

LENOIR FACES SERIOUS WATER AND POWER SHORTAGE

Mayor W. J. Lenoir Has Issued a Statement Urging All Patrons to Economize in the Use of City Water—Citizens' Light and Power Company Issues Statement That Day Current Will Be Cut Off, Beginning With Today—Short Rainfall is the Cause

Today, for the second time within four months, Lenoir is again without day electric current. Shortage of coal at the local steam plant and a lack of normal water on Buffalo have made this plan imperative. Not only are the people of Lenoir facing a serious power and light problem, but the city water supply is lower than has ever been known before, and unless the people practice every possible economy or rain comes within a very short time the entire water supply may be exhausted and the city left high and dry.

Mayor W. J. Lenoir issued a statement yesterday urging every patron of the city water department and every citizen to economize in every way possible to conserve the supply now in the reservoir until the spring rains come. The statement says:

"Owing to the inadequate supply of water on hand, caused by the dry weather for the past six months and from the fact of the recent cold weather, all users of city water are requested and urged to use as little water as possible in order that our storage supply may last until the spring rains begin."

Cutting off day electric current is only a temporary measure. Twenty-four-hour service will be resumed again immediately following rains when the water supply on Buffalo is sufficient. Col. G. H. Aubrey, president of the Citizens' Light and Power Company, is here from Atlanta, and has the situation in hand in the absence of Manager E. M. Hukill, Jr. Col. Aubrey said yesterday that they had less than a car of coal in their bins at the local steam plant. "We must conserve this short supply for night use," he said. "We trust that the patrons and all the people of Lenoir understand the serious problem which we are facing and will lend us their aid in seeing it through." Col. Aubrey is trying to work out a plan by which they will be able to give current during two afternoons in each week. The official statement of the Citizens' Light and Power Company follows:

"On account of the extreme dry weather and the fuel shortage, and for the purpose of conserving our limited resources in order that we may be able to furnish light to our customers, it will be necessary for us to cut off all day current temporarily, but in order to meet the necessities of the people we will endeavor to give a day current at least one day in each week."

LENOIR FURNITURE MEN

ARE AWAY ON MARKETS

Lenoir furniture manufacturers have representatives on the furniture markets again this year. Mr. J. M. Bernhardt, representing the Bernhardt Chair Company, left several days ago for Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Bernhardt will go from Grand Rapids to Chicago before returning. Mr. E. L. Stone, representing the Ethel Chair Company, and Mr. T. M. White, representing the Caldwell Furniture Company, are in Chicago. Mr. T. H. Broyhill, representing the Lenoir Furniture Corporation, left early this week for Chicago, and yesterday Mr. S. S. Jennings, representing the Lenoir Chair Manufacturing Company, left for Chicago and New York.

LENOIR-MOOREVILLE

GAME TOMORROW NIGHT

Those who wish to see a fast and real basketball game should come to the opera house tomorrow night. The Lenoir high school basketball team will play the team from the Mooreville high school. The visiting team is said to be the strongest in the western part of the state, but the local team has been practicing every day and night in order to get in their best form. This game will in all probability prove to be the best game of the season, as the two teams are about evenly matched. The price of admission is 15 and 25 cents.

The more facts we can send to the allies the slipper will be the allies placed under German autocracy.

FOURTEEN WAR AIMS ARE STATED BY THE PRESIDENT

In Agreement With Lloyd George President Again Tells World What U. S. Will Fight to Achieve

President Wilson in addressing Congress Tuesday delivered a re-statement of war aims in agreement with the recent declaration by the British premier, David Lloyd George.

The President presented a definite program for world peace containing fourteen specifications. These are:

1. Open covenants of peace without private international understanding.

2. Absolute freedom of the seas in peace or war except as they may be closed by international action.

3. Removal of all economic barriers and establishment of equality of conditions among nations consenting to peace and associating themselves for its maintenance.

4. Guarantees for the reduction of national armaments to a point consistent with a national safety.

5. Impartial adjustment of colonial claims based upon the assumption that the people concerned have equal rights with the powers in control.

6. Evacuation of all Russian territory and opportunity for Russia's political development.

7. Evacuation of Belgium and restoration of political independence.

8. All French territory to be freed and restored and reparation for the taking of Alsace-Lorraine.

9. Readjustment of Italy's frontiers on clearly recognizable lines of nationality.

10. Freest opportunity for autonomous developments of the peoples of Austria-Hungary.

11. Evacuation of Rumania, Montenegro and Serbia, with access to the sea for Serbia, with guarantees for the independence and territorial integrity of the Balkan states.

12. Secure sovereignty for Turkey's portion of the Ottoman empire, with other nationalities under Turkish rule assured security of life and opportunity for autonomous development, with the Dardanelles permanently open to all nations.

13. Establishment of an independent Polish state, including territories inhabited indisputably by Polish people, with free access to the sea and political and territorial independence guaranteed by the powers.

14. General association of nations under specific covenants under mutual guarantees as to territorial integrity of all nations, large and small.

"For such arrangement and covenant," said the President in conclusion, "we are willing to fight and will continue to fight until they are achieved, only because they are just."

"Such a program," he said, "removes chief provocations for war. The moral climax for this, the culminating and final war for human liberty, has come, and they, the people of the United States, are ready to put their own strength to their high purpose and resolve to win."

President Wilson's intention to address Congress on the subject was entirely unknown in Washington until announced at the White House. The President evidently had not confided the fact that he was working on the address, so far as known, to any one, although he must have been engaged on it for some time, as it was put in type at the government printing office to be given out at the hour the President spoke.

NORFOLK SAILORS ATTACK

POLICE STATION, REPULSED

Feeling that one of their shipmates had been mistreated at the hands of the police, 125 United States sailors descended upon the first precinct station and threatened violence unless the prisoner was released. Reserves were called in from the second precinct and street men were hurried to the station house. The officers remonstrated with the bluejackets and urged a peaceable departure. Failing in this, a dozen or more police charged the mob and by the free use of night sticks they scattered it. A couple of shots were fired into the air by the police and the enlisted men scattered.

The trouble started in a Main street Chinese restaurant, when a sailor is alleged to have beaten a negro woman employed there.

BIG EXPENSE TOTAL AGAINST GRANDIN CO.

Decrees Recorded Show Big Fees in Winding Up Big Bankruptcy Case—To Split Other Property

Decrees were recorded in the district court of the United States Monday at Greensboro closing up the affairs of the W. J. Grandin Lumber Company, bankrupt, and the court ordered that he get title upon payment of \$209,692.84 in cash and the turning over to the commissioners of bonds of face value of \$1,278,000, says the Daily News. The payment totals about \$800,000 under the terms of the settlement, which is on the basis of 44.62497 cents on the dollar of the indebtedness of nearly \$1,800,000.

The Central Trust Company of Chicago and William T. Abbott, trustee, were the complainants in the case against the lumber company and the receiver, W. J. Grandin.

Of chief interest in the latest development of the case in the court in Greensboro before Judge James E. Boyd was the order he made for the payment from the first money paid in by Mr. Riley of certain costs and attorneys' and commissioners' fees. The complainants, the Central Trust Company and William T. Abbott, get \$2,000 fees and \$4,309.12 for disbursements, respectively; to Pam & Hurd and Winston & Biggs, lawyers for the complainants, goes \$16,500 in fees and \$502.81 disbursements; to R. W. Winston and W. B. Council, commissioners who made the sale, goes \$3,500 each, together with expenses totaling \$958. Other payments out of the amount turned in were ordered as follows:

Payroll of the Grandin Lumber Company for November, \$503.13; for December, \$469.88; to W. D. Farthing, clerk of Superior Court of Watauga, for court costs, \$152.50; to five lawyers for prosecuting suits to clear titles to property of the company, \$825; to W. J. Grandin, as receiver, a fee of \$5,000; to W. B. Council and W. P. Byrum, as attorneys for the receiver of the Grandin Lumber Company, \$10,000; and to the retirement immediately of the receiver's certificates in the sum of \$36,000 authorized by Judge Boyd to issue some months ago, the full amount, plus a small interest remainder. The receiver's certificates were issued in the case of W. W. Beatty, F. D. Freeborn, trustees, Delos Dulliver, and Thrall & Shea, complainants, versus the Grandin Lumber Company and the Watauga & Yadkin River Railroad.

This total of \$53,730.51, as itemized for the foregoing lawyers' fees, receivers' certificates and other expenses, was adjudged by the court to constitute a first lien upon all remaining properties of the bankrupt not transferred to Mr. Riley, and he placed the items ahead of the mortgages for payment. He ordered them paid out of the purchase price of the property sold, using judicial discretion in this matter, and hereafter as the property remaining undisposed of is sold the money is to be paid over to the commissioner, who will in turn disburse it to the creditors.

MR. HUKILL CALLED TO RICHMOND TO BEDSIDE OF FATHER

Mr. E. M. Hukill, Jr., received a message early yesterday morning calling him to Richmond, Va., to the bedside of his father, who is critically ill with pneumonia in a Richmond hospital. He left immediately for Richmond.

Mr. E. M. Hukill, Sr., was taken sick about two weeks ago on the train between his home at Pittsburg, Pa., and Richmond, and was taken off at Washington and placed in a hospital. After partially recovering he continued on his way to Richmond but was taken ill again before reaching that point. Upon arriving at Richmond he went to a hospital, where later he developed a case of pneumonia.

MR. AND MRS. C. L. TRIPLETT

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Calvin L. Triplett celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Adie street. It was indeed a very happy occasion for those who were present. Mr. and Mrs. Triplett were the recipients of many appropriate gifts from their children and friends.

LOCAL MINISTERS ARE PETITIONED BY GOVERNOR

He Urges Preachers to Deliver Sermon in Advocacy of War Savings Stamps—A Word of Thanks

Lenoir and Caldwell ministers have received letters of thanks from Gov. Bickett for the services which they are rendering the state and nation in this period of crisis and asking them for further service in their country's cause. Particularly the governor asks for a sermon on Jan. 13 in advocacy of the war savings certificates. His letter follows:

"In behalf of the state of North Carolina, in behalf of the nation, and in behalf of humanity I thank you for the high service you have rendered the whole world in the supreme crisis that now confronts it. With an insight born of God you have grasped the true relations and the true proportions of the conflict and have wrought mightily for enduring safety and enduring peace."

"The nation has just launched its greatest offensive for the winning of the war. That offensive is designed to rally to the nation's support, the mind and heart of every man, woman and child in all the land. The sure way to reach this end is to get all the people put some of their earnings into the fight. Where the treasure is there will be the heart be also. If every man, woman and child would buy one or more war savings certificates the moral and military value of these investments will multiply their money value a hundred fold."

"I therefore earnestly request every minister of the gospel in the state to preach a sermon to his people on this great movement on Sunday, the 13th day of January, or at the earliest date thereafter possible. Literature fully explaining the plans and purposes of the war savings campaign can be obtained from Col. F. H. Fries, state director, at Winston-Salem, N. C."

"Into the breach once more, kind friends, once more."

Eat and fight at the same time by substituting for wheat, sugar, meats and fats.

DISTRICT I. O. O. F. TO MEET HERE NEXT WEEK

15th District Convention, Comprising Caldwell, Catawba, Alexander and Burke, Thursday and Night

The fifteenth district convention of the Odd Fellows will be held here in the halls of Lenoir lodge, No. 45, next Thursday afternoon and night. There are about twelve lodges in the district, which comprises Caldwell, Burke, Catawba and Alexander counties. Mr. J. R. Ingle is president of the convention this year. The program committee has adopted the following program:

Thursday, 3:30 p.m.—Convention called to order. Prayer by the chaplain; address of welcome; response; reading minutes of last session; roll call of lodges; reports of committees; unfinished business; new business.

Thursday, 8:30 p.m.—Convention called to order; exemplification of the secret work; exemplification of the first degree by Lenoir lodge, No. 45; "How can we increase our attendance at regular lodge meetings?" "How can we as Odd Fellows be more fraternal?" good of the order; selection of next place of meeting; singing of the Ode; prayer by the chaplain.

MR. CORLEY INJURED WHEN

CAUGHT IN A LINE SHAFT

Mr. Ed Corley, a painter, was painfully injured late Tuesday afternoon when he was caught on a line shaft at the Watts cotton mill at Patterson. Mr. Corley was working near the shaft when his clothing caught on a set screw or something else. His left collar bone was broken and he was thrown around and considerably cut and bruised otherwise. He will recover unless complications set in.

Back of the boys behind the guns is your order today—are you with them?

ALLIES READY FOR GREAT GERMAN DRIVE IN WEST

"Will Possibly Be German's Greatest Assault," Says Baker's Review—Allies Have Gained in 16 Big Battles

The expected German offensive in the west, Secretary Baker's weekly war review says, "will probably be their greatest assault," but "the British and French armies can be relied upon to withstand the shock."

Summarizing the situation on the eve of a possible great offensive, Secretary Baker confidently points out that through sixteen fierce battles of great magnitude the British and French steadily have pushed ahead, with methodical and cumulative gains. The expected offensive, he points out, probably is being delayed for massing great supplies of munitions, guns and troops and the Germans may be expected to "strain every fiber of their remaining strength."

On the Italian Front

On the Italian front, the secretary points out, French successes have turned the scale against the Austro-German invaders and the west bank of the Piave is being held firm. Hampered by heavy snowfalls in the Alps, he says, the invader now is confronted with a tremendous handicap of maintaining his transport, which neutralizes the advantage of holding higher ground.

Will Master Situation

The period of adjustment, Secretary Baker says, has passed and it may now be expected that "the French, British and Italians, fighting side by side, will be able to master the situation."

The review this week makes no mention of American troops.

SELECTIVE DRAFT LAW HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

Every contention raised against the selective draft act was swept aside by the Supreme Court Monday in a unanimous opinion delivered by Chief Justice White, upholding the law as constitutional. Authority to enact the statute and to send troops to fight the enemy wherever he may be found, the court held, lies in the clauses of the constitution giving Congress the power to declare war and to raise and support armies.

"As the mind cannot conceive an army without the men to compose it," said the chief justice, "on the face of the constitution the objection that it does not give power to provide for such men would seem to be too frivolous for further notice."

The opinion then proceeded to take up and definitely dispose of each of the many questions raised by counsel for the convicted persons whose appeals brought the law before the court.

No action was taken by the court in the several pending cases involving charges of conspiracy to prevent the carrying out of the purposes of the law. It is understood that these cases, which include the appeals of Alexander Berkman, Emma Goldman, Louis Kramer and Morris Becker, convicted in New York later, may be made the subject of a separate opinion.

AMERICAN PRISONERS

FEATURED IN GERMAN

A handful of captured American soldiers under cross-questioning by German officers before a crowd of grinning Teutons was featured in the latest issue of "World in Pictures," an illustrated weekly printed in ten languages and distributed throughout the world by the German government's propaganda department, says a dispatch from Amsterdam. Another picture shows the prisoners riding motor lorry under heavy guard. This is entitled "American prisoners arriving in the German lines," giving the impression that the twelve are only a small section of a large number.

MISS DORIS HUTTON BRIDE

OF LIEUT. WILLIAM COUNCELL

A wedding which came as a surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties was that of Lieut. William Council, son of Judge and Mrs. W. B. Council, and Miss Doris Hutton, daughter of A. B. Hutton, both of Hickory, in the office of the register of deeds at Newton last Monday.

An order for corn bread is a shot at Autocracy—Shoot!