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RUSSIA IS OUT OF WAR

Orders a Cessation of War; Demobilization of Armies on All the Fronts.

London, Feb. 12.—Confirmation of the German report that Russia has withdrawn from the war is contained in an official Russian statement received here today.

The statement says Russia declares the war with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria to have ended, Russian troops simultaneously receiving an order for complete demobilization on all fronts. For the defense of the frontier some detachments of younger soldiers will be left.

The peace negotiations with the central powers have been ended, the statement says. The Russian delegation refused to sign a treaty providing for annexations by Germany. Nevertheless, Russia will not continue the war with the Germans and Austrians, "workmen and peasants, like ourselves."

President Wilson Answers the Teuton Premiers.

President Wilson, addressing Congress in joint session at 12:30 o'clock Monday, replied to the recent speeches by German Chancellor von Hertling, and the Austrian Foreign Minister, Count Czernin.

Chancellor von Hertling's statement, the President said, was very vague and confusing and leads to practically no conclusion. It was very different in tone from Count Czernin's, which, he said, had a very friendly tone.

The President reiterated that the United States had no desire to interfere in European affairs and "would disdain to take advantage of any internal weakness or disorder to enforce her own will upon another people."

The test of whether it is possible for the belligerents to go on comparing views, the President said, was simple and obvious and the principles to be applied, he said, were as follows:

1. Each part of the final settlement must be based upon essential justice to bring a permanent peace.
 2. Peoples and provinces are not to be bartered about like chattels to establish a balance of powers.
 3. Well-defined national aspirations must be accorded all possible satisfaction.
- "A general peace upon such foundation can be discussed," said the President. "Until such a peace can be secured we have no choice but to go on."

Number of American Victims of Tuscania at Least 159.

A Scotch Seaport, Monday, Feb. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American dead as a result of the sinking of the steamer Tuscania apparently is at least 159.

Thus far 145 bodies have been buried along the Scotch coast and 14 additional bodies were recovered today.

Spend, but spend wisely. Save and save earnestly. Buy war savings stamps.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

A War Saving Society for Every School.

"Not only every school but every class at school should be organized into a War Saving Society if North Carolina does her part in raising money to help win the war," says Col. F. H. Fries, of Winston-Salem, the man appointed by Secretary McAdoo to raise North Carolina's amount of fifty million dollars. "Every school child in the State," says Col. Fries, "should be a saver and never before has such inducements to save money been offered to all the people, particularly to children and people of small means as they have today. This offer is through Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

Thrift Stamps cost only twenty-five cents each and when you have purchased sixteen, you change your Thrift Card for a War Saving Stamp, for which the Government will pay you \$5 after January 1, 1923.

The pledge and purpose of the War Savings Stamps are:

- "I pledge myself (1) to systematic saving; (2) to refrain from unnecessary expenditures and the purchase of non-essentials, in order that labor and material now employed in the production of articles not necessary to my health and efficiency may be released for the production of those articles and supplies which the United States needs for the support of its Army and Navy; (3) to lend my earnest efforts to encourage thrift and economy in my community and to secure other members for this society; and (4) to invest in United States War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps, and to encourage others so to do."

The Useless Dog Must Go.

West Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Says the Agricultural Extension Service of Florida in a recent communication to Director B. W. Kilgore of the State College Extension Service.

"The sentiment for getting rid of useless dogs seems to be growing in favor all over the country. It is a desirable growth. Hundreds of useless dogs are being protected thruout and consume an astonishingly large amount of food. It is not so noticeable in the country and in small towns, but in the cities where dogs are fed largely on prepared foods the cost is far from negligible.

"Most of these dogs are worthless. Some are diseased and spread disease. Others are vicious. They are responsible to a great extent, for the death of sheep in the State. This is one of the most serious charges against the worthless dog for he discourages the production of mutton and wool at a time when both are badly needed.

"The latest report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for Florida places the number of sheep killed by dogs in the years 1915-16 at 3,651. In the same period, 1,428 died of disease and 3,307 died of exposure. Dogs caused the death of more than forty per cent of the sheep that died on the farms.

"Because sheep are usually carried on poor ranges, it would not be profitable to build dog-proof fences around the flocks. The cheaper method to handle the sheep-killing dog is for the State to tax him out of existence."

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

EAST MARION.

East Marion, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Smith Brown was taken to the Rutherford Hospital Friday to be operated on for appendicitis.

Miss Ora Bradley of near Old Fort spent last week with her brother, W. G. Bradley.

Lee Lavender of Nebo spent the week end with friends here.

John Burain of Old Fort visited Mr. Jolly Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Nora and Emma McCurry spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Tony.

Miss Cordie Morgan and Robert Moses were quietly married Sunday morning.

Miss Mamie Bowman visited her sister, Mrs. Lawing, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lavender entertained a few of their friends Saturday night.

CURFEW.

Curfew, Feb. 12.—The average attendance of Curfew school is increasing.

Miss Laura Reel has returned to Clinchfield after a visit of several days with homefolks.

Miss Ora Bradley of Crooked Creek is visiting relatives here.

Charles and Eck Lail of Construction, visited their parents here Sunday night.

Miss Lula Hicks spent the week-end with her parents near Old Fort. She was accompanied by Eva Hawkins.

A. C. Morgan left Monday for Construction, where he will be engaged in work.

We are sure glad to see pretty weather again.

C. M. Nanney Dies Suddenly.

Mr. Columbus M. Nanney died suddenly Tuesday afternoon, February 5, at 3 o'clock, at his home in the gap between Round and Stone Mountains, in Broad River township. He was buried Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Stone Mountain church yard near his home, the funeral services being conducted in the church by Rev. Geo. P. Harrill in the presence of a large audience.

Mr. Nanney was sixty years old last April. He had been a member of Stone Mountain Baptist church since boyhood, had been clerk of the church for thirty years and at the church meetings on conference days had only missed being present twice in fifteen years. He leaves behind to mourn his departure a wife, five sons, three daughters and about fifty grand children. His youngest child is now 29 years old and the father's death is the first to occur in the family.

To say that Mr. Nanney will be greatly missed in his home, in his church, and in the community is only modestly stating what will be true. He was a man who not only believed in progress but kept his shoulder to the wheel all the while; pushing on when progress was possible, scotching when it was not. Almost the last word spoken to his wife before falling from his chair was: "I have saddled the horse and am going over to see about the school house that was burned last night."

The family has lost a devoted father, the church a faithful member, and the county a progressive citizen.

G. H.

Yesterday was Ash-Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Easter falls this year on the 31st of March. Today is St. Valentine's Day.

Bible Class Among the McDowell Men at Camp Jackson.

The Progress has received the following letter from Rev. T. G. Tate, who is now engaged in religious work at Camp Jackson:

I had the pleasure of organizing a Bible class in Co. K, 321st Infantry, on February 3rd. Thirty-seven were present, and of this number fully half were from McDowell county. Last week part of the men were transferred, leaving about thirty in the company, but today we had eighteen present. Corporal Bane of North Carolina was elected president of the class; Clyde Phillips, vice president; G. C. Crawford of Sugar Hill, secretary, and B. G. Walsh of Marion, leader. I am still teaching until the class gets under way, when a teacher will be elected. The following is a partial list of the McDowell county men in the class: Crawford, Walsh, Halliburton, Owensby, Conley, Duvall, Hawkins, Morphew, Daves, Lowery and others. This class meets every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. You should hear them sing the soldiers' favorite song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." I want to call on all the Christian people of our home county to pray for us in this work and to write the boys a letter of encouragement if you feel inclined.

I had the pleasure the other night of meeting Major D. W. Adams, of the 3rd B 321st, formerly of Old Fort, and found him deeply interested in the boys, especially those from McDowell.

A word to those who may enter the army from McDowell in the next draft. Come to one of the Y. M. C. A.'s as soon as you can after reaching camp. If any of the people of McDowell want any help in reaching their sons or brothers in camp, write to me, care of Army Y. M. C. A., Camp Jackson, S. C., and I will be delighted to serve you.

T. G. TATE,

Army Y. M. C. A. No. 137, Camp Jackson, S. C.

Schools to Celebrate Washington's Birthday as War Savings Day.

The public schools of the county will observe Washington's Birthday this year as War Savings Day. Appropriate programs and literature to aid in the preparation of these exercises are being sent out from the office of the county superintendent. Every school is preparing an interesting and instructive program for the occasion; the object of the movement being to promote the sale of Thrift Stamps.

An effort is being made by the teachers and school authorities to induce every girl and boy in the schools to become a member of the honor roll by purchasing Thrift Stamps. If every child of school age in the county were to buy even a \$5.00 card it would mean that there would be savings in the hands of the children of more than \$30,000. This would be almost double the amount of the general school fund of the county.

The co-operation of the public in this movement is invited. Parents and patrons of schools are requested to be present at the schools on War Savings Day, Friday, February 22, and take part in the exercises.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Secretary has decided that Camp Greene, Charlotte, now occupied by regular divisions, will not be continued as a permanent training center because of unsuitability of the ground on which it is located.

The First National Bank of Morganton received a car load of pigs last Friday and sold them at cost to the farmers of Burke county. There were 166 pigs in the lot and they ranged from 40 pounds to 150 pounds. The net price to the purchaser was 21½ cents per pound.

State Food Administrator Page has made an exception in the recent order requiring purchase of equal amount of cereals with pound for pound for flour. The farmer who raises his own cereals may buy flour without taking meal or other substitutes, 25 pounds being the limit of flour so bought. This straightens out the most embarrassing feature of the new act.

Convention Called by Republicans of Tenth.

Asheville, Feb. 9.—In session here today, the Republican tenth district executive committee adopted resolutions pledging loyalty and support to the government in the prosecution of the war. The resolutions also favor exemption of soldiers and sailors from payment of poll tax.

Turning to political matters the committee promised former Congressman James J. Britt vindication at the poll if he consents to become the standard-bearer of the party this year. The seating of Representative Zebulon Weaver is characterized as "unlawful and high handed," "an intolerable wrong."

The congressional convention is called for April 6 at noon in Asheville.

Precinct committees are directed to hold their meetings Friday, March 29. Recommendation is made to the counties to hold conventions March 30 to name delegates to the district convention here. That convention will recommend a congressional nominee to be voted on in the primaries.

Chairman Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, presided, and in addition to the committeemen there were prominent county leaders in attendance. The meeting was held in the office of Thomas J. Harkins with Eugene Ward as secretary.

Heatless Mondays Abandoned.

The national fuel administration Friday issued an order abandoning the heatless Monday programme in eight Southern States.

This order was issued on account of the milder temperatures. In other portions of the country the order remained in force Monday but if the milder weather continues the order may be rescinded as to all parts of the country.

The next term of Superior court will convene here on next Monday, February 18, for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. This term will be for two weeks, and will be presided over by Judge Frank Carter of Asheville.