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Naval Militia Is Called to Colors

Reality of War Brought Home to Hearts Of People by Definite News of Immediate Parting

PROBABLY LEAVE SUNDAY

Norfolk is Immediate Destination, But Lieutenant Commander Wilson can not Say How Long Will Remain There

The call to the Elizabeth City boys came Friday night about nine o'clock and in every home in which lived a member of the company the news that the hour had struck flashed within the space of a few moments.

All day the armory on Water street, with armed sentries at the entrance, has presented a very warlike appearance. Crowds of interested spectators have thronged the sidewalk and street in front of the armory building but have gained no inkling of what is going on inside.

The immediate destination of Elizabeth City boys is Norfolk. Dispatches from that city today state that the naval militia are already arriving there at the rate of a hundred per day. No doubt the rate will have been considerably increased by tomorrow. The naval militia of Washington and New Bern will pass through Elizabeth City and reach Norfolk along with the company here.

Where the boys will go after reaching Norfolk is uncertain. Asked about how long he would be there or where he would go from there Lieutenant Wilson replied "I haven't any idea." Later in the day he sent a special messenger to The Advance office to ask that no mention be made of any definite time of departure as he did not himself know when his men would get off.

Advantage With French

Paris, April 7.—Violent artillery action with considerable fighting between reconnoitering detachments is reported from various sections on the western front today. German attacks on Outville and Anbols were repulsed in hand grenade fighting east of Chamblignol with advantage resulting to the French.

More Recruits Every Day

Norfolk, April 7.—Naval recruits are arriving at the rate of 100 a day. Twenty-six hundred are now in training to be sent as rapidly as

Strange Craft Off Nantucket

The Navy Department today learned that a strange craft is off Nantucket lighthouse.

Nantucket Shoals light ship reports a German raider sighted off the light. The deputy collector of customs there has been notified to stand ready to render in her

GERMANS FIXED ONE CRUISER

SEVEN MEMBERS OF CREW OF CORMORANT KILLED IN EXPLOSION AND REST ARE PRISONERS OF WAR

(By United Press) Washington, April 6.—The German interned cruiser Cormorant was blown up by the crew in the harbor at Guam as American marines were on the point of seizing the vessel, it was learned today when the occurrence was announced by the Navy Department. Two German warrant officers, seven German enlisted men were killed by the explosion. Twenty officers, twelve warrant officers, and 321 enlisted men are prisoners of war.

The Cormorant is a converted cruiser active in the early days of the war in raiding commerce ships in the Southern Pacific. Officers here are unable to account for the German's possession of sufficient quantities of explosives to accomplish the destruction of the ship in time of internment, for all ammunition and explosives of every character even gun breeches had been removed by Federal authorities.

EXPLOSION PREMATURE The explosion, it is believed, was premature. It is thought that the Germans had planned to wait until the ship was boarded by the marines before firing the explosives.

The Navy Department has received reports of a raider off the Virginia Capes. Germany may stage something spectacular against America such as a repetition of the U-53 visit in the confident belief of Navy officials who are keeping a lookout for all night houses and ordering reports of all suspicious incidents.

A later report in regard to the Cormorant indicates that possibly one officer and four enlisted men escaped that are listed among the missing. The Cormorant sank in the harbor of Apra, off the island of Guam.

Bickett Issues Proclamation

Raleigh, April 7.—Governor Bickett today issued a proclamation expressing the utmost confidence in the loyalty of the negroes as a race, declaring that he is convinced that the Germans cannot disturb the thoroughly friendly and co-operative relations of the two races.

Round Up Plotters

Washington, April 7.—The government round up of German plotters is on in full blast today. Scores of arrests have been made and countless others are to follow.

From Jacksonville comes the report that Karl Fink, alias Charles Fink, German, was arrested last night for trying to incite the negroes.

A later report from Jacksonville says that Robert Hicks, negro, was arrested today for incendiary talk and admitted that Germans had held a meeting in his neighborhood telling the negroes that if the United States won the war with Germany all negroes would be returned to slavery but if the Germans were victorious the negroes would be given equal rights with whites and allowed to intermarry. More German arrests are expected to follow in Jacksonville.

PREPARE FOR BIG FESTIVAL

PARADES, BAND CONCERTS AND CLEAN SHOWS WILL FEATURE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GALA WEEK IN ELIZABETH CITY

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce is busy with preparations for a big celebration to be known as the "Spring Festival."

There are to be parades, band concerts and all things that go to make up a gala week. Arrangements have been made with the Murphy American shows to furnish all attractions. There are 12 shows, all novelties, and these have been guaranteed by Mr. J. F. Murphy who personally manages them, to be clean, having no so-called "girl shows" and no gambling devices on the grounds. The show will be entirely new, having been built at the winter headquarters in Sumter, S. C. There will be free acts each day featuring Margaret Quincey, known as a diving Venus of exceptional ability.

Director Lepore and his concert band will furnish the music, giving free concerts daily and playing constantly on the show grounds. The Chamber of Commerce looks forward to a big week and liberal patronage from April 16th to 21st, the date of the festival.

WEATHER OR NO Fair tonight and probably Sunday. Light frost in exposed places tonight. Rising temperature here day.

EASTER MUSIC AT CHURCHES

DAY WILL BE APPROPRIATELY OBSERVED BY SERVICES OF UNUSUAL BEAUTY AND INTEREST

Special Easter music will be a prominent feature in Sunday's worship at Elizabeth City churches.

CHRIST CHURCH At Christ Church Holy Communion will be held at 7:30 a. m.

At 11 o'clock morning prayer, Holy Communion and sermon by the rector Rev. Herbert S. Osburn. Following is the order of worship: Prelude, Tannhauser (Wagner), Organist, Miss Clara Covert

Professional Hymn No. 109, "Welcome Holy Morning" Christ Our Passover, (Wiegand) Gloria Patri

Festival Te Deum in D. (Schaffter) Jubilate in E. flat, (Dudley Buck) Hymn No. 116, "Angels Roll the Rock Away"

Gloria Tibi Hymn No. 118, "At the Lamb's High Feast"

Offertory, "They Have Taken Away My Lord" (Stainer) Communion Hymn 219, "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

Postlude, "Marche Legere," (Wilhelm Kern) Recessional Hymn No. 117, "He Is Risen"

A Children's Service will be held at five o'clock Sunday afternoon. There will be no service at night.

CITY ROAD CHURCH Morning Service

Organ Voluntary, by U. G. Davis Hymn No. 107, by Congregation Prayer, by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Culbreth

Anthem, "The Wondrous Cross," (Miles), by the Choir

Baptism of Infants The morning lesson Announcements. Easter offering

Quartet, "Our Hope Lies Dead," (Lorenz), by Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Davis, Misses Martin and Cheson

Anthem, "The Lord Is Risen Indeed" (Lorenz) by the Choir Sermon, "The Meaning of Easter," by the Pastor

Hymn No. 106, by the Congregation Evening Service

A Layman's Service, led by Mr. P. H. Williams, lay leader of the church

Organ Voluntary, by U. G. Davis Hymn No. 180 by the Congregation Prayer

Anthem, "Tell Us Where Is He?" (Miles), by the Choir Announcements, Easter offering

Solo, "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?" (Lorenz), by Mrs. George Bell

Address, "The Historic Evidence of the Resurrection," by Mr. G. F. Seyfert

Anthem, "The Conquering King," (Hall), by the Choir

Address, "The World's Greatest Victory Won by the Resurrection," by Mr. P. H. Williams

Hymn No. 112, by the Congregation Address, "Some Biblical Questions on the Resurrection," by Mr. C. R. Pugh

Doxology Benediction

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

At eleven o'clock Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. J. L. Cunningham, will deliver an Easter message. According to the custom of the church for some years the membership of the church will make an Easter offering to meet that various Conference benevolences. At the close of the sermon the doors of the church will be opened for the reception of those who wish to become members. The choir will render the following special music:

To Organize Home Guard

A mass meeting will be held in the court house Monday night for the purpose of formulating plans for a home guard during the war. Every body interested in the organization is urged to attend the meeting and to assist in whatever plans may be undertaken.

The Red Men of the city took the initiative in this movement and soon had the co-operation of all the fraternal orders in the city. The interest spread to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to ask the public generally to participate in such measures as are to be taken.

HOME FOR EASTER

Among the students at home for the Easter holidays are Aubrey McCabe, Dr. J. Lev McCabe, Noah Burfoot Burfoot Jr., Camden Blades and William Meekins.

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (Handel)

"As It Began to Dawn" (Leaman) "The Dawn of Easter Day" (Lorenz)

The evening service will be held at eight o'clock and will be a special musical program, as follows: Organ prelude, Ashford

Anthem, "For God Sent Not His Son" (Peace) Hymn No. 169, Methodist Hymnal

Prayer Gloria Anthem, "Fling Wide the Gates" (Stainer)

Scripture Reading Duet, "O My Father," (Heyser), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foreman

Announcements Offertory, "Idylls"

Solo "Vain the Stone," Mr. Harold Foreman

Anthem "Fear Ye Not" (Peace) Solo, "He Lives Who Once Was Slain" (Danas), Mrs. L. L. Winder

Solo and chorus, "Easter Bells" (Osadell) Mr. W. C. Sawyer and Hymn No. 180, Methodist Hymnal

Anthem, "Hail to the Risen Lord" (Herbert Ward)

Solo, "King Eternal" (Heyser), Mrs. J. W. Foreman

Quartet, "Dawn of Easter Day," Mrs. J. W. Foreman, Miss Woodley, Mrs. Robert Fearing

Mrs. Zenas Fearing Anthem, "The Day Which the Lord Hath Made" (Lambillo'te)

Benediction

CANN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Black, will preach at both morning and evening services. Special Easter music will be rendered at both services, though, owing to recent illness among members of the choir, the program this year will not be as elaborate perhaps as usual.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. B. C. Henning will occupy the pulpit morning and night. His subject at 11 a. m. will be "The Resurrection of a Dead Hope," and at 7:30 p. m. "The Unpardonable Sin." Special Easter music will be rendered at both services.

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

Special Easter music will be rendered at both morning and evening services under the direction of Mr. L. E. Skinner. Herbert Paele will speak at 11 a. m. Rev. D. P. Harris will occupy the pulpit at the evening services.

PEARL STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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The regular Sunday school service will be held at 10 a. m.

MAN HELD AS GERMAN SPY

Suspicious Actions Of Visiting Airmen Lead To His Arrest

A reputed German spy was taken in custody here today and lodged in jail to await developments.

The prisoner with a companion arrived in the city last night and is said to have spent the most of the time hanging around the armory of the naval militia. His actions aroused suspicion there and finally one of the men ordered him out. He continued to behave in a manner that excited suspicion, and at about three o'clock this afternoon he was taken in custody by the police and conducted to headquarters where his effects were gone into. He gave an incoherent and rather contradictory account of himself and was locked up in jail pending further investigation of his baggage. Part of it was at the People's line marked for shipment.

No incriminating papers were found in his first effects but the story which he told under examination was strangely contradictory. He said that he was in the armory because having served himself for four years in the army he was interested in the warlike preparations going on there. He claimed to have arrived in the city this morning but witnesses were found who saw him here Friday night. He said that his father was an oysterman, later that he was serving in the British trenches in France and finally that he was a postmaster somewhere in New Jersey.

D. E. Severn, if that is his name, has a non resident's license to hunt in Currituck sound signed by E. W. Ansell. He also has an aviator's license and is said to be one of the four who passed through here in this winter on the way to the Florida coast; two of them in an aeroplane and two of them in a launch. Two of this party stopped in Elizabeth City, Jaquith and Schneider; and the rumor has since persisted here that they were in the employ of the German government. The man held here is said to be one of the two who made the trip in a launch. Bystanders declare that his companion, seen with him last night, could not speak English except with difficulty. He claims now to be in the employ of an aviation firm at Atlantic City.

The hearing, which was conducted privately at police headquarters, drew a big crowd of spectators to the city hall, where the stairway leading up to Chief Thomas' offices was packed and quite a crowd was assembled on the street outside.

Nothing was found in the baggage brought to police headquarters from the People's Line except clothing and personal letters. The only thing against Severn appears to be his own suspicious behavior and the contradictory accounts he gives of himself.

Last Service Sunday P.M.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions held at Blackwell Memorial church during the week will come to a close Sunday afternoon with the most elaborate program of the week's meetings.

All of the missionary organizations of the church will take part. Mrs. S. G. Newbold, representing the W. M. U.; Miss Callie Perry the Y. W. A.; Mrs. A. F. Foxey, the Royal Ambassadors; Mrs. L. E. Skinner the Girls Auxiliary; and Mrs. Mary Webb, the Sunbeam.