

THRIFT CAMPAIGN FOR SURRY COUNTY.

A New War-Task for all Americans.

To the Citizens of Surry County:

The glory of America and the service of humanity is calling the man of average means into action.

His power is the conquering and unconquerable power of the American Nation.

Big capital, big business, the big men of the country have already been called into service. Their response was prompt, and they have entered heartily upon the big tasks assigned them.

By the new plan put into operation this month by the United States Government the power of the small savings, the small business, the average citizen, is to be employed for winning a great victory over German plans and intrigue.

The new plan will be welcomed wherever it becomes known.

The announcement of it has aroused enthusiasm, and in the most populous centers of the country, great throngs are in evidence at Post Offices and other places where WAR SAVINGS STAMPS are for sale. It is a plan for all the hundred million free citizens of America. The task assigned to each is very easy, but very great in its effect upon the successful prosecution of the war and upon the future welfare of America.

The performance of the task brings immediate profit to every person who does his or her part. The Government pays a higher rate for it than for the service of big capital.

Liberty Bonds are beyond the reach of many whose patriotism is real, and

Country, but who must accumulate their savings from day to day and from week to week, all in small amounts.

The Government has devised WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES AND UNITED STATES THRIFT CARDS, to enable these people to invest some of their savings profitably in securities of their own Government.

A War-Savings Certificate has twenty spaces, upon each one of which a Government stamp costing \$4.12, if purchased before Feb. 1st, 1918, may be affixed. These stamps increase in value at the rate of 4 per cent compounded quarterly, so that in 5 years, at maturity, they will be worth \$5.00 each.

The full certificate, costing \$82.40 will be redeemed in five years by the United States Government for \$100.00 in CASH.

But any one of the stamps, or any part of any incompletely filled certificate, will be redeemed in CASH, at any time, on ten days notice, for original cost together with accrued interest at any money Post Office in the United States.

The stamps are better than the CASH. For example, if you were to carry a Five Dollar bill in your pocket for 12 months, it would be worth just \$5.00, no more and no less, at the end of the 12 months. But if you carry in your pocket a War-Savings Stamp, or a War-Savings Certificate with stamps affixed, it is increasing in value every moment of time you have it in your possession, and you can use it as money any time you wish.

The United States Thrift Cards are planned on the same principle as the War-Savings Certificate.

The whole plan is simplicity, convenient, profit and service to the highest degree.

It gives to every class of Americans, even those of small means, the opportunity to save money, and thus to serve themselves and humanity at large in the largest possible way.

It brings to every man, woman and child a strong inducement to economize in food, clothing, and personal indulgence and to use their savings to increase their own fortunes, and to strengthen their Government, and to

support the gallant soldiers and sailors, many of whom are Surry County and North Carolina boys, who are sacrificing by fighting for us all, even to the point of giving their own lives.

War-Savings Certificates, United States Thrift Cards, and the War-Savings Stamps to fill them, will be on sale at all Money Order Post Offices in the Nation and by the Rural carriers, by all Banks and perhaps at other places, announcement of which will be made later.

Full information will be available everywhere.

Every facility in buying them will be given. No one will have reason for overlooking or neglecting them. They will not be dumped on the market without restriction however, they are too good for that. No one subscriber will be allowed to own more than \$100. worth of War-Savings Certificates. They are non-taxable.

An educational campaign of great magnitude is being inaugurated in Surry County, through all the newspapers, school and other agencies. We must reach every home in Surry and inform them as to the task before the American people to serve both Man and, as I believe, God, in fighting Prussian Autocracy, and for the freedom of man.

The community that can be induced to practice the most rigid economy, by elimination of the non-essentials in our manner and methods of living, and to subscribe to the greatest amount of these profit bearing WAR-SAVING CERTIFICATES, will very soon be the most prosperous, and the citizenship will have the consciousness of having done their duty by a great cause, and to our boys who are fighting for us.

In the beginning of the work which by State Director F. H. Fries of Winston-Salem, N. C., I most earnestly plead for the hearty co-operation of every patriotic man, woman, boy and girl in Surry county.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
A. V. WEST, Chairman,
Surry County War-Savings Committee.

"Its only a Question of our Keeping Cool"

Amsterdam, Dec. 16.—The German newspapers contain lengthy accounts of the speech of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz before the Hamburg branch of the Fatherland party, in which the admiral said:

"Up to the present in this war Great Britain has won, rather than lost. Peace based on the status quo ante or on renunciation, therefore is out of the question for Germany."

With reference to the rumor that Germany would give up Zebrugge and Ostend if the British evacuated Calais, von Tirpitz said:

"The evacuation of Calais would never be equivalent to the loss of such first class security. Moreover, the Channel tunnel will become a fact after the war, for real security, we should have besides Flanders and Antwerp, Calais and Boulogne. The rumor in question is a screen behind which the question of Flanders might be permitted to disappear.

"The pretext that we cannot coerce Great Britain and America falls to the ground when we consider the growing scarcity of the cargo space of our ruthless arch-enemy. The time for final decision will come when real distress begins to take the place of merely threatening distress. That time will come. It is only a question of our keeping cool."

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

A Christmas Sermon.

By Rev. Tom P. Jimison.

And on earth peace, good will toward men. St. Luke 2:14.

The song of the heavenly host on that epochal night when Jesus lay in the manger was prophetic. It heralded forth God's attitude toward men, and suggested that by reason of his infinite Gift, it would ultimately become men's attitude toward each other.

Jesus did not come to bring immediate peace. It could not be. He came to "bring a sword," to send "fire" and to set members of the same household "at variance one with another." That was the inevitable and irrepressible conflict between sin and righteousness. The progress of righteousness has ever been attended by tremendous upheavals and disturbances. Sin is terribly entrenched and the legions of Lucifer fight to the last ditch. They make no "strategic retreats."

But righteousness wins. Must win. Peace follows. That is the dominant note in the New Testament. A few belated prelates are still proclaiming that God is trying to snatch a few brands from the burning and take them to glory in some far off place "out beyond the confines of astronomical space," and abandon the balance on the borders of Limbo; but it is not so. He is creating a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth

and tend to hasten the final victory.

"Peace on earth!" Sounds like mere mockery now in the midst of all this wreckage and carnage and strife. And yet this is but a conflict between light and darkness on a more gigantic scale than we have ever seen before. It is a supreme test as to whether right or might shall rule. A nation

WHY ARE WE GERMANS SO DISLIKED ABROAD?

Berlin, Germany (via Zurich)—

"Why are we Germans so disliked abroad?" was the question which Professor Kraemer of the University of Stuttgart, recently discussed before a meeting of the Mannheim Merchants Association.

"The greatest failing of individual Germans," said the professor, "as well as of the whole nation, is that we are no psychologists. This explains exactly why foreigners find us so disagreeable, it is because we have no psychological comprehension and do not estimate the effect of our words and our manners upon strangers, otherwise we should be careful to act more in accordance with the ideas of foreigners, and not behave ourselves when abroad as though we were at home; yet on the other hand, we should not sink all our particular German qualities out of a mistaken regard for foreign manners.

"Our unpopularity with the English is due to our material and intellectual advancement, which awakens dislike and jealousy. England feels her decline approaching and wants to overthrow her ambitious opponent. In France matters were going much better in the last few years, until the malevolent influence of England brought about a recrudescence of the old hatred. The Italians have a special dislike of all foreigners. It is true they have a great respect for our sense of order, and a very cool respect also for our ability, but their artistic sensibilities cause them to find a lack of repose and graciousness in the German manner. The Russians have mostly known the German; as instructors and that has not filled them with love for us. The Swiss is

can run amuck as well as an individual. Germany has done that. She is an international pariah with all the worst qualities of Napoleon, Alexander, Hannibal, Attila, Nero, and Judas Iscariot. She has preached the doctrine that might makes right until she has become drunk with lust for power. The time of reckoning has arrived. "Iniquity having played its part, Vengeance has leaped upon the stage." She has dug a pit and fallen in it, has hid a trap and caught her own foot.

But we must not crush her and leave her by the road side to die. We must, after this conflict is over, help her out of the pit and see to it that this raving demoniac is clothed and in her right mind. No need to undertake it though until the devils have been cast out and driven into the sea. Thus all men must learn that might is not right, but that right is almighty. Then will we learn war no more.

But the Golden Age will not dawn when wars have ceased. Nor will it dawn until there is "good will toward men" in every heart. However it will come. "He must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet." Politics will have to be cleansed of popinjays and pismires; industry must be purged of hypocrites, humbugs, and selfishness; society must be pulled out of the miasmatic marshes of sin and "washed with the laver of regeneration." Greed and graft, lying and lust, injustice, oppression, envy, malice, jealousy, hatred, strife, and all of hell's unclean brood must be driven from God's domain, the earth. Then we'll hear the angels again.

Seventeen Enlisted men Are Missing in Action.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Seventeen enlisted men of the United States army engineer corps were reported missing in action by General Pershing in a dispatch today to the war department. They were missing on November 30, the day of the German turning movement at Cambrai, and are believed to have fallen into the hands of the Germans while fighting valiantly with the engineer contingent which distinguished itself helping the British to check the attack. The men were all from New York, New Jersey and New England points.

ALLIES GAIN ADVANTAGE.

In Spite of Preponderant Majority of German Divisions the British and French Have Gained Considerable Territory.

Washington, Dec. 16.—"No element in the military situation should lead us to conclude that the initiative in the west has passed from the allies to the enemy," says Secretary Baker in his weekly review of military operations, made public tonight and devoted largely to the German advertising of an impending great offensive.

"During the period of the review (week ending yesterday) the general military situation in the west has remained unchanged," the review says: "Rumors of great preparation on the part of the Germans, with a view to achieving some major strategic success in the west, continue to reach us.

"Reports of massed hostile concentrations in those sectors where the enemy proposes to break through the French front and roll back the allied line on a broad scale, are numerous.

"The German higher command seeks peace through victory. The enemy is apparently very eager to have such a victory.

"For the past two years the Germans have been on the defensive in the west. The bold advertising of an imposing offensive on the part of the enemy, which while in the realm of possibility and therefore should not be neglected or overlooked, must in no wise be interpreted to mean that the increased strength of the hostile forces will result in any permanent strategic advantage to the Germans.

"Surveying the outlines of the general offensive during the past six months.

"The central powers have taken the initiative in the eastern and Italian theaters; the allies along the major front in the west, in Palestine, Mesopotamia, and East Africa.

"The enemy has confined his efforts to advancing his lines along the Russian front, resulting in the capture of Riga, and then by a well-conducted offensive in Italy, with the assistance of an intensive political drive, gained a marked strategic success in this sector.

"The allies in the principal theater of operations, the west, have been able to record an honest uninterrupted series of tactical advantages, and in spite of the concentration of a preponderant majority of the efficient German divisions have gained considerable terrain and taken a large quota of prisoners.

"In the outlying areas of Mesopotamia and Palestine the British have driven the enemy before, and their offensive culminated during the week in the capture of Jerusalem.

"Though the capture of the holy city cannot be held a principal military objective of the campaign so vigorously pursued by General Allenby in this theater, the conquest of Jerusalem will have a wide influence through the Turkish empire. . . . And will go far towards reaffirming the prestige of the allied powers through the orient.

"Germany realizes the danger attendant upon the waning of her influence in the east and will therefore be more anxious than ever to conclude a speedy peace before the 'war map' becomes less favorable. . . .

"The raiding of German towns in the interior, more especially the industrial centers of the Rhineland, by allied aircraft, as reprisals for the repeated bombardment of open towns in France and Great Britain by the Germans, has been successfully initiated.

"Reports of observers recently out of Germany who were present during previous air raids, state that these raids have had a very depressing effect on the civilian population and have heightened the growing discon-

tent among the German people, who now for the first time are brought face to face with real war conditions.

"The armistice concluded by the Russians with the enemy now includes the entire eastern front from the Baltic to the Black sea. Negotiations are not proceeding smoothly. The German demands as reported to us, specify, among other points, the immediate opening up of channels of commercial intercourse between Russia and Germany."

FOOD, FUEL, SUPPLIES FOR GOVERNMENT FIRST

General Priority Order Issued Giving These Things Preferential Shipment.

Washington, Dec. 7.—A general priority order, giving preferential shipment to food, fuel and government supplies was issued today by Robert S. Lovett, government dictator of priority transportation.

The order legalizes action already taken by the eastern operating commodities preference in movement. Officials believe it will go far towards relieving the eastern freight congestion which has threatened to close down war industries and public utilities.

The order says:

"On and after the 12th day of December, 1917, and until further order all common carriers by railroad in the United States shall give preference and priority in car supply and in movement to the following commodities and in the order numbered:

"1.—Steam railway fuel for current use;

"2.—(A) Component of military supplies when consigned direct to the United States government or the authorized officers of the United States army, navy or shipping board or to the allies or the proper representatives thereof, destined to any cantonment, post or encampment, to any point of export for movement thence to Europe, to any arsenal or navy yard, or material to any shipbuilding plant under contract to the United States shipping board for the sole purpose of constructing vessels for that board.

"(B) Other shipments for the United States government as the same may be authorized from time to time by the undersigned as necessary as in particular cases, but only upon request of the United States army, United States navy or United States shipping board, through a designated officer or representative of the respective departments located in Washington;

"4.—Coal to and for by product cooking plants and not subject to reconsignment; and

"5.—Preference and priority in movement only to coal for current use but not for storage, consigned direct (and not subject to reconsignment) to hospitals, schools and other public institutions, retailers of coal for use in supplying domestic consumers only; and to coal, coke and raw materials for current use, but not for storage, consigned direct (and not subject to reconsignment) to blast furnaces, foundries, iron and steel mills, smelters, manufacturers engaged in work for the United States government or its allies, public utilities (including street and interurban railways, electric power and lighting plants, gas plants, water and sewer works), flour mills, sugar factories, fertilizer factories and shipbuilders; also shipments of paper, petroleum and petroleum products."

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