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FRENCH OFFICER TO SPEAK HERE

Lieut. Lidrkerke of Camp Jackson Will Tell of His Experiences in the Great War in France

AT COURT HOUSE SATURDAY EVENING AT 8:30.

Lieut. Lidrkerke, a French officer who has been in the thick of the great war in France and is now helping to train men for service at Camp Jackson, will speak at the court house in Lumberton Saturday evening, May 18th, at 8:30.

It is hoped that as large a crowd as greeted Capt. David Fallon, the British officer, when he spoke at the court house some time ago, will greet this French officer Saturday evening. When Capt. Fallon spoke the court room was crowded, standing room was at a premium, and every one was delighted to hear him.

Lieut. Lidrkerke will no doubt be given a reception quite as enthusiastic as Capt. Fallon received. He is of that France to which this country owes its birth of freedom and whose deeds in this war have placed her in the sight of future ages a model of "high, unbending, adamant courage" and a proverb of national sacrifice and devotion. He is of that army which challenged the admiration of the world by its matchless heroism when it saved civilization at the Marne in 1914 and has held that admiration by an unbroken record that, like the record of the ragged heroes who followed Lee, has "advanced the world in honor." He no doubt will have a story to tell even more thrilling than Capt. Fallon's story.

Lieut. Lidrkerke will tell of the work of the Red Cross and of life in the trenches and other phases of the great war.

County Liberty Loan Honor Flag Will Be Raised.

In connection with the speaking at the court house Saturday evening the honor flag won by the county in the third Liberty loan campaign will be raised with appropriate ceremonies.

STILL A WAITING GAME.

Germans Have Not Renewed Their Offensive in Flanders or Picardy

—French Gain Ground.

A dispatch this morning states that there is nothing doing on any of the battle fronts, that it is the quietest day since the big drive began.

Still another day has passed without the Germans renewing their offensive in Flanders or Picardy. Nowhere have infantry operations by either side on these battle fronts or that matter, in any of the numerous theatres of the war, risen in importance above patrol engagements.

North of Kemmel, where the Germans on Tuesday gained a footing on Hill 44, one of the bloodiest sectors on the western front, the lost vantage points have been retrieved through the persistent counter-attacks of the French who succeeded in driving the enemy from the shell holes along the slopes to which he had been tenaciously holding. Not alone were the Germans forced to recede but the French advanced their line and also took prisoners.

Likewise, south of Hailles, in the Amiens region, the French have taken another bite into the German line and successfully warded off a German counter-attack launched in an endeavor to capture the last ground. The Germans in these maneuvers suffered heavy casualties and lost men made prisoners.

Throughout Wednesday the British were left severely alone by the German infantry.

Although the enemy is keeping his infantry in the trenches he continues to use his artillery vigorously against salients held by British and French all along the front, especially against Heig's forces south of Albert and against the French north of Kemmel. The French north of Meudier and along the curve in the battle front between Montdidier and Moyon also have been under an intensive fire from the German guns.

General Pershing probably soon will be commanding French and British troops as the process of brigading American units with their allies on the western front goes forward.

Women of Southern Baptist Churches Granted Full and Equal Rights.

Women of the Southern Baptist churches yesterday were granted full and equal rights with men in the constitution of the churches by an overwhelming vote at the 63rd annual convention of the Southern Baptist convention at Hot Springs, Ark. By this action, which consisted of an amendment to the constitution, women now are entitled not only to represent their churches in the convention but also to hold any office in the convention, which is the highest administrative organization in the denomination.

HEAR LIEUT. LIDRKEEKE.

I especially urge every member of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter to hear Lieut. Lidrkerke at the court house Saturday evening, 18th, at 8:30. He is a French officer who has seen service in the great war and is now helping to train soldiers at Camp Jackson. Let every member of the Red Cross honor him by their presence and bring as many with you as you can.

A. E. WHITE, Chairman Lumberton Red Cross Chapter.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Tobacco Prospects Fair—Among the Transgressors—Union Meeting Begins 26th—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, May 15.—The prospects at this time for a good tobacco crop in this section seem to be fair. And if the prices for tobacco are even as high as they were last year, the farmers as well as others should feel good. A somewhat unusual thing for Fairmont is the large quantities of tobacco plants being gathered during the last few weeks and shipped to other sections.

We are glad to see on our streets the pleasant faces of Messrs. E. J. Davis and son Harry Davis, who arrived today. These are two of the courteous gentlemen interested in the tobacco sales here and will be with us for several days.

In the recorder's court during the last few weeks appeared the following: Murphy Jacobs, for violating the automobile law, was found guilty, and having engaged the court's attention repeatedly on the same charge, together with other charges, drew at this time a 30-days' road sentence, but being of the draft age, was sent on to the camp. Walt Parker, for being drunk and disorderly on the streets, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, he also being a frequent object of the court's attention on similar charges. Quincy Oxendine, for assaulting his wife, was convicted, and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the cost. David Rhodes alias David Williamson, for forgery, bound over to the Superior court, and on failure to make bond, went to jail to remain till the next term of criminal court.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown left this morning for Waynesville, where they are expected to spend part of the summer before returning to their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson returned Monday from Norfolk, Va., where they spent some time visiting their son.

Mr. Mark McDaniel is home on vacation from Oak Ridge institute, where he has been taking a business course.

Messrs. E. Fisher and V. H. Taylor spent Tuesday afternoon in Lumberton on business.

The union revival meeting to be held here in the tobacco warehouse, in which all the churches in town, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist, will take part, will begin Sunday, May 26th. Rev. Luther B. Bridgers of Gainsville, Ga., will conduct the meeting.

OVERMAN BILL PASSED.

Empowers President to Reorganize Government Departments and Agencies.

The long fight in Congress over the Overman bill, empowering the President to reorganize Government departments and agencies ended Tuesday with passage of the measure unamended by the House.

The vote was 295 to 2, Representatives Sterling of Illinois and Gillett of Massachusetts, both Republicans, casting the only negative votes.

Just what changes under the law are contemplated never has been indicated. When the President asked Senator Overman to introduce the bill he merely said he needed authority to co-ordinate the activities of various branches of the government in the interest of the war.

There has been a general understanding, however, that among other things various functions now performed by the departments will be transferred to the war trade board, the war industries board and other war agencies. Reorganization of the quartermaster's department and of the signal corps of the army are steps which are said to have been contemplated under the law, but which were taken without waiting for Congress to act.

Floyd Faulk in Trouble Again.

Floyd Faulk, colored, formerly of Lumberton, was arrested Tuesday at Weldon on the charge of stealing a Ford automobile at Dillon, S. C., Saturday night. He was arrested by Sheriff Lane of Dillon county and drove the auto from Dillon to Lumberton and took Lemmie Ellis, a colored woman of Lumberton, to Newport News, Va., and it is supposed that he was making his way back to that point. Faulk was carried back to Dillon yesterday.

STAHL BOUND TO COURT.

Witnesses Testified at Trial Before U. S. Commissioner That He Had Made Seditious Remarks—Said British Had a Whipping Coming to Them and Hoped Germany Would Put it to Them—Also Criticized U. S.—Has Served Term in S. C. Penitentiary.

F. J. Stahl, who was arrested here Monday afternoon by Deputy Marshal Tomlinson of Fayetteville on the charge of making seditious remarks, yesterday morning by United States Commissioner E. M. Johnson. His bond was fixed at \$2,000, which he failed to make. Stahl was taken last evening to Lauringburg and placed in jail to await the next term of Federal court there.

The witnesses examined yesterday were Mr. D. Arch Shaw of Pembroke and Messrs. A. S. Stars, C. B. Hocutt and F. M. Barnes of Lumberton.

Mr. Shaw was the first witness examined. He testified that he heard Stahl say while talking with a number of Indians in the McCormick store at Pembroke some two weeks ago that the British "had a whipping coming to them and he hoped to God the Germans would put it to them." While it was not counted as testimony against the defendant, Mr. Shaw said that it was reported that Stahl had been using seditious language among the Indians about Pembroke. Mr. Shaw said that after he heard Stahl's statements in the McCormick store he reminded him of the law against such utterances and that Stahl left the store. Mr. Shaw also stated that the Indians laughed when Stahl made the remarks about the British.

Mr. Stars testified that he was in the McCormick store and heard Stahl abusing the British and also heard him say that they had a whipping coming to them.

Mr. Hocutt testified that since the United States declared war against Germany he and Stahl were discussing the war and Stahl criticized the United States for furnishing supplies to England and France and said that Germany had as much right on the high seas as any other nation. He said that he would not swear to it, but he was under the impression that Stahl said that he did not blame Germany for sinking the ships belonging to the United States. When he rebuked Stahl for his statements, Stahl said that was the way he felt about it.

Mr. Barnes testified that he saw Stahl at Buie some time last fall and said that while talking to him and a Mr. Melvin that Stahl said the United States pulled itself into the war by shipping goods to England and France and that Stahl left the impression by his remarks that he was as strong for the Kaiser as he was for the President of the United States and would soon fight for the Kaiser as he would for the President.

Stahl plead not guilty. When asked by Special Agent Dorsey Phillips of Wilmington why he made the remarks in the presence of Mr. Barnes, he said that he had looked at the situation in a different light since talking with Mr. Barnes, that he had never said anything against the Government of the United States since war was declared against Germany; that he had urged the citizens of the country to comply with the requirements of the food administrator and to buy bonds. He said that he had not bought any Liberty bonds because he did not have money. He stated that he had heard folks say that he was one-half or two-thirds crazy and he believed they were right. When asked about the Pembroke conversation he answered that he said that that nearer Germany came to whipping England the less trouble the United States would have with England after the war is over. He said that he had visited England and that the British had a hostile feeling towards the United States. He said he was born in Virginia and that his father's great grandfather came from Germany.

He also said he had spent some time in Germany. Mr. H. E. Stacy, who appeared for the government, asked Stahl if he had not been sleeping and eating with the Indians and he said he had. When asked if he had been in trouble before he said that he served two and a half years of a 7-years' term in the South Carolina State prison on the charge of rape and that Governor Blease paroled him.

Stahl makes wire jewelry and says he has been living at Lumberton off and on for the past 14-years.

R. F. D. 2 From Buie Discontinued.

Effective yesterday, rural route No. 2 from Buie was discontinued. Carrier on R. 1 from Buie will take a part of the discontinued route while carrier on R. 6 from Lumberton will take a part of both routes 1 and 2 from Buie. The carrier on R. 3 from Lumberton will take over 4 miles of the route heretofore served by the carrier on route 6.

Washington dispatch, May 15: President Wilson has summoned Charles E. Hughes to act with Attorney General Gregory in the investigation of criminal charges made in connection with aircraft production. Mr. Hughes acceptance of the task was announced today at the White House and he will come to Washington in a few days to go over plans with the attorney general.

STILL CAPTURED.

I. J. Wilkins and Jetter J. Branch Claim They Were Hauling the Still "Unbeknownst" for Bethel Chavis, Who Escaped.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Rural Policeman A. H. Prevatt captured a 25-gallon capacity copper whiskey still about 2 of the clock this morning. The still was loaded upon an automobile driven by I. J. Wilkins of Belamy section, and Bethel Chavis, Indian were also on the car. Chavis jumped out of the car and made his escape. The officers, in company with Herbert Lowry, Indian, were making their way to Bear Swamp Indian church, about 3 miles from Pembroke, having been advised that there was a still in the loft of that church. When within a few hundred yards of the church they met Wilkins, Branch and Chavis in the road with the automobile. Wilkins stopped the car and Chavis jumped out and ran into the woods.

The still, which was fully equipped, was wrapped up in bed quilts, and Wilkins and Branch claim they did not know what was in the car and that Chavis had hired them to move him from the Pembroke section to a saw mill in Wishart township.

The officers brought the still, the automobile and Wilkins and Branch to Lumberton and Recorder E. M. Britt advised Sheriff Lewis to hold the automobile until Wilkins and Branch have been given a hearing.

A 38 Smith & Wesson revolver which nobody has claimed was found in the car.

Bishops Veto Granting Laity Rights to Women—Bishops Elected.

At Tuesday's session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Atlanta, the college of bishops announced its veto of the action of the conference in granting laity rights to women and changing the ritual from "holy Catholic Church" to "Christ's holy Church." This action was on the ground that both measures were illegal. The annual conferences now will vote on the measures and if carried by two-thirds of the conferences the measures will become law.

A memorial which recommended that at each annual conference the ministers elect twice as many men as needed for the office of presiding elder, the bishop to make his selections from the names presented, was defeated.

Resolutions favoring uniform divorce laws in each State were adopted. The South Carolina delegation deserted.

The following have been elected bishops: Rev. J. M. Moore of Nashville, Rev. W. F. McMurray of Louisville, Rev. U. V. Darlington of Barboursville, W. Va.; Rev. Dr. F. N. Parker of the Louisiana conference, a member of the faculty of Emory university; Rev. H. M. DuBoise of the North Georgia conference, and Rev. W. N. Ainsworth of the South Georgia conference. These 6 new bishops will be ordained Friday.

Rev. T. N. Ivey of the Western North Carolina conference was re-elected editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate; Rev. I. B. Chappell of the Tennessee conference, editor of Sunday school literature; Rev. W. W. Pinon of Nashville, secretary of the board of missions.

24 States Called Upon to Furnish 51,600 More Men For Military Service.

Twenty-four States and the District of Columbia were called upon Tuesday by Provost Marshal General Crowder to furnish for the national army 51,600 more men qualified for general military service.

Movement of drafted men to the camps under this call is to extend over two periods, from May 20 to 24 and from May 29 to June 2. These dates were fixed because, during the five days beginning May 25, approximately 223,000 men called for recently will be moving to the camps.

Tuesday night's call marks further development of the Government's plan for hastening men to France and replacing them as rapidly as they vacate the training centers. In all 284,600 draftees will be journeying from their homes to military camps between May 20 and June 2. Including numerous calls for technical and specially qualified men, the total number summoned during May is something like 366,600, nearly half of the 800,000 expected to be called this year.

Death of Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sam Edwards.

Christine, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sam Edwards of East Lumberton, died yesterday morning of colitis. The funeral was conducted from the Edwards home this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, and interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Mr. D. J. McLean Withdraws From Race.

Mr. D. J. McLean has withdrawn from the race for county commissioner, district 3. He has discontinued his announcement card, which had been running in The Robesonian since April 25th.

Y. M. C. A. WAR WORKERS NEEDED

4,000 Men Needed at Once For Important Work—Great Opportunity For Men Above Draft Age to Help Win the War.

Mr. Ernest Neal Orr, of Charlotte, recruiting secretary for North Carolina for Y. M. C. A. war work, spent Monday night and Tuesday in Lumberton and Tuesday afternoon in the commissioners' room at the court house addressed a fair-sized gathering of men and explained the need for men for this service both at home and in this country and overseas. Those present at the meeting, with a few others about over the county, will constitute a committee to nominate men who are eligible and available for this service.

Mr. J. M. McCallum was elected chairman of the committee, Mr. J. J. Goodwin, secretary.

A special drive is being made for 4,000 men for Y. M. C. A. war work. Mr. Orr explained that the need for men is urgent and showed that the Y. M. C. A. offers the greatest opportunity to a man to get into the game, to help the war from the inside, and to help win the war that can come to any one short of being a soldier.

Gen. Pershing has turned over to the Y. M. C. A. all the army canteens in France. It is doing a business of \$5,000,000 a month and needs good business men, men capable of running a store or a chain of stores, good bookkeepers, expert accountants, expert automobile men, teachers, athletic instructors, etc. A few preachers will be accepted, but the chief need is for laymen. A man must be over draft age, between 31 and 50, and must be a man of Christian integrity. No one under draft age is accepted, except that a man 25 or over who has some visible physical defect that disqualifies him for military service is sometimes accepted.

Single men are paid \$900 to \$1,200 the year, married men \$1,500 to \$2,100, and in the case of married men who go overseas arrangement is made to remit monthly a part of the salary to their wives.

Those who heard Mr. Orr were very much impressed with the need of men for this work. It is a vitally important work that the Y. M. C. A. is doing in connection with the war, and men are badly needed. Mr. Orr hopes to get at least 10 men from Robeson county.

The following attended the conference Tuesday and are members of the nominating committee for Robeson: J. M. McCallum, J. J. Goodwin, D. D. French, J. A. Sharpe, W. F. French, R. H. Crichton, W. J. DuBois, D. R. Shaw, E. M. Johnson, Rev. R. C. Beaman, Rev. G. E. Moorehouse—all of Lumberton; A. L. Bullock of Rowland; John J. Thrower, J. C. Snoddy, H. Grantham, and Wm. Jones, all of Red Springs. Other members of the committee are: Revs. C. L. Greaves and H. A. Grantham, W. K. Bethune, R. E. Sentelle, A. E. White, E. J. Britt, all of Lumberton; J. C. Lentz, St. Pauls; F. L. Blue, Fairmont; J. P. Wiggins, Maxton; Dr. Thos. L. Stamps, Lumber Bridge; C. A. McArthur, McDonalds; L. M. Oliver, Marietta.

This committee will meet again at 4 p. m. Tuesday of next week in the commissioners' room at the court house and canvass any nominations that may be made. Mr. Orr will come to the county and arrange terms, etc., with any who may be reported to him by this committee as eligible and available.

This is an attractive branch of service that offers the best possible opportunity for men above draft age to render a real man's service in winning the war. Any who are interested may apply to any member of the committee named above or may write direct to E. N. Orr, 415 Realty building, Charlotte.

FLORA MACDONALD FINALS.

Commencement Exercises From May 19th to 22nd.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, May 14.—Flora Macdonald college commencement exercises will take place from the 19th to the 22nd, beginning on Sunday morning with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian church of Charleston, S. C. Monday evening the senior class will play Comus. Tuesday will be alumnae day, and on that day will be the annual exhibit of the departments of fine and household arts, with the concert in the evening. On Wednesday morning, May 22nd, the literary address will be delivered by Dr. Edward Kidder Graham, president of the university of North Carolina, and Bibles and diplomas will be presented to the sixteen members of the class of 1918, as follows: Misses Margaret Buie, B. L. Red Springs; Mary Conoly, A. B. Red Springs; Vergie Goodwin, B. M. Raleigh; Eleanor Gurney, B. L. Monroe; Beatrice Hall, B. M., Mooresville; Mary Lilly Johnson, B. L., Carland; Margaret MacLeod, B. L., Vass; Louise Manning B. L., and certificate in expression, Bishopville, S. C.; Jennie McCutchen, B. L., Bishopville, S. C.; Sarah Follard, H. A., Farmville; Mary Porter, B. L., Jonesville, S. C.; Vera Stantler, B. L., Clie, S. C.; Gladys Toon, A. B., Red Springs; Mabel Walker, B. L., Graham; Mary Weatherspoon, B. L., Sanford; Helen West, A. E., Belmont, N. C.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. S. McIntyre is attending the Southern Baptist convention at Hot Springs, Ark., this week.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Norman E. Drum and Annie Esther Humphrey.

—Mr. John Redmond, who lives on East Fifth street, has some of the finest onions seen here. Nothing has been shipped in to beat those grown by Mr. Redmond.

—Mr. Kinchen Britt of R. 1 from Lumberton passed through town yesterday en route to Charleston, S. C., to take up his duties in the U. S. navy. He enlisted some two weeks ago in Wilmington.

—The 43 jars of canned fruit and vegetables donated to the Lumberton Red Cross chapter by Mr. R. C. Townsend of the Red Springs section was sold at auction Monday. The goods were bid off by Mr. F. A. Wishart and Chief of Police Alf H. McLeod and brought \$10.60.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clark of Clarkton passed through Lumberton Monday evening en route to Durant, Okla. Mr. Clark was going as a delegate from Wilmington Presbytery to the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, which convenes in Durant today.

—Mrs. E. L. Holloway and two children will leave tomorrow for Asheville, where they will spend the summer. Mrs. L. T. Townsend has been appointed temporary chairman of the county committee of the Woman's Council of National Defense to serve while Mrs. Holloway is away.

—Rev. J. R. Miller of Fairmont passed through town Monday evening en route to Hot Springs, Ark., to attend the Southern Baptist convention. The Baptist churches at Back Swamp, Raynham, Barnesville, Baltimore and Pleasant Hope pay the expenses of Mr. Miller to the convention.

—Mr. Chapel Wilson of R. 7 from Lumberton was sent to Raleigh this morning by the local army exemption board, where he will take a special course in the mechanical department. One hundred and sixty men were drafted in this State for this purpose and one of this number was sent from this district.

—Miss Flowers Coxie and brother, Mr. Osbourne Coxie, of the Broad Ridge section, and Miss Lillian Stone, who lives near McDonalds, passed through town yesterday en route to Fayetteville to visit Miss Stone's mother, Mrs. Anna Stone, who has been in a Fayetteville hospital for the past two weeks. Her condition is unimproved.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown of Fairmont left yesterday for Waynesville, where they will make their home. Dr. Brown is one of the best-known physicians of the county and is one of the "fathers" of Fairmont, having played a large part in building that good town. There is a scarcity of physicians at Waynesville and Dr. Brown sees an opportunity there for real service that is in keeping with the action of the recent State convention of physicians looking to the distribution of physicians to meet the demands made by the war. Mrs. Brown has long been prominent in church work at Fairmont and in the country, and both of them will be missed, while the best wishes of hosts of friends will follow them to their new home. They have been spending their summers at Waynesville for a number of years and are not strangers there. Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Brown, remain at Fairmont.

Aerial Mail Service in U. S. Begun Yesterday.

Aerial mail service in the United States became an accomplished fact yesterday. Piloted by army aviators airplanes carried consignments of mail from New York to Philadelphia and Washington and from Philadelphia to New York.

With the exception of Sunday, daily trips from each end of the New York-Washington air mail route are planned by the Postoffice Department. Each machine will fly one-half the lap of the journey, the mail being transferred to different planes at Philadelphia.

Three hours and twenty minutes after a machine piloted by Lieut. Torrey H. Webb left the Belmont flying field near New York yesterday the mail it carried was landed in Washington and within 33 minutes Boy Scouts had completed delivery of the 735 parcels consigned to Washington, including 19 pieces for the White House, one for Vice-President Marshall and a number to Postmaster-General Burlison.

Superior Court—Six Divorces Granted.

Six appeals for divorce has been granted in Robeson Superior court this week. These were: John Bullock vs. Bessie Bullock; Lora Mae Hedgepeth vs. Luther Hedgepeth; Queenie Floyd vs. Arthur Floyd; Sarah J. Holmes vs. Richard Holmes; Minnie Shaw vs. Dan Shaw; Ella Starling vs. Thomas Starling.

Other cases disposed of by jury trial are: E. E. Page vs. V. C. S. Ry. Co. Judgment was rendered in favor of the railroad company. Page was suing for damages because he missed connection at St. Pauls some months ago.

O. C. Faulk vs. G. B. Patterson. Judgment for defendant. A number of judgments have been signed. Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford is presiding.