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## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Miss Bertha Goldsworthy, of Phoenix, Ariz., is visiting her uncle, Mr. R. W. Goldsworthy, Rosemont.

Master Herbert Sublett, who has been critically ill at the home of his parents, 228 North Fayette street, is convalescent.

Mrs. John Duncan of North Brad-dock, is spending the winter with Mrs. T. McGowan, in South Royal street.

Oseola Tribe of Red Men will hold its annual meeting tonight in the Pythian Temple when officers will be elected for the year.

Mrs. Walter U. Varney, who has been ill for the past month in a Baltimore hospital has recovered and returned to her home in Del Ray Alexandria county.

The funeral of Wallace Brown, colored, for the past ten years janitor at the Elks' Club, will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Ebenezer Baptist Church. The War Camp Community Club of which he was janitor, will be closed during the funeral.

**LIEBKNECHT'S PLANS**

London, Dec. 11.—"If Frederick Ebert remains another week as German chancellor, the ex-Kaiser can return safely," charged Dr. Carl Liebknecht, leader of the German extremists, in a speech at Berlin, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Daily Express today.

"We have great plans which will culminate in the hanging of Ebert and the five members of his government," Liebknecht was quoted further as saying.

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—Chancellor Ebert has decided to form a socialist army to offset the forces of the Spartacus group.

Berne, Dec. 1.—The situation in Berlin is growing worse, according to a Wolf Bureau dispatch from that city today.

Workmen are collecting machine guns and munitions in the suburbs. The military commandant is concentrating troops, but they are not permitted in the street because of the danger of causing a conflict.

A workmen's and soldiers' committee demanded the arrest of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg radical leaders.

**ELSIE FERGUSON TONIGHT**

Elsie Ferguson the beautiful and popular star in Aircraft pictures, will be the attraction at the Richmond tonight, when her latest starring vehicle, "Under the Greenwood Tree," will be presented.

This is a charming picture, the story dealing with the adventure of a young English society girl of vast wealth who deserts her high social circles to take up the simple life of a gypsy in a forest. All goes well until a young man appears and then—well, it would be unfair to you to reveal what happens after that.

A two-reel Paramount-Flagg comedy will also be shown.

**AMERICANS IN COBLENZ**

Sentries Guard Three Bridges Over Rhine and Soldiers Occupy Barracks.

Coblentz, Dec. 11.—Coblentz is under the complete military control of the Americans, with the municipal authorities co-operating.

At the Coblentz end of the three bridges across the Rhine American sentries were posted yesterday.

The American forces took charge of the barracks and other buildings evacuated by the German troops.

The American forces comprised the Second Battalion of the Thirty-ninth Infantry, which arrived here yesterday afternoon in answer to a request from the German authorities. The reception of the Americans was most friendly.

The Americans marched direct from the train which brought them from Treves to the various barracks, barracks and storehouses where they established guards.

The last German troops left Coblentz Sunday morning. There was no trouble of any kind and none is expected. Some citizens of Coblentz said they felt better now that the Americans had arrived.

## REPORT ON SANITATION

Dr. Roy T. Sandidge Addresses Joint Session of City Council on Work Accomplished During Past 5 Months—\$20,592.01 Expended.

A comprehensive report outlining the work previous to his coming here, was read by Dr. Roy T. Sandidge, United States Public Service, who is now health officer of the city, before a joint session of the city council last night. Dr. Sandidge recently succeeded Dr. W. L. Wood in this city.

The report embraced the work for the past five months, from about July 15 to December 1. It was about the middle of July that the typhoid epidemic broke out in this city. Dr. Sandidge also gave an accounting of the funds spent to December 1.

His report showed that the total spent during that period was \$20,592.01 of which amount \$11,272.50 was spent by the city; \$6,621.88 by the United States Public Health Service and \$2,697.63 by the Red Cross making \$20,592.01 spent here by the last named two agencies.

Of the money expended by the city the sum of \$7,000 went for the installation of sanitary privies, and Dr. Sandidge urged that city council take steps to collect this money from the property owners.

Dr. Sandidge in his report said he believed that the United States Public Health Service and Red Cross will continue their work here and it will be demonstrated that the health department is the most valuable department in the city.

**Review of Work Done.**

A review of work done follows: 451 privy boxes installed at a cost of about \$15 each or \$7,000; wash station erected at foot of Wolfe street at cost of \$350; water supply investigated and water company installed chlorine plant; filtration plant now in course of construction; typhoid fever cases investigated in county, and all pumps and public wells inspected.

Food inspection—This is one of the most important phases; proper screening and protection against flies; 4 eating places inspected and total of 1,337 inspections made of these places.

Dairies—Inspection of these places was made by Dr. J. J. Garvey, deputy health officer twice a month; the standard of milk has been materially improved; the first report showed a good deal of milk was watered and the butter fat in the milk now is greatly increased.

Red Cross nurses—There are three of these nurses here; 1,193 visits were made to families having infectious diseases; clinics opened; 5,000 inoculated against typhoid; 750 against smallpox; 750 homes visited were disease existed. During the 5 months they did splendid work handling influenza cases. A temporary hospital was opened and at times became necessary to take charge and bury bodies of victims of the malady.

Laboratory—A laboratory was opened here where physicians may have diagnosis made free. A review of the work done since November 7 was given.

Sewers—89 notices were served on property owners not connected with sewers and 35 were connected; 75 persons having sewer connections permit waste water to run into the street. Property owners have given close co-operation in this work.

Garbage—Because of removal of hogs from southern part of the city this proposition is a difficult one.

Abattoir—No meats are now offered for sale unless inspected. This work will be continued.

Water and Milk Supply

Water supply—During the next six months a survey of the water shed will be made and all nuisances found will be abated; daily analysis of the water will be made and the speedy construction of filtration plant will be urged.

Milk supply—This will be inspected as heretofore, and he recommended that the analysis be published once a month. He also suggested pasteurization.

Sewer disposal—Recommended an extension of sewer system of city, and he added a malarial survey of the city soon will be made.

An inspection of school children is now being made by the Red Cross.

Dr. Sandidge set forth that the ga-

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## BIBLE STUDENTS FEAST

Fifty Members of J. R. N. Curtin Memorial Baraca Class Enjoy Sixth Annual Banquet—Speeches Made—Officers Installed.

The sixth annual banquet of the J. R. N. Curtin Memorial Baraca Bible Class of the First Baptist Church was held last night in the Young People's building and attended by fifty members of that class. Invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson, pastor of that church.

During the evening speeches were made by the following: N. L. Williamson, teacher; Samuel W. Pitts, U. S. Clarke, Melvin P. Pitts, E. C. Nichols, J. T. Schafe, V. H. Peele, C. C. Jones, G. T. Trenary, F. C. Glasgow.

Following the banquet the newly elected officers of the class were installed by Rev. Dr. Jackson. They are as follows:

N. L. Williamson, teacher; Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson, assistant teacher; A. S. Mankin, president; J. R. Schafe, vice president; C. C. Jones, secretary; Frank Pearson, assistant secretary; F. C. Glasgow, treasurer.

**MOTHER ASKS \$10,000**

Mrs. Margaret H. Bowen Files Damage Suit Against Southern Railway Company

Damages of \$10,000 against the Southern Railway Company are claimed by Mrs. Margaret H. Bowen, administratrix of the estate of Walter F. Bowen, in a suit filed yesterday in the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

It is stated that Walter Bowen, a railroad postal clerk, received injuries while riding in a mail car of the Southern Railway on April 27, 1916, when his train collided and struck a freight train near a place known as Fabers, Nelson County, Va., on April 5 last. Bowen died, and it is alleged by his mother, who brings the suit, that his death was the result of his injuries received in the accident. Mrs. Bowen states that following the accident her son had to remain overnight in an unheated car.

**24-INCH RIFLES**

Gen. Coe, Coast Artillery, Forecasts Guns Greater Than "Big Berthas"

Ordnance development during the war has brought cannon makers to the point where the 24-inch rifle is easily practicable, Maj. Gen. F. W. Coe, chief of coast artillery, said yesterday in his annual report. The normal range of a gun of this size would be 40 miles, the report says, but "longer ranges for special types are possible if desired."

The limit has not yet been approached in the size of tractor-drawn artillery, declares Gen. Coe, intimating that a successor to the German "Big Berthas" is to be expected.

"In the case of harbor defenses" the report declares, "the existing armament lacks in power when judged by latest standards. In order to provide for the unhampered movements of our own fleets in leaving important harbors, it will undoubtedly be necessary in many cases to supplement the existing defenses with the highest power largest calibre guns, placed as far to the front as possible. Recourse will consequently be had to fixed emplacements."

**ANOTHER RAID**

Seventy-Five Persons Arrested on "Whisky Special" Last Evening.

Lulled by inactivity of the police for several days seventy-five persons risked a ride on the "whisky special" last evening about 8 o'clock and ended their journey in the hands of the Washington police. A truck load of whisky was also taken just three miles outside the city limits.

Sixty of the seventy-five alleged bootleggers were taken to No. 9 precinct for examination. Most of the persons carried from two to ten quarts of liquor.

The second half of the bootlegger raid was staged at police headquarters in the District Building. Here fifteen persons with ninety-three quarts were brought. They had been taken from the "bootlegger special" at Fifteenth and H streets northeast. They were charged with violating the zone law by bringing whiskey into the District, which is within five miles of a cantonment.

## FINDS GEMS ON TRAIN

Diamonds Valued at \$1,400 Belonging to E. E. Hunter of Washington Lost on Electric Train Recovered by Rudolph L. Norris.

Rudolph L. Norris, of 308 South St. Asaph street Monday afternoon found a package of diamonds valued at \$1,400 on a southbound electric train which left Washington at 3 o'clock. Mr. Norris after finding the package called to a passenger detaining thinking it was his package and receiving a negative reply he held the package and upon opening it discovered it contained several diamond rings and diamond scarf pins.

He picked up the paper the next day and saw where a package similar to the one found by him had been lost by E. E. Hunter, of stand 601 Center Market, Washington. Today Mr. Hunter was presented with the lost diamonds by Mr. Norris, who was suitably rewarded by Mr. Hunter who was more than pleased to recover his missing gems.

Mr. Norris was formerly a member of the police force of this city, and is now employed at the Washington Navy Yard.

**FLEET TO MEET PRESIDENT**

Vice-Admiral Henry Wilson Has Been Placed in Charge of Port Arrangements.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Admiral Sims, commander-in-chief of all American naval forces in Europe, will personally command the fleet of nine battleships and thirty destroyers which is to meet President Wilson's ship at sea and escort it to Brest. Secretary Daniels announced today that Admiral Sims's flagship will be the Wyoming.

Upon the joining of these ships with the Pennsylvania and the accompanying destroyers, the entire naval escort in Brest and all ships accompanying the President will be under the command of Admiral Mayo, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, while lag flies from the Pennsylvania.

Vice-Admiral Henry B. Wilson will be in charge of the harbor and port arrangements for the reception of the President. The George Washington, flying the President's flag as supreme commander of the United States Navy will enter port through a channel marked by vessels of Vice-Admiral Wilson's command.

**DANES ASK SCHLESWIG**

Wants Vote of People Taken to Determine If Germany Shall Cede Territory Back.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Danish Government has decided to ask the peace congress to return North Schleswig, stolen by Bismarck in 1864 to Denmark. This statement comes from the Danish Legation.

There has been much discussion of the Schleswig-Holstein question in his country and in Denmark before and since the armistice with Germany was signed, but Denmark, being a neutral country, felt that it was not in a position to make demands of Germany at the peace table.

Now, however, the Danish Government has been actuated to its decision by a request of the voters of North Schleswig—or Slesvig, as the Danes spell it—that their rights and desire be recognized by the peace conference.

**"THE BEAST OF BERLIN"**

No production in the wide world, including any and every big one that the people have seen in the past ten years set red-blooded Americans so wild with excitement as does "The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin," to be seen at the Grand Theatre tonight. New York went mad over it, and when this great metropolis goes wild, it will permeate the rest of the country like wild fire. In this picture you will see imitators of Ambassador Gerard, General Pershing, and many of the great men connected with the world war. This tyrant, William Hohenzollern, is pictured in his true nature. Just to think that he caused in two years 22,000,000 people to be killed, maimed or made prisoners.

Matinee at 2 o'clock tomorrow.

## FIX DATES FOR TRIAL

Judge Barley Asks Governor to Designate Another Judge to Sit at Trial of Oehlert, Charged With Killing Linwood Kidwell.

Dates for the trials of three persons charged with murder have been fixed by Judge L. C. Barley in the Corporation Court.

The first case to be tried is that of William Quill, colored, charged with fatally stabbing Abbie Butler, colored, which occurred August 7. This trial is fixed for December 30.

The next case on the docket is that of John Griffin, colored, charged with shooting and killing Roy Johnson, colored, which occurred November 21. His case is fixed for trial January 2.

The last murder trial is fixed for January 13 and that is the case of William H. Oehlert charged with shooting and killing Linwood Kidwell which took place November 12.

In this case Judge Barley has requested Gov. Davis to designate some other judge to sit at the trial.

**WOUNDED IN FRANCE**

Private Charles H. Allen Severely Hurt October 9—Mother Notified

Private Charles H. Allen, twenty years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Allen, of 603 South Lee street, was severely wounded in action in France October 9, according to word just received by his mother, Mrs. Susan Allen. She was notified through the adjutant general's office.

Private Allen was a member of the Alexandria Light Infantry and went from here to Annapolis, Md., with that company and subsequently was sent overseas.

**NONINFLAMMABLE GAS**

New Fuel Will Eliminate Hazard of Fire and Explosion, Says Navy Department.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Discovery of a new, noninflammable gas designed for use in balloons, dirigibles and other lighter than air craft, was revealed by the Navy Department today in a statement explaining expenditures now being made jointly with the army for its production. The department said the use of this new element, officially termed "argon," will eliminate the hazard of fire and explosion that always has accompanied balloon operations where hydrogen has been used for inflation purposes.

The gas from which "argon" is obtained comes from wells at Petrolia, Texas, the statement said, and a ten-inch pipe line to cost \$1,350,000, is being laid for a distance of ninety-four miles from the wells to a plant at North Fort Worth, where the gas will be compressed into cylinders for shipment to balloon fields.

**MARSHALL IN CHAIR**

Summary of Discussions Sent by Wireless to President

The first of the cabinet meetings scheduled during the President's absence was held at the White House yesterday afternoon. Vice President Marshall presiding it was the last meeting which Mr. McAdoo will attend, as his successor as Secretary of the treasury Carter Glass, will be sworn in before the next meeting.

It was indicated that for the most part the discussions of the meeting had to do with routine matters, but a summary of the questions taken up will be wireless by Secretary Tumulty to President Wilson. Officials pointed out that should questions of importance be raised by cabinet meetings it would be possible for the questions to be passed upon by President Wilson by means of wireless.

Vice President Marshall stated that at the suggestion of the President the cabinet will hold its regular meetings during the coming six weeks, at least, except for the period around the holidays.

**TALKS ON CITY MANAGEMENT**

Members of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night heard an interesting talk delivered by R. Stuart Royer, former manager of the city of Fredericksburg, which city has made marked progress under a city manager. Attending the meeting were a number of members of city council.

## WOULD LEAVE HOLLAND BEEFSTEAK DINNER

Former Kaiser Will Not Talk if he is to Become a Defendant Before an International Council—Amerongen's Position.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Berliner Tageblatt says the former Kaiser is willing to leave Holland.

London, Dec. 11.—"If there is a possibility of my becoming a defendant, I prefer to defer saying anything until then," the former Kaiser stated, through Count Von Berteinck, in response to a query by the Express correspondent at Amerongen as to his part in the war.

"Secondly, I have no desire to compromise in any way any member of the German government existing at the outbreak of the war."

**PRESIDENT DECLINES**

Says Germany Must Repent and Aton for Her Crimes

Paris, Dec. 11.—According to a wireless dispatch from the U. S. S. George Washington, says Marcel Huilin, in the Echo de Paris, President Wilson has been informed that Premier Ebert and Foreign Secretary Haase, of the Berlin government, and Premier Eimer, of Bavaria, were about to make an effort to get him to visit Germany. The President is quoted as having made this reply:

"Only by long years of repentance can Germany atone for her crimes and show sincerity. No true American could think of visiting Germany unless forced to do so by strictly official obligations."

"That is to say, I decline in advance to consider any suggestion of the kind."

**SHOOTS WIFE; WOULD DIE**

Walter F. Apson Despondent Over Ill Health And Death of Children

Baltimore, Dec. 11.—Despondent over his health and the recent death of three children from influenza, Walter F. Apson, 27 years old, 2027 Fleet street yesterday morning fired two pistol shots at his wife, Dora Apson, and attempted to take his own life.

The bullets entered Mrs. Apson's back and arm. She was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital and is expected to recover. Apson also left the house but was later apprehended by the police.

At a hearing before Magistrate Gerech in the Eastern Police Station, Apson said that should his wife die he wanted to die also. He said he loved his wife, but that he recently had been ill and had visited many physicians. All had told him there was no cure for his ailment. He was held in \$5,000 bail for a further hearing December 17.

Apson, it was said, walked in the kitchen about 11 o'clock and without warning to his wife shot her while she was preparing dinner.

**DANCE FOR ORCHESTRA**

A dance will be given at the War Camp Community Club on Friday night for the benefit of the Fifth Regiment orchestra. The committee is composed of Miss Mary Hazard, Miss Eutha Frantum and Miss Bertha Shular. It is announced that the young ladies holding invitations to the Saturday evening dances may secure tickets at the club or at Gibson's drug store.

**ROYAL ARCANUM SELECTS OFFICERS TO SERVE FOR YEAR**

Following the transaction of routine business last night Alexandria Council No. 627, Royal Arcanum elected these officers to serve for the ensuing year: Oscar Pierpoint, representative to grand council; Alvin Powell, alternate representative to grand council; W. H. Thorpe, regent; James Bayne, vice regent; Alvin Powell, orator; James E. Alexander, secretary; J. H. Mansfield, collector; George Uhler, treasurer; C. T. Hellmuth, guide; James R. Mansfield, chaplain; R. A. Wilkerson, sentry; W. W. McGaffrey, warden; J. G. Cockey, James G. Graham, James R. Royer, former manager of the city of Fredericksburg, which city has made marked progress under a city manager. Attending the meeting were a number of members of city council.

## Rep. Campbell of Kansas Addresses Members of Visco Club on Extension of American Merchant Marine

Forty members of the Visco Club, Alexandria's newest social organization, had a beef steak dinner last night at their Club Rooms on King Street.

The Visco Club is an organization recently formed of executives and officials of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation. At last night's beef steak dinner, at which all the diners were suitably garbed in butcher's aprons, Congressman Philip P. Campbell of Kansas, made an inspiring address in favor of the maintenance and extension of the American Merchant Marine. Many times during the talk he brought the diners to their feet cheering and otherwise signifying their approval of his remarks.

The dinner was followed by a smoker, during which music was furnished by singers from Camp Humphreys. Among these was the Metropolitan tenor, Frank Mellor, who came in for rounds of applause.

Last night's meeting was one of the most successful the club has held. Plans were discussed for the erection of a clubhouse, so that Alexandria may have an up-to-date clubhouse.

**LATE BISHOP FUNSTON**

Brief Memorial Service Conducted in Richmond by Bishops Gibson, Brown and Tucker.

The body of Rt. Rev. James Bowen Funston, D. D., Bishop of Idaho, reached this city Monday morning, and was carried to St. James Episcopal Church, where a short service was held. The funeral service took place in Boise, Idaho, last Wednesday in St. Michael's Cathedral. Out of respect to Bishop Funston the banks of Boise were closed for the day and the street cars of the city stopped running while the funeral service was in progress.

The interment of Bishop Funston took place in Hollywood Cemetery. Bishop Robert A. Gibson, Bishop William Cabell Brown, Bishop Beverly D. Tucker, and Dean Chamberlain, of St. Mary's Cathedral, at Boise, officiated at the memorial service at St. James and accompanied the body to Hollywood. The honorary and active pallbearers consisted of the clergy of Richmond and some of the old friends of Bishop Funston in this city.

The wife and daughter and three sons of Bishop Funston were present at the service here. The three young men are all in service. A fourth son is in France with the American expeditionary forces.

**RAVAGES OF THE FLU**

More Than 90 New Cases Reported at Roanoke.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 11.—More than ninety new cases of influenza were reported to health authorities here yesterday bringing the total since December 1 to more than 700. The city council has issued an appeal to the public to desist from gathering in public places and to unite in fighting the epidemic. If there is no improvement in the situation within the next 38 hours it is expected that all public gatherings will be prohibited.

To add to the seriousness of the situation there is not a nurse available for services in the entire city. Health authorities say a call for nurses may be sent to Washington within the next few hours.

At Catawba Sanatorium, a State institution for tuberculosis patients near here, the epidemic has broken out. There are about 200 patients at the institution. Three cases of influenza are reported.

**CORP. ANDERSON WOUNDED IN ACTION NOVEMBER 4.**

Mrs. Stella M. Anderson, of 211 North Payne street, has just received a letter from her husband, Corp. T. J. Anderson, of Company E, 328th Infantry, A. E. F., in which he says that he is now in the base hospital, in France suffering from a wound in the left shoulder received November 4.

Norfolk and River Oysters. Jacob Brill, foot of King street. 293-21.