

DISASTROUS FIRE VISITS BURLINGTON

Threatening Blaze Breaks Out in the Business Section of Town and Several Buildings Burned.

TRUCK FROM GREENSBORO TURNS OVER EN ROUTE

Water Supply at Burlington Exhausted and Apparatus From Greensboro Responds.

Burlington, Dec. 17.—Fire here today threatened destruction to the business section of the city. At 11 o'clock flames wrecked the buildings occupied by the M. C. Smith Furniture Company...

Loss Estimated at \$250,000. Burlington, Dec. 17.—The Burlington Hardware Company valued its building and stock at \$100,000, while the M. C. Smith Furniture Company building and stock is placed at \$150,000...

SECTION ON INCOME TAX REACHED IN DISCUSSION. Senate Retains Amendment to Refund Taxes to Those Who Have Suffered Net Loss in Business.

Washington, Dec. 16.—After Senator Smoot, of Utah, Republican, had delivered a prepared address criticizing the war revenue bill, the senate today began consideration of disputed sections of the measure.

Most of the sessions today was taken up with discussion of the "net loss" amendment. Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, Republican, led the attack on the provision...

"FATHER OF METHODISM" DEAD. Rev. A. D. Betts, aged 86 years, dies at his home in Greensboro following accident and contraction of pneumonia.

SAM UNTERMEYER BEFORE COMMITTEE. New York Lawyer Appears Before Investigating Committee in German Propaganda Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Samuel Untermyer of New York, whose name has been mentioned in the investigation of German propaganda...

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUNISHING GUILTY

Former Emperor and High German Politicians Must Be Dealt With Declarus Marquis Crews.

ATROCITIES AND ACTS CAN BE PERSONALLY PLACED

Kaiser and High Muck-a-Mucks Must Be Surrendered—There Are Precedents For This.

London, Dec. 17.—(By British Wireless Press.)—Responsibility for punishing the former German emperor and other high German officers for crimes during the war must rest with the governments and not jurists...

"The atrocities in Belgium, the ill treatment of prisoners and the execution of Captain Fyatt and Miss Edith Cabell are acts that can be brought home to individual persons concerned and punished by tribunals."

AMPLE FOOD IN BULGARIA. Salonika, Friday, Dec. 13.—Food conditions in Bulgaria are good, according to reports received here...

ADDITIONAL MEN TO RETURN HOME. General Pershing, notifies the War Department that he has designated a number of units for early return to the United States.

Building to Cost Probably \$100,000 Will Be Erected on the Campus at Chapel Hill. Raleigh, Dec. 16.—"The Students' activities building" will be the permanent memorial to the late Edward Kidder Graham...

BETTERMENTS BY RAILROADS: HALF BILLION DOLLARS SPENT. Railroads under government control spent \$500,000,000 for additions, betterments and new equipment during the ten months up to November 1...

RAILROAD TRAVEL HEAVY. Passenger Trains Crowded, Many Soldiers and School Boys and Girls Returning Home for Holidays.

GERMAN WHITE BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED. Will Contain Original Documents Bearing on the Origin of the War—Data Prepared by Karl Kautsky.

ITALY'S KING ARRIVES. King Victor Emmanuel Arrives in Paris and Is Welcomed by President Poincare and Others.

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HIGHER STANDARD EDUCATION URGED

Pennsylvania Governor Addresses Conference of Governors on State Educational Policies.

ALL IMMIGRANTS SHOULD KNOW ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Governor Elect Campbell, of Arizona, Deals With Labor Problems and Wants Laws Passed.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 17.—Schools in the future must do more to educate foreign and native born population and train men and women in trades, said Governor Drumbauch, of Pennsylvania, today in an address on State educational policies before the conference of governors here.

"The school must widen its sphere," said Governor Drumbauch. "We welcome immigrants and we give them homes and haven. We should insist that every immigrant within five years must master the English language or leave the country."

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ADMIRAL BEATTY ANXIOUS FOR FIGHT

Commander-in-Chief of the British Grand Fleet Was Itching to Get at the German Fleet.

PRAISES OFFICERS AND MEN OF AMERICAN SQUADRON

Says They Made It Certain That the Germans Would Not Venture Out for a Finish Fight.

(By the Associated Press) London, Dec. 18.—The American naval squadron attached to the British grand fleet displayed a spirit of true comradeship throughout the period of service, Admiral Sir Beatty, commander-in-chief of the grand fleet declared in an address on the United States Ship New York on December 1st, the day the squadron was detached from the grand fleet.

All hands had been called to muster on the forecastle to hear Admiral Beatty. After thanking the American officers and men for their cooperation Admiral Beatty remarked that both British and Americans were disappointed in not having been able to meet the German fleet. He declared the day the German fleet surrendered was a "pitiful day to me."

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Mr. Wilson was most favorably impressed as a result of his first extensive conference with the marshal, according to Marcel Hutin in the Echo d'Paris.

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STATUS OF CAMP AT FAYETTEVILLE

Only Proposed Extension Work Is to Be Given Up the War Department Announced Today.

ALL ENLARGEMENT OF CAMPS TO BE STOPPED

Existing Leases of Land Will Not Be Affected by Orders of Department, But No New Leases.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 18.—It was stated specifically at the war department today that the abandonment of construction of Camp Fayetteville, N. C. involved a change in the status of the camp further than that to stop the proposed extension of facilities.

Announcement by the war department that important construction projects at army cantonments have been abandoned does not indicate abandonment of the camp and cantonment sites themselves, it was said. In each case the projects abandoned were for extensions of existing facilities which had been undertaken with the continuation of the war in prospect.

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RED CROSS ROLL CALLS NOW ON

Membership Campaign is Now in Swing and the City is Being Canvassed.

COUNTY IS MAKING A HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVAS

Salisbury Teams Are at Work Soliciting Members for the Great American Red Cross.

The Christmas Roll Call of the Red Cross is getting under way in Rowan. The wet weather of the past few days delayed the organization plans to some extent, but workers in the city are armed with the proper authority and supplies to begin a house to house campaign, and the branch chapters are also getting ready for the march to a large success.

In the city the four canvassing committees are under the able direction of four captains and are ready to go at the word, some of them being out today and selling membership for the dollar.

The city of Salisbury is divided into four wards and four campaign captains are in the field with their assistants. In the South Ward Mrs. W. A. Goodman is captain, in the West Mrs. Sadie Klutz is the canvasser, in the North Mrs. P. S. Carlton and in the East Mrs. Smith Fouché.

Supplies are to be had at the Red Cross rooms in the Community Building and workers are to get their supplies there.

The first 100 per cent flag to go up went up this morning in the Smith Drug Store, the Peoples Drug Store and the Main Pharmacy. These stores paid for every employee and fly the one hundred per cent flag, which any business house is authorized to fly upon showing one hundred per cent membership.

Homes are to display the Red Cross service flag with an extra cross for each member in the Red Cross. The Spencer chapter has organized its workers and will make a house to house canvas. In Spencer the Red Cross is popular and is showing energy for this Roll Call.

Booths will be used the later days of the weeks, at these booths some one being to take memberships to the Red Cross. The quarantine put a stop to all public gatherings, and cancelled the entire program of speaking. The epidemic also is interfering with the work of the canvassers to some extent, and for this reason the public is appealed to make the work of the canvassers as light as possible. Meet them with a smile and the dollar.

The First of the Roll Call—They Are Answering. The Christmas Red Cross Roll Call was ushered in by a touch of real winter, nevertheless the workers were on hand promptly at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon ready to make Salisbury a 100 per cent city in Christmas Red Cross memberships. The first of the business houses to go one hundred per cent in membership were the Smith, Peoples and Main Drug stores. It is very evident from the start that the Roll Call this year will exceed that of last Christmas by a very large margin as a number of memberships have come in, in spite of the fact that it is a stormy and cold day, and that the work of the Roll Call. The workers in the wards are out in full force today and a splendid report is anticipated for tomorrow.

The following is a report of memberships by wards which came to the secretary's office yesterday: West Ward, Miss Sadie Klutz captain, 46.

East Ward—Mrs. Smith Foushee captain, 37. North Ward—Mrs. Pritchard Carlton, captain, 23. South Ward—Mrs. W. A. Goodman, captain, 12.

Total by wards to date, 108. EAST SPENCER MAN DEAD. Mr. John W. Brady Dies of Influenza at the Climax Hotel Where He Was Boarding.

Mr. John W. Brady, aged 23 years, single man in the employ of the Southern Railway at Spencer, died at the Climax Hotel in East Spencer, where he was boarding, yesterday afternoon of influenza. The remains were removed to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. A. Klutz, in East Spencer, from which place the funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the interment took place in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

EMPLOY NO ENEMIES FOR TEN YEARS

French Hotel Men Pledge Themselves Not to Employ Natives of Enemy Countries During That Period and Not Receive Such As Guests.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The general syndicate of Paris hotel men announces it has decided that for ten years it will not receive a native of an enemy country as an employee or customer. Its decision will be transmitted to organizations of hotel men in all of the allied nations.

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