitants in the State will be reached.

SOUTH SHOWS GREAT GAINS IN AGRICULTURE

During the Past Year—A Remarkable Corn Record Was Made.

A review of business conditions throughout the country made public Monday by the committee of statistical exports of the United States chamber of commerce says "the transformation within a twelve-month of certain sections of the South in agricultural and business conditions seems almost unbelievable" and announces that with the exception of Texas and Oklahoma, Southern States have raised more than enough corn for their own needs and are in position to ship it.

MR. W. J. KINCAID MAKES GENEROUS OFFER

Will Donate Statue for Confederate Monument on Court Square.

For a number of years it has been a matter of regret that the Confederate monument on the court square remains unfinished. A figure is required to make the monument have a finished appearance. Mr. W. J. Kincaid, a big hearted and wealthy man of affairs, of Griffin, Ga., but ever loyal to his native county of Burke, feeling that the monument should be completed, has made the offer to furnish with every item of cost of erection paid a statue to surmount the monument. It goes without saying that his offer has been accepted with deep gratitude. Of the designs furnished, that of a Confederate private done in bronze has been selected, and Mr. Kincaid has been notified of the selection. The figure is 9 feet tall and is valued at approximately \$1500. This gift of Mr. Kincaid's is most sincerely appreciated.

GUATEMALA CITY WIPED OUT BY EARTHQUAKE.

125,000 Persons Reported in Streets Without Shelter.

Guatemala city, capital of the little Central American republic of Guatemala, has been laid in ruins by a series of earthquakes beginning Christmas day and culminating Monday night in violent shocks which completed the work of destruction. A cablegram to the navy department Monday said 125,000 people were in the streets without shelter and that a number were killed by falling walls.

DEATH OF MISS ELLEN FOISTER.

Friends here were pained to learn of the death of Miss Ellen Foister, which occurred in Asheville on Friday, December 21st. The Foister family once lived in Morganton and Miss Ellen was a niece of Miss Ellen Grady, of the State Hospital, and Mrs. John Thompson, of Morganton. Miss Grady was with her at the time of her death. She had been sick for a long time and her death was not unexpected. Interment was made in Asheville beside her sister, Miss Mabel Foister, who met such a tragic death at the time of the 1916 flood.

MRS. WAKEFIELD DIED DECEMBER 18TH.

Mrs. Alice Shuffler Wakefield, wife of Brady Wakefield, died Tuesday, December 18th at her home at Kannapolis. The body was brought to Mt. Grove church, near her old home, for the funeral and burial services, which were conducted on Wednesday the 19th by Rev. J. B. Tabor. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. Jake Shuffler, of Dallas, Tex. Three children survive, Mrs. Eddie Kincaid, Miss Junie Wakefield and Mr. Fred Wakefield.

OPENING OF SCHOOL POSTPONED UNTIL 14TH.

The school board met Monday night and decided that under present circumstances it is best to postpone the opening of school for the spring term until January 14th. Such action is being taken in many towns. The fuel proposition is one which is bothering school authorities as well as householders and it is well to practice conservation as much as possible. Another, and the main reason for the postponement of the opening of the Morganton school is the illness of the superintendent, Mr. A. C. Kerley, who had an operation at Grace Hospital Monday. Mr. Kerley is recovering nicely and it is thought that he will be able to be at school again by the 14th.

DEATH OF A GOOD COLORED WOMAN

Martha Holt, wife of Anderson Holt, died Thursday night, Dec. 20, at the age of 88 years. She was a much respected colored woman, one of the old type so rapidly passing. Three children survive.

DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAMS.

Marguerite Grady Williams, wife of Richard Williams, was born Aug. 9th, 1836, and died Dec. 20th, 1917, age 81 years. She leaves a husband and five children and six grandchildren. She had been a faithful member of the Baptist church.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM WORRY.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

Miss Fannie Teague, of Winston-Salem, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Cuthbertson, of Petersburg, Va., spent a few days last week with Mrs. Cuthbertson's sister, Mrs. W. E. Harris.

Miss Nancy Brown visited her sister, Mrs. John Cope, near Adako, last week.

Messrs. T. A. and F. E. Whisenant and families were the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whisenant.

Mrs. Robert H. Arney and little son are spending a few days with Mrs. Arney's mother, Mrs. J. A. Fleming.

Miss Belle Corpening, of Scranton, Pa., and Lieutenant Corpening, of Columbia, S. C., spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Corpening.

Mr. Archie Copeland has moved to the house of Mrs. W. J. Arney, on Johns river.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Ebb Whisenant.

Mr. McKinley Watkins, of Trenton, N. J., spent Christmas with relatives here.

THE WEATHER.

The chief topic of conversation these days is the weather and it has been of such an unusual variety as to demand attention. The coldest weather since the establishment of the official bureau at the State Hospital was registered Sunday morning when the thermometer went to 11 degrees below zero. At many times during the week it has stood around zero and several times has been several degrees below. Below zero weather is something very unusual for this locality and older people say that it has been about forty years since we had anything like the "spell" of this week. Snow has fallen on the ground since several weeks before Christmas and a heavy snow fall came yesterday.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

There has been several weeks since our mailing list has been corrected, so you have made payment and your label has not been changed, do not think it has been overlooked. We have not made recent payment at your label and see how you can help us and make settling up with us very easy to do. It has Jan 18 that your subscription is past due for the year.

EVERY EXTRA HOG MARKETED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA FARMER FINDS HIS WAY BY PROXY TO EUROPE AND IS USED TO SUSTAIN SOLDIERS OR TO SAVE CIVILIANS FROM STARVATION.

There is plenty of flour on the market, but that is no reason why we should eat as much wheat bread as we were eating a year ago. Economy in the use of sugar and fats is just as necessary as the substitution of corn and other cereals for wheat.

AMPLE SUGAR FOR ALL OUR REAL NEEDS WILL BE AVAILABLE VERY SHORTLY ACCORDING TO THE FOOD ADMINISTRATION, BUT THIS IS NO REASON WHY EVERY INDIVIDUAL SHOULD NOT REDUCE HIS CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR BY SUBSTITUTING SORGHUM AND OTHER PRODUCTS IN COOKING, USING LESS ON THE TABLE, IN CUTTING OUT SOFT DRINKS, AND REDUCING HIS CONSUMPTION OF CONFECTIONS IN WHICH SUGAR IS USED.

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