

Big Contingent Local Soldiers Back in U.S.

119th Infantry Reaches Charleston on Two Ships—Company B Comes With the Commanding Officer—Men Who Administered Knockout "Kick" to Hindy Come Home All Covered With Glory, Medals and Tan, and Start Wiring the Folks to Kill the Fatted Calf—30th's Veterans Have Permanent Association—Kinstonians With Other Regiments Arrive

The 1.9th Infantry, together with other troops of the 30th Division, arrived at Charleston Wednesday morning and evening.

On board the Huron were the second and third battalions, and on board the Madawaska the first battalion and headquarters, machinegun and supply companies, 2,973 officers and men in all. Colonel J. Van B. Metts and staff were on the Madawaska. The medical detachment and headquarters of the first battalion were on the Madawaska, the headquarters of the other two battalions on the Huron.

The officers and men were assigned to Camps Jackson, Dodge, Gordon, Grant, Pike, Sherman, Taylor, Funston and Lee to be mustered out. The great majority of the men will be paid off at Camp Jackson.

The troops are moving to the Columbia post and should be discharged within a few days. It is probable that first arrivals of Kinston men will be dropping in before Sunday.

The soldiers of the 30th Division, it was announced upon the arrival Wednesday of Col. Holmes B. Springs at Charleston, have organized a permanent association of veterans of the division, with Colonel Holmes as chairman of the executive committee.

Fine War Record. The 30th, the bulk of which is now back in the States, was first to break the Hindenburg line. General Maurice, British expert, in a recent address at New York said General Foch administered three blows and a kick to the Germans. The kick, he said, was the attack by the British Fourth Army on the northern front. Of the Fourth two American units were first through, and it fell to the 30th to be the first to cross the enemy's supposedly impregnable front line.

This famous battle started September 29. The 119th Infantry took more towns than either of the other regiments in the drive. The 30th came back home with more casualties recorded than any other Southern division. The 30th is to be perpetuated in the new American army.

Home Folks Hear From Them. Many telegrams are coming to glad relations here from Kinston's scores and scores in the 119th. Rodolph Nunn, George Bursell and Willie Leggett were among those who had wired up to Thursday forenoon.

Kinstonians in other units of the 30th arriving during the past few days included Pvt. Roy L. Dail, 118th Infantry; Mus. Robert H. Thornton, 117th Infantry; Pvt. Harry H. Wiggins, 118th Infantry; Pvt. James B. Sykes, 118th Infantry.

Two Units Belong Here.

Company B, first battalion, is Kinston's own, with the 119th. Scores of local men served in the unit overseas. Some did not come back; some came back wearing medals and lacking limbs. All did their part well, their officers testify. Company B is related to have lost its officers three times over in the Hindenburg line fighting. Headquarters company is accredited to Kinston. It is estimated that two or three score of its 275 or 300 members belong here.

Can Give Immediate Relief Disabled Men

Washington, April 3.—By means of a "revolving relief fund" placed at the disposal of the Federal Board for Vocational Education by the Elks' fraternity, immediate alleviation of distressing conditions may be had. Any disabled, discharged man who has been so injured as to be entitled to "compensation" from the War Risk Insurance Bureau, or who is likely to be awarded compensation, can be granted immediate help by the Federal board; and if the board figures that he will be a "compensable case" he is put in training without delay.

BULLETINS

(By The United Press) D. S. MEDAL FOR WOOD. Washington, April 3.—Major Gen. Leonard Wood, for several years the storm center of American army life, has been awarded the distinguished service medal, the War Department announces.

Virginia and North Carolina Enterprises

(By The United Press) Baltimore, April 3.—Among the more important Southern industrial activities of \$100,000 capital or over reported by the Manufacturers' Record for the past week are the following:

A central power plant to supply power to various cotton mills and industrial plants was incorporated at Burlington, N. C., by local parties as Mutual Power & Light Co., capital \$125,000.

A \$200,000 fertilizer plant will be built at Richmond, Va., by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company under plans which have already been prepared. Site contains 270,000 square feet on water front.

Cotton mill plant of the Carolina Cotton & Woolen Mills Company at Coldwater, Va., is practically completed. Manufacturing about to begin. All buildings of brick and steel. Original estimates of cost for first unit of mills and village, \$2,000,000. Buildings were constructed by company force, and include main mill, power-house, six warehouses, finishing building and bleacher.

Construction work will be engaged in by City Realty & Construction Co., Norfolk, Va., capital \$450,000.

Wants it Known That He is on Right Side of Good Roads Fence

"I see that my name was omitted from the list of Kinston merchants endorsing the good roads bond issue, carried in your paper a few days ago," said W. D. Hood, well-known druggist and citizen to a representative of The Free Press Thursday morning.

Continuing, he said, "I suppose the committee either found me out of the store or overlooked calling on me. Please let it be known that I am for good roads good and strong. I do not want to be left on the wrong side of this question at all."

The Free Press will gladly make further additions to the list of endorsers, should any of the merchants find that for any reason their names were omitted.

MASONIC MEETING.

St. John's Lodge No. 4, Masons, will meet in special communication this evening at 8 o'clock, for second degree work.

SOCIETY MEETING.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church will meet Friday at the church.

COX NOT TO TALK POLITICS AS LONG AS HE'S IN KHAKI

Colonel of the 113th Says Nothing to Reports That He Aspires to Governorship—Shy of the Reporters

(By The United Press) Richmond, Va., April 3.—Col. Albert L. Cox, commander of the 113th Field Artillery, 30th Division (Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina troops which broke the Hindenburg line and fought in the Argonne battle), today declined to discuss rumors that he aspires to residence in the executive mansion at Raleigh.

Colonel Cox is visiting his father, Gen. William R. Cox, this city. He stated that while in the uniform of the army he does not care to discuss politics.

Col. Cox leaves tonight for Raleigh. He would not discuss personal incidents in the war.

PEACE CONFERENCE DEADLOCK REMAINS AND TROUBLE GROWS

Crisis in Germany May Come Before Big 4 Get Together—General Peace May Be Only Way Out Difficulty

(By The United Press) Paris, April 3.—Continued failure of the big four to accomplish any apparent progress, together with the increasing seriousness of the situation in Germany, accentuated pessimism surrounding the peace conference today.

There was talk in some high quarters that it might be necessary to make peace along a general line if a settlement is to be effected before a crisis is reached in Germany.

ANOTHER BREAKDOWN IN CASE VS. MINCHER

Marcellus Cobb, Witness, Says His Testimony Wasn't Square With Facts—Didn't See Defendant at His Shop Day of Robbery.

Marcellus Blount, a negro barber, following Will Gorham's second confession Wednesday, has made a statement to Sheriff Taylor that he slipped up in testimony in the Mincher case before Magistrate K. F. Foscu, a few nights ago.

Gorham when arrested for two first degree burglaries implicated E. W. Mincher, boss of convicts. Wednesday he "took back" everything he had said, exonerating Mincher of any part in the robberies.

At the hearing Supt. Frank Rhem declared Mincher was with him the whole of Tuesday before the robbery following which Gorham was arrested, while Blount contended that he had Mincher for a patron that same day.

Blount in his statement to the sheriff said he was mistaken and that it was on Monday that Mincher visited his shop. There is talk of prosecuting the barber for perjury.

WILSON ASKED TO GIVE DEBS RESPITE

(By The United Press) Washington, April 3.—President Wilson has been formally asked to grant a respite to Eugene V. Debs, found guilty and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment under the espionage law, the White House announces. The application is in the hands of the Attorney-General and his recommendation is expected to be forwarded to the President at Paris shortly. The request is signed by Frank P. Walsh, Charles Edward Russell and Allen Benson.

COMMITTEE HAS NOT DETERMINED UPON KIND OF RECEPTION

To Be Tendered Homecoming Wildcats—Chairman Would Present Medals—Some Places Waiting Till July 4 to Celebrate

The "Mayor's Committee" to welcome the homecoming soldiers has done nothing, Chairman Ernest V. Webb stated Thursday afternoon. With a great many of Kinston's khaki-wearers now at Camp Jackson, awaiting immediate discharge, the committee is not yet in a position to say just what kind of reception will be tendered the men of the 119th who will begin arriving here within a week at the outside.

Chairman Webb has been sick several days.

He hopes to be able to call the committee together in a day or two, however. He is uncertain whether it would be wise to hold an immediate celebration or wait until July 4, when many more men will have returned. Some towns will celebrate on the Fourth.

One idea of Chairman Webb is to present a medal to every Kinston man who served in the war.

Plan Highway Honor of General Pershing

(By The United Press) Lincoln, Neb., April 3.—"Pershing Highway," a National road in honor of General John J. Pershing, is being organized by the Lincoln Commercial Club. Present plans contemplate having the road start at New York, touching Princeton, N. J., Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Indianapolis en route west. This would include many historic points and would take in Springfield, Ohio, Lincoln's birthplace.

REPUBLICANS WILL PUT FISCAL SYSTEM IN SHAPE, ASSERT

Believe Government Can Save Millions of Dollars by Reform—Several Different Plans Being Considered

(By The United Press) Washington, April 3.—Reform of the present system of estimating and appropriating for Government expenditures will be made a part of the majority program in the next Congress, according to Republican leaders. The Republicans are convinced that some change in the present fiscal system would save millions of Government funds annually and further Republican chances in the elections of 1920.

Whether the reform should be straight out or the adoption of something resembling the English budget system or a less radical change has not yet been determined.



AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

FRANK J. BART, Private, Co. C, 9th Infantry. Private Bart was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action with the enemy near Modenh, farm, France, October 3, 1918. Private Bart, being on duty as a company runner, when the advance was held up by machine gun fire, voluntarily picked up an automatic rifle, ran out ahead of the line, and silenced a hostile machine gun nest, killing the German gunners. The advance then continued and, when it was again hindered shortly afterward by another machine gun nest, this courageous soldier repeated his bold exploit by putting the second machine gun out of action. His home address is Newark, N. J.

CAUSE OF ROADS IS BEING PREACHED IN EVERY NOOK COUNTY

Workers for Big Bond Issue Getting Results—Farmers Hear Gospel of Better Highways With Willing Ears

Good roads workers of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday continued the conferences with leading men in rural districts. They were accorded hearty welcomes at several points during the forenoon. Many businessmen forsook their offices and stores here and many planters their fields to attend the conferences.

The cause of the \$2,000,000 bond issue looks better every day, according to the Chamber of Commerce workers. Some are confident the majority for the issue at the election April 15 will be very heavy.

A big rally will be held at J. H. Mowborne's store Friday at 11 a. m. (old time). Every person residing in that vicinity is invited to attend.

MANUFACTURERS IN FAVOR GOOD ROADS FOR LENOIR COUNTY

Consider the Proposition From Unselfish Standpoint—"No Better Investment Could Possibly Be Made," Say

Manufacturing interests of the city are in favor of the bond issue for roads. More than a dozen companies and individuals have signed a paper giving the reasons for their endorsement of the proposition. Included are all the cotton and knitting mill interests of the city.

The manufacturers' stand is the more commendable from the fact that they will benefit less than some others from the \$2,000,000 investment proposed, while their taxes will be increased considerably in some instances.

They say:

"We, the undersigned manufacturing interests of Kinston desire to publicly announce our support of the proposed bond issue for the building of permanent public roads in Lenoir County. While some of us fully realize, especially the cotton mill and knitting mill interests in Kinston, that the proposed bond issue will doubtless somewhat increase our taxes, for which we fully realize that in the conduct of our business there will be no direct benefit to us, we recognize the fact, however, that the building of permanent channels of transportation means progress and advancement for the entire county.

"We believe that no better investment could possibly be made so far as it affects the interests of all persons residing in the rural districts of the county, as we know it will enhance the value of every acre of land in the county and indirectly benefit every individual far in excess of any increased taxes he may have to pay.

"As soon as permanent roads are built through all sections of the county the position of every one residing therein will be greatly benefited in everything that goes to make for better living conditions, as well as creating great possibilities for all. When we develop the county we in turn develop our towns, as our county is yet very largely dependent upon our agricultural resources for future development.

"Considering the proposition, therefore, from this unselfish viewpoint, we take great pleasure in giving our support to the proposed bond issue, as we know it will ultimately mean so much for all interests in our county when considered as a whole.

"Kinston Cotton Mills, by J. F. Taylor, president.

"Orion Knitting Mills, by Dr. Henry Tull, president.

"Cazwell Cotton Mills, by J. E. Hood, president.

"Lenoir Oil & Ice Company, by F. C. Dunn, president.

"Hines Bros. Lumber Company, by Lovit Hines, secretary-treasurer.

"Ellis Carriage Works, by J. H.

HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND WORKERS STRIKE AT BERLIN

Metal Workers and Others Take Government by Surprise

Authorities Hadn't Looked For Walkout Before Next Week—Paper Calls Upon Radicals to Start Something

(By The United Press) Berlin, April 3.—Over 150,000 workers went on strike in Berlin late yesterday. Metal workers, technicians and other skilled craftsmen were the first to walkout. They were quickly followed by several other trades unions.

While the strike had been anticipated several days, it was believed it might be postponed until next week. The sudden walkout caught the government forces unprepared. There was no violence and the city was quiet last night.

"Let's Get Busy."

Berlin, April 2 (Delayed).—Freiheit today published the following appeal to the radicals of the central committee:

"Workmen and workwomen, rise and demonstrate against the brutal military government which will gradually place the entire land under a state of siege. The government is forbidding workmen's meetings but is not hindering the demonstrations of reactionaries."

The new general strike and political outbreak in Berlin is still smoldering. The government is preparing to use force to crush any demonstrations.

South Increases Its Savings by Big Leaps

(By The United Press) Richmond, April 3.—The South has increased its per capita savings 45 per cent in four years, according to figures compiled by Milton W. Harrison of the savings bank section of the American Bankers' Association. Mr. Harrison has shown the per capita savings in banks and trust companies of the United States for every state in the Union and for each section. He shows also the amount of war stamps owned per capita by each state.

The Southern States have increased their savings in four years more than four times as much as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware and more than twice as much as the New England States. But the Southern States are shown to own the smallest number of war-savings stamps per capita—\$6.14—while the Western and Pacific States lead with over \$10 per capita.

Storebreaker Wouldn't Stay in Custody; Beat It Away From Police

A white man was arrested at the Lenoir Drug Store, Queen and North Streets, Wednesday night or Thursday morning after he had removed slats from over a window, apparently with the intention of entering the place. Patrolman Lemuel Aldridge made the arrest. The prisoner said he was from Greens County and gave a rather unusual name, which did not get on the blotter because Aldridge, it is said, forgot it and because the man escaped.

Aldridge left the prisoner at the police station to be locked up. Before those at the station had a chance to commit him to a cell he eased to the door and sprinted. He had not been rearrested at the last report.

Ellis.

"J. T. Whitfield.

"Kinston Steam Laundry.

"Moseley Brick & Tile Company.

"Carolina Brick Company, by L. R. George, secretary-treasurer.

"Kinston Iron & Mantel Works.

"Rutledge Lumber Company.

"W. H. O'Berry Manufacturing Company."

(Buy War-Savings Stamps)

GIVE US WHAT WE'D LIKE TO HAVE, DO AS YOU WISH THEN

Is Bolshevik Proposal to Peace Conferees at Paris

NO MATTER RECOGNITION

Lenine Says Reds Will Make Good if Given the Chance—"Call Off Your Dogs, and We'll Fix Things Right"

(Copyrighted 1919 by United Press) Paris, April 3.—The Russian soviet government is not asking for recognition from the associated powers, it is learned authoritatively.

The proposition recently submitted to the peace conference by Premier Lenine is summed up substantially like this: "Make a major peace with us, enabling us to end the numerous little wars that are being waged on Russian territory; lift the blockade and permit us to get food and materials, and then we will make good and you can recognize us if you care to."

Germans Resist Reds.

Berlin, April 3.—A bolshevik offensive is reported to have been started yesterday in East Prussia. German troops are said to be making successful resistance. The Germans have been preparing for a bolshevik offensive on the eastern frontier several weeks. Marshal Von Hindenburg recently called a council of war at Kolburg to discuss defensive measures.

New Shoes for Old One Kind of Thrift

Richmond, April 3.—Some idea of thrift possibilities in shoe repairing is given in the fact that Uncle Sam will spend in the first six months of this year nearly \$8,000,000 for cobbling army shoes. This provides for repairs costing about \$1.20 a pair on army shoes that cost \$7.15 a pair new, and each American soldier will have three pairs of shoes mended within that period. With shoes for civilians costing \$7 to \$10 a pair, it is considered thrift to spend \$1.50 to \$2 for modern mending by the latest machine methods. Money thus saved can be well invested in interest-bearing war-savings stamps.

COTTON.

Table with columns: Futures quotations Thursday week, Open, Close. Rows: May, July, October.

Local receipts to 3 o'clock were about 50 or 60 bales, prices ranging from 25 7-8 downward.

New York Report.

New York, April 3.—First call cotton prices were up over \$1 a bale on a strong market. Short covering and further talk of reduction caused the bears to take to the tall timber. Wall Street bought while the South sold. Liverpool was a buyer on balance.

Soy Beans as Green Vegetable a Success

(By The United Press) Washington, April 3.—Hanto soy beans, introduced from Japan, are excellent for the production of green beans similar to lima and butter beans. About 115 days are required for the bean to make sufficient growth for use as a green vegetable. Being a bush variety, it also is adapted for storage production, its yield of green feed or seed being superior to many other varieties on the market.

21 MILLIONS PAID OUT TO SOLDIERS

(By The United Press) Washington, April 3.—Over \$21,000,000 has been paid to about 350,000 soldiers and sailors in lots of \$60 each under the Bonus provision passed by Congress.