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Never was a greater opportunity afforded a community to get good roads at a small cost than that now confronting every county in the United States. The commissioners have ordered an election on the question of voting bonds for road improvements in DeKalb township. It will be held next Tuesday and while we have no doubt that the election will go favorably for bonds, the vote should be overwhelming for the issue. The government offers dollar for dollar in erecting permanent highways and the people of this township should take care of this offer which will give us good roads all over the township.

The whole country was gladdened Monday when it was learned that Hawker and Grieve, the daring aviators who attempted a trans-Atlantic flight had been picked up near midocean and were safe. While all Europe and America were praising his daring and bravery, Hawker made a speech at a luncheon yesterday in London in which he belittled the success of the Americans in making a successful trans-Atlantic flight. He declared that it was not a serious attempt with a ship stationed at "every twenty yards." While there may be many who think the same way, Hawker should not have been the man to make the statement.

Jay Lynch, a white man, was taken from a court house at Lamar, Missouri, Wednesday and lynched in the court house yard in the presence of a crowd of 500 persons. Lynch had killed a sheriff and his son in a jail escape. Capital punishment is not permissible under the law of Missouri and an effort was made to have the law repealed on account of the Lynch murder. Failing in this the mob took the law into their own hands and put him to death.

The Road Bonds

Mr. Kershaw County Land Owner, Dear Sir: We all will agree that when a proposition to raise taxes is put to us, we naturally want to know the whys and

the wherefores of it all, in other words we want to know what we are going to get for our money, what good the expenditure is going to do us. You have no doubt seen the advertisements that our county papers have been running the past few weeks which relate to a golden opportunity that we have to secure a government's appropriation of \$68,000.00 to be expended on the roads of DeKalb township. This fund can be had, the work done under government supervision, the roads put in a condition which will make travel 75 per cent easier, easier on you, on your stock, on your vehicles, easier to market your produce and naturally add value to your lands.

We have only to match the government appropriation, in other words raise a similar amount ourselves, eight thousand of which has been raised already which will leave a balance of sixty thousand yet to be had. To do this we propose to float a bond issue for this amount which will only entail about a two mill extra levy on this township, certainly little enough for the amount of benefit which we are to receive, therefore gentlemen we ask that you go to your voting precinct on Tuesday next and vote for this \$60,000.00 bond issue of which will mean so much to us all. Remember, this is our only chance, we are to accept this offer of the Government or reject it, 'tis now or never, so remember the date, next Tuesday June 3rd be sure and vote FOR the bond issue, we can't afford to miss it.

Yours for good roads,
The Camden Chamber of Commerce.

TIME UP THURSDAY

Allied Armies Ready in Case Germany Refuses To Sign Peace Terms.

(By The Associated Press)

Germany's counter proposals to the peace treaty of the Allied and associated powers, comprising a volume of goodly proportions are in readiness for presentation to the peace congress at Versailles. No official announcement has as yet been made of the time when Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau will appear before the representatives of the victors in the war to make Germany's final plea for the amelioration of some of the conditions of the treaty which are declared to be too severe for fulfillment, but the time cannot be extended beyond noon of Thursday, when the limit for reply expires.

Late dispatches from Berlin indicate that the German document is to contain manifold representations and arguments for a lessening of the severity of the terms, not alone from the financial and economic standpoints but also with regard to disarmament, both on land and sea,

but a plan for mutualizing under the league of nations war craft and merchant progress of the world's nations. Territorial requirements also are to be argued against.

Friday is to witness the receipt by the Austrians of the terms of the peace treaty that has been formulated for the former Empire of the Hapsburgs. The plea of the chief of the Austrian delegation for haste by the Allies in making known the terms probably is responsible for Friday having been chosen as the day for the Austrians to appear before the peace congress, it previously having been believed that the ceremony would not take place until next week.

In anticipation of the possibility of a declaration on the part of the Germans to sign the peace treaty Marshal Foch, the commander-in-chief of the Allied and associated armies, has made a further inspection of the occupied area in the west and its general vicinity, and reported his observations to Minister of War Clemenceau. The landing of American and British marines at Danzig probably indicates that another step to meet any eventuality has been taken.

The question whether the German plenipotentiaries will affix their signatures to the document is still a moot one in Germany.

Confirmation has been received of the report that the Allied and associated powers are to lend aid in supplies and money to Admiral Kolchak the anti-Bolshevist leader in Russia, conditional upon the establishment of a constituent assembly and a lawful government in his country.

A report from Viborg is to the effect that the Soviet authorities in Petrograd have been overthrown. There is no confirmation of the report.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Friends in Camden were pleased to see Mrs. W. D. Trantham who made a short stay here last week. She was accompanied by her son Frank, and they were on their way to Washington, having spent the winter in Alabama.

Miss Henriette Johnson has returned from a six weeks visit North. While away she visited in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and many other places of interest. The trip going was made by automobile with friends and the picturesque scenery was at its loveliest in the spring-time.

Mrs. Robert Moore Blanchard and her interesting family who have been living in Camden during her husband's, Col. Blanchard's service overseas leave today for Burlington, Vt., and will later go to Washington, D. C. They were quite an addition to Camden's social circles and will be greatly missed by a number of friends here.

Miss Ernestine Bateman spent the week end in Camden with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bateman. She has returned to Coker College.

Misses Elizabeth Clary and Clare Stafford of Greensboro, North Carolina, are the guests of Miss Katherine Blakey who has recently returned from Queens College, Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Eula Matthews and Dr. McCaully, both of Columbia spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Matthew's sister, Mrs. J. C. Kirkland on LaFayette Avenue.

Mine Produces Coal and Sand.

A mining plant that is decidedly unique is located in Ohio. Both coal and sand are taken from the one property which consists of 150 acres. The surface strata is high grade molding sand and has an average depth of about nine feet. It is deposited on a bed of shale about five feet in thickness and under this is a seam of excellent coal averaging from 4 to 5 feet. Shipments of sand already have been made to foundries throughout the country. A considerable tonnage of coal also has been mined. As the shale strata is uncovered by the removal of the sand, steam shovels will be utilized to strip the shale, thereby exposing the seam of coal which will be mined in the open. In comparatively few localities is the coal seam sufficiently near the surface to permit of stripping. The sand is mined by steam shovel and is conveyed by mine cars to a stockhouse from which it is loaded into cars by a belt conveyor. A force of nine men can load 400 tons of sand a day.—Scientific American.

Bishop Refuses to Dwell in Castle.

Whether a bishop should be compelled to live in a castle regardless of his own desire for a more modest and less expensive home is a question which is agitating the clerical authorities of the diocese of Worcester, England. Dr. Ernest Harold Pearce recently was consecrated bishop of Worcester. In the course of a sermon it was declared that no bishop really wanted to live in a castle and that, if the people of his diocese required him to do so, the financial responsibilities should be borne by them not by him.

Radium Found in England.

The discovery of a considerable body of pitchblende—the ore of radium—is reported from the village of Hampstead, on the borders of Dartmoor England. Samples were submitted to the mineral resources development department of the ministry of munitions whose experts said it was pitchblende with an oxide content of 26 per cent somewhat richer than the ore imported from America.

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STORM AT HODGES DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Fifty Thousand Dollars Estimated Loss To Farmers From Hail Sunday Evening.

Greenwood, May 20.—Official estimate of demonstration agent and county officials place damage from a severe hail storm last evening in this county at \$50,000. A strip nine miles long and five miles wide around Hodges was made bare of all growing crops by the storm. All cotton will have to be planted over. Fruit trees had bark beaten off by force of hail.

Off On a Vacation

Miss Annice Alexander, the efficient manager of the Western Union office at Camden has gone to spend a weeks vacation at her former home at Statesville, N. C. During her absence the office will be in charge of Mr. F. C. Spencer, of Oxford, N. C., relief man for this district of the Western Union.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Kirkland, Misses Ellen Boykin and Nan DeLoach and Mr. Rufus Thurman have returned from a trip to New York, Washington, Richmond and other points. The trip was made by auto.

Corporal Villepigue Honors State.

Corporal John Cantey Villepigue by his gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty, has not only won distinguished honors for himself—he has honored his State.

In war, certainly in war as Americans wage it, it is no distinction to be brave. This terrific war, by calling upon men to exert themselves as soldiers had never before been summoned to do in equal measure, has revealed to us that very few men are really cowards when confronted by peril and urged to duty—"So night is grandeur to our dust." But the true moral hero is still rare enough to be chosen out of the multitude for special honor.

It is for this reason—knowing that all American fighters are brave and strong to the end—that the order uses the well-known and inspiring clause, "above and beyond the call of duty."

"England"—and every country expects every man to do his duty. If that were all, we should have hosts of good, honest, clean, valiant fighters, but no true heroes.

Corporal Villepigue did more than his duty. And South Carolina, mother of heroes, is proud of the honor that is being conferred upon him today—pride of the respect and honor he has already won throughout his country and wherever his name and his deed of sacrifice and pure valor are known.

The Corporal comes of fighting stock, the courageous strain in his veins flowing on both sides of his family from the heroic blood of General Richardson of Revolutionary fame. Four of the six generals that Camden, his own home, gave to the Confederacy, were his ancestors. He could hardly be other-wise than courageous. And sheer, clean courage was his starting point. His goal was duty and sacrifice—the true guardian of heroes.

The Congressional Medal, which General Read will award him today, was devised to mark such heroic services as Corporal Villepigue performed. No hero of the war deserved it more or has won it by more daring and self-sacrificing devotion to duty.—Monday's State.

DR. R. E. STEVENSON
DENTIST
Crocker Building
Camden, S. C.

Go To The Polls Next Tuesday and Vote for Good Roads

Suppose, Mr. Kershaw County Farmer, that any banker in Camden should say to you: "Improve your farm. For every dollar you spend in permanent improvements, I will absolutely give you another one to put in said improvements." You would certainly accept this liberal proposition. The United States Government says this to DeKalb Township, and to any other county or township for that matter. The progressive citizens of the county, those who favor advancement in Road Building, are in favor of accepting this offer. The issue is to be determined by ballot on

TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 1919

Where Do You Stand, Mr. Voter?

THE ISSUE IN A NUTSHELL IS THIS: If DeKalb Township votes an issue of Bonds for \$60,000 for the purpose of building permanent highways, then Uncle Sam donates us \$68,000 more. In addition, the Federal Government supplies us with Tractors, Scrapes, Picks, Shovels and other Road Building machinery and utensils FREE OF COST. How can we afford to neglect so great an opportunity?

The Camden Chamber of Commerce