

GALA ATTIRE PUT ON IN ROCKINGHAM

Big Welcome Awaits Returned Soldiers On Richmond's Home Coming Day

Rockingham, July 13.—Representatives of a decorating company were in Rockingham Saturday arranging for the decorations for the city on the occasion of the big celebration to the Richmond county service men next Friday. This company has the contract for decorating the principal streets, and the work will begin active work Tuesday morning.

All plans now are in final shape for the celebration. Twenty thousand people are expected. The city will be in gala attire, and is prepared to give the boys a royal welcome. It will be the biggest event staged in this entire section.

Governor Bickett and three colonels of North Carolina regiments will be the speakers—Colonel Minor, Colonel Metz and Colonel Scott.

Captain B. J. Saunders will give aerial exhibitions at 2 o'clock, flying over from Pope Field, 60 miles distant. At 3:30 the Camp Brass team will line up against the strong local aggregation.

The day's events will be capped by a street dance beginning at 9:30. Space will be roped off for the old-fashioned "square" dance and a space for other dances. Much interest is being manifested in this dance which is given in honor of the service men. Large numbers of the dancing folk from Hamlet, and neighboring towns, are coming, and this feature will be a most attractive one. It is managed by William Leak and June Diggs.

The day's program will begin with a band concert at 9:30 by two bands, the Rockingham and the Iremore band of Monroe. The parade starts at 10:30. Fully 150 floats, decorated automobiles and vehicles will be in line. The Confederate veterans will ride as guests of honor. After the speaking, the barbecue dinner will be served, of barbecued meats, Brunswick stew, ice cream, watermelons, etc. All in all, a big program has been arranged, and a big welcome awaits the people.

MUCH EXCITEMENT WHEN PLANE FORCED TO LAND

Wilson, July 13.—Two boys were fined by Squire W. R. Wood \$25 each for speeding and reckless driving. They appealed to the Superior Court and gave bonds of \$100 for their appearance. They claim that they were testing out a motor truck which was turned over and injured. For the test the machine was taken out in the country and passing up a road to the annoyance of the neighborhood parties fired pistols in the air to frighten them but they kept up the reckless speed, after which warrants were sworn out for their arrest.

The following members of the Wilson Fire Company, have gone to attend the State Firemen's Convention at Asheville: Needham Herring, B. F. Wilson, A. A. Ruffin, Frank Farmer and Howard Adkins.

HAMLET NEEDS ANOTHER BUILDING FOR SCHOOLS

Hamlet, July 13.—On account of the crowded condition of the Hamlet public schools it has been necessary to provide additional room. The commissioners have approved the plan of building a temporary wooden building of four rooms on the high school grounds, and work has been commenced on the building.

The commissioners also discussed the building of another large brick school building, and plans will be made to build this by the opening of the 1920 session.

There has been a revival of building in Hamlet. In addition to a large cotton gin being erected by W. H. Sanders, N. H. Jenerette and B. Stark and a large brick store building being erected by J. R. Henderson, there are 17 dwellings being erected.

SCOTLAND COUNTY ALUMNI ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION

Laurinburg, July 13.—Dr. J. B. Turner, student pastor at Wake Forest College, spent Thursday and Friday in Laurinburg and Scotland County visiting Wake Forest alumni, and Friday night at Laurinburg was organized the Scotland County Association of Wake Forest Alumni. W. H. Weatherspoon is president of the association, C. L. Moore, secretary, and J. H. Jones, treasurer. Dr. Turner presented the program Wake Forest alumni have mapped out for the future at Wake Forest, and this program is unique for more reasons than one. No other college so far as known, in the South, has adopted the student-pastor plan.

OFFICERS RESERVE CORPS ONE OF THE BIG ASSETS OF THE WAR

Washington, July 13.—Army officers point to the new officers reserve corps as one of the big assets obtained from the war. The corps now numbers more than 45,000 members, sufficient on the basis of 1 officer to 20 men to furnish the commission personnel of an army of 900,000. Officers in the higher grades include 43 colonels, 194 lieutenant colonels and 2,298 majors.

PLANS READY FOR BUILDING PROGRAM

Work Will Start Soon on New Structures For Caswell Training School

Kinston, July 13.—Blueprints for an extensive building program at the Caswell Training School are to be made during the next few days. Funds available from the State and insurance on burned buildings give the institution approximately \$325,000 for construction and reconstruction, it is said at the school. Two dormitories were burned in fires of incendiary origin last winter, when pyromania seized a number of feeble minded boys and girls there. At least three big dormitories are to be erected shortly. The plant will be considerably larger than before. Approximately 200 children have been cared for at the school in the past.

This Guy Was On The Job

Choctaw Indian telephone operators who foiled German listeners-in at the battle of the Argonne by using their native language, which of all tongues Hun could understand, said little of an edge on the light-skinned Americans who in an extremely fell back on "good old United States talk," according to a Kinstonian journal at Chautauque, N. Y., where thousands gather at this season to be educated. A story told there is that an American soldier was trying to catch a defaulter. For some reason it was necessary that this as well as information of a more strictly military nature be kept from the Germans. Sammie could think of no language that could be expected to baffle the shrewd Heims linguists who at nearly all times had their wire systems connected with the Americans. Finally he recalled the dope of the baseball diamond, and sent this across: "The main guy has swiped the spauldrix and beat it. We are left on the bum because he kept the account in his bean."

ROANOKE RAPIDS FOLKS WELCOME SOLDIERS HOME

Roanoke Rapids, July 13.—The Baptist Church, acting in the capacity of welcoming host, delivered on Thursday night such a glad reception to the returned soldiers of the community as will long be remembered among the pleasant events of the town.

Rev. A. O. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church at Clayton and a recently released army chaplain, who saw service overseas, was the invited speaker. His discourse was realistic and impassioned with the recollection of personal experiences of war tragedy and victory. A large number of men in khaki listened attentively and a crowded house of civilian folk gave earnest heed to Mr. Moore's message.

After the conclusion of Mr. Moore's address, an invitation was given by Mrs. J. W. House, teacher of the Bible class, to the soldiers and other invited guests to gather about an extended table steaming with delicious brunschwitz stew.

As pre-dinner talks, words of welcome were delivered by Mayor J. T. Chase and Rev. E. C. Few, and a fitting response was made by N. W. Norwood, one of the men of valiant service. Rev. A. G. Carter, pastor of Rosemary Baptist church, invoked a blessing of divine thanks, and every hand was quickly turned to the enticing results of Mr. W. D. Tillery's cooking. Appropriate and stirring music by the Roanoke Rapids band gave to the occasion an added pleasure.

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

New Orleans, La., July 13.—Last week in the cotton market the range of prices was more than two cents a pound and the close was near the top, the active months showing net gains of 211 to 233 points. July rose to 35.35, the highest price ever made in the history of contract trading. In the early part of the week the continued rains in the eastern belt were the main buying influence but highest prices were made on the announcement of the lifting of the blockade against Germany.

Larger exports, the settlement of the Lancashire mill strike, more tonnage and easier ocean freight rates and the extremely favorable accounts from the dry goods markets of this country contributed to the strength of the market. This week the main thing at first will be the effect of open trading with Germany. Bullish traders think this will stimulate the export movement and the spot demand in the South but bearish traders seem to be of the opinion that much cotton already has been bought indirectly for German account and that no immediate or severe buying pressure will be felt in order to supply the immediate needs of that country.

Weather conditions will be a feature of hardly secondary importance because of the claims from many sections of the belt that the crop is doing better, under a smaller rainfall. The weekly report on Wednesday will probably be regarded as among the most important of the crop reviews thus far this season.

The spot demand will be closely watched, partly on account of the situation in Germany and partly because of the theory held in some quarters that the buying of the actual stuff will be stimulated on the part of both English and domestic spinners now that the competition of mills in the central countries of Europe is to be felt some more.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

New York, July 13.—Greater industrial and mercantile activity, a sharp advance in call loans to quotations approximating the year's highest rates, the more adverse movement of exchange against London and Paris and the President's delivery of the peace treaty to the Senate were the outstanding factors of another busy week in the stock market.

Expansion of general trade was most clearly shown in enlarged bank clearings, the substantial gain in unfilled orders reported by the United States Steel Corporation and the widespread demand for leading commodities. Weakness of sterling and franc, the former receding to lowest levels in almost five years, was without effect upon market values, but among international

bankers this movement emphasized the need for early completion of the plan to effect Europe's financial rehabilitation. The President's address to the Senate was made the occasion of a bear attack but prices rallied easily in issues which have been the special objects of speculative attention for the past four months.

From the viewpoint of the investor, the most disappointing feature was the further backwardness of high grade rails and the failure of the bond market to reflect more than a moderate mid-year inquiry.

MANY TROOPS ARRIVE IN N. Y. FROM OVERSEAS

New York, July 13.—Four transports arrived here today from Brest with 15,000 troops, the Cap Finistere bringing 2,976; the cruiser Pueblo 1,080; the cruiser St. Louis 1,483 and the Imperator 9,452.

Troops aboard the Cap Finistere included units of the 113th Service Pioneer Infantry, the majority of whose men hail from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Tennessee. Units of the 341st service battalion, including men from Virginia, Texas, Alabama, and New York, and a contingent of casuals among whom was Major General William H. Hay. The Cap Finistere also brought 167 "war brides."

Criticism of the port authorities at Brest were voiced by army officers, 1,000 of whom arrived in the ship's stowage. They declared the transport had been overcrowded.

Casual units aboard the Imperator were reported as from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio and North Carolina.

Of the casuals returning on the Pueblo were 600 soldiers classified unofficially as "Rough Necks of the A. E. F." who had been detained overseas as punishment for violations of military regulations.

THOMAS R. SYKES, VETERAN DIES AT SOLDIERS' HOME

Wilmington Man Who Served With Barringer's Brigade Will Be Buried Today

Mr. Thomas R. Sykes, a Confederate veteran, died at the Soldiers' Home here yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. He was in his 75th year.

Mr. Sykes was born in Wilmington May 1, 1845, and entered the Confederate army, with General Barringer's brigade, on February 22, 1862, serving until the end of the war. He was one of the most beloved men at the Soldier's Home.

Surviving him is a brother in Wilmington and a son, Judge Robert H. Sykes, of Durham. He also leaves an adopted daughter, Miss Lula Shelley, of Wilmington.

The body will be carried to Wilmington on the Southern train this morning, and the funeral will be held in that city at 6 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery there.

MAN'S APPETITE IS HIS BOSS, DECLARES REV. GEORGE EASTES

"A man's appetite is his boss," said Rev. Geo. D. Eastes, in preaching at the First Christian Church last night on the subject of "Who's Your Boss?" "It may not necessarily be his physical appetite," the pastor continued, "but it is the dominating purpose of his life—a purpose for which the individual alone is responsible."

Mr. Eastes based his sermon on Hebrews 12:16-17. These verses call attention to the foolishness of Esau, who sold his birthright for a morsel of meat.

"How like Esau," the preacher said, "do many people for one moment of pleasure at the present time throw away their privilege of inheriting eternal life."

COOL RECEPTION FOR REED IN BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham, Ala., July 13.—Resolutions were adopted today by the post of the American Legion declaring that no member of the post would be present to hear the address which Senator Reed, of Missouri, will make here tomorrow night in opposition to the League of Nations and urging all "one hundred per cent Americans" to refrain from attending the meeting. Senator Reed was handed a copy of the resolutions by a committee of the Birmingham post.

50,000 NEAR PRESIDENT IRISH REPUBLIC IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, July 13.—An audience of 50,000 persons, it was estimated, today heard Eamon de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," appeal for aid and recognition of Irish independence.

Mr. de Valera when he rose to speak was greeted by a demonstration that lasted 31 minutes. A soldier in a Canadian uniform led the cheering. Some of the spectators kissed the names of President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and Sir Edward Carson, Irish Unionist leader, but were stopped by persons on the speaker's platform.

RESTORATION OF TRADE IN GERMANY

Resumption Between Occupied Territory And Interior of Germany

(By the Associated Press.) Coblenz, Saturday, July 13.—The inter-allied Rhineland commission today issued a notice to civilians in the occupied areas that trade would be re-established immediately between the interior of Germany and the occupied areas under certain restrictions. This action was taken after official notifications from Paris that the blockade had been lifted.

Under the orders of the commission the importation of arms into the Rhineland is forbidden. Shipments of coal and coke would continue under present regulations. The commission announced that it would prohibit, except by special permit the removal of 20,000 tons of textiles and chemical products in the Rhineland.

The conditions provide that 50 per cent of the 20,000 tons may be purchased by the allies if they desire it. Ninety per cent of all the dyes made in Germany were manufactured on the left bank of the Rhine before the war.

PARIS CELEBRATES THE COMING OF PEACE

Paris, July 13.—Celebration of the coming of Peace, which will reach its climax in the victory parade of Allied soldiers on Monday, the National Holiday of France, began last night. Soldiers and civilians participated in open air dancing throughout the night in the public squares bedecked for the victory fête.

American soldiers were very popular as dancing partners and despite the inclement weather, joined with the girls of Paris in the intricacies of tango steps on the wet asphalt pavement of the Place de la Bourse, the Place de la Republique and the Place de la Madeleine until the early hour Sunday. In the shadow of the Arc de Triomphe, sad-eyed and black-garbed widows and orphan girls gathered to watch the workmen finish the erection of the Cenotaph in memory of those who died fighting in the war.

The boulevard Champs Elysees and the line of march were crowded all day Sunday and were still crowded tonight. The best of the vintage points seemingly will remain occupied until the parade starts at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Families bringing their luncheon boxes with them are camping in the Champs Elysees and around the Place de l'Hotel, where they are keeping company with the special night guards over the Cenotaph to the dead in the war. In all the squares of the line of march the gaiety which was damped Saturday night by the rain was in full vent tonight, the most common sight crowds that ever celebrated France's National holiday dancing and singing to the music of more than a hundred bands and orchestras.

REGISTERS COMPLAINT.

Charges Instance of Failure to Redeem Pledges to Soldier.

To the Editor:—This very seldom we ask for space in any newspaper in which to display our views, but when we think a principle has been trampled under foot, promises broken and rights deluged, we think it not inopportune to enter a protest.

When America was forced to enter the terrible war, which has so recently passed into history, two million American boys were rushed across the dangerous seas to fight in France and three million more were ready to follow. Miracles of valor were wrought in foreign lands by our own boys, who but yesterday were studying their school books, working in offices, shops, stores or farms here at home and now thousands of these boys are lying under the troubled soil of France and the French government is to dedicate them, in perpetuity, a field of glory, a mecca for Americans through the ages to come.

No country escaped the losses and terrors of the war in some of their forms. The high seas were ravaged and thousands of ships were sent to the bottom. Mothers, little children, nurses, teachers and ministers of the gospel and millions of non-combatants were slain or suffered death by starvation or disease when the world stood against and the defenders of civilization were almost overwhelmed.

America plunged into the hottest furnace of the war and snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. Our own country, we believe, gave something like 75,000 of her sons as sacrifices upon this awful altar, in order that men

might be free—and that the cruel hand of Prussianism might not hold sway over this, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

We promised our boys when they returned that we would have nothing too good for them. Have we kept our promise to them? Not so we fear.

Our blood was made to boil a few days ago in the city of Lumberton when we saw the treatment accorded three of our returned soldiers. The last General Assembly created the office of Superintendent of Public Welfare for each county. The duties of said officers, we presume, are known to all. In Robeson Mr. Walter Smith, one of our most efficient rural policemen, was being urged by many to apply for the place. Learning that a soldier boy was also an aspirant, Mr. Smith says, "No, I won't be in the race; I won't stand in the way of any returned soldier," thus showing he appreciated their great sacrifice.

On Monday, July 7th, the aforesaid Superintendent was to be elected jointly by the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education. The aspirants were John Gilbert Conoly, of Red Springs, a returned soldier boy from over sea, two other young soldier boys and Mr. W. P. McAllister, one of Lumberton's leading and most successful merchants. As we all know both boards jointly would have eight votes. Mr. John W. Ward, of Rowland, who is chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, was elected chairman of this joint meeting. The voting was by ballot, the first ballot resulting as follows: Mr. Conoly received four votes and Mr. McAllister four, the chairman, John W. Ward, voting for Mr. McAllister. This, of course, caused a tie. The chairman, John W. Ward, voted again, thus giving Mr. McAllister five votes and Conoly four, a total of nine votes cast by eight men.

Contrary to this voting of the chairman, John W. Ward, to my use of usage, as well as to parliamentary law. These, Mr. Editor, are facts and they are stubborn things, yet Mr. Ward says he did right, and no doubt thinks Robeson's fifteen hundred soldiers should support him for office next time he runs. We have nothing against Mr. McAllister, we are his friend, but as we have said, Mr. McAllister is a successful business man with an established business and does not need the position. Mr. Conoly is the son of a widow and is the sole dependence of his mother and sister. When Uncle Sam entered the world war he did not claim exemption on the ground of dependents, he gave us a good position, bade farewell to mother, sister, home and loved ones and offered his all. Now he comes back to his home and friends, whose firesides he went to defend and through his friends asked for this position and received the treatment we have described.

We wish to say in concluding that young Conoly is a college man, as capable as any man in North Carolina. A young man held in the highest esteem by all who know him—he is both aggressive and progressive, he had the endorsement of leading citizens at home and in other sections of his county, but with Chairman Ward they counted for nothing.

This is the way we have kept our promise to at least one soldier boy down in the good old county of Robeson. If it is an honor thus to treat them we want people to know it, if it is not, we are equally anxious in order that we may keep history straight.

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An Old Joke of Governor Swain's

After Governor David L. Swain retired from the Governorship, he was elected to the Presidency of the University. The students affectionately styled him "Old Bunk," and sometimes "Old Bunk" would entertain the young men by telling jokes. None that he ever perpetrated was so poor that he himself did not laugh immoderately. One that "Old Bunk" never tired of telling and laughing over follows:

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