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The issue is drawn in this country: "For the government or against it; with the President or opposing him; a patriot or a traitor. There is no middle ground, no compromise, no half-hearted attitude."

The State Thursday morning carried a letter from Rev. J. E. Mahaffey of York, announcing himself as a candidate for the U. S. Senate. He is the pastor of the Methodist Church at York, serving his second year there. He has about as much chance as an teleo on a hot August day. Rock Hill Record.

The Chronicle appreciates the spleen did way in which people are keeping their subscriptions paid in advance. A few people object to paying in advance, saying they're afraid "the thing'll bust." They go right off and pay in advance for some city weekly or the Chicago Ledger and think it all right. Perhaps they had not thought that they might bust too.

Walter E. Duncan, editor of the Aiken Standard Thursday accepted the private secretaryship to Gov. R. L. Manning, to fill the vacancy of John Elliott Puckett, who volunteered for service in the army. Mr. Duncan will begin work within the next few days.

C. L. Vann, public accountant, has found J. Crim Mixson, assistant city treasurer of Columbia short in his accounts to the amount of \$19,429.51. The first sign of a shortage was noted on Friday afternoon. Mixson appeared at the office on Saturday morning and made a deposit in the bank, at the same time taking \$200, presumably for traveling expenses as he has not been seen since. The Columbia Record has been asking some very pertinent questions as to the Columbia city government. Mixson has made good his escape.

President Wilson on Saturday pardoned two soldiers who had been sentenced to death for sleeping on their post in France. Privates Forest D. Sebastian of El Dorado, Ill., and Jeff Cook of Little, Okla., were the men pardoned. In reaching his decision, the president took into consideration their extreme youth, the former being 20 years of age and the latter 19—and concluded that they did not realize the seriousness of their offense.

All records for rapid construction of a ship were broken when the 554-ton steel oiler Tickfaw was launched at the yards of the New York Ship Building Corporation in Camden, N. J., Saturday. The keel of this wonder ship was laid on April 8 and only twenty-seven working days were required to prepare the hull for launching. The boat was 90 per cent completed when it slid into the waters of the Delaware. In fifteen days more it will be ready for a cargo.

Rev. Dr. F. Borch, a Baptist minister for forty years, has been placed under a bond of \$200 for his appearance at United States court in Charlotte, being charged with preaching a sedition sermon at Unity Church, Mecklenburg County.

Reasoning With The Poets.

Friends, do not send your home-made poetry to this office and then get mad at us because it is so crude and bum we cannot print it. Don't do anything that will break up friendship of long standing. We can't help it because you can't write poetry. We never told you that you could. Read a searchlight.

One hundred and two deaths in flying accidents occurred at eighteen aviation camps in the United States and at Camp Borden, Canada, where American fliers are training, up to last April 24, the war department announced Sunday. Several fatal accidents have occurred since that time.

Liberty Loan and Newspapers.
The return of the newspapers of the country to the Liberty Loan and other governmental efforts is expressed in the telegram of Secretary McAdoo to the editors assembled in New York last week in attendance on the meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

We are not good enough to express the views of members of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, say the sessions are short and warm up again in the great service they have rendered to their country by the press' stern, unceasing and patient support of the strenuous Liberty Loan campaign offered by the Federal Government.

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Leading place in the largest issue of Wednesday's Harvey's War Weekly is given to the paragraph:

"We have the distinguished privilege and supreme satisfaction of announcing that the problem of locating the exact position of a submarine in a ship at a distance which for obvious reasons cannot be mentioned, has been solved by American inventors genius. This is not a guess based upon imagination. It is a fact demonstrated by actual experience. While the submarine does not pressurize the complete extirpation of the pest, it does virtually guarantee its ultimate destruction in a critical period of the war."

Antech Lodge No. 293 A. F. M. meets Thursday evening before each full moon. W. R. Davis, W. M. D. S. Capers, S. W. M. C. Cook, J. W. A. Shiver, Secy.

Wednesday's Casualty List.
Washington, May 8. The casualty list today contained 75 names, divided as follows: Killed in action (1) field; accident (two); died of disease (three); wounded severely (13); wounded slightly (14); missing in action (three).

Junior Order U. A. M.
Meets Tuesday night on or before each full moon. J. E. Campbell, C. C. W. Shiver, Secy.

W. T. Finch, proprietor of the Finch Hotel of Spartanburg Saturday awarded to Whistler and Boggs construction Company a contract for the erection of a six story hotel on East Main Street, Spartanburg. The hotel will cost about \$150,000, it is stated.

The bar and fixtures of the Steamship Cherokee, which touches at Georgetown, were seized when the steamer was held up there Saturday morning, by T. J. Smyth, chief state constable according to a telegram received Saturday by Governor Manning from Mr. Smyth.

John Elliott Puckett, private secretary to Governor Manning Saturday, enlisted in the army at Camp Jackson. The governor has seven sons in the military service.

FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE.

The example set by the merchants of Bethune in the interest of the sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps is one deserving of the highest praise and one which might well be followed by not only every town and city in South Carolina, but in the United States as well.

Every merchant, business and professional man, both white and colored, in this enterprising little town have set aside Wednesday April 15th as "Thrift Stamp Day" and have agreed to invest every cent of money taken in on that day in Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

The Chronicle will make an effort within the next few days to get the merchants and business men of Camden to sign a similar agreement and it is our hope that every business house in Camden will endorse this movement to promote the sale of these stamps here. The Chronicle will also thoroughly advertise the names of those houses signing the agreement, and the date selected in order to boost the sales for that day.

No one will be asked to give one cent. This paper will defray all of the necessary advertising expenses, and the merchants will only be requested to invest their receipts for one day in these stamps which are recognized as the safest and best investment available, and which are redeemable at face value at any time.

"There is but one question before the American people today, and that is to win the war," said former President William Howard Taft, at Greensboro, N. C., Saturday. In order to win the war it is necessary that the government as quickly as possible coordinate all activities to this end. The people of America might as well face the fact that this war will last three and perhaps five years longer, and that supremacy in man power will be decided factor."

Thomas McLeod of Bishopville, for me Lieutenant governor of South Carolina, has definitely decided to enter the race for congress from the seventh district, to succeed A. E. Lever, it was learned in Columbia Friday night.

From Bethlehem in Judea a youthful British soldier writes to a friend in London: "I am on guard at present, and it is a great honor. I can tell you, that I am guarding the birthplace and manager of our Lord. It is a wonderful place and I never thought when I used to read about it that one day I should stand and guard it. The birthplace is marked by a fourteen pointed silver star presented by the French government. The stable is hung with lamps from all different countries and they look beautiful; and, I might add, they are always alight.

The manager himself, is cut in natural marble, but marble has been put in to keep it in a good state of preservation."

We trust that the Democratic party of Charleston will send not one of that coterie to the State convention.

And we hope that the Richmond convention will do the same thing. Let no man go who has to waste any time proving his Americanism or explaining any remarks in the past that might have had the flavor of wormwood or of gall.

It is too late to cry "peace and harmony." Those who for two years have been sharpening the gaffs should not huckle when they see that they have lost the rights that they themselves have set up. Especially under circumstances and in the use of methods which are intolerable and would not be tolerated if it were not for the fact that the majority in this State is too busy about the war to waste any time in shooting bantams. Columbia Record.

Too Late To Beg.

We hope that the county convention, which will meet on next Monday, will distinguish itself by its lack of intolerance and its determination to set an example to the rest of the state in its refusal to follow factional lines in the selection of delegates to the State convention. The delegation should be composed of responsible citizens, representative of both schools of political thought in the community.

This war is from a partisan sheet published in Charleston under the name of the "American." God save the name from such a desecration!

For two years, approximately, this paper, we are informed, has been doing nothing but trying to foment trouble in South Carolina. It has yawned Billingsgate upon citizens of this State, and has poured out the vials of its wrath upon the government of the United States until the postmaster general suspended it from the use of the mail privileges until this publication.

Cordially, Louise Netties.

Pres. John D. Kennedy Chapter U.

D. C. wishes to extend thanks to ex-Mayor C. H. Yates and his board of councilmen for the work done around the Confederate monument. The new posts and other repairs were much needed and the condition is greatly improved. At a recent meeting of the Chapter a rising vote of thanks was given expressing their appreciation and gratitude.

Recent Auto Purchasers.

Mr. W. R. DeLoche, of the Camden Motor Co., tells us that he has sold automobiles during the past week to the following parties: E. M. Workman, Mitchell touring car; G. L. Blackwell, Mitchell touring car; Steve L. Perry, Mitchell touring car; E. C. Tate, Maxwell touring car.

A Card of Thanks.

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