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ed in 1850 and the True Southron in  
1855. The Watchman and Southron  
now has the combined circulation and  
influence of both of the old papers,  
and is manifestly the best advertising  
medium in Sumter.

Rain and Cooler First Part of The Week.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Probably rain  
Monday, cooler Tuesday, seasonable  
temperatures thereafter, is the weather  
prediction for the Southeastern  
States during the coming week.

Negroes and Service.

An important thing that the colored  
preachers and teachers should try  
to instill into their people is an un-  
derstanding of the binding quality of  
a contract. The white employer of a  
colored cook who for no good reason  
dismisses her without notice is guilty  
of a dishonorable act, but the  
obligation of faithfulness is not less  
binding on the cook, or other domes-  
tic. That the relation of employer  
and employed is too often severed  
without observance of the ordinary  
principles of justice and fair dealing  
perhaps due in part to both, but  
we think we do not exaggerate in  
saying that the sense of obligation to  
perform a promised service for a given  
time is rather commonly absent  
from colored domestic servants. These  
people can not hope to expect indul-  
gence or even considerate treatment  
unless they shall learn how to recip-  
rocate.

In recent years the disposition of  
white employers towards negroes has  
gradually and rapidly improved and in  
a degree greater than it has improved  
among the servants. In too many of  
them the notion does not appear to  
have found lodgment that they com-  
mit any wrong whatsoever when, at  
dawn, they pick up and leave with-  
out a word.

The present scarcity of labor will  
not last long and one of the results  
of the war will be increased independ-  
ence of white people of negroes' ser-  
vice.

White people are learning to  
care for themselves; they are  
moving into their houses numerous  
negroes that save the labor of  
many white men. In our opinion, it is al-  
most certain that with the end of the  
war, the South will have a large  
number of white men, and the time is

not far off, white domestics will to  
a large extent supplant blacks. Many  
persons are paying a negro cook or  
maid now as much as in normal times  
a white servant receives in a North-  
ern city, and the white servant does  
the work of at least two negroes. In  
the North negroes have failed to com-  
pete in domestic service with white  
"help," the employer finding that it is  
more economical to pay the white do-  
mestic a higher wage and save the  
feeding of one mouth.

Too many negroes imagine that the  
joyous times that have come to them  
with war wages will continue, but  
unless we are mistaken, the negro in  
South Carolina soon after the conclu-  
sion of the war will begin to see the  
hardest time that he or she has ever  
experienced. Heretofore the negroes  
have been free from the competition  
of white labor and, though wages  
may remain high after the war ends,  
only the most deserving and faithful  
will receive them. That we shall  
have an influx of white labor in this  
part of the country The State believes  
to be certain and it may begin to ar-  
rive in five or two years. Only those  
negroes will be able to hold their  
own in the South who prove a capacity  
to do a white man's or a white wo-  
man's work with equal skill and faith-  
fulness.

These things we address particular-  
ly to the intelligent negro leaders who  
have the future of their race at  
heart. They can take it for what it  
is worth. In the past the South has  
been a paradise of opportunity for  
the industrious and thrifty negroes by  
reason of the comparative command  
of labor field that they have had. The  
opportunity is going and within a few  
years the jobs will remain only for  
those negroes who have proved effi-  
ciency and fidelity.—Columbia State.

Ralph Flowers Stars.

Atlanta, Oct. 26.—Georgia Tech de-  
feated Camp Gordon's team of former  
gridiron stars, 28 to 0 here today in  
a game that was anybody's until  
Strupper, former Tech quarter, now  
in the army, fumbled in the second  
period. Half back Ferst, former Sa-  
vannah High School player, recovered  
for Tech and raced thirty yards to  
a touchdown.

Linebacks by fullback Allen inter-  
persed with end-runs by half-back  
Flowers, former Davidson star, now  
a Yellow Jacket, carried the ball half  
way down the field in the latter part  
of the second period and quarter-back  
Barron added another Tech score.

The third period was scoreless, but  
in the fourth Barron scored again on  
a twenty-three-yard run, and half-  
back B. Adams tallied the final score  
Capt. Fincher kicked all goals.

Former college players on the camp  
team put up a fast game, particular-  
ly Strupper, Beers, of Dartmouth,  
Kraft, Syracuse, and Waller, Prince-  
ton. Tech which won its fourth  
straight game of the season today  
with a total of 305 points to naugh-  
for its opponents, has only two regu-  
lars left from last year's champion-  
ship eleven, Guvon and Fincher.

Mr. C. W. Cofield, secretary of the  
State Automobile Association, is in the  
city on business of the association.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 2.

Governor's Proclamation and Com-  
missioner's Letter to People.

Insurance Commissioner McSwain  
is bending every energy to make less  
the fire loss of the State. He is send-  
ing to the mayors and chiefs of fire  
departments of the State a copy of a  
proclamation of the governor making  
November 2 a fire prevention day, and  
is writing a letter setting forth in de-  
tail how the fire losses may be de-  
creased. He is urging the cleaning  
and keeping clean of all premises, the  
examination of all flues and repairing  
of every defective one, the removal  
of rags, especially greasy rags from  
closets, the careful storing of kero-  
sene and oils, the storing of waste,  
the protection of matches and the  
careful guarding of property, urging  
householders as the last thing at night  
to see that all danger of fire is pre-  
vented.

The proclamation which Governor  
Manning has issued as follows:

Proclamation.

At no time in the history of our  
country has the menace of fire been  
greater and the preservation of our  
resources more necessary. Activities  
of hostile incendiaries threaten in  
many parts of the country, causing de-  
struction of needed supplies of food-  
stuffs and other vital staples. These  
fires will strike at the foundation of  
national power and wealth by the  
elimination of resources.

Fire causes enormous direct de-  
struction of cotton, lumber, grain and  
other foodstuffs, as well as a large  
variety of other materials essential to  
the prosecution of the war. Fire  
cripples productive industry engaged  
upon war orders to a far greater ex-  
tent than is generally realized.

While causing a vast impairment  
in America's fighting efficiency, fire  
loss is, in the main, unnecessary. The  
loss can be materially lessened if each  
citizen will do his part towards se-  
curing that precautionary measures are  
adopted for his premises. The burn-  
ing of your property through negli-  
gence or carelessness may not only  
cause you loss and inconvenience, but  
the fire may spread to your neighbor's  
property also. Fire prevention, there-  
fore, becomes a patriotic duty of ev-  
ery citizen. The cooperation of news-  
papers, civic bodies, and particularly  
school systems, will contribute pow-  
erfully to this end. The annual loss  
by fire to the State of South Carolina  
is approximately \$1,250,000.

In view of the importance of the  
matter and as a means of arousing our  
citizens to the magnitude of the fire  
waste and induce them to take more  
interest in the subject of fire preven-  
tion, I, Richard I. Manning, governor  
of the State, by virtue of authority  
in me vested, do hereby designate and  
proclaim Saturday, November 2, 1918,  
as Fire Prevention Day, and urge  
that on this day all citizens inspect  
their property and give personal at-  
tention to the removal therefrom of  
all rubbish and debris; that chimneys  
flues and heating apparatus be put in  
order; that mayor of each town and  
city by proclamation ask the cooper-

ation of its citizens in having a thor-  
ough inspection of all premises in  
their respective municipalities, to the  
end that the number of fires may be  
lessened and the losses therefrom  
checked.

In testimony whereof I have here-  
unto set my hand and caused the  
great seal of the State of South Car-  
olina to be affixed at Columbia on  
this the 23rd day of October, in the  
year of our Lord 1918!

Richard I. Manning,  
Governor.  
W. Banks Dove,  
Secretary of State.

WORKING RESERVE BOYS MUST CONTRIBUTE FOOD.

Rescued Civilians and Liberated Ba-  
bies in Lands Freed by Allies Will  
Require Rationing Until Countries  
Are Again Self-sustaining.

Washington, Oct. 26.—That there  
must be no slackening of effort on the  
part of the United States Boys' Work-  
ing Reserve, which has done such re-  
markable work in the harvest fields  
this year, is made clearly evident in  
a statement issued by United States  
Food Administrator, Herbert Hoover,  
in which he says:

"We are pledged to deliver to the  
allies in Europe next year 17,000,000  
tons of food stuffs, a tremendous out-  
put, 50 per cent. greater than our to-  
tal food contribution this year."

The civil populations of countries  
rescued from the Huns must be fed  
by America for some time to come  
and, in order that America may pro-  
duce the required supply, renewed and  
sustained effort on the part of the  
United States Boys' Working Reserve  
will be required.

STAMPS FOR PRIZES.

Fairs to Help War Saving Stamp Sale.

Prizes at several of the county fairs to  
be held in South Carolina will be  
offered in war savings stamps, and if  
the prize winners will respond to this  
patriotic step from \$15,000 to \$20,000  
worth of war savings stamps will be  
distributed as prizes, and these pa-  
triotic prizes will help Uncle Sam  
give the finishing wallop to the kais-  
er and his precious lot of sons.

At the county fairs of Florence,  
Sumter, Lee and Orangeburg, war sav-  
ings stamps, it has been announced,  
will be offered to the winners, who  
have the option of accepting the  
prizes in cash. Other fair associations  
have also decided on offering war  
savings stamps, but some of the fairs  
have been called off on account of the  
influenza situation.

This plan means that the winner of  
a \$100 prize, for instance, would re-  
ceive war savings stamps which, at  
maturity, would be worth about \$120.  
War savings stamps pay interest at  
the rate of about 4.27 per cent., com-  
pounded quarterly, and may be re-  
deemed at any time before maturity  
at the rate of about 3 per cent.

London, Oct. 26.—Kralevo, sixty  
miles east and northeast of Nish has  
been occupied by the Serbians, says  
the Serbian official statement today.

INOCULATED AGAINST FLU.

Employees of Sumter Works of Split-  
dorf Electrical Co., Given Treat-  
ment.

One hundred and fifty-eight em-  
ployees of the Sumter Works of the  
Splitdorf Electrical Company were in-  
oculated with vaccine as a safeguard  
against the spread of influenza.

Dr. Archie China is directing the  
work and Miss Heinrich, Superintend-  
ent of the Tuomey Hospital, assisted  
by Miss L. M. Davis and Mrs. W.  
Cheyne administered the first inocu-  
lation.

The treatment consists of three  
hypodermic inoculations, covering a  
period of about one week. The sec-  
ond inoculation will be given Monday.

Over 1,500 employees of the main  
factory of the company in Newark,  
N. J., have taken the treatment.

The Splitdorf Electrical Company  
will bear the entire expense of the  
treatment and no charge will be made  
to its employees.

Vaccine remaining after the em-  
ployees of the company have been  
treated, together with the surgical  
instruments will be donated to the  
city.

Notice.

On account of postponement of  
call A1461-G for entrainment of white  
men on October 30th, men summon-  
ed under that call will not report un-  
til further notice.

J. H. CLIFTON,  
Chairman, Local Board, Sumter Co.,  
Sumter, S. C.  
October 26, 1918.

Red Cross Notes.

In response to the humane appeal  
to help, Mrs. C. C. Moore and Mrs.  
Amanda Williams begged today  
\$17.82 to help a family on West Lib-  
erty Street. They, with the rest of  
the neighbors have been doing their  
bit. I wish all our colored Red Cross  
members would just fall in line, and  
do what they can to help the suffering  
in our city.

Mrs. C. A. Lawson,  
Vice Chairman, Red Cross Auxiliary.

WOMAN EDUCATOR DEAD.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young Victim of In-  
fluenza.

Washington, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Ella  
Flagg Young, Chicago, chairman of  
the National Woman's Liberty Loan  
Campaign, died here today of pneu-  
monia, following a short illness with  
influenza.

Mrs. Young was formerly superin-  
tendent of the Chicago City Schools.

Red Cross Notice.

The work room is still open and  
more workers are urgently needed  
to take care of the large amount of  
work that has accumulated. The  
calls from headquarters are as great  
as heretofore and unless more of the  
members of the local chapter assist  
regularly it will be impossible to  
complete the assigned allotment on  
time.

A Request of the Pastor.

All places of public worship  
closed until the ravages of influenza  
are past. But private worship can  
never be barred. If ever personal as  
well as national humility, with pray-  
er and supplication are to be exer-  
cised, it is in the midst of war and  
pestilence. These are upon us. Many  
a time of old, God's people called up-  
on Him and he heard them and deliv-  
ered them out of all their troubles.  
His ear is still open to the cry of the  
broken heart and the contrite spirit.  
Let us remember the hour of prayer  
on His day.

At 11.30 each Sunday morning while  
our places of public worship are  
closed, let all of us, each of us, who  
believe in a prayer answering God,  
humble ourselves in prayer to Al-  
mighty God. If we are at home, gath-  
er the household around the family  
altar. If we are out with a circle of  
friends, let us pray together. There is  
great power where two or three are  
gathered and agree as touching any-  
thing. There is courage in the touch  
of hearts in prayer as well as the  
touch of elbows in the trenches. If  
we must be alone, let us pray, if it is  
only the burden of a sigh or the up-  
ward glancing of an eye. God will  
hear. Let us pray:

- 1. For a clean heart and a right  
spirit, that our prayers may be ac-  
cepted.
- 2. That God will stay the pesti-  
lence, that we may praise him for the  
help of his countenance and serve  
him with joy and gladness.
- 3. For peace and salvation to all  
the nations of the earth, for the sake  
of righteousness, humanity, and the  
glory of God.

In all our supplications, let us ask  
God to give us faith to receive his  
blessings.

This is the earnest request of the  
Pastors' Union of Sumter to all who  
fear God.

J. H. Wilson, President.

Are You Praying.

Are you praying together daily,  
Are you pleading with God in pray-  
er.  
Or going on still in the old way,  
As you've done year after year.  
Do you thank Him for all of His  
mercies,  
Do you implore Him for His care.  
But oh, are you earnestly praying?  
We are needing so much, more  
PRAYER!

POWERFUL GAS SHELLS.

Many Germans Killed in Spite of  
Their Masks.

New York, Oct. 25.—Gas shells pre-  
pared in America are more deadly  
than any so far made in Germany  
and their fumes can penetrate even  
the most modern gas masks. Maj. H.  
W. Duffy of the British-American gas  
service, declared here tonight in a  
lecture before the Society of Chemical  
Industry. Major Duffy said that in  
tours of the battle fields in France, he  
had observed hundreds of Germans,  
all of whom wore masks of the latest  
German design, killed by American  
gas.

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