CHARLES W. HALL KILLS HIMSELF

Sends Bullet Crashing Into His Temple This Morning at 8:15.

ILL HEALTH THE CAUSE

Race With Death Down Slippery Road Is Lost in Operating Room of Erlanger.

Charles W. Hall, one of the citys best liked and most prominent young men, this morning committed suicide at his home on Signal mountain by shooting himself through the temple. Despondency over constantly increasing ill health was assigned as the cause.

Mr. Hall for the past several months had been steadily losing ground in his fight with a complication of physical ills, and for the last few weeks had been brooding more than usual over his condition and prospects. He had talked with friends of the hopelessness of the outlook, and had indicated more than once that death would not come unwelcomed. Lately his wife had been watching him closely to prevent the action she feared, but for a moment this morning he eluded her vigilance, and at 8:15 sent a bullet crashing into his temple.

Race to Hospital.

The shot, however, did not kill him immediately, and a breathless race with death down the slippery mountain road ensued, but all in vain. Mr. Hall died in the operating room of Erlanger hospital. Dr. C. P. Knight, of the federal health service, who lives adjacent to the Hall home, administered first aid and accompanied Wann's racing ambulance to the hospital. Mr. Hall died just as he was being placed upon the operating table.

Mr. Hall was 30 years old, and in his brief business career had attained prominence and respect. His illness, reaching a serious phase just at the time when a number of interests needed his closest attention, added another worry to that of health alone, and the two constituted a problem which he thought could best be solved by death.

For a number of years Mr. Hall was connected with the old Citizens National bank. Finding the inside office work unsuited to his physical condition, he entered the insurance business and became special agent for the New York Life Insurance company, establishing offices in the James building.

Originated "Charley Hall" System.

Just day before yesterday he signed a contract to go with the Volunteer State Life Insurance company, but had not actively begun work. Yesterday being damp and rainy, Mr. Hall called the office and said that he was dubious about venturing out and that he thought he would remain in the house for the day, and this morning he shot himself.

Mr. Hall was prominent in the social life of the city and was especially prominent in athletics. For a number of years he was one of the city's leading tennis players, being a particularly formidable opponent because of his cool, defensive play which induced the other player to wear himself out. Among tennis players the "Charley Hall" system was well recognized and often copied.

Possessed of a pleasant, genial nature, he made friends readily and in large numbers, to whom his death comes as a profound shock.

He leaves a wife, who was Miss Marie Rudd before her marriage, and a little daughter, Mary Bertha, aged 6.

Mr. Hall went to the basement of his dwelling and there put the pistol to his right temple and fired the fatal shot. His wife was attracted by the noise of the explosion, and found her husband on the floor with blood running from the side of his head.

ON ROLL OF HONOR

Three Other Boys Make Supreme Sacrifice.

Eugene Watkins, private, died of disease.

Sam Callahan, sergeant, wounded, degree undetermined.

Walter W. Kennedy, private, wounded, degree undetermined.

Marvin C. Craft, private, wounded, degree undetermined.

Donald C. Rainey, Floyd H. Morris and Justine C. Short, privates, wounded slightly.

Eugene Sharpe, private in marines, killed in action.

Nathan Brewer, private in marines, died of wounds.

The names of the above young men are added to Chattanooga's roll of honor, one having been killed in action, while another died from wounds and still another succumbed to disease. Three were wounded, with the degree undetermined, and three were wounded slightly.

A fitting memorial will commemorate the memory of those heroic men of army and navy who made the supreme sacrifice "over there." Those who return will be welcomed with open arms.

Corporal Ramsey.

Mrs. Frank Ramsey, of East Lake, has been officially notified that her son, Corp. W. F. Ramsey, of Battery F, 114th field artillery, was killed in action on Oct. 4. He was a gallant soldier and was killed while serving his gun. He died in the arms of a comrade, Van Wilson, of Fayette. Before entering the service he was a valued employe of the D. M. Seward Manufacturing company. He was a young man of sterling qualities and was highly regarded by all who knew him. Surviving him are his father, Frank Ramsey, a faithful employe of the Chattanooga Wagon company; his mother, Mrs. Josie Ramsey; two brothers, Hale and Nathan, and three sisters, Mrs. Belle Dunn, Mrs. Nettie Smith and Mrs. Lilly Green.

Justine C. Short, whose name appears on the casualty list, was wounded on Oct. 11. His mother, Mrs. Ola C. Short, formerly resided here, but has removed to Fayetteville. Before entering the service the young man was employed at Louisville, Ky. He is a member of Company K, 18th United States infantry, and a marksman of exceptional ability.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Dec. 21.—After buying Christmas presents for their three small children, Lewis Davis, aged 37, shot and killed his wife, Josie Cost, 34, while she lay in bed this morning, and then fired a bullet into his own body. He will die. The family came here a week ago from Goshen, Ind. Cost was discharged from the aviation service at Kelley field Oct. 17, and on returning to Goshen is said to have accused his wife of infidelity. The couple had quareled frequently since coming here.

INDORSES PLAN OF U. S. FOR PERMANENT PEACE

DR. ROMULO NAON.

Dr. Romulo S. Naon, former ambassador to the United States from Argentina, in a recent speech at Boston suggested that every nation of the western continent ought to have a voice in the discussion of world reconstruction. He indorsed the leadership of the United States in the plan for permanent peace, and said the fulfilment of the policy of pan-Americanism was a political necessity for the republics of the new world.

FLEMING WILL ASK FOR INDORSEMENT

PRESENT JUDGE TO HAVE ACTIVE OPPOSITION.

Snyder and Cummings Lay Plans to Get Into Running in Spring.

The race for city judge is proving only second in interest to the race for mayor. Judge Martin A. Fleming is a candidate to succeed himself and is asking indorsement on his record in office as a law enforcer. It is stated by the judge's friends that since the prohibition laws were passed the city judge has done more toward having them become effective than any one other man in Hamilton county. However, the opponents of Judge Fleming claim that he did not wake up to the need of law enforcement for a long time and that he is not as friendly with the labor interests as he used to be, and he will also be opposed by the Bass-Conner faction, which he bitterly opposed at the last county election. Judge Fleming is confident, though, he will be able to overcome the strength of the Conner-Bass combination, which he says has its strength in the county.

In the meantime ex-Senator W. H. Cummings is making an active candidacy, and his friends say he will prove a formidable candidate for the office. Senator Cummings was defeated for attorney-general at the past county election, but, as he states, he was defeated by circumstances over which he had no control, he asks one more chance to make the race before the people. Senator Cummings will make the race on the recomendation that the present salary of the office be cut from $3,500 to $1,800. Another platform recommended by Senator Cummings is that he will advocate the working of city convicts on the street, a thing which has not been recently done.

The candidacy of W. R. Snyder is rapidly growing, and while Mr. Snyder has not as yet announced, it is understood he is thinking seriously of entering the race. Mr. Snyder is a young lawyer of exceptional ability and is at present a member of the law firm of Carden & Snyder. A. L. Emerson, who stated some time ago he would make the race, has decided not to enter the contest and has withdrawn. W. J. Counts, Mr. Emerson's law partner, however, is a candidate, and is making an active candidacy.

Eugene Bryan's name was mentioned frequently for city judge, but the young attorney announces that he has formed a partnership with Sam Ford and has no desire to enter politics other than always remain an active supporter of the nominees of his party.

It is thought the race will finally narrow down to two, being between Judge Fleming and Senator Cummings or Mr. Snyder.

CHILDREN TELL SANTA WHAT THEY WANT

SALVATION ARMY POTS KEPT BOILING.

One Group of Children Spends Hours Thinking Up Wishes to Tell Santa.

"Hello Santa" have been the greetings given the Salvation Army Santa Claus that has been stationed on Market street for the past few days, ringing his bell and trying to keep the pot boiling. Santa stated that nearly every afternoon several hundred children would stop and talk to him and tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Several children had their wants written out on paper and brought the letters to him. Many a mother has had to stop from one to ten minutes while the children talked to Santa.

One little girl told him that she was going to buy him an ice cream cone and four all-day suckers. Old Santa stated that three children from up the county sat down on the sidewalks near him and spent the larger part of the afternoon looking at him, and every few minutes they would think of some new toy that they wanted and would come over and break the news.

The pots hung out by the Salvation Army have averaged about $10 per day, except the one stationed on Market street, near the Rialto theater, which has averaged over $18 per day since Santa Claus has been put in charge of the pot. The local organization proposes to feed as many poor people Christmas day as the funds will permit. Those that will be unable to attend the dinner will be given a basket of food, and in some cases a few toys will be put in the basket.

NO "RING" THIS TIME; ALL GOING IT ALONE

WARD WORKERS WON'T WEAR LITTLE BADGES.

Whether Contest for Mayor Will Be Warm Will Depend Decisions Soon.

There seems to be a "You first, Alphonse," "No, you first, Gaston" idea existing regarding the coming race for mayor of Chattanooga. Commissioner T. C. Betterton is withholding his decision and Mayor Jesse M. Littleton has not burned all the bridges behind him, and, though likely to be a candidate, is not yet formally in the race. This leaves the mayoralty ring at present free from the hat of either of these two political opponents.

Politics not only makes strange bedfellows, but it makes stranger day companions, as is demonstrated by the political differences between Mayor Littleton and Mr. Betterton. It will be remembered that at the last election in 1915 there was no secret made of a combination existing among Mayor Littleton, Mr. Betterton, Mr. Bass, Mr. Huffaker and Mr. Herron, and it is this combination or "ring" that was successful. Now there is anxiety on the part of all five of the present city officials to break away from all combinations and make their races on their own merits and as a personal indorsement of their administration. Commissioner Ed Bass states that if he runs it will be for the success of Ed Bass and no one else. The other commissioners quickly followed suit and they are now running on separate platforms and for themselves alone. So it is unlikely that the voter who goes to the polls this time will find ward workers conspicuously wearing badges made of rings.

The differences between Mayor Littleton and Mr. Betterton date from the notorious Luna park investigation which was begun by Mr. Littleton. Mayor Littleton charged that whisky was being dispensed at the colored park with the knowledge and consent of certain city officials, who were parties to it. Mr. Betterton quickly defended the charges and openly stated that the mayor was "four flushing" and had changed from his former ideas and the platform for which he had always stood and was catering to the law and order forces. A trial was held, and despite some strong evidence those charged with the violations at Luna park were acquitted by a vote of 4 to 0, the mayor not voting. This investigation furnished kindling to the differences between the mayor and the police and fire commissioner and since then political differences have been fed as fuel until it burst into flames by the recent charges and counter charges made by Mayor Littleton and Commissioner Betterton in regard to the handling of their respective offices and certain expenditures both officials had made. Mayor Littleton charged Mr. Betterton with selling a second-hand automobile to the city, an offense which he stated was against the city charter. Mr. Betterton charged the mayor with using the power of his office in the payment of a political debt. It was charged by the police commissioner that the mayor sent to Franklin county and brought here a political henchman and placed him on the city payroll. Other minor charges were made by the officials, but finally the matter was allowed to drop.

There is, therefore, coming to be an opinion that the candidacy of one of these officials is somewhat dependent on whether the other is a candidate, and if either eliminates himself it is not likely the other will run. Friends of the mayor say he will not fail to accept the challenge which seems to be implied, although there has been an evident disposition on his part to avoid contests both in the commission and now.

SOCIALIST ADMITS

Still Anti-War, but Realizes Good of Allied Victory.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—J. Louis Engdahl, editor of the American Socialist, and one of five socialists being tried in Judge Landis' court for alleged violations of the espionage act, today said that while he was still anti-war, he was compelled to admit appreciating immensely the fruits of victory by allied arms.

BOMBARDS BOLSHEVIKI

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—A British fleet in the Baltic began bombarding the bolshevik forces at Reval on Dec. 14, said a dispatch from Berlin today, quoting the Lokal Anzeiger. The bolsheviki then retreated to the Weisenberg line.

A Swedish fleet occupied the Esthonian coast in Russia.

SWISS BREAK WITH REDS.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Switzerland is the latest nation to break with the bolshevik government of Russia. A dispatch to the French high commission this afternoon stated that the Swiss minister in Petrograd, the last European diplomat in Russia, has left for home.

BILL HOHENZOLLERN BETTER.

Amerongen, Holland, Dec. 21—(A. P.)—Former Emperor William, who had been ill during all the present week, was able to walk about the castle grounds thir morning, taking advantage of a few hours of fine weather. He had been confined to his bed since last Sunday.

The Ex-Emperor appeared to have recovered from his chill and while his ear affection still troubled him, it was understood to have been greatly alleviated.

"WAYS THAT ARE DARK" ON GRIDIRON

In the international game on the world's political gridiron, China may be hopelessly outpointed, but here's one Chinese player who may be expected to come hurtling around the end for gains. He's Sammy Kai Kee, and he's learned to buck the line as halfback on the University of California football team. Only Celestial who has ever played on a big American college team, Sammy Kee has added some "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" to pigskin lore—to the glory of his 'varsity and the delight of the bleachers. He helped California hang that 67 to goose-egg defeat on Stanford this year

WAR ORGANIZATION TO BE DIVERTED TO PEACE

Mrs. Grace M. Brougham

The organizations that kept the morale of the allied armies fighting at top speed should now continue their work among industry's workers. So thinks Mrs. Grace Manners Brougham, sister of Guy Manners, the English soldier-poet. Mrs. Brougham, an active Y. W. C. A. worker, is in America telling of the contribution of England's women toward the winning of the war. The spirit of service and patriotism greatly shortened the gulf between workers and leisure class during the war. If the work of the war organizations can now be diverted toward industrial channels, Mrs. Brougham believes the gulf can be almost entirely removed.

BODY ARRIVES TONIGHT

F. V. DeArmond, Killed in Virginia, Will Be Buried Here.

The body of F. V. DeArmond, well known Chattanooga contractor, who died at Camp Eustis, Va., from a gunshot wound, is expected to arrive here some time Saturday night. The body will be removed to Wann's and funeral services will probably take place on Monday, final arrangements to be announced later. No further details regarding the tragedy have been received here.

PROVOST TAKES THE MIDNIGHT TRAIL

SEVEN WOMEN CAUGHT IN DRAGNET OF LAW.

Four Soldiers Caught With Four Negro Women Enjoying Quart of "Old Crow."

The provost guard under command of Sergts. Hull and Hudson took the trail last night, and as the result today seven women languished behind prison bars charged with vagrancy and being diseased. Aside from the capture of the women, the provost officers rounded up a quart of "Old Crow" whisky which four of the women and their soldier companions were enjoying. The guards started out last night on their weekly tour of inspection, and, going to a number of suspicious places, were unable to find anything wrong. Finally their trail led them to a two-story house on the river at the foot of Georgia avenue. Entering the building, the officers found four negro girls and four soldiers socially gathered together and hobnobbing over a quart of whisky. They were all taken in charge and the women taken to jail and the soldiers sent to the park.

Later the officers visited a local hotel, where they found an old offender, and she was given a ride to headquarters. The four negro girls were then questioned and they told the provost where they could find a woman they had been searching for for some time, and, going to a house on Tenth street, the woman was located and taken to jail. She was also diseased. Later in the night two more negro girls who have not been taking their treatment regularly were found hidden away in a well-known colored gathering place. These prisoners weer also pronounced diseased. All the women caught will be held until they they are pronounced well of their present condition.

BECKER PROUD OF ABUSE

Missouri Senator Attacks Deputy Attorney-General.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Asserting that he had observed "a concerted effort to fix treason on an American newspaper man, by pieces of insinuation," Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, after a further cross-examination of Deputy Atty.-Gen. Becker of New York, asserted this afternoon at the close of the senate propaganda investigation, "that he sought only the truth and justice for all."

"Any man who attempts to defame a man through insinuations is nothing short of a low-down scoundrel," Reed said, glaring at Becker.

"Strike that from the record" Chairman Overman ordered.

"Becker has made similar statements against Senator Reed," objected Senator Wolcott, adding, "I move it stay in the record."

"Let it stay," Becker replied. "I'm proud of any abuse I receive because of my connection with this investigation."

"Why haven't you attempted to assail the loyalty of the J. P. Morgan banking institution? It handled that money with which Bolo Pasha was to carry on his campaign in this country. Didn't Morgan have just as much opportunity to know the character of this Pasha as Hearst did?" Reed questioned.

REQUEST TO RAILROADS

Manufacturers' Association Instructs D. H. Wood to Write Legislators Relative to Railroad Situation.

At the meeting of the board of governors of the Manufacturers' Association Friday, Prenident D. H. Wood was instructed to write a letter to the congressmen and senators of the state requesting that the railroads of the United States be returned to private ownership as soon as possible.

Practically all of the members of the association are very much in favor of the railroad administration being returned to the various owners, as it was before the war. The letter will be drafted at the earliest possible date and sent to the Tennessee representatives.

In addition to this, the appointment of one or two committees were made by Mr. Wood and are: J. J. Mahoney, chairman of the Tennessee River committee, and those who will serve with him are M. E. Temple, W. P. McBroom, C. E. Buck, Gaston C. Raoul and L. W. Llewellyn. R. F. Callaway was appointed chairman of the legislative committee and the committeemen will be named later. H. S. Griscomb's name was added to the program committee.

CALLS FOR OCCUPATION

Austria Asks Allies to Come to Vienna.

Zurich, ec. 21.—Austria has again asked the allies to send a force of British, French and American troops to occupy Vienna, according to advices from the Austrian capital today.

SOUGHT LAND OF PROMISE IN EAST

LOSE JOBS WHEN ARMISTICE IS SIGNED.

Working Their Way Back to Texas, Penniless, but Determined.

Andrew Petite and Ernest Murray, from Texas, who are stranded in Chattanooga without a cent, were taken in tow today by Mr. Payne, secretary to the mayor. Arrangements are being made for sending them back to Texas. The tale they tell is a pitiful one, beginning on a little farm in a forlorn county of the Lone Star state.

Andrew is French and has neither father nor mother, both having died while he was in his infancy. He lived with his friend, Ernest Murray, and family, and eked out a living on the Murray farm.

Both are too young for enlistment in the army, but when a government labor agent came to the little town of Melrose—the metropolis of the county and the only "big city" the boys knew—the word went far and wide that fortunes were to be had for the asking, far away to the east. The agent established an office and began receiving applications for constructing work at cantonments on the Atlantic seaboard.

With the stream of laborers that poured out of the town, went Ernest Murray and Andrew Petite, their transportation to the land of promise paid by a bountiful government. The government lived up to its agreement, all right, the boys being sent to Indian Head, Maryland, and there employed at 40 cents an hour and 65 cents for overtime. The prosperity did not last, however, the armistice being signed the first day the boys went to work. They worked three days and were discharged, the construction ceasing.

By dint of sympathetic brakemen on freight trains, Ernest and Andrew worked slowly back to the southland and their home. They would work for a few days at a town, partially filling the pockets of their rough clothes,and then get on board a freight, trusting to luck.

They arrived in Chattanooga Saturday morning, covered with dirt and grime, but with the thought of Texas spurring on their tired limbs. By some chance the thought came into Andrew's mind that the fair city of Chattanooga might help them, so they forthwith hied themselves to the mayor's office.

Mr. Payne took them to the local office of the government labor bureau and explained their case. The agent is at present investigating the matter, and if the facts as told by the boys are corroborated, their transportation back to Texas will be paid.

DEMOBILIZATION WORK GOES RAPIDLY AHEAD

Eighty-Ninth Battalion to Assist in Work—Occupies Evacuation Camp.

The work of demobilization at Camp Greenleaf preparatory to the anticipated arrival of additional units is progressing very rapidly under the command of Brig.-Gen. William S. Scott, who was detailed from Camp Dix to assume command of the demobilization work several days ago. A big decrease is already noted in the personnel of the camp of medicos. There are now approximately 2,400 commissioned medical officers and 9,000 men stationed at the medical camp. When the demobilization orders were first received some three weeks ago there were approximately 3,500 medical officers and 15,000 enlisted men at Camp Greenleaf. The main attention has been turned from the routine work to the far-reaching demobilization work, which will practically clear out the camp of every man not needed in the demobilization of other units.

The battalion of the Eighty-ninth infantry, which was detailed to the park to aid in the demobilization from Camp Sevier, has taken up quarters in the buildings occupied by the old hospital group. They were at first stationed in the deserted evacuation group camp.

Enlisted men are now discharged from the medical camp at the rate of 500 a day, the number having been rapidly increased from day to day. Friday's list of commissioned officers discharged contained 240 names, while 320 of the commissioned medicos will receive their honorable discharges Saturday.

POLES IN BAD LIGHT

Editor Says Jews Seized Chance to Influence Peace.

Warsaw, Dec. 19.—(A. P.)—In discussing the political situation in Poland, especially as regards the Jews, Prof. P. Tutermilch, a Polish editor and writer, said today:

"The present pogrom agitation has been seized upon by the Jews, at the expense of the Polish nation, for the purpose of influencing the peace congress. The Jews expected to obtain nationality concessions."

SEVEN MORE MOBITES ARRESTED

Sheffield, Ala., Dec. 21.—At 11 o'clock this morning the office of the circuit clerk in Tuscumbia gave out the names of seven additional men who have been arrested, charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the lynchings of Will Byrd and George Whitesides on Nov. 10 and Nov. 12.

CHARLES PIEZ TO HEAD FLEET CORPORATION

CHARLES PIEZ.

Charles Piez, vice-president and general manager of the Emergency Fleet corporation, is to succeed Charles M. Schwab as director-general, according to a report from Washington. Cancellation of all outstanding contracts for construction of wooden ships where builders have not spent more than $200,000 on a ship that has been determined upon by the shipping board. Although the board approved the wooden ship for emergency purposes, its policy will be to add as few wooden craft as possible to the permanent merchant marine.

PUMPING STATION PLAN ABANDONED

CANCELLATION OF CONSTRUCTION ORDER.

Work on Six New Wards of General Hospital Will Be Continued, However.

Orders canceling all construction work, with the exception of the work at general hospital 14, at the park have been received by Maj. Ripley, construction quartermaster at Lytle. The orders do not include the work on the Rossville boulevard, which comes under another head. Lumber and building materials are, however, continuing to arrive, according to Maj. Ripley, and the constructing forces are engaged in storing these materials for future use. The construction work at the camp has been done almost exclusively by civilian labor, working under the supervision of the constructing quartermaster's department. All the labor, with the exception of those doing the work at the general hospital and other little odd jobs, were laid off indefinitely shortly after the signing of the armistice following the first cancellation orders of construction at the park.

The material, which is continuing to arrive, consists of shipments of construction material shipped before the signing of the armistice and the subsequent cancellation of all contracts to furnish the needed items of construction work. Among other building materials arriving are shipments of lumber which was started on its way in carload lots from Maine and other lumber producing states some time ago.

Frustrates Waterworks.

Among the projects that the cancellation orders frustrated was that of the proposed new pumping station, which was to have furnished the entire park with water. The pumping station was planned some months ago when the park was steadily increasing in the personnel, as well as the number of wooden cantonment-type buildings, which were springing up to accommodate the troops temporarily housed by tents.

The plan of the government was to purchase Green's lake near the park and from this point pump the water into the reservoir and thence over the park. The plant was to have been a steam-pumping station located near the lake. Just what the capacity of the plant was to have been Maj. Ripley declined to state, nor did he know if the deal for the purchase of the lake had been actually closed by the government. Even if the park is made a huge demobilization center the present supply of water will more than suffice is the opinion of the construction quartermaster.

Six New Wards.

Six new hospital wards are under construction at general hospital 14. They are to be of the same dimensions and type as those now in use. The new buildings are about 40 per cent. completed, and should be completed within a short time, provided the weather permits the workmen to continue the construction work. The new wards are two-story frame affairs and will have a capacity of ninety-six cots each, bringing the total number of patients that may be cared for by the hospital up to a little more than 1,700. At present there are twelve completed wards of this type. In addition, the buildings in the circle on the hill across are being utilized as temporary wards. Several more buildings are occupied by the administration, operating rooms and other works connected with the hospital.

RESURFACING BEGUN

Work of Reconstructing Rossville Boulevard Progressing.

Work of resurfacing the Rossville boulevard has already been begun, according to Maj. Ripley, construction quartermaster at Lytle. The first steps in preparing the surface for the new concrete pavement, which is to be laid, is the scraping of the old tar and gravel surface. To accomplish this, a steam tractor attached to a surface plow is being used. A strip for about two blocks has been plowed up, running from the point where the care line turns upon the road near the Rossville end some eight or ten feet wide. The work has been temporarily suspended on account of the rain of the past few days.

A. M. Nelson, state highway engineer, was in the city Friday, and held a consultation with Maj. Ripley. The conference was reported to have cleared all points of disagreement between the state and governmnt officials. Th state has already signed, and Maj. Ripley stated that the contract was before the government officials in Washington and would probably be signed and returned within a few days. Meanwhile, confidence in the fact that the department will place their stamp of apand proceed with the work the preliminary steps in resurfacing the road have already been put under way.

Military Personals.

Lieut.-Col. Martin, who has been chief instructor in surgery at Camp Greenleaf, has been transferred from the local camp to Washington, where he will be in the office of Maj.-Gen. Merritte W. Ireland, surgeon-general.

Col. Richardson left yesterday to become commander of the base hospital at Newport News. Col. Richardson has been the chief of Col. Bispham's staff, the commander of Camp Greenleaf, for some time.

LOCAL FLASHES

Sent Three Boxes.

The Daughters of the British Empire have sent off three Christmas boxes to France, sending them to a mother and two children.

Keep Autos Away.

A provost guard has been stationed before the postoffice in the James building to keep automobiles from parking in front of the building. A number of mail wagons are now being used to carry the large amount of mail to and from the stations, and with the street used at this point as a parking ground, the wagons had trouble in handling the mail bags.

LEAVES FOR HOME

Congressman Moon on the Way—Chattanoogans in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Congressman Moon will leave tonight for Chattanooga, where he will spend the holidays. H. C. Hulse, of Chattanooga, is here in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his daughter, who has influenza. W. J. Nolan, an attorney of Chattanooga is in Washington.

BRITISH SECRETARY OF WAR TO RESIGN

VISCOUNT MILNER.

Viscount Milner, British war minister in the coalition government, is to resign his post shortly, according to a report from London quoting the Daily Express, which says it has learned this on good authority.

PLAY PUSH-BALL ASTRIDE ARMY MULES

CHRISTMAS TO BE GALA DAY AT FORREST.

Championship Game Will Be Played Between Forrest and Eleventh Cavalry.

All thought of routine work will be dispensed with for the time being at Camp Forrest on Christmas day and the engineers will celebrate the day in befitting manner. During the day religious programs will be held in the "Y" buildings and at noon the various organizations stationed at the camp will be treated to a "regular" Christmas dinner as the honored guests of Uncle Sam. But even above the brown, crispy turkey the boys of the camp are interested in the big field meet which will be staged in honor of old Santa Claus. The committee in charge of the fete are planning to make a gala occasion of the big event, although the final details of the meet have not been quite completed.

At 8:30 on Christmas morning the festivities of the day will begin with a pushball game between the daring riders of the camp, most of whom are western men hailing from Minnesota. Both teams will be composed of commissioned officers. The stars in the game will probably be lined up against the polished riders of the famous Eleventh cavalry stationed at Fort Oglethorpe for the championship of the park.

Following the contest between the officers, the enlisted men of the camp will stage a second pushball game, which promises to be even more interesting than the initial contest. Two teams of the enlisted engineers will clash for the camp honors mounted on staunch, but not so speedy, "regulation" army mules.

The program will be rounded off with a boxing match of six bouts. The Forrest pugilists will be faced by boxers of camp fame from the other organizations stationed at the park.

Music will be furnished throughout the gala occasion by a band from Camp Greenleaf, probably the famous Fort Riley outfit.

RED CROSS GOAL STILL IN DISTANCE

ONLY ONE-THIRD QUOTA SUBSCRIBED.

Campaign Will Not Be Extended—Godmothers Have Helped.

Only $8,500 of Chattanooga's quota of $25,000 has been raised during the Red Cross rollcall which has been in progress here for the past week. It was hoped that some effective work could be accomplished on the downtown streets Friday and Saturday, but the rain has prevented very much progress along this line. Director F. A. Nelson therefore strongly urges that the people who have not been seen by the Red Cross solicitors show their loyalty by coming to the headquarters in the chamber of commerce building and leaving their subscriptions.

The rain and the approach of Christmas have been two great drawbacks to the campaign. The leaders say that it has been a hard task to get solicitors at this time of the year.

It has been suggested to Mr. Nelson that the campaign be extended a day in order that the town may be more thoroughly canvassed. However, the director feels that this would run it too close to Christmas, and he has therefore announced that it will close at the time announced originally, which is Monday evening, Nov. 23. Whether the amount Chattanooga has been asked to pledge has been raised or not, Mr. Nelson feels that the most practical thing to do is to close the campaign on Monday.

So far the rollcall has been progressing very slowly, and the total figures have shown that during the five days of work not half of Chattanooga's quota has been raised. With this small result the workers are compelled to face the fact that there are but two more days' reports to be added to the amount already raised.

During every campaign that has been conducted in Chattanooga since the war began the people have responded 100 per cent., and Chattanooga has gone over her quota. If she falls down in the present Red Cross call, she will not have lived up to her record.

Mr. Nelson calls upon the managers of the industrial concerns, where the reports have not been sent in to headquarters, to see to it that they are sent in at once.

Mrs. J. B. Lauderbach has been in charge of the county district, which comprises about forty different communities, and her reports are beginning to show up favorably. Among them is the one from Daisy, where $60 has been subscribed.

The Godmothers were placed in the down-town stores Saturday morning and quite a number of subscriptions were taken. In addition to this, four-minute speakers were placed in all the moving picture houses on behalf of the Red Cross drive.

MARKET HOUSE IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE

PATRIOTIC COLORS IN USE FOR YULETIDE.

Christmas Tree at Market House Master's Desk, Filled With Vegetables.

Already the markethouse has put on its holiday attire. The markethouse master sits at his desk behind a Christmas tree hung with apples, oranges, tomatoes, carrots, beets, turnips, potatoes, and even a bunch of onions—all of these showing between the ropes of red and green and tinsel. He says this is done to attract the attention of the public to the more solid things of life—the edibles rather than the trinkets—but it appears as if the markethouse master, practical though he may be, enjoys a certain amount of premature Christmas pleasure in sitting behind that tree. Maybe he is planning how he is going to be Santa Claus and take all of those things down, fill a basket and let it down somebody's chimney.

EAVES & BROS.

W. B. Eaves, of Eaves & Bros., seems to be no less rejoicing over the yuletide season. One of his brothers has recently received his honorable discharge from the army, and is back again selling everything good to eat to the public—from new potatoes to mushrooms, from pineapples to Brussels sprouts. A feature of the decorations at this stall is a vari-colored bouquet of vegetables. It is surprising to see how pretty they look with celery for a border in the basket, head lettuce, radishes, tomatoes, purple egg plants, and even Florida strawberries mixed in to give color to the make-up.

Great bins of oranges, apples, white grapes and dates are surmounted by a Christmas tree, from which hang ornamental balls, and above it is the proverbial Mother Goose broom to sweep the cobwebs off the sky. Ropes of the yuletide colors connect the several different stalls, and around one large white column canned goods and jellies are arranged in pyramid fashion, adorned with holly wreaths and spruce pine.

FRENCH AND AMERICAN STALL.

Deshazo & Morgan have a Christmas tree erected in a conspicuous place. Besides other decorations it holds a Red Cross, through which the electric lights gleam, and the American flag is unfurled. Mr. Deshazo says he is French-American and has double cause for rejoicing at this season. The yuletide colors are blended about his stall.

The Forest Hills Green House stand is gorgeous in a canopy of southern smilax, in which is intermingled wreaths and Christmas bells. In the center of the counter are attractive baskets of poinsettas, begonias and other bright colored flowers, while carnations and roses add their perfume to a veritable bower of flowers.

L. J. Alverson's stall is decorated in bells, ropes and tinsel. It is very attractive, while the stock is well displayed..

ROBERTS FISH COMPANY.

Patriotism is emphasized in the color note of the decorations at the Roberts Fish company. Red, white and blue paper forms a cornice above the stand and at either end is edged with the red and green, and the Christmas bells. Pictures of fish and fowl are hung on the back wall of the stand and vie with the stock on the counter, which look as if they had just come out of the water, and the chickens good enough to tempt the best efforts of a knowing chef.

Close by is Roberts' Meat Market, all bedecked in red and green and merry Christmas bells.

Ewers & Brandon, across the aisle, are not to be outdone in their holiday dress, and show many things from souce meat to pork roast, tempting for the Christmas eats.

R. O. BENNETT.

R. O. Bennett's meat market has one of the prettiest stalls in the markethouse. The red and green paper has been most generously used in forming a kind of banister work overhead, from which swing Christmas bells at intervals. Small trees, decorated in balls and tinsel, appear as if they are ready for the lights to be turned on. Mr. Brewer takes much pride and interest in the appearance of this market.

TIP-TOP BAKERY.

The shelves are bordered with the Christmas greens at this bakery, the first stand to the right of the main entrance. On the shelves are great rows of colored baskets ready to be laden with the many sweets in stock. Anything from bonbons to fruit cake.

The Vienna Bakery, at the other end of the markethouse, has a large sign bordered with the season's colors, and conspicuous at one corner of the sign is a red cross.

The Star Dairy Lunch has put on new style and added fringe to its dress. A fringe of red and green hangs all around overhead, and at the end of each string is a Christmas bell.

THE GIRLS' CANNING CLUB.

The symbol of the club is the head, heart, hand and home. This is represented by four large H's wrapped in the yuletide colors and hung in the center of the stand, producing a very pretty effect in the midst of the other decorations.

Bevell's Meat Market is also generously trimmed with the color motif. They have a splendid line of meats.

J. C. O'DELL'S STAND.

Other stands decorated are those of J. V. Dorst and W. D. Wilson. J. C. O'Dell's large stand in the center of the markethouse is profusely decorated with bells and ropes, Christmas trees and holly wreaths.

Vari-colored balloons are used with good effect among some of the decorations.

(Advertisement.)

BONDS FOR CHRISTMAS

Wilson & Co.'s Employes Remembered for Faithfulness.

The 100-odd employes of Wilson & Co. were made happy Saturday morning when, in addition to their regular salary, they were handed checks for various amounts, representing 10 per cent. of their salary for the six months ending Dec. 21. This voluntary action on the part of Wilson & Co. came as an agreeable surprise, as no intimation had been given that they would be so handsomely remembered. In the letter to Manager W. R. Burnaby informing him of the action on the part of the company a tribute was paid to the employes of the company for their loyal service of the year just ending and the extra bonus which was in the nature of a Christmas present was intended to be in recognition of the splendid spirit of co-operation on the part of the men and women who have been responsible for the splendid success attained by the company.

It is understood that every employe of the plant at Alton Park and of the branch office on Fort street, as well as employes in all of the offices and plants throughout the United States, received checks for the same amount. The money distributed in Chattanooga amounted to several thousand dollars.