

President Wilson's Thanksgiving Proclamation

Washington, Nov. 7.—President Wilson issued tonight his 1917 Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon the nation, even in the midst of the sorrow and great peril of war, to thank God for blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

The proclamation, fixing Thanksgiving Day, follows: "THANKSGIVING—1917.

"By the President of the United States of America.

"A Proclamation.

"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. That custom we can follow even now in the midst of the tragedy of a world shaken by war and immeasurable disaster, in the midst of sorrow and great peril, because even amidst the darkness that has gathered about us we can see the great blessings God has bestowed upon us, blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

"We have been given the opportunity to serve mankind as we once served ourselves in the great day of our Declaration of Independence, by taking up arms against a tyranny that threatened to master and debase men everywhere, and joining with other free peoples in demanding for all the nations of the world what we then demanded and obtained for ourselves. In this day of the revelation of our duty not only to defend our own rights as a nation, but to defend also the rights of free men throughout the world, there has been vouchsafed us in full and inspiring measure the resolution and spirit of united action. We have been brought to one mind and purpose. A new vigor of common council and common action has been revealed in us. We should especially thank God that in such circumstances, in the midst of the greatest enterprise the spirits of men have entered upon, we have, if we but observe a reasonable and practicable economy, abundance with which to supply the needs of those associated with us as well as our own. A new light shines about us. The great duties of a new day awaken a new and greater national spirit in us. We shall never again be divided or wonder what stuff we are made of.

"And while we render thanks for those things, let us pray Almighty God that in all humbleness of spirit we may look always to Him for guidance; that we may be kept constant in the spirit and purpose of service; that by His grace our minds may be directed and our hands strengthened; and that in His good time liberty and security and peace and the comradeship of a common justice may be vouchsafed all the nations of the earth.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twentieth day of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the great ruler of nations.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caus-

Buy a Home: The Tenant Farmer's Golden Opportunity

The present high prices afford the tenant farmer an opportunity that may never come again—an opportunity to buy and own a farm and a home. Cotton, tobacco and peanuts, the South's principal money crops, are bringing record prices, and tenant farmers all over the South have more money ahead than they have ever had before. The use to which this surplus is put is going to determine many a man's future—whether he is to remain a tenant farmer or become a home-owner, working his own land and living in the shadow of his own vine and fig tree.

Right now is the time of all times to make the supreme effort. Money is more plentiful than we have ever seen it, and certainly we will never see Southern farm lands any cheaper than they now are. In fact, out of our very plentifulness must come high-priced farm lands, because of the increased demand for them. Already in the North and West lands at \$100, \$200 and \$300 an acre are practically out of the reach of the poor man. He has not the cash to buy them, and if he buys on credit it is almost impossible for him to keep up the interest payments, let alone paying the principal.

Just so surely as day follows night, similar conditions are coming here in the South. Already Southern farm lands in some sections have gone up to \$75 and \$100 an acre, and it is our firm belief that the present generation will see most of our lands at these figures and even higher. This being the case, now is the tenant's golden opportunity to become a home-owner. And the privilege of feeling one's own soil under foot is worth the effort—worth all the saving and privation that may be necessary; for, as old Dr. Knapp used to say, "the home-owning American farmer is a king in his own right."

Let us not let the golden opportunity pass.—Progressive Farmer.

Russian Government Falls in Revolution

Petrograd is again in turmoil. The provisional government has been thrown out of power by the extreme radicals headed by Nikolai Lenine; Premier Kerensky has fled the capital; several of the ministers have been placed under arrest and the Winter Palace, the seat of the government, has been bombarded by the guns of the cruiser Aurora and of the St. Peter and St. Paul fortresses and forced to capitulate to the revolutionists.

A congress of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates of all Russia has convened in Petrograd and will discuss the questions of organization of power, peace and war and the formation of a constituent assembly. A delegation has been named by the congress to confer with other revolutionary and democratic organizations with a view to making peace negotiations "for the purpose of taking steps to stop the bloodshed."

ed the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia, this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty second.

"WOODROW WILSON."

"By the President:

"ROBERT LANSING,
"Secretary of State."

Weather Was Ideal for Chesterfield County Fair

The fifth annual Chesterfield county fair was held Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. From start to finish the weather was ideal, and the people attended in great crowds. On the first day a big feature was the address of Congressman A. F. Lever. The exhibits of agricultural products, stock, cattle, hogs, etc. were splendid, though a little short of last year. It is said the farmers throughout the county did not cooperate as on former occasions, and thus the exhibits were less of a representative nature. The farmers who made exhibits, however, did exceptionally well, and deserve praise for their enterprise. There were all manner of farm products from sugar cane to a 100-lb side of bacon. This department was in charge of Mr. W. J. Odom. Mr. F. W. Rivers had charge of the horses, cattle and hogs, and there were excellent exhibits in this department. Miss Stella Mims had charge of the exhibits of canned goods, etc. and a glance at the splendid showing of good things to eat in her department was enough to create a ravenous appetite. Mrs. J. W. Hanna had charge of the fancy work, flowers, etc. and those who are supposed to know say the exhibits were above the average. Demonstrator Tiller had charge of the boys corn club exhibits, seed corn, etc., and some good showings were made there also. The excellent poultry exhibits were in charge of Mr. J. W. Hanna.

The usual midway attractions were there, and many dimes, nickels and quarters were left with the show people. A prominent minister declares that, according to reports the forty-niners made more money than anybody else. A partial list of the prize winners is given below. More of the list will be given next week:

Hogs, Under 9 Months Old
Best Berkshire sow, A. J. Rohr.

Best Poland China boar; 1st P. P. Hurst; 2nd D. W. Moore.
Best Poland China Sow, D. W. Moore.

Best Duroc Jersey boar; 1st R. E. Sowell; 2nd T. H. Douglass.

Best Duroc Jersey sow; 1st W. J. Davidson; 2nd R. E. Sowell.

Hogs, More Than 9 months Old

Best Poland China sow; 1st Preston Hurst; 2nd D. W. Moore.

Best Duroc Jersey boar; 1st J. L. Stancil; 2nd Dr. G. A. Bunch.

Best Duroc Jersey sow; 1st W. J. Davidson; 2nd Dr. G. A. Bunch.

Stock

Best brood mare with colt; 1st Oscar Hurst; 2nd M. V. Rivers.

Best colt under 1 year; 1st Oscar Hurst; 2nd M. V. Rivers.

Best mule in harness; E. W. Sowell.

Best horse, 1st W. J. Davidson; 2nd Grady Watson.

Best Shetland pony, Louis Rivers, Jr.

Cattle

Best Jersey cow; 1st and 2nd W. A. Douglass.

Best Jersey heifer; 1st I. H. Culbertson; 2nd J. H. Culbertson.

Best Jersey Bull; 1st J. H. Culbertson; 2nd F. W. Rivers.

Best Goats, Fred C. Rivers.

Arena Events

Best saddler, Marine Sowell.

Best saddle mule, Marine Sowell.

Best pair saddle horses, Miss Nell Melton, Marine Sowell.

Best pony, Louis Rivers, Jr.

Cadorna Relieved of Command of Italian Army; Inter-Allied Military Committee Appointed

Italian Army Headquarters, Thursday, Nov. 8 (By the Associated Press)—The conference of British, French and Italian representatives has resulted in the creation of a permanent inter-allied military committee. New leadership for the Italian army has been provided.

General Cadorna, who has been in supreme command of the Italian army since the beginning of the war, has been given a place on the new committee.

General Diaz has been appointed first in command, with General Badoglio second and General Grandino third.

General Foch, chief of staff of the French war ministry, and General Wilson, sub-chief of the British general staff, will serve on the inter-allied committee with General Cadorna.

Among military officers the decision of the allies to create a permanent military has caused great satisfaction. It is accepted as evident that the allies have awakened to the necessity for the closest union of the whole length of the western front for the political and military conduct of the war.

General Diaz is rated as one of the ablest Italian military leaders. For years he was connected with the general staff. He took part in the Libyan war,

Terrapin More than 33 Years Old

Mr. Hamp Brewer, who lives a few miles north of town and his old friend, Mr. Highland Terrapin, were in town yesterday. Mr. Brewer first met Mr. Terrapin thirty-three years ago and formed a close acquaintance which developed into a mutual friendship. In fact the friendship became so strong that Mr. Brewer persuaded Mr. Terrapin to let him engrave his initials, "H. B.," together with the date, "1884," on the under side of Mr. Terrapin's shell. As it was impracticable for the two friends to live together Mr. Brewer then bade Mr. Terrapin adieu adieu and they had never met again until a few ago when the old friends and comrades once more came in contact with each other. Mr. Terrapin weighs 14 ounces and is well and robust and bids fair to live another half century at least—if he will just stay off the public roads where automobiles cannot endange his existence.—Marshville Home.

servicing as a colonel, and was wounded so severely that he asked to be wrapped in a flag, feeling that death was at hand. He has rendered distinguished service in the present campaign. He is from southern Italy.

General Badoglio is a northerner. In the war he has been in command of a brigade of Bersaglieri, whose heroic deeds have done much to decrease the gravity of the disaster.

Pulled the Horse Out of Well Three Times

Block and tackles were required to lift a Gulf Pavin company horse out of a well this morning in Mr. T. B. Laney's yard. Workmen were filling up the well, when the horse slid into the gaping hole backwards. There was only about sixteen feet of open space, but two hours time was consumed before the big animal was brought safely to the top. It was uninjured. Twice, after it had been almost pulled out, the ropes slipped, and the ordeal had to be done over again.—Monroe Journal.

A small Western railroad, the Bogg's River and Northern, was putting into effect rigid wartime economy. Locomotives were patched and repaired with old parts and pieces until O'Leary, the shop foreman, threatened to break down under the strain.

To cap the climax, one day a worn-out looking locomotive was placed in the shops. O'Leary was asked to give it a thorough examination with a view to ascertaining just what would be required to put it in first class running shape. That same afternoon O'Leary, having completed his review of the locomotive, dispatched the following laconic note to headquarters: No. 38—In to-day. To put in complete repair: Jack up her whistle and build a new engine underneath.

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