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HICKORY CHURCHES URGED TO HOLD UNION SERVICES

Fuel Situation Impels City Council to Recommend Saving of Coal This Winter—Lightless Nights to be Observed Two Weeks For City Schools.

The council Tuesday night took cognizance of the fuel situation in the interest of conservation and adopted a resolution recommending that the churches of Hickory hold union services on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

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POSTPONED PRESENTATION

On account of the bad weather, the U. S. A. M. has postponed the presentation of the Borden West graded school December 20, 1917, to some future date.

LAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB DESTROYED

By the Associated Press. Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 19.—The Lakewood Country Club was destroyed by fire today. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

GOOD WEATHER FOR REMAINDER WEEK

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 15.—The prevailing cold temperature east of the Mississippi river will continue with little change until the end of the week, the weather bureau announced.

MINISTERS' SCHOOL AT TRINITY ASSURED

By the Associated Press. Durham, N. C., Dec. 19.—Plans to establish a summer school at Trinity College for Methodist ministers were formulated here yesterday by a committee of ministers from the North Carolina conference and the Western North Carolina conference. The object of the course is to assist young ministers in completing their conference courses and to enable post graduates to take them. Leading ministers will be instructors. The school will begin on June 5 and close on June 15.

GORGAS SCORES FOUR ARMY CAMPS

Washington, Dec. 19.—Insufficient clothing, overcrowding and bad sanitary conditions are held largely responsible for disease epidemic at Camp Sevier, South Carolina; Camp Bowie, Texas; Camp Funston, Kansas; and Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma, by Surgeon General Gorgas in reports to Secretary Baker made public on the result of his personal inspection of the camps.

With the exception of Funston, none of the camp base hospitals has been completed. General Gorgas says, and this is handicapping the medical officers in treating patients. He recommends the rushing of this work, particularly the installation of the necessary plumbing.

Conditions at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., where the Thirtieth division, composed chiefly of former national guard organizations of North Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee, shown in a letter from General Gorgas to the chief of staff of the army. The letter dated at Camp Sevier November 29, last, follows:

"Sanitary conditions here are serious. Sixty men have died of pneumonia in the past month. The camp has been exposed to a general epidemic of measles, about 2,000 cases having occurred within the last month. During the same period, they have had 175 cases of pneumonia and 15 cases of meningitis. The new conscripts of this command are men who are non-immune to measles. They come from the neighboring southern states where population is scarce, and, therefore, have not had measles in childhood. Always with measles, a certain number of cases of pneumonia occur. The mortality of pneumonia from any cause is always high.

"The basic insanitary condition, however, in my opinion is overcrowding. In the past, in this camp, the division commander had had to put 11 and 12 men in a tent, due to the shortage of tentage. This would give about 20 square feet of space to each man. At present, he has to put nine men in a tent, which gives about 25 square feet to the man. I urge that the division commander be directed to furnish at least 50 square feet of floor space to the man, which would give about five men to the tent.

"I also recommend that an observation camp be established where fresh men can be isolated and kept under observation for at least two weeks, or until the camp itself shows evidence of being free from infection.

"The division commander tells me that he expects a large increase in the force at an early date. I urge that no fresh men be sent to this camp until the division commander says that he is able to care for them along the lines of this recommendation.

"There has been a good deal of discomfort and exposure on account of the men having nothing but their summer clothing. This has been in great part corrected in the last 10 days by the arrival of woolen clothing and overcoats. The O. D. wool has not yet been issued, but the authorities are informed that it is on the way. The whole command is still in khaki.

"Heat and plumbing are badly needed in the hospital. Both were authorized two weeks ago. I recommend that the matter be pressed and the hospital be equipped in this respect as just as early a date as possible. The hospital needs badly more transportation. I recommend that they be furnished one motor car, one three-ton truck, and one one-half-ton truck, and one three-quarter-ton truck. The hospital at present has 750 patients."

"At Camp Bowie, where the Thirty-sixth guard division is training, General Gorgas reported during the past month 41 deaths from pneumonia out of 409 cases admitted to the hospital; about 2,900 cases of measles have developed in the same length of time.

"There is a great deal of uneasiness and criticism among the people with regard to conditions here, which are worse from the sanitary point of view in any of the camps I have visited."

THE FORCE OF PRAYER

Do you know that there will be a prayer service in each church tonight? Do you realize that if prayer is a real force, the more people that pray the greater the force exerted? Do you know that united prayer is a more value than private prayer? There is a special promise that where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them, says Christ. Then go to your prayer meeting tonight, and add your soul unto the prayer force of our town.

J. G. GARTH.

BRITISH AIRMEN WHEAT ACREAGE SPANISH VESSEL HIT WITHOUT WARNING

BOMB ENGEL STATION FORTY-TWO MILLION

By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 19.—The successful bombing by British aircraft of Engel airfield behind the German line in Flanders is reported by the admiralty today. The announcement says: Naval aircraft dropped bombs which burst close to the airfield and on the ammunition dumps and railway sidings at the Engel airfield on Tuesday. One enemy airplane was brought down ablaze and one out of control.

VALUABLE PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

By the Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Valuable patents for the manufacture of special equipment for British, French and Italian submarines were destroyed in a fire early today of undetermined origin, which burned the Geo. H. Thatcher Company. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

SUBMARINE F-1 RAMMED BY F-3, 19 LIVES LOST

Washington, Dec. 19.—Nineteen lives were lost when the American submarine F-1 was rammed and sunk by submarine F-3 in home waters during a fog Monday afternoon. The F-3 was undamaged and picked up five survivors of her victim. Secretary Daniels announced the disaster late yesterday in a brief statement which gave no further details.

ITALIAN POSITIONS STORMED ON MOUNT

By the Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 19.—Austro-German forces yesterday stormed the Italian positions on Monte Asoleno and the adjoining heights, according to the official statement issued today by the general staff. More than 2,000 soldiers were captured.

NEWSPRINT PAPER IS GETTING SCARCE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.—Reports to the federal trade commission on the newsprint paper market for five weeks ending December 2 shows a loss of production due principally to strikes on the Pacific coast and a breakdown in mills; a decline in mill stocks of about 4,000 tons, and about 6,500 tons held at the delivery position. A small decline in jobbers' stocks is indicated and also a decline of about 9,500 tons in publishers' stocks as shown.

DANIELS SHOWS WHAT NAVY DOES

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Daniels and Paymaster General McGowan of the navy were their first witnesses summoned to appear today before the house naval subcommittee delegated to begin an investigation into the navy's war activities. Secretary Daniels gave a general review of what the navy has been doing, avoiding the disclosing of facts that would be of value to the enemy. He told how the navy is now building 402 capital and other ships. Discussing the use of submarine chasers, he said they were regarded as a necessity, but were not regarded as permanent assets.

AT PASTIME TODAY

Don't fail to see Harold Lockwood in "Paradise Garden" a seven act Metro Wonderplay at the Pastime today.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Dec. 19.—There was a renewal of scattering Wall Street and local selling in the cotton market today. Active months sold about 18 to 20 points net lower after the call. At this level the market was steadied by covering by trade interests.

WEATHER FORECAST

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SPANISH VESSEL HIT WITHOUT WARNING

By the Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 19.—The torpedoing by a submarine of the Spanish steamer Noviembre, 3,654 tons gross, is reported in a dispatch to the Excelsior quoting advices received there from Bilbao. Thirty of the crew have been landed.

FRENCH CRUISER IS TORPEDOED AND SUNK

By the Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 19.—The old French cruiser Chateau Renault employed as a transport was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on the morning of December 14 and the submarine which attacked her later was destroyed, according to the minister of the admiralty.

SEND KNIT GOODS TO ATLANTA FRIDAY

All ladies who have knitted articles for the Red Cross are urged to send them to Mrs. Council by Friday, as they will be shipped to headquarters on that date. It is important to have the articles on time.

SWITZERLAND REALLY LOVES UNITED STATES

By the Associated Press. Berne, Switzerland, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—The text of the new commercial treaty with the United States was published in Switzerland today and caused an excellent impression everywhere. All the Swiss newspapers expressed gratification with President Wilson and the American government.

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LENOIR COLLEGE TO CONTINUE RUNNING

On account of the serious war conditions and especially the fact that two professors and a number of students have entered the service, a special called meeting of the board of trustees was held Monday. The decision to keep the college open and going was unanimous and enthusiastic. A special committee on ways and means was appointed and a general committee to work out plans and methods for the work of next year.

The friends and supporters of the college will be called upon to stand by the institution in a substantial and faithful manner. A college like an individual needs friends and help when it needs them. A special appeal will be made to all subscribers to the endowment fund that they pay their subscriptions in full just as soon as possible that the whole fund already subscribed be in hand by or before Oct. 31, 1918. Any who have in mind contributing to this fund should do so now, when the need and the opportunity for doing in valuable service are so great.

The board feels assured that these appeals will not be in vain. A teacher to succeed Prof. M. C. Yoder who has taught chemistry and biology so successfully and who has volunteered his services in the army will be employed at an early date.

Lenoir College offers first class courses in college, preparatory, business, music, art, domestic science, expression and on the basis of efficiency and service appeals to the people of Hickory and of this whole section for patronage and support. Our schools must be kept going.

R. L. PRITZ, President.

Lutz Drug Store is taking a war map service that is attracting attention right along and the maps will be turned over to the high school for purposes of study.

Ten Persons Killed and Seventy Injured in Raid: Three Planes Likely Lost

By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 18.—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured during last night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured. One of the German airplanes which took part in last night's raid over England was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed by the British.

From 16 to 20 raiders divided into six groups endeavored to reach London, but only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city. There is reason to believe another raider dropped into the English channel, the official report says.

A British pilot fired two drums of ammunition into a raider as it was dropping bombs on London from a height of 13,000 feet. Several fires occurred. The material damage was not serious. There was no damage to naval or military establishments.