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DESERTER FROM ARMY CAPTURED

After Midnight Pistol Duel With Sheriff Lewis—A Host of Dependents Spent Wee Sma' Hours in Unaccustomed Work of Man-hunting in Woods and Bays—One Deserter Escaped.

HARBORER OF DESERTERS IN TOILS

Some 8 hours after he fought a pistol duel by the light of the moon in a clearing in woods near Bellamy with the high sheriff of Robeson county, one W. S. Canady, deserter from Camp Sevier, was arrested at a railway siding near Richardson...

Canady and Williams were members of Wilmington company A, engineers, when that company was stationed at Lumberton some months back. When they went to Camp Sevier they deserted and were captured by Robeson county officers.

The pistol duel in which Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Canady played leading parts took place at midnight Monday night almost in a stone's throw of Bellamy. The sheriff had received a "tip" about where these deserters might be found.

Then things began to happen; the next few minutes were crowded with excitement, and were busy ones. No one had heard of the deserters' approach, but as the sheriff stepped out into the open there came the clear, sharp command to "halt".

Pistol Duel by Moonlight. By the bright light of the harvest moon riding high above them the men stood out plainly. They were not 15 yards apart. In that little clearing there were no trees to bother Canady, holding his pistol with both hands, began to fire at Sheriff Lewis.

Never Touched a Hair. How either man escaped death seems a mystery, but neither was so much as scratched. And Canady was the target for four other shots while the sheriff was pumping five bullets at him.

When they got back to town about 1:30 a. m. Sheriff Lewis immediately deputized the following—all of whom belong to the "home guards" but were not called out as such—to go with him and Deputy Prevatt to search for the deserters: C. V. Brown, Jno. S. McNeill, T. A. McNeill, Jr., W. P. McAllister, F. A. Wishart, Joe Thompson, E. L. Hamilton, R. C. Birmingham, J. P. Townsend, Alf H.

C. A. OLIVER PASSES.

Prominent Citizen of Marietta Died at Hamlet This Morning—Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. C. A. Oliver of Marietta died at the James sanatorium at Hamlet this morning at 2 o'clock, following an operation for an abscess. Deceased had been sick for several weeks and was taken to the sanatorium last evening. He was accompanied to Hamlet by Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont and a trained nurse, who had been with him for two weeks.

Mr. Oliver was one of Robeson's foremost citizens and has served as a member of the board of county commissioners. In his death the county loses a valued citizen. He was 52 years old.

ITALIANS NEED HELP

Thousand Square Miles Italian Territory Overrun by Enemy and More Than 120,000 Italians Made Prisoners.

From Today's Press Summary. Virtually one thousand square miles of Italian territory have been overrun, more than 120,000 Italians have been made prisoner and in excess of 1,000 guns have been captured by the German and Austro-Hungarian armies in their eight days' drive along the Isonzo and Carnic Alps fronts of the Austro-Italian war theatre.

From the east the enemy invasion on the center of the battle front now is well within gun range of the Tagliamento river, where it has been presumed that General Cadorna would turn and make a stand. The Italian commander-in-chief, however, has not yet brought his troops about to face the enemy, but is continuing his retreat with the rear guards harassing the advancing enemy.

Just where Cadorna proposes to give battle has not become apparent. Neither it is known how well the northern and southern flanks of his army are keeping pace with the retirement in the center.

Meanwhile preparations to aid the Italians in their hour of extremity are being rushed by the Allies.

Broke Into Safe, Stole \$60.

Robbers broke into the safe of Lafayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. Tuesday night and stole \$60 in money. The combination was not on the safe, but the drawer in which the money was left was locked and the robbers broke the lock by prizing it with a piece of iron. No arrests have been made.

McLeod, J. M. McCallum, A. T. McLean, R. H. Crichton and J. A. Sharpe, Young Forest McGill, clerk at hotel Lorraine, learned what was going on and asked the sheriff to let him go along to guard the cars, and this nervous thing the boy did in the hours before day at Bellamy.

The party reached Bellamy about 3 a. m. After several hours of fruitless searching some of the party got on the track of Canady. Deputy Prevatt and Messrs. Crichton, Birmingham and Thompson struck a railway motor car and were taken across the river. They had seen Canady make for the woods but Deputy Prevatt ordered the car straight ahead and no body looked in the direction Canady had gone.

Behind a box car while the others started to make a wide sweep to bag Canady. But Prevatt had not waited long before Canady came forth and walked right into his arms, so to speak.

Canady offered no resistance and was not armed. He had sworn by all the tin gods that he would never be taken alive, and would kill the man that tried to take him, and his duel with the sheriff seemed to indicate that he would make the threat good, but he was tame enough when Deputy Prevatt threw his Winchester on him.

Canady's version of the shooting is that the sheriff got behind a tree and shot at him five times, and that he did not shoot, did not even have a gun; but the sheriff and four other men who were witnesses all tell the other story of the affair given above. Sheriff Lewis and some others went as far as Bladenboro searching for Williams, but no trace of him could be found. Williams fooled Policeman Phillips and Mr. Britt completely about 5 a. m., giving some name foreign to that section, and got by all right. Some time after that Messrs. Phillips and Britt left the bridge, thinking it was all over, and Canady got across.

One pleasant feature to men who had tramped about in woods and thick undergrowth for hours until some of them, unaccustomed to such early morning exercise, were all in, was a box of delicious sandwiches prepared by Mrs. Jesse Stancil of Allenton and brought by Mr. Stancil and herself to Bellamy to stay the hunger of the searchers until they could get back home. It was a thoughtful thing to do, and a gracious, and it was appreciated.

Besides Mr. Rance Britt, mentioned as being with Mr. Phillips guarding the bridge, men of the Bellamy neighborhood deputized to assist in the search were Messrs. Ira Wilkins, Oliver Meares, Rowland Mercer and Jno. Duncan.

The party got back to Lumberton about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

WHEAT ACREAGE INCREASED

Practically Every Farmer in County is Planting Wheat—Planning Model Home Orchards—County Farm Demonstrator as a Gardener.

County Farm Demonstrator L. E. Blanchard returned to Lumberton Tuesday night after a week spent among the farmers of the Red Springs, Rowland and Pembroke sections and he was much gratified at the number of farmers he found who have sowed or are preparing to sow wheat. He says that there are very few farmers in Robeson who will not sow wheat this fall. He has been devoting a large part of his time recently to an effort to increase the wheat acreage, and the results are gratifying.

Mr. Blanchard's next work will be to increase the number of home orchards. He has 25 blueprints, one for each township in the county, showing plans for model acre and half-acre orchards, early and late varieties of fruits, etc. He will endeavor to get one farmer in each township to devote an acre or a half acre beside the public road to an orchard for home use, and he will agree to look after these orchards and keep them properly pruned and sprayed. Trees for these orchards will be obtained at special reductions by arrangement with a nursery.

Besides insisting upon scientific methods of cultivation, etc., Mr. Blanchard is a great believer in well-balanced fields and orchards that are pleasing to the eye, and these orchards no doubt will be things of beauty as well as profitable. Mr. Blanchard had a garden in Lumberton this year that many people pronounced the prettiest garden in town; and certainly it produced marvelously. The laborer who worked under Mr. Blanchard's direction claims none of the credit for the success of the venture.

Mr. Blanchard directed how to prepare the ground, how and where various vegetables should be planted, assisting very materially in the actual work of planting—for the laborer did not know near so much about it as he should know—and though it was started so late that some scoffed and said it was too late, the family that received the principal benefit from Mr. Blanchard's skill in directing how it should be done have had vegetables from that garden almost every day since it began producing from its late start and are now enjoying second-crop Irish potatoes, beans and turnip greens fresh from the garden daily, besides having a comfortable store of vegetables for winter use canned from that same garden. If Mr. Blanchard knows as much about farming as he has demonstrated locally that he knows about gardening, it pays to follow his advice.

RECORD OF COTTON GINNED

23,931 Bales Ginned to Oct. 18 as Compared With 14,929 Bales to Same Date Last Year.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Barnesville, Oct. 31.—There were 23,931 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1917, prior to October 18, as compared with 14,929 bales ginned to October 18, 1916. J. W. BARNES.

Disastrous Fire at Baltimore.

Fire which started Tuesday night at the water front at Locust Point, Baltimore, did damage to the extent of \$5,000,000. It is thought the fire was of incendiary origin and two suspects were arrested Wednesday. Among the goods destroyed were 7,000 cases of imported liquor, 150 carloads of flour, 50 carloads of tobacco and 79,000 bales of wood pulp. The loss of the Baltimore & Ohio was \$4,000,000, covered by insurance. Two of its piers were destroyed. These will be rebuilt at once.

Held Over.

The crowded condition of the paper makes it impossible to publish today, as intended, the additional list of subscribers to the Liberty loan. It has been put in type and will be published in the next issue without fail.

Robeson County Teachers Will Meet November 9.

The first meeting of the Robeson County Teachers' association of the year will be held in Lumberton Friday of next week. All teachers in the county are expected to attend.

These Have Enlisted.

The following young men have recently enlisted in the U. S. army at the local recruiting office: Sam A. Newton, Fayetteville; Joe E. Britt and Dennis Ivey, Boardman; E. C. Wright, colored, Fayetteville.

Superior Court Next Week.

A week's term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday. Judge W. M. Bond will preside.

Miss Maude Bullock of Fairmont spent last night here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bullock.

SWEEPING SAFEGUARD AGAINST HIGH PRICES

Profiteering by Retail Dealers in Foodstuffs Will be Made Impossible After Today.

Profiteering by retail dealers in foodstuffs will be made impossible after November 1, the food administration announced Monday night, under a plan to cut off supplies to those not satisfied with reasonable margins. Manufacturers, wholesalers and other handlers of foods whose business will go under license will not be permitted to sell to distributors who seek undue profits.

"This is one of the most sweeping safeguards," the announcement said, "against high prices which will be incorporated in the licensing system, for which complete rules and regulations will be made known within a few days."

This plan, food administration officials believe, will give the government entire control of retail prices. Wholesalers and others who continue to sell to retailers after they are forbidden to do so by the food administration will be denied the right to sell goods under license.

ROWLAND A COTTON TOWN

10,000 Bales Will be Sold on That Market This Year—People of That Section in the Swim.

Rowland—one of Robeson's many progressive towns—might be termed a cotton town. This reporter spent a day recently in Rowland and was impressed with the amount of cotton being sold there. A cotton buyer was asked how many bales of the staple would be sold on the Rowland market this year. "10,000 bales," was the answer. Judging from that, around \$350,000 will be paid out to cotton growers on the Rowland market this season.

The cotton crop in the Rowland section will average around 65 per cent of a normal crop, according to Mr. A. L. Bullock, a leading merchant of Rowland. When asked how the folks were paying up, Mr. Bullock replied, "The small farmers are doing fine, while some of the larger farmers are somewhat slow." Mr. Bullock added that many old accounts were being settled.

The farmers of the Rowland section grow too much cotton and too little corn and other food crops. It is a cotton section. When cotton prices are good the farmers are prosperous and when prices are low the farmers are hard hit.

Japan Will Co-operate With U. S. Till Germany is Crushed.

Japan's full co-operation with the United States in the world war until Germany is crushed was pledged by Dr. T. Masao, chairman of the Japanese parliamentary mission of five, at a luncheon given in honor of the mission at New York Tuesday by the Japan society.

"The Japanese are determined to co-operate with the United States until the last," Dr. Masao said, "and will not stop until our monster enemy—Germany—the pirate of the seas, the assassin of the air and violator of all decencies on land has been completely crushed. When this monster enemy of ours has been thoroughly beaten down, then and then only, shall we have a lasting peace."

Substantial Evidence of America's Faith in Italy.

Substantial evidence of America's faith in Italy in the hour of her trial was given at the U. S. Treasury Tuesday in the form of a loan of \$230,000,000. This brought the total credits extended to Italy to \$485,000,000 and the grand total of loans to the Allies to \$3,621,400,000.

With this money Italy will pay for vast quantities of coal and other supplies purchased in the United States for her armies and industries. To carry the supplies the shipping board already has agreed to turn over 25 merchant ships.

More Luxemburg Messages Made Public.

Two more of the notorious Count von Luxemburg messages to the German foreign office from Buenos Aires were made public tonight by Secretary Lansing. They provide official confirmation of Germany's plan to control Southern Brazil, shed additional light upon Teutonic intrigue in South America generally and reveal that Luxemburg appealed vainly for a squadron of submarines with which to awe some Latin-Americans and to flatter others with salutes. These dispatches, like others that have gone before, were given out by Secretary Lansing without discussion of their contents.

IN THESE TIMES OF HIGH PRICES IT IS ESPECIALLY PROFITABLE TO STUDY ADVERTISEMENTS. YOU CAN LIVE ALMOST AS CHEAPLY AS IN NORMAL TIMES BY DOING SO. READ ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE ROBESONIAN, COME TO THE FAIR AND TRADE WITH ROBESONIAN ADVERTISERS.

NEW WAR TAXES BEGIN

With a Few Exceptions Special Taxes Began to Apply at Midnight Last Night.

Washington Dispatch, Oct. 31. This was the last day of grace from many new war taxes. With the exception of increased letter rates and tobacco taxes, which go into effect Friday, the special stamp taxes on documents, legal instruments and parcel post packages which go into operation December 1, all special taxes begin to apply at midnight tonight. They include:

One cent on each dime paid for amusement admissions; three per cent on payments for freight transportation; eight per cent on passenger Pullman and similar accommodations; five per cent on all line tickets for travel; one cent for each 20 cents or fraction paid for express packages; five cents on each telegraph, telephone or radio message costing fifteen cents or more; various taxes on cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and products; ten per cent on club dues; eight cents on each \$100 new life insurance and one cent on each dollar of premiums paid on fire, marine, casualty and other policies.

Although the tobacco taxes do not become operative until Friday many dealers have already advanced retail prices in anticipation of the tax levies. Other taxes of the new law, including those on hard and soft drinks, incomes and war-excess profits, have been in effect since the law was approved October 3, but in indirect form.

On December 1, the new stamp taxes, including those on parcel post packages, will be payable, putting the entire law into complete operation, except for increased rates on second class mail, postponed until July 1, next year.

Increases in first class mail rates probably will be mostly generally felt by the people. The law provides that the postage on letters, except "drop" or local letters, shall be 3 cents; and that on post-cards, including private mailing cards, shall be one cent more than heretofore. This increase includes so-called picture post-cards. The advances were made effective thirty days after the passage of the law and are construed by the Post-office Department to begin with letters and post-cards postmarked November 2.

Will Serve Dinner During the Fair.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The ladies of the National Special Aid society will serve dinner each day next week during the fair. The National Special Aid is doing splendid work, but it is badly in need of money to buy material to carry on this object in view. The men of Lumberton have responded nobly to our calls, and we hope for their patronage at these dinners. We invite the country people to come and eat dinner with us, and we especially invite all the teachers, who may attend the fair on Friday to patronize us.

The price of a regular dinner will be 75c. A chicken salad course, also sandwiches and coffee, will be served for those who prefer it.

Socialist and Pacifist Horsemipped.

Herbert S. Bigelow, head of the People's church of Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the leaders of the People's council, socialist and pacifist, was taken into woods near Florence, Ky., Sunday night, tied to a tree and horsewhipped by men "who wore long robes and hoods similar to those described as worn by the renowned Ku Klux Klan, according to a press dispatch from Florence. Before the whipping one of the leaders of the party read from a piece of paper he held in his hand, "In the name of the poor women and children of Belgium, it is man should be whipped." Sunday afternoon at his People's church services Bigelow prayed for the repose of the souls of Emperor William and the proud men surrounding him."

Notice of New Advertisements.

Seed rye and fertilizers for rye and wheat; farm for rent—K. M. Biggs. Great Southern shows at county fair—Welcome to fair visitors and special bargains—L. H. Caldwell. Fair deals for fair week—W. I. Linkhaw. Fair week specials—Lumberton Bargain House. The fair at Lumberton next week will be bigger than ever. Meet your friends at Grantham Bros. Big four Ford service and sales trucks. Notice of sale under execution. Auction sale of A. G. Thompson farm near McDonald Nov. 8—National Realty Co. A hearty welcome and bargains to fair visitors. Official report of Dorr economy run. Furnished rooms for rent. The Wishart Co., wholesale merchants and distributors. Welcome to fair visitors and special offerings—R. D. Caldwell & Son. Visit the Style shop. Small farm for sale near Lumberton Nov. 3—Atlantic Coast Realty Co. Male lost—J. M. McCormac, Rowland, N. C. Geo. T. Bullock has qualified as executor of the late D. P. McEachern. Ford car for sale—J. E. Walters. Annual auction sale of Duroc Jerseys—A. J. McKinnon, Maxton, N. C.

Mr. Sam Arnett of R. 5 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. W. D. Bowen, who lives on R. 1 from Rennett, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. W. O. Williams, who lives on R. 1 from Fairmont, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Revs. H. J. Mills and I. N. Clegg of Rowland passed through town Tuesday en route to Fayetteville to attend Synod. In the Robesonian office Monday afternoon.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

Wedding Invitations. Invitations have been issued reading as follows: "Mr. Joseph Calvin Everett invites you to be present at the marriage of his daughter Emily McLaurin to Mr. Bernard Pitzer Carter Wednesday evening, November the fourteenth at six o'clock of Lumberton, North Carolina."

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Curlee Prevatt and Lula Malone.

—Mr. W. F. French left Monday evening for the west to buy mules for his sales stables.

—Mr. G. Badger McLeod has accepted a position in Messrs. Grantham Brothers drug store.

—An automobile driven by a lady collided with Mr. J. A. Raine's Chalmers near Rowland yesterday afternoon. Both automobiles were slightly damaged.

—Alfred Rowland chapter, U. D. C., will meet Saturday at 3 p. m. in the directors' room at the National Bank of Lumberton.

—It is earnestly desired that Lumberton have a creditable exhibit at the county fair next week. If you have anything to exhibit that will be of interest, bring it along.

—Messrs. H. M. and J. D. McAllister went yesterday afternoon to Bladen county to begin a deer hunt today, the open season for deer beginning in that county November 1.

—Mr. F. M. Ammons of the U. S. navy, a member of the crew of the ship Delaware, is spending a few days in the county visiting relatives. Mr. Ammons says he likes navy life fine.

—Mr. Frank Faulk, who lives in West Lumberton, says he wants it understood that he is not the Frank Faulk who was recently before Recorder E. M. Britt on the charge of assault.

—Ladies of the local National Aid will pick cotton again tomorrow (Friday) at 2 p. m. in a field belonging to Mr. A. W. McLean near Mr. M. A. Geddie's ice plant, at the crossing of the V. & C. S. and the Elizabethton road. The money realized will be used for the patriotic purposes of the order.

—Halloween, and the young folks made merry last evening. Hooded and white-robed ghostly figures flitted silently about or did squeak and gibber in the streets. They stole up on porches and frightened folks half to death when they came to doors to see what was happening—or would have done so had not folks been prepared for ghostly visitations, knowing that this was the very witching night of all the year. A merry-making time it was.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley and daughter, Miss Eva, returned this morning from Charlotte, where they went to see Mr. E. L. Whaley, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Whaley, who is in the aviation corps of the U. S. army. Mr. Whaley passed through Charlotte last evening at 6:30 en route to New York from San Antonio, Texas. He and four other men from the aviators stationed at San Antonio were picked for some special duty and were transferred to New York.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

Robeson Baptist Association. The annual meeting of the Robeson Baptist association convened at Proctorville yesterday and lasts through today. Mr. L. E. Vasser of Lumberton is moderator. The Raleigh & Charleston operated a special train yesterday and today and large numbers of Lumberton people attended yesterday and went down this morning.

First Baptist. Dr. C. L. Greaves, pastor. Beginning with next Sunday morning, Nov. 4th, the pastor will preach a series of sermons on the general topic, "Religion in Time of War". They will not be sermons on war as such, but on the conservation of our best spiritual interests in time of war. The subjects of the series are as follows: Nov. 4, "In Greatness and Confidence shall be your Strength"; Nov. 11, "God of our Fathers (Known of Old)"; Nov. 18, "Fret not Thyself because of Evil Doers"; Nov. 25, "Humanity's Failure, and its Star of Hope. These sermons will be preached at the 11 o'clock service and everybody is cordially invited to hear them.

Presbyterian. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath morning at 9:30. Classes for all ages men, women and children. Come.

If you would teach a child that Heaven is his home, you must begin by making home a bit like you think heaven ought to be. A place of love, of peace, of fellowship among yourselves, and at all times fellowship with Jesus. Home and Heaven ought to have, in some sense, the same meaning.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon theme: "The signs of the Kingdom—Home and Humanity." Evening worship at 7:30. Sermon theme: "The Abiding Gospel." Midweek services Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Religion in Social Life." Luke XIV: 7-24.

All Presbyterians and those who have no regular church affiliation in the town, are cordially invited to share with us all the services of this church.

Catholic.

There will be services at the Catholic church Sunday at 8:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Father Bour will conduct the services.

Trinity.

Rev. H. A. Grantham in charge. This being the feast of all saints there will be evening prayer and sermon to-night at 7:30 instead of teachers' class. Sunday (22nd after Trinity) class. Sunday (22nd after Trinity) class. Sunday (22nd after Trinity) class. "Christ in the Prophets." Church school 4 p. m., evening prayer and sermon at 8.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Roberts and two children, Frank and Elmon of R. 7 from Lumberton, are visiting at the home of Mr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Lumberton Presbyterian church, and Mr. A. G. McKenzie are attending the Synod of North Carolina at Fayetteville this week.