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LETTER TO THE WOMEN.

To the South Carolina Council Women and Executive Committee: I am sending a letter to all the chairmen and members of the executive committee asking them to use their influence and effort to enlist the services of their county councilwomen to the utmost in selling Liberty Bonds for the April issue; to interest all physicians and nurses in a campaign for saving children under five years of age (see circular No. 26 Children's Year) and to agitate extensive gardens for both grownups and children. Each one of these causes is of vital importance, and will give us work which will engage our heads, hearts, and hands for the next three months. It will give me pleasure to answer any question or give any information on any of the above subjects. Mrs. E. S. Munsell, Columbia, S. C. is chairman for the state Liberty Bond department, and is willing and ready to aid any one who is interested in the subject. I feel that our entire working force, and every woman of the executive committee should do her utmost to further these causes. On our executive committee we have the representatives of 17 state-wide and national organizations. If each one of these presidents will agitate these pertinent subjects in her organization, I feel sure that they will create a sentiment in the state which will be most helpful in carrying out the program mapped out by the council of defense. As has been explained before the woman's council of defense is the clearing house for all the women's activities of the nation, and surely in this crisis there is no activity worthy of existence if it has not for its ultimate end, patriotism in some of its manifold forms. We hope to have with us in the early part of April Dr. Anne Howard Shaw, National Chairman of the Woman's Council of Defense, Washington, D. C. She will speak to us in Columbia, holding both a conference and mass meeting with the chairman and members of the executive committee. I hope every chairman and member of the executive committee will be present, and influence just as many of her county councilwomen to attend as possible. Dr. Shaw has been speaking in ten of the southern states, and will no doubt bring us a message of instruction and inspiration. Let us rise to the occasion, and give her a representative audience for her visit will mean much to our work in the state. Faithfully yours, F. L. Mayes, Chairman, Woman's Council of Defense.

Makes Some Corrections.

An article appeared in the last issue of the Chronicle by L. A. McDowell, which is incorrect. He stated that twenty-five thousand dollars, the last issue of bonds, was used for running expenses, while it really all went into construction, and also six thousand dollars which the plant made in the two years previous. As regards the interest on the bonds paid by the town it is taken from the rentals due the Commission by the City, which are only about three thousand dollars more than that paid the old company, while the candle power is more than double, bringing the price per candle power fifty per cent less than they were paying the old plant. We were forced during the shortage of coal to curtail the current a part of the day. The Commission do not claim to own the plant, and the books are open, and always have been, for inspection. I regret that Mr. McDowell thinks I am an inefficient, negligent and poor business man. Henry Savage.

DRIVE SLOWING DOWN

Allies Are Said To Be Preparing For A Counter Blow.

After six days of terrific fighting, the German offensive in France is beginning to show signs of losing its momentum. The pace of the enemy has materially slackened, and the form of the dent made in the allied line west of Cambrai has begun to resemble the familiar wedge-like salient, instead of the broad straightforward movement of an offensive which carries all before it.

At its apex this wedge has gone beyond Albert, and is to the westward of the old allied line as it stood a year ago when Von Hindenburg began his strategic retreat. From this point the line runs off to the northeast at a general angle with the line to the south running back until it reaches the Oise river.

In spite of the tremendous exertions and terrible losses the German efforts to widen the tip of this salient were defeated on Tuesday. The British lines have stood firm to the north and have forced the Germans to turn southward toward the point of least resistance.

Official statements issued at London confirm the report from Berlin that American forces are engaged in the struggle. There has been no official report to Washington as to the identity of those troops who are taking part in this greatest battle of history.

With the slackening of the German pace there come indications that the Allies are ready to strike back somewhere along the front. Just where this blow will be launched will not be known until it is struck, but it may be expected that its impact will be terrific.

Each succeeding day reveals the plan of the Germans absolutely to crush the Allies' lines west of Cambrai, a terrain which could not be defended by von Hindenburg a year ago.

Each official report shows that this sector is valueless from a military standpoint and that the Germans have paid a terrible price for their advance to the lines established by the Allies during the first two years of warfare. It is officially reported that seventy German divisions, or 840,000 men, have taken part in the fighting. Observers at the front say that the German losses have been frightful and that the enemy has lost from 10 to 20 per cent of his men by the most conservative estimates.

The situation as it stands seems to be a repetition of the dash of Gen. von Klueck on Paris in 1914, when the German artillery and transport could not keep up with the infantry and the French were able to turn back the invaders at the Marne. Reports from various sectors in the last two days have indicated that the German infantry, relying on its mass attacks, has fought without the customary assistance of artillery. To bring up heavy guns requires time and the German advance will steadily become more painful and costly.

While the German line of communications have been growing longer, the British have constantly moved nearer their base of supplies. There has been continued activity on the Italian front, but no attacks of importance have been made by either side in this theater. The American lines in the Lameville and Toul sectors have been bombarded once more, but no infantry fighting is reported there.

North of the Somme battlefield there have been no engagements of significance. The British troops in Palestine have captured the village of Es-Salt. The Russian Bolsheviks are reported to have recaptured the city of Kherson from the Germans.

What Your Bond Will Accomplish.

The following figures give one a definite idea of what his or her loan to the Government by the purchase of Liberty Bonds will accomplish when used by the War Department: One \$50 bond will buy trench knives for a rifle company, or 20 hand grenades, or 14 rifle grenades, or 37 cases of surgical instruments for enlisted men's belts, or 10 cases of surgical instruments for officer's belts. A \$100 bond will clothe a soldier or feed a soldier for eight months, or purchase 5 rifles or 30 rifle grenades, or 43 hand grenades, or 25 pounds of ether, or 145 hot-water bags, or 2,000 surgical needles. A \$100 and a -50 bond will clothe and equip an Infantry soldier for service overseas, or feed a soldier for a year. Two -100 bonds will purchase a horse or mule for Cavalry, Artillery, or other service. Three -100 bonds will clothe a soldier and feed him for one year in France, or buy a motorcycle for a machine gun company. Four \$100 bonds will buy an X-ray outfit. One \$500 bond will supply bicycles for the headquarters company of an Infantry regiment.

Some More American Efficiency.

Acting on orders from the German Government, the officers and crews of the German ships intoned in American waters inflicted such damage upon the machinery of the vessels as they deemed absolutely certain to keep the ships out of service for two years. By that time the Germans thought the war would be over.

But American efficiency and American invention effected the necessary repairs in from six to eight months and at a cost of \$273,000; the Germans had figured the cost of repairs at \$2,600,000 and the necessary time 24 months.

All of these ships, except one that has been sunk, are now bearing American commerce on the seas or transporting American soldiers to Europe. The Navy department figures that the use of these ships between the time the ships were actually repaired and the time the Germans estimated they could be repaired will be worth \$240,000,000 to the Government at the present rate of tonnage.

The Vaterland, one of these interned ships and the largest ship afloat, is now in the United States service renamed the Leviathan. Americans are able to operate this ship at a higher rate of speed than the Germans were able to do and do this with 200 tons of coal less a day. The Leviathan has one American captain in place of five German captains of the Vaterland, and one American chief engineer instead of a chief engineer and five assistants (the German efficiency required).

Met With Pisgah Church.

The quarterly meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of First Division Kershaw Association which was held at Pisgah Church Sunday March 24th was a success in every particular. Quite a large crowd attended. Much interest was manifested throughout the meeting and quite a number participated in the program. All phases of the W. M. U. work enthusiastically discussed.

We are glad to note our women and young people are coming to the front in this great cause of Missions. The boys being also enlisted in this work by forming Royal Ambassador bands. The Associate Superintendent of R. A.'s is stressing this line of work. Mrs. John Dixon, president of this division deserves much credit for her untiring effort and energy in preparing such an interesting and inspiring program. We hope the good work will continue to grow, as it has in the past year.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was extended to the Church and especially the ladies for their kind and generous hospitality. Mrs. Robt. Goodale, Supt.

Stockton News Notes.

Boykin, S. C., March 27.—Mrs. J. C. Humphries, of Sumter, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. B. M. Pearce. Mrs. Joe Wiley spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sowell. She left Friday for her new home in North Carolina where Mr. Wiley had been transferred from Sumter. Miss Mamie Cameron spent the week with Mrs. John Gillis. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pearce, of Cleveland, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Pearce Sunday. Mr. Alexander Clark, of Eastover, spent Saturday with his son, Mr. Alex. Clark, Jr. Mr. C. V. Galloway and children spent a few days last week in Hartsville. Mrs. Tiller, of Chesterfield, is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. B. M. Pearce. Mr. David Gillis spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. A. Rush, at Lugoff. Mrs. E. M. Workman and little son, Alvin, spent a few days in Rock Hill. Miss Sallie Pearce spent the week end in Camden. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boykin spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Clark. Mr. Dan Gillis spent a few days last week at Pisgah. Rev. E. A. Fulmer, of Westville, spent Sunday night with Mr. G. W. Ammons. Mr. Alex. Clark spent Sunday at Eastover.

Lugoff News Notes.

Lugoff, S. C., March 26.—Miss Viola Shampert spent last week-end with her parents at Pellon. Misses Sue O'Neil and Kate Bell motored to Columbia last Saturday. L. L. Whitaker, of Camp Jackson, was here last Sunday. Miss Ruth Rush was in Camden on Monday. Wilson Quick returned last Thursday after spending some time at his home in Cheraw. Corporal W. M. Ransom, of Camp Sevier, was here for a little while on Sunday. He was one of the fortunate winners in a layonet contest in Company M. Mr. G. W. Fisher was in Camden last Monday. Dr. Claffin gave a very interesting address here Sunday evening. Quite a nice little sum of money was subscribed. Miss Amelia Clarkson left for Columbia last Monday after a pleasant stay here with relatives. No man has the right to loaf nowadays. There is entirely too much work to be done in this country for anybody to be caught idling away time. Every loafer should be put to work either one way or another.—Williamsburg Herald.

The State Reunion of Confederate Veterans will be held in Abbeville on May 7th and 8th. An amazing play is THAIS being shown at the Majestic Monday. The greatest photoplay production of a decade. The world's most spectacular woman, Mary Garden in an amazing story "THAIS" by Anatole France. For the first time on the screen the world's most popular and daring personality Mary Garden in "THAIS".

Soleman's Wisdom. Mamma—"Don't you know that King Solomon said 'Spare the rod and spoil the child?'" Little Leo—"Yes; but he never said it until after he got so old his mother couldn't lick him."—Chicago News. Easter Services at the Catholic Church. First Mass at 6:15 a. m., High Mass and sermon 11 a. m. Rosary, Mass and benediction at 8:30 p. m. There will be special music. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

ELKS GIVE WAR HOSPITAL

Will Spend Quarter of a Million For Reconstruction of the Wounded.

Little has been said about the activity of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in connection with the war, but those who know that this order is wholly American, restricting its membership to citizens of the United States, are no doubt aware that it has already done a considerable "bit" and is still working to help the country and its defenders in the present national crisis. Several calls for assessments have been quickly responded to by the members who stand ready to do anything in their power, individually or collectively, to further the interests of America and her allies. The following from the New York Times will show how substantial already has been the "bit" done by the Elks:

The Elks' war relief commission announced last night that the government had accepted a gift of \$250,000 from the Elks to provide a great reconstruction hospital—the first in the United States—where maimed and disabled American soldiers and sailors may receive the best of expert attention and occupational instruction. The statement issued last night from the New York office of the commission, 149 Broadway, reads in part as follows:

"The first reconstruction hospital, where our soldiers will be reeducated in occupations which will best fit them not to become a burden to society, will be erected in Boston. It will consist of a complete unit of twin ward hospital buildings, vocational workshops, barracks, mess hall and post exchange. This was definitely decided upon today at a meeting of the Elks war relief commission composed of John C. Tener, chairman; Joseph T. Fanning, secretary; Jerome B. Fisher, James R. Nicholson, Edward Lighter and Fred Harper, grand exalted ruler, following a conference with Surgeon Gen. Gorgas.

"The site will be on Parker Hill, Boston, contiguous to the Robert Brigham Hospital. The institution will serve as the model, the standard maker, for similar plants to be established throughout the United States. The buildings will be thoroughly modern in architecture, light and cheerful, and will have a well-trained and especially efficient professional staff."

South Carolina at The Top.

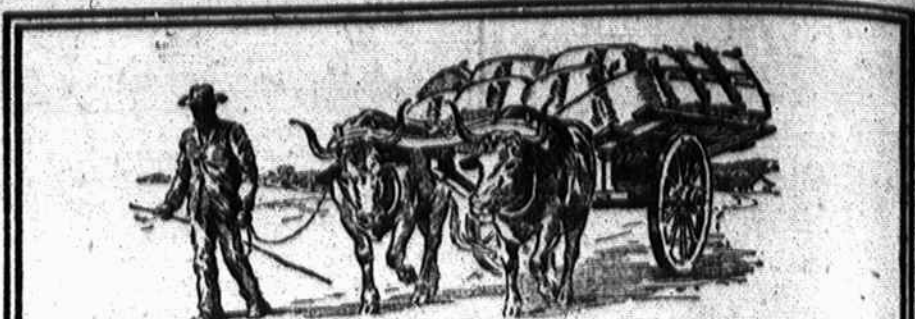
South Carolinians won "a place in the picture near the flashing of the guns" at Camp Sevier yesterday. "From Saeborn's Head to Sumter's wall and throughout the state resounds the voice of hut and hall," this morning hailing with proud acclaim that platoon of the Camden Company of the old First South Carolina which yesterday won first place among all the infantry obstacle course. Every South Carolinian who learns of that distinction will be stirred with pride, regarding the event of happy augury for the sons of the Palmetto State when they take their places "over there". The voice of the Gamecock will be heard in the land today.

At Spotsylvania, Stonewall Jackson, who resigned a professorship at V. M. I. to enter the Confederate Army, took thought of that institution in the army about him and made the prophecy: "The Virginia Military Institute will be heard from today!" So it was, in the most splendid manner. When the Palmetto State contemplates the valor shown by her sons in every past war and considers the calibre and the mettle of her sons in the service in the greatest conflict of the ages, she feels that when they are on the firing line she can say with serene confidence, "South Carolina will be heard from today!"

It is of good omen that the triumphant South Carolinians are from historic Camden where was fought in the War of the Revolution a battle that was a turning point in that conflict for democracy. That battle was a defeat which roused South Carolinians to the stupendous effort which found its climax in the smashing rout of the British at King's Mountain. At Camden the British were the victors, but they found that they had not conquered the South Carolinians who, with hearts aflame for liberty as never before, resisted the oppressors and won battle upon battle. It was because of South Carolina's unconquerable will to win after the Camden disaster that, in large measure, the liberty and independence of America were made secure.

Such achievements as those of the South Carolinians yesterday stir in the souls of the people of this State the deep faith and hope that Henry Timrod embodied in our great battle hymn more than half a century ago: I hear a murmur as of waves That grope their way through sunless caves, Like bodies struggling in their graves, Carolina! And now it deepens; stow and grand It swells, as, rolling to the land, An ocean broke upon thy strand, Carolina! Shout! let it reach the startled Huns! And roar with all thy festal guns! It is the answer of thy sons, Carolina! Ere thou shalt own the tyrant's thrall Ten times ten thousand men must fall Thy corpse may hearken to his call, Carolina! From thy dead breast by ruffians trod, No helpless child shall look to God, All shall be safe beneath thy sod, Carolina! Throw thy bold banner to the breeze! Front with thy ranks the threatening seas Like thine own proud armorial trees, Carolina! Fling down thy granulet to the Huns And roar the challenge from thy guns; Then leave the future to thy sons, Carolina!—Greenville Daily News.

Monday at the Majestic Goldwyn's presentation of the world famous, Mary Garden in "THAIS". FINAL DISCHARGE. Notice is hereby given that one month from this date on Tuesday, April 16th, 1918, we will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County our final return as Executors of the estate of J. R. Hall, deceased, and on the same day we will apply to the said Court for a final discharge from our trust as said Executors. All parties, if any, having claims against the said estate will present them duly attested on or before that date or be forever barred. JESSE J. HALL, R. N. HALL, Executors. Camden, S. C., March 9, 1918. Meeting of Stockholders. Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Stockholders of C. P. DuBose and Company will be held on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1918 at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company in Camden, S. C., under a resolution of a part of the Directors of the said company to call a meeting of the said Stockholders for the purpose of considering the proposition to increase the capital stock of the said company to \$4,000.00. C. P. DuBOSE, Secretary and Treasurer.



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