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## LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN OPENS NEXT SATURDAY

Preparations Being Made For Great Drive

LARGE FORCE OF SPEAKERS

Men Well Known in Public Life to Make Speaking Tours and Twenty-Four War Exhibit Trains will Feature the Campaign, Counties and Townships are Organized.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The speaking campaign on behalf of the fourth Liberty loan, which opens formally next Saturday, will start tomorrow in many parts of the country with more than 100,000 men and women prepared to make addresses in theaters, schools, churches, on street corners and from automobiles in rural districts.

The corps of house speakers assembled for the fourth loan is the largest ever organized for any propaganda in this country. Forty thousand four-minute men, 29,000 others working, and at least 50,000 volunteer speakers enrolled by local organizations—this is the army of campaigners who will tell from the platform the reasons why Americans must buy bonds.

Many communities decided to start their campaigns before the nominal opening day to give the loan momentum which otherwise it might not acquire until the second or third week. A special reason urging this purpose is that the entire subscription period will be only three weeks, instead of the usual four weeks.

A unique feature of the speaking campaign is the organization in country communities. Practically every county and township in the United States has a staff of speakers who will travel in automobiles from village to village, stopping at cross roads and school houses.

Each of the 24 war exhibit trains which will travel from town to town also is to carry a squad of speakers, including many American and allied soldiers recently returned from the fighting front. Sgt. Ruth Farnum, an American woman who has fought with the Serbian armies, will be one of these.

Among the speakers booked from Washington headquarters are Vice President Marshall, Secretaries Daniels, Lane and McAdoo, former President Taft, James W. Gerard, William J. Bryan, William Allen White, Abram I. Elkus, John Burke, treasurer of the United States, Opie Read, Augustus Thomas and Meredith Nicholson.

**Sam Riddle's Home Burned.**

The home of Mr. Sam Riddle, about three miles east of Owings, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday night and all of its contents lost. Mr. Riddle and family were aroused by the noise and heat of the flames and barely escaped with their lives. His daughter and a visitor, Miss Leah Riddle, were caught on the second story and had to escape in night attire by jumping from the piazza roof. Mr. Riddle himself got out safely at first, but returned to secure his clothing and was painfully hurt when he ran into a large mirror which he mistook for a door or window. It is thought that the fire started from a stroke of lightning as a fierce storm was raging at the time. Practically no insurance was carried on the building or contents.

**Armstrong Concert Wednesday.**

The concert given in the school auditorium Wednesday evening by Miss Marie Tiffany and accompanist, was pronounced one of the most charming ever heard in Laurens. Miss Tiffany fairly captivated her audience with her rare soprano voice and gracious manner. The concert was given under the auspices of Messrs. Fleming Brothers, agents for the Edison phonograph, and to them the audience is indebted for the evening's splendid entertainment.

**Service Flag Unveiled.**

A service flag in honor of the soldiers who have gone from the Watts Mills Methodist church was unveiled Sunday evening. The services consisted of patriotic and religious songs and a splendid address by Mr. W. L. Gray. Rev. W. L. Mulliken presided over the exercises.

INFLUENZA SEEN IN CAMPS OF ARMY

Cases Found at Twenty-five Points, Fresh Reports Made.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Spanish influenza has made its appearance in at least 25 army camps over the country, Surgeon General Gorgas announced tonight that the total number of cases has increased to 20,211, including the 2,225 new cases reported up to noon today.

Seven camps reported influenza for the first time today as follows: Sevier, S. C., 2; Green, N. C., 1; Taylor, Ky., 87; Colt, Pa., 32; Grant, Ill., 70; Sherman, Ohio, 1; Pike, Ark., 1.

Other camps reported new cases today as follows:

McClellan, Ala., 7; Gordon, Ga., 124; Syracuse, N. Y., 160; Devens, Mass., 863; Munston, Kan., 70; Humphreys, Va., 56; Lee, Va., 161; Lewis, Wash., 22; Meade, Mr., 89; Hoboken, N. J., 297; Dix, N. J., 179; and miscellaneous posts, 32.

The epidemic continues most severe at Camp Devens, Mass., General Gorgas said. The total number of cases reported from that camp up to noon today was 10,709. Camp Dix with 1,879 cases is second in point of seriousness. At Camp Devens the number of pneumonia cases is high, 421 new cases having been reported during the past four days.

The total number of influenza cases by camps, excluding the camps reporting today for the first time, follows:

Logan, Texas, 175; McClellan, Ala., 11; Syracuse, 596; Devens, 10,700; Dix, 1,879; Munston, 181; Gordon, 419; Humphreys, 269; Jackson, S. C., 791; E. Johnson, Fla., 14; Lee, 1,819; Meade, 233; Lewis, 50; Travis, Texas, 37; Upton, N. Y., 1,141; Newport News, Va., 21; Hoboken, 1,417; Edgewood, Ariz., 188 and miscellaneous posts, 118.

HEROES IN GRAY SHOW NEW BANNER

Service Flag Unfurled at Reunion, Many Stars Shown.

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 23.—A badge of honor linking the men who fought in the Confederate army with the present war in Europe will be unfurled tomorrow at the opening of the 28th reunion of the United Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Veterans. It will be a mammoth service flag containing 147,000 stars, each representing one son of the South who is at present in active service. The flag will be presented to the Confederate Veterans by the Colorado representatives. The presentation will be the chief function of the opening session of the reunion, which will be held by the Sons of Veterans tomorrow night. There is not a camp in the entire South that is not represented generously on the new flag.

Gen. T. M. Vanzandt of Fort Worth, Texas, commander of the Trans-Mississippi department, will be in charge of the proceedings in the absence of Gen. George P. Harrison, commander in chief, whose ill health prevented his attendance. General Vanzandt in all probability will be elected commander in chief. He was generally conceded about headquarters.

Tomorrow night's session will be the first big public meeting of the reunion. It will be largely social in its nature and devoted to the presentation of the official ladies of both the Veterans and the Sons.

The first meeting of the veterans will be held Wednesday morning when the reunion will be welcomed by Gov. R. L. Williams. General Vanzandt will respond to the address of welcome.

**Two Houses Burned Sunday.**

Fire which originated in the rear of one of Charlie Duckett's houses in the western section of the city Sunday morning about 10 o'clock destroyed that house and the one adjoining it also owned by Charlie Duckett. The former house was occupied by Ad Byrd and the latter by Rev. Moore, all colored. Rev. Moore succeeded in saving most of his household effects, but Ad Byrd lost practically all of his belongings. It is thought that the fire originated on the roof of the kitchen from flying sparks. The fire department was able to do but little work on account of the distance of the hydrants.

WOMAN WORKERS ORGANIZE FOR LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Committees are Appointed to Canvas People in Each School District.

At a meeting of the Woman's Council of Defense held for the purpose of re-organization, in the Court House last Wednesday, Mrs. R. L. Gray, who is the County Chairman for Laurens County, appointed a chairman for each school district. These chairmen are asked to select and secure as many helpers as in their judgment will be needed to properly canvass their territory. The following committees were appointed for each district:

**Laurens Township.**  
Trinity-Ridge—Mrs. Guy Smith.  
Prospect—Mrs. Kate Wofford.  
Woodrow Wilson—Mrs. Z. R. Traynam.  
Bailey—Mrs. B. E. Blakely.  
Watts Mill School—Mrs. Harold C. Smith.

Fleming School—Miss Belle Burns.  
Copeland School—Mrs. J. A. Martin.  
Pea Ridge School—Miss Eddie Sloan.

**Youngs Township.**  
Youngs No. 1—Ebenezer and Patton Schools—Mrs. Palmer Patton.  
Friendship—Mrs. Ralph Bobo.  
Riddles Old Field—Mrs. Parry Owings.

Warrior—Mrs. S. M. Benjamin.  
Bethany—Mrs. Sallie Stewart.  
Greys—Mrs. E. F. Fincher.  
Central—Mrs. J. O. Garrett.  
Youngs—Miss Lucie Cox.

**Sculltown Township.**  
Landor—Mrs. C. L. Waldrep.  
Ora—Miss Belle Byrd.  
Long Branch—Mrs. G. W. Cunningham.

**Dials Township.**  
Mugrove—Mrs. W. M. Myers.  
Langston—Mrs. T. P. Poole.  
Sandy Springs—Mrs. Frank Little.

**Gray Court-Owings—Mrs. R. O. Ham.**  
Green Pond—Mrs. Dee Woods.  
Eden—Mrs. Walker Gray.  
Shiloh—Mrs. Clyde Wilson.  
Harmony—Mrs. V. A. White.  
Barksdale—Mrs. W. W. Yeargin.

**Sullivan Township.**  
Dials—Mrs. Cecil Owings.  
Merna—Mrs. Brooks Nash.  
Princeton—Mrs. J. F. Davis.  
Mt. Bethel—Miss Ethel Cook.  
Poplar Springs—Mrs. Alma Pitts.  
Brewerton—Mrs. G. B. Taylor.  
Hickory Tavern—Mrs. Sloan Mahon.

**Waterloo Township.**  
Waterloo—Mrs. Mary H. Harris.  
Mt. Gallagher—Mrs. J. C. Martin.  
Bethlehem—Mrs. J. E. McDaniel.  
Ekona—Mrs. L. C. Culbertson.  
Center Point—Mrs. G. W. Moore.  
Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. J. W. Fowler.  
Mt. Olive—Mrs. W. L. Cooper.

**Cross Hill Township.**  
Cross Hill—Mrs. Conway Dial.  
Long View—Mrs. R. L. Cole.  
Pine Bluff—Mrs. W. B. Coats.  
Wade—Mrs. S. H. Gorgans.  
Old Mountville—Mrs. T. J. Coleman.

**Hunter Township.**  
Clinton—Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Jr.  
Goldville—Mrs. Geo. A. Browning.  
Lisboa—Mrs. W. L. Teague.  
Rock Bridge—Mrs. W. Watts Davis.  
Rock—Mrs. M. D. Smith.  
Wadsworth—Mrs. H. B. Workman.  
Bellevue—Mrs. M. A. Cannon.  
Mountville—Miss Marie V. Stokes.

**Jacks Township.**  
Jacksonville—Mrs. Job Simpson.  
Shady Grove—Mrs. C. E. Johnson.  
Stomp Springs—Mrs. W. S. Riser.  
Beano—Mrs. J. H. Bell.  
O'Dell—  
Huntington—  
Hurricane—Mrs. L. L. Copeland.

**Laurens School District.**  
Mrs. S. M. Wilkes, Chairman.  
Square—Mrs. B. L. Jones, Mrs. L. G. Balle, Mrs. H. K. Aiken, Mrs. J. H. Teague, Miss Doherty Dorroh, Miss Sara Dorroh.

South Harper Street—Mrs. Virginia Calne, Mrs. Brooks Swygert, Mrs. Haskell Sanders, Mrs. John Hudgens.  
Main Street—Miss Maimie Ferguson, Mrs. Sallie Nickels, Mrs. W. H. Dial, Mrs. W. L. Gray.

North Harper Street—Mrs. J. O. C. Fleming, Mrs. K. F. Fleming.  
Irby Hill—Mrs. Vance Irby, Mrs. Marvin Wolf.

Stregaves, Church and Hampton Streets and Glass Factory—Mrs. Crisp, Mrs. Warren Bell, Mrs. L. B. Blackwell, Miss Hannah Royal.

Brooklyn—Mrs. J. McD. Moore, Mrs. Fleming Smith.  
Sullivan, East Main and Gordon Streets—Miss Ruth Easterby, Miss Esther Fowler.  
Laurens Cotton Mill—Miss Thames,

POLLOCK AND DIAL TO FIND WELCOME

Washington Prepared to Greet South Carolinians, Benet Makes Friends.

(By P. H. McGowan in "The State")  
Washington, Sept. 23.—Just as Washington recently gave Senator Christie Benet a warm welcome when he began his official duties in the senate, so it is prepared to extend the same welcome to the next senators to come from South Carolina, W. P. Pollock and N. B. Dial.

There is much interest in both these new men. Mr. Pollock is not unknown in Washington. His excellent work in helping to defeat the Blease forces in 1914 and 1918 have already had their effect. The title "gamecock" senator as he is known in Washington has already made a name for himself which has gone ahead of him and when he comes to the national capital to begin his official work he is certain to find a welcome hand extended him. All the world loves a fighter and Mr. Pollock has not failed to get his name in this class.

Mr. Dial is personally better known although he is a frequent visitor to Washington. He is noted in ways and democratic in his manner and temper, and has never exhibited the tendency of pulling out. His seat in senate before being elected, with good judgment he waited for some else, in this case the South Carolina voters to perform this act for him.

Mr. Dial will be long this way about March 1 and will probably go to the front on the arm of his colleague, Senator Smith, and take the oath of office as the junior senator from the proud old State of his birth. Laurens should send on a Mr. delegation of her loyal sons to make that day, March 1, a memorable one in her history. Washington will welcome Mr. Dial and South Carolina, especially Laurens, should be on hand to celebrate the event.

However, until Mr. Pollock and Mr. Dial get here Senator Benet, it must be remembered is making more friends each day. Though he is a young man to hold so responsible a position as United States senator, he is making a fine name for both himself and his State. South Carolina can not be too proud of Benet, Pollock and Dial.

SPANISH INFLUENZA IN TOWN.

Chapel Exercises Dispensed with in Schools and Moving Picture Show Closed.

The incidence of Spanish influenza having reached Laurens and eight or nine cases being definitely recognized by the physicians of the city, the board of health took action yesterday to prevent the spread and infection of other people. Orders were issued to dispense with chapel exercises in all the schools of the city and the moving picture show was ordered closed. Another entertainment which was to have been held at the graded school tomorrow evening was also ordered indefinitely postponed.

Dr. R. E. Hughes, chairman of the board of health, stated last night that the schools and churches would not be closed for the present but that action would be withheld pending developments.

Cotton Pickers Price Suggested.

The Laurens County Advisory Labor Committee met with full attendance at the Court House Monday, Sept. 23, at 3 P. M. After full discussion a resolution was passed that \$1.00 per hundred be the uniform price for picking cotton while the season is good and till another meeting decides on a higher price. Each member of the committee is to call a meeting in his school district and endeavor to get employers and laborers to agree on this price, which the committee hoped will, while just to the laborer, stabilize the situation for all.

Little Interest in Election.

Very little interest was shown in the primary election yesterday to nominate a candidate for comptroller general. Six boxes were heard from last night which gave Osborne 215 to Elmore's 127. A very small vote was cast in the county. No returns were received from Columbia last night.

Miss Annie Simpson, Miss Lala Dial, Colored Branch of Red Cross, Jersey—Mrs. Janie Maxwell.

Four Hundred—Mrs. Janie Williams, Possum Hollow—Miss Mary Wederman.

## DISASTERS OVERTAKING ARMIES OF TEUTON POWERS

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETS AT NEW PROSPECT

Homes Have Been Provided for the Delegates and Full Representation is Expected.

The twenty-second annual session of the Laurens Baptist Association will be held this year with the New Prospect Church, beginning Tuesday, October 1st, at half past ten o'clock. At this hour Rev. Graves L. Knight will preach the Association sermon and it is earnestly requested that every delegate be present at the very beginning.

Following the sermon the annual organization will be perfected. The present officers are as follows: C. B. Bobo, Moderator; W. P. Culbertson and W. A. Baldwin, Clerks; C. H. Roper and M. J. Owings, Treasurer.

These officers request that a full delegation be sent from every church. The place of meeting being in the central part of the county, it is expected that this request will be complied with.

New Prospect has provided homes for the delegates during the association, the assignments being as follows: Beaverdam—E. L. Brown.

Belleview—C. P. Finley.  
Bethabara—A. W. Chapman.  
Bethany—N. M. Martin.  
Bethel—T. S. Langston.  
Calvary—J. Q. Brown.  
Chester Ridge—Mrs. May Madden.  
Clinton—J. W. Martin.  
Cross Hill—B. Y. Culbertson.  
Deplin Creek—J. M. Dean.  
Friendship—Mrs. Cora Madden.  
Goldville—G. H. Finley.  
Gray Court—W. L. Teague.  
Harmony—W. S. Power.  
Henderson—L. W. Martin.  
Highland Home—J. H. Power.  
Holly Grove—N. L. Langston.  
Laurens—J. R. Williams.  
Langston—J. C. Benjamin.  
First Laurens—J. Q. Brown.  
Second Laurens—W. T. Benjamin.  
Lucas Avenue—Jno. R. Finley.  
Lydia—Mrs. Etta Cunningham.  
Mt. Gallagher—P. W. Finley.  
Mt. Olive—W. H. Hudgens.  
Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. P. H. Martin.  
Mountville—E. L. Brown.  
New Prospect—

Dozer Springs—J. D. Culbertson.  
Princeton—J. D. Culbertson.  
Tabern—T. B. Brown.  
Union—T. L. Finley.  
Warrior Creek—J. A. Wofford.  
Waterloo—T. S. Langston.  
Representatives—J. H. Power.

**DEATH OF R. L. STODDARD.**

For Many Years an Elder and Member of New Harmony Presbyterian Church.

Mr. R. L. Stoddard, a highly respected citizen of the Owings section, died at his home Saturday after a long illness. The funeral was held at New Harmony Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Matheson and Rev. Garrett, of Sumter. A large number of friends and relatives attended the last rites.

Mr. Stoddard was 52 years of age and is survived by his wife and five children, as follows: Louis, of Duncan, S. C.; Lander, Willis, and Jamie, of Owing; and Mrs. Smith, of Duncan. The deceased had been a devout member of the New Harmony Presbyterian church for many years and for about twelve years had been an elder and constant worker in the church.

**Doctors Volunteer for Lectures.**

At a meeting of the county medical society, held here Monday morning, the doctors of the county volunteered their services as a body to give lectures on sanitation and personal hygiene in the schools of the county. Schools desiring their services are advised to communicate by letter with Dr. W. T. Pace, of Gray Court, who will arrange the program.

**Kidnap "Uncle Jim."**

Dudley Young has returned from a two weeks' business trip to Laurens. He says that he is glad to return to "home," the best town in the world.—Tatney Ledger.

**Methodist Church Notes.**

Rev. R. E. Turnipseed will preach at 11:30 and hold the Fourth Quarterly Conference. In the evening the pastor will preach on "The Two Thieves."

Allies Advance on Every Field

TURKS LOSE TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND

The Last Week of Fighting has Seen the Forces of the Allies Victorious on Every Field. Serbians with British and French Allies Pushing Turks and Bulgars.

(By Associated Press, Sept. 21.)

Disaster has overtaken the armies of the Teutonic allies on all fields.

In Palestine the Turks are all but absolutely crushed; in Macedonia the entente forces are harrying their foes and threatening them with similar disaster; in France the British and French troops slowly but surely are cutting their way into the vitals of the German defensive positions, the collapse of which would result in important changes all along the western battle front and in eastern Siberia and the Japanese have made additional strides forward in the process of reclaiming that territory for the Russians.

In all the theaters of the war the entente allies have the initiative in their hands and are pressing their advantage vigorously. The Germans and their allies nowhere are able to do more than stand on the defensive. And in Palestine and Macedonia, their efforts in this respect have proved sorry ones.

From north of Jerusalem to the sea of Galilee in the territory lying between the river Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea, the Ottoman forces have been caught by the swift drive of the British armies and virtually annihilated. Added to the heavy casualties suffered by the Turks, hordes of them were made prisoner and many more are wandering, bewildered, without leaders, in the hills eventually to be brought in to swell the great total. At last accounts more than 25,000 of the sultan's soldiers and 260 guns and large quantities of war stores were in British hands.

To add to the demoralization of the Turkish morale, allied aviators are carrying out successful bombing raids against Constantinople.

Over a front of 80 miles in southern Serbia from Monastir to Lake Lelan, the entente troops are vigorously assailing the Bulgarians and the Germans. Already in the swift drive great supplies have been punched by the Serbians across the Uskub-Prilep Road, severing communications between the Bulgarian army northeast of Monastir and that in the Lake Doiran region. Unofficial reports are to the effect that the Serbs have taken between 9,000 and 10,000 prisoners and 120 guns.

In the region between Monastir and the Vardar the enemy troops are in full retreat before the Italians, French and Serbian while west of Doiran the British are steadily hammering their way forward, driving the enemy northward toward the Bulgarian frontier. Already the enemy line from Doiran to a point west of the vardar has been evacuated. This force of the enemy, with the railroad to the north severed, seemingly is in danger of an enveloping movement unless it turns sharply eastward and presses into Bulgaria through the mountains.

Not so spectacular, but of vital importance, have been the operations of the French and British from the south of St. Quentin to Cambrai. Both the French general, Deboney, and Field Marshal Haig have won highly essential ground in the maneuvers which have as their object the obliteration of the Hindenburg line, the capture of St. Quentin and the turning of the German line at Laon. South of St. Quentin the French have advanced their line to the west bank of the Oise Canal over a front of three miles and now completely outflank St. Quentin on the south and La Ferté on the north. Meanwhile, Field Marshal Haig, north of St. Quentin, around the village of Epehy, has taken strong positions from the enemy.

In eastern Siberia, the Japanese have captured Blazovieschensk, capital of the province of Amur, and also the town of Alexievsk. Two thousand Austro-German troops surrendered.