

# Coming on the Big Redpath Chautauqua



APRIL 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 1917.

## MADAME BLOTCKY'S CONCERT.

MUSIC LOVERS OF SUMTER DELIGHTED WITH SPARTANBURG SINGER.

Planning Program Rendered by Artist and Her Assistants, Who are Heartily Appreciated—Philharmonic Club Grateful at Success of Their Entertainment.

It is seldom that the people of Sumter have the opportunity of hearing such delightful music as that which was rendered last night at the opera house by Mrs. Annae Kramer Blotcky and her very efficient assistants. The Philharmonic Club was furnished with their entertainment and assisted at the reception which Sumter gave the visiting artists. The club was also gratified at the success of the entertainment from other viewpoints. The attendance was excellent and the receipts were accordingly large.

Madame Blotcky proved herself one of the greatest vocal artists who have ever come to Sumter. The tones of her mezzo-soprano voice are smooth and rich, and her interpretation of the carefully selected program was a revelation to many of her audience. Although Mrs. Blotcky has sung at a number of places in this State, the Hartsville and Spartanburg festivals among them, this is the first time that she has ever been in Sumter and that many Sumter people have heard her. All who were heard to express themselves after the concert were delighted. Her encores were charming simple numbers calculated to relieve a serious program from monotony and to make more popular, as anyone, whether a student of music or not, could appreciate their lighter numbers.

Miss Marie Epton is a young artist with a winning talent and a sweet smile, which adds to her attractiveness. Her part of the program was decidedly pleasing to all.

Prof. Carl Jean Tolman, head of the music department of Coker College, played one selection and was recalled for another. His interpretation and touch were magnificent and his numbers were strong features of the program. Prof. Tolman made a statement concerning the music festival which will be held at Hartsville this spring. He assured his audience that it would be better than ever before with Anna Case, the greatest and most beautiful prima donna in America, as the leading attraction. There would also be other excellent attractions. He apologized to Mrs. Blotcky for assuming a place on her program and assured her and the Philharmonic Club that he appreciated being allowed to make his statement and to participate in the concert.

Miss Ethel Green of this city was the capable accompanist of Mrs. Blotcky.

At the conclusion of the program Mr. I. C. Strauss stated that Mrs. Blotcky requested that the audience stand and sing "The Star Spangled Banner" with her. This was done, all joining in the National anthem.

### Honor Roll of Baker School.

- The following is the honor roll of the Baker School:
- First Grade—Felicia Ervin, Harry Hudson.
- Advanced First—Clifton Hudson.
- Third Grade—Irene White, Annie Dennis.
- Fifth Grade—Belle Evans, Agnes White.
- Seventh Grade—Thos. Odom.
- Eighth Grade—Bryan Odom.
- Ninth Grade—Annie White.

Washington, April 12.—President Wilson has nominated Wm. C. Fitts, of Birmingham, Ala., to be assistant attorney general.

## INSPECTS CAMP SITE.

Adjutant General Acts on Request From Gen. Wood.

Columbia, April 10.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commanding the department of the East, U. S. A., has requested W. W. Moore, the adjutant general, to inspect the site which Columbia has offered for the army cantonment and make comparison with Camp Moore at Styx. The site to be selected, it is understood, will be used for the mobilization of the National Guard of South Carolina. Gen. Moore visited yesterday Columbia's site, which is located near Dent's Pond and will make report to Gen. Wood.

## PASTOR GOES TO MANNING.

Rev. E. M. Lightfoot Preaches Farewell Sermon at Clinton.

Clinton, April 7.—The Rev. E. M. Lightfoot, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, recently tendered his resignation and will preach his last sermon Sunday. He has been called and has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Manning, and will leave early next week for his new field of work.

Mr. Lightfoot came here three years ago from Paris, Ky., and under his pastorate the church has constantly grown. He is held in high esteem by his entire congregation and general regret is expressed on all sides in his leaving. As yet no statement has been given out as to his successor.

## Now is The Time.

None is so deaf as he that will not hear. The farmers of the South have been deaf with that wilful deafness. For many, many years the gospel of "hog and hominy" has been preached to them. But most of them have turned a deaf ear to it. They have preferred growing cotton, because it could be readily converted into money. It is true that the farmer here, there and yonder, who, regardless of the price cotton was bringing, has always raised enough food and feed stuff to supply his needs has prospered more than his neighbor, who depended on cotton to buy the food and feed stuff he needed, but this unanswerable object lesson has been ignored.

The South does not feed itself. This was unwise in past years. It was poor business. But, if there be no change this year it will be a crime, a crime against the nation as well as against this section.

This country is going into a war, a world war, the greatest world war this sad old earth has ever known. And it now looks as if the outcome of that war will be determined by the food supplies of the combinations of powers engaged therein.

Germany recognized this fact before any other nation involved in the world war. From the beginning, it exerted every effort to increase its production of food and feed stuffs and to prevent any waste thereof. It went on the ration basis practically at the very outset. The people of Germany are not eating near as much as they were before the war, but the result does not seem to have been any lessening of the fighting qualities of the German soldier nor of the productive energies of the civilian population.

But for this prevalence, the entente blockade, which shut off imports into Germany and her allies, would have starved them and ended the war before now.

Recognizing as fully as the entente the value of hunger as an ally, the Germans instituted the submarine campaign to cut off supplies from entente nations. What little has been allowed to seep through the censors' offices shows that this submarine cam-

paign has been frightfully effective.

The United States is going to the rescue of the entente. This country has about as many men as Germany and Austria-Hungary had together at the beginning of the world war. Its wealth is infinitely greater than the combined wealth of those empires. Its natural resources infinitely surpass theirs. But this country has no surplus of food and the whole world seems to be in the same condition. Money can do much, but it cannot buy what does not exist. Ammunition can do much, but it cannot win victories for armies or peoples who have not enough food to sustain life.

The entente nations lack money. This country can supply it. If they lack ammunition, our resources for producing it are unlimited. They do not lack men, but if they should, we can supply millions of soldiers to become "cannon fodder." But, they do lack food and this country can give them no greater help than by so mobilizing its farming as to supply that lack while assuring plenty for ourselves. This may sound prosaic, but it is true, nevertheless. The man who raises a surplus of food will be doing his share toward winning the war just as the man who follows the stars and stripes into battle on land and sea.

And that brings us back to the South. This section has not been feeding itself. It is conservatively estimated that the South sends six hundred millions annually to the West to buy food and feed stuffs that it could easily raise at home, did it devote a little less attention to cotton. But the South must have its smokehouse and granaries at home and not in the West if it is to be fed and not hamper this country in the world war. All that the West can raise will be needed to feed our armies and help feed our allies. If two million men are put under arms by this country many of them must come from the farms, which will cut down our crops.

The need of the hour is plain. Only a fool can fail to see it. True patriotism in the South will manifest itself not only by enlistments for martial service but also by making the South self-sustaining. The South must feed itself. Failure to do so will handicap this nation and its allies.

Not only must our farmers grow more grain and raise more hogs and cattle, but every person who has a little plot of ground must raise on it something to eat. Every little will help. Backyards and vacant lots can be made to help feed the South and sustain the nation.

Now is the time to start this work.—Greenville Piedmont.

## Paxville Personal News.

Paxville, April 10.—Miss Lethen Edwards went to her home at Mullins on Friday to spend Easter with her parents. She returned on Sunday night.

Rev. T. B. Owens and Mr. Richard Poston motored from Chesterfield last Friday for a short visit to his son, Mr. T. Reynolds Owens.

Miss Jessie Curtis has returned from a short visit to the Misses Edwards at Elloree.

Mrs. Ladge Curtis returned to her home at Chesterfield last Saturday, after a lengthy stay at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis.

The pupils of the Methodist Sunday school are rehearsing their Children's Day program, "A Child in the Midst." It will be given on the 5th Sunday morning of this month.

Miss Lizzie Bradham has returned to Millen, Ga., after spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Josh Bryant.

Quite a party of folks from Bennettsville are expected to come to Sumter on April 21st with John L. McLaurin. During their stay in the city, Mr. and Mrs. McLaurin will be the guests of Dr. David Klein.

## AUSTRIAN VESSELS HELD.

Treasury Department Announces That They are Merely Taken Over for Protection.

Washington, April 10.—Fourteen Austrian merchant vessels in American ports were taken over today by the government coincident with the announcement that Austria had broken diplomatic relations.

Telegrams to the collectors of customs at the ports concerned were sent personally by Secretary McAdoo late last night instructing that the crews aboard the vessels be removed and that customs guards be placed in their stead. The status of the removed crews will be determined by immigration authorities.

In a formal announcement of the government's action tonight Secretary McAdoo made it clear that the government had not confiscated the vessels but had acted for the purpose of protecting them "from further injury." From this statement was inferred that the ships were damaged by their crews as in the case of the German vessels taken over by the government upon the declaration of war with Germany. The vessels thus taken into the government's keeping were all at Atlantic or Gulf ports as follows:

At New York, the Dora, Himalaya, Ida and Martha Washington; at Boston, the Erney; at Philadelphia, the Franconia; at Newport News, the Budapest; at Pensacola, the Lucia; at Tampa, the Borneo; at New Orleans, the Anna, Clara and Teresa, and at Galveston, the Campania and Morawitz.

The tonnage of the 14 vessels totals approximately 67,000, the largest of the fleet is the Martha Washington at New York, of 8,112 tons, and passenger accommodations for 1,100 persons; the smallest is the Anna at New Orleans of 1,575 tons.

## F. L. PLAYER DEAD.

Passed Away Unexpectedly Monday Night—Apoplexy Named as Cause.

Floetwood L. Player, for several years magistrate at Shiloh, died very unexpectedly Monday night, his body being found dead in his bed Tuesday morning, when he failed to get up at the usual time. Mr. Player was a merchant and farmer of Shiloh, in addition to being magistrate up to the first of the year, and was well known throughout the county.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist Church at Shiloh this afternoon at 4 o'clock and the body was interred in the church graveyard. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends present for the services, many citizens going from Sumter to attend the funeral.

Coroner W. J. Seale was at once notified upon the finding of the dead body of Mr. Player and he and Dr. W. S. Burgess at once left for Shiloh. There a coroner's inquest was held and the jury, upon the evidence of Dr. Burgess, returned a verdict that death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Player was fifty-eight years old. As magistrate he made a very efficient officer, and was a leading citizen of his community. He married three times, his third wife being formerly Miss Jones of Oswego. She with ten children survive him.

## Panama to Help Defend Canal.

Panama, April 10.—The president of the Republic of Panama, Dr. Ramon Valdez, signed a proclamation this afternoon committing Panama unreservedly to the assistance of the United States in the defense of the canal.

The president also canceled the exequaturs of all the German consuls in Panama.

## PRIVATEER AT WORK.

Campaign to Make Sumter County Self-Supporting Received With Enthusiasm.

Editor Daily Item:

Pursuant to a call issued by Mr. S. A. Harvin, chairman of the Privateer Committee of Public Safety, a meeting of the farmers of this community was held at Bethel school house last evening, which was probably the largest and most enthusiastic farmers' meeting ever held at this place. Certainly within the memory of the writer. The chairman of the committee also acted as chairman of the meeting and after calling to order, requested Rev. Wm. Haynsworth to state the object of the meeting. This he did in a most explicit manner, incidentally delivering a most urgent plea for preparedness on the part of every individual. Mr. J. M. Kolb next spoke on the "Necessity of Cooperation" among all of the farmers to meet the war conditions.

Mr. H. D. Tindal called attention to the importance of changing our program from that of cotton planting to one of "self-preservation." A number of gentlemen were called upon to make talks, all of whom responded earnestly, some proposing definite plans of action. Among the other speakers were Messrs. W. E. Kolb, R. J. Kolb, W. O. Cain, Sr., and Jr., Will McDaniel, Cap McLeod, Samuel Mellett and H. H. Wells. All of the speakers acquitted themselves well and were given the closest attention. It is quite evident that the seriousness of the situation is fully realized by the people of this section and is comforting to know that a supreme effort is being made by them to meet whatever crisis arises.

By a unanimous vote of this large aggregation of farmers it was decided to hold another meeting two weeks hence for the purpose of reporting progress along the lines undertaken. Every one present arose when Mr. H. D. Tindal asked who would plant more food and feed crops than they had previously planned.

The following resolution was passed with enthusiasm:

Whereas, a state of war now exists between these United States and the German government, caused by the repeated unlawful acts of the German submarines on the high seas, in destroying lives of innocent and neutral American citizens, forcing our President and Congress to declare a state of war exists and that all the resources of this great country be used to suppress these great evils,

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That we, the people of Privateer, while we deeply deplore a war, yet the protection of our people and the good name of our country we hold sacred, and shall stand to our President and country.

That we do our utmost to carry out the suggestions of the Sumter Committee of Public Safety by planting an abundance of food and feed crops ourselves and by encouraging every one else to do likewise.

S. D. Cain, Secty.  
Sumter, S. C., April 10.

## About Eighty Fire Companies in S. C.

April 1 began the new license year for fire companies in South Carolina. Commissioner McMaster says that the present number operating in the State is around eighty, or five or six below the number doing business when the Laney-Odom law was enacted.—Southern Underwriter.

April 18th is set as the date for the campaign meeting authorized in this city by the Commission for Civic Preparedness for War authorized by Gov. Manning. Rev. H. R. Murchison is the speaker appointed for the meeting.

## BANKING SYSTEM STRONG.

Federal Reserve System Prepared for All Emergencies and Depositors Need Have No Fear.

Circular letters have been sent out to all banks which are members of the federal reserve banking system calling attention to the fact that depositors need have no fear in these war times concerning their deposits. The announcement states that the Federal Reserve Banks are ready at all time to exert their great power and tremendous resources in aid of members whenever and wherever necessary to preserve sound financial footing and that bankers may pursue their business with entire confidence and tranquility.

This is information which will be pleasing to bank customers, as it assures the country that panics will be averted, even if war does come.

Another feature of interest in the announcement is that foreign customers of banks, no matter of what nationality, need have no fear of the government confiscating their funds in banks, reports of which have been circulated. The government announcement is: "It having been reported to him that there is anxiety in some quarters on the part of persons residing in this country, who are subjects of foreign states, lest their bank deposits or other property should be seized in the event of war between the United States and a foreign nation, the president authorizes the statement that all such fears are entirely unfounded. The government of the United States will in no circumstances take advantage of a state of war to take possession of property to which international understandings and the recognized law of the land give it no just claim or title. It will scrupulously respect all private rights alike of its own citizens and of the subjects of foreign states."

## THE "SOLDIERS OF THE SEA."

Washington, April 10.—The great American public is realizing now more than ever the fact that our Marine Corps maintains separate and distinct recruiting stations from the other branches of our national defense and that although the Marine goes to sea, he is a soldier—not a sailor—and does not serve his country entirely on the ocean wave, according to Major General George Barnett, the commandant of the "Soldiers of the Sea."

The present crisis is causing many patriotic young men to investigate the different avenues in which they may protect the freedom which they enjoy, and those undecided as to whether they would "do their bit" as a soldier or a sailor are enlisting in the Marine Corps as a "Soldier and Sailor, too."

## ALL COMMUNICATION SEVERED.

Berlin, April 10.—Germany has stopped all mail and telegraphic service between Germany and the United States.

## Auto-Intoxication Causes Death

Do you know why you have sick headache, diabetes, neuralgia, rheumatism and liver or kidney troubles? It's because you are being poisoned by products of your own body. Your organs of elimination are not working properly. Waste material that should be thrown out is being retained and poison and intoxication your system. That could not happen if the bowels were kept open with Granger Liver Regulator. This splendid preparation is purely vegetable and non-alcoholic. Demand Granger Liver Regulator at your drug store—25c a box—and take a box. There is nothing "just as