

PATRIOTIC MEETING HELD SATURDAY

Large Gathering of Citizens Assembled Here Last Saturday Under Council of Defense Movement—Stirring Addresses Show Patriotic Spirit.

A large and representative gathering of Union county people was held Saturday in the city park. The meeting was in the interest of the Council of Defense movement in this county and was the general meeting following quite a number of similar ones in the various townships.

Chairman Lowndes J. Brown, president, calling upon Rev. L. W. Blackwelder to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Browning then, in a brief speech, explained the reason for the gathering. He then introduced Hon. David R. Coker, state chairman, who delivered an address which was very instructive and to which the people listened attentively.

There are three kinds of people: (a) Patriots, doing all they can to help win the war. (b) Indifferent people. (c) You can fill in for yourself this class.

Our first work is the carrying on of a popular campaign to inspire all the people of the State and to inform them as to the needs of the hour. Some ask why are we at war? Because Germany forced us in. The whole nation prays to be delivered from war. Now we are in and everyone must do his duty.

The German people have been taught to hate the Americans and the English. For years this has been going on. They are a nation which has been solidified by propaganda against us, and have been long waiting to strike. For 30 years Germany has been carrying on a movement among nations to wipe out the Monroe doctrine.

Our government expects us to obey orders. The good citizens will volunteer for whatever service he can render. The good women are doing a great work in saving food and canning.

One danger we must guard against. The fine promise of good crops and good prices gives the farmer his first chance to get on a solid basis. He must not throw away this opportunity.

Dr. H. N. Snyder was next introduced and made one of his most striking speeches. He was at his best, and that is saying a great deal for Dr. Snyder always goes to the heart of the matter. He said, in part:

"You are here because you wanted to come. Nobody made you come. We are fighting to keep alive the right to act and think as free people.

"We spent a year trying to find out who started this war. But nobody stopped fighting. For two more years we managed to keep out. Now we are in—that's the main point, we are in. We are going to build a new world that's safe for men and women to live in.

"Why are we in? What Germany wants she takes, or tries to take. Germany is absolutely without honor when it comes to international relations. Germany has no honor. A treaty is a mere scrap of paper. If all the world were to come under the German idea of honor it would be anarchy. Germany has violated the common laws of humanity, everywhere and every way that she could.

A young man told me of one case of German barbarism which he witnessed. For three days and three nights the inhabitants of a Belgian town were locked up in a church, packed in without food and water. On the third morning all the men, 631 in number, were ordered out and within a few yards of the building were shot down by machine guns before the eyes of the women and children. No charge, no trial, no word of warning. The 631 graves bear mute testimony to the brutality of the German machine.

A Belgian woman was derided by a German officer: "Your king is a king without a country." To which she replied, "Your kaiser is a kaiser without honor."

"The German command to neutrals to stay off the seas is like a man who has a row with his neighbor across the road and orders all the neighbors to stay off the road. How would you like that? You would not stay off. You would go on.

A young man came into my office and said, 'I don't believe in war, nor in killing people.' I said to him, 'Nor do I. Young man, you exercised the great right of personal liberty in coming here, you chose to exercise that great right. Now you say to me that you do not believe in our country's cause when we are fighting for the very privilege that you engaged in coming here.'

"Every man that makes it less easy for the cause we represent is something of a traitor."

Hon. Sam J. Nicholls was next introduced and in part said:

"When I received an invitation from your committee to speak in Union county at a patriotic celebration, I was not at all surprised, because so far as the record shows Union county is the only county in the United States which furnished more than her quota of men before the draft law was put into effect, therefore you can see why I was not surprised that patriotic meetings were to be held in your county."

"I have spoken with much pride to cabinet members, to senators and to members of the house about your record and before I start my discussion of the war proposition I want to again congratulate you upon the splendid record that you have made.

"I feel that it is my duty today to tell you why we were brought into this war, because I think, possibly, holding the position I do, that I am more familiar with the situation than some of you are. You know, and I know, that no man has fought harder to keep this country out of the terrible conflict across the water than our noble president. Congress was behind him in this matter, and to be perfectly frank with you some of us thought that we had suffered too much before this war began with us."

When we speak in terms of material things and count the natural resources of this country, we marvel that it could be a section on earth so richly blessed above all other lands in material resources out of which to create the wealth and power which to meet the situation that now confronts us.

We have about one-third of the accumulated wealth of the world. We have resources in raw materials, giving us advantages for industrial development beyond anything else known to mankind.

Here is to be found ten times as large a coal area as that of all of Europe. Here is nearly one-third of the railroad mileage of the whole world. Here is produced more than two-thirds of the world's cotton crop.

Here are the world's greatest developed resources in coal and iron and copper, in oil, and in many other things which make for the upbuilding of business and in this hour of struggle for the maintenance of civilization.

We are throwing into the battle the power of more than one-half of the total iron and steel production of the world and more than one-half of the world's coal output, and we have natural resources which will enable us to increase the production of iron and steel and coal as rapidly as furnaces and steel works can be built, iron ore and coal mines opened, and coke ovens constructed.

We have vast timber resources, with a sawmill capacity, fortunately at the moment, greater than the needs of the last few years, and, therefore, available at this moment to increase the output of lumber for shipbuilding and all other activities which may be needed in connection with the war.

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TO OUR ALLIES We Are Coming a Hundred Million Strong to Make the World Safe For Civilization.

(Manufacturers Record) The world must be made safe for civilization.

This has a broader significance than even the splendid statement by President Wilson, in which he said that "the world must be made safe for democracy."

It is conceivable that civilization could exist without democracy, but civilization could not possibly exist if the world were overrun and dominated by the barbarism of Germany. We are, therefore, fighting for more than world democracy, fighting for more, infinitely more, than the necessity of making the world safe for democracy.

We are fighting to make the world safe for civilization, for the honor of womanhood, for the safety of the babies and the children, for every land, for the honor of nations, and for all that makes life worth living.

Infinitely better would it be that life should cease to exist on this planet than that this world should be dominated by the unspeakable barbarism which has marked the effort of Germany to wreck and ruin all that man has accomplished in his upward struggle toward the light.

We are coming into the fight, awakening gradually, but nevertheless awakening, to the real meaning of the struggle, and we are coming with all the power of this mighty nation, whose land has been more richly endowed by the Almighty with natural resources than any other country on the face of the earth.

Therefore, upon us rests the greater responsibility, for "unto whom much has been given, from unto whom much is required." The marvelous wealth of this country, undeveloped and developed, is a heritage from Almighty God to be used in this, the supreme hour of the world's history.

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WILL NOT CALL SECOND INCREMENT TILL SPRING

Operations of First Draft Will Be Studied by Provost Marshal Before Next One is Arranged—First Increment Will Fill All Training Areas.

Washington, Aug. 22.—A full statistical report on the operations of the draft law will be prepared by the provost marshal general's office as soon as the mobilization of the first increment of 687,000 men of the national army has been completed sometime early in October.

Pending preparations of the report and the careful study of the analysis it discloses, no steps towards calling a second increment to the colors will be made.

General Crowder said today he calling of the second increment had not been considered at any conference at which he was present and he had no indication that it had been taken up in any way by President Wilson or Secretary Baker.

The first increment will fill all the training areas, 16 national guard camps and 16 national army contingents, to capacity, and there will be a surplus of men besides those assigned to the regular army. The regulars are now 12,000 above full authorized war strength by voluntary enlistment and the national guard is in a similar situation. The training facilities already are taxed to make ready for the front men now available and it is regarded as very unlikely that organization of an additional 500,000 men of the national army can begin until early spring of 1918.

Neither quarters nor personnel to train the force will be available before that time. Inequalities of an unavoidable nature will be shown in the statistical report. There probably will be some amended regulations, based on actual experience with the first increment and some amendments in the law may be thought desirable by congress.

It is possible that some provision made whereby all the sons of one family should be drafted, or a definition of the status of married men may be one of the things acted upon. President Wilson's letter to Senator Weeks is taken by many to indicate a feeling that a more liberal policy may be found desirable.

At present, under regulations, a condition of actual dependency must be established to obtain exemption. The condition of marriage in itself is not considered. Another matter to be worked out is the status of aliens. Still another is the status of men who have passed beyond draft age since being drafted and that of those who have become of draft age in the meantime.

PLEA FOR NEW MEMBERS. We want everybody in Union county to belong to the Red Cross. Don't wait to be asked. Give your name and fee to B. F. Alston, Jr., county chairman, or J. W. Mixson, secretary.

A PICNIC SEPTEMBER 1. The Brown's Creek Sunday school and the Farr public school will give a picnic on the grounds of the latter Saturday, Sept. 1st, to which the public is cordially invited.

SERVICES AT BEULAH SUNDAY. There will be preaching at Beulah Sunday at 11 o'clock. Baptizing of candidates will be at 2 o'clock. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

MRS. W. M. JONES IMPROVING. Mrs. W. M. Jones of West Springs who has been critically ill at Steedley's hospital in Spartanburg, is improving. Mr. Jones was in the city for a short while Tuesday and said she was considered out of danger. This is very gratifying to her many friends in this community.

GIVES TO RED CROSS PICKLES AND PRESERVES. The window is gradually filling up with pickles, preserves, dried fruit, soup mixtures and other goodies to be sold for the Red Cross. Nearly everybody has promised a jar of something good from her store room and we are expecting it every day. Won't you bring it the next time you come to town and leave at The Times office? Mr. W. D. Arthur donated a huge pumpkin to the lot but it was sold before it got in the window safely and some young lady will eat pumpkin chips this week. They certainly are good. Mrs. C. E. Storm, Chairman Ways and Means Com.

Capt. and Mrs. James Anthony Sarratt have returned to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., after a few days' visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hames on N. Mountain street.

COURT CONVENES MONDAY, SEPT. 3

Judge S. W. G. Shipp Presiding—List of First and Second Weeks' Jurors. First Week to Be Criminal Court. Second Week to Be Civil Court.

Court convenes here Monday, Judge Shipp presiding. The criminal court opens the first week and the civil court the second week. A list of the jurors for the two weeks is as follows:

FIRST WEEK'S JURORS. (Criminal Court)

- J. W. Gregory, Jr. Santuck
Robt. Glenn Cross Keys
S. W. Vinson Jonesville
J. P. Holcomb Union
W. D. Sartor Santuck
R. A. Lybrand Jonesville
A. B. Morris U. S. D.
P. B. Stewart Cross Keys
A. L. Cabiness Lockhart
W. G. Puckett U. S. D.
E. B. Sanders Cross Keys
E. M. Thomas U. S. D.
J. B. Holingsworth U. S. D.
Jack Askew Pinckney
J. A. O'Shields Bogansville
H. J. Kitchen Lockhart
J. F. Starnes Cross Keys
J. A. Wilburn Union
H. G. Bailey U. S. D.
J. L. Woodward Bogansville
R. J. Little Goshen Hill
Clarke Garner U. S. D.
R. C. Bishop Bogansville
G. C. Vanderford Pinckney
H. S. Brandon U. S. D.
W. S. Vaughan U. S. D.
B. F. Kennedy Jonesville
E. A. Mabry Jonesville
J. C. Mobley, Jr. Goshen Hill
W. H. Lawson Bogansville
W. B. Davis Bogansville
W. P. Duckett U. S. D.
J. E. Hughes Union
Elias Prioleau U. S. D.
J. L. Jolly U. S. D.

SECOND WEEK'S JURY. (First Week's Civil Court)

- R. J. Jenkins Santuck
James Cannupp Lockhart
F. H. Smith Cross Keys
A. D. Sims Cross Keys
J. L. Hodges Jonesville
G. W. Hollingsworth U. S. D.
W. J. Jolly U. S. D.
Henry Brock Goshen Hill
W. M. Stevens Cross Keys
F. G. Austell Jonesville
G. P. Godshall U. S. D.
W. J. Betsill Bogansville
T. W. Hollingsworth U. S. D.
H. W. Porter Jonesville
R. M. Tweed Jonesville
T. W. Adams Pinckney
J. P. Hopkins Bogansville
Victor Prince Cross Keys
J. F. Estes Cross Keys
R. B. Smith Jonesville
J. L. Wyatt Jonesville
Nimrod Trammell Union
W. D. Evans Bogansville
Geo. W. Peake Bogansville
E. C. Ramsey U. S. D.
J. H. Riley Buffalo
J. F. Fincher Cross Keys
T. J. Smith U. S. D.
Jesse Hyatt Bogansville
John W. Palmer Jonesville
J. W. Taylor Lockhart
C. C. Rochester Goshen Hill
V. E. Lawson Bogansville
T. C. Jolly U. S. D.
T. A. Bailey Cross Keys

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Mrs. B. G. Clifford wrote a letter to President Wilson some days ago calling to his mind the old days at Davidson college when he boarded with her mother and pledging to him every atom of Union's strength. The following reply has been received and very much prized by Mrs. Clifford:

THE WHITE HOUSE Washington, Aug. 8, 1917. My dear Mrs. Clifford: The President has received your kind letter of the 6th of August with enclosure and he asks me to thank you warmly for your courtesy in writing him. He deeply appreciates your patriotic interest and your good will.

Sincerely yours, J. P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President. Mrs. Mary Scofield Clifford.

RECEPTION TO NEW OFFICERS.

The Red Cross chapter gave the new officers recently returned from the training camps an informal reception at headquarters Tuesday evening and a large number of the citizens came to give the soldier boys a welcome. The officers for whom this reception was given were Capt. Thomas A. Hollingsworth, Capt. Hunter Harris, First Lieut. Herndon Thomson, Second Lieutenants William McLure, William Feaster, Boyce Whitehead, Hoods Worthy, Dan Mangum, John Wilbanks.

Fruit punch was served throughout the evening by the Red Cross chapter.

COL. OLIVER SARRATT

Union announcing that Lieut. Col. Oliver Sarratt has been offered the command in the new National Army and would return to the States at an early date. Col. Sarratt has been stationed at Panama and was fort commander of Ft. Sherman—the fort that guards the Atlantic side of the canal.

Col. Sarratt was born at Tulehoma, Union county, and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1891 and entered the Military Academy at West Point in 1893 and after graduation was assigned as 2nd lieutenant to 3rd Artillery. He joined his regiment at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco harbor, and it was here during target practice with the big guns that he made the highest world record at hitting the target. During his service he has been stationed at San Francisco, mouth of the Columbia river, Philippine Islands, West Point as instructor, New York harbor, Washington, D. C., Fort Monroe, Va., Fort Seaven, Ga., Fort Greble, Newport, R. I., and Fort Totten, N. Y.

Col. Sarratt was married to Miss Charlotte Jane Norton of San Antonio and New York. Union county is proud of this son who has attained this rank, but it is carrying out her policy.

HOW UNION WOMEN WORK.

An appeal was sent out from Red Cross headquarters last week for help to finish making the garments which the committee had cut out. No sooner than it became known that help was needed than dozens of workers offered their services and the garments plainer, and the chairman, Mrs. L. J. Hames, said many more could have been placed as the women were eager and willing to help in any way. The committee purposes sending a box of supplies this week and sent out this rush call.

Mrs. Hames says there will soon be work for everybody as the cutters are busy every day and if you want to work communicate with her or any member of the committee. The women of Union are to be highly commended for the noble way in which they responded to the call for help, but it is characteristic of the Union people to do their part in everything and is no surprise.

THE SCORERS.

Miss Blanche Garner entertained the Scorers Monday in compliment to her cousin, Capt. McGowan Littlejohn, and a merry crowd of young people gathered to play bridge. Summer flowers were used in profusion on the porches and in the rooms and a delicious luncheon was served at the card table after the game was over. The Scorers decided to change their club from a card club to a knitting club and work for the soldiers.

KNITTERS ORGANIZED.

The Padgett's Creek ladies have organized a knitters' club and have given their names to Mrs. B. G. Clifford, chairman. They are: Mrs. P. B. Bobo, Mrs. R. W. Chaney, Misses Clara and Leila Sparks, Misses Bettie and Sallie Bobo, Mrs. Wm. Jackson, Mrs. Walter Bishop, Mrs. J. E. Minter, Mrs. Julia Smith, Mrs. Liles Bobo, Mrs. G. T. Moseley, Mrs. Sallie Bobo, Mrs. Amanda Dukes, Mrs. John W. Bobo. As soon as the material which has been ordered arrives, it will be distributed and Union will forward 300 of the sets apportioned to her.

ACCEPTS POSITION AT SHELTON.

Mr. Victor L. Fowler has resigned his position at Sanders Bros., and has accepted a position with the Shivar Springs company at Shelton and will assume his new duties on Monday, the 27th. Mr. Fowler is courteous, efficient and has many friends in Union who regret to see him leave to make his home elsewhere.

SIMS SMITH REPORTS TO GREENVILLE AT ONCE.

Mr. Sims Smith, nephew of Capt. and Mrs. F. M. Farr, received orders Tuesday to report at Greenville immediately. He is a member of the ambulance corps and will probably see service in France at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. Terry and Miss Elise Babb of Laurens spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Caudle at the Central House.

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