

AT BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST!



MENE! MENE!
I'VE BEGUN
COMMANDEERING!
UNCLE SAM.

ARMY CAPTAIN WHO
ROBBED CAMP BANK
COMMITS SUICIDE

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old, reside in Salina, Kansas. His parents live at Goodland, Kansas.
Captain Whisler fought in the Spanish-American war and later saw considerable service in the Philippines. During the Mexican border trouble he attempted to form a regiment in Kansas, but the plan was not carried out. When the war with Germany came he entered the officers' training camp at Fort Riley, Kansas, and was commissioned captain. He was about 40 years old.
Mrs. Whisler today received a letter from her former husband in which he said he was in good health and spirits. The letter, she thought, was written yesterday, although it was undated.

COOL BOY PRAISED
BY PERSHING



SYLVAN TAYLOR

Private Taylor, Washington boy who went to France with U. S. engineers in Aurnst, has been commended by General Pershing for coolness in action. His detachment was doing construction work on a front line trench Nov. 15-16 when the sector was shelled and gassed by the Boches.
Taylor and the others worked under the shell fire, suspending operations only while they were compelled to wear their gas masks. Taylor is 21 and enlisted in July.

NO TRAINS WILL LEAVE
CHICAGO TERMINALS FOR
TWENTY HOURS, STATED

Transportation to and From
Windy City Completely
Tied Up.

TRAINS STALLED.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Not a passenger or freight train will leave Chicago terminals for at least twenty hours, according to a prediction made by operating officials of railways entering this city, tonight. The intense blizzard that for days paralyzed all traffic of the middle west, tonight had completely paralyzed all its transportation lines.

The first efforts of the roads, it was said, will be directed toward releasing the scores of trains now imprisoned by drifts and bringing in their passengers. It was understood, however, that to send out new trains only to have them marooned in drifts in a few hours after their start. "Chicago is completely tied up" exclaimed one operating official in discussing the situation.

The lashing below-zero wind made it impossible for workmen to make any headway in their efforts to clear snow from the switch intersections. Scores of passenger trains were reported stalled in drifts throughout the central west. At night the usual crowds of travelers assembled at the railway stations in Chicago and being unable to get trains or hotel accommodations, hundreds spent the night in the stations sleeping on their baggage. At the Illinois Central station, the railway officials threw open fifteen Pullman cars for women and children.

No mail from any direction has been received in Chicago since early this morning, postoffice officials report, and none is going out.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS ARE
BARRED FROM ENTERING
UNITED STATES ARMY

Only Citizens of United
States Can Become
Army Officers.

ARE VALUABLE MEN.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press.) Because of the law that does not permit any but citizens of the United States to become officers in the American army, it has become necessary to refuse the offer of a Russian officer, representing a large number of brother Russian officers in France, to place a group of officers at the disposal of General Pershing, to be used as he might see fit. The decision also affects the plan of the United States army to take over the Russian army in France, to be utilized as a labor army at the same rate of pay as the Russian army battalions.

Many Russian officers would have proved of great value to the American forces as instructors, aviators and interpreters. When their representative was informed by the American officials that it would be impossible to grant the request to himself and his comrades, he explained:
"I had hoped to be able to fight for Russian liberty under the Stars and Stripes and would gladly become a citizen of the United States for the privilege of serving her armies. I am now a man without a country, but I am unable to fight. I shall offer my services to the Red Cross or the Young Men's Christian association and endeavor to be of assistance to the men who are fighting."

'MOVE COAL FIRST'
FUEL OFFICIALS
TELL RAILROADS

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cepted, without observing the usual long-and-short-haul provisions of the interstate commerce act. The commission reserved the right to order revision of rates at any time.
Additional tabulations of railroad earnings in November, made today by the commission, based on returns from 153 roads, showed net revenue from railway operations was \$57,957,000, as compared with \$104,897,000 in November, 1916. Reports are expected from thirty-two additional roads.

Intended for hospitals is a recently invented frame which, when inserted under a cot, enables two men to carry a patient without disturbing him.

COAL MAY BE BOUGHT
WITHOUT ORDER TODAY

CARDS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10
TO 5 O'CLOCK.

Purchasers May Secure 200 Pounds
From Dealers Without Order
From Fuel Administration.

To meet the more pressing needs of the people of the city, and to prevent any possible suffering for the want of fuel, the local fuel administration has made arrangements with the managers of the Southern Coal company and the Carolina Coal company to make sales of coal at their yards today. The city coal yard on Pack square will also be open for business all day.

The coal yards of the two companies will be open from 10 o'clock this morning until 5 o'clock this afternoon. No coal will be delivered by either of the companies, or the city, today, but at the dealers' yards purchasers may secure not more than 200 pounds of coal, and no order from the fuel administration will be necessary.

The city coal yard on the square will open at 9 o'clock this morning and will remain open all day. Through the courtesy of H. W. Plummer, purchaser of coal, will be allowed to carry it home with them on the street cars without an extra charge.

A strict watch will be maintained today to prevent anyone trying to get repeat orders or to otherwise take advantage of the fact that orders from the fuel administration will not be required, and it is hinted that if any such are discovered the "last state of that man will be worse than the first."

While neither the city nor the dealers have very large stocks of coal on hand at present, it is believed that if the supplies on hand are equally distributed there will be enough of the "chill chaser" for all to have a small bag full.

With the present conditions of the streets continue, making it almost impossible for either horse-drawn drays or motor trucks to travel, it has become the proper thing to carry coal about in sacks, and those fortunate enough to secure a sack full carry it in a proud manner, it being almost impossible for the owner of the coal to keep from exulting in his possession.

In discussing the present situation last night the fuel administrator expressed the gratitude of the commission for the splendid services rendered by the faithful city employees in handling the coal for the city. A. Woodcock, of the Citizens' Transfer company, also rendered valuable ser-

ASHEVILLE CLUB
ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Haywood Parker Elected President
and Kingsland Van Winkle Vice-
President.—Successful Banquet.

Despite the fact that the thermometer was hovering unpleasantly near to the zero mark, the annual meeting and banquet of the Asheville club, held at the club rooms last night, drew out a full attendance of members and out-of-town guests. The banquet, which followed the business meeting, was successful from every point of view, a splendid menu having been prepared by Manager Tate.

At the business meeting, which was adjourned to the first Monday in March for the consideration of proposed changes in the by-laws and constitution, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President—Haywood Parker.
Vice President—Kingsland Van Winkle.

Directors (to serve two years)—Mark W. Brown, Dr. J. A. Sinclair and Verne Rhoads.

The reports of the retiring president, P. H. Branch, and of the secretary, showed the club to be in a flourishing condition. President Branch in his address urged the business men of Asheville to support the club, which, he said, is a big asset to Asheville.

The new president, Haywood Parker, in a brief speech thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him.

The banquet was featured by the rendition of several good solos. Dr. Westray Battle sang his annual numbers, "Tally Ho!" and "Way Down in the Valley O'" with his usual success, the entire membership joining in the chorus. By way of an encore Dr. Battle sang a new one entitled, "Ship's at Sea."

Commissioner J. G. Stikeleather sang "The Nigger Baptism" in fine style, and Judge Thomas A. Jones scored a hit with his rendition of "Over There." Other members contributed effectively to the impromptu musical program.

SHE'S WAR BRIDE OF
HOLIDAY SEASON.



MRS. T. A. BOGIE
Mrs. T. A. Bogie, a war bride of the holiday season, is now at Camp Custer, with her husband, Captain Bogie of the Artillery. Mrs. Bogie was formerly Mrs. Helen G. Watson and is a niece of U. S. Senator Watson of Indiana.

CLAIRE AFTON MOVES
HER ESTABLISHMENT

Former New York Designer Takes
Quarters in Drummer Building Due
to Growth of Business.

Claire Afton, the opening of whose modiste establishment in Asheville was announced in the last part of November, has just moved into new and more spacious quarters in the Drummer building, on Patton avenue opposite the post office. The necessity for roomier and more centrally located quarters became more and more pressing as the newly established enterprise became known among the women of the city, and Claire Afton, the proprietor, whose connection with several well-known Fifth Avenue establishments of this type, had acquainted her with the peculiar requirements of an exclusive modiste establishment, has been on the lookout for some time past to find the right locality. Those who have seen the rooms in the Drummer building declare that they form an ideal suite for the purpose.

The entire designing of costumes in her establishment is in the hands of Claire Afton herself, an apprentice-ship of several years with prominent New York establishments, among them Lucille, (better known, perhaps, as Lady Duff Gordon), Madison de Blanc, Adler, and Forsythe, having resulted in a skilled appreciation of the effects of graceful lines and harmonious combination, which has done much to win an already considerable patronage in this city.

"I think," explains Claire Afton, "that the designing of gowns, and the obtaining of appealing effects in draping, are inborn gifts, just as is the talent to paint landscapes, or to write poetry; all of which gifts are only valuable when rigorously trained in schools of the very highest type. I have found that for every woman there are certain characteristics of personality which must be recognized, and with which her attire must be made to harmonize. It is by being able to meet these little needs deftly in the creation of the afternoon costume or the evening gown, that one's time can achieve leadership in this profession."

EXPENSE BILLS OF
SOME BOARDS ARE
TOO EXTRAVAGANT

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co-operate with it in the matter of minimum cost.
"This is their country, they are of its army, and it is confidently expected that they will give the government the greatest good fortune. As it was, the best that is in them, and that they will receive compensation only to the extent that may be necessary in their condition of life."

ICE ON TRACK DERAILS
ENGINE OF 6:30 TRAIN

Frozen snow and ice on the tracks near Lake Junaluska nearly resulted in a bad wreck for train number eighteen, due in Asheville at 6:30 o'clock last night, when the engine of the train was derailed, the forty passengers on the train given a bad shaking up, and the four passenger coaches only left on the tracks by the greatest good fortune. As it was, six hours and a half were wasted, waiting until a yard engine from Canton could go out and work the derailed engine back onto the tracks, and while the thermometer dropped to zero and below, the passengers waited with what patience they could. The train reached Asheville at about 1 o'clock this morning. No one was injured by the accident.

Reading Between
the Lines

If you will look for the deep-down meaning that is behind the advertising of this Bank, you will find a genuine spirit of service, a lively sense of fair play and a clean-cut determination to merit your business rather than merely to ask for it.

Central Bank & Trust Co.,
South Pack Square.

ASSISTANCE MAY BE
HAD BY REGISTRANTS

Owing to the fact that the county exemption board finished its work of sending out questionnaires to the registrants last Tuesday, while the city board finished Wednesday, the lawyers who have been giving their services to the registrants in filling out the blanks will not attend the exemption boards hereafter, but if any registrant desires assistance in filling out his questionnaire he can get assistance from any lawyer in Asheville, and especially from the members of the legal advisory board—S. G. Bernard, C. N. Malone and Guy Weaver.

LOOSEN UP FELLOWS

BY BILLY SUNDAY
(Famous Evangelist)

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Off with Lid, Fellows! Loosen Up! Pass Out Something!

This is the One Season when you ought to have a Glow in your Interior. Workings a lot Warmer than the Hottest Shot of Hot Scotch ever gave you.

The Gink who doesn't feel at Christmas-time, like a Friend of all the World, (barring, of course, Kaiser Bill and his Hun) is a Pretty Sad Proposition, if you Ask Me.

For we are Celebrating the Birthday of the Squarest, Noblest Friend this old World ever had, the One who is our Best Pal when we Need Him.

It's the Time to be a Pal to Anybody who needs One. Therefore, I say "Pass Out Something."

You don't have to Make Somebody a Present of a Rolls-Royce or a Diamond-studded Cigar cutter. You don't have to Go Clean Broke and Get Into Hoek yourself.

There's nothing to that. It's Nut Stuff.

But the Thing to Do is to give what you can, Materially, and also to be Present with the old Glad Hand and the Cheerful Chirp for Everybody—starting at Home.

Show a clean, sober Map to the Wife or the Mother, the Kids or the

Advertisement for Mosler Superior Spark Plugs. Includes logo for Brown Hardware Company and text: 'The best 75c PLUG on the market. The insulator is stone, making it more durable than porcelain. The electrodes are made of manganese wire and will not burn or corrode.'

MORE TERRIBLE AS FRIEND THAN FOE



Advertisement for Pappalardo's Orchestra. Text: 'A FEATURE OF OUR DAILY SERVICE to our patrons that we cannot advertise adequately is, the daily entertainment given here by Pappalardo's Orchestra each afternoon between 4 and 6 o'clock.' Includes Paramount logo and contact information for J. S. Clavier, Mgr. Phone 556-557.