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\$1.50 A Year in Advance

L. E. STOUT UNDER \$1,000 BOND FOR HIS DISLOYALTY

L. E. Stout, who was arrested here Monday of last week by Chief of police J. C. Duncan on a charge of uttering seditious remarks about the government of the United States and the president, was tried here Thursday before U. S. Commissioner T. K. Barnett of Shelby and bound over to the October term of Federal court at Charlotte in the sum of \$1000. At the conclusion of the trial he sent for Mr. J. O. Plonk to see if he would go his bond. This gave Mr. Plonk an opportunity to express his true patriotic disposition and he denied himself the chance of his life to turn a German at large again within our borders. Mr. Plonk stated that he was a true American and that if the accused was guilty of what he was charged with that he was strictly against him. Stout was consequently taken to Gaston county jail, it being the nearest by to await the ordeal of facing Judge Boyd in October.

Stout has been released on bond. The Herald has not been able to ascertain who went the bond except that it was two of Stout's wife's brothers, sons of T. L. Payne.

After the arrest of Stout, A. A. Nelms of the department of Justice came to Kings Mountain and worked up the case in conjunction with Chief Duncan. Thursday morning Deputy Marshall E. N. Williams and Detective H. E. Thomas arrived in Kings Mountain and soon thereafter U. S. Commissioner T. K. Barnett and court was convened in Kendrick's office. The prisoner was arraigned and plead 'not guilty'.

Martin Goins was the first witness. He testified that he heard Stout say that President Wilson ought to be taken out and the hide taken off him and that Germany would win the war.

Lee Brooks (col) was the next witness. He stated that he had heard Stout talk a great deal of a seditious nature giving as a concrete illustration, "The president and his men should be loaded in a cannon and shot against a brick wall." The witness also said he saw him throw up his top bucket and kick at a passing troop train.

H. J. Smith testified that he heard the defendant say that he wished that every troop train would wreck and kill the last d— soldier on them that he hoped that the submarines would sink every troop transport that undertook to cross to France and that President Wilson ought to be taken out and lynched. Jno. Short said that he heard the defendant remark as a train passed loaded with soldiers, "Yes d— them there they go to the slaughter pen where they all ought to go".

Orb Cobb stated that he saw the defendant shake his fist at a passing troop train. Stout persistently broke into the testimony with bitter denials of his guilt and on this occasion brought a slight giggle from the audience when he said "I was waving at the troops and saying 'hurrah for the Red, White and Blue'." Then the witness demonstrated the actions of the defendant by clin-

ching his fist and shaking it vehemently.

G. W. Kendrick testified that he was with Duncan when he made the arrest and accompanied them back to town and that he heard Stout say that he didn't give a d— which side won the war. This statement was corroborated by Chief Duncan.

Stout took the stand in his own behalf denied steadfastly all the charges that had been made against him and stated that he didn't think any sensible man would use any such talk. He maintained that the whole affair was framed up on him and that the people were at enmity against him. He said his parents were Germans but that he was born and raised in Washington County Maryland.

Commissioner Barnett adjudged that it was a very plain case and ruled that the prisoner should be held in the sum of \$1000.

Thus ends the first episode in seditious prosecution in this section and it is hoped that this example will suffice to convert any who may be hugging the shore.

The board of trustees of the graded school met Friday night and re-elected all the present faculty of teachers. Rev. J. E. Berryhill was not a candidate for re-election as superintendent. He served during the part of the last session only because Supt. Orr was called to the army and it was exceedingly difficult to secure a successor to finish out the school. Just how many of the teachers will accept the election has not been intimated. We would like to see them all accept.

Two young negroes by the name of McKin were before Recorder Falls Thursday on the charge of vagrancy. Judgement was suspended.

KINGS MOUNTAIN GOES OVER THE TOP FIRST DAY OF RED CROSS DRIVE-SUBSCRIPTIONS \$1750

Kings Mountain's allotment to the Second Red Cross War Fund of \$100,000,000.00 is \$1,500.00. The campaign started Monday morning and is to continue through next Monday. Before night the first day we had gone well "Over the top" and as we write Tuesday morning \$1,750.00 has been reported with considerably more in prospect.

The heaviest subscribers are the cotton mills seven of which have subscribed \$150 each. As the management of the Sevier Mill is located in Burlington an answer has not been received from them as yet. The two banks have contributed \$100 each.

Mr. C. E. Neisler is chairman of the War Fund Committee and is directing the campaign. He is being ably assisted by Rev. G. L. Kerr, chairman of the local chapter, and a corps of efficient canvassers. It is confidently expected and sincerely hoped that we shall exceed the \$2,000 mark by the end of the week.

BUSINESS CHANGES

Harry Falls, proprietor of the Independent Meat Market, has bought from M. E. Herndon the building occupied by the Patterson Grocery Co. and will move the market to it as soon as the grocery store is removed. The Patterson Grocery Co., owns the building recently occupied by the Kings Mountain Hardware Co. and will move into it as soon as necessary repairs can be made. D. M. Baker and Co. who recently bought out the Kings Mountain Hardware Co. is moving the stock of hardware to their main store and packing in warehouses in order to vacate the building. Just what will be put into the Baumgardner building now occupied by the market has not been announced.

Plonk Bros. have occupied their big new building adjoining their old store building. The old store was a double compartment store and very spacious. The new store is as large as the old one and is connected with it by a rear passage. They have moved the dry goods all to the new part of the building and have put furniture in the part of the old building previously occupied by the dry goods department. The grocery department remains in the south side of the old building. This store all together makes one of the biggest stores in this section.

We understand that Judge Council of Hickory has decided not to make the race against Congressman E. Y. Webb for his seat in congress from the ninth Congressional District. This leaves the field open to Webb so far as the democratic party is concerned.

NEWS FROM FRANCE

The following from a Kings Mountain boy who is now serving his country in France will be of interest to his friends. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew K. Falls.

"Somewhere in France, April 28, 1918.

"Dear Mr. Page, "Will drop you a few lines to let you know I am here in France. I would like to tell you something of this place but you know I am not allowed to say anything. The French people are nice looking people all right. I enjoyed my trip across the sea. The vessel I came on was a very large one. This is a very wet country. I believe it is going to rain all the time.

"Robert Falls, "Co. F. 7th. Inf. "American Expeditionary Force" "O. K. F. H. Strickland, 1st. Lt. Co. F. 7th. Inf."

Bright Raterree, who has been clerking at the Bonnie Mill store since the Kings Mountain Hardware Co., was disposed of, quit Monday to go to the army next Monday. Joe P. Weaver is taking his place at the Bonnie Mill store.

We notice in an exchange that Marion Butler, the famous republican "Mary Ann", made a strong speech in Benson the other night in favor of Liberty Bonds and that as a result Benson went "Over the top", with her subscriptions.

Thinking men everywhere who are not already in line are daily falling into ranks. How long, O Lord, before all shall wake up?

State of North Carolina Department of State Certificate of dissolution

To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greetings;

Whereas, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Klotho Mills Incorporated, a corporation of this state, whose principle office is situated in the town of Kings Mountain, County of Cleveland, State of North Carolina—A. E. Cline being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served—has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revisal of 1915, entitled "Corporations", preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now, Therefore I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 8th day of May 1918, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 8th day of May, A. D. 1918.

J. BRYAN GRIMES, Sec. of State, North Carolina.

Filed in my office on May 20, 1918, and duly recorded in Record of Incorporations No. 3, at page 62 This the 20th day of May, 1918.

F. L. HOYLE, C. S. C.

Almost without exception the important posts of the Red Cross are filled by men and women who are accustomed to large affairs, but are now giving their services absolutely without pay for the lessening of human suffering. Throughout the Organization persons are, similarly, either giving their time or are serving for nominal salaries.

SCHOOL CLOSING WAS A BIG SUCCESS THROUGHOUT

The commencement exercises of the graded school were concluded Friday night with the Annual Address by Mayor F. R. McNinch of Charlotte and the awarding of diplomas and medals. Taken all together this was a first-class commencement. All the exercises of all the grades gave evidence of care and preparation and all smacked of the keen patriotic spirit of the times.

The address of Mr. McNinch was rich in thought and fraught with enthusiasm and was most appropriate. He took as his subject "Life", dealing with it in the form of three questions, viz: "What will you do with IT?", "What will YOU do with IT?", and "WHAT will you do with it?". He devoted considerable thought to the present war condition and gave utterance to the strongest patriotism. He likened the world war to a gigantic struggle in which Christ and the Entente Allies are engaged against Anti-Christ and the Kaiser of Germany. He expressed utter contempt for pro-Germans and pertaining to Germanism. He said that there used to be German-Americans but there are none now as all are either German or red-blooded American. He made a strong hit at the form of disloyalty that whines at Liberty Bonds and Red Cross funds and those that blame the government for being in the war and that we are getting our just dues for going into a war that does not concern us. He was most pronounced in his denunciation of all forms of disloyalty.

There were nine members of the graduating class all of whom were handed their diplomas Friday night. They are as follows; Aubry Mauney, Cora Watterson, Elizabeth Plonk, Virgie Harmon Vera Abbot, Bianche Wilson, Garrison Ware, Bryan Hord and Susie Beach. There were six others who started the session with the class but for various causes dropped out of school before the close. Two, Burgeon Falls and Glee Bridges, went to the army.

The declamation contest was held Friday morning, Clyde Lindsay winning the medal, Winnie Vera Mauney won the scholarship medal. Roy Swearingen was presented a prize by a friend. Garrison Ware was given a graduating gift by his parents.

BEARD GOES TO PRISON
W. P. Beard, formerly editor of the Scimitar of Abbeville, S. C. and a scotch for Cole Blease, was convicted last November of disloyalty and sentenced to a year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$500. He was on bond awaiting appeal when he was arrested again recently. Finding that he could not control his mouth he withdrew the appeal and went on to the prison. His paper was ruled out of the mail in November.