

**Rembert Notes.**

Rembert, April 24.—It looks as if the whole world is going into a war. The front in warlike attitude and the effect of which no man can see. The distress effect of it all is being felt. The high cost of living and the scarcity of breadstuffs is making itself a burden to live on many who can scarcely make both ends meet and the worst has not come, for it is a long time before we can realize anything from this years planting. Every effort should be put forth to raise things to eat for if we are going to feed England and France, they will want all our surplus as a nation and we will have to live at home. We seem to have outgrown Washington's advice and the Monroe Doctrine is getting to be a thing of the past. If the object of this Nation is to change the form many of the European governments will have a task that will require millions of money and thousands of lives. Maybe it will all turn out different than what we expect. The South knows what war is, for Sherman in his march left nothing but ruins. The prospect so far for a crop is good. A large acreage of corn is planted to feed the people. Cotton planting is now going on. The

crop will not exceed last year. There is no oats, but the patches of wheat look good. So does the fruit crop. I notice more hogs than usual and efforts are made to raise as many as possible. The time is here when our people should stand with a firm front not only to aid each other, but defend our country whenever our services are needed for we know not when we will be attacked at home.

**Sunday School Conference.**

The Sumter District Sunday School Conference will meet at Lebanon Church, Lykesland, on May 8-9. Every pastor, every Superintendent, and one teacher from each school in the district are expected to be there. A splendid program is being arranged by Dr. H. W. Bays, the Presiding Elder of the District, and all who come will be well repaid for any time and effort spent to be there.

Rev. W. C. Owen, the Field Secretary will be in attendance, and Miss Nancy L. Bennett, Elementary Worker for the State, and we are sure that they will be of great help and inspiration.

Rev. W. S. Myers, pastor of the Columbia Circuit will be the general host, and please send names of all delegates to him.

**GREAT WOODEN FLEET**

**To Be Built To Offset Ships Destroyed By Submarines.**

Washington, April 14.—The administration's program for building a vast fleet of wooden cargo ships to transport supplies to the Allies and thus defeat the German submarine campaign will be put definitely under way Monday, when the shipping board will form a fifty million dollar corporation to build and operate the vessels.

The corporation will be organized under the laws of the District of Columbia and its entire stock will be held by the shipping board. In legislation to be introduced in Congress early in the week the board will ask authority to increase the stock in the future if needed to as much perhaps as \$225,000,000. For the present the \$50,000,000 will suffice.

Private ship yards will construct the ships on a standardized plan adopted by the shipping board on a basis in most instances of 10 per cent profit. Some contracts will be let for specified sums. The board probably will finance some yards, although private capital already is offering millions for construction of the vessels.

Major Gen. Goethals, who at the direction of President Wilson has agreed to supervise building of the ships, will come to Washington to take charge of the work as soon as he can arrange to leave his task of building New Jersey highways. F. A. Eustace, a Boston mining engineer, who with F. Huntington Clark, a New York engineer, conceived the idea of a wooden ship fleet, probably will be associated with him.

The levy creating the shipping board provides for a corporation, the majority of whose stock must be held by the board. Its directors will be employees of the board, who will elect their own officers. Gen. Goethals probably will be elected general manager of the corporation and Mr. Eustace, who is an employee of the board, will receive a salary of one dollar a year, and Mr. Clark, directors.

The 700,000 tons of German shipping taken over by the government, with the declaration of war undoubtedly will be put under the corporation, as will the Austrian ships now in custody of the United States. The general opinion is that the German and Austrian owners will be paid for their use during the war and for the ships themselves if they are lost or are retained.

The story of how the wooden ship building plan grew from an idea conceived simultaneously by two mining engineers until it has taken a place in the forecast of America's war policy, reveals that Yankee inventive genius and ingenuity were as ready to meet the present emergency as at any time of national stress in the past.

After Mr. Eustace and Mr. Clarke had been called to Washington by Chairman Denman, of the Shipping Board, and the board decided to take up the plan, Mr. Eustace decided to interest Mr. Goethals and went to place the situation before him. The canal builder immediately seized on the plan as the one way by which the United States could do most to aid the Allies in defeating Germany. Then Gen. Goethals was told the board wished him to take charge of the work. Reluctant at first to leave his post in New Jersey, the General finally was convinced the nation needed him.

Gen. Goethals was chosen to head the work, it was explained tonight, for three reasons—his capacity, his German descent and as a testimonial to the loyalty of American citizens of Teutonic extraction and because he is considered the one man in the United States most offensive to Germany. Germany it has been said, has never forgiven the man who constructed the canal when German experts said it could not be accomplished.

In their efforts to persuade Gen. Goethals to take charge of building the ships, it was pointed out that he probably would spend before the war was over more than was expended in building the canal.

**Dial Offers Land to Immigrants.**

Columbia, April 17.—N. B. Dial, president of the Reedy River Power Company, of Laurens, has offered the use of 1,500 acres of land in Chesterfield County for planting by immigrants. His letter to Secretary Houston, copy of which was sent to Governor Manning, is as follows:

"I notice the immigration department is considering putting the immigrants to work to make their own living, provided suitable locations can be obtained. I beg to state I own about 1,500 acres of land at McBee, Chesterfield County, this State. This is on the main line of the Florida extension of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. My land runs right up to town; it is practically cleared, being cut-over timbered land. For a few dollars per acre it could be put into cultivation. I haven't sufficient houses for tenants, but suggest tents can be used.

"Would be glad for you to communicate with the proper officials and if you can use this property the government is welcome to it, free of rent. If I can give you further information about it, kindly let me hear from you.

"In case you should want more land, I am satisfied it could be obtained at the same price and upon the same terms."

Thomas Hall Glenn of Wofford college won the annual contest of the intercollegiate oratorical contest in the auditorium of Winthrop College Friday. Mr. Glenn was the first speaker of the evening, his oration being "The World War, a Greater Democracy." Second place was awarded to S. M. Derrick of Newberry, while W. E. Bowen of Furman was third. Mr. Derrick's subject was "The Nation for Peace," and Mr. Bowen spoke of "America's Message to Nations."

An attempt was made to rob Senator Tillman's office in Washington Wednesday. Senator Tillman is Chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs. It is thought to have been the work of a German spy in search of naval secrets.

Office building and apartment house fire in Indianapolis burned six persons to death and injured 20 Thursday night.

**SCHUMAN-HEINK'S SONS**

**Three For The United States and One In German Navy Now.**

Folks who know Madam Schuman-Heink through her song records at least will be interested in this story now being published:

She has four sons at war. Three of them will fight for the United States. The fourth is in the German Navy. George Washington Schuman, 18, is a student at Culver Military Academy; Henry Schuman is a regular in the United States Navy; the third Walter Schuman is a member of the New Jersey National Guard, and the fourth, August Schuman, is with the Imperial German Navy.

And to accentuate the contrast at the very moment that the great songstress was telling of her grief the newsboys outside of her Chicago hotel were crying the war headlines, a messenger arrived with a small package. It was from Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and contained a brooch, an American eagle, set in flashing gems, in the center. Accompanying it, in Mrs. Wilson's own handwriting was the message:

"With renewed thanks for the pleasure you gave us last winter."

She gazed at the sparkling token of American loyalty and patriotism, Mrs. Schuman-Heink sobbed:

"What can I say? What can any mother say? Oh, I love America; my country. But I love Germany, too. Germany is beautiful. And the German people love America."

"It is the people who make war—all of them—all nationalities—all kinds I hate them."

William Carlisle Webster, a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webster, of the Dawkins Mill section, of Cherokee County, died Tuesday morning from the effects of a kick by a mule on Monday, which caused a rupture of the brain. He was only 12 years of age.

**Civilization or Prussianism.**

(New York Star)

Why, asks the craven, should we not submit to the aggression of Germany, and in the name of a higher virtue conserve our treasure and save our hide?

The answer is plain and convincing for all who are not trembling with cowardice or emmeshed in the net of German intrigue. We should not submit to German aggression because under cover of the horror we should and do hold dear the very existence of our institutions is attacked by the German arms.

Continually we are reminded of the Germany of the poets, the Germany of music and song. But this is not the Germany that to-day reaches out on every side to conquer the world. That Germany has passed away, never to return. Its genius has been suppressed by the Prussianized empire whose agents preaching with sword and cannon, with guile and cunning, the gospel of efficiency, the doctrine that might is right, have invaded every land and labored diligently to subvert every people to its purposes.

Every tenet of civilization, every hard won liberty of mankind, every privilege that reason and conscience, strength and persistence have gained from irresponsible power, feels the menace of Prussianism. From the first cynical invasion of a country Germany had given her word of honor had pledged her national faith to respect, to the last barbaric retreat on the soil of France, the Prussianized empire, casting legality and morality to the winds, has proclaimed brazenly her repudiation of the obligations of decency and of the restraints of reason. In the prosecution of her campaigns on sea and land she has violated those practices that other nations have accepted as fundamental necessities of continued progress.

Germany has murdered men, women and children. By her manners, the combatant and non-combatant, the aged, the infirm, the weak, the helpless, have been selected as targets with the same enthusiasm with which strongholds and armed men have been assailed. She has sought no justification save the proclamation "It is my need." She has spared neither beauty nor the sacred places of men's worship; she has consumed the monuments of the past and devastated the fields of the poor. Neither the works of man nor the ordinances of God have stayed her hand or sufficed to turn her sword from its path. She has slain wantonly for the mere sake of slaying; she has destroyed uselessly for the sole purpose of destroying. Behind her acts, behind these manifestations of a cruelty that has shocked the world, lies a definite philosophy.

**FORECLOSURE SALE**

State of South Carolina, County of Kershaw, Court of Common Pleas.

Hartsville Oil Mill, Plaintiff,

vs. L. B. Sessions and James C. Beckham, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a decree of his Honor, S. W. G. Shipp, Presiding Judge, of date November 29, 1916, I will offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, before the Court House door, in Camden, County and State aforesaid, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Monday in May, 1917, being the 7th day thereof, the following described real estate:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, with all buildings thereon, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, also being in Wateree Township, School District No. 11. The said land contains twenty-one (21) acres, more or less, and is bounded as follows: North by lands of Joseph Simpson and public road; East by lands of Daniel Cook, Jr., South by lands of Preston and English Cook; West by lands of R. D. Williams. The said land being the same as conveyed to L. B. Sessions by Ella Williams, by deed dated January 20, 1914, and recorded by the Clerk of Court of Kershaw County on the 26th day of March 1914, in Book A. K. of Deeds, Page 261.

S. M. Nicholson, Special Master for Kershaw County, April 12, 1917.

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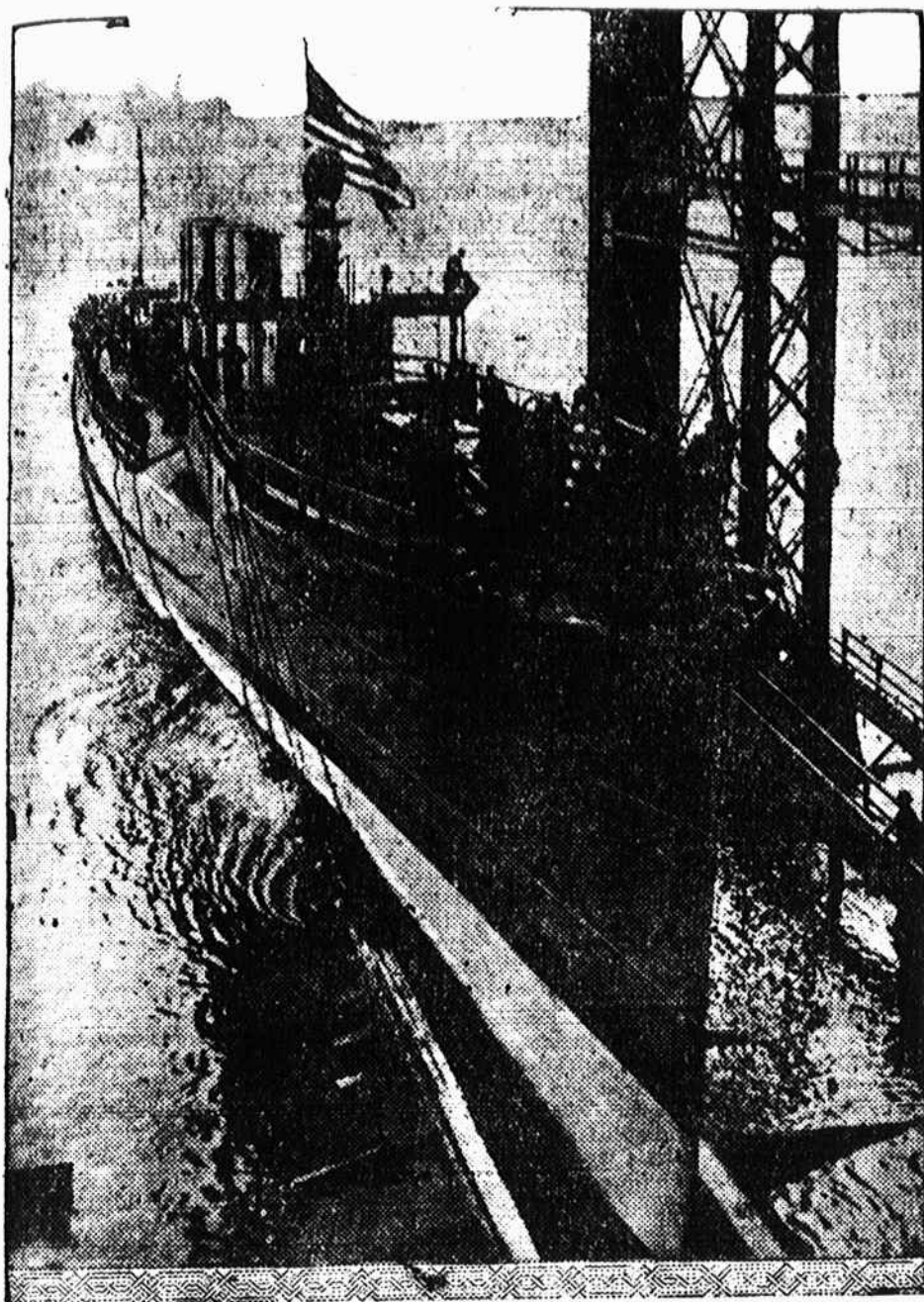
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