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BICKETT SCORES VOLUNTSEER PLAN

UNDER IT FLOWER OF COUNTRY IS SLAIN ON BATTLE GROUND AND BASER BREEDS ARE LEFT TO PROPAGATE THEIR KIND

(By United Press) Raleigh, April 18—Governor Bickett today issued a statement denouncing the volunteer system as discriminating against manhood and declared that to be called to the colors ought to be considered a nation's stamp of distinction. Under the volunteer system he went on to say, the flower of a country's youth offer their lives to their country while baser breeds stay at home to propagate their kind.

PRESIDENT IS FOR CONSCRIPTION

PRESIDENT IN CONFERENCE WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS URGES PASSAGE OF MEASURE NECESSARY TO NATION'S WELFARE

Washington, April 18—Determined to rush the selective conscription bill through Congress, President Wilson today went to the Capitol for a conference with Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military committee, and other leaders today. The President told Senator Chamberlain that the bill must pass immediately and without amendment for the welfare of the nation.

U. BOAT REPORT IS CONFIRMED

ALL DOUBT OF GERMAN SUBMARINE'S ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE SMITH DISPELLED BY FORMAL REPORT OF OFFICER ON WATCH.

Washington, April 18—All doubt that a submarine fired at Destroyer Smith was dispelled when the report of the Smith was received this morning, stating that the officer on watch sighted the U-boat periscope at a distance of four hundred yards.

HEAVY FIRING HEARD OFF COAST

THREE DIFFERENT COAST GUARD STATIONS LOCATED ABOUT PROVINCETOWN BAY MAKE THIS REPORT TO CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD.

Boston, April 18—Heavy firing was reported off the coast of Provincetown, Mass., by three different coast guard stations this morning. The Charlestown navy yard announces that the stations about Provincetown bay reported firing due north—approximately, of the middle entrance to the bay. Reports agree that apparently the firing was that of heavy guns. It was conjectured that a patrol boat might have come into conflict with a submarine or rider. That an engagement of a more serious nature occurred might be indicated by the report from one of the stations which states that fifteen shots fired at intervals from heavy guns were first heard and that following this, after a considerable interval, came the roar of the continuing firing of heavy guns. Washington, April 18—The navy department has received an official report from Boston saying that gunfire was heard off the coast of Provincetown last night.

AN APPRECIATION

In the death of our pastor, Mr. Loftin, the Berean class is conscious of a sense of loss to which it is difficult to give adequate expression. He was for a long time the teacher of the class, and the richness of his life left, an impress upon the lives of the members of the class. Those of us who remain feel that we would do well to remember and imitate his virtues. Sorrowing with those who were in the shadow, hungering and thirsting for righteousness for himself and for the people, pure in heart, a lover of peace among men, walking in lowliness of heart, patient in trouble, he had the kind heart that he master called blessed. And having such a heart, one that went out to all men, he was found a friend of all. Hazlet has said that the capacity for steady friendship and lasting love were two of the greatest evidences of a strong mind. He had come to know much of truth and the philosophy of life, and the passion of his life was to show to us as Colton has expressed it, the strict and necessary connection between vice and misery, virtue and happiness. He loved personal and civic righteousness, and fought a man's fight for them. But he was not from the trial and conflict, hardened for the fight for

"Fresh from the toll and conflict, Pure and undefiled, He could turn to a woman a woman's heart, And the heart of a child to a child.

The traveler in the Alps, standing in the deep valleys on the early morning, suddenly sees above him a vision of beauty. The highest of the snowcapped peaks has caught the first rays of the rising sun, and stands forth the shining herald of the birth of another day. Like the far flung peaks he was, the first to catch the light, from the Son of Righteousness and stand out a herald of the dawn of a better, and a brighter day.

His place in the hearts of the people is testimony to the fact that right living brings its own reward. He was a manly man. In thinking of him there comes to one's mind those lines from Horace, occurring in the immortal Integer Virgine.

"He who is upright, kind, and free from error, Needs not the aid of arms of men to guard him.

"Conscious of right, he walks mid dangers, A child to guilty terrors, "Strong in virtue"

"Though the face of even the King be changed, Though the thunderbolts of Jove be hurled,

"Though the heavens break and fall upon him, "They will strike him unafraid."

Capable of his place in many callings, he chose rather to be a servant of the Great King, recognizing the truth so well expressed by Webster:

"If we work upon marble it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal souls, if we number them with prophets, with a just fear of God and a love of fellowmen, we will engrave upon these tablets that which will be brighter through all eternity.

These words upon our hearts, for let us heed the message of his life and "look not merely into the past—it comes not again; grasp the present which is ours; and go forth to meet shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart."

His memory will be as lasting in our hearts as the power of his influence for good, for both are eternal.

Surely, in the words of the grand old poet, we may say of him, "To live in hearts we leave behind "Is not to die."

Emmett Wynn, M. D. Phillips, for the class.

Thomas Spires, who has been a way from home for about a year, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Sadie Wood, on Hunter street.

CARRANZA STILL IS MOBILIZING

CONTINUES TO MASS TROOPS ALONG BORDER AND ALREADY HAS THIRTY THOUSAND SEASONED TROOPS WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF EL PASO

El Paso, April 18—Carranza's mobilization of troops along the border continues.

It has just been learned today that General Murguia has abandoned his pursuit of Villa and is returning to Juarez with 5,000 men.

These reinforcements will place at Carranza's disposal no less than 20,000 seasoned soldiers within striking distance of El Paso or other border points.

CIVILIZATION IS A GREAT EPIC

DEPICTS THE DAWN OF THE MILLENNIUM AND THE DAY OF UNIVERSAL PEACE THROUGH SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

"Civilization," the most stupendous and daring cinema spectacle of all times, written by C. Gardner Sullivan and produced by Thomas H. Ince, which had its first showing in Elizabeth City today is best summed up as a screen epic, depicting an idealistic conception of the birth of the millennium, and the bringing about of universal peace through the second coming of Christ.

It is perhaps in the individual countenances and the registry of the passions, hopes, joys, sorrows, and fears of mankind that "Civilization" is exceptional. The faces of the characters selected to depict motherhood, bereft of offspring for cannon fodder, show the joy and sorrow of all mothers. The children, especially the little girl who depicts toddling babyhood, presents the horrors of war by their artlessness more plainly than any of the battle scenes.

The theme of "Civilization" has been handled once for all. The production in its entirety is superb and stands for all that is complete, fascinating and illuminating.

"Civilization" is to run at the New Theatre Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Reserved seats are on sale at the box office.

Recently remodeled and redecorated with entirely new seats in the auditorium the New Theatre offers an ideal place for the presentation of this great masterpiece.

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

A big double Triangle bill, a five act drama and a two-part comedy are tonight's attractions at the Alkrama.

Miss Barricade needs no introduction to the patrons of the Alkrama. She will be seen tonight in what is considered her greatest photo drama, "Plain Jane"

"Plain Jane" is a picture that will be sure to please and the fact that it is a Thomas H. Ince production is all that is necessary to say about the picture.

The comedy entitled "Bombs" will also be sure to win favor.

Tomorrow at the Alkrama Paramount pictures present Mae Murray in "On Record," a drama of the Aviation Field, Police Court and the "Four Hundred."

The wonderful aeroplane drop in this picture is one of the sensations of modern photo dramas.

The members of the Elizabeth City Home Guard are called to meet at the armory Thursday night at eight o'clock by order of W. A. Worth, major.

To My Fellow Citizens

It may be in order or the proper thing to do as an aspirant for the job of city manager to make a statement regarding my intentions if the appointment falls to me for the next term of that office.

You have cast your ballots for your aldermen and my fortune lies entirely with them. I know not how a single one of those eight honorable gentlemen will cast their vote. I have not nor will I embarrass them by an interview in that direction. Every one of them knows me right well, and should know if I can fill the bill, or if I am the man they are looking for. My record is before their eyes and cannot be changed but my capacity may admit of more light thrown on it. The latter remains to be seen. It would be wonderful strange if no one found fault and I was acclaimed the man for the place.

Now to my purposes should I be entrusted with the office. They are simple yet awhile for I must know more about your wants, and go behind the curtain and glance at the books—size up things a little, before I can tell what can be handed out consistently or make any pledges. The city as a whole or the four wards should come in for improvements. I am a taxpayer in all of the wards, owning about the same values, approximately, in each of them; therefore were I to consider my personal interest I could not favor one over the other. I now live in the third, I worship in the fourth, my headquarters are in the first and I married in the second, and lived in that ward ten years. I shall work for and hope to see our city abreast, if not ahead of any of her size in the state. I have always had confidence in her and accordingly have invested all that I have saved and could borrow, within her borders, and have not yet lost any sleep over it. Then why should I not now, should I have a better opportunity, try to push our proud city on to greater glory. Good things come slow as it has been wisely said and if we get down to business in the right way and let patience have her perfect work we may see the four wards sprouting four leaf clover, thus making good luck to the residence therein. Let us then have this incentive, one mighty ward — for — ward — and we will go marching on to White Ways and Sky Scrapers and all the good things galore that the future may have in store for you and yours, me and mine.

I am for greater Elizabeth City in everything the word stands for. If I have not proven it in the past I will try to if made City Manager. W. E. DUNSTAN

Bradford-Senft

Much interest was created here here this morning by the news of the marriage at Baltimore Monday night of Miss Margaret Senft and Mr. D. B. Bradford of this city.

Mr. Bradford is a civil war veteran, a widower and a man of considerable means.

Miss Senft has been held captive of the Elizabeth City Hospital ever since that institution opened, a few years ago.

Goop said some time ago that the marriage would take place soon but more recently there had been a disposition to discredit the report.

Crenshaw Was Not Responsible

Richmond, April 18 — William William Sharpe, New York Specialist operated Saturday on Dabney Crenshaw, a former student of the University of Virginia, charged with setting fire to the library of the institution, and found heavy pressure on the brain due to injury in a foot ball game.

Allied Gains Threaten German Hold on France

French and British Artillery Throwing Hellish Rain of Shells on Enemy Positions With Such Deadly Effect That German Courage Falters.

Takes Ships "Into Custody"

(By United Press) Buenos Aires, April 18—Argentine formally took all interned ships today to prevent damage thereto by the crews.

SCANDANAVIA IS SOME WORRIED

NORWAY AND SWEDEN FEAR THAT UNCLE SAM WILL CUT OFF SUPPLIES FROM THEM IN ORDER TO FEED ALLIES

Christiana, April 18—All Scandinavia is worried at the possibility that America will cut off food supplies from neutrals in order to more efficiently feed the allies.

The anxiety of Norway and Sweden is revealed in an interview given the United Press by Premier Knudsen today. "Such a move would be disastrous to us, cutting off more than half of our grain supply," he said. He added that he hoped the United States was contemplating no such action as he could not conceive that Scandinavia had deserved such unkindness.

"There is absolutely no leakage into Germany of food supplies," he declared.

It is believed here that Denmark is also apprehensive over the possible action of the United States in this matter.

Austrian Cabinet Members Resign

Berlin, April 18—Resignation of Austrian Cabinet members Urban and Barnreither is announced in today's dispatches from Vienna.

Editor's Note—The cause of their resignation is probably delayed by the German censor.

Brazil Soon To Declare War

Washington, April 18—Brazil and Germany will soon be at war in the opinion of official Washington. This belief is much strengthened by the news received here today that Brazil is making preparations to send representatives to the war council of the allies at Washington.

Elliott-Grant

Mr Robert Wood Elliott and Miss Frances Elizabeth Grant were married by Justice of the Peace J. W. Menden at his residence on Solben street Tuesday night at 10:30.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. James Grant on Broad street and the groom is the son of Mr. A. Elliott on Broad street. The marriage was quite a surprise to friends of both the bride and groom.

WEATHER OR NO Fair tonight and Thursday gentle variable winds

With the French Armies Afield, April 18—All of Germany's hold on France is menaced by the most titanic offensive that the world has ever seen.

In the struggle between Von Hindenburg and the master strategists of the Franco-British staffs the French artillery is daily hurling millions of shells against the enemy's line. The French marksmanship is so deadly that German prisoners caught in an infantry advance testify that of their companies, of 250 men barely eighty on an average survive a charge.

The sudden Franco British drive has shattered the German plan and the German hope of avoiding a spring offensive by a retreat from Dixmude to Rheims. Today the French advance on the front between Rheims and Soissons menaces the entire German line.

BRITISH TAKE PRISONERS With the British Armies Afield, April 18—The number of prisoners taken by the British since April 9th totals 14,000 men and 227 guns. More are constantly streaming back from the front.

Around Lens and St. Quentin Haig is drawing in his noose more closely and steadily increasing the pressure on these positions. The Germans are fighting desperately, but the prisoners exhibit a loss of courage in the face of the tremendous hell of the British artillery fire—a matter that must be giving the German general staff deepest concern.

NEW POSITIONS CAPTURED London, April 18—Haig's greatest thrust today was toward Cambrai in which section the capture of Villiers and Guisain, nine miles to the South, are reported. Improvements of British positions around Lagnicourt were also achieved.

MOYOCK THIS MONTH

Following is the program for the Camden-Currituck Union Meeting to be held at Moyock.

- FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH
- 11 A. M. Introductory Sermon—Rev. E. J. Harrell.
- 2: P. M. The Authority of the Church Covenant:—
 - (a) As resident in the membership collectively—D. P. Harris.
 - (b) Involving the vows of each one who enters into the Covenant—N. H. Sheperd.
- SATURDAY APRIL 28TH
- 10 A. M. The Scope of the Covenant.
 - (a) The support of the church as laid down therein.—J. K. Henderson
 - (b) Home religion as prescribed in the covenant—W. J. Byrum.
 - 2: P. M.
 - (c) Conduct before the world as set forth in the covenant—S. N. Hurst.
 - (d) Our obligations as set forth in the covenant, not obliterated by any change of location—B. C. Henning.
- SUNDAY APRIL 29TH
- 11 A. M. The Extension of the Kingdom of God to the Utmost parts of the Earth—W. J. Byrum.
- 3:30 P. M. —Demonstration B. Y. P. U. program—Representatives First Baptist and Blackwell Memorial Church Unions of Elizabeth City.

Nathaniel Aydtlett of Powells Point was in the city Wednesday.