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THAT CARD LAST WEEK.

It maybe that a few people in this county should know that, without intending it, they placed themselves in a very embarrassing position last week when they gave reasons for not pledging for war saving stamps.

Now there is plenty of time, and right now is a good time, for those persons who failed to give good and sufficient reason for not pledging, to get busy and change that record.

Get this into your head: Bill Somebody who lives on a good farm up in South Fork and owns a good farm, well stocked and money in the bank and mortgages on his neighbors is not going to sit idle and keep his money and let other people finance this war.

These many fathers who have sons in France—and there are plenty of them now right here in Surry, these fathers are taking this war mighty seriously, and they should, and they are going to have mighty little sympathy with the fellow who is not in some way doing his duty.

The man comes pretty near playing the part of a simpleton who allows himself now to be placed in the list of slackers all because of a few dollars. The young men are going to the camps as they are called, and the men back here at home who own land and homes and have allowed themselves to be placed on the cards as refusing to pay anything in the drive last week, should get busy and see that those cards are not embarrassing to them.

And so if your card is such as to place you in the slacker list our advice is to get busy and have it changed to show otherwise.

ABOUT DEMOCRATS.

The esteemed Times-Leader last week delivered a column about the way Democrats have acted down in the Third District. The words thief, rascal, steel and other epithets applied to democrats in general by the editor of the Times-Leader remind us of the story told about Sam Jones.

A fellow went up to Mr. Jones on one occasion and delivered himself of some opinions to the effect that he had lost confidence in everybody. He had no good opinion of any man. After hearing the fellow through, Mr. Jones remarked, "All I have to say is, the neighbors had better watch you."

It may not be generally known that the law sets apart a day on which those persons can have a hearing whose lands are assessed too high, or their property of any kind. The day is the second Monday in July and the county commissioners will be in session that day at Dobson to hear complaints.

Value of Property Increased.

The recent listing of property shows an increase in Mount Airy township, outside the town, to be \$360,000.00. It has not yet been estimated how much the increase is inside the town, but it is a much larger sum than was listed a year ago.

THOSE WHO HAVE REFUSED TO PLEDGE.

The following letter sent out this week by Mr. A. V. West, County Chairman, explains itself and should be of special interest to those people who made no pledges for War Savings Stamps last week.

The following wire just received from State Director Fries, viz: "Suggest you appoint immediately special committees to see by July sixth all able citizens refusing to pledge or pledging too little to give them another chance to pledge adequately before final report on them made." (Signed) FRIES, Director.

We have no word to add to the above, other than to insist that you make it a point immediately to see or select a special committee to see each citizen in your township who has not done his or her duty in the purchase of War Savings stamps or other government securities.

It is very important that this be done immediately and before your cards have been separated or report is made showing those who have refused to pledge or pledged inadequately. Bear in mind that we cannot make this division. In fact this duty has been placed on us. The township Chairman and his workers know their citizens better than we can possibly know them, and are therefore in better position than any other person can possibly be to make this division.

We know of no law to force any one buy War Savings Stamps. But it is clear that our Government is determined to draw the line and place on one side those who are true and loyal and doing their duty to the limit, whereas on the other those who refuse to do so will be placed.

Our Government and the entire citizenship of every county in the United States shall know who is loyal and true in the use of his or her money. And why not?

Our boys have answered and will continue to answer the call of our Government and go to the front where they will die if necessary for the special benefit of those of us who are permitted to remain at home.

We are glad to be able to say that a great majority of the citizens of Surry are as true and loyal as any people on earth. But those who are not shall be known.

We want every Township Chairman and Vice Chairman meet us in the lobby of the Post Office in Mount Airy at 4 o'clock Thursday July 4th. Don't forg it this.

Yours truly, A. V. WEST, County Chm. J. B. SPARGER, V. Chm. J. H. CARTER, Sec.

Asked For Higher Telephone Rates.

The stockholders of the local Telephone system last spring asked for a higher rate for services. They are doing business under a charter issued to them by the Town, and a provision in the charter fixes the rates to be charged.

The town commissioners fixed a date for a hearing on the matter, but before the hearing the request for higher rates was withdrawn, and the matter was supposed to be at an end for the present at least.

This week the Mayor received a notice from the Clerk of the Corporation Commission at Raleigh that the Mount Airy Telephone Company has asked the Commission to increase the rates here to \$3.00 for business houses and \$2.00 for residences. The 10th of July is the date fixed for the hearing and the attorney for the Town and the Mayor will go to Raleigh and ask that the Telephone Company show its books and disclose all facts that the Corporation Commission may be able to reach an equitable adjustment of the rates to be charged.

Notice to Teachers.

I will hold a public examination at Dobson on Tuesday, July 9th, 1918, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. All first grades will be renewed by taking a satisfactory examination on Kendall & Mirick's "How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects" and Leiper's "Language Work in Elementary Schools."

I hope all who expect to teach this year will take this examination. J. H. Allen Co. Supt.

With the Colors.

The following letter is from Mr. Ernest Jones to his mother, Mrs. M. A. Jones who lives in Mount Airy.

Somewhere in France, June 6-18.

Dear Mother: Have been looking for a letter this week, guess it is on the road somewhere.

Well we are way back in France, somewhere in rear of the front lines. I saw an air fight today a few miles away, some sight, believe me. Have you heard from Albert lately? Say, did Luther join the Navy? he was talking about it. You would hardly know me now, I am tanned up good and brown and never felt better in my life.

Haven't much to tell you this time, so write me as often as you can and tell the sisters to write me also, and I will write as often to you all as I can. Love to all of you. ERNEST.

Joe Haymore in Trouble.

Every farmer knows Joe Haymore, for who has not heard Joe auctioneer tobacco either in warehouses in this city or on the Winston market. Well Joe is in trouble. It came about by way of his old habit of having his joke. For all the years of his life Joe Haymore has been a man of fun and has always had a habit of saying funny things that were often ridiculous, but always intended to be pleasant. While his jokes were sometimes rough and a bit coarse his friends understood him, for he is man of kind heart and numbers his friends by the hundred.

Joe has said too many uncomplimentary things about the country since it went to war is said to be the charge against him. No one paid much attention to his wild saying about the President and the war until we actually got into war, but even then Joe kept saying things that were all right, may be, some years ago, but all wrong now. In the course of time people got to noticing that his jokes sounded very much like treason, and after a time a secret service man found his way to Joe's home near Pilot Mountain. He reported some weeks ago that Joe had gone far enough to call a halt, and so the District Attorney went and drew up the proper papers and placed them in the hands of a Marshall. Last week the papers were served and Mr. Haymore was brought here before United States Commissioner S. G. Pace. He was not ready for trial and was allowed to give bond for a future hearing. A number of the best citizens of his town were here as witnesses for the government against him.

One of the charges against him may throw some light on the nature of the case. He is said to have plowed up his wheat as a way of showing his contempt for the war. At the time he plowed under the wheat he is said to have made remarks about the wheat that, if taken seriously, would be disloyal and possibly treason. They say that the truth is that he plowed under the wheat because there was so poor a stand on a small plot of ground as to make it appear to be good business to plow the land and plant it in something else, but his disposition to have his joke always and about everything caused him to make the remarks he did about the wheat.

Now if a court can be made to think that Mr. Haymore has such a habit of joking as to place this construction on his war talk he has clear sailing, otherwise he appears to be in a way to serious embarrassment.

Germans Find American A Hard Lot to Deal With.

With the American Forces in Alsace, Saturday, June 29.—American troops on the Alsatian front are learning what might be called the specialties of inactive days while awaiting work of a wider scope. The Germans have found the overseas men facing them at so many places that they are pushing out patrols somewhat nervously here and there with the object of trying to fix the exact limits of the American sectors.

The Germans have not a monopoly on these expeditions. The Americans also are out every night studying the difficult lay of No Man's land in the mountainous region. Clashes naturally are frequent, and the Germans are finding that the Americans are not as easy to deal with as they would wish, even when outnumbered.

Sergt. Dewey F. Sloum and Corp. John G. Phillips, both of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Private Newton, Bell of Muses Mills, Ky., were cut off from the rest of their platoon in one of these little fights at an advance in the advanced post and refused to surrender. They could not run, but they showed that they could shoot. Private Bell accounted for four of the enemy and the other Americans did nearly as well.

The Germans then signaled for help and their artillery laid down a barrage to hold the Americans until the Germans could reinforce their patrol, but the patrol was driven away before help came and the Americans crawled back through a curtain of fire and rejoined their platoon.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Banner at Martin hospital last Friday.

ROBBED THE BEES.

A Surry Citizen in Trouble and the Road he Traveled to get There.

The old saying that it was a straw that broke the camels back might find application in the story that follows, for it was the robbing of a stand of bees that proved to be the last straw to the little community back up on the head waters of Mitchel's river, in this county.

The story goes that one W. T. Bauguss is now awaiting in an iron cage over at the little town of Dobson, and the charge against him is blockading. They tell how Mr. Bauguss blew in from somewhere—no one seems to know or to care as for that, and quietly set up a still in the rugged mountains of the Blue Ridge back up on the head waters of the river. The supposition is that he came from over in Wilkes—not meaning to reflect on Wilkes for we have 'em down here too. He is supposed to have had along with him associated in the business the well known Frank Brooks who is badly wanted by the Federal Court, charged with resisting officers some years ago, and well known as a dangerous and long time blockader.

And so these two gentlemen were in business operating their distillery, and they say it was a good one and of sufficient capacity to turn out liquor in paying quantities.

The days went by and in the course of weeks the neighbors got to missing milk and butter from their spring houses and chickens from the hen roosts. Suspicion pointed to the camp back up in the mountains, for it was well known that the boys were keeping bachelors hall under a rough shed. It was had enough to lose the butter milk and the sweet milk too, and the big cake of hard butter, but the limit was reached when the guilty parties—whoever they were, began to rob bees in the neighborhood. Then the neighbors called a halt and looked up the shot guns. It was carrying the thing a bit too far to go to robbing the bee stands. Officers here at Mount Airy were notified and a raid was made last week by the Sheriff and other persons and Bauguss was found there at the place of business cooking a meal or making preparation to cook it. Frank Brooks is supposed to have made his escape, for a man ran away and escaped into the mountains. The stilling outfit was captured and the beer ready to still allowed to run down the mountain side. Mr. Bauguss will now stay with the jailer over at Dobson until next October to await his hearing at the next criminal term of our county Court, at which term he will have ample opportunity to show that he is in no way connected either with the distillery or the robbing of the spring houses or the bee stands.

Lame Shoulder.

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles. All that is needed is absolute rest and a few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment. Try it.

EVENTS IN RUSSIA ARE OF ABSORBING INTEREST

Conviction is growing in Washington That Changes Are Very Near.

Washington July 1.—Not only in the far north of Russia but in Siberia and in the Ukraine the events of the past few days are of absorbing interest to the officials in Washington including the diplomatic body, and the convention is growing that they forebode great and important changes in the political as well as the military status of the whole of Russia.

Though without late direct advices officials generally accepted the press reports as conveying in rough outline some idea of the rapid development among the Russian people of a strong desire to reorganize their country on a sound constitutional basis and to throw off the German influences.

The movement in the Ukraine under General Alexieff has taken the shape of practical revolt against the dictatorship created by the Germans. The volunteer army is understood to be intended primarily to resist further invasion and exploitation by the Teutons, but also is likely to be used to overthrow the government of the new state. As such a movement, to be successful, probably would require assistance from outside, the outcome may be a renewal of the old political bonds between the Ukraine and old Russia.

The manifesto, through which Grand Duke Michael has addressed himself to the Russian people, leaves in some doubt his ultimate designs. The fact that he bases his opposition to the Bolsheviki on their disregard of the constitutional rights of constituent assembly, however, encourages the officials in hope that this is not such a reactionary movement as would involve the restoration of an absolute monarchy but rather aims at the erection either of a republic, or of a limited monarchy with a governing cabinet responsible to the parliament.

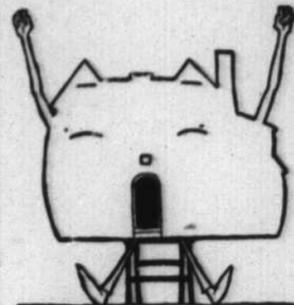
The situation in Siberia is more puzzling. It is assumed that the Bolsheviki control in Vladivostok has been still further reduced by the arrival in the port and vicinity of thousands of the Czech-Slovak contingents from Russia proper. In well informed quarters it still is said that there has been no change in the international situation, and that Japan continues quietly awaiting some sign of an unanimous request from her allies and particularly from America, to take such military measures as her general staff has planned to remove the German menace in that quarter.

Meanwhile the agitation for joint military intervention in Siberia appears to center in Paris when Alexander Kerensky former Russian dictator arrived Saturday and where it is regarded as a significant fact that the socialists, who have been regarded as not entirely unfriendly to the existing government of Russia, have begun to

discuss publicly the policy of intervention.

An official dispatch received here today refers to a declaration by the socialist party that certain socialists regard intervention in Russia as necessarily counter-revolutionary. The deputy fiercely denied this.

Deputy Outrey of Indo-China explained the reason for intervention. He declared that not only did the Japanese cabinet favor it but that public opinion in Japan approved of intervention as a political as well as economic necessity. He believed the Russian people also to be favored and concluded that intervention was the only means by which the elements of order and patriotism in Russia could constitute themselves and the moment seemed to have come to act quickly and effectively.



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