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RED CROSS ROLL CALL.

"All you need is a heart and a dollar." Familiar words, but they will shortly be heard again on every hand, appealing from printed page and poster. The fourth annual Red Cross roll call began on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, and continues until Thanksgiving Day, November 25. Hereafter Armistice Day is to mark regularly the beginning of the annual drive of the Red Cross for the dollar membership subscriptions of the people of the United States.

The last call resulted in a membership 10,000,000 strong, exclusive of the junior roll of 5,000,000. But until every adult and every child in the country is enrolled under the banner of this great society whose watchword is "Mercy," the enrollment is not heavy enough. The money now collected will be used to advance the peaceful activities of the organization, which include work among America's world war veterans, especially the disabled; service to the peace-time army and navy forces, including work among their families and the provision of a link between the man and his home in many ways; the establishment and equipment of units to develop the national resistance to disease through work in health centers; preparedness for disaster relief; home service and community work and the completion of relief work among the war-exhausted and disease-ridden nations of Europe.

There is no real need of "selling" the Red Cross to the people of America. Its special purpose and achievements are too well known. But just by way of reminder—"All you need is a heart and a dollar."

WOMEN AS PUBLIC WATCHDOGS.

Four hundred women, members of a women's civic association, have pledged themselves to attend the sessions of a murder trial soon to be held in their city. The evidence will be followed closely, and any attempt on the part of counsel, jury or presiding judge to conceal matters which should be emphasized will be given prompt publicity. The trial is one in which a member of the city's judicial family is involved, and there is reason to believe that efforts already have been made to suppress important facts.

It may be that this sort of observation of civic procedure will prove one of the most practical benefits resulting from women's entrance into full citizenship. It has long been agreed that the public, keenly interested in the election of its officials, forgets them the minute election is over, no attempt being made to check up upon service rendered. This has been true largely because men had not the time to devote to such matters, being of necessity absorbed in the process of providing for their families.

The hours of the average woman being more elastic, she can so adjust her affairs as to give the time needed for continued observation of public service. In order that this observation may be of first value, it will be necessary for women to familiarize themselves more or less with the law and with court procedure, and to direct their minds of prejudice. But this is accomplished, their attention to public affairs will make for honesty, efficiency and peace.

ROADS ARE SAFER.

Accidents in cities and on highways continue to pile up. The number of killed and injured on railroads, on the highways, is improving. The commission has 1919, which were killed were fewer than in 1918.

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Specials, is perhaps partly due to the fact that there are fewer tramps than formerly, and as they were the chief trespassers, they have naturally cut down the casualties by keeping out of the way.

It is good to know that the aggregate of killed and injured in any particular type of accident has been greatly reduced. There should be steadily decreasing numbers of accident every year, as safety methods and devices become more widely understood and used. The public should not be content with a single record year, but should strive to make each succeeding year better than the last, and should demand of manufacturers, of automobilists, railroad officials and all the other special groups which have endangered human life in the past, that they co-operate to eliminate death-dealing accidents.

More Funds Needed

Fall Festival Committee Finds That More Money Will Be Needed for Expenses

Secretary Reardon of the Chamber of Commerce, who has been giving the greater part of his time and energy during the past two or three weeks in co-operating with the Fall Festival and Gala Week committee to make the Fair Week festivities a success, today asked the Daily Item to make public announcement for the information of the business men of Sumter that the committee is in urgent need of additional financial support. The contributions by merchants, other business men and public spirited citizens have not aggregated as much as was anticipated and that a second call is necessary to put the fair week festival over successfully. Those who have not contributed anything are asked to do their share and those who have contributed as liberally as they should are asked to come again. It is also asked that those who have pledged contributions, but have not paid as yet, lose no time in sending checks or cash to Secretary Reardon.

The effort of the committee to make this week a big event in a business way and to attract trade to Sumter from all the surrounding country is for the benefit of the community as a whole. The committee has been doing a public service for the good of all and they merit and should receive the necessary support, financial and otherwise—especially the financial—that will guarantee success. The call has been made, Secretary Reardon and the committee are waiting and expecting a liberal and an immediate response. It is a case of do it for Sumter, and do it now.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AT COUNTY FAIR.

- 50 yard dash, open to all boys under 100 pounds. First prize \$1.00; 2nd, 75c; 3rd, 25c.
50 yard dash, open to all boys under 135 pounds. First prize \$1.00; 2nd, 75c; 3rd, 25c.
100 yard dash, open to all boys under 100 pounds. First prize, \$1.00; 2nd, 75c; 3rd 25c.
100 yard dash, open to all boys under 135 pounds. First prize \$1.00; 2nd, 75c; 3rd, 25c.
Standing broad jump, open to all boys under 135 pounds. First prize, \$1; 2nd, 75c; 3rd, 25c.
Running high, open to all boys under 135 pounds. First prize, \$1; 2nd, 75c; 3rd, 25c.
5 boy relay race, 100 yards each, under 100 pounds. First prize \$5.00.
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Tug of war, 5 boys, boys to report at 1:30. First prize, \$5.
Tug of war, 5 boys, race to begin 2:00 p. m. First prize \$5.00.
Girls under 15 years of age.
50 yard dash. First \$1; 2nd, 75c; 3rd, 25c.
50 yard relay, 5 girls. First prize \$5.00.
Tug of war, 5 girls. First prize \$5.
All contestants in this program will report at the secretary's office at the fair grounds at 1:30 p. m., November 17, as the events will start promptly at 2 o'clock p. m.

Christian Church Notice.

The series of evangelistic meetings at Christian church continues with increased interest and spirit. There is preaching by the pastor, hearty singing of gospel hymns by choir and congregation and special music at times. You are most cordially invited to come tonight.

Columbia, Nov. 15.—The South Carolina Methodist conference (the "lower" conference) will meet in the Methodist church of Georgetown on November 24, Wednesday of next week. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington will preside. The conference will elect a new secretary. Rev. H. C. Hardin, secretary, having been transferred to the North Carolina conference. Rev. J. H. Noland, the new manager of The Christian Advocate, will be officially appointed to his position. Rev. R. H. Jones, of Georgetown, will be the association host.

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Coming of the Weevil

The Things to Do to Meet the Weevil is to Adopt the Policy That Would Be Most Sensible Even if the Weevil Were Not a Threat

This article written by John W. McGrath, one of the biggest business men in the southern half of Mississippi, should be of the keenest interest to every business man, professional man and farmer in the south. While it deals largely with boll weevil history, yet it is so full of sound philosophy and agricultural advice that it fits everywhere. Mr. McGrath knows what he is talking about—he has been through "the fire."

"In order to make this article as brief as possible so that he who runs may read, I have decided to treat the boll weevil subject under three heads: The Anticipation, The Coming and The Cure, the Remedy. The first great mistake made by our farmers and business men was their indifference to the gravity of the situation. Even when the boll weevil reached the Mississippi river which is 72 miles west of Brookhaven—and later on when it was reported on this side of the river; everyone was going along at the same old gait; planting cotton and some corn; raising big crops of cotton and sending the greater portion of the proceeds north to pay for provisions and grain.

"None of us realized the greatness of the danger. We thought it would treat us like all the other cotton pests which we had so successfully combated—reduce our yield for two or three years and then pass on to other fields. I had been in business here for thirty years. I had never seen a complete failure in all that time. Forty per cent of a cotton crop was our lowest record. Why then should we dread the boll weevil any more than its predecessors? We would fight it out on the old lines. We would just trim our sails a little and fight our way through the storm.

"Alas! how many dollars would have been saved and how much suffering spared; and what a long up hill struggle would have been avoided, through the seven lean years that followed, had we only taken the precaution to visit the devastated regions beyond the river. Had we only seen with our own eyes the ravages of the weevil and then adopted the proper means of fighting the oncoming evil; but we just waited and we paid the penalty that always follows apathy.

"The Coming and Effects—In the year 1908 the compress receipts at Brookhaven were 31,000 bales; in 1911 they were reduced to 3,100 bales. Just ten per cent of a full crop was all that we could harvest at the end of three years. The drop was rapid after 1909. That year we made about 17,000 bales of cotton; in the year 1910 about 6,500 bales; and then the most complete failure. The farmers did not begin to get demoralized, nor the merchants alarmed, until the early part of 1910. Then fear took possession of all of us. We decided to try new crops; and selected peanuts as what we call a money crop, and made a failure. The merchants distributed eleven carloads of peanut seed and shipped away that fall only thirteen carloads of peanuts. Thank God, we got our seed back! The next year we tried sorghum principally, and some ribbon cane. We installed a canning factory and shipped our product to Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. We gained quite a reputation there for the best grade of sorghum, but being an absolutely pure grade, a quantity of it fermented and was a total loss. The factory failed in consequence and the growing of sorghum as a money crop was a decided failure.

"In the meantime, the negroes were moving north to the delta; labor was getting scarce; and the supply merchant and bankers were getting tired. The strain on the financial strength of all was great. The farmers were trying to raise a little cotton all this time, but were jockeying most of their acreage to cowpeas, potatoes, hay, and experimenting with "money crops."

"All the time, however, there was one class of demonstrators who were continuously at work—the dairy divisions of both the State agricultural college and the United States government. A dairy association was formed in the year 1913. At the first meeting there were just nine persons present—the two demonstrators, seven farmers and myself. But we organized and three years afterwards the meeting of the same association packed the city hall (capacity of 450) to its uttermost.

"We now have two creameries here and the combined output amounts to \$750,000 a year. Permit me to state here that the great success of the dairy business in our section was not due to my efforts. I was only a modest booster. During the year 1911, Mr. E. E. Becker an ex-banker, took charge of the creamery. He spent most of his time the first year of his management in a buck-board going from farm to farm, explaining the wonderful possibilities of the industry. He built up my Success beyond success! The second creamery was installed a short time afterwards.

"We commenced to climb the hill of prosperity in 1917, when we received about 16,000 bales of cotton; the crop of 1918 was 14,000 bales and we expect to get about an equal amount this year. "The Remedy—If I were living in a country that was about to be invaded by the boll weevil, I would promptly call a meeting of all the farmers, merchants and bankers, and I would have the adoption of the following resolution: "Whereas, This community will soon be invaded by this dread boll weevil, and before fully aware of the danger with which we are threatened of the losses that this insect brings in its trail, of the demoralization it creates among the business men, the discouragement it causes to come over the farming element, and knowing that unless the issue is bravely met and conservatively handled it may cause depression, that is likely to be felt for at least seven long years. "Be it, therefore, resolved: That economy and conservation shall be our watchword. That bankers and merchants shall be requested to slow down the advancement of credit to the lowest possible notch; that, presuming the farmers of this section are composed of three classes: First, raters, second, and pligs, about equally divided, one-third in each class and let them eat hog or die; no attention to the first class, as they will be able to take care of themselves, that we will cast loose from the third class and let them, root hog or die; but that we will do all we can to elevate No. 2 and make them better producers. "That we will not run after false gods, such as peanuts, sorghum, etc., but will diversify and stick to such crops as we are accustomed to cultivating; namely, corn, cowpeas, hay, velvet beans and cotton, and that we will raise as many cattle and hogs as possible and will endeavor to encourage dairying as much as we can, requesting our farmers to tackle the industry in a small way at the beginning. "I would then adjourn the meeting urging each one to strive with all his might and main to put into execution the spirit of these resolutions. "Somewhere in the Old Testament—I think in Jeremiah—it is written: "My people were destroyed for want of knowledge;" and the immortal bard, Shakespeare, has said: "Sweet are the uses of adversity." "In our experience both the inspired writer and the great poet were right. We came near to being destroyed for want of knowledge and lack of belief; and while our adversity has been a great educator and we are now better farmers and business men and this section is more prosperous than ever. We could have accomplished in four years what we required eight had we used energy in the beginning and put the brakes on hard. "Ex-Governor Manning of South Carolina, who visited this section with a large delegation several years ago in search of information on the boll weevil question, remarked—after hearing several business men—"Well Mr. McGrath, your advice is to keep our feet warm and our heads cool." "Yes, I replied, "and your pursuit."

"The three classes into which I divide the farmers is true of all other trades and professions, and the ratio about the same. I know it applies to merchants. I asked a good lawyer about his fellows and he said, "Yes," I then inquired of an eminent preacher and he replied, "Assuredly so, only I fear we have more than the one-third in the third class."

The common barbary, once a familiar shrub in all parts of the northeastern and central western states, is being eradicated through the efforts of the United States department of agriculture, which found that the shrub was an enemy of wheat in that it harbored rust spores during the winter. An eradication campaign is being carried on in 13 states.

Greenville, Nov. 15.—A total of \$200,000 will be available for loans to farmers of Greenville county on cotton beginning Monday morning, according to announcement today by the Merchants Cotton company of the Greenville chamber of commerce which has charge of the lending of money pooled for this purpose by Greenville business men. Loans of not more than \$50 per bale will be made, for a term of six months, and must be paid at the end of that time. Interest is at the rate of 8 per cent.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 14.—A band of whiskey thieves, believed by the police to number 25 or more, early today broke open two freight cars in the South Broad street railroad yards here and stole 588 cases of whiskey and 41 barrels of alcohol. The whiskey is valued at \$32,310 and the alcohol at \$45,200. The loot was carried off in motor trucks after a railroad policeman had been kidnapped. Two trucks filled with plunder were recovered.

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All are recent appointments, and subject to approval by the senate which meets next month. Since the majority of the board are Democrats and are appointed for the long term, some doubt was expressed today in congressional and other official circles whether the Republican majority in the senate would confirm the nomination. Columbia, Nov. 15.—Attorney General Wolfe will this week appear before a circuit judge and ask for the appointment of a receiver for the Mutual Savings Bank of Bennettsville, the institution of which Thos. B. McLaurin was president. Directors of the bank have suggested that G. C. Adams, active vice president, be named receiver. The attorney general's move will be on the advice of State Bank Examiner Craig, whose examination of the bank last week disclosed "concealed liabilities," consisting of "worthless securities, pledged, in the form of warehouse certificates and concealed personal liabilities of Mr. McLaurin," the warehouse certificates described as "worthless and bogus." Mr. McLaurin was an officer of the Bennettsville warehouse, by which the certificates were issued.

Greece Quiet After Election

Only Minor Disorders Result From Election in Which Venizelos Won a Victory

Athens, Nov. 15.—Greece is quiet, except for a few minor clashes as the result of the election in which Premier Venizelos claimed victory. Small disorders were quieted by fire hose streams. Public meetings have been forbidden.

Freezing in Far South

Weather Bureau Predicts Bitter Cold as Far South as Central Texas

Washington, Nov. 15.—Freezing temperatures are reported as far south as central Texas.

Plan to Restrict Immigration

Congressional Committee Considers Legislation in Executive Session

Washington, Nov. 15.—Plans for legislation restricting immigration and naturalization of this year discussed at the executive sessions of the house immigration committee.

FIRST MEETING OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Association of Nations to Maintain World Peace Assembles in Geneva, Switzerland

THE UNITED STATES HAS NO DELEGATES AT OPENING MEETING

Forty-One Nations Have Representatives in Attendance and Fifteen Others Ask For Admission to the League

Geneva, Nov. 14 (By the Associated Press).—The league of nations assembly will begin work here supported by the prayer of all Geneva, special services were held in all the churches today and were largely attended by the delegations.

The representatives of Great Britain and her dominions went to Holy Trinity church, where George Nicoll Barnes read the first part of the service and Lord Robert Cecil the second part. The bishop of Worcester, who came to Geneva expressly for the purpose, delivered a sermon on Christ as the originator of the idea of international good fellowship. The principal delegations held conferences during the day. The British with the dominion representatives continued talks begun in London on the policy to be followed on the floor of the assembly and it is hoped in league circles that these preliminary conferences will diminish the chance of friction which it is desired to avoid in this first meeting.

PLANS FOR DISARMAMENT. Geneva, Nov. 15.—Delegates of forty-one countries are attending the first session of the assembly of the League of Nations. A definite system of disarmament and a plan for using economic blockade against nations transgressing the league's orders were among the subjects discussed. The United States is not represented by delegation, but arrangements have been made for United States representation on financial, economic and mandates commissions has been decided.

Members Are Named On Shipping Board

Four Democrats and Three Republicans Appointed—Benson Again Chairman

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CROP RECORD BOOKS.

Catch up on methods of conducting the farming business are being disseminated through the efforts of the county agent in Madison county, Ala. Farmers were first encouraged to keep expense on labor accounts on the growing of a single crop. Standard record books were furnished for this purpose. The practice has been a great assistance in the planning of a subsequent year's work and has resulted in the saving of expenses, the seriousness of which had not been realized when no accounts were kept. A number of farmers who started keeping accounts have learned the advantage of having a deposit at the bank and have acquired habits of thrift.

United Va. Troop, Nov. 14. Dave Hunt, member 25 years, captured after an exciting race, on a passenger train and held for the assault. Friday of an aged white woman, was taken from the jail at West Va., by a mob of about 75 men and hurried to a bridge near Kent Junction where the cops is said to have been committed.

Ralph Flowers Wins For Tech

Georgetown University Eleven Goes Down in Defeat Before Yellow Jackets

Mount, Nov. 12.—Georgetown university of Washington, held Georgia Tech to a 7 to 6 score for the first half of their game here today, but in the latter half the Blue and Gray defense crumpled up against the terrific drives of the "Yellow Jackets" machine and the game went to Tech, 25 to 6. Georgetown's attack made but little headway against the Tech line as shown by Tech's 20 first downs to the visitors' four, but in the last period, when Coach Alexander had replaced all of his regulars but four, the Hill Toppos launched a drive of their own that ended with Kenyon's slinking left-end for a touchdown on a triple cross-over.

Three of Tech's touchdowns followed smashing attacks against line and ends that moved the ball irresistibly down the field, another was on a 30 yards run by Ferst around right end, but the most spectacular was that by Captain Flowers, who broke through right tackle and dashed 80 yards through the Blue and Gray players.

DOTS FROM POLICE COURT.

Among other cases tried at the Recorder's court this morning was one against two young white men charged with gambling and vagrancy. The friendly game of poker came mightily near having a regrettable if not fatal ending when one man had to look down the muzzle of a pistol and hear its report when the excited loser in the game sought to take his revenge upon the winner. Fortunately the shot missed and as it turned out later the gunman had fired upon the wrong party. The man who did the shooting could not be found and no one seemed able to furnish information concerning him. The shot was fired just at the door of the Clarendon hotel.

One of the men brought into the court was found not guilty of the charge of gambling but was found guilty of the charge of vagrancy. He was given the choice of a fine of \$20 or 30 days. It was proved by the evidence in the case that he was enjoying a game of solitaire while his partner tried his hand at poker. There was a theory advanced that this man was making signals to his partner by means of the looking glass on the dresser near where he was playing solitaire. The partner plead guilty to the charge of gambling and was also found guilty of the charge of vagrancy. He was given \$20 or 30 days for each of these charges with the proviso that the second sentence would be suspended upon the payment of the first fine and his immediate withdrawal from the city.

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Lima, Nov. 12.—The arrest of thirty persons disclosed a Peruvian revolutionary plot to attack President Leguia at a formal dinner.

WANTED: Position as overseer of a farm. Thoroughly competent, and experienced in all kinds of farming, including stock, truck, poultry and power farming. 38 years of age; married and can furnish the best of references. W. P. Arnold, Mayesville, S. C., R. No. 3.

To the Farmers of Sumter County

Many of you are going to hold your cotton and surely you are not going to leave it in the weather. Storage room is becoming scarce. We have room yet for a considerable amount in the Palmetto Warehouse, Columbia, S. C., and will be glad to furnish terms and information to any desiring them.

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