

OVERSUBSCRIBE THE LOAN.

Every Indication That Before Drive Ends, Americans Will Have Bid for More Than Two Billion Dollars' Worth of Bonds of Freedom.

Washington, June 14.—The Liberty loan campaign entered the home stretch today with every indication that the tremendous drive throughout the nation would result in going well beyond the \$2,000,000,000 goal.

From coast to coast the story that poured into the treasury all day was the same, a story of a whirlwind finish. Telegrams told of tolling bells and shrieking whistles across the continent, marking the last day of the campaign; of redoubled efforts by many agencies at work for the loan's success, of enthusiasm at its highest pitch, of long wait lines of subscribers in thousands of banks in every State of the Union.

The last 24 hours' work is going to show big in the final count, according to these reports. Before noon tomorrow, officials hope, every man in the country who can subscribe will have done so. At the closing hour tonight there was no telling where the total might lead, no basis for forecasting the final figures. It seemed certain, however, that at least 2,500,000 persons will have subscribed before the books are closed at noon tomorrow.

Measuring the total by the number of Liberty loan buttons which have gone out from headquarters the number of subscribers should exceed 3,000,000. More than 4,000,000 buttons will have been distributed before the three chief button factories of the country working night and day, catch up with their orders several days hence.

Late campaign figures made public today by Secretary McAdoo as of the close of business last night showed an apparent shortage of \$157,000,000, to total reported being \$1,843,000,000. They showed an increase of nearly \$200,000,000 in subscriptions over the previous day's report.

The loan, according to reports received by treasury officials, is in every sense a popular one. By far the greatest issues which the bureau of engraving and printing will be called upon to turn out will be \$50 and \$100 bonds. For them there has been an extremely heavy demand in every industrial section of the country and in many rural communities. The city of Washington, officials estimate, will marshal 30,000 individual subscriptions, most of them for the \$50 and \$100 bonds. Employees of the treasury department alone subscribing to the \$50 and \$100 bonds have taken approximately \$450,000.

Many thousands of banks and trust companies are yet to be heard from with their subscriptions. This item alone, it is thought, will swell the total by many millions. The amount subscribed today, \$1,843,000,000, represents actual subscription in the federal reserve banks, accompanied by the required 2 per cent. of the amount of subscriptions. Officials believe that the reserve banks will be deluged tomorrow by a flood of last minute subscriptions which will keep them busy for hours tabulating them. The small investor is to be favored above all others and every application for a small bond is to be granted. In the case of oversubscription, this would result in paying down the larger subscriptions on a proportionate basis as announced by Secretary McAdoo.

Throughout the country the banks are keeping open till late tonight to accommodate the last minute investor. The treasury department has granted banks permission, in extreme cases, to telegraph the amounts of their subscriptions to their reserve banks, telegraphing the 2 per cent. of the total at the same time, but all subscriptions to be counted must reach reserve banks not later than noon.

The exact total of all subscriptions from every source may not be known for some time after the closing of the books because of the tremendous amount of clerical work involved in assembling returns and making tabulations. New York estimates it will be able to report its total not later than 8 o'clock tomorrow night. In the case of the other reserve banks the delay may be greater.

New Honey.

I am now extracting the new crop of honey and am selling at the old price, 35 cents per quart, on draught, or in glass jars, 45 cents per quart. Have a limited supply of white comb honey in sections, about one pound, that I am selling at 20 cents per section.

Send to my residence, 320 West Hampton Avenue or Phone No. 2. N. G. OSTEEEN.

Beeswax Wanted.

See me before you sell your wax. I will buy it for cash at the best current price. N. G. OSTEEEN.

CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

Former Auditor of Dillon County Tried.

Dillon, June 14.—The case of the State vs. C. G. Bruce, former auditor of Dillon county, charged with embezzlement of county funds, was concluded this morning and went to the jury about noon. After about two hours' deliberation he was found guilty on 13 counts and sentence was passed upon him by Judge Spain to serve 12 years at hard labor in the State penitentiary.

This does not end his troubles, however, as another bill of indictment has been handed out by the grand jury against him and Will McInnis, former treasurer of Dillon county.

TAKE RED SEA FORT.

British Warships Score in East.

London, June 14.—Fort Saliff, on the east shore of the Red Sea, has been captured by British warships, it was officially announced this evening.

Red Cross Members.

The following names have been added to the membership roll of Sumter Chapter since the list was published last week:

- T. J. Leonhirth,
- Mrs. T. J. Leonhirth,
- Mrs. T. E. Hinson, Jr.
- J. F. James,
- Mr. Estridge,
- Mrs. Estridge,
- Mr. A. A. Howell,
- J. W. Abraham,
- B. L. Montague,
- Mrs. B. L. Montague,
- Mrs. T. G. Morgan,
- Mrs. J. C. Phillips,
- J. P. Commander,
- Mrs. C. W. Kingman,
- Mrs. E. T. White,
- J. E. Andrews, (Richmond, Va.)
- M. D. Cox,
- E. H. Moses,
- W. B. Daughtrey,
- Mrs. W. B. Daughtrey,
- Pat Gallagher,
- Miss Elma Epps,
- Miss Evelyn Williams,
- H. L. Tisdale,
- H. A. Hoyt,
- Walter L. Williams,
- E. E. Austin,
- Mrs. E. E. Austin,
- Mrs. B. R. Nash,
- J. Peter Richardson,
- Miss Julia Rumph,
- R. P. Monaghan,
- Perry Krasnoff,
- Mrs. Whitted,
- Mrs. Annie McKiever,
- Richard Gainley,
- Mrs. M. B. Teicher,
- A. G. Fishburne,
- Mrs. A. G. Fishburne,
- Mrs. B. H. Taylor,
- A. P. Hinson,
- Miss Holly Brown,
- Mrs. S. E. Thomas,
- Mrs. S. Y. Delgar,
- J. E. Garrick,
- Blanche Anna Kingsmore,
- Mrs. A. L. Ricker,
- Mrs. Mark Reynolds,
- Mrs. Ben Hodges,
- Mrs. Thomas Wilson.

Clothespin Uses.

The spring clothespin has other uses than its original mission of hanging out the wash. They make good paper clips for holding sheets of wrapping paper, paper bags, etc., and with a short bit of string attached to each they take the place of clothes-hangers. For this use fasten the other end of each short string over a bit of clothes line or cord, using a loose knot, so that the strings can be slipped along on the rope. Then when the rope is fastened in place in a cupboard or the side of a room the little hangers can be moved into place to clip the folded skirts, waists, or jackets.

"Where's the Chain?"

A farm hand saved a train from being wrecked, and at a splendid banquet was presented by the railway company with a gold watch in a red morocco case. The company's chairman, at the end of an eloquent speech, handed the watch to the heroic farm hand, and waited expectantly to hear the yokel's thanks. The farm hand opened the morocco case, took the watch from its rich satin bed, turned it over and over, and then looked up and said: "And where's the chain?"

Idea of Ancient Origin.

All peoples in all times have seen an intimate connection between the moon and fruitfulness, both animal and vegetable. "Even now," says the New York Medical Journal, "the onions which come to our city market owe their excellence to the farmer's careful conjunction of planting time with the phases of the moon." Such ideas have been so universal that man's unconscious mind still preserves them, though his judgment may scorn them as absurd.

Not the Only One.

This buying plan of \$5 down and \$5 when they catch you keeps the house-keeper on the jump.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

MUST CONTROL AIR.

MAY TURN SCALE ON WESTERN BATTLE FRONT.

United States, Coffin Points Out, May Thrown in Weight in This Department.

Washington, June 13.—A programme of aircraft production through which it is hoped to dominate the fighting lines of Europe within a year has been worked out by the aircraft production board of the defense council and will be submitted to congress soon with a request for a large appropriation to carry it into effect.

Howard Coffin, chairman of the board, has been in conference for weeks with the country's leading aircraft and material makers and the plan he will submit is believed to have the approval of all the interests which will do the actual construction work.

"We may as well realize now," he said, "that the domination of the air will in all probability prove the deciding factor. Military authorities of all the allied nations are agreed that unless the allies can secure a preponderance of aircraft the war probably will drag on for years."

"We believe we have worked out a programme which will make it possible for the United States to secure to the allies next year the paramount supremacy of the air and with that we hope to become an immediate deciding factor in ending the war. As soon as the proposal is placed before congress we shall ask the American people and their official representatives in congress for their hearty support of the plan."

"A superiority in numbers of several hundred thousand men on the Western front means little comparatively under modern conditions of fighting. A vast superiority in aircraft means the complete blinding of the enemy."

"In the present struggle between Germany and the allies the fight for supremacy in the air is practically even; they are constantly struggling for the advantage. This is America's one chance for turning the scale next year. To do it we must be prepared to spend not a few millions, but hundreds of millions of dollars."

TEN BILLION IN FIRST YEAR.

McAdoo Says Nation Must Raise \$1,500,000 by Taxation and Rest by Bonds.

Baltimore, June 13.—Secretary McAdoo, in the last speech of his campaign for the Liberty loan here tonight, declared that it seemed certain that \$10,000,000,000 would be needed by the United States to wage the war for 12 months and that of this at least \$1,500,000,000 should be raised by taxation and \$8,200,000,000 by bond issues.

U-BOAT REPORTED SUNK.

Merchantman Said to Have Rammled Submarine.

An Atlantic Port, June 13.—Deconstruction of a German submarine by an American armed merchantman was reported by the vessel upon her arrival today in an American harbor. Her officers refused to discuss the encounter except to say that by agile manoeuvring the merchantman managed to ram and sink the u-boat shortly after two of the underwater boats had made an attack, one from either side. The merchant ship lost a blade from her propeller.

FIVE STEAMERS LOST.

Report on Italian Submarine Toll for Week.

Rome, June 15 (via Paris).—According to the official statement on Italian shipping losses by mine or submarine, the number of steamers sunk in the week ending June 10 was five. Five sailing vessels were also sunk in the same period.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected Daily By P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer. Good Middling 23 1-4. Strict Middling 23 1-8. Middling 23. Strict Middling 22 3-4. Low Middling 22 3-8.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Yest'dys Open High Low Close Close July . . . 25.05 25.08 24.68 24.67 25.08 Oct . . . 24.70 24.67 24.37 24.35 24.69 Dec . . . 24.90 24.84 24.45 24.47 24.82 New York Spots 25.25.

DEPARTS FROM ATHENS.

Constantine Will Leave Greece on British Warship. Athens, June 12.—Ex-King Constantine left Athens today to embark on a British warship.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES.

Some of the Things That the Organization is Called Upon to Do.

In compliance with the request of Mrs. C. L. Stubbs, chairman of the Sumter County Red Cross soliciting committee, the Chamber of Commerce has placed a Red Cross contribution box at Hotel Claremont lobby.

The box is placed on a large Red Cross banner as a base and is surmounted by two smaller Red Cross flags and a large placard requests contributions for the cause.

The Chamber of Commerce mailed out last Saturday five hundred copies of the famous speech delivered by Hon. William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, at a meeting of the business men and bankers of Iowa, in Des Moines on May 21st, on the Liberty Loan Bonds.

Hundreds of large posters are being distributed by the Chamber in different sections of Sumter county also advertising the Liberty Loan Bonds.

The Chamber of Commerce is in the fight to the finish to push the Red Cross work, the Liberty Loan bonds, the planting of plenty of foodstuffs, canning, preserving, drying of fruits and vegetables, raising of hogs, beef cattle, chickens, establishing cream routes as soon as the velvet bean and hay crops are harvested, and in doing any and everything to make things prosperous during the war and more prosperous after the war.

The commercial organization is waging war on false economy, is trying to induce the people to create new business, more business and to furnish employment for everybody, by buying what they need, to stop hoarding of money and foodstuffs, and to act as though there was no war except to subscribe liberally for Liberty Loan Bonds and the Red Cross work.

The managing secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce has propounded to the supervising architect of the treasury in Washington the following question, which he put up to Postmaster Geo. W. Dick, who said that the supervising architect's office could answer the question. The question is a simple one but has caused a lot of speculation among Sumter people. It is this:

"Why is it that the Sumter postoffice, a splendid public building, costing many thousands of dollars, doing business after dark and with an annual revenue of about \$39,000.00, is the darkest and gloomiest looking building in Sumter at night?"

Hundreds of the people of Sumter, and many visitors also wonder why the United States postoffice department or the treasury department ever spent so much money on elaborate and large electric arc lights on the northern and western porticos of this building and never turn on the lights. And why it is that this same government has installed electric arc lights and gas lights in the lobby of the postoffice, yet never have enough lights turned on for a man to read a letter by at night.

Postmaster Dick informed Secretary Reardon that he had orders to cut out the outside arc lights. And that this was done to cut down electric light bills.

Sumter furnishes something like \$39,000.00 a year in revenues for its postoffice. So far as is known here, this economy against efficiency and convenience policy is in vogue in no other first or second class offices in South Carolina.

The supervising architect was informed that if he needs any assistance in getting the treasury department to cancel this order against sufficient lights, inside and outside of the Sumter office that Congressman Lever and Senators Smith and Tillman will be requested to render any assistance needed.

The responses to requests for homes for the entertainment of the girls of the canning and tomato clubs of Sumter county who will be in this city on June 19th-20th and 21st, as the guests of the people of Sumter, have not been as numerous as the committee of ladies representing the Sumter Civic League, and Sumter Chamber of Commerce would like by any means.

These young women will be here attending the three day short course of instruction in canning, preserving, and drying of fruits and vegetables and in domestic science. In entertaining these Sumter county young women we are entertaining our own people those who support Sumter's banks, stores, and other institutions largely by patronizing Sumter's business establishments.

This statement is made not because any one thinks that there are any Sumter people who do not wish to entertain these young women, but because, as before stated in an article about this same matter, because there is danger of numbers of Sumter's hospitable men and women thinking

NO FREIGHT INCREASE.

COMMISSION DENIES RATE INCREASE PETITION.

Board Declares it is Not "Opportune Time to Levy a Fifteen Per Cent. Horizontal Increase"—All Lines Join Movement.

Columbia, June 14.—Petition of railways operating in South Carolina for a general revision of rates between points in the State and a "15 per cent. horizontal increase" was dismissed by the railroad commission yesterday in an order signed by John G. Richards, chairman.

The railways filed the petition "asking for a revision of freight rates between points within the State of South Carolina to become effective July 1, 1917."

The ruling by the commission follows:

"Your petition not only requests a revision of all rates between points in South Carolina, but, as we understand it, proposes a horizontal increase of rates of not less than 15 per cent. The South Carolina commission realizes fully the serious condition confronting the railroads of this country at this time, but it is also mindful of the fact that all of our people in every department and walk of life are confronted with the same condition. The commission stands ready at all times to consider the reasonableness or unreasonableness of any particular rate on any given commodity or classification, or to hear any questions affecting railway service within the State, and anything that is reasonable and within their power to grant they stand ready to adjudicate the same. However, the commission does not feel that this is an opportune time, or that it is necessary to open the question of a general revision of the freight rates of the State, or that it is just and reasonable to levy a 15 per cent. horizontal increase.

"Therefore, by unanimous vote of the commission your petition is dismissed."

Slackers Under Arrest.

Seattle, Wash., June 13.—Seventeen white men who had failed to register for the army draft were arrested today as they were about to embark for Japan. Agents of the department of justice had learned that 20 men escaped from this country on a Japanese steamer last week.

It is estimated that the average cost of food and groceries in Australia has increased 25 per cent. since the war began.

that there are plenty of others to do the entertaining and they can be very well excused and not missed for this time at least. That is where the trouble comes in on all important public matters. Too many people imagining themselves a small minority, gradually, without knowing it merge into a majority of shirkers and then the ranks are thinned out so fast that a minority remains working while a majority do nothing, which was never the intention of the majority from the start. Sumter must not be found wanting in this matter. Let every homekeeper feel that without her the whole thing is bound to be a failure. Then we will have too many, not too few homes for our young lady friends. Too much hospitality is far better than too little hospitality.

CIVIL WAR IN CHINA.

Clashes Between Leaders of Opposing Factions Expected to Develop.

Peking, China, June 13.—The presidential mandate dissolving parliament has been signed by Chiang Chao Chung as acting premier, he having accepted the post which Dr. Wu Ting Fang, former ambassador to the United States, resigned. It is believed the dissolution of parliament will bring about civil war as the leaders in the southern provinces have telegraphed President Li Yuan Hung that they no longer recognize his authority, despite the fact that the president has issued a long mandate attempting to justify his action in issuing the dissolution decree.

The troops in the provinces of Kwang-Tung-Yunan, Kwang-Si and Kwei-Chow are mobilizing and it is intended to take military action should President Li Yuan Hung dissolve parliament under pressure from Chang Hsun, military governor of the province of Anhwei.

HEAVY TAXES ON OIL.

Mexico Making Trouble for Entente.

Washington, June 13.—Publication of the new Mexican oil taxation decrees has disclosed that by the expedient of placing an enormous over valuation on the crude product the Mexican government proposes practically prohibitive taxation upon exports from the great east coast oil fields, on which the allied fleets have depended for fuel. German agents are charged with responsibility for the scheme. It was learned today that American owners of Mexican oil properties have brought the matter to the attention of the government. The tax rate on crude oil is fixed at 10 per cent. ad valorem on a valuation of \$9.50 a ton in the Panuco fields.

FOR MEN WHO FAILED.

Policy Toward Registrations is Outlined.

Washington, June 13.—Attorney General Gregory outlined the policy of the department of justice in handling of registration cases as follows:

"In instances where registration was omitted through ignorance or inattention, persons now are being permitted to register under paragraph 40 of the registration regulations before the county board, and those so registering are held to answer to the grand juries on their own recognizance.

"Those who have knowingly and wilfully failed to register and now apply are being registered but placed under bonds with sureties.

"All those who continue to defy the law and such as have interfered with its enforcement or aided in its evasion are being imprisoned or held to the grand juries on very substantial bonds."

REMAINS IN CAPITAL.

Former King Still Left in Athens.

London, June 13.—Former King Constantine and the other members of the Greek royal family are still in Athens, although according to reports received here Constantine desires to leave.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens says that all military measures in Thessaly, and the Gulf of Corinth and elsewhere have been carried out satisfactorily.

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