

## SECRETARY DANIELS CALLS FOR MEN

### Wants Four Thousand And Five Hundred At Once And Urges Recruiting to be Done Quickly.

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, March 22—The navy needs four thousand and five hundred men and needs them now.

Secretary Daniels today sounded an official call for that number, appealing to the President to stimulate recruiting.

One of the first requests to Congress will be that a hundred thousand men be authorized as an increase to the Navy. Recruits will be rushed through their training at the stations post haste for immediate duty with the fleet. The requirement of five months training will be suspended and the order issued to man fleets at all possible speed. Though recruiting is increasing, there must be more of it and quickly, the department announced today.

## Has Support of All Parties

(By United Press)

Washington, March 22—President Wilson today began tentative work on his message to Congress. Senators and representatives of all parties wired their pledges of support.

## Live Little Locals Many Minor Matters Merely Mentioned

Special Matinee for the Children at the Alkkrama Saturday.

Let the Children see June Caprice in June of the Mountains, at The Alkkrama, Saturday Matinee.

Old Musty Suffer at the Alkkrama Matinee Saturday.

The Social Secretary, featuring Norma Talmage, at the Alkkrama Saturday night. Also Keystone Company.

Just Received Big Assortment Ladies Coats—all the New Shades—at MITCHELL'S

Sheriff R E Flora of Shawboro was in the city Monday.

J. M. McHorney of Shawboro was in the city Monday.

Mrs. George Grandy of Shawboro was in the city Monday.

E. M. Walker of Maple was here on business Monday.

William Simpson of Weeksville was in the city Saturday.

Mr. Fentress of the Peoples Line is in the city on business.

Mrs. George Major of Hertford was in the city Tuesday

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EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the pastor, Rev. C. B. Culbreth, will preach at Epworth church.

He would like to see all members of the church present and to send a cordial invitation to worship all the people of the community.

## NEW RECTOR ARRIVES TODAY

### WILL PREACH FIRST SERMON AT CHRIST CHURCH ON SUNDAY. HARRISONBURG REGRET FULLY GIVES HIM UP

Rev. Herbert S. Osburn arrived in the city today and will preach his first sermon on Sunday at his new charge, Christ church.

Mr. Osburn comes to Elizabeth City from the Emmanuel Church at Harrisonburg, Va., where his resignation was recently accepted with much regret by congregation and vestry. A cordial welcome awaits him in Elizabeth City, however, from his own church and from other denominations with whom the church has, in the past, co-operated in undertakings of public interest and for public welfare.

During the interim of Rev. C. A. Ashby's leaving to take charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Raleigh, and the new rector's coming, lay services have been conducted regularly by Mr. J. C. B. Ehringhaus.

## Getman Vessels In U S Harbors

(By United Press)

Washington, March 22—Scores of German vessels are in American harbors; free to depart if the United States goes to war, in fact, could leave now if they show a clean bill as to intent. They have a leeway of nine months in which to leave. The only way the government can seize them is to pay for them.

## Mothers Club Meets Friday

The Mothers Club will meet Friday afternoon at 3:45 in the annex of the First Methodist church. This series of meetings is drawing to a close and it is hoped that all mothers will attend the closing meetings for which carefully chosen program have been arranged.

Among the subjects for discussion at this week's meeting are: "Training the Child in Courtesy", "Training the Child in Kindness to Animals", and "The Moral Value of Playing with Dolls."

## Old People and Children Killed

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With British Armies Afield, March 22—With horror it became known today that the Teutons in their retreat at Roye Petit collected about two hundred old people and children in addition to the population of the place, then deliberately shelled the village.

WILL GIVE SILVER TEA

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Aid Society will give a Silver Tea on Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 at the residence of Mrs. G. W. Ward on West Main street.

A very cordial invitation is extended to friends of all denominations and a delightful afternoon is assured all those who attend.

## BIG SAW MILL IS BURNED

### FOREMAN BLAMES LUMBER COMPANY LOSSES PROPERTY JUST WHEN RUSHED WITH ORDERS FIVE HUNDRED MEN THROWN OUT OF WORK

A mass of bent and twisted machinery and smoking ruin is all that is left of what was yesterday the saw mill of the Foreman Blades Lumber Company. Fire originating early this morning about midway the mill on the ground floor quickly gained headway and by the time the Fire Department reached the scene was entirely beyond control, so far as the saw mill was concerned. The flames did not reach the Lumber kilns, however; and the engine and boiler room, built of brick, was little damaged.

It was about three o'clock this morning when the flames were discovered by the night watchman and he force at work in the boiler room. The watchman immediately called Mr. L. R. Foreman on the telephone and it was from his home on Pennsylvania avenue that the flames were discovered. The mill is beyond the corporate limits of the town.

The fire department responded as promptly as possible but the fire engine hooked on behind the auto fire truck, stuck in the mire mud on the way to the mill and could not be extracted. The hose wagon was rushed on ahead, however, and with the aid of the force pump at the mill the firemen soon had two steady streams of water playing on the blaze. The further spread of the blaze was checked, but the entire saw mill was enveloped in flames when the fire department arrived on the scene.

"It would have been impossible to save the mill if the engine had not stuck," said Chief Flora this morning. "We might have been able to put it out sooner if we had been able to get another stream or two on the fire, but that is the only benefit the engine would have been to us. The company's pump gave us all the pressure we wanted."

"There goes the best mill in the country" was the exclamation of Mr. L. R. Foreman when he saw the situation; and indeed it is a fact that the saw mill of the Foreman Blades Lumber Company, in this section of big saw mills, was the biggest and in many respects the most modern of them all. Mr. L. R. Foreman himself was the inventor of and had patented part of the mill's machinery, and visitors here from northern and other distant cities had inspected the plant with much interest. Through improvement in its machinery the capacity of the mill has recently been practically doubled. Its recent output with only a day shift at work being as great as it formerly was when the mill was kept running day and night.

Any estimate of the damage must be only a tentative one. The management would make no statement this morning as to their loss, though it is known that this was partially covered by insurance. Aside from the direct loss must be considered the loss of time just when the mill was rushed with orders.

One of the most serious aspects of the fire is the large number of workmen to whom it must mean, for some time, at least, a loss of employment. Including lumbermen at work in the woods the Foreman Blades Lumber Company employs something like five hundred men. If arrangements can be made to get other and smaller saw mills to saw their timber for them, the logging and planing operations, though curtailed to some extent, will not be altogether discontinued. The management this afternoon had not had time to formulate their plans and could make no definite announcement.

When a reporter for this newspaper went out to the plant at about noon today mill operatives were still using the fire company's equipment and were directing two

## Mrs. J. D. Midgett Dead

Mrs. J. D. Midgett died at her home at Manns Harbor Wednesday morning. Her death was quite sudden, the telegram reaching relatives in this city announcing her illness, being followed immediately by another announcing her death.

Mrs. Midgett was well known here, having visited her son, A. M. Midgett; and her daughters, Mrs. E. M. Cox, Mrs. A. O. Mann, and Mrs. T. S. Mann, here many times. Miss Mary Midgett, another daughter, was visiting her sister's here when their mother's death occurred. All of the children who live here have gone to Manns Harbor to attend the funeral, leaving Wednesday on the E. R. Daniels.

Mrs. Midgett was a woman of sterling Christian character who will be greatly missed in her community. She was a member of the Methodist church and the funeral will be conducted by Rev. M. B. Cox.

## Manteo Briefs

Manteo, March 14—After a short visit to relatives at Durants Island Miss Lillian Bassett returned home Monday.

Miss Louise Midgett of Norfolk is visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Rennie Griffin returned from a business trip to Baltimore, Md. Saturday.

Misses Affie Midgett and Almira Quidley, returned home Tuesday after spending Sunday and Monday at Stumpy Point, North Carolina.

Mrs. L. H. Hooper and children of Rodanthe are visiting friends here.

## To Night At New Theatre

The New Theatre presents Viola Dana and Edward Earl in the big Edison feature "The Innocence of Ruth" at tonight's show. The crowd that saw this attraction at this afternoon's matinee found it most interesting and were delighted with the grace and beauty of the inimitable artist, Viola Dana.

Friday's afternoon's picture has well been called a "Masterpiece", so admirably has this remarkable drama been portrayed by the great actress, Clara Kimball Young. Briefly, "The Badge of Shame" tells of a country where the Government tells of no ayse "id si ernment furnishes protection to "fallen women." This protection is a yellow card.

One of these women—who fought against the intrigue of an unloyal official—whose white soul, scorched by the white flames of an insane desire, shriveled and shrunk in the heat—gave to the world a story so thrilling, so intense, so dramatic, that it became an international question.

"The Badge of Shame" is a picture of this remarkable woman's story—and that it has been so admirably done that the critics called it a "Masterpiece!"

## WILL SUPERVISE MUNITION MAKING

### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF DEFENSE HOPEFUL THAT MANUFACTURERS WILL AGREE TO PLAN VOLUNTARILY

Washington, March 22—Government supervision of resources of war for use in the production of munitions is contemplated by the National Council for Defense. The organization is hopeful that the big producers will agree to the plan voluntarily. If not, the council will ask Congress for government supervision. Abnormal financial profit on munitions and other necessary supplies will be made impossible. The council will determine upon a reasonable profit.

steady streams of water on the still smoking ruins.

## Sacked Supply Houses of Am. Relief Commission

### German Troops Spared Neither Food nor Houses but Devastation Failed to Stem the Tide of French Advance.

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With the French armies on the field, March 22—The retreating German troops sacked even the supply houses of the American Relief Commission leaving French civilian inhabitants without food.

They took all the metal in the villages and destroyed practically every house, yet this devastation failed to stem the tide of the French advance. In many cases the French advanced so rapidly that they arrived at the towns before the Germans had planned to evacuate.

At the same time, the French advance was methodical. Behind the cavalry and infantry came engineers to bridge the waters, the artillery crossing the minute the bridges could be reconstructed.

Towards Chauny and Tergnier the entire horizon was clouded with smoke from the burning farms. The pathway of the German retreat was traceable for fifteen miles by the smoke. Along the road poured a streaming stream of refugees. Behind all the women were loaded, pushed baby carriages and wheelbarrows with tiny tots therein. Young children clung to their skirts or toddled along with bundles. Under the bombardment the refugees pushed along facing the driving rain. Despite all this, they were supremely, radiantly happy. By they were returning to France.

## BOTH MACHINES IN OPERATION

### PICTURES AT NEW THEATRE CAN NOW BE SEEN WITHOUT ANY BREAK IN STORY. INTERESTING SERIAL BEGINS

Owing to the big attraction which will be shown at The New Theatre to-morrow matinee and night, March 23rd, there will be a big surprise that the public has been looking for for some time.

Mr. Lewis says: "I received a letter a few days ago asking me if possible to try to have both of my machines in operation. In answer to this letter I wish to state that I have just received parts to complete this other machine and this will be in operation for tonight's picture. Those who have been waiting between reels will have the pleasure in the near future of seeing the picture without any stops. No doubt the public will be surprised to see what a wonderful improvement this will make. In addition to Clara Kimball Young, our first serial picture will be placed upon the screen. This serial has to do with the Mexican situation and will no doubt meet with the approval of both young and old."

## Tonight's Show At Alkkrama

"The Golden Fetter" is the feature at the Alkkrama tonight.

"The Golden Fetter" is a Paramount picture of the Standard that the name Paramount implies. Wallace Reid and Anita King, are seen at their best in this unusual touching love story. This picture will appeal to all of us who have ever been to school, as it deals to some extent with the olden times at the schools house and the jokes on the school man. Come see this picture any enjoy an evening of real relaxation. Also the eleventh episode of "The Shielding Shadow" will be filmed.

Shielding Shadow will be shown tonight also.

The famous players present the inimitable Marguerite Clark in "Silks and Satins" on the Paramount program at the Alkkrama Friday.

The plot of this romantic drama involves two periods of historic and romantic interest, namely the Napoleonic era and the present. The old worn out method of filming a "costume play" has been entirely repudiated, and the director, J. Searle Dawley, has brought forth a new version of picturing this difficult type of subject, by intermingling it with a modern romance.

## SOCIAL A SUCCESS

The topic social given at the home of Mrs. Mary H. Britte Wednesday afternoon was quite an enjoyable affair and many attended in spite of the threatening weather. Progressive conversation stimulated by interesting topic cards, was part of the entertainment, following which the pleasure of "Meeting the Suffragette" was greatly enjoyed. "Mirandy on Votes for Women" was another attractive feature. Delicious refreshments were served.

## CRADLE ROLL AND HOME DEPARTMENT SUNDAY

Sunday is Cradle Roll and Home Department Day at Blackwell Memorial Sunday School and all members of these two departments are especially urged to attend.

A most successful Cradle Roll and Home Department Day was held last September and it is hoped that next Sunday may be an even greater success, if possible. To this end the program committee are preparing a varied program of enjoyable features.

## HANDY BASEBALL DOPE BOOK OUT

The baseball season for 1917 has surely arrived, the first schedule book having made its appearance. It is the Dope Book published by C. C. Slink & Son, St. Louis, Mo., publishers of the Sporting News. Besides containing schedules there is to be found in this little book much information of real value to every fan, including "Casey at the Bat," records of 1916, as well as records of all prominent feats on the diamond, and complete biographies of stars of the game, telling where they were born, with what clubs they have played, how they bat and throw, etc etc. There is also instructions on "How to Score," "Giant's Great Winning Streak" and Alexander's pitching feat of 1917. If you want a breezy little booklet, vest pocket in size, that you can carry with you, and make any fan who thinks he knows it all, look as though you had forgotten as much as he knows, send five cents to Slink & Son, St. Louis for a copy of this booklet.

## WEATHER OR NO

Fair Thursday night and warmer, Friday warmer.

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