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SUBMARINE CREW FACED DEATH

Had Thrilling Experience Off Coast of Holland—Boat Battered on Shoal—After All-Night Struggle Crew Was Rescued.

London—Death in varied forms menaced and played for many hours with the crew of the British submarine E-37, wrecked and finally sunk, after a gallant fight for life, off the coast of Holland, according to the story of her commander now for the first time told. His account gives a vivid picture of an all-night struggle to save the submarine and her company from the battering of the waves which hammered the little vessel upon the shoal, of a fight with fire in her hold, against leaks that threatened to secure a torpedo thrown from its lashings with its warhead in place, menacing all with instant destruction.

Freed from the shoal only to be confronted by an apparently hostile cruiser bent on her destruction, the submarine commander tells how he was driven to the desperate resource of submerging in a water-logged craft and of the suspense of the critical moment when he discovered that his vessel was filling at the bottom of the ocean and of a fight back to the surface to face the guns of the cruiser.

Writing from a Dutch internment camp, the E-17's commander, after telling of the stranding of the submarine and the vain struggle to float her adds:

"The entire of the boat proved too much for the lashings of one of the spare torpedoes; the tail held firm, but the nose, with the heavy warhead in place, commenced threshing about in the boat, and would have done a lot of damage if it had not been rapidly disconnected.

"Large quantities of water had come down the conning tower and made an awful mess of things. It got at the electric light switchboards, fused the police lights, and started a fire behind the switchboards, which had to be put out with one of the patent fire extinguishers. The resulting fumes of burnt rubber and fire extinguisher made a most unpleasant combination, with which we were bottled up for the rest of the night.

"It was a terrible time, that period of waiting for the dawn. None of us thought that the boat could last out, and, for my hat off to the men that made her it was simply wonderful the amount of hammering she took. My inspection showed that the rudder had gone, and the after compartment had a large direct connection with the sea, probably through the hole where the rudder had been. The bulkhead of this compartment had also been strained and was leaking. Other propeller shafts had been slightly bent by the bumping, and high main engines had got damaged were full of electric leaks; six of the big main tanks were holed, and the ship was leaking internally in about a dozen places.

"It looked pretty hopeless, so I started to destroy all confidential papers, charts and instructions, the most secret things being baked in the electric oven until brittle and then powdered up. Then I held a council of war upon what we should do if we could get afloat in the morning. I had enough faith in the German spy system to expect that we had been observed as we were threshing about in the night and could expect trouble soon after daybreak.

"When dawn came I found we were barely fifty yards from shore, at a point about midway along the Island of Texel, had a clear sea behind us without shoals, and that the sea had gone down a lot. We were leaking so badly that I felt that diving would be a risky experiment, only to be tried in the extremest case, with probably a fire to one chance against us. I was quite satisfied, however, that we could get back to England if the weather held good and we were not interfered with.

"About 9:45, we sighted a cruiser coming along the coast and steaming very fast. A rain squall was coming up behind her which blotted her out before we could distinguish details, but she altered her course toward land just before going out of sight.

"The most hopeful scheme seemed to be to get straight out seaward, in hope of slipping away unobserved in the mist. It was painfully slow work; very few words were heard to cheer up, thinking all was well. Then suddenly we spotted her. She had altered her course again, and was now driving up at a great rate on a course that looked as if she meant ramming.

"When she was a short half-mile away I made out the blurred outline of her guns, and immediately afterward saw them swinging forward; it is an unwritten law of the sea never to train guns on warships of a nation with whom one is at peace—for obvious reasons. Therefore her action in training her guns on us at this moment seemed to prove beyond doubt that she was hostile and about to open fire. To stay on the surface seemed certain death, either from gunfire or ramming, so I took the 1 to 5 chance for life under water.

"The moments following my order to dive were rather exciting. When I tried to close the conning tower lid I found to my horror that it had jammed. By the feel of it it fancy a piece of waste or a rope's end had fouled the counterbalance weight. The water was halfway up the conning tower. No time to do anything, so I started down again with the idea of closing the lower door. I had barely got to the edge of the hole when the water came. The first wave hit me a great smack, and luckily broke the obstruction and closed the lid with a bang, although an avalanche of water got into the boat first.

"I found things pretty serious inside, for as soon as the pressure came on the leaks had opened up, and the boat had taken charge of itself, sinking like a stone. The water inside had run aft, depressing the stern to such an angle that it was impossible to stand without holding on to something.

"It was out of the question to remain submerged, the question was rather whether we would be able to get back to the surface at all. The boat had gone right down until she touched bottom with her tail. As she did so the door of the after compartment commenced to gape and give. If the boat had stayed at that depth it would have gone. But immediately on touching the bottom she commenced to rise again, because the water blown out of her tanks was sufficient to give her a slight buoyancy as soon as her downward momentum stopped.

"There was a tremendous lot of free water in the interior. Some of the men were literally washed away from their stations. Those who were washed away stayed as near their billets as possible, ready to dive back and work their valves if it required it. They might have been doing a routine practice in some waters for all the difference it made.

"We were now rising very slowly, when suddenly the port motor blew out, water having reached it and short-circuited it. This happened at forty-five feet, then stopped and commenced sinking again slowly. The dial pointer crept round to 48 feet, stopped, then went to 49, then 49-1-2, stopped there for a long time and then started to rise again.

"This was the critical moment. If she had gone down instead of up nothing could have saved us. Once she made up her mind to come up, she came with a rush. We emerged ready to torpedo the German cruiser if we could, and the men standing ready to swim for it as soon as we had fired. When we broke surface, there was the ship, lying motionless 100 yards away, a beautiful shot. But it had stopped raining and I was astonished to find at first sight that she was a Dutchman. Her ensign was clearly visible and her silhouette, which I now saw for the first time, was unmistakable.

"My boat was practically in a sinking condition and I signalled to the Dutch cruiser for help. Boats were sent over with the utmost promptitude and we shortly found ourselves aboard the Noord Brabant, of the Dutch royal navy, stationed at the Helder. We were received and treated most warmheartedly. I went up on the bridge and watched my boat take its last plunge. As she went down a bugle sounded the 'Attention' and the Noord Brabant saluted her while she died."

OBJECTS TO SOLDIERS ACTING AS BOOTBLACKS

Washington, Dec. 14—Representative Miller, of Washington, one of the parties of representatives who unofficially visited the European battle fronts, delivered an address in the house today telling of his observations.

In the course of his speech Mr. Miller said he had seen American soldiers in France blacking the shoes of officers. Representative Smith of Idaho asked if privates who did such work were not paid for it by the officers. Mr. Miller said that was true, but the practice should not be permitted.

REV. J. L. OATES DECLINES COLUMBIA CALL

York, Dec. 13—Rev. J. L. Oates, pastor of the York Associate Reformed Presbyterian church has declined a call recently tendered him by the A. R. P. church of Columbia. Mr. Oates is one of the most popular pastors in York and people of all denominations joined in urging him to stay here. Since he began his pastorate here a number of years ago, the church has made a remarkable record for growth, broadened activities and general usefulness. Much of this progress is directly traceable to Mr. Oates' able leadership and unflagging energy.

PRIVATION AT MINEOLA CHARGED BY GOVERNOR

Oregon Executive Says Soldiers Live in Tents Without Floors—Senators File Complaint.

Washington, Dec. 12—Senators Chamberlain and McNair of Oregon have received a telegram from Governor Withycombe of their State asserting that Oregon National Guard troops at Camp Mills, Mineola, Long Island, were living in tents without floors and that as a result there was considerable illness among them, some of it pneumonia. He asked the Oregon Senators to lay his complaint before the Secretary of War and seek to have the conditions at Camp Mills remedied.

Senators Chamberlain and McNair made representations to the War Department today on the basis of the Governor's telegram and it was announced tonight that the department had ordered an investigation.

Senator Chamberlain is a Democrat and Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, which today began an investigation of charges that the administration of the new army was being mismanaged, particularly in the matter of failing to furnish a supply of Winter clothing to soldiers and in not having enough rifles and other ordnance to arm the military forces.

SELECTING SEED

Choose the Type Not the Exceptional Individual for Standard Seed.

Clemson College, S. C., Dec. 15—In selecting seed, too much emphasis is often put upon the size rather than upon its quality and ability to pass good qualities into the next crop. Select, not the massive, unshapely hollow potato, but the shapely true to type average sized tuber. When we wish to get good averages we must select the good average type seed, because an individual happens to be of an unusual size or form should not be led into the general misconception that this characteristic will be inherited. Of course if the general or average type is large then we have large type averages. Even in such selections the true to type average should be selected. This brings about uniformity and purity and establishes standard types.

In former days among the old school of exhibitors at the fairs, it was considered a great stride in agriculture to get unusually large types and freaks. True they were interesting as novelties but they were worthless as standard types. It was found that an unusually large squash or pumpkin or watermelon did not necessarily transmit this characteristic unless it came from a type that grew large specimen as an average type. For that reason seed judges lay more stress on types that grow averages and that are true to type. In other words they are on the look out for good performing types not exceptional individuals.

Aviation Has Lost Its Romance.

Attentive readers of the war news must have noticed that the dispatches describing the work of the aviators on the various fronts no longer deal to any such extent as in the past with single combats, man to man. This means that aviation has fare, like that on land, has developed in an unexpected direction and is fast losing its picturesque and romantic features.

The aviators nowadays, do comparatively little of the solitary hunting for solitary antagonists that gave them fame as "aces." Instead, they work in carefully organized groups, the members of which are expected to show not independence and initiative, but the ability to carry out with exactness plans minutely laid out for them by superiors who never quit the ground.

Each member of the group has an assigned part and place in its operations and usually they are divided, some flying at a great height, some at moderate one, and the rest up only a few hundred feet. In other words, they have "ranks," just as do the infantry fighters, but the ranks are up and down, not at right and left. They must be guarded none the less on that account, and sometimes they are "turned," with the familiar disastrous results.

Aviation is become a "service" like another, and its principle is cooperation. There will come military results, but not much, or at any rate not so much, of fame for individual aviators.—New York Times.

ENDS HIS OWN LIFE.

Young Laurens Man Ordered Up For Army Service.

Gray Court, Dec. 14—John O. Hellams, member of farmer-mechanic Township, took his own life at his home this morning. Mr. Hellams leaves a wife and a large family connection. He had been ordered to report at Camp Jackson today under the draft act and it is presumed that worry over leaving home had caused some mental derangement.

PLEADS FOR AIRPLANE AID

Germans Will Soon Surpass French in Aviation, and American Aid Is Needed—Suppressed Appeal to Us.

Paris, Dec. 12—An article by Whitney Warren entitled "America's Role in Aerial Warfare," appears this week's Revue Hebdomadaire. The writer begins by emphasizing the some of it pneumonia. He asked the Oregon Senators to lay his complaint before the Secretary of War and seek to have the conditions at Camp Mills remedied.

"As for the 100,000 airplanes mentioned in sensational dispatches, I am not aware that a single one has yet crossed the sea. On the contrary, my information leads me to suppose that it is we who have ordered airplanes in the factories of the Allies to meet the needs of our army that is coming.

"That, of course, does not mean that America's aerial contribution will be non-existent, or even negligible, Mr. Warren says, but it accentuates the need for speedy and systematic work on the new

"Of the three or four types of airplanes now used on the European front, which he divides into three categories, as follows:

1. Divisional aviation—Machines for scouting, photography, and artillery observation.

2. Aviation of Pursuit—Fast killer planes whose only mission is to attack the enemy aviators.

3. Bombplanes for work by day and night.

It is clear that at the present juncture, Mr Warren proceeds, either adversary who can win the mastery of the air will have the greatest chance of victory. There are three methods of defeating an enemy—by exhausting his military, economic, or moral strength. The mastery of the air would accomplish all three objects.

As regards military strength, Mr. Warren says, air mastery would put but an opponents' eyes and blind his infantry, artillery, and high command. Against economic forces an aggressive bombing policy would be extremely effective, at once destroying industrial resources which Germany cannot replace owing to the blockade and forcing a cessation of submarine warfare by its bloody reprisals. Similarly, as regards morale, persistent air raids destroy an "enemy's confidence, and the side that loses confidence has lost the war.

To win this mastery, Mr. Warren continues, unquestioned superiority is required not only in numbers, but in offensive and defensive armament and in climbing and horizontal speed. Statements from the American press reproduced in France give the impression that by next Summer allied aviation, thanks to American aid, will have overwhelmed German aviation. The writer continues:

"The truth is that at that time, while America will not have been able to supply a single airplane, the German air fleet will be one-third superior to the French. That shows what we have got to do. The question is how are we to render our collaboration more active and efficacious?"

Mr. Warren then quotes verbatim a statement made to him in July by a great soldier for publication in the American press insisting on the urgent need for haste. From this statement it is obvious that to win the mastery of the air we must have a great superiority in the number and quality of machines over the enemy. France cannot increase and speed up her production, owing to the shortage of materials and of labor unless she decides to devote to airplane construction a large proportion of labor and material at present used for other war purposes. This she would be able to do, as many of her workers engaged in other branches are specialists of high grade required for delicate airplane construction, but on the sole condition that she receives from America assurance that the latter will handle the production of automobiles, artillery and munitions necessary for the French army that would enable France to concentrate on aviation.

At the same time the statement of the French General insists on standardization and rapidity of production of airplanes and motors. To accomplish this successfully necessitates continuous night and day work, with three eight-hour shifts instead of working eight hours a day only, as is the case at present in the French airplane factories owing to the labor shortage. It is therefore held to be desirable that America shall also send to France as many as possible of her high-grade specialists to assist in the work not only in the industrial centres, but also in aviation repair and machine shops in the army zone, whose task is of fully equal importance.

The general lines of the above program, Mr. Warren says, have been indicated from the best French sources. Information from Italy tends in precisely the similar direction. They, too, an enormous increase in airplanes is necessary in the proportion that if Italy had 120 squadrilas in 1915, she will now require 1,200, or about 10,000 airplanes to triumph over the Austrians.

With the above, with the citation of a letter he received from Thaon de Revel insisting on the need of sea as well as land airplanes A great fleet of seaplanes would give the allies the undoubted mastery of the Adriatic, on which depends in no small degree the decision of the submarine problem owing to the allied inability to prevent U-boats from making their way from Adriatic ports across the Mediterranean through the Straits of Gibraltar into the Atlantic. American, Mr. Warren holds, thus has as great an interest in the question of the Adriatic as the French and Italian fronts.

It is America's duty to realize now how urgent is the need for haste. Mr. Warren says, and to spare no effort in bringing about that allied air superiority which, if not absolutely vital, is at least one of the most important conditions of victory.

TWO LIGHTLESS NIGHTS EVERY WEEK ORDERED BY FUEL ADMINISTRATION

City White Ways and Advertising Signs Must Be Darkened Sunday and Thursday Nights.

Washington, Dec. 14—Two "lightless nights" a week were ordered today by the fuel administration. Next Sunday night will be the first, and thereafter Sunday and Thursday of every week will see the city white ways and advertising signs darkened, only necessary street lights used and only such lights as the law requires in offices and stores not open for business.

The new order replaces one which became effective November 9 for the dimming of electric displays, which the administration says has been a failure. It is counted upon not only to effect a substantial saving of coal, but as the announcement says "to provide startling visual evidence that the United States is engaged in the conduct of the greatest of world wars."

The only exceptions apply to lights used for governmental purposes by the United States government or the government of any state and street lights used by any city or town. The state fuel administrators are directed and authorized to see that the provisions of the order are scrupulously observed.

Dr. Garfield in promulgating the new order said:

"Use of fuel in this emergency for any of the purposes definitely prohibited in the order is wasteful and is prejudicial and injurious to the national security and defense."

In compliance with the patriotic spirit of the order the hope was expressed that householders will observe the "lightless nights" by burning as few lights in homes as it is possible to get along with conveniently.

PEOPLE ARE URGED TO FOREGO PLEASURES

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14—Pleasures should be foregone during the war to a large extent and the money invested in war savings stamps or other government securities, said Frank A. Vanderlip, national director of the war savings campaign in an address here tonight.

"Store up your pleasures as you would store up money in the bank" he said. "Pay them back. You will enjoy them ten-fold later, at the right time and with a clear conscience."

COAL SHORTAGE IN NEW YORK SERIOUS

Thousands of Tons Are Ice-Bound on the New Jersey Shore.

New York, Dec. 14—Homes and industries in New York were confronted tonight with the most serious coal shortage in the city's history because of inability to get supplies across the Hudson on barges from New Jersey tidewater points where thousands of tons are ice-bound. The situation, already bad, was greatly aggravated, by last night's storm.

An investigation by the fuel administration today disclosed that nearly one-half of the city's coal yards are empty while others have only a few tons on hand. Thousands of families have no coal to heat their homes and scores of the city's manufacturing plants are said to be on the verge of shutting down. It may be necessary to close many of the public schools.

Washington, Dec. 15—Denied a commission in the aviation corps because of her sex, Ruth Law announced today she would organize a woman's flying squadron of 31 girls, the first organization of its kind in the world, just to prove to the war department that women can fly as well as men.

VISITING NURSE SPOILED UNDERTAKER'S BUSINESS

Voted Against Her in Town Meeting—Said Some She Came There Were No Baby Funerals.

Buyers of Red Cross Christmas Seals which help to raise funds to maintain visiting nurses, will be interested in a story told by Miss Fanny F. Clement, of Washington, D. C., Superintendent of the Town and Country Nursing Service of the American Red Cross.

Miss Clement states that a visiting nurse had worked with great success in a mining town in the West, when suddenly she was informed that her services would no longer be required.

She discovered that at a meeting a majority of the town board had voted to withdraw financial support.

She was mystified by this action, until she came to inquire, who had cast their votes against her and what their reasons were for doing so.

One of the majority voters was an undertaker who stated in meeting that since the arrival of the nurse his business in babies' funerals had fallen off so that he was not doing anything nothing in this line. Another owned an unsanitary barn next to the school house. The barn had been torn down after the nurse explained the danger to the community. The third owned property which was not connected with the sewage system, but which the law required should be connected. The nurse was striving, with the support of the town to enforce the law.

It pays to support a nurse who helps to put the undertaker out of business. Red Cross Seals save babies' lives through the support of tuberculosis visiting nurses.

LOCAL BOARD IS BUSY MAILING QUESTIONNAIRES.

Local Attorneys and Others Will Assist Registrants—Must Be Returned To The Board Within Seven Days—All Exemptions Heretofore Issued Are Now Cancelled.

Questionnaires are being mailed out by the local exemption board to all local registrants. The blanks are being sent out in small quantities and it will be several weeks before all have received them. These questionnaires ask a large number of questions as to the present occupation of the registrant, and also as to his trade or profession, and details concerning those dependent on him for support. Those receiving these blanks are urged to fill them in properly and return them to the exemption boards as soon as possible in order that the work of the boards may be proportioned.

The new exemption regulations have annulled all exemptions that have been granted registrants, and the exemption board will reconsider their cases, and, except in cases of total disability, no permanent exemptions will be granted. The selectmen will be placed in one of five classes, to be determined by their vocation, claims for dependency, and physical qualifications as set out by their answers to the inquiries of the questionnaires."

The questionnaire contains a long list of questions relative to the registrant's occupation, physical qualification, and claims for dependency. The registrant is in duty bound to the meaning of any of the questions asked on the government blanks, he will be expected to seek the aid of some attorney or official in his district in clearing up the matter and filling out the blank correctly. The provost marshal general has called upon all members of the legal profession throughout the United States to assist in the work of getting the nine million questionnaires that will be mailed out this month properly filled out, and any member of the bar will be glad to assist in this patriotic work.

The registrants will have seven days in which to mail the questionnaires back to the exemption board. Failure of the registrant to receive the questionnaire will not be considered an excuse for his failure to return the questionnaire properly filled out before the expiration of the stipulated seven days.

CAR SHORTAGE CHECKS PRODUCTION OF COAL

Washington, Dec. 15—Coal shortage continues as the chief factor checking a maximum production of coal, according to statistics made public today by the geological survey. Labor shortage and mine disability are given as other causes. Bituminous mines, the tables show, are producing only about 75 per cent of what they are capable of putting out.

Transportation, it is declared, is improving slowly.

A general easing up in the shortage of cars was reported in a statement accompanying the statistics, except in West Virginia, where losses due to inadequate transportation have been severe.

POLICE BATTLE WITH NEGROES

Half-Dozen Wounded During Fight in Bridgeport, Conn.—Thousands of Shots Fired When Police Battled With Frequenters of Negro Club.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 16—A three-hour battle with riot guns and revolvers, between the police and frequenters of a negro club on Water street, took place today and resulted in the wounding of one policeman, two white citizens and three negroes. Of the injured, two probably will die. The proprietor of the club, William ("Baby Doll") Thomas, and 105 other persons, including 12 white women, are under arrest.

The fight started about 2 a. m. and continued until five o'clock. Thousands of shots were fired. Virtually the whole police force was at one time engaged in the siege of the quarters held by the negroes, and the final action took place when Superintendent of Police Redgate and five patrolforced their way into the clubroom and fought those inside face to face.

Early this morning a white man complained to a policeman that he had been roughly handled at the Thomas quarters. The policeman summoned two others and went to the club to investigate. Shots were fired at them through the door and one policeman was hit. The other officers sent in a call to headquarters for help and the men inside barricaded the doors, opened the windows facing on Water street and threatened to shoot anyone approaching.

The reserves who tried to force their way into the building were met with a volley of shots. The police superintendent then called for nearly all his men and the place was surrounded. One detail fired into the windows of the club with riot guns, thus preventing the negroes from shooting into the street.

A large number of those inside tried to get away, but were gathered in by the police. Chief Redgate and five officers gained access to the rear of the clubroom and went in. When they reached the smoke-laden clubroom, five men were found there who surrendered only after they had emptied their weapons.

Thomas fled to the cellar of an adjoining building, but was captured and held without bail.

Of the 108 persons under arrest 12 were white men and 12 young white women, the rest being negro men and women.

NEGRO TAKEN ON SHIP CONFESSES TO KILLING

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14—James Williams, colored, who is accused of having shot and killed Lemuel Williams, his brother-in-law, in Rocky Mount a year ago was arrested on a river steamer here this morning. He admitted his identity and confessed to the killing and will be taken to the scene of the crime as soon as an officer comes for him.

Sad Death Of Young Man.

(Special to The News.)

Leeds, Dec. 13th—John L. Feaster, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Meredith Feaster, of Shelton, R. F. D., died at the home of his parents Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, aged twenty one years.

The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, from which he suffered for one week. For two weeks preceding, he had been unwell, and under medical treatment, and seemed to be much improved. In a second illness pneumonia developed and terminated in death.

The deceased was a young man of many good traits; kind, neighborly, sympathetic and obliging; much loved by his parents, sisters and brothers; and popular with his friends and associates.

Burial services were conducted from Cool Branch Baptist church, of which he was a member, Wednesday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. E. D. Wells, and the remains laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Besides his parents, young Mr. Feaster is survived by three brothers and five sisters.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR ARMY DEVELOPMENT

Washington, Dec. 16—Creation of a war training department to administer a system of special vocational training for drafted men was announced tonight by the federal board for vocational education. The department will co-operate with the war department and the shipping board is supplying shortages of skilled men for essential war work.

The department will establish free vocational schools and classes to train men in larger numbers for special army work and for government construction. Already the federal board is training 18,000 radio and buzzer operators for the signal corps.

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FOOD TO HELP WIN THE WAR
SERVICE FOR ALL
AM GROWING

THE FUEL SITUATION.

Press dispatches from various towns and cities throughout the entire country are to the effect that the fuel situation is serious. It is a positive fact that people in some cities are going to bed to keep warm. We know that a letter has been received in Chester in which this statement has been made.

The fuel situation in Chester today is serious according to our mind. We have only two dealers now and one of them is without coal, but is expecting some, another has a very limited amount. The winter has just begun and what it holds in store we know not. This certainly is no time to take chances. Our city council owes it to the poor people of this town to make some effort to care for their possible needs. The well-to-do people can look after themselves but others are very likely to need help and it is the duty of those who can to assist people who might be in need.

We have talked to a number of business men of Chester and all whom we have seen are of the opinion that the city should, at the earliest possible date, establish a municipal wood yard. The wood can be secured standing and the city force could cut and haul same. We can do without street work until a supply of wood is hauled to the city.

Something has been said about the wood being stolen in the event a yard was established. The decrease in the amount of whiskey received in Chester has decreased the amount of lawlessness. This fact is established by the records of the police court. Since there is a decrease in lawlessness it stands to reason that the city police force does not have as much to do as they did in former times. We have the same police force that we had before the passage of the recent liquor law and we see no reason why the police force could not at least keep one eye on a wood yard for a few weeks at least.

An abundance of wood can be secured by the city within six miles of the town and it can be bought for the sum of thirty-five cents a cord standing, provided it is cut where the party owning the wood, wishes it cut.

If there should be suffering in Chester this winter on account of lack of fuel, when the people have the money with which to buy it, we do not see how the blame can be placed other than on the municipality. As yet we cannot believe our city council will idiotically sit down and let women and children suffer from the cold.

Jo Jo says, "A slicker is a fellow who is just slick enough not to be classed as a slacker."

Are you eating cornbread or are you still helping the Kaiser?

If a person were to freeze to death in Chester this winter and the coroner's jury found that the deceased had money but was unable to buy fuel, what would be the verdict of the jury?

A dispatch from York yesterday advises that the town is out of coal and that dealers are unable to get shipments which have been made. Wood is selling at a very high price and is very hard to get. If York had a municipal woodyard the citizens would not suffer for lack of fuel. We hope the coal dealers of Chester will not run out of coal this winter because Chester is also without a municipal woodyard.

AMERICAN ARRESTED BY THE RUSSIANS

Petrograd, Friday—Charles S. Smith, of St. Louis, a member of the staff of John F. Stevens, head of the American Railway Commission to Russia, is reported to have been arrested.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP RAILWAYS DAY OF PAST, SAYS EXPERT

Washington, Dec. 15—War has brought about a crisis which private ownership of the railroads never can meet. I believe the government will take over the operation of the railroads before spring if not before the new year, and that they never will again be surrendered to their owners.

Major Smith W. Brookhart, railroad statistical expert of Iowa, testifying before the Newlands railroad committee today made this prediction. He went further and suggested that the committee consider a suggestion on setting a price on the railways. His experience showed, he said, that it would be fair to take the average market price of the railroad securities for a period of years.

"In this way the railroads would cost the country about $15,000,000,000," he said. Major Brookhart explained that this figure would not cost the government to pay for preferred stock, duplicated stock, etc.

The experience of every country that has tried government control of railroads, Major Brookhart declared, shows that government operation is much to be preferred to private ownership. He reviewed the situation in England, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and other countries in which the lines are held by the governments in all of them passenger and freight rates are lower than in America, he argued.

"Our rates are the highest in the world," he said. "In fact, the terminal charges argued into all rates by our American roads, alone are higher than the entire rate charged by the German system. And if railroad men argue that government lines do not pay, we can reply that government facilities, such as mail service, etc., are not supposed to pay. They are intended as public service, to render service to all alike. We do not expect our public highways to pay profit. And the time is coming when we shall regard the railroads as public highways, with the public paying only for their upkeep."

Great Britain's action in 1914 when the roads were seized by the government, was cited by Mr. Brookhart as an example of what America should do at once.

STRING OF ARMY TRUCKS START EAST

's Test of Army's Plan to Relieve Congestion in Freight Terminals

Washington, Dec. 16—The first section of the American army's new experimental truck transport service has been started from Detroit on its way to the Atlantic seaboard to test the army's plan for relieving congestion in freight terminals by the overland use of motor trucks.

In a statement tonight Quartermaster General Sharpe said if the plan proves successful it is estimated that the total relief to the railroads through the shipment to the coast under their own power of the 30,000 war trucks the army has under construction, will amount to 600,000 tons and will also permit the transportation of 90,000 tons of government materials to the coast from the interior storage depots.

"The plan will serve also another urgent need," said General Sharpe. "The training our men will receive in driving loaded army trucks from factory to seaport under the trying conditions which will be encountered this winter will as nearly as possible reproduce the actual service conditions abroad.

"A comprehensive system of through routes between the truck production centers, the storage centers, and Atlantic coast ports is being worked out. The routes are those which can most easily and clearly be brought into condition to stand the traffic and which will lead most directly from the truck production centers to the seaboard.

"A central main line military highway will be selected between Chicago and New York city and leading to this, feeder routes from the various scattered motor production centers in the east, branch routes will lead to the main line north and south to the various Atlantic coast ports.

"State and county officials have been called to Washington and are urged as a patriotic duty in the war emergency, to bring these local gaps immediately into suitable condition."

ARE ASKED TO TAKE ONLY ONE HOLIDAY

Food Administration Requests Operators and Miners to Take Christmas Day, Only, Off.

Washington, Dec. 17—Prospects of a widespread and serious coal famine unless coal production is maintained were from Fuel Administrator Garfield today a request that operators and miners take only Christmas day as a holiday this season. The custom has been to stop work for at least three days at both Christmas and New Year's.

Every day the country's mines are idle cuts production nearly two million tons. A prolonged holiday season, fuel administration officials said today, would cause serious distress in many states.

Householders throughout the nation will be taken care of first in coal distribution, even ahead of industries, the fuel administration announced tonight. In line with this policy Administrator Garfield today asked Michigan's fuel administrator to shut off supplies to industrial plants or to any other users if necessary to meet the needs of domestic consumers.

State authorities elsewhere it was announced, will be given the same powers, if it appears the situation warrants such radical measures.

Mines in Kanawha and New River districts in West Virginia resumed operations today after a shutdown caused by the war department's diversion of water from power plants.

ROCK HILL'S STREET CAR SERVICE SUSPENDED

Many people who have visited the city of Rock Hill in times past can remember that great street car line that once had there. It operated on a try-weekly plan—try to make a trip a week is what we mean. The motive power was furnished by a couple of faithful old mules who were never known to get excited. It was great sport for the young people to get on the back of the car and rock the boat, so to speak, in order to have the pleasure of making the driver get off his "car" back on the track.

Rock Hill outgrew the mule car and it was decided to get something better—something which really looked like a sure enough street car. This has been in operation for some time but the following from the Rock Hill Record would indicate that something has happened:

"Secretary Jas. S. White of the Carolina Traction Company is authority for the statement that the street car service of this company is indefinitely suspended. The reason Mr. White gives it is that the batteries on all the cars are worn out and that the prices quoted on new batteries are prohibitive. He says his company is figuring on installing a new kind of system for propelling the cars, but in the meantime he see no chance for an early resumption of the service.

"This stoppage means a great hardship for many people who are not able to "sport" an automobile, even a "tin Lizzie." It means that many people will have to walk long distances—people who have almost forgotten how to walk.

"One good thing: We won't have to help push the car over the bridge any more.

"It would seem to be a good chance for some one to start up a "jitney" line between the college and the business centre."

Deficiencies Could Be Supplied

Quite the most bitter, though not the most important, of the complaints coming from the training camps is the one that the men are not adequately supplied with underclothing or with blankets. There is about the reality of which in some of the camps there seems to be no doubt, are unimportant only in the strictly military view and as compared with the insufficient supply of rifles and machine guns. They are grave enough in every other sense, for with suffering from cold goes a lowering of resistance to any infection that happens to be at hand, and to tuberculosis, in all probability, is to be ascribed the many—the too many—pneumonia cases in the Southern camps.

That the cases occurred there, and not in the North, is presumably due to the natural inclination on the part of the army authorities, when not all the men could be equipped at once, to provide first for those stationed where the climate is the more severe. Winter weather at the South, however, is often trying to endurance, and, though less protection is needed there than in the North, to have enough of it is as essential to health in the one region as in the other. That fact being well known to the department, it might well have admitted its inability, through no fault of its own, fully to perform at once in the regular way its enormous task suddenly imposed and what it could not buy it might without humiliation have asked the public to give.

There is hardly a family in the United States whose circumstances are what are called "comfortable", but could not have spared one good blanket and one good suit of underclothes for the shivering soldiers—hardly one that could not have been glad to do it. Of course many of the articles thus given would not have been exactly in accord with department specifications as to size, color, and quality, and that would have grieved the bureau chiefs and required the cutting of red tape that is so painful to them, but the emergency was serious enough, surely, to justify departures from routine for once, and until the mills working on Government contracts could catch up with the demand.

Even now it is not too late for resort to this simple expedient, and, unless it is done, some of us who have exclaimed joyfully over the modern soldier's exemption from infective diseases may be forced to modify our boasts of present day superiority.—New York Times.

Mr. Walston Lynn has returned to Camp Sevier, near Greenville, after spending a few days in the city with relatives.

The Red Cross is Calling For Knitted Goods.

Mrs. M. S. Lewis, chairman of the Knitting Department of the Chester Red Cross, has received a letter from Atlanta headquarters most urgently requesting that local chapters send forward their knitted garments as rapidly as possible in small packages, not waiting to ship until they get ready a large box of articles.

In compliance with this request every person in Chester county knitting for the Red Cross is likewise urged to hasten their work to completion.

Those who have finished garments at home, are requested to send them in at once and if any have garments that can be finished in a few days, Mrs. Lewis will hold her box open for them provided they telephone her to do so.

A few garments already handed in have not been up to the specifications, and all knitters are asked to be sure that their garments do measure correctly before turning them in. An effort was made to give to each knitter plain instructions when the wool was given out, and some of the misunderstanding is due to the fact that Red Cross articles and Navy League articles vary in size—as for instance, in some of the mufflers. Those for the Red Cross must be 68 inches long, while the Navy League required them considerably shorter.

The appeal is for all knitted garments, but sweaters especially are in demand, and the committee hopes that a goodly number of these can be turned in at once.

Any parties who may have any clothing or money they wish to give to the poor are requested to send same or call the Associated Charities office.

Cotton, ginned in Chester county up to December first, this year, totalled 18,727 bales, as compared with 17,151 up to the same time last year.

Mr. W. E. Cornwell has returned to the city from Louisiana where he went to investigate an oil well which has been located on the estate lands of Mrs. L. M. Douglas, deceased.

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS.

Chester, S. C., Dec. 17th, 1917.

Dear Santa Claus:

I know you are poor this year and so I don't want you to bring me much. I want you to take some of my toys and give them to some children who have not any toys at all. I just want you to bring me something that you think would be nice for a little girl seven years old.

Your little friend,
Jennie Evelyn Peay.

Bed room suits, odd Dressers, Extension Library and Center tables at lowest prices.

Miss Evelyn Sanders was awarded the prize Dec. 15th.

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153 Gadsden St.
Phone: Store 292, Res. 136 & 356.
Funeral directors, Licensed Embalmers. Night and day calls given prompt attention.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

All persons are warned not to trespass on the lands owned or controlled by the undersigned—no permits given.

MRS. M. W. WHITLOCK.
27-30-1-nd.

Chester Merchants—The News office will be closed for a few days during the holidays and those desiring any kind of job printing are asked to kindly place their orders within the next few days.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SCHEDULE

Northbound.

No. 36	7:43 A. M.
No. 32	3:48 P. M.
No. 28	6:23 P. M.

Southbound.

No. 35	6:38 A. M
No. 31	8:22 A. M
No. 27	5:13 P. M

Numbers 35, 27, 36 and 28 are local trains. Numbers 31 and 32 through trains stop only at Winnsboro, Chester and Rock Hill.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Want You To Know Kluttz sells $1 grade wool yarn at 75c. for 4 ounce hank. Best grade.

I Have about ten good mules on hand which have become climatized and are now over their colds. Call and see them. W. F. Moore, Stable on Columbia Street.

Many friends of Mrs. J. W. Hood will regret to learn that she is very ill with pneumonia at her home on Temphill Avenue.

BRIGHTEN THE CORNERS

Flood the room with mellow, usable Rayo light. Strong enough to illuminate a large room—yet entirely free from uncomfortable glare.

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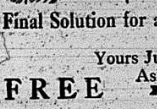

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Dolls, Toys, Novelties, Clocks, Watches and Jewelry of almost every description are now rolling out. We are better prepared than ever before to serve you. We want you to come and watch us unload this mammoth stock of merchandise.

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Be sure and see our line of Candies and Holiday Goods Before Buying.

White's Pharmacy

We learn that ten sacks of sugar arrived in Chester this morning. Wait a minute. There is no use to phone your grocer because every pound has been sold. One merchant we learn would only sell 10 lbs. to any one customer and they were highly delighted to get this amount.

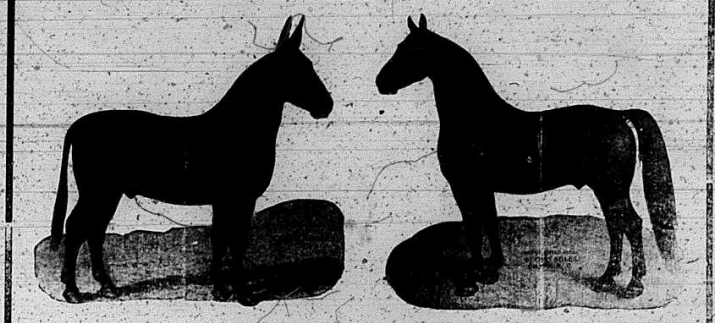
When in Need of fresh meat call at Elliott's Market. ei-tf.

The various churches of the city have decided to hold union Sunday evening services, this being done on account of the fuel shortage.

You Can Get the best meat in town at Elliott's Market. ei-tf.

For Rent—Blacksmith and paint shop near of Dryer Building. Apply to S. W. Pryor. ei-tf.

TWO CARS MULES and MARES



We have just received two car loads of MULES and some extra nice BROOD MARES. In this shipment we have the best that could be bought, and we advise our friends and customers to call as early as possible and see this selection. Western shippers claim there will be no good mules to be had after February 1st, as the Government has taken so many. SEE OURS. PRICES RIGHT.

The S. M. Jones Company

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Cotton 29 1-2c.

Attention Mothers and Fathers of Chester County's enlisted boys—Please phone or write At Once the address of your son to Mrs. S. E. McFadden. 'Phone 198.

Reward—I will pay a reward for information leading to the whereabouts of one red heifer calf, with white spot in forehead, weight about 250 pounds, strayed from pasture near Wylie Mill about six weeks ago. John Frazer.

Mr. A. H. Macauley arrived in the city Sunday night and will spend a few days with relatives. Mr. Macauley has been teaching history in the Staunton Military school for several months but has resigned his position and enlisted last Wednesday in the aero section of the signal corps and expects to be sent to Camp Kelly, South San Antonio, Texas for training.

Get Your Wool Yarn at Klutts'. $1 grade for 75c. for 4 ounce hank. Very finest grade.

One Red dehorned dry milch cow at the Polly Walker place. Owner can get cow by paying feed bill and advertising. John Frazer. 1t.

We Have Just Received a shipment of Khaki and Gray Wool Yarn. Get what you want now at The S. M. Jones Co.

The National Exchange Bank has received their first Liberty Bonds and will be glad for Subscribers to call for them.

Do Your Christmas shopping early at The S. M. Jones Co.

Registrants who desire assistance in making out their questionnaires, which are now being mailed by the local board, will find several citizens at the Court House, in the petit jury room, who will gladly assist them. A list of the parties who have been asked to assist in this work will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Just Received by today's express a full line of army Sweaters at The S. M. Jones Co.

This Store is headquarters for candy, nuts and fireworks. W. D. Page, 'Phone 250. 1tpd.

Misses Bessie and Margaret Brown have gone to Atlanta where they will hear Billy Sunday, the noted evangelist.

Greatly Reduced Prices on Ladies' dresses and Coat Suits at The S. M. Jones Co.

A telegram was received a few days ago from W. B. Cox, Jr., stating that he had arrived safely back in the United States. A letter received from him Saturday stated that he had successfully passed an examination and had been transferred to the Naval hospital corps. This is quite an honor since he entered as an ordinary seaman and without attending the naval training school. He also wrote very interestingly of the scenes in France.

Just Received by today's express a full line of army Sweaters at The S. M. Jones Co.

The many Chester friends of D. Marion Cox, who entered Camp Dix as a private, will be pleased to learn that he is now a sergeant and has been recommended by his superior officer to enter the training camp to be a commissioned officer.

At a regular communication of Sandy River Lodge, No. 207, A. F. M., held December 13th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. O. Atkinson, W. M.; C. W. Atkinson, S. W.; S. H. Hardin, Jr., J. W.; G. B. Minter, Treas.; Walter Simpson, Secretary. The appointed officers were, J. G. Lee, S. D.; W. C. Hardin, J. D.; J. G. Brakefield and W. D. Anderson, stewards and W. J. Hudson, tyler.

I Have about ten good mules on hand which have become climatized and are now over their colds. Call and see them. W. F. Moore, Stable on Columbia Street.

John J. McManus, a former mail clerk on the Marion & Kingville division of the Southern, running between Rock Hill and Marion, was convicted in the Federal court at Charleston Tuesday afternoon on charges of rifling registered letters, after a trial continuing a week and was sentenced to serve three years in the Atlanta prison and pay a fine of $500. McManus was convicted on 50 out of 52 counts in the indictment and his sentence could have been made 250 years.—Yorkville Enquirer.

I Have about ten good mules on hand which have become climatized and are now over their colds. Call and see them. W. F. Moore, Stable on Columbia Street.

Hon. L. R. Williams, probate judge for York county, has had the misfortune to lose the sight of his left eye. The trouble began to develop on last Friday, and Judge Williams hastened to Columbia as soon as possible. By that time the sight of the eye was gone. Specialists told Mr. Williams that the bursting of a blood vessel was the cause of the trouble, and advised him that while it was possible that he might recover the sight of the eye by exceedingly careful usage, gave him very little hope in the matter. He continues the discharge of his duties in his office.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Do Your Christmas shopping early at The S. M. Jones Co.

Col. U. R. Brooks, veteran clerk of the State Supreme Court, died at his home in Columbia early Sunday morning. Col. Brooks was 71 years of age and had been in failing health for several months. He has been clerk of the Supreme Court for the past twenty-three years and was well known throughout the entire State.

At a meeting of the Service League, detachment No. 2, on Friday December 14th, it was voted by the members to dispense with Christmas giving and to use the money in furthering the comfort and cheer of the boys in khaki. A box containing the following articles was sent to the Battleship South Carolina; helmets 6, mittens 8 mufflers 4, sweaters 3, wristlets 4, socks 12 pairs. Each member of the league is asked to send at once to the treasurer, Mrs. Paul Hardin, fifty cents to finish paying for the wool. Every member of the league is urged to be present at the meeting on Friday, December 21st, at four o'clock, P. M.

Answers of registrants on the selective draft questionnaires relating to health and age will be under the head "Dependency," with the exception of the names and addresses of persons claimed to be dependent, will not be open to inspection by the public without the consent of the registrants. Imprisonment for not to exceed one year will be the penalty imposed on anyone connected with the administration of the selective draft law who shall make this information public.

Trespass Notice—All persons are hereby warned not to hunt, fish, cut timber, allow stock to run at large or otherwise trespass on the lands owned or controlled by John G. White. 4-7-11-14 c.

Come to Baldwin Mills and see sample of large Steel Ranges at Half Dealer's prices. J. D. Ratterree, Chester, S. C.

The Red Cross booths located at the postoffice and the Chester Drug Company have been securing quite a number of members for the past two days.

CHESTER FOLKS AND THINGS.

The Monday committee appointed by the Chester County Advisory Board to assist the registrants make out their questionnaires, had a real nice time yesterday sitting around the fire talking. You see, the registrants have not had time to get on to these committees yet and did not venture the office yesterday, however, these gentlemen will doubtless find plenty to do next Wednesday.

We learn that a number of young Chester people have become tired of single blessedness and will try matrimony the coming year. Most of the weddings are scheduled to take place during the holidays.

The city authorities have placed cinders on the sidewalks, on the hill, for the purpose of keeping pedestrians from slipping. The fact that the cinders were placed on the sidewalks caused a heated argument between a couple of citizens. One fellow contended that the object was to keep people from slipping down and the other fellow contended that the object was to keep people from slipping up. The News reporter left the scene of action before the argument was settled.

CHESTER MAN DIES IN ROCK HILL

Rock Hill, Dec. 14th.—J. C. McFadden died at the Bennett Infirmary yesterday afternoon following an injury received at the Plant of the Anderson Motor Company on last Thursday. The deceased was a son of Craig McFadden, of near Richburg, and was about thirty-five years of age.

The remains will be taken to the family home in the Richburg community for interment, but the funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mr. McFadden, it is understood, was assisting in repairing the elevator at the plant, when he was struck on the head by a piece of scantling that had been tossed up by a welder. While quite painful, it was not thought at first that the injury was serious. A little later, he had to be taken to the infirmary.

The news of his death will be learned with regret throughout eastern York and Chester counties.

We are requested to advise all registrants who visit the committee at the Court House, that in order to expedite matters, parties who are to sign supporting affidavits for the registrant should accompany the registrant and sign the supporting affidavit at the County House. In other words, if a man claims exemption on account of having a dependent wife it is necessary for his wife to sign a supporting affidavit and, if a man claims exemption on account of a dependent mother, the mother must sign the affidavit. If he claims exemption on account of a dependent brother or sister that brother or sister must sign a supporting affidavit if they are over eighteen years of age. Every person, who is a dependent of the registrant and over eighteen years of age, must swear thereto. To be plain, if a man has four people over eighteen years of age dependent on him for support every one of the four must sign the affidavit.

Remember we have fresh meat of all kinds at all times. Elliott's Market. el-tf.

Be Sure to be one of the 2500 to join the Red Cross this week.

WILL ASSIST REGISTRANTS

Questionnaires Now Being Mailed—A Number of Citizens to Assist Registrants in Filling Out Forms Located at Court House.

At a meeting of the Chester County Advisory Board, Messrs. J. L. Glenn, Chairman, J. E. Margo and H. Hamilton, who were recently appointed by Governor Manning, met Saturday, a number of citizens, list of which will be found below, were appointed to assist the registrants in filling out questionnaires, which are now being mailed.

The board has a building set apart in front of the postoffice, and it was agreed that the same room in Janney's building should be the place where the committees should be located.

With the exception of Sunday, the committees will be found at the Court House, the hours being from

Mon. until 1 o. P. M., and from three P. M. until six P. M.

The committees will serve until further notice.

The committees are as follows:

Monday, December 17th—David Hamilton, Paul Hemphill, J. M. Wood, Robert Gage, W. H. Peden, A. B. Carroll, Rev. D. G. Phillips.

Tuesday, December 18th—J. B. Gaston, J. M. Hemphill, James H. Glenn, Rev. J. C. Herbert, W. J. Irvine, C. B. Betts.

Wednesday, December 19th—J. L. Glenn, W. H. Newbold, B. T. Byars, O. Lindsay, S. B. Nathan, Frank L. Wilson, F. A. Fenchwerger.

Thursday, December 20th—J. H. Mackey, J. E. Hardin, W. A. Corkill, M. S. Lewis, H. C. Wilks.

Friday, December 21st—J. C. McFadden, J. M. McFadden, A. M. Aiken, Rev. J. W. Gray, G. Car Latimer, H. L. Spencer.

Saturday, December 22nd—R. L. Douglas, A. G. Brice, James McLaren, R. O. Hall, W. W. Perram, E. Hardin.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

There will be a Christmas tree Thursday evening, Dec. 20th at 8:30 o'clock at the church of Orr's station. Everyone is invited to be present.

For Sale—Two second hand Ford automobile chassis. Good running order. Apply Box 327 or 'Phone 327. 18-21 c. pd.

Mr. R. Brice Bigham, of the Halsaville section of Chester county died Sunday, Columbia Sunday afternoon and was buried at Hopewell A. R. P. church near Lando yesterday, the services being conducted by Rev. R. I. Morgan. Mr. Bigham was a native of Chester county and had been actively associated with the A. R. P. church for a number of years. He is survived by one son, Mr. J. W. Bigham and a brother, Mr. J. H. Bigham.

The Sunshine Club will meet with Mrs. Bessie Brice Thursday morning at eleven o'clock.

Mr. H. S. Young, secretary and treasurer of the Springstein Mill has ordered a service flag, which will be placed at the mill. The flag will contain forty-eight stars, indicating that the number of men have entered the service of Uncle Sam from the mill.

YOUR RED CROSS NEEDS YOU.

All You Need—A Heart and a Dollar

The demands of your Red Cross are constantly growing. Where we have been sending abroad pounds of food and hospital supplies—we must send tons. Where we have been sending hundreds of warm articles of clothing and dressings—we must now send thousands.

We can all help. We all must help. It is not only each person's duty to join the Red Cross and send a membership dollar on its errand of mercy—it is every one's right.

Perhaps a dollar won't seem very much to you. Most of us could invest in Red Cross membership will help Your Red Cross. Your Army. Your Navy. Your Allies.

Who Is Behind Your Red Cross?

President Wilson heads it—

Congress authorizes it—

The War Department audits its accounts—

General Pershing in France approves it—

And every one of us—man, woman and child—must support it, with the least our membership if the Red Cross is to lighten the hardships, guard the health and bind the wounds of our Boys and our Allies.

Go to your nearest Chapter, join the Red Cross today! $1.00 membership—it entitles you to display a Red Cross Service Flag in your window.

Help Your Red Cross obtain "Ten Million New Members by Christmas."

President Woodrow Wilson writes: "Our conscience will not let us enjoy the Christmas Season if this pledge of support to our cause and the cause of world-wide unfulfilled Red Cross membership if the Christmas spirit in terms of action."

Don't wait for the committee, look them up or go to any of the Banks.

Every community in the country is going to make a complete house to house canvass. Everybody is joining.

MOLESKINS VALUABLE

Mole-trapping Industry Should Be Developed in This Country.

American moleskins, particularly those from the Pacific Northwest, are superior to the moleskins of Europe, which largely make up the world supply for industrial use, according to biologists of the United States Department of Agriculture. It might be profitable, moreover, the biologists declare, to trap moles annually for their pelts and to establish a new American fur industry. This is true particularly in the Northwest, where the animals are large and plentiful, and where it is often desirable to keep their numbers down to prevent injury to fields and lawns. Such a new industry should be especially desirable for farmers' boys as a side issue, it is pointed out.

The habits of American moles are described and methods of capturing them and treating and marketing their skins are outlined in a Farmers' Bulletin, "Trapping Moles and Utilizing Their Skins," recently issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The publication also offers suggestions for the training of the pelts, so that they may be made locally into women's neckpieces, muffs, and coats. Copies of the bulletin may be had free so long as the supply lasts, on application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

1918 AUTOMOBILE LICENSES.

Chamber of Commerce Will Help Auto Owners Secure License For Next car—All Parties Must Have License Before First of February.

For the convenience of the automobile owners of this county, a supply of the 1918 automobile registrations blanks on which to make application for the 1918 automobile licenses have been placed with the Chamber of Commerce by the State Highway Commission, where they can be secured and where the necessary information relative to the horse power, amount of license fee, postage, etc., will be cheerfully given. The Commission has also advised Secretary Lloyd that all cars in South Carolina must bear the 1918 license plate on or before February 1, 1918 and that persons purchasing cars now must take out the 1917 license plates. The Commission has also announced that they will not recognize "License Applied For" as a registration and have notified the police and sheriffs in the various counties.

In applying for the 1918 license it will be necessary to use the card application designated by the State Highway Commission, giving the name of the Vehicle, the factory car and motor number, the year and model of the car, color of body and gear, number and bore of cylinders, horse power, kind of motive power, style of body etc., as has been necessary on the 1917 license application together with the 1917 license number. Certified checks or money orders must accompany the application when forwarded to the state commission, and the postage this year for the return of the plate has been raised to eight cents as it is the intention of the commission to insure all license plates going out of their office.

The entire fee, twenty-five (25) cents for each horse power for 1918 must accompany all applications.

Practically every automobile owner of this county as well as a large number of those living in the surrounding counties secured their license blanks and the necessary information at the chamber of commerce during last year.

Deputy Howze captured eight soldiers Saturday who had deserted Camp Hancock, near Augusta, Ga. Practically all of the troops located at this camp are from Pennsylvania.

Chester county friends of Mr. A. Lloyd Moore, who for a number of years was agent for the Lancaster & Chester Railway, at Fort Lawn, will regret to learn of his death which occurred last Thursday. Mr. Moore was on the train enroute from Florida to Inman, S. C., his home, when he expired. He had been to Florida for his health. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Hattie Elliott, of Lancaster, before marriage, and two children.

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Buy it and if it does not do all we say, return it and we will refund your money.

Covering the ideal farm engine for your use—we have given as exacting as you know how—covered everything thoroughly—then see the Fairbanks Morse Type "Z" and you'll buy it. It will meet your requirements—and more.

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Phone 18 Chester, S. C.

Christmas Talk By Chester Hardware Co.

The season finds us with a most complete stock of Hardware including many articles which are very appropriate for Gifts for those who care for Gifts of real service and lasting qualities. Here you will find just the thing for your wife, your husband, your brother, sister, sweetheart or for the little fellow. Come in and look them over and make your gift this year "A Gift of Service."

Below we enumerate a few of the many items which are so appropriate.

Community Silver in white lined boxes and guaranteed for Fifty Years, in the following:

Dessert Spoons, Iced Tea Spoons, Tea Spoons, Sugar Spoons, Cream Ladles, Gravy Ladles, Medium Knives and Forks, Dessert Knives and Forks, Soup Spoons, Orange Spoons, Table Spoons, Berry Spoons, Soup Ladles, Salad Forks

3 Piece Carving Sets etc.

Casseroles, Percolators, Serving Dishes, Serving Trays, Cut Glass, China, Glass and Crockery ware, Thermos Bottles, Manicure Sets, Pearl and Stag Handle Pen Knives, Safety Razors, Straight Razors, Razor Strops, Hones etc.

For the Boys—We have Guns, Rifles, Loggings and all to complete the Hunting Outfit.

Beginning Monday Dec. 17th.

We will keep open evenings for the benefit of those of our friends who cannot so well call during the day.

It will be a pleasure to have you call and give us an opportunity to show you.

Chester Hardware Co.

"QUALITY FIRST"

TAX RETURN NOTICE FOR 1918.

In accordance with the law, tax books for the return of all real and personal property for the year 1918 will be open on Tuesday, Jan. 1st 1918, and will be closed on Feb. 20th, 1918, after which the fifty per cent penalty will be attached to all delinquents. All real estate to be returned. 1918 being real estate year.

Sec. 1 Act 383, of the General Assembly of South Carolina, provides as follows: "It shall be the duty of all persons to make returns of all personal property and return all new property that has changed hands, real and personal property."

For the greater convenience of persons residing in different portions of the county, I will be at the following points on the dates referred, after which I will be in my office continuously prepared to take returns:

W. A. Gladden's Store—Monday, Jan. 7th, 10 A. M. to 12 M.

B. A. Bagsdale's—Monday, Jan. 7th, 1 to 4 P. M.

Mrs. W. P. McCullough's—Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 9 to 11 A. M.

Great Falls—Tuesday, Jan. 8th, 1 to 3 P. M., at Keisler's Store and 3 to 5 P. M. at Republic Cotton Mill Store.

Hasemville—Wednesday, Jan. 9th, 10 A. M. to 12 M.

Richburg—Wednesday, Jan. 9th, 2 to 4 P. M.

J. G. Hollis' Store—Thursday, Jan. 10th, 10 A. M. to 12 M.

Rodman—Thursday, Jan. 10th, 2 to 4 P. M.

J. S. Stone's—Monday, Jan. 14th, 11 A. M. to 12 M.

A. Ross Durham's Store—Monday, Jan. 14th, 2 to 3 P. M.

Cornwell—Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 10 to 11 A. M.

Blackstock—Tuesday, Jan. 15th, 1 to 3 P. M.

Edgmoor—Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 10 to 11:30 A. M.

Lando—Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 1 to 3 P. M.

Walker's Store—Thursday, Jan. 17th, 10 to 11 A. M.

Ferguson's Store—Thursday, Jan. 17th, 1 to 3 P. M.

Fort Lawn—Friday, Jan. 18th, 9 to 11 A. M.

Landsford—Friday, Jan. 18th, 2 to 4 P. M.

Lowryville—Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, 10 A. M. to 12 M.

J. Foster Carter's Store—Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, 2 to 3 P. M.

Wilksburg—Thursday, Jan. 24th, 10:30 A. M. to 12 M.

White's Store—Thursday, Jan. 24th, 2 to 3 P. M.

Leeds—Monday, Jan. 28th, 1 to 3 P. M.

All males between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, except Confederate soldiers over the age of 50 years, are liable to a poll tax of $1.00 and all persons so liable are specially requested to give the number of their respective school districts in making their returns.

It will be a matter of much accommodation to me if as many taxpayers as possible will meet me at the respective appointments mentioned above, so as to avoid the rush in Chester during the closing days.

While taking returns at the various places my assistant will be in the office and will take your returns.

M. C. FUDGE,
County Auditor.

Chester, S. C., Nov. 30th, 1917.
30-7-1421.

NOTICE OF FINAL RETURN

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, Dec. 24th, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M., I will make my final return as guardian for Julia Griffin, minor, to the Probate Court for Chester county, S. C., and apply to his honor, A. W. Wise, Esq., Judge of Probate, for letters dismissory.

W. H. NEWBOLD, Guardian
30-30-7

Chester, S. C., November 22, 1917.

Going Some—Johnson's, Carbon Remover, sold by A. H. Wherry, is now being bought by many Chester automobile owners. It cleans the carbon from your engine without any trouble and the cost is less than one-fourth the price charged by a mechanic. It is guaranteed to do the work. The Packard Automobile people recommend it for their cars so you know it must be good.

ADMITS THAT HE STOLE JEWELRY WORTH $2,500

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11—Raymond Herman Lauer of York, Pa., confessed deserter from Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, as under arrest here charged with the theft of $2,500 worth of jewelry from a jewelry firm in Dixon.

He admits having taken the jewelry from an automobile between Wilson and Rocky Mount. The jewelry was recovered and an officer is on his way here from North Carolina for him.

You Can Get the best meat in town at Elliott's Market. ei-tf.

CLERK'S SALE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CHESTER

By virtue of a Decretal order to me directed, I will sell before the Court House Door, in Chester, S. C.

Monday, January 7, 1917

at 11 o'clock A. M. the following described real estate, to wit:

"All that lot or parcel of land with dwelling house and other improvements thereon, situate in the City of Chester, said County and State on Pinckney Street, bounded on the front by Pinckney Street, on the western side by lands of W. Holmes Harden, on the Eastern side by lands of Charles Holst's estate and on the rear by lands of Dr. Hemphill's estate and others, fronting such shape, metes and bounds, as appears on a plat thereof made by A. Walker, Surveyor, on Dec. 15th 1896, recorded in Vol. J. J. Page 548 of the Clerk's office, excepting and excluding therefrom a small triangle sold off by S. M. Drennan and G. A. Drennan to Dr. W. B. Cox, by deed recorded in Vol. 90, page 341, and being the identical lands conveyed to Sona M. Mobley by J. E. Cornwell Clerk of Court, by deed recorded in Vol. 84 page 710 in the Clerk's office for Chester County, S. C."

Terms of sale: One-third of the purchase price in cash, with the privilege of paying any amount in excess of one third in cash, and the balance if any, to be paid in two equal annual installments, with interest thereon at seven per cent per annum, payable annually at the same rate until said in from the date of sale; that the purchaser shall execute his notes and mortgage on the premises sold to secure the deferred payments and shall also insure the buildings located on the said premises and assign the policies of insurance to the Clerk of Court as additional security. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers and revenue stamps and recording fees.

Sold at the suit of A. L. Gaston at Adm., etc. vs. Lena M. Matthews et al. for foreclosure.

J. E. CORNWELL,
Clerk C. C. Pleas, Chester Co., S. C.

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For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

CLASSIFIED ADS

Farm Loans—Long term loans negotiated on farm lands at exceptionally low rate interest. No expense to be paid in advance by borrower, also inspector's fee. M. C. Fudge, Loan Correspondent, Chester, S. C. ei—tf.

The Well Known corn mill of W. Holmes Harden Sr., is now installed in the Pryor Mill, rear of the Pryor Building. Bring us your corn to grind. One large and one small mill. Can give quick and good service. In operation every day. Edward Grant, Miller T-tf.

For Sale—28 1-2 acres land with 4-room house, barn and well, one mile from city limits. Easy payments. J. T. Collins. 30-4-7.

For First-class upholstering Phone A. B. Collins. Furniture, automobile tops and seats.

Cheap For Quick Sale—One 1916 Ford touring car. A good one. See Wade M. Wallace, Edgmoor, S. C. 11-pd.

Upholstering—I now have an experienced upholstery workman. 'Phone A. B. Collins' Furniture Store for information. Estimates furnished.

Wanted—Competent saw mills to cut several million feet of lumber in Fairfield, Chester and Lancaster counties. Write Wateree Power Co., Lugoff, S. C. 7-11-14 c

Wanted—Two masonry inspectors. Must have experience and good references. Write Wateree Power Company, Lugoff, S. C. 7-11-14 c

Wanted—Competent person or family to run Hotel at Construction plant. New building completely equipped; fuel, lights and water furnished. Write Wateree Power Company, Lugoff, S. C. 7-11-14 c

Wanted—Two Foremen experienced in building Sand-clay and Top-soil roads. One must have experience with use of gasoline tractors and heavy road machines. State experience and salaries expected in first letter. Wateree Power Company, Lugoff, S. C. 7-11-14 c

For Sale at a Bargain—One horse and buggy. Horse is home raised, eight years old, weight about 1,200 pounds, combination buggy and saddle. Will work anywhere. Buggy is practically new. Will sell together or separate. J. A. Barron, Chester, S. C. 9-13c

For Rent—Store room vacated recently by the Southern Public Utilities Co. located at 134 Gadsden street next door to Southern Express office. Apply to Sims & Carter. tf.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Rolls for cement pavement work on Columbia street, Pine street, and Academy street, showing assessments upon owners of abutting property are now on file in this office and open for inspection. Any objection to said assessment and rolls must be filed in my office in one week from publication of this notice.

JAMES HAMILTON,
City Clerk.

Chester, S. C., Dec. 11, 1917.
14-31.

Rubbing Eases Pain

Rubbing sends the liniment tingling through the flesh and quickly stops pain. Demand a liniment that you can rub with. The best rubbing liniment is

MUSTANG LINIMENT

Good for the Ailments of
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25c. 50c. $1. At all Dealers.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FINAL DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, December 24th, 1917, I will make my final return as Guardian of the Estate of Julian L. Hedgpath, a minor, who will then have obtained his majority. Upon such return being made, I will apply to the Judge of Probate for Chester County, S. C., for Letters Dismissory. All persons holding claims against said minor are required to present same to me for payment on or before said date, or the same will be barred.

SAMUEL E. McFADDEN,
Guardian Estate of Julian Hedgpath, a Minor.

When the Sandman Comes

Kiddie on one side—Perfection on the other, and off we go to the nursery. Be sure the little fellow doesn't get chilled while you undress him. The Perfection Oil Heater is portable, easily carried upstairs or down, wherever extra warmth is needed. Economical to buy and to use, prompt, energetic, reliable. Now used in over 3,000,000 homes

Behaves best with Aladdin Security Oil—eight hours of solid comfort per gallon.

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Short Days Long Nights

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And save your eyes as well as your money. A brighter light for less current.

Electric Irons

See our window display of Cinderella (Westinghouse) electric irons, $3.50 each. Heating element guaranteed forever. Call for a demonstration of other electric appliances.

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JUST ARRIVED

Fifty-four head of mules and brood mares

You will find some excellent stock in this shipment, and it will pay you to visit our stables and look them over before buying.

WE STAND BEHIND EVERY SALE WE MAKE

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Simplicity

in construction and operation is the big feature of

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It will supply ample light for all buildings and sufficient power for small farm machines, such as churns, separators, and washing machines. It brings city comforts and convenience to the farm. See it at work.

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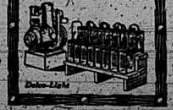
Charlotte, N. C.



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Eat More Corn, Oats and Barley Products, Fish and Poultry.

Bake, Boil and Broil Foods.

Eat less Meat, Wheat, Sugar and Fats.

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ATLANTA'S BOARD OF EXEMPTION IS FIRED BY CROWDER

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15—The entire board of exemption of Fulton county, outside Atlanta, was removed from office late today upon complaint of Adjutant General Crowder, at Washington, that the board was applying the exemption rules more stringently to negroes than to whites.

General Crowder's complaint stated that several negroes had been refused exemption where white men were freed from service on the same grounds.

A new board appointed by President Wilson took charge of the offices of the exemption board immediately. The summary dismissal of the old board came as out of a clear sky, but it developed that the district attorney's office and adjutant general's office have been investigating the matter of exemptions for several days.

This led to the discovery that 520 white men had been exempted as physically unfit, while only six negroes had been exempted for all causes.

The South Carolina tax commission has notified the county auditors, the chairmen of the county and special board of equalization that they are to attend a meeting to be held in the supreme court room, Columbia, on Thursday, December 27 at 8 p. m., for the purpose of conference, suggestions and instructions as to the listing and assessing of property to be had in the year 1918.

No. Six-Sixty-Six

This is a prescription prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. Five or six doses will break any case, and Mixture thus as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the Fever better than Quinine and does not cost you so much money. 250