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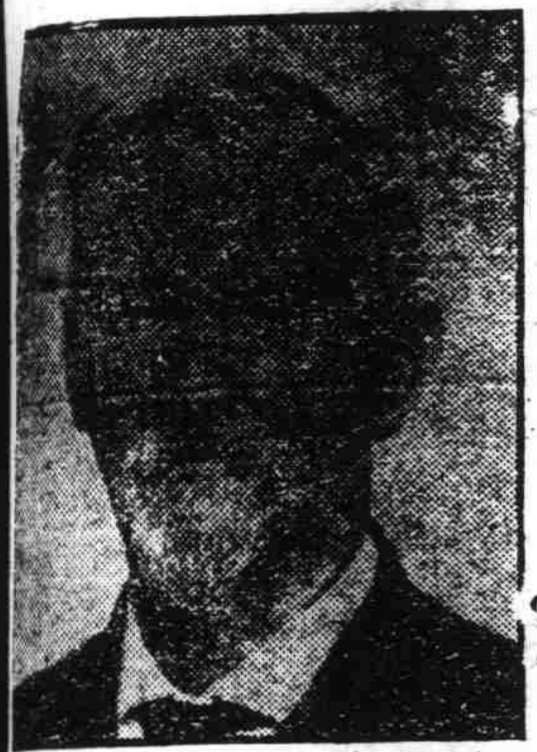
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DEATH REMOVES ONE OF GUILFORD'S BEST CITIZENS

CAPT. WILLIAM HENRY RANKIN PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY THIS MORNING.

Capt. William Henry Rankin, who had been for six years' register of deeds of Guilford county, died at his home on North Elm street this morning at 5 o'clock from an attack of acute indigestion. He had been complaining for a day or two but was seriously ill for only a few hours. He had suffered from attacks of indigestion at different times but none of his previous attacks had been regarded as very serious.



The third term of Captain Rankin as register of deeds expired today. Had he lived a few hours longer, he would have qualified today for his fourth term of office, having been re-elected on November 5 by a majority of 1,419 votes. During the time he had served in this place, he had made a splendid record and his life was not only in good condition at the time of his death but had been at all times during his service.

The deceased was a native of Guilford county. When the Civil war broke out, he entered the service of his state and the Confederacy, and served with distinction. He lost one of his limbs while in the war, and as this unfitted him for work upon the farm, he entered the mercantile business soon after the war at Brown Summit. He lived at that place until he was elected register of deeds. He also taught school for a number of years, conducting both a free school and a subscription school in a building erected upon his own property at Brown Summit. He served several terms on the board of county commissioners, and resigned this place when he went to Fayetteville to be a bookkeeper in a business there. While he was in Fayetteville his family remained at Brown Summit. Upon being elected register of deeds he moved his family to Greensboro, and purchased a home on North Elm street in which the family still resides.

The deceased was 77 years of age, and is survived by his widow, and four children, Fleetwood Rankin, of Hope Mills, N. C., and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, of Brown Summit. He was a member of the well known family of his name and therefore was related to a large number of Guilford county people.

At the time this was written funeral arrangements had not been made, but it is probable that the funeral will be held at the Methodist church, sometime tomorrow.

The office of register of deeds will be closed until a successor to Mr. Rankin is appointed. His old term ended today, and a new term would have begun if he had lived to qualify. The county commissioners will fill the vacancy in the office, and all this is done deputies in the office have no power to act. The office will have to be filled as soon as possible, for the reason that the business is so important that it cannot wait many days.

County Commissioners in Session.

The first monthly meeting of the Guilford county commissioners will be held this morning, this being the first month of the fiscal year. The duty of the board will be to elect the members of the board of county officials. It is supposed that W. C. Rogers will again be selected as chairman of the board. Several county officials will submit annual reports, and the regular business will be transacted.

GREENSBORO RANKS THIRD IN THE SALE OF W. S. S.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 29.—The retail merchants of the state, working under the direction of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' division, war savings committee, are making good progress in the sale of the amount of war savings and thrift stamps allotted them by the national committee.

According to reports received at headquarters up to November 16, the retail merchants of the state had sold \$2,061,193 of stamps against the quota of \$2,312,093, same being 89 per cent. While there is no doubt about the amount allotted the merchants being exceeded by the end of the year, yet John L. Gilmer, state director of the Retail Merchants' division, is anxious that each of the nine districts, and each city and town composing these districts sell the amount asked of them.

Below is the record of some of the cities of the state:

Group Number One.		
City	Sales	Percent
Asheville	\$176,832	180
Winston-Salem	119,855	107
Greensboro	63,930	82
Wilmington	85,581	65
Durham	58,730	65
Raleigh	55,186	57
Charlotte	71,751	43
Group Number Two.		
City	Sales	Percent
Elizabeth City	\$52,789.78	127
Wilson	38,551.75	110
Goldensboro	31,201.31	103
Kinston	36,245.95	99
High Point	36,075.00	77
Concord	30,538.50	70
Rocky Mount	16,885.08	42
New Bern	17,613.81	38
Fayetteville	11,531.92	33
Salisbury	10,270.00	29
Washington	3,750.66	12

BODIES OF DEAD SOLDIERS TO BE SENT HOME.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Thousands of queries are being made as to when the bodies of soldiers, killed in action abroad, will be brought home. Since the first Tar Heels fell this question has been up.

Secretary of War Baker, in reply to questions, said that there has been no change in the plans of the war department to ultimately transport to the United States the bodies of all American soldiers, who were killed or died in France and whose identity has been established.

Various projects have been suggested. One is that the French government and people undertake to care for the remains of all fallen American heroes, build a great monument to their memory and keep the burying grounds as patriotic shrines.

While appreciating the lofty sentiment behind such a project, officials feel that America has first claim on the bodies of her own heroes. It is not probable that the present policy be changed.

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FIRST AERIAL BANQUET SERVED IN AIRPLANE.

Elizabeth, N. J., Nov. 28.—The first aerial banquet in history was held today on an airplane 2,800 feet above the new flying field of the United States air mail service here, marking the inauguration of the field as the terminus of the aerial mail service being New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

A few minutes after the mail plane, in charge of Pilot Max Miller left the field at 12.10 this afternoon a big Handley-Page machine rose under control of Captain E. B. Waller, of the royal flying forces, and during a flight of 22 minutes above the grounds, a real Thanksgiving dinner was served to nine persons. Among the guests were Captain Benjamin B. Lipsner, superintendent of the air mail service, and Allan R. Hawley, Augustus Post and other officials of the Aero Club of America.

Speaking of the proposed nationwide extension of the mail service, Captain Lipsner said: "We will have machines which will carry a ton and a half of mail and the days of freight and parcel post by airplane are coming."

HOW THE AMERICAN ARMY MAY BE DEMOBILIZED

PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL CROWDER REPLIES TO R. R. KING'S RECENT LETTER.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Responding to a letter from Mr. R. R. King, of Greensboro, and transmitted through the office of Senator Simmons, Provost Marshal General E. H. Crowder suggests the methods that will likely be pursued in demobilizing the American army. The letter to Senator Simmons follows: "This office has had before the general staff for sometime a scheme of demobilization based upon the following principles:

"1. That the effort should be to restore pre-war normality.

"2. That the nearest approach to this very desirable end is to give the communities which contributed the military man power a chance to re-absorb it.

"3. That as the boards of the selective service system had the disagreeable task of extracting registrants from homes and civil pursuits they should have dealt out to them the more agreeable duty of restoring those relations.

"4. That under such a plan the demobilization could proceed along the lines of the most urgent occupational needs, the individual being routed back with transportation in kind to his own board. This, however, was not to be the universal rule, for upon satisfactory explanation the discharged soldier could be routed elsewhere to another local board.

"5. That the board's having a personal acquaintance with the registrants were the best available agencies to see that they had a chance to take on employment the substantial equivalent of that they gave up.

"I am unable, at present, to advise you as to what the final scheme promulgated by the war department will be. Your correspondent will undoubtedly get information before you or I can communicate with him, through the public press.

"Meantime, in order to insure proper consideration of his letter, I am transmitting it to the adjutant general of the army for consideration in connection with other plans. I trust you will convey to Mr. King an expression of my appreciation for the interest taken by him in this important work, as evidenced by the valuable suggestions contained in his letter."

MORE THAN 1,500,000 PRISONERS RELEASED.

American Army of Occupation, Nov. 30.—More than a million and a half prisoners of various nationalities have been released by the Germans, according to estimates based upon reports received by the American third army. Of this number, approximately 250,000 will pass through the American lines and will be fed by the Americans. Most of the quarter of a million prisoners are French, English, Italians and American soldiers. The army, assisted by the Salvation Army, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Knights of Columbus, is shouldering the bulk of the task.

The population of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg already has been doubled by the arrival of the army of occupation. The question of feeding the former prisoners is taxing American transport facilities.

BISHOP A. QUAYLE'S POSITION ENOUGH TO MAKE HUNS QUAIL

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 29.—Bishop A. Quayle, of the Methodist Episcopal church, in a speech here declared that any peace commission of the American people which does not make the German people pay to the uttermost farthing is not a peace commission of the American people and that "until such time as the kaiser is tried and executed for murder, justice will not have room in the world."

"We did not fight the kaiser," he continued. "We fought the German people. Not to mete out punishment to Germany now is not love. It is sentimentality."

Mrs. Emily Doak, of Guilford College, has received word from her son Robert that he is safely overseas.

PRESIDENT HEADS PEACE CONFERENCE DELEGATION

LANSING, HOUSE, WHITE AND BLISS ARE THE OTHER MEM- BERS—WILL LEAVE SOON.

Washington, Nov. 29.—President Wilson personally will head the American representation at the peace conference. This was announced officially tonight at the White House.

The other members of the delegation will be:

Robert Lansing, secretary of state.

Col. E. M. House.

Henry White, former ambassador to France and Italy.

General Tasker H. Bliss, former chief of staff of the army, and now American military representative on the Supreme war council at Versailles.

Formal Announcement.

The White House announcement follows:

"It was announced at the executive offices tonight that the representatives of the United States at the peace conference would be:

"The President himself, the secretary of state, Hon. Henry White (recently ambassador to France), Mr. Edward M. House and Gen. Tasker H. Bliss.

"It was explained that it had not been possible to announce these appointments before because the number of representatives each of the chief belligerents was to send had, until a day or two ago, been under discussion."

In the absence of any official explanation it was assumed that the President goes as President of the United States and that Secretary Lansing, Mr. White and Col. House and possibly also General Bliss will be delegates with ambassadorial rank.

It was recalled that the President's announcement that he would go to France "for the purpose of taking part in the discussion and settlement of the main features of the treaty of peace," said that it was not likely that he could remain throughout the session of the peace conference and that he would be "accompanied by delegates who will sit as the representatives of the United States throughout the conference."

DEMobilize S. A. T. C. BEGINNING DECEMBER 1.

Chapel Hill, Nov. 29.—Commanding officers of all units of the S. A. T. C., both academic and vocational sections, are being directed to demobilize and discharge the students therein, the disbanding to commence this week with a view to the completion of discharges by December 21, according to a telegram received by Dean M. H. Stacy, chairman of the state University faculty, from Prof. P. H. Daggett, regional director of the S. A. T. C. Details of the demobilization plan were not given in the telegram nor is it understood just what will be the order of mustering the men out.

But the important fact to the students who have been cooped up since September is that they will be home for Christmas. The news conveying the tidings of freedom went around the campus like wild-fire this morning. It was greeted with joy everywhere. But it was like the signing of the armistice; it was too much to be believed at first. Everyone was bombarded with questions.

The majority of the students were ready to quit the S. A. T. C. Their enthusiasm for military work was considerably dampened if not killed with the signing of the armistice. Now they can see no definite purpose in continuing such work.

SHIPS TO LEAVE ENGLAND WITH TROOPS THIS WEEK.

London, Nov. 30.—Numerous steamers will leave Liverpool during the coming week with American troops abroad. The Ascantius will sail tomorrow with 1,530 officers and men of the American air forces. The Canopic will sail November 29 with 1,060 aboard; the Adriatic November 30 with 2,175; the Cedric December 2, with 3,000.

The Empress of Britain will sail December 2, with 2,880 including 480 sick; the Leviathan December 3, with 1,500 sick, and the Saxonia December 6, with 1,600 sick.

MUST REMAIN IN FORCE TILL PEACE IS RATIFIED.

London, Nov. 29.—The Times says the absurd story which the Germans are reported to have spread semi-officially that the entente probably will consider the abolition of the blockade is absolutely unfounded. The allies have not the slightest intention, the Times continues, of throwing aside their chief weapons for insuring the signature of a just peace and the performance of its conditions, particularly in the present chaotic state of Germany.

After quoting evidence in an endeavor to refute Dr. Solf's declaration that Germany is starving, the newspaper says that German statements on this subject require careful examination. When the truth has been ascertained, the allies and the United States will allow the Germans from time to time during the peace negotiations such food supplies that humanity dictates, but he blockade must remain in force until a definite peace has been ratified.

Concerning the German attempts to draw a distinction between the allies and the United States, the Times speaks of the futility of these efforts. With regard to President Wilson's coming visit to Europe, the Times says the allies look upon this unprecedented event as a great landmark in the world's history. They rejoice that the President is to make the visit, first, because they desire to show the United States by the reception they give the chief executive their sense of the immense debt they owe for America's assistance, and, second, because they are anxious to have the personal aid of President Wilson in the task before them.

WANT TO EXTRADITE KAISER HILF

London, Nov. 29.—It is understood that the question of the extradition of the former German emperor is being considered by British law officers of the crown, who are working in close co-operation with the French authorities. Action in the premises was taken immediately after the flight of the former emperor to Holland.

The Evening News says it understands the law officers have concluded that the allies are entitled to demand the extradition of the former emperor, and that this decision applies also to individuals who have committed or given instructions for the commission of extraditable crimes.

It is added that Holland takes the view that she has not the power to surrender such persons without the consent of Germany.

DEATHS IN THE NAVY FROM WAR CAUSES.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Deaths in the navy from "war causes" totaled 1,233, Surgeon General Braisted told the house naval committee today, which is framing the 1920 naval appropriation bill.

No figures were given as to deaths from disease. The surgeon general said there were 15,000 patients in naval hospitals, and that institutions at Norfolk, New York, Philadelphia and Boston were crowded.

Appropriations for the naval medical department amounting to \$15,000,000 asked for under plans for continuing the war were reduced to \$9,200,000 by the surgeon general.

DEATH SENTENCE OF MOONEY IS COMMUTED TO LIFE.

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 28.—The sentence of Thomas J. Mooney, sentenced to be hanged on December 13 for the death of 10 persons killed by a bomb explosion in San Francisco during a preparedness parade in July, 1916, was commuted by Governor W. D. Stephens tonight to life imprisonment.

Court action to save Mooney from the gallows was exhausted by the prisoner, the Supreme court of the United States having recently decided it could not review the case.

Threats of a national strike in case the governor did not intervene had been made in various parts of the country and sometime ago it was reported that President Wilson had written the governor to see that Mooney suffered no injustice. The trial judge had also requested a new trial for Mooney.

THE AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED PRUSSIA

UNDER GEN. PERSHING THEY CROSSED THE BORDER YES- TERDAY AT DAYLIGHT.

With the American Army of Occupation, Dec. 1.—American troops crossed the frontier into Prussia at daylight behind the German rear guards. Treves is the most important city thus far occupied.

General Pershing is in the immediate vicinity to observe the operations. His advance headquarters will be established at Treves, where Gen. Preston Brown will be military governor and Gen. Harry A. Smith in charge of civil affairs.

The advance to-day averaged 12 miles.

Treves is situated on the right bank of the Moselle river, 57 miles southwest of Coblenz. It is perhaps the oldest town in Germany and is rich in Roman relics. Among the main objects of interest in the town are the cathedral, which is one of the oldest in Germany, and the provincial museum, with a fine collection of antiquities.

HUNDREDS Dying DAILY ARE BURIED IN PAPER COFFINS.

London, Nov. 30.—The population of Vienna is reported in a desperate condition from lack of food according to a message to the Daily Express, from its correspondent in Vienna, who claims to have had an official reception there and to have been given special opportunities for investigation behind the scenes.

The correspondent's message, which is dated November 25, tells of the soup kitchens established in the city. Each of the ten kitchens, he says, is feeding daily 6,000 men, women and children who have to stand in line for hours awaiting admission. Each receives less than a pint of soup made of rotten cabbage and flour containing a quantity of sawdust. On Sunday a little horseflesh is added.

"All these human wrecks, with bones protruding," continues the correspondent, "exist on this soup. Hundreds die daily and are buried in paper coffins because the wood is needed for fuel." He says incidentally that the clerks in the Spanish embassy are dying of starvation.

"Vienna," the correspondent adds, "is in a sullen mood. The whole of German-Austria is afraid of Bolshevism. I understand there is barely sufficient food here for three weeks and only enough coal for a fortnight. Unless help arrives quickly hell will break loose. Already the people are buying rifles and machine guns."

The officials, the correspondent reports, complain that Hungary has food and the Czechs have coal, but that neither will part with its supplies. The officials want the allies to put pressure on these governments. He adds that the leader of the Red Guard, a young Jew, named Kisch, says he wishes to avoid Bolshevism if possible. The Austrian guards originally numbered 7,000, but thousands of them turned to Bolshevik beliefs and have been dismissed until now, he says, only 800 remain.

SUGAR CERTIFICATES TO BE DISCONTINUED.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Distribution of sugar under the certificate system will be discontinued December 1, under an order issued today by the food administration. The administrator emphasized, however, that requests for conservation of sugar were in no way modified. Domestic consumers, it was said, will be expected to observe the voluntary ration of four pounds a person a month and public eating places will be required to use only four pounds of sugar for each 90 meals served.

Federal Court in Session.

The December term of United States court will convene this morning at 10 o'clock, Judge James E. Boyd presiding. There are a number of criminal cases which have been on the docket for some time, and a large number of indictments will be presented the grand jury for action. Practically every one of these is of little interest to the general public, most of them being blockading cases.