

Cloudy and much colder tonight. Probably rain Sunday.

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A MERRY AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TO ALL

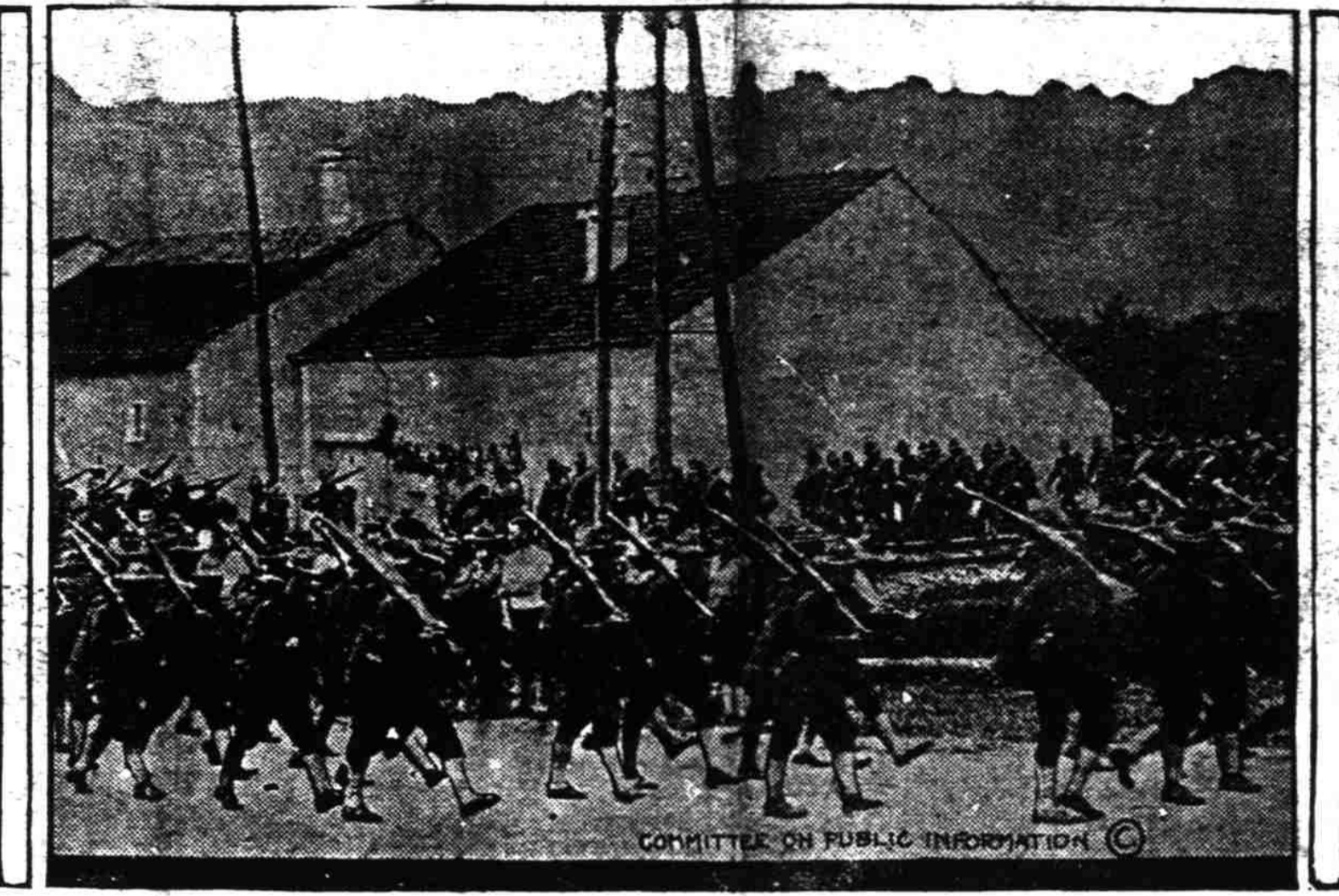
System of Communication With Germany Is Now Unearthed

SANTA CLAUS GIVES CHRISTMAS CHEER TO BOYS NOW IN FRANCE LOTS OF GIFTS FROM BACK HOME

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE—Santa Claus brought Christmas cheer to every man jack in American expeditionary forces today. Van-loads of gifts from "back home" today lumbered into every camp and village—and even up close to that section of the real fighting line where American soldiers manned the trenches.

It took a lot of precious freight space to transport these packages. The Red Cross back home supervised their assembly and their packing. They were all alike—every one wrapped in a khaki-colored handkerchief and tied with red ribbon—and containing chewing gum, tobacco, writing paper and envelopes, some sort of a game, dried fruit, candy, puzzles, a knife and perhaps a mouth organ.

AMERICAN TROOPS WHO ARE NOW FIGHTING IN FRANCE



detachment of our soldiers is marching through a French village on the way to the front. Our soldiers are bringing to their work in France a vigorous vitality that is helping our allies as much as their work in the trenches.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH BUILDING NOW PRACTICALLY COMPLETED PASTOR'S RESIGNATION REFUSED

The Christian Church congregation on yesterday had the pleasure of worshipping in the main auditorium of their handsome building for the first time, and the exercises of the day were in keeping with the occasion.

After a year of toil and labor these good people have seen their efforts materialized to the point where they can serve God in a house of worship practically completed and one too, that is an ornament and a pride to the city. It stands today as a fitting monument to their untiring energy and devotion.

This building was started about one year ago and can now be called finished. The architect was George W. Kramer and Son of New York, known the world over as church architects. In their drawings of this building they placed the very cap-stone, so to speak, on their knowledge in this line, for the building is indeed a beauty.

The present pastor is the Rev. J. J. Walker. He began his labors in Greenville about five years ago. When he came to assume his duties as pastor there were 89 members of the church and 49 only attended the Bible school. Now the church roster shows a membership of 260 members and the Sunday School has enrolled 200 or more.

Perhaps it will be somewhat of a surprise to the citizens of Greenville to learn that Mr. Walker about ten days ago, tendered his resignation as pastor of the church, but they will be delighted to learn that it was not accepted on the part of the congregation and that he has consented to remain as the leader of this flourishing congregation for a longer time.

Mr. Walker tendered his resignation, not due to any friction between pastor and flock, but for the purpose of entering Transylvania College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., for the further prosecution of his studies. Mr. Walker has been granted a scholarship in this well-known institution of learning and he was more than anxious to accept it, but his flock said "no".

MISS BETTIE TOPPING BECOMES THE BRIDE OF MR. J. W. BROOKS

BELHAVEN, N. C., Dec. 24, 1917.—One of the most beautiful weddings of the season was solemnized in the First Christian Church of this city at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning when Miss Bettie Topping the charming and popular daughter of Mr. J. L. Evans of Greenville as Groomsman. Next followed Miss Ruth B. Hop of Bliven clad in dark blue satin with hat and shoes to match carrying pink killarney roses and accompanied by Mr. Durward Tucker of Greenville, N. C., as groomsmen. Then followed the bride dressed in dark blue traveling suit, grey shoes, gloves and hat. A large shower bouquet of Lillies of the Valley, roses and orchids were carried by the bride who proceeded to the altar leaning on the arm of her sister Miss Eda Topping who was maid of honor wore brown satin dress with hat, shoes and gloves to match and carried a large

bouquet of roses and mignonettes. These were met at the altar by the groom who proceeded accompanied by his brother Mr. Frank Brooks of Greenville who acted as best man. To the sweet strains of the organ under the delicate touch of Miss Maude E. Bowen who played softly The Flower Song, Rev. Hayes Fari-h, the brides pastor, spoke the solemn words and conducted the beautiful ring ceremony which made the happy couple one for life. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played as a recessional while the bridal party were leaving the altar. The spacious Church auditorium was beautifully decorated in evergreens, potted plants and lighted by the yellow rays of many candles. A large concourse of friends were present both from the city and out of town to witness the ceremony. The ushers were: Messrs. Lawson Pugh of Lander, W. Va.; Charles Tucker and Mr. Robert Brooks of Greenville and J. O. McKinnon of Bliven.

White Xmas at The Mem. Church

As was previously announced the "White Christmas" at the Memorial Baptist church Sunday night was a treat for no church function of the any given in Greenville in some little while was more enjoyed by the large present. Every part of the program was a treat within itself, so much so, that nothing but the very highest praise is spoken for the entertainment on the streets today. The church auditorium was beautiful in its decorations which were entirely in white and the music rendered has not been equalled in the city in quite awhile.

Ukrainian Troops Secure Rumania

PETROGRAD.—Ukrainian troops have taken over Rumania and South-western fronts and have united under General Tcherbatzcheff, according to word just reached here. The Bolshevik government has ordered the immediate arrest of the general. This may indicate the early resumption of fighting against the Germans.

Garden of Allah Christmas Night

The patrons of the White Theatre on Christmas night will have the pleasure of witnessing one of the greatest, most thrilling moving picture productions to be seen in America, being that of "The Garden of Allah," featuring Helen Ware, one of this country's most popular and distinguished actresses aided by a company of All-stars, including Thomas Santsche in Robert Hichens' pulsating love tale of the Sahara. The picture contains wonderful scenic effects, five thousand people, tribes of Arabs and cost a fortune to film.

Gen. Kalendine Cossacks Grow

PETROGRAD.—Growing strength of Gen. Kalendine's Cossacks makes the observer believe that the Bolsheviki are being swept aside. Germany has already spent fifty million dollars in Russia. The news that Russia has designed to not only bring out a separate peace with a new Russia, but also to completely alienate the affections of that country from the entente.

SOCIETY MEETING

The Ladies Aid and the Missionary Societies of the Jarvis Memorial church had a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. George Hadley on Friday afternoon. The object of this meeting was to unite the societies into one and let it be called the Woman's Missionary Society.

FOR SALE CHEAP — Six year old Shetland Pony and Cart.

Perfectly gentle. E. L. Mayo, Bethel, N. C. 12-22-6c

Songs of the Sammies

BY J. W. PEGLER. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, FRANCE—(By Mail)—If you're coming in France you'd better bring along a few bibles, decks of cards, note-books and spectacle cases. In experimenting to find a bullet-resisting body-armor, the ordnance folks found that these articles have stopped bullets galore in past and present war. The enemy shock-troops are furnished a steel body-shield made in leaves, like the hide of the Armadillo. Sometimes this metal stops bullets and sometimes it just says "how do you do" as the bullet goes whizzing straight on through to cause the Boche an acute pain in the tummy. Bibles have saved lots of lives. A German bullet usually pulls up short and gets religion about midway through Revelations. Three aces have been known to defeat a sizeable shell fragment where the soldier was a man of speculative mind. And spectacle cases are very useful in deflecting ricochet bullets. It is likely that by the time our whole Army takes the field the ordnance department will have adopted some kind of armor. It may be metal and it may be cloth but it is believed that some shield is possible which can prevent many wounds caused by spent bullets or shell fragments.

Run Down and Killed

Miss Louise Holland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holland of Fayetteville, was run down and killed when she stepped in front of an automobile driven by M. N. Person on Hay street yesterday morning. Miss Holland died while being carried to the hospital. Mr. Person was placed under arrest but was afterwards released as he was cleared of all blame by the jury.

Arrested For Murder of Wife

Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, a dentist of Middlesex, this state has been arrested in Wilson on a warrant sent from Richmond charging him with the murder of his wife in that city. The writ was served on Johnson who is now at a Sanatorium in Wilson where he has been recovering from the effects of a dose of poison which he took last Thursday at a local hotel here where he had stopped on his return from Richmond. It was reported that his wife had died following a dose of arsenic which she had taken while she was recovering from the effects of a dose of poison which he took last Thursday at a local hotel here where he had stopped on his return from Richmond.

Red Cross Drive Will Reach Goal

The close of the sixth day for receiving members in the American Red Cross Christmas membership drive brought the goal of 10,000,000 much nearer at the close of Saturday, says a dispatch from Washington. On the basis of returns actually tabulated and of estimates based on known local conditions the district managers have forwarded to Washington headquarters the following reports: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, quota 438,000, membership 250,000. The drive managers claim that the quota will be reached.

City is Packed With Shoppers

Greenville was just packed, jammed and jammed with Christmas shoppers Saturday and the prospects are for a greater rush today, judging by the way folks are flocking to town. All the visiting shop seekers are having their wants fully gratified from the well-stocked Greenville stores, which this season are the very best yet. The streets are so crowded today that it is almost an impossibility for pedestrians to pass each other. All the stores are doing a thriving business and the appearance would indicate that they will do a record business before the closing hour.

Congregation Delighted

The congregation of the Jarvis Memorial M. E. Church were delighted with the sermons delivered by their new pastor, Rev. Walter Patten Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Patten begins his pastorate in Greenville under the most auspicious circumstances and all predict a great year for this church under his ministry.

Holiday Hours

On account of tomorrow being Christmas Day the City postoffice will observe holiday hours. All the banks of the city will be closed. The banks will all be closed Wednesday, the day after Christmas.

TO THE... "The Garden of Allah", the most beautiful love story ever screened. Admission 25 and 35 cts. WEDNESDAY NIGHT "The Price of Pride"—featuring...

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