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## ROLAND WOODARD INJURED BETWEEN CARS

SERIOUS ACCIDENT OCCURRED THIS MORNING WHEN PUSH POLE SLIPPED. MAN WAS CRUSHED BETWEEN LARG. TRUCK AND FORD CAR

### INJURED MAN NOW RESTING EASILY

By taking chances and being between the powerful truck of the Mint Cola Company and a Ford car which the truck was pushing out of the mud, Mr. Roland Woodard met what appears to be a very serious accident, and is lying at the Mint Cola plant awaiting the arrival of the wife of the injured man before it is determined what shall be done with him.

About nine o'clock this morning a Ford got stuck near the Mint Cola plant, and Mr. Rouse agreed to push it out. A push pole was put between the two machines and power was put to the big truck. Then it was that the push pole slipped and the cars came together with Mr. Woodard in between, injuring him seriously.

The injured man was rushed to Dr. Smith's office when medical and surgical attention was given by Dr. Smith and his trained nurse, and, after anaesthetics had been administered, it was found that no bones had been broken, but the thigh was badly bruised and lacerated.

Later Mr. Woodard was moved to the Mint Cola plant there to be attended until the arrival of his wife, who has been visiting for some days at Oak City. Mrs. Woodard was reached on the phone and will get here as soon as some conveyance can bring her.

Mr. Roland Woodard is well known here, his uncle being Captain H. H. Woodard of East Scotland Neck, he works for the Mint Cola Company and is regarded highly by his employers.

It is a most unfortunate occurrence, and at this writing none can say what the actual injury may amount to. It was further unfortunate that the young man's wife should be away at this time, which made it impossible to take him to his home. However there are many at his side to give such attention as he may need until his relatives arrive and it is determined whether to send him to the hospital or not.

At last report the injured man said to be resting easily and not in any excessive pain.

## HOLIDAY FOR HEROIC SAMMIES

With the American Army in France, Jan. 15.—American Sammies will be granted a week's leave of absence for each four months service at the front the seven days to be spent in special receiving centers now being established somewhere in France, which are being built especially to furnish the fighting men with a holiday entertainment and rest.

The order hints that leaves will be lengthened after Sammies have acquitted themselves heroically in future heavy fighting Paris can only be visited by special permission.

## NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

Raleigh, Jan. 1.—Raleigh has jailed another gorilla negro for burglary and rape committed Saturday morning while the storm was at its height a few miles from the city near the little town of Garner.

Another negro, Neville, who was convicted several months ago and sentenced to death, is still in prison because of the activity of his lawyer, W. B. Jones, who appealed the case to the Supreme Court, while the other lawyers who defended him said there was no ground on which an appeal ought to be based, and he, John C. Little, withdrew from the case when his associate, "Buck" Jones insisted on taking the case to the higher court. At the expense of over one thousand dollars already, Wake county has had that dangerous criminal on its hands for months and it will be some time in the spring before he can be legally executed.

And if the lynchers who tried to get him had succeeded this latest case of raping would have been made less possible.

Governor Bickett played a very conspicuous part in speaking to the Raleigh "mob" at the jail—but his promises of a speedy trial and execution (if guilty) have not been carried out and it is putting it mildly to say that the people are very much disgusted and exceedingly indignant.

Six or seven cases of assaults on white women recently here—and not an execution yet, and only two of the negroes arrested even.

Another disgusting feature of the crime just committed is the alleged cowardly conduct of the husband, if the reports given out by the officers who made the arrest are correct.

Never in the history of Raleigh has so much crime gone undetected, or so largely unpunished. It is a black indictment against those charged with the enforcement of the law, and the people of this city and county are getting "mighty sick" over the situation.

**Grand Lodge in Session**  
The Grand Lodge of North Carolina Masons began their regular annual communication in the Masonic Temple here today, and will be in session the usual three days.

Grand Master Pridgen having "gone to the war", the deputy Grand Master, G. S. Norfleet, will preside. Mr. Norfleet, under the usual order, will be chosen Grand Master for the ensuing year.

**Training Camp Contest**  
Raleigh and Fayetteville are pulling hard for the additional army training camp. Today it looked like the Cape Fear City had the under-hold. One reason for this is because Senator Simmons is favoring Fayetteville.

## SLIGHT HOPES IMMEDIATE PEACE

(By United Press)  
Rome, Jan. 15.—According to reliable information from the Vatican the papal nuncio at both the Austrian and Prussian courts have informed Pope Benedict not to look for encouragement in his peace hopes at the present time.

## WILL SEIZE OTHERS COAL

(By United Press.)  
Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 15.—City fuel administrator, I. B. Kennedy, announces that he will seize coal in Atlanta railroad yards destined for other cities when it found that same cannot be promptly moved and delivered to consignees. This step he says has been recommended by Governor Dorsey.

## ALLIES COMBINE DIRECTING SHIPS

(By United Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 15.—England, France and United States are leading to prevent sailing vessels from crossing the war zone thereby diverting them automatically to Australian and South American trade.

If this voluntary arrangement now in effect fails to operate then this government will take over sailing ships.

This plan plus the creation of two hundred and fifty thousand man power shipbuilding reserve, as announced by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board yesterday, constitute the latest steps towards increasing American shipping resources.

## LIEUTENANT'S CUNNING WON CONFIDENCE

**WAITS FOR HOURS FOR BOCHES COMING THROUGH BARBED WIRE OPENING AND FINDS AN OLD POST INSTEAD**

### SAFE IN PHILIPPINES, SAME IN FRANCE

By J. W. Pegler  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
American Field Headquarters, France, Jan. 15.—"I'm follow Mr. Short anywhere."

"Mr. Short discovered that the barbed wire in front of our sector had been cut during the night," said the youngster. I supposed he would send for the engineers to come up the next evening and put new wires in the hole. But the lieutenant was a wise man—he said "no."

"All day we lay in the dugouts with bur shoes and socks and breeches soaked and no dry clothes to put on. Another bunch stood watch in the little ditch of a front line, keeping their heads down and ready with rifles and a machinegun in case the ole Boche would come over.

"At five o'clock in the evening Mr. Short woke us up. We had a cup of scalding coffee and started up the communicating trench.

## WHEATLESS AND MEATLESS DAYS

(By United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 15.—Senator Pomerone and Representative Lever have drawn resolutions empowering Herbert C. Hoover to enforce wheatless and meatless days and to stripulate a war bread if necessary.

## MEN NOW 21. ADD 500,000

(By United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 15.—The immediate registration of men who have become twenty one years of age since June 5, 1917, is proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon.

This plan has been endorsed by secretary of war, Baker, who states that it will add five hundred thousand men to the national army.

## ENGLISH COAST BOMBARDED

(By United Press.)  
London, Jan. 15.—Yarmouth was bombarded from the sea during last night, Lord French, director of home defenses, reported today.

Twenty shells were hurled into port. Three were killed and ten injured. Other damage was not serious.

Yarmouth is one of the principal seaports on the east coast of England, in the county of York, nineteen miles east of Norwich, and is a popular watering place for invalids as well as having extensive dockyards.

## WEBB SLOWLY UNFOLDS GERMAN SPY

SPENT NIGHT IN RICHMOND STATION HOUSE WAS TAKEN BY SLEUTHS ON NOON TRAIN NORTH, WHILE INVESTIGATION GOES ON APACE

### ACCOMPLICES ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE

### LOCAL BUYERS THRIFT STAMPS

The time is getting close when the five dollars stamps for the Thrift Stamp Certificate can be bought for \$4.12, in fact there is but half a month more when this can be done, then "never again" will be the word.

There is no finer way for the boys and girls and men and women for that matter, to show their deep and confiding interest in the United States than by buying these little stamps for twenty five cents, affix them to the card which is obtainable free at the post office, and when you have sixteen of these take them to the post office pay twelve cents more and get a beautiful five dollar stamp on another card, upon which is written your name as being a depositor in the United States government.

This month is the only month in which the extra twelve cents can be received, for each month increases this by one cent, so that what you can buy for \$4.12 this month will cost you \$4.23 next December, besides it is to be hoped by next December you will be in possession of fully engraved \$100. certificate for which you will have paid but a little over \$80.00.

The list of names of those who have already taken a patriotic interest in this plan of your government is as follows:

- Mary Haynes McDowell
- Charlie Herring, Jr.
- John Elmore Lawrence.
- C. T. Landis, Jr.
- Robert Herring.
- Katherine Shields.
- James Charles Alexander.
- Jeanette Miller Dunn.
- James Wilkinson.
- Almeria Gordon.
- Henry Edwards.
- LeRoy Allsbrook.
- Elizabeth Edwards.
- Dorothy May Pegram.
- LeVerne Rambo.
- George Rambo.
- Ruby Tillie Johnson.
- Herman Allsbrook.
- Aubrey Shackell.
- N. B. Josey, Jr.
- Nan Macklin.

Nan Macklin is a colored woman who has never saved a penny in her life, but the plan of saving with the government appealed to her, and now she has her government stamps on the certificate card, of which she is mighty proud.

## COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	31.43	31.55	31.23	31.26
May	31.10	31.20	30.35	30.90
July	30.77	30.80	30.52	30.56
Oct.	29.55	29.59	29.24	29.30

Local Market 20 cents.  
**COTTONSEED MARKET.**  
67.00 per bushel in wagon loads.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 15.—Walter Sporemann, the alleged German spy, left here on the noon train for the north, presumably Washington, in custody of government secret service agents.

He spent the night in a cell at the first district police station. The accused is about thirty five years of age, and wore a blue suit. He is of dark complexion, has black hair slicked back in pompadour style, and was wearing tan shoes.

He carried the Popular magazine when seen with the government agents, and muttered an exclamation "ouch" when he was handcuffed before going to the depot.

Baltimore, Jan. 15.—Maurice Asche, of 1860 West Fayette street, was arrested by department of justice agents, and thrown light on the activities of Lieutenant Walter Sporemann.

A box of letters and another box of bottles containing chemicals were found in Asche's rooms.

With Asche's arrest nine other people, one said to be a woman, it is understood are held by government authorities suspected of being accomplices of Sporemann.

## RELEASE EVERY RAILROAD CAR

The desperate need for quick movement of cars, and also the immediate unloading of cars, is one that is occupying the attention of the leading railroad men of the country as well as giving concern to Director General McAdoo.

Mr. E. L. Brown, local agent of the Atlantic Coast Line today received the following urgent telegram from Superintendent J. L. White of Norfolk.

"The director general of railroads makes appeal for a general campaign this week for unloading and releasing of cars.

"Use all possible efforts to accomplish this object through newspapers, bulletins, council bodies and in any other way which may occur to you.

"Wire me number, initials, and date of arrival of any cars held by consignees, and why not unloaded."

This shows the urgency of the local road for the release of any rolling stock that may be here, and we are sure that any consignee who may have cars not unloaded will use their best endeavor to release them to the railroad during this emergency.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Coal for suffering families and war utilities has right of way over the national railroads.

Priority orders were issued by Director General McAdoo who declared that coal must be applied at critical points before any other kind of freight for munition or anything else is moved.