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PRICE ONE CENT.

## WANT WOMEN WARNED

Committee of National Defense Give Advice to Women and Girls Contemplating Residence in Washington.

Richmond, Dec. 18.—Washington has become the mecca of so many thousands of young girls and dependent women in recent months that their presence there, has drawn attention to the question of proper accommodation for such workers in the federal service as never before.

The woman's committee of the council of national defense has deemed it highly desirable to have a warning sent out so that girls and women contemplating a residence at the capital may be advised on two or three important points.

"So many inquiries concerning governmental stenographic work have come to the woman's committee from all parts of the country that the committee is urging the State and county chairmen to emphasize the fact that the cost of living is high in Washington at the present time, the city overcrowded, that lodging and board are difficult to obtain, and that therefore no dependent woman should come to the city without securing in advance a definite position and proper housing.

## AVIATOR KILLED.

Former Resident of Warrenton Victim of Accident in Aviation Camp in Canada.

News has been received in Warrenton, from official circles of the death of Alex. F. Humphrey, Jr., a native of Kentucky, but who made his home in Warrenton and Middleburg for a number of years and was most closely associated with the life of that section of the state. Mr. Humphrey, who enlisted in the aviation corps shortly after war was declared, was in an aviation camp in Canada and his death occurred a few days ago. The barest details of his death have been received here, but it is stated there was a collision in the air of aeroplanes and Mr. Humphrey was thrown from his machine at a great distance and instantly killed. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia, a member of the various hunt clubs of Fauquier county and acknowledged to be one of the best horsemen in the South. Mr. Humphrey is the first man associated closely with Warrenton to give his life for the cause.

## FIRE IN ROCKEFELLER HOME.

Destroys East Cleveland Mansion—Incendiary Is Suspected.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 18.—The home of John D. Rockefeller at Forest Hill, in east Cleveland, a suburb of this city, took fire last night at 10:40 o'clock.

The fire spread with such great rapidity through the four-story building that it is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

## STRENGTH OF ALLIES

Germany Has Only 3,130,000 Fighting men on All Fronts at Present According to Official Reports.

London, Dec. 18.—Germany has only 3,130,000 fighting men on all fronts, according to estimates of military experts based on official reports. The present total strength of the German army is 5,500,000. Non-combatant units, which total the 2,370,000 men, are used in guarding the frontier and occupying invaded territories.

Germany has transferred 100,000 troops to Italy to aid the Austrians. On the Balkan front, Germany has aided the Bulgars with only 30,000 fighting men. The strength of the Austro-German forces in Italy, according to official dispatches, is placed at 840,000 men.

The total number of men in the Austro-Hungarian divisions now in service is placed at 1,200,000. The total war strength of the dual empire before the war was 3,600,000.

German forces on the western front number 2,000,000, it is estimated, a number considerably lower than that of the Franco-British armies. There remain on the eastern front about 1,000,000 Germans.

Italy has just called to the colors 2,000,000 more men, according to a Rome dispatch. The number includes men from 35 to 51 years of age, and 800,000 previously rejected because of physical disabilities.

Italy's army is now estimated at 4,200,000 men. With 2,000,000 additional men they will be ready for what may occur," says the dispatch.

Washington, Dec. 18.—From immediately after dinner last night until well into the early morning hours the lights burned full blast in President Wilson's study in the White House. Closeted only with Col. E. T. House, the President received a complete report on the drings of the American mission abroad. Secrets which could not be put on paper were revealed.

Throughout his entire report ran a note of extreme optimism. Confidential documents were disclosed and explained, showing exactly what is occurring behind the Teutonic frontiers. Even the general plan which the forthcoming peace offer of the Kaiser will follow was revealed.

The German military power was shown to be crumbling, slowly, it is true, but none the less crumbling and that in every part of the empire.

The disinfection in Turkey and Bulgaria is extreme, and the President was told just what has been done towards forcing a separate peace by these countries and what can be expected within the next six months.

## STUART APPEALS TO LABOR.

Virginia Executive Asks Workers to Give up Some Holidays.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18.—Gov. Henry Carter Stuart, in a proclamation to the workers of Virginia yesterday, called on them to deny themselves the usual holiday except Christmas day.

"The most immediate difficulty," he says, "is the scarcity of fuel. 'May I not use the exigency of this hour as just ground for asking men in the mines and in the shops and as far as possible, in all war industries, wherever located in Virginia, to deny themselves the usual holiday except Christmas day and hail the season as one of fresh resolve and extra duty in rescuing millions of their fellow countrymen and millions more who fight in common cause with us from suffering and danger?'"

## Alexandria City and Suburbs

The report for the Alexandria hospital for the month of November, submitted for publication today by Miss Fannie Carter, superintendent, shows the following: Number of patients November 1st, 33; number admitted during month, 44; dismissed, 41; average, 30; births, 3; deaths, 5. Days of gratuitous nursing, 255; operations performed, 23; dispensary cases, 22; new dispensary cases, 8; old dispensary cases, 14.

At the recent meeting of Alexandria Tent No. 2 of the Maccabees officers were elected for the ensuing year as here given: Commander, Charles Bender; Lieut. Commander, Raymond Simons; Chaplain, W. J. Cornell; Record Keeper, M. A. Brenner; Sergeant, R. E. Cruff; Master of Arms, E. J. Moore; First Master of Guards, Carter Connors; Second Master of Guards, Milton Lovelace; Sentinel, C. O. Simons; Picket, Harry Florence; Trustee for three years, Irving Benamer.

Guard Smith came to Alexandria today from the Penitentiary at Richmond and took back with him Russell A. Davis and George E. McCreary, who were sentenced by Judge Louis C. Barley to serve three years in the Penitentiary. They will be remembered as the two soldiers who stole an automobile from two boys at Braddock Heights, near this city, and succeeded in getting away with it as far as Connersville, Indiana, where they were apprehended and brought back to Alexandria.

An article published in the New York American concerning the organization of the American Shipbuilding Corporation, recently chartered in the state of Virginia, says in connection therewith: "Not long ago Mr. Morse came to the front with a suggestion toward solving one of the most difficult labor problems blocking the big shipbuilding programme. He advised Chairman Harley, of the Shipping Board, that he had eight river steamers that could house 700 laborers, giving them eating, sleeping and general living quarters, and could be placed at various shipbuilding districts."

## ANOTHER OUTRAGE.

Germans Blast Governor's Home in Sacramento.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 18.—An attempt to dynamite the governor's mansion and kill Governor William D. Stephens and his wife, was made early today, when a charge of explosives was set off in the southwest corner of the building.

The rear porch was blown off and a large hole was torn in the brick work.

Although Governor Stephens, his wife, and servants were asleep on the upper floor, nobody was injured.

Pro-German agents or sympathizers are blamed by the police for the outrage. Governor Stephens returned last night from Los Angeles, where he had delivered an address in which he advocated sterner methods in suppressing enemy agents and enemy propaganda.

## DEATH OF AN ALEXANDRIAN.

Former Employee of the Alexandria Gazette Passes Away in Maryland.

The remains of Richard Henry Campbell, sr., a native of this city, who died at Riverdale, Md., on Sunday, were brought here today for interment in Bethel cemetery at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The deceased was a son of the late William Campbell, a well-known carpenter of ante-war days. While a boy the subject of this notice became an apprentice in the Gazette office, where he worked until 1861, after which time he was employed on Washington papers and for years worked in the government printing office. Many years ago he moved to Riverdale, Md., where he resided up to the time of his death. He was 73 years old.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bays and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

We are open evenings. Elliott's, 300-2t. 604 King street.

Reliance Fire Engine Company will elect officers at its meeting to be held this evening at 7:30.

Mr. C. L. Watkins, of Hinton, West Virginia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Watkins, 106 South Columbus street.

The Allison W. C. T. U. will meet in the Children's Home tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 at which business of special importance will be brought up.

Only ten pieces of city property were bought in by tax collector P. F. Gorman at the tax sale held yesterday, instead of thirteen pieces as was first reported.

Upon hearing that the Twelfth Field Artillery band had left the St. Asaph camp this morning the committee in charge of the dance to be held by the Elks this evening, were obliged to secure another orchestra to furnish music, which they were successful in doing.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie V. Travers, wife of John J. Nugent, who died yesterday morning at the Alexandria hospital, will be held tomorrow morning at 9:30 from St. Mary's Catholic church. Rev. Louis Smet will officiate. A high mass will be held.

The ladies of the Red Cross Refreshment Corps, led by Miss Corn L. Cochran, have packed a large box full of good things which they will send today to Camp McClellan at Anniston, Alabama, to cheer the hearts of the Alexandria boys who are in Uncle Sam's service at that place. A package of "goodies" addressed to each individual soldier from this vicinity was in the box. Included in the collection were candy, playing cards, games, trench mirrors, handkerchiefs and tin-colored shoestrings. The soldier says the latter are difficult to obtain here. There was also packed in the box \$11.70 worth of "smokes," the money for which had been collected by two little girls, Thelma Manford and Mary Laporte. The distribution of the contents of the box certainly ought to help materially in providing a Merry Christmas for the men and let them know that they are not forgotten in their home city.

## WOMAN KILLED.

Wife Shot Down by Bandits When She Came to Her Husband's Aid.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Stella Boyle, wife of Joseph B. Boyle, a cigar dealer, was killed by one of three bandits when they robbed Boyle's store of \$60 Saturday night.

The robbers, Adam M. Unzie, William Parris and Layman Planagan were caught after they had fled about twenty miles and are now in the county jail here guarded by deputy sheriffs and Company K, Illinois national guard. Feeling is running so high among the citizens that the sheriff wired Governor Lowden for aid to protect his prisoners.

Mrs. Boyle procured a revolver when she saw two of the men pointing revolvers at her husband. Before she could use her gun one of the bandits shot her dead.

## Announce Increase in Salaries.

In announcing a general increase in salary schedules, Mr. F. H. Bethell, President of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, made the following statement:

"We have, after carefully considering the matter, come to the conclusion that a bonus payment to employees such as was made last year will not meet the situation with respect to living conditions now confronting our employees as well as others. Therefore, a plan involving a general increase in pay has been adopted. This general increase in wage schedules will in no way affect increases awarded from time to time as recognition of efficient services rendered."

Sale Fancy Articles. There will be a sale of fancy articles suitable for Xmas presents, Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Potomac Power Floral Company's store, 801-1t.

20 per cent discount on Erector building model outfits. Elliott's, 300-2t.

The Willard W. C. T. U. will hold its meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Wm. Campbell, 216 South Washington street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stearman, of Quantico, Va., announce the birth of a son to them at the Alexandria hospital. Mrs. Stearman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rose, of 320 King street, this city.

Funeral services for Mrs. Agnes W. Adam, who died at her home in the city of Washington yesterday, will be held at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Gates, 410 Prince street, Alexandria, tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Edgar Carpenter, of Grace Episcopal church, will officiate.

Acknowledgment is made today by Judge Norton, chairman of the local committee, of the following subscriptions for the Young Men's Christian Association War Fund: Mrs. Anna Rogers, \$1; W. H. Fink, \$10. Several others, whose names are not given, presented through Mr. Fink, \$25.

Miss America Semmes Payne, formerly of Warrenton, died yesterday at the residence of Mr. C. C. Shriver in Baltimore. The funeral will take place from the Catholic church in Warrenton tomorrow morning. Miss Payne had often visited her sister, Mrs. T. Marshall Jones, in Alexandria, where she has some relatives and many friends.

An appreciative audience enjoyed the entertainment given for the benefit of the Children's Home last evening at the Elks' Auditorium. Much credit is due Miss Julia Duncan whose untiring efforts insured its success. The recitations, songs and dances were well rendered. Mrs. Murphy, of California, gave some facts about children of other lands, dwelling upon the necessity of careful training and quoting Lloyd George in a recent speech when he said "A nation's greatest asset is its children." She brought the matter closer when she made a direct appeal to all mothers to give a little personal interest to the home here and stated without the "personal touch," it could be no home to the little ones. Her remarks were well suited to the occasion and elicited much applause. Altogether the affair was most enjoyable.

## GIVEN NINETY-DAYS' TERM

Negro Took Watch From Man's Pocket, But Returned It When He Saw He Was Being Watched.

A strange negro, about 25 years old, entered the waiting room at the Union passenger station Sunday afternoon and took his seat by the side of a colored man, who seemed to be sleepy. The negro, after casting his eyes about the room, put his hand into the sleeping man's pocket and extracted his watch. Several men were in the waiting room at the time, some of whom witnessed the act, and the negro, seeing he was watched, returned the timepiece. He later pulled an eye shade from the sleeping man's pocket. At this juncture the pickpocket was placed under arrest by the special officer at the depot, and others among whom was a soldier.

The prisoner gave his name as Clarence Reelade when arraigned in the Police Court this morning. Several men, white and colored, testified against him. When asked by the court why he took the watch from the man's pocket, he said he was anxious to know the time, and had no intention of appropriating it. Being unable to give a satisfactory account of himself, he was sent to jail for ninety days under the vagrant act.

Will Assist Men Liable to Draft. Mr. Robinson Moncre, of Alexandria, authorizes the Gazette to state that he will gladly assist any who come to him with queries concerning the Questionnaires at his office any evening from 7:30 to 8:30, except Sunday. No charge will be made.

## Birth Notice.

Born, Dec. 16, 1917, at the Alexandria hospital, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stearman, of Quantico, Va.

WANTED—An assistant bookkeeper. Young lady preferred. State experience, if any. Address in your own handwriting. Box 47 Gazette office. 297-6t.

## PROHIBITIONISTS WIN MORE SHIPS ARE NEEDED

House of Representatives Passes the Amendment by a Vote of 282 to 128—Eight More Than Necessary Two-Thirds.

The House of Representatives late yesterday afternoon passed the national prohibition amendment by a vote of 282 to 128.

The advocates of the measure had eight votes more than were needed to give the necessary two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

The measure, which was adopted by the Senate at the last session, now goes to conference. Tremendously crowded galleries, with spectators extending into the corridors, witnessed the struggle.

William Jennings Bryan leaped over the gallery railing and clapped his hands vigorously as soon as the result was assured. Then he hurried to the House floor, where, seated in the chair of Minority Leader Kitchin, he became the center of congratulations.

Senator Sheppard of Texas, dry leader, today will move in the Senate concurrence in all amendments approved by the House. The principal one is that the proposed amendment must be approved by three-fourths of the States in seven instead of six years. "Drys" are determined to complete submission before Congress recesses for the holidays tonight.

Forty more members attended yesterday's session than heard President Wilson's war message. The total of 410 votes cast is said to be the largest in Congressional history.

The result was foreshadowed when a proposed amendment of Representative Lea of California to exempt light wines and beers from the act, was beaten 232 to 167.

The Virginia Congressmen voted with the majority.

## CONGRESSMAN ENLISTS.

Representative Royal C. Johnson, of South Dakota, Meade Private.

Representative Royal C. Johnson, of Aberdeen, S. D., enlisted yesterday as a private in the regular army and was assigned to Camp Meade. He has not resigned his seat in the House.

Johnson is not the first member of the House to drop the legislative pen to take up the sword. Among members who have joined the army is former Representative Augustus C. Gardner, of Massachusetts, now serving as a major in the national guard.

Johnson served five years in the South Dakota national guard, two years as captain. He is married.

## FOREGO HOLIDAY LEAVE.

Officers Would Save Railroads From A Big Rush of Traffic.

Commanding officers at army posts and cantonments have been instructed to discourage furloughs for the holidays, because of transportation conditions.

"The people of the nation will bear this privation," said Secretary Baker, "in the same fine spirit which has characterized every previous response when the importance of relieving the railroads is understood, enabling a concentration of energies and capacities for the transportation of our resources to the seaboard and to the battle front in France."

## Case in Which Jury Disagreed.

A jury in the Circuit court of Alexandria county, Judge Thornton presiding, after three hours' deliberation, were discharged last night because they could not agree in the case of W. S. Billops for the recovery of damages to the amount of \$10,000 against the Washington and Old Dominion railroad. The plaintiff made the claim that he was injured by being forcibly ejected from a train on said road on August 16, 1916. The defendant claimed justification for the ejection for the reason that Mr. Billops refused to comply with the new tariff regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The plaintiff was represented by attorneys Sherrier and Jackson and the defendant by Wilton J. Lambert and C. E. Nicol.

Alluminum ware at our usual low price. Elliott's, 300-2t.

## Sinking of Fourteen Boats by Germans Shows Force and Daring of Enemy.

London, Dec. 18.—Demands for stronger patrols in the North Sea to curb German raids led to an unconfirmed report today that American naval forces might re-enforce the British guard ships on duty in those waters.

The sinking of fourteen ships by the Germans, three of them in British waters off the mouth of Tyne river, show that the German navy is operating with impudent boldness and is now using "large-sized cruisers as well as submarines in its warfare upon mercantile shipping.

A naval court of inquiry has already begun an investigation of the sinking of the British cruiser Partidge, six merchantmen and four trawlers while plying between Scotland and Norway by four German destroyers. The British destroyer Pelew, which was damaged by the Germans' shell fire in the same action, is now in a British port for repairs.

The Germans carried out this raid with their usual wanton cruelty and ships carrying women were shelled and sunk. The women were rescued by British destroyers which went to the rescue.

It is believed that a number of neutral sailors lost their lives, as five of the merchantmen were neutrals.

An official statement sent out by the German admiralty and picked up here, said that a number of prisoners, including four officers, were taken on board the German destroyers and carried back to a German port. It added that all of the German craft got back to their base.

Naval authorities believe that the German warships are operating from Heligoland, as the danger of returning to Zebrugge would have been too great.

## MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Coroner Investigates Circumstances Surrounding Passing Away of Young Woman in Richmond.

Coroner Whitefield is investigating circumstances surrounding the sudden death of young Mrs. Alice Johnson, who died while visiting the home of a friend in Richmond Saturday night.

Mrs. Johnson, of No. 1513 North Twenty-second street, who had partaken of supper with her friend, Mrs. B. F. Stutz, of No. 522 North Twenty-seventh street, Saturday night, remarked that she had taken a quinine pill, according to instructions from her physician. She took the pill or capsule and within a short while was a corpse. The coroner was notified and pronounced death due to poisoning. It was learned that Mrs. Johnson had eaten canned fish roe, and it is possible that death may have been due to ptomaine poisoning.

It is learned that Mrs. Johnson had in her room a box containing capsules, with an inscription on the box directing her to take "one every Saturday night." It is thought that she may have taken one of these capsules after the supper at the home of her friend. But one capsule remained in the box.

Mrs. Johnson was stenographer at the office of the Medical College of Virginia.

Mrs. Johnson was a daughter of George E. Knight, of No. 1513 North Twenty-second street, and was just nineteen years old. Her husband was a graduate of the Medical college, and is practicing medicine in MEDDSEX, N. C.

## Death Notice.

Died, Monday morning, Dec. 17, 1917, at her residence in Washington, D. C., Mrs. Agnes W. Adam. Funeral eleven o'clock Wednesday morning, December 19, from 410 Prince street, Alexandria, Va.

## Anti-Skid Chains.

A large shipment of Anti-Skid chains just received. Get yours now. Renschell Auto Sales Co., 266-3t 117 north Fairfax street.

The usual Wednesday night dance will be given at the Elks' Auditorium on Dec. 19. Lessons 7 to 8:30. General dancing 8:30 to 11:30. Admission 50 cents. Ladies free. 300-2t.

All wagons, velocipedes, doll cabs, etc., are shown on the second floor at Elliott's. 769-2t.