

# The Big Stone Gap Post.

## The White Plague.

### Christmas Seals Used in Fight Against Deadliest of Diseases.

Richmond, Va., November 28.—Almost simultaneously with the opening on Thursday of the annual Christmas sale of Red Cross seals, with which to raise funds to combat tuberculosis, the State Board of Health issued the first complete statistics for deaths from tuberculosis in the State during the last year. These show 3,591 deaths from the "white plague"—1,158 more deaths than from organic heart disease, the next most frequent cause of death.

These figures are based on the vital statistics act passed by the General Assembly of 1912 and cover the calendar year 1913. All the figures have been carefully reviewed and checked up by one of the United States Census Bureau.

According to these figures, tuberculosis in all its forms causes 12.1 per cent of all deaths in Virginia and ranks well ahead of every other cause of death in the standard classification. The tuberculosis death-rate in Virginia is 168.0 per 100,000 of population as compared with a rate of 149.5 in those sections of the country from which the Census Bureau collects the statistics of what is known as the registration area.

A striking though not unexpected feature of the statistics is the appalling mortality of tuberculosis among the negroes of the State. The white death rate from all forms of tuberculosis is 119.5 while the negro rate is 270.5 the 100,000 of population. The rates for consumption, tuberculosis of the lungs, are 103.4 for the whites and 243.5 for the negroes. In ten Virginia cities, for which complete statistics are issued by the State Board, the white rate from consumption is 102.2 while the negro rate reaches 316.5.

"These figures," says the Board of Health in its weekly bulletin issued today, "give some indication of the tremendous demand on the people of Virginia for a more extensive fight against consumption. Health officials are laboring with limited facilities in carrying on a popular campaign against this disease but they need the help of citizens' associations in every part of the State. There must be adequate provision for the consumptives and more institutions for their care, else we cannot hope to stop the ravages of this disease. The negroes are dying from consumption as from no other disease and are certainly infecting a large number of whites. The Virginia Anti-tuberculosis Association, which is raising funds through the sale of Christmas seals is directing organization in the State, and deserves the fullest measure of popular support. Everyone should use the Red Cross Christmas seals if for no other purpose than to express sympathy with the crusade against the worst disease with which we have to contend."

### Married in Georgia.

S. S. Brooks, postmaster at Appalachia, Va., was married at Columbus, Ga., on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, to Miss Irus Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller, of that city. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Sentell, pastor of the Methodist Church, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks arrived in Appalachia Thursday night and we join their many friends in wishing them a smooth voyage over the sea of married life.—Appalachia Progressive.

War is an outward expression of hate, which is an emotion that Europe has been cultivating for some time.

## Belgian Relief.

Big Stone Gap, Va., Nov. 27th, 1914.

Editor Post: You will please publish the enclosed letter and circular, which are explanatory. I have appointed the following committee to assist in collecting and assembling donations: Messrs. J. L. McCormick, Kyle Morrison, M. R. McCormick, W. T. Goodloe, and Miss Lula Moore.

Previous to my knowledge of the State enterprise, I had received a donation of \$35.00 from Trinity M. E. Church, South, which I forwarded to the Christian Herald Bible House Relief Fund.

Let Big Stone Gap do her duty in this worthy cause, as she always does.

Respectfully,  
W. A. BAKER.

## Virginia Commission on Belgian Relief.

J. F. Wyson, Member from Ninth District.

Pulaski, Va., Nov. 24.

Dr. W. A. Baker, Big Stone Gap, Va. Mr. John Roberts, Norton, Va. Mr. J. N. Hillman, Coeburn, Va. Mrs. B. H. Holby, Appalachia, Va. Mr. Guy E. Pugh, St. Paul, Va. Mrs. Wm. Fulton, Wise, Va. Mr. J. Tompkins, Danne, Va. Mr. Ed. Dunley, Stoneman, Va.

I wish to ask you all to act as a County Committee for Wise County in the matter of an organized effort to collect food and clothing for the relief of the starving Belgians. I attach herewith a memorandum which further explains what is wished. I trust that you will take an active interest.

Respectfully,  
J. F. Wyson,  
Member Commission  
Ninth District.

## Suggestions and Information to Committees.

It is the purpose of the Commission to send a ship load of provisions and clothing from Norfolk just as soon as the ship can be arranged for and the cargo collected.

As the member of the Commission from the Ninth District I am endeavoring to have the matter brought to the attention of the people and have written an appeal which has, or will be, printed in all the local newspapers.

In order to have a practical head in each county I am naming ten or more persons in each county as a committee to take up the work in connection with moves already on foot and to start their efforts for collections.

I will notify the members of the Committees of their appointment by letter, upon which a meeting should be arranged without delay and a chairman selected.

The collections should be in the form of money, food or clothing. The money can be sent to me, or preferably, direct to Mr. H. M. Boykin, Chairman of the Commission at Richmond, Va. The food should consist of wheat, corn, flour, meat, bacon, ham, lard, potatoes, beans, peas, canned fruit, or anything which will stand shipment. Warm clothing, either new, or second hand, in good condition will be very acceptable.

Arrangements should be made at the proper places to store the food and clothing pending shipment. I will furnish the shipping tags upon application.

I trust that active interest will be taken by those named on the committees so that the Ninth District will send a generous consignment to the Virginia Relief Ship. An account will be kept showing the donations from each county.

Respectfully,  
J. F. Wyson,  
Member Belgian Relief Commission—Ninth District.

With characteristic precision Japan has accomplished the part assigned it in the honorable scrimmage and now wishes to know what next its illustrious allies desire.

## Another Big Blaze.

This place was visited by another big fire on last Friday morning at about 2 o'clock when the general merchandise store of J. M. Willis & Company burned down at Cadet, which caused a loss of about \$7,000 partly covered by insurance. The Cadet postoffice, which was in the building was also consumed. The fire was not discovered until the whole interior was ablaze, and therefore nothing was saved.

It is not known how the fire originated. Mr. Willis states that he left \$18.00 in silver and a bunch of keys in the cash drawer and after the fire a search was made for the money but only the keys could be found, and it is thought that probably the store was robbed and set on fire to cover up the theft.

The building belonged to the Big Stone Extract Works which was also partly covered by insurance, and it is said they will rebuild at an early date.

## Acknowledged Receipt of Relief Fund.

New York, Nov. 27, 1914. Trinity M. E. Church, South, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Dear Friend: We thank you for your generous remittance of \$35.00 which we have applied to The Christian Herald Relief Fund for the Widows and Orphans of the War in Europe, according to your request.

May the blessing of God rest upon the giver and upon the gift, as also upon those in whose behalf it is to be expended.

Very cordially yours,  
THE CHRISTIAN HERALD.

## Good Crops, Considering The Season.

The following yields have been recorded by the Boys' Potato Club of Wise County. The yields are small, but the season has been a very bad one for potatoes, and these youthful farmers deserve praise.

Gladeville District.—Irvine Scott; 121 bushels on 1 acre. George Jesse, 101 bushels on 1 acre. Emerson Easterling, 10 bushels on 1 acre (unofficial).

Roberson District.—Edward Minnick, 63 bushels on 1 acre. Richmond District.—Harold Dorton 121 bushels on 1 acre.

James Stewart, 11 bushels on 1 acre (unofficial). Willie Hood, 7 bushels on 1 acre (unofficial).

Ray Robinette, 41 bushels on 1 acre (unofficial). Prentice Robinette, 34 bushels on 1 acre (unofficial).

We have not yet received all the reports from the boys' corn club or men's club. George Buchanan, an East Stone boy, made 68 bushels of corn on one hill side acre. H. C. Stewart (adult) harvested 93 bushels of corn on one acre and has a better acre to gather yet. His 93 bushels cost him not more than 10 cents per bushel.

T. G. Morris, of East Stone Gap, cut 3 two-horse loads of alfalfa hay from 1 of an acre just 60 days after sowing the alfalfa seed.

J. C. STILES.

## Farmers' Club.

East Stone Gap, Va., Nov. 28.—The Richmond District Farmers' Club met at East Stone Gap this afternoon and an interesting round table discussion on crop yields occupied the entire time.

A committee composed of John W. Chaikley, C. F. Blanton and Andy Hood was appointed to solicit prizes for the boys' and men's clubs. It was requested that this be done on Monday the 30th, so that the results of the canvass could be put in this week's issue of The Post.

Among other things, this country must learn to stand firmly on its own financial feet.

## Radford Normal Notes.

Rev. T. S. Priddy, pastor of Methodist Church, addressed the faculty and students Wednesday morning on "The Worth of an Education in the ordinary walks of life".

The citizens of Radford have signed a contract for a chauntanqua course next summer. This course will be given under a large tent and will continue one week. The cost of course is guaranteed by a group of Radford citizens.

Recently a school Peace League was organized in the Normal School. Its membership includes all the faculty and the greater part of the student body. The purpose of this League is to inspire in the children of the public schools a hatred of war as means of settling international difficulties and to promote good will among people of all nations.

Dr. A. P. Bourland, Secretary of the Conference for Education in the South, will visit Radford next Saturday as the guest of Dr. J. P. McConnell. He will leave Radford Sunday for the South.

Several members of the Normal School faculty will attend the State Educational Conference in Richmond next week. Professors Arent and Gilbert each have places on the program. Miss Baird will read a paper before the Department of Music Teachers.

Dr. J. P. McConnell will deliver an address before the Department of Superintendents on "A Square Deal for the Normal School in a System of Public Education".

The Chicago Glee Club will give a program in the auditorium of the Normal School Tuesday night. The Lyceum course offered the present session is the highest grade and most expensive ever brought to this section of the country.

Mr. A. Stuart Robertson, of Staunton, Secretary-Auditor of the new Normal School Board, and Mr. W. W. King, a member of the Board, spent Thursday at the Normal School looking over the building, grounds and the work of the school.

## Mrs. F. A. Butler Gives Views on Suffrage.

Mrs. F. A. Butler, mother of Mrs. R. L. Gant, of this city, gives her views on woman suffrage in an interesting letter to a Bristol relative. Mrs. Butler was for thirty-three years editor of the Woman's Missionary Advocate of the Southern Methodist Church and although she is now over eighty years old, her mind is still vigorous. She is a daughter of the late Thomas Stringfield, one of the pioneers of Southern Methodism, and has for years been one of the best known and most beloved women in the church. Writing from her home in Nashville, she says:

"The Woman Suffrage convention is going on in town at this time. I take no interest in it and fear they take more interest in 'Who Shall be First?' than in any other question that may come up. If the men would be just to the women in making the laws there would be no necessity of women's votes. If all men were as wise and good as President Wilson there would be no trouble about it. There are so many other grand things that might be done that whether they vote or not is a small matter. The older I grow the more plainly do I see my own ignorance. I be wail it, too, and wish daily for strength and opportunity to grow more and more in the wisdom and knowledge of God."—Bristol Herald Courier.

Like mercy early Christmas shopping is twice blessed, blessing the shopper and the sales person, to say nothing of society in general.

## THEATRICAL

By Illus.

Captain Alvarez was shown to two large and well pleased audiences at the Amuzu last Thursday. The picture was not only much enjoyed by all who saw it but the greater majority of those present were very frank to express themselves as thoroughly well pleased and glad to boast of the fact that they do not have to leave home in order to see the latest and best that's going in motion pictures. While the Special Features shown at the local theatre are extraordinary the regular program must not be overlooked. It is pronounced by the traveling public who see what is put on at the Big Theatres to be just a little bit better than the average picture programmes shown in the larger cities and in the larger theatres in those cities. Nothing in this day and time does more for the general good of a town than a first class motion picture theatre. It is now a common saying that a town with out a good picture show is not much "punkin'" of a town, when just a few years ago a picture show was something which the smaller towns knew not. Since a town is almost invariably judged by the quality of the pictures shown at its theatre it behooves the populace of Big Stone Gap to stand by the Amuzu with good patronage and keep it among the foremost motion picture houses in the Old Dominion.

## LOW DEATH RATE.

### State Board of Health Regards It as Best Reason for Thanksgiving.

Richmond, Va., November 28.—"The best reason we can give why the people of Virginia should return thanks for good health," said an officer of the State Board of Health today, "is that in the report soon to be submitted to Governor Stuart, the Board will show that the white people of Virginia during the past year enjoyed a very low death rate and had greater immunity from typhoid fever than at any time during the records of the Board. There may be profound regret at the suffering of the world from war at a season when all should rejoice, but there is profound gratification in the fact that the people of the Commonwealth are enjoying good health."

## Skeleton Identified.

The skeleton found at Imboden on a burning slate dump was that of John West, of Pine Knot, Ky., according to his father, who came over to view it.

Young West left his Kentucky home in company with his brother, Burl, and Cole Coffee, and was last seen alive with them at Imboden. Where the other two men are and how John West met his death, is unknown at present.

J. E. Moss, of Appalachia, and officers at Imboden are due great credit for solving the mystery thus far, and will no doubt land the guilty parties behind the bars in the near future.—Appalachia Progressive.

## Good Times Club Entertained

Misses Edith and Ethel Van Gorder entertained the Good Times Club at their home near the extract works very delightfully Friday afternoon from three until six o'clock.

Four tables were engaged in playing Progressive Rook during the afternoon, after which covers were laid on them and a delicious salad course was served, followed by black coffee.

Those who were present were: Misses Fannie and Louella Johnson, Mary and Thelma Baker, Corrie and Grace Long, Matt Brown, Mary Skeen, Gladys Lyle, Clara McCormick, Kathleen Knight, Mary and Margaret Carnes.

## What of The South?

While we are sending ship loads of Christmas presents to the orphaned children of Europe, and contributing millions for the Christianizing of heathen lands, let us consider matters a little nearer home.

A great section of our own country is face to face with the possibility of financial ruin. A gallant people are making a heroic stand in the face of overwhelming odds.

The south is not able to market its cotton crop because of the war. And for its ready cash it depends largely upon that crop. And without cash it will be ruined.

There are many millions of dollars in the north waiting for profitable investment. What better could the north do than to aid the south by buying its cotton and holding it until the markets of the world are again opened?

It would be a legitimate investment—doubtless a profitable one—and a brotherly action by the country in aid of another section in distress.

It is not charity. The south does not want that. Its pride would not consent.

But it would be good business sense. And the south would welcome that.

## Do Not Strain Your Eyes

by trying to read by poor light. Why not find out what electric lights will cost? They are safe, clean, no trouble or worry and easy on the eyes.

We will wire your house on easy terms. Investigate.

## Powell Valley Light & Power Co.

Big Stone Gap and Appalachia, Va.

## N. & W. Norfolk and Western

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LEAVE NORTON—6:45 a. m. for Lynchburg and intermediate stations. Pullman sleeper Bluefield to Philadelphia via Hagerstown and Pullman sleeper Roanoke to Richmond and Norfolk. Also connections at Bluefield with trains Westbound. Pullman sleeper to Cincinnati and Columbus.

LEAVE NORTON—2:20 p. m. for points North, East and West.

LEAVE BRISTOL—Daily, 6:45 a. m. for East Radford, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Richmond and Norfolk. Pullman Parlor Car to Richmond. Pullman sleeper Roanoke to New York via Hagerstown and Harrisburg.

5:00 p. m. for Norfolk and intermediate points. Pullman Sleepers to Norfolk.

1:30 p. m. and 7:35 p. m. (limited). Solid trains with pullman sleepers to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York via Lynchburg. Does not make local stops.

12:15 p. m. daily for all points between Bristol and Lynchburg. Connects at Walton at 5:40 p. m. with the St. Louis Express for all points west and northwest.

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