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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1918.

**W. S. S. CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.**

Four meetings in the W. S. S. Campaign have been arranged for next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to wit: Oakway, Oconee Creek, Salem and Mountain Rest. These four points have been selected because of their central location and accessibility to surrounding school districts. Speakers will be provided for each of these meetings and the people are urged to attend. In this campaign every man, woman and child has something to do. As the stress and strain of war increases, so increases the weight of duty of the citizen. As the American boys stand in the front lines and do their duty, so must we stand in our places and do our duty. There is no escape. The shirker is a shirker. Oconee must go over the top in this drive as she has always done in others. Be sure to attend some one of these meetings and buy all the stamps you can. The plan is easy and will be fully explained. We cannot all go to the front in France, but the motto for each and every one should be: "GO OR SEND!"

**PLOT TO ROB GOVERNMENT.**

The announcement from Washington that on Monday raids were made on hundreds of offices of manufacturers and brokerage firms throughout the country, came as a startling revelation to the American people of the extent to which illegal profiteering has obtained. The Department of Justice has been engaged for several months in making extensive investigations as to the manner in which war contracts have been awarded and many of the disclosures are painful. It appears that there are numerous brokerage firms and contingent fee corporations and individuals in Washington, New York and other cities who boldly circularize the manufacturers of the country, stating that they have close relationships with the departments of the government and influence with individuals in those departments which give them standing to obtain contracts favorable to their clients. Some even go so far as to inform the manufacturer that he cannot deal directly with the government and that unless the contract be obtained through the brokerage firm it could not be obtained at all; while in other instances the manufacturer has sought the contract broker and agreed to pay the commission for obtaining the contract. As these contracts run into the hundreds of millions, the amount of these unlawful commissions can be readily imagined. It is well that the strong arm of the law has been brought to bear thus early on this horde of vampires and parasites. Some have already been indicted by Federal grand juries, and hundreds more soon will be. Speedy convictions will doubtless follow and long terms of imprisonment promptly imposed. Here is one species of profiteering that is most diabolical in its nature. The American people are paying heavy taxes and both lending and giving their money freely to the government to sustain it in a vigorous prosecution of the war, and they must know that it is honestly and lawfully spent. The early detection and prompt prosecution of this gang of criminals is most encouraging and hopeful. It shows that we have at Washington officers who are capable and fearless in the discharge of duty, and though these criminal practices spring up ever and anon, the perpetrators will surely be caught and the wrath of the American public is visited swiftly on their heads.

This is as it should be; for in no other way can this war be fought to a successful conclusion. Should these criminal practices become widespread a greater loss would be sustained than the losing of a great battle; for the morale of the American people would be broken. In one sense, these criminals are worse than traitors, for they are striking at our vitals. They are corrupting the stream at its source and the pollution engendered there would ere long become widespread and the whole system honeycombed with rottenness. It may be easier to fight an open enemy, but these confederates of the Kaiser within (though their number be legion) will surely be caught and made to suffer the just penalty of their transgressions. This war for Justice, Truth and Freedom is yet to be fought and won, regardless of handicaps; while plotters, traitors and conspirators will suffer their just doom, their names being consigned to eternal oblivion.

**Tillman Suffers Scalp Wound.**

Washington, June 15.—Senator B. R. Tillman suffered a scalp wound Thursday night at his apartment here when he fell against a chair. He appeared in the Senate yesterday with his head in a bandage. He explained laughingly to his colleagues: "I started to sit down in a chair, but missed it; my head did not."

**Exchanging Prisoners.**

Berne, Switzerland, June 16.—The exchange of 160,000 prisoners of war between France and Germany, in accordance with the recent Berne agreement, is beginning. Special trains carrying from 600 to 1,000 prisoners are moving in each direction.

**HELP THE DRAFTED FARMERS.**

Some time ago the War Department issued orders to the Exemption Boards not to induct farmers into the military service until further orders. The purpose was to allow the farmers to make and gather this year's crops, but the military situation has changed so that it is necessary to suspend this order.

I have been advised by our Local Exemption Board that out of the quota of 31 negroes leaving Friday, 16 are farmers, and out of the quota of 67 whites ordered for next Monday, 51 are farmers. All these young men have to leave their farms at once for the service of their country.

The government well understands the hardship which this means, but the military necessities are so great that nothing else can now be taken into consideration.

The people at home, however, and in the immediate neighborhoods of these young farmers, whether white or black, ought to see to it that the crops of these drafted men do not suffer for lack of work. The patriotic citizens living in the immediate neighborhood of any farm whose manager or chief laborer is taken should see that labor is provided to work the crop.

Hence, I am making this appeal to the patriotic neighbors and friends of these men, as well as the men to be called in July, to see that their crops do not suffer for want of work. A little thoughtful attention looking to the proper distribution of labor in the respective communities will probably save the crops.

I am requested by David R. Coker, Chairman State Council of Defense, to make this appeal to our people, and I do so in full confidence that when this matter is once called to the attention of our people, they will do the rest, and see that the crops of these drafted men, who now go into training, will be properly worked and harvested.

In event, however, of it being known in any community that the crop of any of these men is suffering for want of work, an appeal is hereby made for information to be given me to this effect, so that some practical help may be rendered.

R. T. Jaynes, Co. Chairman.  
Walhalla, July 19, 1918.

**FREIGHTER FIGHTS SUBMARINE.**

Shots Were Exchanged for An Hour or More—Neither Craft Hit.

An Atlantic Port, June 16.—The British freighter Keemun, from Far Eastern ports, had a running fight of an hour's duration with a German submarine 25 miles off the Virginia coast last Thursday evening and escaped by the superior speed of the steamship. The Keemun was not struck by the submarine's shells and the U-boat was not hit by the Keemun's shots.

The submarine was nearly 300 feet long and was firing a shell at least five inches. Capt. T. H. Collister, master of the British ship, reported to the Navy Department.

Capt. Collister's report was summarized by the department as follows:

"On the evening of June 13, at 6.50 o'clock, the Keemun sighted a submarine while about 93 miles due east of Winter Quarter Shoal. "The submarine was bearing north by west at a distance of seven miles from my vessel. It was not submerged and was running about 12 1/2 knots. Ten shells were fired by the submarine. My vessel opened fire at 7,000 yards, and at 11,000 yards the last shot was fired, after which we lost sight of the submarine, which apparently came to a standstill."

**NOW FOR FOURTH LOAN.**

Will Be for at Least \$6,000,000,000 and Will be Floated in October.

Washington, June 16.—The government's financial program for the next four months was disclosed today by Secretary McAdoo's announcement that in preparation for the fourth Liberty Loan, to be floated probably in October, about \$6,000,000,000 certificates of indebtedness will be issued. They will be offered in blocks of \$750,000,000 each, every two weeks, beginning June 25.

Every national bank and trust company is asked to assist the government by subscribing 5 per cent of its gross resources monthly. The certificates will bear 4 1/2 per cent interest like those preceding the third Liberty Loan, and will have varying maturity periods, none exceeding four months.

In addition, an undetermined quantity—perhaps \$2,000,000,000—of tax certificates will be issued during the summer for use in paying taxes a year from now.

The announcement of this program indicated that the fourth Liberty Loan will be for at least \$6,000,000,000, the exact amount depending on government expenditures in the next few months. The treasury already has estimated these roughly at about \$12,000,000,000 between July 1 and next January 1.

**Crowder Calls for 13,000.**

Washington, June 16.—A call for 13,626 draft registrants of grammar school education and qualified for general military service was made on the various States yesterday by Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder. The men, of whom 1,261 are to be negroes, will be sent to schools and colleges for training.

The entrainment date was set for July 1, but the call will be held open for volunteers until June 21. If on that date enough are not obtained boards are authorized to draft the remainder.

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**MARRIAGES NO LONGER EXEMPT**

Man from Service—Drastic Amendments to Draft Regulations.

Washington, June 15.—Marriage since the enactment of the selective draft law no longer will be accepted as cause for exemption from military service, except in the cases of men who have become of age since June 5, 1917, who may be exempted if they married before January 15, 1918, the date on which the joint resolution requiring their registration was introduced in Congress.

Drastic amendments to the draft regulations were announced last night by Provost Marshal General Crowder, under which local boards are required to reclassify all cases involving such marriages. Dependency claims on account of children of such marriage will be allowed where children are born or unborn before June 9, 1918.

Following is an order sent to all State draft executives:

"Please promulgate at once to local boards the following important amendment to the selective service regulations: "Rule 5, Section 72, S.S.R., is amended to read as follows: "Rule 5-A. The fact of dependency resulting from the marriage of a registrant who has become 21 years of age since June 5th, 1917, and who has married since the date of the introduction of the joint resolution in Congress requiring his registration, to wit, January 15, 1918, will be disregarded as a ground for deferred classification."

"B. If a registrant who has attained the age of 21 since June 5, 1917, and who has contracted marriage subsequent to the date of the enactment of the selective service law, to wit, May 18, 1918, but on or prior to January 15, 1918, claimed deferred classification on the ground of dependency resulting from this marriage, the fact of dependency resulting from his marriage will be disregarded as a ground for deferred classification unless the dependent is a child of the marriage, born or unborn on or prior to June 9, 1918, in which case such a registrant, upon satisfactory proof being made, shall be classed in Class 2."

"C. If a registrant other than one who has attained the age of 21 years since June 5th, 1917, who has contracted marriage since May 18, 1917, claims deferred classification on the ground of dependency resulting from his marriage, will be disregarded as a ground for deferred classification unless the dependent is a child of the marriage, born or unborn on or before June 9, 1918, in which case a registrant, upon satisfactory proof being made, shall be placed in Class two."

"D. Nothing contained in this amendment to rule 5 shall be construed as requiring the transfer to Class 2 of any registrant who has been finally classified in Class 1 on the affirmative finding that his marriage since May 18, 1917, was made with the primary view of evading military service. "Instruct all local boards forthwith to reclassify all cases involving marriages since May 18, 1917, in accordance with the above."

**SOME STARTLING FACTS.**

More children die during the teething period than consumption kills annually. The pain and discomfort that comes with this disease of childhood may be avoided. Save doctor bills and sleepless nights by giving the sick, crying and restless child a few doses of Dr. Thornton's Easy-Teether as directed. It tides the tiny folks over the critical period of life safely. "Give the baby a chance." 18 doses for 25c. at all dealers. Easy Teether Medicine Co., Canon, Ga.—Adv.

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OF  
**Ladies' New Slippers.**

<b>White Canvas Pumps</b> Some with low heels, some in high heels, with ivory bottoms or leather bottoms. \$3.00 value reduced to ..	<b>\$2.38</b>	<b>Ladies' Oxfords</b> In Lace and Button; medium heels. \$3.00 and \$3.50 values reduced to ..	<b>\$2.65</b>
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<b>White Canvas Boots</b> With leather bottom, 3/8-inch top, of the Peter's Diamond Brand. \$3.50 value reduced to ..	<b>\$2.85</b>	<b>Black Kid and Patent Pumps</b> Medium and low heels; some have three straps and some are plain. \$4.00 values reduced to ..	<b>\$2.98</b>
<b>White Canvas Boots</b> With leather bottoms, Goodyear welt, a "Real Gem" of the Peter's Diamond Brand. \$4.50 value reduced to ..	<b>\$3.75</b>	<b>Dull Kid Pumps</b> With French heels; a real snappy-looking Pump; the kind that sells for \$5.00. Specially priced for June ..	<b>\$3.98</b>

**BARGAIN TABLE**

<b>LOT NO. 1.</b> Consisting of Ladies' Oxfords and Pumps in Kid and Patent Leathers. <b>\$1.95</b>	<b>LOT NO. 2.</b> Consisting of Men's Oxfords in Lace only, regular \$4 and \$4.50 values; specially priced. <b>\$2.95</b>
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