

**ACTS TO PREVENT DISLOYALTY**

**GOVERNOR INSTRUCTS SHERIFF TO REPORT ANY CASES TO HIM.**

Columbus, April 7.—Gov. Manning has instructed South Carolina sheriffs to report immediately any cases of disloyalty. The governor also offered a reward of \$50 in each case for the apprehension and conviction of persons who are violating negro laws to leave the State.

The order has been received concerning the mobilization of the National Guard.

A number of men moved to one address Sunday. William Benjamin and William Havin, Sumter.

**BRITISH START DRIVE.**

**NEW OFFENSIVE ON TEN MILE FRONT ON ARRAS FRONT.**

Entirely New Phase of Operations Opened by British Attack on Wide Front North of Line of Recent German Retreat—German Lines Penetrated at All Points.

New York, April 9.—An entirely new phase of operations opened with the British report of an attack on a ten mile front between Lens and Arras. The British announce that they penetrated the German lines and made satisfactory progress at all points. This section lies directly north of the recent German retreat. The British attacking in the direction of Cambrai stormed the villages of Hermes and Boursies and penetrated Havrincourt wood. While in the direction of St. Quentin the British took Fresnoy-Le-Petit and advanced South of Le-Verguler.

**BIG COTTON SALES.**

**C. P. EXUM BUYS 1,322 BALES FROM L. D. JENNINGS.**

Price Paid is Twenty Cents Round, Amounting to Nearly \$150,000—Highest Sale Ever Made in Sumter.

The biggest sale of cotton ever made in Sumter was that consummated yesterday, when the cotton holdings of Mayor L. D. Jennings amounting to 1,322, was sold out at twenty cents round to C. P. Exum, local buyer for Gordon McCabe & Company of Charleston.

The cotton graded slightly under middling and the amount paid was said to have been nearly \$150,000. The cotton is stored in warehouses here and at Mr. Jennings' farms near town. Mr. Jennings has been holding on to his cotton crop for three years for higher prices. He finally set a price which he secured by the sale today. Mr. Jennings himself is ill with typhoid fever and unable to attend to any business, but of course authorized the sale.

**P. G. Bowman Buys Lots of 600 and 200 Bales, Respectively.**

Mr. P. G. Bowman yesterday made two purchases of lots of cotton of considerable size. One was a lot of 600 bales and the other of 200 bales. The price paid for the 600 bale lot was 20 1-2 cents, basis middling, and for the 200 bale lot the price was 20 1-4, basis middling. The high price being paid for cotton recently has had a strong tendency to move it and many of the farmers who have been holding their cotton crops for two and three years have sold out at good prices and big profits.

Some of the cotton bought by Mr. Bowman is stored here, while other parts of it is stored elsewhere, but will be shipped here for weighing.

**MAY ENTER WAR.**

Other American Nations Are on Brink of War With Germany. New York, April 9.—Today's dispatches point to the probability of other American nations joining the United States in the war with Germany.

Brazil, according to advices from South America, is trembling on the brink of war. A German submarine has sunk the Brazilian steamer Parana with the loss of three members of the crew. Anti-German feeling is reported to be intense in Rio Janeiro. Havana dispatches forecast Cuba's entry into the war.

French have made additional gains near Landricourt, and have recaptured a number of the positions the Germans occupied yesterday near Rheims.

**NEGROES CALLED TO REMEDY.**

**R. W. Westberry, President of County Farmers' Union Leading Campaign for Food Preparedness.**

To The Colored Farmers of Sumter County:

The war is on with Germany and the food supply of this country is short, especially in the South.

We are forced to defend ourselves against the German submarine warfare, and probably she may land soldiers in our country; and many of our bread-makers will have to stop making bread and fight for their lives; and no man can fight well with a hungry stomach.

Gen. Napoleon said on one occasion that his army was like serpents—they moved on their stomachs.

Food is the greatest problem in the time of war; for without food the soldiers cannot carry arms.

Now, because of the war we should increase our grain crop at once; for I believe corn will be \$2.00 per bushel in a few months and meat will be 30 cents per pound. Don't wait to be forced to plant more corn and other grains and raise more hogs, but start now. Every farmer should increase his food crop: such as potatoes, garden vegetables, peas, corn, sorghum, cane, syrup cane and peanuts.

The cotton acreage should be reduced in order to give more acreage for the food crops. In order to thoroughly discuss the situation a farmers' meeting is called at E. W. Westberry's office, 15 N. Main street, Thursday, April 12, 1917 at 12 o'clock sharp. Don't fail to be present.

Yours truly,

R. W. Westberry, President County Farmers' Union.

As a result of the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, held in Sumter, Saturday, April 7, 1917, I am instructed to speak to the colored farmers of Sumter county concerning the food situation in this county. I will be pleased to meet all the farmers, both men and women at the following places:

- Mayesville Township.**  
Monday, April 9 at 8:00 p. m.—Goodwill Presbyterian church, Rev. I. D. Davis, pastor.
- Shiloh Township.**  
Tuesday, April 10 at 5:00 p. m.—St. John M. E. Church.
- Asbury A. M. E. Church, Rev. B. J. Tilman, pastor.**
- Providence Township.**  
Wednesday, April 11 at 2:00 p. m.—Ebenezer Presbyterian church, Rev. M. J. Jackson, pastor.
- Rafting Creek Township.**  
Wednesday, April 11 at 5:00 p. m.—Bethel Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Dow, pastor.
- Wednesday, April 11 at 8:00 p. m.—Hagood. Mr. T. B. Wright in charge.**
- Middleton Township.**  
Thursday, April 12 at 5:00 p. m.—Wedgfield, Mr. R. H. Richardson in charge.
- Manchester Township.**  
Thursday, April 12 at 8:00 p. m.—Bibb Hill school, Mr. J. R. Mitchell in charge.
- Concord Township.**  
Friday, April 13 at 2:00 p. m.—St. Paul Church, Rev. McKenzie Harrison pastor.
- Friday, April 13 at 4:00 p. m.—Mulberry Baptist church, Rev. I. W. Williams, pastor.**
- Privateer Township.**  
Monday, April 16 at 8 p. m.—Enon Cross Road Baptist church, Rev. E. W. Dix, pastor.
- Stateburg Township.**  
Tuesday, April 17 at 9 a. m.—St. Luke and St. Paul School, Mr. H. C. DeLeon, principal.
- Tuesday, April 17 at 12 Noon—Stateburg, Mrs. Hattie Taylor, principal.**
- Tuesday, April 17 at 4 p. m.—High Hill, Mrs. Florence Dixon, principal.**
- Tuesday, April 17 at 8 p. m.—Westberry school, Mrs. W. S. Williams, principal.**
- Sumter Township.**  
Wednesday, April 18 at 2 p. m.—A. M. E. Church, Mayesville, Rev. M. J. Sumter, pastor.
- Wednesday, April 18 at 8 p. m.—St. A. M. E. Church.**
- Thursday, April 19 at 2:00 p. m.—Horatio, Mr. C. J. Jackson in charge.**
- Thursday, April 19 at 8 p. m.—Allen Chapel, Rev. E. P. Butler, pastor.**

The following instructors will assist R. W. Westberry in their respective localities: Ransom Wright, Claremont section; T. B. Wright, Hagood and Rembert sections; R. H. Richardson, Wedgfield and Stateburg sections; Harkless Gaines, Horatio and High Hill sections; Seymour Howard, Catchal land Providence section; C. W. Prince, Mayesville and Shiloh township, and Rev. C. L. Brogdon, Privateer township.

The following letter has been sent to representative negro farmers of all sections of the county for the purpose of making them acquainted with the plan of campaign outlined by the Committee of Public Safety and to



Photo by Apoll, N. Y. SIGNOR GIUSEPPE CREATORE.

**CREATORE AND HIS BAND.**

Will Be one of the Big Attractions at Sumter's 1917 Chautauqua.

The great Creatore will accompany his band and direct it in person at the evening concert on the seventh day of the Redpath Chautauqua in this city. Two concerts will be given, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Creatore is without doubt the most unique personality among band leaders today. Magnetic, dramatic, a veritable whirlwind when directing, he imparts to his men and his audiences a kindred fervor that is almost hypnotic in its effects. He sweeps his audiences off their feet. His band is great because it is Creatore who is leading. His leading is the secret of his success. In speaking of his work the Boston Globe says: "It represents sheer abandonment by a passionate nature, to the emotions of music. Creatore is an Italian—he throws reserve to the winds—and there you are. The audience watches the wonderful leader even as his men

do. There is no show-off, Creatore evidently and beyond the possibility of mistake by even the blindest, feels every motion to which he gives expression," and the Boston Transcript remarked of him that "no conductor who has yet appeared in Symphony Hall has ever secured such sounds of thunder, such amazing variations of rhythm as has Creatore. He has set Boston music-mad, as it is stated he did in New York. He is not only the most picturesque of conductors that ever was seen here, but he is beside a masterly leader of men."

Creatore will have thirty picked men with him, all of whom have been with him for several years. In addition to them Miss Ethel Harrington will appear as soloist. She is a vocalist of great ability. She has starred in the principal theatres of Europe. She has appeared in leading roles in opera in Rome, Naples, Milan, Athens and other leading cities on the continent. Creatore's Band promises to be one of the biggest and most popular events of the Chautauqua this year.

enlist their interest and cooperation in the effort that is being made to safeguard Sumter county against a shortage of food next winter:

To the Colored Farmers:

I enclose a copy of the appeal to farmers of Sumter county to plant an abundance of food crops so as to make this county entirely self-supporting. A meeting was held at Chamber of Commerce on April 7th, and the Committee of Public Safety for Sumter county organized to warn our people, white and colored, the farmers particularly of their patriotic and practical duty to themselves, their families and their county during the crisis confronting our country, and the threatened food famine in the South because of the shortage of the last food producing harvest, and the big demand to be made upon this country by the warring nations for food crops.

The principal thing to do now is to impress upon the farmers, colored farmers particularly, the great need for planting, not only food crops for their own use, but for others as everybody will need these food products for man and beast, and the demand will be so great that the surplus food crops can be disposed of at big profits.

I am appealing to you, as one of the representative and industrious colored citizens of your community to use your influence to get your people to plant, plant, plant, every foot of ground possible in life sustaining food crops for man and beast because the South, and by the South I mean Sumter county, will undoubtedly suffer hunger unless this is done immediately.

Won't you cooperate with R. W. Westberry, who has been employed by the Sumter County Public Safety Committee to organize the colored farmers, getting your people to attend the meetings to be addressed by him, and the white citizens of your township committee, and assist him and the white people also to induce your race to prepare against threatened famine.

W. T. Andrews, Esquire, who with R. W. Westberry, are leaders of the colored people in this section, are cooperating with us. Won't you come in to Sumter Chamber of Commerce, second floor City National Bank building, and talk this matter over with

me? Please distribute the circulars I send under separate cover, among your colored neighbors, and urge them all to pull together to avoid actual hunger by planting plenty of food crops?

This is a time when white and colored must work together to save the nation, the county, and the State, and to ward off much suffering in the shape of hunger and want for man and beast. We must "Grow Food or go Hungry" beyond any doubt. Do your full duty as a patriotic colored citizen and help the white people to help the county and our country.

Yours truly,  
E. I. Reardon,  
Secretary Sumter County Public Safety Committee.

**CUBA MAY DECLARE WAR.**

Habana, April 5.—The belief is expressed here by high government officials that Cuba will follow the lead of the United States government if the American congress passes the resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. In this event Cuba will at once place her army and naval forces at the disposal of the United States.

The belief is also expressed that if Cuba should declare that a state of war exists between the island republic and Germany, President Menocal will recommend to congress the passage of a law making service in the national militia obligatory on all Cuban citizens of military age who are physically fit. From these men the ranks of the regular army and navy would be filled.

**TO LET WOMEN VOTE.**

London, April 5.—Women will be allowed to vote in the elections to the constituent assembly in Russia, says Reuter's Petrograd correspondent. The correspondent adds that Prince Lvoff, premier in the provisional government, has so informed a deputation of women who waited upon him.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

R. W. Westberry to John W. Kershaw, tract of 12 acres in Stateburg township, \$400.  
Maude P. Lynam to Thomas B. Suber, lot on Sumter street, \$1,700.  
McCallum Realty Company to Fannie E. Holladay, lot on Salem Avenue, \$2,300.

**ADVANCE SALE OF SEASON TICKETS**

For the **Big Redpath Chautauqua Week**

**7 DAYS OF BIG ATTRACTIONS**

including the Great Creatore and His Band, and

A COMPANY OF THIRTY in the Light Opera "The Mikado"

In arranging to inaugurate this Chautauqua this year the management brought 1,000

These tickets will be sold while they last at \$2.50 each.

At the opening day no season tickets can be had for less than \$2.00. For the single admissions to the respective entertainments see the official program. Season tickets are nontransferable except within the owner's family. The name of some member of the family must be written in ink upon every season ticket. This provision is made primarily as a protection to the owner in case the ticket should be lost. Children's tickets admit children aged six to fourteen years inclusive. All children are admitted to the children's work free.

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**The Great Creatore and His Band**

**30 People—Mikado Light Opera Company (All Star Cast)—30 People**

**The Bohemian Orchestra**

**Efficiency Day**

**The Oratorio Artists**

**Indian Princess Watahwaso**

**Mario Mayer, the Mary Magdalene of the Passion Play**

**Great Lectures**

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