

FEATURE WILL BE BIG SAVING.

Saving on Interest in Entire United States Will Be Nearly \$100,000,000.

Washington, March 30.—One of the immediate benefits that will come with the operation of the system of rural credits will be this: The farmers in two states of North and South Carolina will have the opportunity of saving in interest rates on mortgages nearly one and one-half millions of dollars. The figures have been computed by the farm loan board here.

In North Carolina the present volume of farm loan is \$21,005,000. On this the present rate of interest is 7.7 per cent. The United States will lend the money for 5 per cent, a saving of 2.4 per cent, or in round numbers \$667,000 for the state.

In South Carolina \$24,967,000 is the amount of the mortgages, and the rate of interest is 8.4 per cent. This will permit a saving of 3.4 per cent, or \$838,000.

When this is viewed on a large scale it is found that the saving to the farmers of the United States when they have transferred their present mortgages from private lenders to the United States government will reach a total of nearly one hundred million dollars a year. This estimate is based on the present farm mortgage indebtedness of approximately four million dollars. The average interest rate is 7.4 per cent, three-fourths of a cent less than is collected on an average in North Carolina according to the figures of the board's experts. This saving takes no account of the greatly increased volume of business which will result by reason of the reduced interest rate.

Under the farm loan act a flat rate of 5 per cent will prevail in every state in the Union. Farmers under this act are permitted to borrow money to refund existing indebtedness, to buy land, to invest in livestock to put on the mortgaged land, or to erect buildings, fencing, construct drainage, buy needed machinery or anything which will add to the value of the land or facilitate its cultivation.

In no other district of the United States are the prospects for the farm loan bank so good as they are in the Columbia district, which includes North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Today the statement was made at the farm loan bureau that North and South Carolina farmers have been organized better and have entered into the system in larger numbers than in any other section of the country. Within a short time the plans will be completed, the banks will be organized, the appraisers to pass upon the lands appointed and the system put into organization. Predictions are made here that it will help reduce the high cost of living and put the farmer on a basis of independence that he has never known in this country—especially those farmers who have not had the opportunity or encouragement to develop their lands and crops.

BRITISH SHIP STANLEY IS SUNK BY A U-BOAT.

Two of Crew, One an American Die From Exposure.

New York, April 3.—The British steamship Stanley from Newport News March 7 with a cargo of grain for Cherbourg, was sunk by a German submarine without warning on March 21, and five members of her crew killed. Fifteen survivors of the ship reached here today on the steamship Port Albany. Two other members of the crew died, one an American, died of exposure in open boats.

One of the small boats, containing the captain and 18 more men had not been heard from by the men arriving today and they fear it was lost.

When torpedoed the Stanley was nearing the Irish coast, and as the men were taking to the boats, the submarine fired upon them and the ship with a deck gun, the survivors asserted. The men killed by the explosion of the torpedo were three engineers and two firemen.

Two boats were lowered. The one containing the captain and 18 men drifted away from the boat which contained the men picked up by the Port Albany, and has not been heard of since.

The other drifted for 76 hours before being sighted by the Port Albany. This boat had on board Chief Officer Cole, chief engineer Jenkins and 15 of the crew. They were all but exhausted from exposure. Two of their number, including the American, died and more would have soon perished, officers said, had their rescue been longer delayed. The officers said they could not recall the name of the American. His home was in Newport News.

The Stanley was a ship of 3,987 tons gross, 390 feet long and was built at West Hartlepool in 1914. She was owned by the Pyman Steamship company of West Hartlepool.

THREE THOUSAND MORE SOLDIERS CALLED OUT.

Government Has Also Placed Hurry Orders for Steel Cable Nets to Catch U-Boats.

Washington, March 30.—Three thousand more national guardsmen were called out by the war department in pursuance of its plan to give police protection to public works and buildings. Under the department's orders these additional militiamen brought into the federal service will perform the same duties as the 45,000 members of the militia already ordered out in a scope of states.

The additional troops ordered out are: New York's 47th and 23rd infantry regiments and first squadron of the first cavalry, Battery A. Georgia field artillery, and Companies D and F. of the 10th field artillery of Connecticut.

Mobilization of the civilian employees of the Panama canal now is contemplated by an order made public by the war department, creating a board to consider the possibilities of such a step. Members of this board are: Lieut. Col. Chester, Harding, governor of the canal zone; Commander Hutch I. Cone, and Maj. Oliver Edwards.

The government began placing hurry orders for steel cable nets to catch submarines. The award of one contract for 100 nets to the American Steel and Wire company of Philadelphia was announced by the navy department. They are to be built and delivered with all possible speed. Deliveries will commence within three weeks, Secretary Daniels was assured by the company.

The nets contracted for are similar to those now used by the allies to guard their rivers and harbors against the submarine menace. They will be constructed at a cost of \$1,881 each and are to be of a 12-foot steel mesh, 1,500 feet long and 34 feet deep.

Efforts were redoubled in all branches of the government service to detect the presence of German submarines off the Atlantic seaboard. Particularly active in the work of scanning the coasts are the lighthouse service, the fishery service, coast and geodetic survey and other maritime bureaus in cooperation with the navy department.

The demands to be made upon Congress next week by officials directing the preparedness program of the government will be agreed upon tomorrow at a joint conference of the council of national defense and its advisory committee in the office of Secretary Baker.

A Magistrate's Threat.

"Four well known business and society men of Asheville and a negro sehauffeur" were arrested near Hendersonville, recently, says a dispatch from that town, for hauling blockade whiskey, and a 10 gallon keg and a gallon demijohn three-fourths full were found in the machine. When the case came to trial before a magistrate three defendants were fined for being drunk and disorderly but the case against the five for transporting contraband was dismissed.

Thereupon the sheriff protested against the ruling but the magistrate threatened him with contempt proceedings and as a last resort threatened never to vote for the official again. The sheriff, however, says the incident is not closed and he will endeavor to have it passed on by another court; even at the risk of losing the support of the magistrate in future political contests.

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Enthusiasm—Need of It.

By Rev. D. S. Hubbell.

Our life as fathers, citizens and lovers of good things needs enthusiasm. As farmers, merchants, lawyers, doctors, teachers, preachers, etc. We are not doing half our best unless we follow up our work with enthusiasm.

Every lawful pursuit brings a man into certain relation with basal, fundamental principles of facts and truth. The farmer is such a man. In the soil and the atmosphere are elements which we must work. They are the basal things upon which he depends for his bread and money. Bread and money are needful. Without them life and enterprise fail.

The enthusiastic farmer is one who rejoices in his calling and wakens enthusiastically to his work. All other tasks in human life equally need this, but, this favor, this passion for our business. No man can rise to a higher level in his endeavors without a glowing enthusiasm.

Do you want a picture of naughtiness, ugliness and failure? Just find a man who works because he has to. You can read rebellion in his very movement and discontent in every lineament of his countenance. It is drudgery with him and he has no more joy in his work than a slave.

On the other hand behold the man or woman who goes about work cheerfully and plies with a loving zest which shows that the soul is in the work and hints that some how God and eternal right principles are involved.

Enthusiasm meant originally, "God in us."

Paul says, "Whether we live, we live unto the Lord."

Emerson: "Every great movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm."

Every great soul among us is full of truth and every truth a blazing torch. Enthusiasm is ever a winner when yoked up with perseverance. True enthusiasm is like leaven, it spreads and should permeate the whole community. It is knowledge illuminated, faith quickened and ambition on fire. An enthusiastic christian is the finest character to be found in the world, for he is most like his ideal master, a model of perfection and a divine example of enthusiasm.

Some one will say that enthusiasm has to do with the emotions and therefore to be carefully watched lest the emotions lead to excess. In all I have had to say I have thought of an enthusiasm born of faith in right principles, baptized in love and risen from purifying fires into the realm of human busy activities which have for their objects the service of humanity and the glory of God. Such enthusiasm is worthy of all acceptance and such a life is worthy of such enthusiasm. A worker without active emotions is dead! It means sympathetic touch with all that is highest and best in our life on the earth, with the Holy One leading on. Oh, for more sane, sanctified enthusiasm.

It is peaceable, calm, pure in principles, but in action it is heroic and as resistless as a mighty river. It will bring you to the goal.

Park Mountain, N. C.

Germany Will Not Declare War on the United States.

Berlin, April 3, via London, April 4.—The press report of President Wilson's "state of war" message reached Berlin at 10 o'clock this morning. It is declared here that there would be no change in the German attitude even if Congress adopted President Wilson's views. Germany will not declare war, nor take any step to wage war against the United States.

The submarine war will be continued as it has been conducted since February 1, but this, declare the officials, is not directed more against the United States than any other neutral.

It also is declared that there will be no change in the treatment of American citizens in Germany, who now have the same freedom as all other neutrals. But Germany expects that the United States will continue the same treatment of Germans in that country.

Nature Cures, the Doctor Takes the Fee.

There is an old saying that "Nature cures, the doctor takes the fee," but as everyone knows you can help Nature very much and thereby enable it to effect a cure in much less time than is usually required. This is particularly true of colds. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy relieves the lungs, liquefies the tough mucus and aids in its expectoration, allays the cough and aids Nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

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CRUSHING BLOW STRUCK TURKS BY THE BRITISH.

Ultimate Objective of the British Palestine Force Is Jerusalem.

London, March 30.—A crushing blow has been struck to the Turks by the British army in Palestine, adding ominously to the menace of Jerusalem, ultimate objective of the British.

Passing northward along the Mediterranean littoral, the British came in contact with the 53rd division of Turks charged with guarding the approaches to the Holy City. In a ferocious battle the British inflicted a crushing defeat upon the Ottoman troops, routing the entire division and taking 900 prisoners. The victory netted them an advance of 15 miles from Rafa to the Wadi Chuzeh river. Their lines stretch from a coast point five miles below the Bible famed city of Gaza, straight through westward to the Red sea, where their right flank rests on El Chaili 40 miles from Jerusalem. Four Austrian officers and 32 Austrians and Germans of other ranks were among the prisoners taken and two Austrians howitzers were included in the booty.

High tribute is paid to the bravery of the British troops in the war office statement issued today announcing the victory.

The main purpose of the British advance, the report says, was to cover the construction of a railroad which is to facilitate the further advance. The next objective of the British is the City of Jaffa, on the Mediterranean coast. Jaffa is the port of Joz as well as connected with the Holy City by a direct rail.

Tax Notice.

All persons owing taxes will please take notice that I am forced to advertise and levy if not paid. The law has been amended so that the sheriff is required to levy after November the 1st. I have indulged the collection of Taxes since last November. I cannot hold the matter up longer. Take due notice that unless your taxes are paid that I will proceed to advertise. This is positively my last notice. The 27th day of March 1917.
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