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# STILL BEWARE GERMAN PROPAGANDA

## Investigation of German Finances to be Made to Indicate Indemnity

### SALISBURY BOY SPECIALY HONORED

Lieut. Robt. Nicolson One of Two American Officers to Make Advance Entry Into Stincourt.

### MEETS GERMAN OFFICER AND CHECKS UP HUN GUNS

German Officer Told Americans He Was Damned Glad War Was Over—Dine Together.

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army North of Verdun Sunday November 17, two 16-inch cannon turned over to the Americans at Spincourt Saturday were guns used by the Germans in shelling the Verdun region. Forty-two guns of various calibre were surrendered.

The entrance of the Americans into Spincourt Saturday was one of the most spectacular features of the American advance. Lieut. Emmet Gruner, of St. Louis, Mo., represented the first army, with Lieut. Robert Nicolson, of Salisbury, N. C., going as military expert to see that the guns were all in good condition. The lieutenants were accompanied by an infantry sergeant and four privates. Lieutenant Gruner, a sergeant and one private went ahead in an automobile carrying a white flag. Lieutenant Nicolson and other privates followed. Upon reaching the outskirts of Spincourt they were met at the line by a German lieutenant who spoke English. He conducted the Americans to the village hotel where billets had been provided. After saying he was glad to see them and expressing his belief that his responsibility had passed the German said: "I am damn glad the war is over."

Lieutenant Nicolson and the German began checking up the guns and continued this work until dark. The German entertained the two lieutenants at dinner. The German continued to wear his side arms until after dinner, the American also wearing theirs. After dinner the German said he thought he would not need his arms but remarked that he felt nervous during the afternoon and that as the German infantry had retreated he was uncertain as to what the Americans might do. All three took off their side arms and spent the night at the hotel. The German slept on the first floor and the Americans directly above. They breakfasted together and finished checking up the guns after which Lieutenant Gruner gave the German a receipt for them.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Reporting today on the march of the third army into Belgian territory evacuated by the Germans General Pershing announced that by nightfall the advance elements had reached the line of Escaut-Saath, near La Tour or near the German border.

Lieutenant Nicolson mentioned in the above Associated Press dispatch, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Nicolson, former residents of this city, who now live on their farm several miles east of the city. He was one of the first young Salisburyans to enter the officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe and shortly after receiving his commission was sent to France. Not only will the honor conferred upon him be a great one to his family and friends here and in his country, but also a great one to the city of Salisbury that he is alive and unharmed. Young Nicolson had a short military education before going to Fort Oglethorpe, having received this at a Virginia military school.

### POSTMASTER GIBSON COMMITTS SUICIDE

Bryson City Man Hanged Himself. Had Been in Ill Health. Is Said Formerly Lived Here and Was Well Known.

Asheville, Nov. 17.—W. A. Gibson, postmaster at Bryson City and well known in Western North Carolina, committed suicide by hanging himself yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, according to information received here last night. Mr. Gibson, better known as "Mann" Gibson, left no explanation, it is said, for his act, but relatives and friends last night stated that he had been in ill health and was threatened with a nervous breakdown.

### TO HONOR OUR SOLDIER DEAD

Movement On Foot for Suitable Memorial to Rowan Boys Who Lost Their Lives in the War.

### PERMANENT RECORD BOOK IS TO BE MADE UP

Bronze Tablet With Names Inscribed; Also a Suitable Monument or Memorial Building.

(By Associated Press.)

A movement has already started for the erection of a suitable memorial in honor of Rowan's heroic dead who in any manner lost their lives in the world-wide war. Permanent record is to be kept of every man who laid down his life in the cause of humanity in the great struggle that has just ended and in which America played so decisive a part. This will be a labor of love on the part of the people of this county and when the plan has been shaped and active work begun there is no doubt but that the response will be liberal and unanimous.

Mr. A. H. Boyden, who is taking a deep interest in this matter, in talking to the Post today said: "The war is over and blessed peace is here but there are still many things for us who stayed at home and enjoyed the blessings of our homes and country to do. We must not forget that there are certain obligations and duties we owe, not only to the men who are coming back to us, but to the glorious, manly brave boys who gave up their lives in the great battles of France and Belgium.

"The time has come when there must be a movement to honor, our dead, and I trust will meet with unanimous response to the work before us. As chairman of the Council of Defense the first duty that I will have to perform will be to get the names of all of our boys who died over there, whether killed in battle, died of disease, died by accident or torpedoed and drowned, or from any other cause, and I ask the fathers and mothers and all other persons interested in this matter to send in to Mrs. J. D. Norwood, all information they may have in regard to the boys who were killed or died. This information must be as accurate as is possible to procure. It will then be inscribed in a book of record and that book placed in a vault at the court house so that the part Rowan county played in this great war can be given to future historians.

"After we get all of this information we will then proceed to erect a proper and suitable tablet inscribed with each man's name who lost his life. The tablet will likely be of bronze and will be placed either in the Community building or the court house. That matter will be arranged later and then after we have finished this work it should be the pleasure of the good people of the county to erect a memorial, either a monument like the beautiful Confederate monument that adorns West Innes street, or a memorial building of some sort.

"All this matter will come up for public discussion but I desire to throw out now to let our people know what we are expected to do in this matter, and I feel sure that when the time comes there will be a unanimous response to whatever appeals the committee may make."

### MOSES TAKES HIS SEAT

George H. Moses of New Hampshire Sworn in as United States Senator. His Oath Was Taken.

Washington, Nov. 18.—George H. Moses of New Hampshire, was sworn in as a member of the senate today after a sharp debate in which Chairman Davenport of the committee on privileges and elections attempted to prevent action on charges of irregularity in the New Hampshire election November 5.

### COMPLETE CLASSIFICATION

Local Draft Board Is Instructed to Get Registrants of Age Referred to Properly Classified—Physical Examination Not to Be Made.

### ONLY GUESS ON PEACE MEN

Even Time and Place for Conference Not Yet Determined—Lofollette Writes Senate.

### GOVERNOR BICKETT ANNOUNCED TODAY AFFAIR AT WINSTON

Governor Bickett Announced Today from Raleigh That Trouble Would Be Probed.

(By Associated Press.)

Winston-Salem, Nov. 18.—Order was restored here today after a night of rioting in which four persons were killed and a score injured when a mob attempted to lynch Russell High, a negro held in the city jail charged with shooting J. E. Childress and Sheriff Flint and attacking Mrs. Childress.

The negro, who was not positively identified is believed to have been removed elsewhere for safe keeping. The arrival of 250 soldiers from Camp Greene, Charlotte, and 175 from Camp Polk, Raleigh, today had a pronounced effect on the mob, which dispersed after word passed around that the prisoner had been taken under heavy guard to another city. The militia took charge of the situation at once. Before it reached here the police, assisted by home guards, arrested a large number of whites and negroes carrying concealed weapons. The jail at daylight was filled with persons who had been disarmed and locked up while the mob spirit was at its highest pitch.

The list of dead includes Rachel Levi, a young white girl, who was shot while leaning out of window of her home during indiscriminate firing; Robert Young, a fireman, was killed while playing a stream of water on the mob; and Chas. J. White, a construction foreman, was fatally wounded while driving a motor car near the scene of the rioting. After the arrest of High there was much talk of lynching and a mob quickly gathered. Efforts by the mayor to restore quiet unavailing when the home guards joined the police and fighting became general. Detachments of the home guards of Greensboro and Mt. Airy were summoned here when the situation got beyond control of the local authorities.

Today Governor Bickett at Raleigh announced that there would be an immediate investigation.

### TROUBLE IN WINSTON

Mob Tried to Get to and Lynch a Negro. But Was Filled—Numerous Persons Injured and Two Dead Last Night—Troops Sent from Camp Greene.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 18.—The death toll in the riot here tonight, which followed efforts of a mob to storm the city jail and lynch a negro prisoner, had been increased at midnight to five—a girl spectator, a city fireman and three negroes. The police believe that a detailed search tomorrow will show that at least seven persons and maybe more were killed. Unwards of a score of persons are believed to have been injured, five or six of them seriously. They are mostly white persons and include two members of the home guard, which was called out when the mob made its second visit to the jail after shooting a negro and accidentally wounding a white prisoner in the afternoon.

Two Known Dead  
Winston-Salem, Nov. 17.—At least two persons are known to have been killed and probably a score of others injured, several seriously, in a riot here tonight which resulted from the efforts of a mob of several thousand men to storm the city jail and lynch a negro accused of shooting J. E. Childress and Sheriff Flint and attacking Mrs. Childress last night. Late tonight firing still was going on in different parts of the city, the mob finally having broken into small groups. Efforts of the home guard and the police to restore order were unavailing even at this time and Governor Bickett was asked to intervene. He ordered home guards from Greensboro and arranged to have a company of regular soldiers sent from Camp Polk near Raleigh.

### W. HOHENZOLLERN RETURN TO HOME

Said That the Former Emperor Will Leave Holland on Account of Internal Disturbances in That Country—Former Empress Arrives in Holland by Airplane.

### HUN PROPAGANDA IS AGAIN ACTIVE

This Time it is to Secure a Modification of Armistice and Leniency of Peace Terms.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Nov. 18.—(3:47 a. m.)—The Potsdam Soldiers and Workmen's committee learns that William Hohenzollern intends to return to Germany because of disturbances in Holland, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The Local Anzeiger of Berlin states that he is likely to be permitted to return.

Prince Eitel Frederick, son of the former German emperor, appealed to his comrades at the Potsdam garrison to place themselves at the disposal of the new government in Germany. Former Empress in Holland  
Amsterdam, Nov. 18.—(11:24 a. m.)—The former German empress has arrived in Holland, making the trip by airplane, according to the Zeevaarder correspondent of the Telegraf.

W. S. S.  
A concerted movement is apparent, officials say, in the utterances of many individuals, a few organizations formerly active for German interests and some newspapers. There is no organized leadership, it is believed, but local interests have taken the cue from official pleas from Germany for leniency in the armistice and final peace terms.

Bulgaria Seeking Easy Settlement  
Athens, Saturday, Nov. 16.—Reports of a change in Bulgaria and the proclaiming of a republic there have been received here but official confirmation is lacking. The general opinion here is the reported founding of a republic in Bulgaria is a new move on the part of Bulgaria to escape certain responsibilities in connection with the coming of peace.

Cotton Meets Considerable Realizing  
New York, Nov. 18.—The cotton market met considerable realizing on an increased advance of 12 to 30 points today. It seemed the scattering short interests had been very much reduced. Trade buying was not much in evidence, while there was some scattered selling for Southern account and prices soon broke. December sold off from 26.00 to 25.80 and January from 26.25 to 26.05 within the first half of hour with active months generally showing a net loss of 30 to 45 points. The market steadied at this level on covering but seemed rather nervous and unsettled during the middle of the morning.

A Fine Record  
The two special committees of the Sacred Heart church with a membership of only 150 have called on the members for subscriptions to the United War Work campaign.

The solicitor has made a fine record in securing a fund of \$759.25. Those who are able are urged to phone 44 campaign headquarters and say double my subscription.

W. S. S.  
The wage order does not apply to persons paid \$30 or less a month for seasonal services taking only a portion of their time. Cases of employees paid on a commission or a combination salary and commission basis, not including express or outside commissions, will be considered by the board of railroad wages and working conditions.

### RY. TELEGRAPHERS GET WAGE RAISE

Washington, Nov. 16.—Railroad telegraphers' wages were advanced by order of Director-General McAdoo today 13c per hour above the rate prevailing last January 1, with a minimum of 48c per hour, retroactive to October 1. Eight hours hereafter is to be considered a day's work and over-time will be paid at the rate of time and a half.

This order, involving aggregate increases of about \$30,000,000 a year, applies to between 60,000 and 70,000 employees including telegraphers, telephone operators, agent-telegraphers, agent-telephoners, tower men, levermen, tower and train directors, block operators, and staff men. It does not apply to telephone switchboard operators. A separate wage order will be issued next week applying to railroad agents who are not telegraphers. The order meets partially the request of the order of railroad telegraphers for advances and will tend, through the provision for time and a half pay for over-time to cut down the long hours of employment of which telegraphers heretofore have complained.

HERALD TO CONTINUE PUBLICATION.  
The publishers of the Yadkin Valley Herald announced some days ago that it would likely be discontinued with the first of the year. The announcement was made at the time when the war was running at full tilt, when the keenest interest was forcing readers to a daily paper and when the outlook for newspaper stock was not very bright.

We shall continue the publication of the Herald and make it a permanent semi-weekly. The paper will be twice a week during 1919, and \$1.50 a year strictly in advance. Print paper is not only high but scarce and the government, through its war industries board, is demanding the strictest economy in print paper, so the cash in advance system will be continued and strictly enforced.

The most of the subscriptions to the Herald expire in December and January and we trust that there will be a prompt renewal of those who wish the paper another year. The close margin on which the paper is issued makes it necessary that the price of \$1.50 in advance be enforced.

Let us say here also that all combinations and clubs are off. We cannot get any club rates or combination subscriptions. We have heretofore renewed subscriptions to a few other papers for the accommodation of our subscribers, but from now on we can only take a subscription for our own paper.

W. S. S.  
Yell of Fire in a Spanish Theater Caused a Panic and Score of Little Folks Are Trampled to Death.  
(By Associated Press.)  
Castellon, Spain, Nov. 18.—A fatal panic occurred in a motion picture theater here last night, when an unidentified person cried "fire!" The theater was crowded, most of the spectators were children and 25 children and one soldier were trampled to death. Twelve children were injured severely and 25 slightly.

### STUDYING DEBT OF GERMANY

Government Agents Probing Into Germany's Ability to Pay Heavy Indemnities.

### ALMOST CERTAIN IT WILL RUN INTO THE BILLIONS

Germany Will Not Have to Repudiate Her National Debt But May Tax Bonds Heavy.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 18.—A study of the German financial situation has been undertaken by government agents here with a view of throwing light on the abilities of the German nation to pay big sums as reparation for devastation of invaded countries. Unofficial reports indicate that Germany's national debt represented mainly by war bonds held in the empire is now nearly thirty-five billion dollars or more than two-fifths of the estimated national wealth of eighty billion dollars.

Although there has been no official announcement or intimation of the aggregate amount which the allies expect Germany to pay it is certain it will run into the billions of dollars and necessarily the chance of payment must accord with Germany's ability to pay. The ability will be measured by the nation's power to revive her peace time industries and trade and tax this for State purposes. Financiers say some of the claims for restitution and restoration by a fee of the allied nations are extravagant, beyond Germany's ability to pay, even though this is estimated at the highest.

The victorious allies are not concerning themselves primarily, it is believed, with Germany's redemption of her own national debt since this is largely internal. Comparatively small amounts of Germany's war bonds are owned outside of Germany. Officials here do not believe the German government will repudiate internal indebtedness but think rather that taxes will be made so heavy as to force the citizens to turn in their bonds as settlement. In this way the war debt can be cancelled without actual repudiation.

W. S. S.  
WORK OF COUNTY COURT  
Negro With Mania for Stealing Hams Again Faces Judge Wright—Several Other Cases.

In the county court this morning Paul Barber, a negro who has spent much of his life on the roads and whose weakness is stealing hams, though he was contributed many other articles not belonging to him for his own use, faced the court on the charge of stealing a big country ham from Babon's store on Chestnut Hill. When the larceny of this ham was reported to Captain of Police Keeler Saturday afternoon he at once summoned Barber and arrested him. Paul was penitent and admitted taking the valuable piece of meat and told the officer where he would find it. He said it was hid down near the creek back of the Federal cemetery and sure enough it was found where he had indicated. He was given 60 days on the roads.

Another case was that of a young man charged with temporary larceny of an automobile but he was acquitted. A negro man was indicted for an assault on a negro woman but he was acquitted and the woman named prosecutor and taxed with the costs.

W. S. S.  
Mr. Olin H. Estridge who is in the medical department of the navy, stationed at Newport, R. I., will leave for that place Tuesday night after spending a two weeks' furlough with his sister, Mrs. F. P. Pratt in Fulton park.

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