

UNUSUALLY GOOD PROGRAM AT THE WILLIAM HOOPER

Attractive Program Was Enjoyed by Patrons of That Institution. MANY PUPILS ON GRAND HONOR ROLL

Exercises Marked Close of One of Best Years in the History of The Institution. A large gathering of parents and friends of the pupils of the William Hooper school were in attendance at the closing exercises held at that school yesterday.

- First grade children; Misses Riley and Bowden, teachers. Song, "Choo, Choo, Choo." Recitation, "The Chickens." Recitation, "Three Little Kittens." First grade children, Misses William and Cameron, teachers. Recitation, "The Bee Hive." Recitation, "My Shadow." Recitation, "The Naughty Little Robin." Second grade B; Miss Kate Faison, teacher. Song, "The Clock." Second grade A, Misses Nell Bowen and M. Worth, teachers. Song, "The Flag of the Free." Recitation, "A Song of Our Flag." Third grade; Miss Harris and Miss Taylor. Song, "There Are Many Flags." Fourth grade-B; Miss Julia Faison, teacher. Song, "The Old North State." Fifth grade; Miss M. H. Whitted, teacher. Song, "Dixie." Fourth grade A; Miss M. Wood, teacher. Recitation, by the class, "The Flag Goes By." Song, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The grand honor roll for the school for the year was as follows: Fifth grade, J. G. Ormsby (two years); Fourth grade A, Mary Horbe (two years); Fourth grade B, James Curik, Rena Jones; Third grade B, Emma Lee Barber; Third grade A, Carl Taylor, Oscar Brown, Abe Hobowsky, Harvey Jones, David Ormsby, Monroe Pridden, John Tiencken, Margaret Brown, Pearl Ribenbark; Second grade A, Earl Bender, Margaret Walton; Second grade A, Louis Harrison, Aaron Hobowsky, Inez Curtis, Jeanne Hunter, Roberta Huss.

- Present every day for two years: John Tiencken, Lottie Cooper, Margaret Walton. Present every day for one year: First grade: Carl Bender, Walter Lloyd King, Wilbur Hamilton, Samuel Yopp, Ruth Cooper. Second grade: Dick Burnett, Jack East, Ralph Wolf, Mary Crumbo. Third grade: Waldorf Bangle, Oscar Brown, Walter Davis, Frederick Hart, Rupert Jones, George Klander, Carl Taylor, David Ormsby, Monroe Pridden, John Tiencken, John Willard, Bessie Burnett, Margaret Brown, Rosa Lee Moore, Pearl Ribenbark, Goldie Branch, Miriam Craig. Fourth grade: Dudley Rogers, James Roderick, Wm. Rhodes, Jane Curtis, Eleanor Edwards, Grace Hopkins, Mary Horne, Marie Meares. Fifth grade: James Yopp, J. G. Ormsby, Thelma Benson.

- Spelling Honor Roll. Thelma Jacobs, Louis Harrison, Marguerite Bordeaux. Second B: John C. Barber, Laurie Southland, Clyde Zoeller, Isaac Shipper, Elma Barnhill, Clea Hering, Della Stokley, Elzora Hodge. Second grade: Mary Benson, Myrtle Benson, Artie May Coker, Estelle Carroll, Josephine Brock, Lura McNeil, Selma Belle Owen, Sallie Belle Thompson, Jack East, Elma Copeland, Wilbur Ebert, Glenn Galvin, Edward Hawkins, William Simon, Marvin Shinn.

- Perfect in Spelling. Third grade: Boyd Coley, Johnnie Robert, Walter Davis, Rexford Piver, Emma Lee Barber, Clarence Rowan, Emma Lee Barber, Elsie Bell, Mary Costin, Ethel Hewitt, Mamie Justice, Glenn Quinn, Minnie Stokley. Grand Honor Roll. Emma Lee Barber. Third A: Oscar Brown, Roy Branch, Lawrence Coley, Alie Hobowsky, Ormsby Jones, George Klander, David Ormsby, Morris Pridden, John Tiencken, Quenton Rhodes, Bessie Burnett, Margaret Brown, Myrtle Dukes, Mattie Mercy, Margaret Potter, Janie Pershake, Pearl Ribenbark, Ruby Stephens, Thelma Sewell. Third A: Walter Hatch, Robert Norton, Loree Greer, Alice Morris, Pauline King, Suzanne Hewitt, Miriam Farrar, Katie Bunch, Miriam Craig. Third B: James Curtis, Inez Fullwood, Rena Jones, Lottie Mason, Della Stokley. Fourth grade A: Clarence Brehmer, Edward Brown, Allan Burriss, William Rhodes, Leon Sellars, Grace

AWNING SUPPORT WRECKED BY CAR

Locoed Street Car Was Struck Only After It Had Struck The Curbing.

Leaving the rails at the intersection of Fourth and Harnett streets, Brooklyn, while moving South at high rate of speed, street car No. 10, in charge of Conductor W. H. Darden and Motorman A. T. Bryant crashed into and almost completely wrecked the skeleton metal framework used for supporting the awning of the Richter store, located on the southwest corner of Fourth and Harnett streets, late last night. Luckily no one was injured. It is understood that a broken axle was responsible for the car going off the track. A hurry up call was put in for Captain Dooley and the stranded car was placed on the tracks shortly after the wrecking crew and work-car arrived on the scene.

The wheels of the car blazed a trail as they cut into the brick pavement of the east side of the street and took a mammoth bite from the stone curbing as the front part of the locoed car brushed the corner awning support from its path and sent the above section of the framework rattling to the pavement. The car was stopped by its impact with the curbing, which was a bit high at this point and prevented from crashing into the store. Mr. Richter stated this morning that had the car struck his building it probably would have knocked the entire front out and he is also of the opinion had his awning been unrolled his plate glass front would have been damaged if not demolished.

The car was the last to leave the end of the Brooklyn line and was with out passengers. After it had finally stopped the men in charge telephoned for Captain Dooley and his crew and the car was carried in after it had been gotten back on the track.

MR. TATE PASSES AWAY

Last Services Will Be In Charge of The Jeff Davis Juniors. The many friends of Mr. J. Z. Tate, of No. 217 Brunswick street, will learn with genuine regret of his death, which occurred at his residence last night at 6:50 o'clock. Funeral services will be held from St. Mary's Cathedral this afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be made in Bellevue cemetery. The members of Jeff Davis Council, No. 53, Junior Order United American Mechanics, of which organization, the deceased was a member, will have charge of the services.

AFTER TRAINING CAMP

Strong Committee Making Effort to Have Troops Mobilized Here. A local committee is making every effort to land one of the 32 mobilization camps to be established in various parts of the United States for the training of the conscript army soon to be raised for service with Pershing in France. The committee is offering the excellent 500-acre tract in the eastern section of the city. If the camp is landed for Wilmington it will mean that about 22,000 men will be trained here.

WILL OPEN JUNE 1

Hanover Inn To Be Managed by Miss Dosoway and Mrs. Huggins. Announcement is made that the Hanover Inn, on Wrightsville Beach, will open for the season on June 1, under the management of Miss Emma Dosoway, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Frank L. Huggins, of this city. The Hanover Inn has 40 rooms and is modernly equipped throughout. A splendid season is expected.

MAKES ASSIGNMENT

C. C. Bellamy Appointed Trustee for Champion Cycle Works. C. C. Bellamy, Esq., is named as trustee, in the assignment of the Champion Cycle Company, No. 132 Market street, papers for which were filed in the office of the register of deeds yesterday. Mr. R. B. Hodges was proprietor of the bicycle business, which is to be closed out.

Goes to Sea Tomorrow. Views of the "mighty deep" and breaths of ocean air are two of the enjoyable things possible for the person who goes to sea tomorrow with Captain Harper on the steamer Wilmington when she makes her weekly cruise. The vessel leaves her dock at the foot of Princess street at 10 a. m. and returns late in the afternoon.

Back From Convention

Following are the names of those composing the Wilmington delegation attending the annual Odd Fellows meeting which was held in High Point, and who have just returned to the city. Those attending were: Messrs. M. W. Jacobs, L. W. Moore, Wm. L. Smith, H. C. Walton, Joseph D. Smith, S. F. Garrison and Thos. Hill, Mrs. S. F. Garrison, Mrs. Cora Littleton and Mrs. Lindquist were among those who attended the meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah, the woman's branch of Odd Fellowship.

Preaching at Fort Caswell

Archdeacon Thomas P. Noe will preach at Fort Caswell tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The feature of the services will be the singing. All in the community are invited to attend.

No Recorder's Court Monday

There will be no session of the recorder's court Monday, as the day will be observed as a legal holiday.

- Hopkins, Jane Curtis, Eleanor Edwards, Louise Harrison, Mary Horne, Louise Hawkins, Thelma Kelly, Pearl Land, Lillian Weaver. Fifth grade: J. G. Ormsby, Paul Weaver, Thelma Benson, Lura Branch, Reaiba Callahan, Thelma Herring, May Hoffman, May Hengerty, Elizabeth Harrison, Lizzie Pinet.

HOLD SERVICES TOMORROW NIGHT

Members of Eyota and Cherokee Tribes Will Gather at Southside Baptist Church

Much interest is being exhibited by members of Eyota Tribe, No. 5 and Cherokee Tribe, No. 9, Improved Order of Red Men, in the joint memorial services to be held at the Southside Baptist church tomorrow night and invitations are issued all visiting Red Men to attend. The services, which will be in memory of the departed members of the local tribes, will be open to the public. Sermon will be preached by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of the church. Following statement is issued from the wigwam of Eyota Tribe.

"Our local tribes are working together in harmony on all matters whether on the chase and hunt after palefaces or matters of entertainment or, as in this case, of a memorial service. Brother M. Marshburn is a past sachem of Cherokee Tribe, No. 9 and he will deliver an interesting address at the services. Special services have been provided for and it is hoped that all will attend.

"What is the measure of a man? The man—God imagined crowned with love. The man who like the lowly Nazarene 'Forever walks with outstretched hands,' 'His beard of flame with pity's fire,' 'His cry forever open to the cry of Earth's oppressed.' 'Man is no larger in God's eye, than his compassion for his kin. God measures man each day by man's capacity for brotherhood.

"Forgive as ye would be forgiven. The measures that ye daily mete shall be re-measured unto you, this is the law. 'Where're the children cry for bread, 'Where're the suckling's wail cries out 'For mother's love and mother's milk, 'Where're the orphan child bows down, 'With broken heart and longs for home, 'This man of God will walk supreme, 'And manifest with lowly mien 'The Fatherhood of God."

MEETING AT SCOTT'S HILL

Addresses Were Made by Messrs. McGirt, Brown and McNorton. The meeting conducted at Scott's Hill school house last night in the interest of food conservation and increased acreage of food and feed crops were largely attended and much interest shown by the people of that section. The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, and interesting addresses were made by Messrs. W. A. McGirt, J. O. Brown and J. A. McNorton, Esq. Following committees were named to take charge of the different features and work in conjunction with the central committee of the New Hanover Food Conservation Commission.

Information—Mr. W. F. Mitchell, Miss Lucy Alexander, Mr. G. A. Huggins. Agriculture—Mr. J. W. Jarrott, Mr. L. A. Covill and Mr. W. T. Canady. Canning—Mrs. Leon Covill, Mrs. W. T. Canady, Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, Mrs. R. C. Murray, Miss Hester Alexander, Miss Eliza Rhodes, Mrs. Hatie Covill and Miss Mary Jarrott. Labor—Mr. R. L. Foy, Mr. W. H. Alexander and Mr. Luther Taylor.

LOOKING FOR SITE

Out-of-town Men Interested in Shipbuilding Here. Local real estate men were interviewed by a number of prominent out-of-town men early in the week with the view of securing property suitable for the erection of a shipbuilding yard, and while nothing definite has developed along this line as yet Secretary Branch of the Chamber of Commerce, is busy working on the proposition and the gentlemen will be given every assistance in locating here. It is understood that the men intend locating in either Norfolk, Va., or this city. The gentlemen were very favorably impressed with a site in the northern section of the city, which is ideally located on the river, and they were told by real estate men that a lease on this property could be secured. The visitors stated that it was imperative that they secure a site immediately, as they wished to start operations. Sufficient room is wanted in which to construct some four or five wooden ships. It is not known whether they were government agents or merely representing private capital.

CHANCE TO HELP

"Liberty Bond Series to Open Early in June. Splendid opportunity is offered the patriotic citizen of limited means with the opening of the "Liberty Bond Series" of the Progressive Building and Loan Association, which opens June 2nd. These bonds can be bought in almost any denomination and, on the installment plan; that is, by paying a part down and the remainder in weekly installments. They bear 3 1/2 per cent. interest and are non-taxable.

SUIT STARTED YESTERDAY

Girl Mill Operative Wants Damage For Alleged Injuries. Suit was started yesterday for the recovery of \$10,000 by Miss Cora Dale, who alleges, in the complaint filed, that she was injured by slipping and falling on the floor of the Delgado Cotton mill where she was employed for \$6 per week. The allegation is that the floor was slippery because of oil dripping from a machine and that this resulted in her lost footing and subsequent alleged injuries. The plaintiff is represented by McClammy & Burgwin, and J. C. King, Esqs.

WOMAN WANTED TO ENLIST

Lumberton Girl Writes Local Recruiting Officer for Information. Pharmacist Mate Hancher, in charge of the local naval recruiting station, yesterday received a communication from a young lady living near Lumberton, expressing the desire to get into the naval branch of the service as a stenographer. This very patriotic young woman is very anxious to serve her country and asks the nature of a stenographer's examination. In speaking of the matter last afternoon Mate Hancher expressed the wish that more of the young men would exhibit the same spirit that prompted the young woman to write the letter asking for information.

ELEVEN UNIFORMS GIVEN

Wilmington Drum and Bugle Corps Asks Suggestions for New Name. Eleven uniforms have been donated thus far to the Wilmington Drum and Bugle Corps and much interest at present centers in the probable name that is to be adopted by this organization. Suggestions having been asked of everyone. In this manner the members of the organization expect to get many desirable names to select from.

URGE DRYING FOR VEGETABLES

Root Crops Such as Potatoes, Parsnips and Onions Should Be Stored

Owing to the shortage and the increased price of tin cans and glass jars attention has been directed to the drying of surplus vegetables and fruits. If an ample supply of containers is available it is probably better to can surplus vegetables and fruits rather than to dry them, as the drying required more time and labor. However, if cans are not available surplus vegetables should be saved in some way.

All such vegetables as can be kept in a fresh condition by storing should be saved in this manner, while those of a more perishable nature should be dried. Root crops, such as potatoes, sweet potatoes, beets, parsnips, carrots, onions, etc., should be stored rather than dried, if they mature at a time of the year when they can be safely kept in this way. The more perishable crops, such as sweet corn, string beans, and early cabbage, might be dried. These can be dried in an oven, in trays or racks over the kitchen stove, or in a specially constructed drier.

There are small driers sold which give satisfactory results. Some of these are made for use on the cook stove, while others have a metal base furnace. In both of these types the evaporator of drying are the same. The evaporator part consists of a framework of wood or galvanized sheet iron with supports for the trays. The trays or racks have wire or perforated metal bottoms through which the amount of material to be dried is placed. Home-made driers are used for drying fruits and vegetables. A type of home-made drier used in some sections of the country can be made as follows: Walls of brick stone or cement are built up a foot or two above the ground with the front end left open for a fire door. The size of this kiln depends upon the amount of material to be dried. Many farm kilns are 4 feet wide by 8 to 10 feet long. At the back end a flue is built and this should extend 4 or 5 feet above the top of the kiln. Iron bars are placed across the top of the structure and sheet iron or tin placed over these. A layer of clay mortar is spread over the whole surface to the depth of about two inches. After applying the mortar a fire should be started in the furnace to bake the clay. The firing should be done with a slow fire and any cracks formed during the baking should be closed up with thin mortar. The material to be dried on this type of a kiln is placed on large metal trays to the depth of 2 or 3 inches. Only a few hours are required for the drying process. Most any fruit or vegetable can be dried on this type of drier, but those most commonly dried are apples, peaches, cherries and sweet corn.

The material to be dried is washed and sliced or shredded before being placed on the racks. Most vegetables are dried without cooking, but sweet corn is usually steamed or boiled long enough to set the milk. After the steaming or boiling the corn is cut from the cob and placed on the trays or racks for drying. Root crops such as carrots, parsnips, onions, etc., are placed in shallow trays which are placed in a sunny location. The trays should have wire or cheese cloth bottoms. The products should be protected from flies and other insects and from rain or dew. The material is usually brought indoors at night and on damp, cloudy days. This method of drying requires considerable labor, and unless the weather conditions are ideal the product is liable to become discolored and moldy.

The dried material should be stored in a dry place and protected from insects and dust. "This is no time for indulgence in luxuries, innocent under other conditions. This is no time for catering to the social enjoyment, permissible when the sun shines brightly and there are no war clouds lowering and darkening all the future. We must brace ourselves for a mighty conflict, in the progress of which many homes will be shadowed into the habitations of mourning, and by an economy which teaches us the very circle of protection, undertake our share of the benevolence which is to provide shelter and food and clothing for the homeless and the hungry. This is no time for feasting.

"I am writing to suggest that you advise the members of the order in Rocky Mount, where the Grand Lodge is soon to meet, that we will take it kindly if they will omit from their program of entertainment every item that means costs—we will be content with the heartfelt welcome we know we are to receive. We ask that they expend no entertainments. If projected, let the prospective cost be diverted to help the suffering—let us not feast, while others starve. Let us meet quietly, think and act clearly, refrain from pleasure which should have no part in our lives just now, add return to our homes with the pleasant consciousness of having contributed to the relief of a single starving woman or child in war-devastated Europe.

"And this applies as well to the rigging of the D. O. K. That body is generous and patriotic—it has a serious and a mirth-provoking ritual. Let it refrain from its annual banquet under ordinary conditions enjoyable and proper. None of us need the food of the latter possibility in having unrequited food, with pictures in our mind of wounds and death in ghastly guise, of desolated homes, of hungry women and children. The cost of such a banquet will supply sustenance to a hundred and wasted children.

"Is any argument needed to induce us to forego idle pleasure, to feed starving babies—to go hungry ourselves rather than let the little ones suffer? Not to Pythians. "Fraternally yours, "THOS. D. MEARES, "Supreme Master Exchequer."

SPOKE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. J. Allan Taylor Delighted Student Body Yesterday Afternoon. Mr. J. Allan Taylor spoke on the world war in an interesting manner before the student body of the High school early yesterday afternoon. He was given the very closest attention imaginable, the young men being intensely interested in everything he had to say.

Lend to Liberty--

Our Country needs our money. Shall we not respond, promptly, cheerfully, liberally? We must mobilize our dollars to help our men and our Allies win a great and permanent victory for civilization. The most effective help you can give is to buy the new War Loan Bonds. For absolute safety, ready convertibility, regularity and certainty of income, no investment can compare with these bonds. It will be our pleasure to handle your subscription, along with our own, without cost of any kind.

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REALIZES CONDITIONS

Captain Meares Writes To Grand Chancellor Holt.

Capt. Thomas D. Meares, Supreme Master of the Exchequer of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias, of the United States, has written to Grand Chancellor Holt, of Graham, N. C., the following letter relative to the great crisis facing the country:

"Wilmington, N. C., May 18, 1917. 'McBride Holt, Esq., Grand Chancellor, Graham, N. C. 'Dear Sir and Brother:

"Appropos of the coming convention of the Grand Lodge: We are entering on a war which may be a bloody one, which may be of long duration, but, however waged and for what period of time enduring, it has one certainty which must be faced—from which there is no escape. Young men go forth from home and loved ones who will return no more, some of the flower of our manhood will come back to us with broken health and shattered limbs—these things are accompaniments of all wars. And not only will we be called upon to meet an enormous cost in the maintenance of an army and a navy, taxing the resources of our people to the utmost, but we must also prepare ourselves to assume the consequences which are to follow this all conflict be derived by death or wounds of the support of their husbands, fathers—or brothers, and of the little children, never to know the love of their natural protector, and who must be fed and clothed and educated. And this, not in our own land only, but in those other countries where starvation has already gripped relentlessly even the baby in the cradle—little babies, clasped by starving mothers to empty breasts—countries distant as we measure it by miles, but only far away in seconds of time by the flash of the electric wire, and intant with us in the obligations of love and charity. As men of common blood, as Christians of common belief, as fraternalists professing high ideals of brotherhood, and of the responsibility for the protection of the helpless, the call comes to us in clarion tones.

"Another message sent to Secretary of Agriculture Houston stated that the wholesale grocers' organization of the country, representing 1,500 dealers in every State of the Union, endorsed every move hitherto made by the Secretary looking to the conservation of food resources and expressing an intention to stand by him in meeting any situation which may arise with relation to procuring an ample supply of food for the American people, the American troops to be dispatched across seas and to the people and the troops of the allied nations.

"We are not dealing with the present, but with the future. There is at present food practically without limit, but in the light of conditions without precedent no man can say with any degree of certainty what will be the situation a year hence." Alfred Beck, the executive committee. "This evidently is not to be a short-term war. It is our present opinion that it will last for at least one year, probably two and possibly three.

Ready for Long War

"We are preparing our plans for co-operation with the National government with the latter possibility in mind. Everything we have, our services and our products, are unreservedly at the disposal of the nation. We have no greater desire than to serve the government to the utmost of our power, without thought of commercial reward.

"We have told the government that if it has ships to load we will not only supply the goods but attend to the loading because no organization in the country, probably, is better equipped to deal with the assembling of supplies." The conference took no action with relation to the food bill before Congress. That question is before the conference and will be voted on. The conference deplored misleading reports relative to food supply conditions because they cause hysteria and have a tendency to inflate prices for which it was declared there is at this time no excuse. The conference registered disapproval also of over-preaching economy to the destruction of normal business.

Should Imitate England

"Germany fixed a maximum price and made a gross mistake. England established a minimum rate for the necessities of life with highly satisfactory results. Farmers cannot be expected to take chances in planting the great crops we believe will be necessary for the future unless they are guaranteed a price for their products which will cover the cost of production with a fair reward for the labor involved," the committee statement sets forth.

Whether the cancelled Washington convention will be held later has not yet been determined. The executive committee approved the action of the officers in suspending the meeting for a two-fold purpose. To have forced the Washington hotels to supply the reserves quarters would have caused great inconvenience to those summoned there for emergency conferences. Furthermore, auxiliary fund of thousands of dollars for travelling expenses to take members to Washington would have been a conspicuous violation of the principles of economy.

The meeting was well attended and sentiment was very earnest. The following resolution furnishes the opinion of the executive committee: "The National Wholesale Grocers' Association heartily approves the Federal administration's proposal to take full control of the country's foods during the war and unconditionally pledges its aid in every way possible and as the government shall direct, and the association earnestly supports the proposal to give the Secretary of Agriculture power to license food manufacturers and distributors, and respectfully urges that the Lever core bill (House, 4,105) be framed (section 3), so as to empower the Secretary of Agriculture to require the name and address of the producer or packer, or distributor responsible for placing any commodity on the market, or the name of any duly licensed corporation, partnership or person branded on the commodity."

Catholic Bishop's Jubilee

Boston, Mass., May 15.—Rt. Rev. Joseph G. Anderson, auxiliary bishop of the Catholic archdiocese of Boston, will attain the silver anniversary of his ordination tomorrow. The bishop is a native of Boston and received his education in this city. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1892 and was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Boston in 1909.

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GROCCERS OFFER THEIR ALL TO U. S.

Wholesalers' Place of Supplies at the Disposal of the American Government.

Atlantic City, May 18.—War to the knife upon food speculators and all other public enemies who attempt to take advantage of the government and the people in the emergency confronting the Nation was declared by the executive committee and the officers of the National Wholesale Grocers' Association in emergency session at the Marlborough-Blenheim hotel yesterday.

Thirty of the largest food supply dealers in the country, representing every distribution center from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf, went into session early this morning, and except for a brief noonday recess worked until after dark, debating every phase of the food supply question. The conferees went back to work at 8 p. m. with the intention of remaining in conference until midnight.

Shortly after adjournment this evening the executive committee dispatched to Washington an offer probably without parallel in the history of American business. It was a proffer to place the entire wholesale grocery supply of the country unreservedly at the disposal of the Federal government without stipulation as to price.

Tender Wired to Capital. The tender was wired direct to Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Secretary of War Baker. In substance it was couched as follows: "Tell us what you want, when you want it and where you want it and we will fill every order with the utmost possible speed. Details as to price and payment can wait indefinitely. Everything we have is at your disposal."

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