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Patriotic Farewell to Naval Militia

B. P. O. Elks Take Lead in Giving Bess City Boys Fitting Send-Off

TOUCH OF PATHOS IN SCENE

Farewells of Mothers, Wives, Kiddies and Sweethearts Make Affecting Picture

Bad weather and the fact that there was no announcement of the time of the departure of the Elizabeth City Naval Militia did not prevent a big time at the station this morning when the first boys left.

This was largely due to the B. P. O. Elks who were on hand to give the boys a fitting send-off. Forming in line at the Elks Home, a hundred or more of them, old and young, if an Elk can grow old—each carrying an American flag they marched in regular order and just before arriving at the station their voices broke forth on the morning stillness with "America."

The Elks and the military company then formed into one line and were addressed by Judge Turner, Lieutenant J. K. Wilson responding for the Militia. Then forming into a single file the Elks gave each member of the departing naval militia a hearty handshake in farewell.

In his address Judge Turner reminded the militiamen that they were representing not only themselves but Elizabeth City as a whole and declared that Elizabeth City in turn, has just pride in being one of the first cities to send men to fight for the flag.

"When far away from home, remember," said he, "that loyal and loving hearts throughout Elizabeth City are thinking of you and honoring you for your courage and manhood."

At the close of Judge Turner's speech three rousing cheers went up from the United Company and as the train pulled out the Elks cheered the Naval Militia warmly and the boys responded with appreciative cheers.

Lieut. Wilson thanked Judge Turner, the Elks and Elizabeth City and said that he hoped the Company would return with no gaps in its ranks.

The train was twenty-five minutes late giving sufficient time for a real celebration. All of the Naval Militia left except Earle Chesson and Cliff Wood, who remained until afternoon to guard the armory and to see the revenue cut-off.

The North Carolina Battalion is commanded by Lieut. J. K. Wilson and on his staff from Elizabeth City are Lieutenant J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Lieutenant C. B. Williams, assistant surgeon.

The Elizabeth City Division, known as the Fifth Division, is commanded by Lieut. G. F. Pappendick, and under him is Ensign Andrew Sanders.

The men are: R. H. Dignerty, G. W. Richls, W. L. Pipkin, W. L. Cooper, C. M. Harris, J. B. Jenkins, L. J. Midgett, J. H. Gaud, A. Daughtry, Cartwright, E. R. Morris, I. C. Sawyer, H. L. M. Overton, G. W. McHornor, J. F. White, B. J. Johnson, T. A. Alexander, T. J. H. Riggs, T. L. M. Albertson, E. M.

Weds Before Leaving Home

William Aacy Beals of the Naval Militia and Miss Stella Jennings, were married Sunday at the home of the bride here, the young militiaman leaving on the early Monday morning train for duty.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Corpeia Bundy and the late W. F. Jennings, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Beals of this city.

Other week end marriages were: Eddie Culppeier and Miss Nellie Deal, both of Fentress, married by J. W. Munden at his residence Sunday; Howard Gotham Harris and Miss Alice Saunders, both of Pasquotank married by Mr. Munden Saturday.

At Home On Furlough

C. M. Williams, who left here about four years ago for Savannah and for the past six months has been at El Paso with the militia hospital corps of the first Georgia regiment, arrived in the city this morning on a fifteen days furlough to visit his people here.

Interviewed by a reporter for this newspaper, young Williams said: "I like life on the border exception ally well except for the windstorms which often started early in the morning and blew all day."

"We had good fare and a pleasant and profitable time. My company is now in Savannah. I got off the sixth and came on to Elizabeth City while I had the chance, for we don't know what the future is going to bring to any of us."

To Introduce Electoral Reform

Amsterdam, April 9—The newspaper Moe'nische Volks Zetung announces it has been decided shortly to introduce a bill for German electoral reform during the war, Berlin dispatches said today.

Sawyer, A. Beals, E. J. Hopkins, W. J. Hughes, W. J. Hughes, T. A. Pope, C. R. Parker, W. E. Chesson, H. L. Thornton, O. H. Boettcher, M. D. Tillett, W. B. Tillett, D. A. Tillett, W. W. Jenkins, Odin Hughes, W. N. Hanf, J. D. Sykes, J. L. Ball.

TONIGHT AT COURTHOUSE

ORGANIZATION OF HOME GUARD WILL BE EFFECTED FOR TRAINING YOUNG MEN OF CITY FOR DUTY WHEREVER NEEDED

Elizabeth City, April 9—A meeting for the organization of a home guard will be held tonight at the Court House.

The Red Men are taking the lead in the movement for organization and all the fraternal orders are lending their assistance.

The organization is not being undertaken because of any alarm felt, but the idea held is that the young men of the city should be ready for duty wherever and when ever needed and that such organization will be of service in this respect as well as in preparation for any eventualities which might arise.

TO S. MILLS FOR GUARD DUTY

TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS OF SECOND N. C. REGIMENT, COMPANY B, PASSED THROUGH CITY TODAY

Twenty-six North Carolina militia men of the Second North Carolina Regiment, Company B., Home Station, Kinston, arrived in the city this morning on the same early train that bore away Elizabeth City's Naval Militia, and left this afternoon for South Mills for police duty at Dismal Swamp Canal bridge.

Six companies left Goldsboro yesterday and are stationed now at various points along the way, including New Bern and Washington. Twenty-six were left on the Washington County side of Albemarle Sound bridge and twenty six on the Chowan County side. Thus far none have been stationed at Elizabeth City. The South Mills division is in command of Captain Hill of Kinston.

Mrs. W. W. Gregory formerly of this city but now of Rocky Mount, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Davis of Road Street.

WEATHER OR NO Fair Monday night and Tuesday. Heavy frost Monday night. Rising temperature Tuesday. Serving Uncle Sam got pretty close home this morning when the early train pulled out.

SUBMARINES NOT SUCCESS

IN SPITE OF ENORMOUS LOSS INFLICTED ON ENEMY AND NEUTRAL SHIPS, SAYS LORD CECIL

By LOWELL MELLETT (United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, April 7—More than 69 combats against German submarines have taken place since February 21 to March 17—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade stated today.

His statement was evoked by a question from the United Press suggesting that he outline for Americans what he thought the problems of the day were in the submarine menace.

"Several points stand out strikingly in the German blockade," he said. In the first place it is a confession of weakness and a sign that the German have really abandoned all hope of retaining a successful issue in the land war. It also appears to be due to a realization that they cannot—so far as water craft are concerned—hope to contest the mastery of the seas which the allies have possessed since war was first declared.

"I would not speak of the aspect of the campaign of brutality in this warfare. It is not new from Germans. Indeed it would rather surprise the allies—and I think, I may also say neutrals—if the Germans hesitated to employ any means because it was inhuman or contrary to international law. Their government is a government of force; their patriotism is not based on any fine noble grounds, but merely the doctrine of German state above all—and any means are justifiable to maintain the greatness of that state and impose its will on the rest of the world.

"It is that spirit we are fighting; it is that doctrine we must destroy if we wish a durable peace."

"As to the results of the submarine blockade I cannot deny that grave losses have been caused shipping but I do not think I am exaggerating in saying that the losses have fallen very far short of those the Germans hoped to inflict.

"One must remember too that while you hear a lot of the German submarines' claims, you do not hear so much about the losses the submarines themselves suffer. In this connection, it is worth pointing out that neutrals suffer more than belligerents."

"Like all bullies, the Germans are fond of attacking those who can't defend themselves. Unarmed neutral merchantmen are just the sort of targets that a German submarine really likes. But as with all bullies, the ones who stand up against them suffer the least.

"Some neutrals in terror keep suffering consequently a real blockade. Let them pluck up their courage and come out. The submarine menace is not nearly so bad as it sounds."

"I am sure you will realize that for naval reasons it is impossible for me to speak very definitely on this subject, the more so since it is very often difficult to be absolutely certain in case of an engagement with a submarine what the fate of the submarine has actually been."

"I am authorized to state by the admiralty, however, that between February 21 and March 17 there were 29 combats between British ships and submarines. Remember that from February 1st to 21st, Sir Edward Carson an-

To Defeat German Plan

By ARTHUR MANN (United Press Correspondent)

Copenhagen, April 9—The United States main purpose in purchasing the Danish West Indies from Denmark was to defeat the known German plans to establish a Zeppelin and submarine base there as was learned today on highest authority. It is not known whether Germany intended to seize or to buy the islands, because Denmark's geographical position is dominated by Germany.

Autocracy Badly Shaken

London, April 9—Germany's autocracy must be profoundly shaken by the unrest among the people, according to close observers. It is considered highly significant that the Kaiser intervened to issue a formal statement favoring the extension of the franchise in Prussia after a promise of almost the same reform by Hollweg.

Urge Greater Participation

Berlin, April 9—The formal pledges of the Kaiser for political reforms were generally hailed by rejoicing editorials but the more liberal newspapers indicated that the pledges were not enough and urged a greater participation of the people in the government.

Soldiers May Be Transferred

London, April 9—The distinct understanding gained here today that the government would not oppose the transfer of all Americans from the ranks of the imperial forces to a fighting force under the Stars and Stripes—provided such a transfer would aid military plans of the United States.

It was estimated today that thirty thousand Americans enlisted in the British army. A majority are with the Canadian regiments. Probably this number has been depleted by casualties but it is believed that there are a sufficient number of survivors to be regarded as the potential nucleus of a strong "sentimental" legion.

Transported Into Germany

Amsterdam, April 7—Julius Vanhees an American of the Relief Commission has been arrested at Ghent and transported to Germany

nounced not less than forty combats had taken place. Thus to date, there have been over 69.

"This shows that the submarine is by no means having its own way; that the British navy is not—as sometimes asserted—powerless to cope with the menace."

"Regarding restrictions on imports, it is of course only with greatest reluctance that we have issued regulations restricting import of commodities, especially those from our allies. But this is a matter in which the allies stand together."

"It is a move to save tonnage for all of us, and one of the best ways is an agreement to limit imports to articles absolutely necessary to our articles absolutely necessary to a war."

CELEBRATED WITH FIREWORKS

CANADIAN SOLDIERS IN BRITISH LINES RECEIVED NEWS OF APRIL 5TH WITH GREAT REJOICING

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS (United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the British Armies Afield, April 7—"America has declared war!" was the flash that went jubilantly forward over all field telephone and telegraph lines to the fighting line today.

"Gee whiz! man I feel like fighting," voiced an ordinarily quiet staff captain of the Canadian forces whose mother was a Philadelphian, as we approached a group of Canadian officers at an advanced position.

The Canadians are proud of the United States—just as proud as any American could be," he continued. This will mean much in our future of neighborly relations.

"D'ye see that he inquired, pointing to a hurricane of shells bursting over the Germans. "Well, these are our fireworks in celebration."

Every man we encountered expressed jubilation over the news of the war declaration by Congress, clinching the joyful news of President Wilson's speech.

Out in the front line trenches, the "Tommies" hoisted up signal boards apprising the enemy—"America's enemy now"—of the news.

"Each board ought to be worth at least a thousand shells" grinningly appraised the officer. "We're not going to give'em some of Wilson's speech in that way also. Some sentences of that speech are better than bombs."

"It was noticed today that none of the German troops taken prisoners knew anything about America's entrance into the war."

Would Bar German Papers

(By United Press) Washington, April 7—Dailies printed in German would be barred from the mails by a resolution of Senate or indexter, prepared today.

While holding that most of these papers would be loyal, he contended that existence of even one or Polindexter, prepared today, be harmful.

Rockefeller Urges Loyalty

(By United Press)

Savannah, Ga., April 7—John D. Rockefeller said in a statement here today, "the true test of Americanism has come. We must all stand by the President. Party, racial and religious differences must be sunk into the melting pot of the common cause—harmonious patriotism."

Drives Taxi For Red Cross

(By United Press)

Chicago, March 9—Mrs. J. S. Tolson announced she would operate her automobile as a taxi, five hours a day and turn the money over to the Red Cross. She will drive the car herself.