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**THE WAR.**

There is much talk of peace terms now in the nations of the world, but military men are not of the opinion that it amounts to anything. Rather are they of the opinion that it is a move on the part of Germany to satisfy their own people that their leaders are doing all they can to bring about a peace that is badly wanted and badly needed in that badly afflicted country. The problem that looms up the greatest to the German military machine is to keep their own people in line until they can get something in the nature of a compromise that will not mean utter ruin to the last one of them.

It is most interesting to watch the many ways in which Germany wages war. The guns are not their only weapons. They use poison and germs and deceit as readily and as they use powder and shot. There is now going on in France a treason trial that is most interesting as a pointer to the many ways in which Germany has waged this war. An adventurer and sport in France is on trial for his life, and the charge is treason. They call him Bolo Pasha, and it is charged that he played the part of a traitor in a most unusual way. For some months it appears that he was at the head of one of the leading Paris Daily papers and was writing articles that delighted the French people. It was something to see how he could abuse and show up the Germans and their many perfidious ways. He made his paper so strong as to give it wide circulation and influence among the French people.

But it developed later that the German Military leaders were putting millions of money back of his scheme and that they were inspiring all those rank editorials in which the German people were blistered. It further developed that great numbers of these papers found their way into Germany, and that the rank articles were reproduced in the German press to show what a vindictive spirit the French press had toward the German people. In that way they were able to create intense hatred on the part of the general public in Germany.

They are showing in the trial where this adventurer Bolo Pasha has had millions of dollars in his possession, and that he had it deposited in banks in New York and London and that he was operating on such a large scale as to arouse great suspicion as to where he got his money. It appears that he will be convicted and the penalty is death.

This country is more and more waking up to the importance of saving food and thus aid in feeding the starving millions of our allies in Europe. The latest move is to stop the sale of chickens that are supposed to lay this spring. The man who has no better judgment than to feed a hen all winter and then sell her for food just at the time when she is ready to lay a basket of eggs is to be controlled by forbidding the merchant to buy his hen. In this way millions of eggs will be saved for food.

The most important move our home people can make is to save food and produce food this spring with a view to becoming self supporting. It already appears that there will be a shortage of flour and other bread-stuff this spring before the new crop of wheat comes in. Bread is the staff of life in this country and to have a shortage of bread is something serious. To avoid this our people should use every economy. The fact that a large number of our farmers are not raising enough bread for their own use is a serious problem and one that can be easily changed. Every patriotic farmer in the county should use his influence among his neighbors to get more food produced this year.

Our boys are in the trenches in Europe and now have part of the front between the Germans and France. To hold this line until we

can get a larger force and a larger supply of guns and ammunition there is the problem. The country may expect to hear of many deaths and great losses in the future, for these will be certain to come. These men who have gone across should be backed up in every possible way by the folk here at home in the way of saving and producing what is necessary to make the war as short as possible. A man can be a hero here at home by doing his part or he can be a deserter and a slacker by not doing his part.

**POLITICAL GOSSIP.**

The politicians are beginning to talk of the positions to be won and lost in the elections this fall. At the recent term of court they tell us many earnest caucuses were held by the would-be office holders.

To begin with they are very much of the opinion that the dozen or more candidates will again be afraid to contest the nomination for Congress with Major C. M. Stedman. If one man should declare himself a candidate against the Major that would mean that practically every county in the district would have a candidate, and the Major might be able to defeat them all. That appeared to be the conclusion two years ago, and it appears to be the way it will be settled again this year. Maj. Stedman is not making a record that can be attacked and he has the party organization behind him.

A Solicitor will be selected for this district again this year and no doubt the present Solicitor, Mr. S. P. Graves could get the nomination if he desires it, for he is recognized as a most efficient officer. It is out that Mr. A. E. Tilley judge of the Recorders court in this city would like to secure the nomination on the republican ticket and make the run for Solicitor. Mr. Tilley has had law license for several years and has filled the office of Recorder in a most acceptable way to our people and in a way to call forth the highest praise from members of legal profession who have had business in his court.

Surry and Stokes make up a state Senatorial district and the naming of the state senator this year falls to Surry. The republican politicians say they are looking for some substantial farmer who has horse sense and public spirit to fill this most important place, rather than some thread-bare politician. They say a man of the type of Jim Beamer of Stewarts Creek would make a desirable candidate for Senator, and one who would be acceptable to the voters. They say that the republicans of this county are much disposed to break away from the little ring of politicians who annually stand for something in the nature of honors or office, and who must always be taken care of in the interest of harmony.

In the county the democrats are not expected to do more than to keep up the party organization, for the republican majority is too great to overcome. The republican party has a rule to not allow any office to be held more than two terms by one man, and this means that this year the sheriff and clerk of the court will have no opposition, that is provided their services have been satisfactory to their party. A new man is supposed to be named for Register of Deeds and treasurer, both of these offices are now open for a new man according to the rule of the party. It is supposed to develop that each township will have a candidate for each place.

Attorney W. M. Jackson and A. H. Wolfe are being discussed by the republicans for Representative, and Mr. E. C. Bivens would be willing to make the race for the democrats if they should select him for the sacrifice.

In the meantime it appears that the republican party organ is trying its best to get tangled up with the federal authorities by blistering the administration for its war moves in every other article published. It may be that there is an element in the county that delights in this kind of literature.

**A Hint to the Aged.**

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.

**After Dogs and Vagrants.**

At the regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners this week routine business was transacted. Rev. Geo. D. Herman came before the Board and asked to be heard. He made a strong plea for some relief from depredations by dogs that run at large in the town. To the minister it appeared to be a serious problem that a hundred worthless dogs are kept here in Mount Airy when thousands of children are starving in Europe. He reminded of the fact that it is not custom now to have garden and yard fences, and that these worthless dogs play as great havoc running over a young garden as a horse or a cow could. He further insisted that the time has come when the law as to vagrants—men who can work and don't, should be enforced. To him it is a serious proposition to stand about the streets a half a day or a whole day, when there is so much that needs to be done. It was a most earnest appeal that the able minister made and the Board agreed with him on every point.

As to the men who are not working the Mayor instructed the police to keep an eye on the fellows who appear to be violating the state laws which are supposed to get the fellow who loafs too much.

As to dogs a law was enacted that makes it a dollar fine for any citizen to allow a dog to run at large in the town of Mount Airy. If a citizen here cares to indulge in the luxury of a dog he must not allow it to run at large. The fine is one dollar for the first offense and \$2.50 and \$5.00 for the second and third, with no powers granted to the mayor to remit the fine. In the past the dog has been up against the problem of getting shot, the policemen being instructed to shoot dogs that run at large. Now the policeman is not to shoot dogs until the proper effort is made to locate the owner and prosecute him.

**Modification of Flour Order.**

The flour order has been modified as follows:

Farmers who raise their own cereals may buy as much as 24 pounds of flour without taking meal or other substitutes. 24 pounds is the limit.

W. F. CARTER

County Food Administrator.

**Fine Work in Surry Schools.**

In spite of the inclement weather of the past few weeks the rural teachers of the county have come together in township meetings at Dobson, Woodville and Eldora. Miss Britton the county supervisor, met the teachers and talked to them about what she expected to find when she visited their schools, what hidden and vast possibilities lay in the rural school and what they, as teachers, could do to develop these powers and make the schools the best in the history of the county.

At all three places the attendance was good and the interest lively. An unusually good number of the patrons met with the teachers thus displaying the new feeling of sympathy and understanding now exists between our teachers and our people.

Miss Britton will meet the teachers of Stewart's creek township this week at Pine Ridge school house.

**Mt. Airy Citizens Go to Baltimore.**

Messrs. S. H. Warren, Chas. Tilley, Millard Tilley, Percy Norman and Mr. Coleman left here Wednesday evening to get work in the Government works at Baltimore. They get 62½ cents an hour there and double time for overtime and for work on Sunday. They secure good board for \$1.00 a day.

**Famine in Coal May End in Two Weeks.**

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—The coal famine may end in two weeks, Pennsylvania fuel administration officials say. Reports from the coal sections say the railroad movements of anthracite and bituminous are nearly normal and with mild weather likely to continue the shipments of fuel will steadily increase.

**PEOPLE URGED TO CUT CORD WOOD.**

**Make Fuel Preparation for Next Winter, Advises State Administrator.**

Beginning at once and continuing thru the warm weather, encouragement is to be given to the people of North Carolina to cut cord wood for next winter. A. W. McAllister, the state fuel administrator, has issued instructions to his local fuel committees in all parts of the state, urging them to correlate all forces possible in this endeavor. Municipalities are to be interested in getting wood cut, as well as individual owners. Mr. McAllister suggests the utilization of convicts wherever possible.

In his instructions to the committees, Mr. McAllister writes, "See to it that nobody is afraid of buying or cutting too much wood, for there is going to be a demand at a good price, for all the wood that is available. Cord wood at this time is one of the most stable assets that a man can possess."

"While we are not safely thru this winter yet, the indications are now that we are going to get thru without having experienced serious hardship of suffering anywhere" wrote Mr. McAllister. "Next winter is going to be the rub, and we cannot begin too soon to prepare for it. The next sixty days is the best period of the year for cutting cord wood, and I know you can serve your community, as a representative of the fuel administration, than to exercise all of your resourcefulness in inducing your municipality your county, your wood dealers and the farmers of your county to secure the cutting of all cord wood possible during the next sixty days with a view to supplying the demands for wood which we are sure to have next winter."

"The United States department of agriculture has just issued the following statement:

"No one knows how much coal there will be for general fuel purposes next year. With the enormous demands being made upon both coal and transportation, the shortage may be more widespread and severe than this year. It is only a matter of good business foresight for those communities that have the wood around them to see that some time during the season a sufficient supply is cut and hauled where it could be easily available as a reserve next winter. The time to cut it is right now before the spring season opens. In many cities and towns municipal woodyards have been started and are working very successfully. Such a yard should be in operation in every town, where wood can be obtained, and at work building up a reserve for next winter. Those locally responsible for the government of towns and communities should take early action and see that this is done, or some similar means employed to ward off a fuel shortage another year."

"The United States department of agriculture further states that the state fuel administrator of New York forsores an embargo on coal next winter to those who have access to supplies of wood. In short, coal will simply be refused to those who can get wood. With this prospect held out, a vigorous campaign has been inaugurated to build up a wood fuel supply in New York and thus be protected against lack of coal next winter. This view and this action should be given heed by every state and similar measures taken to provide for the future."

"The United States department of agriculture is also sending out the following statement from chief forester of the conservation commission of Canada, who speaks from the experience of a country that has been at war for three and a half years.

"There must be some definite organization for utilizing the large supplies of wood available for fuel. My idea is that the city and municipal governments ought to go into the matter definitely and invest a moderate amount of money in building up a reserve of wood which can be drawn upon whenever the coal shortage makes it necessary.

"I wish to make the following specific recommendations to the chair-

**men of the local fuel committees:**

"1. Secure the co-operation of local newspapers in calling attention to the vital importance of cutting cord wood during the next sixty days. Find other publicity methods for bringing this to the attention of the public. Secure the co-operation of the superintendents of schools of your city or town and county and thru them secure his full discussion of this subject in the schools, especially the higher grades. If the schools can be interested in the subject, thru them the patrons will become interested.

"2. Induce your municipal government to adopt a definite policy as to cutting and contracting for a large supply of cord wood for next winter's supply.

"3. Bring your municipal and county authorities together and secure co-operation between them in the cutting of wood for next winter's reserve supply.

"4. By publication and otherwise encourage wood dealers to contract now for their wood supply for next winter, and by the same method encourage farmers at this time to cut cord wood for next winter's market.

"5. See to it that nobody is afraid of buying or cutting too much wood, for there is going to be a demand at a good price, for all the wood that is available. Cord wood at this time is one of the most stable assets that a man can possess.

"6. Please make full report on Saturday of each week as to progress made on this or such other program as you may adopt for securing the cutting of cord wood.

"It is important to get the co-operation of the county authorities as indicated in recommendation No. 3 above. County convicts have been idle most of the time for the last several weeks on account of the weather. Their labor cannot be utilized in any way to the greater advantage of the public, during the next sixty days, than in cutting of cord wood."

**New Store for This City**

The D. G. Craven Department Store of Winston, will at once open a new store in this city and will carry a full line of Ladies Ready to wear Goods. Mr. R. J. Gallaway of this city will be the local manager and have full charge of the business at this point. The D. G. Craven Company conducts a large business of this kind in Winston-Salem and will have their stock here in the front of the store room occupied by Miss Beasley. The new store will open March 1st.

**American Soldiers Face Death Heroically as Tuscania Sinks**

American soldiers as their transport, the Tuscania wounded mortally by a German torpedo, sank beneath the waves, faced death heroically. To their calm behavior and to the skillful work of British destroyers and trawlers is due to the fact that so many of the passengers and crew were saved. Of those lost latest reports indicate that many were members of the crew.

The bodies of forty-four of the missing American soldiers already have been washed up on the coast of northern Ireland. Positive identification, however, is believed remote, reports say, because the tags the soldiers wore had not been provided with numbers or other information. They will all be buried in one grave.

When the Tuscania was struck by the torpedo the American soldiers went calmly to their posts. As they lined up on one side of the deck with the crew, all Britishers on the other side, the national anthems of the Anglo-American allies were sung.

The lack of panic facilitated the work of the British destroyers who braved danger by coming up to the side of the sinking liner and taking off the soldiers. The Tuscania remained afloat two hours, due probably to the action of the second engineer, who stopped the engines when the vessel received her wound.

**Mammoth Poultry House at Reynolda.**

The Fogle Brothers Co. has a force of men at Reynolda building for Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, what is to be, when completed, one of the most modern poultry plants in the South. The main building is to be 300 feet long and will contain breeding house, poultry tenders' house and laying house. The entire plant will be on concrete foundation and a part of it will be one-story with basement.

The plant is to be fitted in the most modern way, equipped with every modern convenience, including heating plant for brooders. The approximate cost will be from \$7,000 to \$8,000.—Winston Sentinel.

**NOTICE.**

The Surry County Farmers Union will meet in Dobson Thursday night and Friday February 21 and 22. All locals are requested to send delegates as important business comes before said meeting.

W. J. Nixon, Sec. & Treas.  
 F. T. Lewellyn, Pres.

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