

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

The leaders in the wards of the city for the Red Cross Roll Call are requested to meet in the Red Cross rooms in the Community building on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock for a conference with the county chairman and city committees.

These captains and lieutenants are asked to name their canvassing committees for the various districts of the city and have them at this conference if possible. They are urged to be present and to have as many of their individual canvassing teams as possible with them.

The following is the list of appointments by wards who are asked to direct this Roll Call for the city of Salisbury:

South Ward—Mrs. Beverly Lake, Captain; Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Mrs. M. C. Ruffy and Mrs. N. A. Crout, Lieutenants.

North Ward—Mrs. P. S. Carlton, Captain; Mrs. J. W. Ratts, Mrs. A. E. Davis and Miss Susie Whitehead, Lieutenants.

East Ward—Miss Mary Henderson, Captain; Mrs. Smith Foushee, Mrs. Clarence Summers and Mrs. Nannie Hill, Lieutenants.

West Ward—Miss Sophie Klutz, Captain; Mrs. F. F. Smith, Mrs. Hayden Clement and Mrs. H. L. DuVal, Lieutenants.

A call meeting of the Spencer Red Cross Chapter is to be held Friday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse, the home of the chairman, Rev. Jno. S. Wood. The meeting is to be at 2 o'clock and is one of importance in connection with the Christmas Roll call next week. Members are urged to meet at this place and hour.

Members are coming in daily to the Red Cross in advance of the Roll Call. All coming now are entered as Roll Call members and will be credited on this membership campaign. Those joining in advance of the canvass are asked to report their membership to Miss Neave, the secretary at the Community Building, where the proper receipt will be given, and the button, which should be worn—a 1919 button.

Here it is in order to mention that all members who join next week answer the Christmas Roll Call, will be given a button and some Christmas seals, such as were formerly sold by the Tuberculosis society at Christmas. The workers in the field will not give a receipt, the button answering this demand. Where the member desires a written, official receipt, it can be had from the chapter officer, who gives such receipts.

Mrs. E. C. Gregory has the motor corps ready for service next week. Mrs. Gregory says that her workers will be ready and willing to serve to the utmost. The motor corps has become a very valuable adjunct to the various Red Cross activities and will answer to road purpose next week. The Christmas message will be spread rapidly by the motor cars and more will be brought to answer the Roll Call by this splendid service.

Editor Post.—We understand it is currently reported that the board of health would have put on the quarantine this week but for the Red Cross bazaar which was advertised for Dec. 10 to 14.

The ladies of the Red Cross who have worked so faithfully to make the bazaar a success would have been greatly disappointed if it could not have been held, but they want it distinctly understood that the Red Cross did not ask the board of health not to put on the quarantine. They have been and are willing even now to discontinue the bazaar if the board thinks it wise to do so, money is no consideration.

The high aim and purpose of the Red Cross is to relieve suffering and co-operate with every effort to prevent disaster of any kind and it would not do or ask anything that would in the least jeopardize the health of the community.

W. F. SNIDER, Chairman.

Heretofore the Red Cross Christmas seals have been sold for the benefit of the tuberculosis society used in fighting the great plague. This year there will be no sale of seals, but the American Red Cross has set aside \$2,500,000 to be used by the tuberculosis society in fighting tuberculosis and the seals will be given to those who join the Red Cross during the period of the Roll Call—December 16-23. The 1919 button and seals will be given to all new and renewing members answering the Roll Call. This little seal adds much to the Christmas letter or package.

The purpose of the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call during the week of December 16-23 is to enroll as members of the American Red Cross for 1919 every civilian adult. The eyes of the whole country are focused on our services and on the suffering of people of other lands at Christmas time. There is no better way of expressing patriotism and desire for service that everyone feels than through the Red Cross membership. Such membership is every American citizen's right and duty.

A French inventor's compressed air dirigibles for the short distance signalmen when mounted on the masts of ships, have been head two miles away.

TO RAISE \$5,000,000,000 MORE OF BONDS A Great Fleet Steams Out to Meet Pres. Woodrow Wilson

BILLIONS DOLLARS ARE TO BE RAISED

Secretary of Treasury McAdoo Says Loan of Over Five Billion Will Be Necessary.

ASKS PROVISION FOR LOANS TO ALLIES AFTER PEACE

Estimated That Spring Bond Issue Will Be Around Six Billion Dollars Or More.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 12.—Five to five and a half billion dollars more of bonds will have to be raised to finance the government this year, Secretary McAdoo told the house ways and means committee today in discussing the financial situation.

The secretary based this on the estimate of eighteen billion dollars in expenditures and members of the committee said the estimate was not too low.

It has been stated previously that the last Liberty bond issue to be floated in the spring would be around six billion dollars.

Mr. McAdoo urged the committee to approve legislation providing for loans after peace is declared to the allied governments from bonds already authorized. He said there was no room for question about the payment of the allied loans.

NO REDUCTION IN RAILROAD WAGES

The Railroad Administration Announced Today That There Would Be No General Cut in Wages of Railroad Employees Under Government Control.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 12.—The railroad administration has no intention of reducing wages of railroad men generally after peace is declared, it was stated authoritatively today and if the period of government control is extended to five years as suggested by Director General McAdoo, it is probable wages will stay at the present level.

STRIKE RESULT I. W. W.

This Organization and Enemy Propaganda Caused Trouble on Island Put Order Is Restored.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Information reached the state department today indicating that the general strike called in Cuba is the result of the I. W. W. and enemy propaganda. The report says order is being maintained in the affected districts.

CONCORD MAN DEAD

Chairman of the Local Exemption Board Died of Pneumonia (Special to the Post.)

Concord, Dec. 12.—Attorney Gordon A. Carver, chairman of the local board of exemption, died here this morning of pneumonia. Deceased has a family. He has been living in this city for some years, and was well known.

ONLY 11,700,000 BALES

Figures as Announced Yesterday as to Cotton Production Far in Excess of Current.

The Post yesterday carried a dispatch in which it was stated the government estimate of the present cotton crop was 17,700,000 bales. This was far from correct, being 6,000,000 bales too high. It should have been 11,700,000. Seventeen million bales would be by far the largest crop ever produced in this country.

\$500,000,000 OF LOAN CERTIFICATES

Will Be Issued December 19, Payable May 20 and Will Bear Interest at Rate of Four and a Half Per Cent.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 12.—Another bi-weekly issue of loan certificates of indebtedness of \$500,000,000 or more bearing 4-1/2 per cent interest was announced today by the treasury. The certificates will be dated December 19 and will be payable May 20 next and the subscription books will close December 29.

STUNNING ADVANCE IN PRICE OF CORN

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 12.—Stunning advances in the price of corn resulted today from the government crop report showing the yield for 1918 to be the smallest in five years. Values ran up as much as seven cents a bushel over yesterday's finish.

GERMAN REICHSTAG IS TO BE CONVOKED

Cabinet Anticipate a Refusal by the Allies to Deal With Present Government and Soldiers' and Workmen's Council.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 12.—The German cabinet anticipating a refusal by the allies to deal with the present government and the soldiers' and workmen's council, according to the Tageblatt of Berlin, is considering convoking the reichstag to give the government a parliament basis.

MRS. C. K. HOWAN DIED THIS MORNING

One of Salisbury's Best and Most Beloved Women Succumbs to Pneumonia Following Influenza—Husband and Son, Father and Mother and Brothers and Sisters Survive.

After a week or more with her life hanging by a mere thread Mrs. C. K. Howan died at her home, 803 North Main street, this morning at 5:30 o'clock of pneumonia following influenza.

Mrs. Howan was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shaver of this city and was 27 years old last July 27. Last October five years ago she was married to Mr. C. K. Howan, who with a bright little son, Conrad Howan, two and a half years old, survive. In addition to these are the father and mother, one brother, Dr. William Shaver, and one sister, Miss Pauline Shaver, two half-brothers, Mr. Arthur Shaver of Albuquerque, N. M., and Mr. Sidney Shaver of Richmond, Va., and a half-sister, Mrs. H. C. Daggett, of this city.

Mrs. Howan was before her marriage Miss Laura May Shaver and was a woman of the sweetest disposition, pleasant and loving and kind and by her queenly manners and kindly sociable disposition had won for herself a legion of friends. No woman in her community was more beloved and she was one of the best of neighbors and truest of friends. There was none of the deceit of vainness about her, always the same. As a wife and mother she set a most beautiful example and devoted her energies and her talents to making her home and those near and dear to her happy and comfortable and contented. A woman of the highest integrity of charming traits and a personality that drew and held friends of all who learned to know her.

She was a Christian woman and in girlhood connected herself with St. John's Lutheran church and had ever been one of its most consecrated members. Whenever opportunity offered to engage in the work of her church she was always anxious and ready and did lend a helping hand. Generous and sympathetic, she was one of the best and noblest women of this city, and her death has filled with sorrow hundreds of hearts, for she had many close friends and was loved and admired by all who knew her.

For the bereaved husband, who is one of Salisbury's most popular men, and for the little son the deepest sympathy is felt, as is also for the stricken parents and brothers and sisters.

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. John's Lutheran church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. M. M. Kinard, and the interment will be in Chestnut Hill cemetery. Dr. Kinard is now in Baltimore attending an important meeting as president of the Southern Lutheran synod, but has been notified of Mrs. Howan's death and will arrive home tomorrow morning to conduct the funeral services.

The pall bearers will be as follows: Honorary—R. W. Walker, T. E. Witherspoon, Walter Murphy, Dr. R. V. Brawley, Dr. Robert Trotter, and R. W. Norman.

Active—Stable Linn, W. F. Ratts, Dr. Robert Ellington, W. M. Snider, Ed. Hobson, and C. M. Brown.

THE CHILI-PERU DIFFERENCES UP

Washington, Dec. 12.—Acting Secretary Folk made public today the State department the text of the note handed by the United States ambassador recently to Chile and Peru saying that the two South American nations owe it to the rest of the world to compose their differences in informing them the United States "stands ready to tender alone or in conjunction with other countries of the hemisphere all possible assistance" to bring an equitable solution.

The note said the United States viewed the severance of consular relations between the two governments with apprehension, particularly on the eve of the Paris peace conference "in which it is confidently expected steps will be taken to provide for an era of lasting peace among all nations."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOLUTION QUESTION

Lord Grey in a Speech at Dewsbury, England, Declares This is Settlement "Freedom of Seas."

SEAS FREE IN PEACE TIMES; NO RESTRICTION ON THEM

Term is of American Origin But the Phrase Needs a Clearer Definition, Grey Says.

(By the Associated Press.) Dewsbury, England, Wednesday 11.—A league of nations is the solution of the question of the "freedom of the seas," and Great Britain and the United States can reach a complete agreement on that question by joining such a league, declared Viscount Grey, former secretary, in a speech here tonight.

The seas, it was declared, were free in times of peace and Great Britain had placed no restrictions upon them. During the war the American had aided the British navy in maintaining the blockade and Lord Grey thought the United States would use the same reason if necessary in the future. Without the blockade, he added, Germany might have won. The term "freedom of the seas," he continued, "was of American origin and had been adopted by the Germans for their own purpose. He believed President Wilson meant freedom of the seas to all who joined the league of nations but the phrase needed a clearer definition."

EXPLOSION KILLS 6 MEN ON BROOKLYN

Thirty Others on Board the Cruiser More or Less Seriously Injured; Happened at Yokohama.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Six men of the crew of the armored cruiser Brooklyn were killed and 30 others injured, some seriously, in an explosion of coal dust aboard the vessel just Monday at Yokohama, Japan, where she was coaling. The navy department was so informed today in a dispatch from the commanding officer of the Asiatic fleet, of which the Brooklyn was flagship.

The dead are: Chief Warrant Officer William R. Redmond, Red Bank, N. J.; Fireman John W. Shaw, Tishomingo, Okla.; Wane M. Johnson, Pastura, N. M.; Roscoe W. Morris, Houston, Tex.; Homer Sherwood, Corpeche, Cal.; Theodore T. Thevenin, Shoosone, Idaho.

Among those reported injured is Thomas D. Kerley, Blowing Rock, N. C.

The navy department's announcement said the Brooklyn was not damaged and that a court of inquiry had been called to investigate the explosion, which was in several compartments of the berth deck and in the ship's bunkers. No cause was assigned. One of the men was killed outright, while the other five died of their injuries.

The Brooklyn has been stationed at Vladivostok since the American expeditionary force landed there after decision was reached to have a joint expedition into Siberia participated in by the associated nations. She was the flagship of Rear Admiral Schley at the battle of Santiago in 1898 and is one of the most famous ships in the navy.

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All Royal Personages Remaining in Empire Share in the Receipts—Former Emperor Names Eitel Frederick to Represent Him.

(By the Associated Press.) Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—The German imperial revenues for December, it is reported from Berlin, have been paid to all former royal personages remaining in Germany who are entitled to the Vossische Zeitung says that the former German emperor has authorized Eitel Frederick, his second son, to represent him in all matters concerning the former imperial house.

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The Leviathan brings casual companies Nos. 301 to 303 inclusive, 1,419 hospital patients, 500 casuals and the second anti-aircraft section.

The Mallory has on board the headquarters unitary detachment, ordnance detachment, headquarters company and supply company and battalions A and B of the 143rd field artillery brigade headquarters and 921 sick and wounded.

The Rappahannock is bringing the 3rd railroad artillery, ordnance and repair shop.

The Celtic has on board the headquarters 3rd battalion, headquarters company and medical detachment of the 814th pioneer infantry (negro) and casual companies Nos. 1051 to 1057 inclusive, 220 patients and several civilians.

DR. SOLF RESIGNS GERMAN FOR OFFICE

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FARMERS LISTEN TO SUFFRAGE SPEAKER

Miss Gertrude Well of Goldsboro Addressed State Farmers' Convention at Wilson—Rowan Man on State Executive Committee.

(By Associated Press.) Wilson, Dec. 12.—With the election of the executive committee this morning and an address on woman suffrage this afternoon by Miss Clara Well of Goldsboro the annual convention of the North Carolina Farmers' union which opened Wednesday will come to a close late today.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county, president; Dr. J. M. Teasdale, of Wake county, vice-president; E. C. Fairies, of Aberdeen, secretary, and W. R. Dixon, of Wilson, state organizer, were officers elected at yesterday's session.

The following members of the executive committee were elected today: R. G. Maxwell, of Duplin county; Orlando Cruse, of Rowan county; Gray King, of Nash county; W. E. Gibson, of Iredell county; and L. L. Charr, of Edgecombe county.

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SCHOOLS CLOSE TO JANUARY THE 6TH

Meeting of the School Board Held Last Night and This Step Deemed Advisable On Account of Influenza. Many Pupils Were Remaining Out of School.

The city school board held a meeting last night and decided to close down the schools, with the ending of today's session, until Monday, January 6th, this step being taken on account of the influenza which is again on the increase here. The schools would have been closed with the week end of next week under ordinary conditions with the holidays but they are now to end a week earlier.

For some days there has been quite a number of children out of the schools, some due to sickness and others out of precaution against contracting the disease. It is estimated that 33-1/3 per cent of the pupils have been out the past few days and to this is added a number of teachers, making the schools running approximately 50 per cent basis, and the closing order was decided upon as the best step.

In connection with the reappearance of the school situation the following dispatch from Washington under date of yesterday is interesting:

The school board thinks, and so advises the parents of the children, that of the prevalence of the disease in the city warrants the closing of the schools that the children should be kept from all crowds, such as moving picture shows, Sunday school and crowded stores until the danger of contagion has passed.

It is very probable that unless the public observes the quarantine and the picture shows keep children out of crowds are prevented from unduly gathering in stores there will be a general closing order adopted and enforced by the county board of health.

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A GREAT FLEET TO MEET PRESIDENT

Battleship Squadron Steams Out of Cortland to Escort the Geo. Washington to Brest.

FRENCH CITY MAKES GREAT PREPARATIONS FOR PARTY

Daily Scenes Everywhere Await the Arrival of the President of United States in France.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 12.—The United States battle fleet which is to form a part of the escort of the United States Ship George Washington into Brest left Cortland this morning. It was commanded by Vice-Admiral Sims who was on board the battleship Wyoming.

The fleet consisted of two battleship divisions under Admirals Rodman and Rogers and one destroyer division. The fleet will be met at sea by thirty destroyers from Brest.

The George Washington carrying President Wilson and party will be met at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning 90 miles from Brest.

Brest Awaits Arrival of President. Brest, Dec. 12.—(Noon.)—Brest has put on its holiday attire and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of President Wilson at noon tomorrow.

The American naval establishment here got into direct wireless touch this morning with the Presidential fleet which is approaching. This port and which is now not far off the coast. The weather which the fleet is experiencing is favorable to quick progress.

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