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THE PROPAGANDIST.
The person who does not realize that pro-German propagandists are working in every community in the United States either directly or indirectly, needs to be awakened. The propagandists are worse than the spies and their machinations will produce more real harm than a band of anarchists usually confines his operations to an occasional destruction of property or a few human lives, but the German propagandist strikes at the morale of the whole people of the nation.
Their points of attack vary with the localities. In strong Protestant communities, they circulate rumors that the government is going to be turned over to the Catholics; in places where Catholicism is strong, they report that the government is about to drive out Catholics. In rural sections, all sorts of false stories are started with regard to the activities of the Food Administration; among the working class they argue that this is a rich man's war; among Republicans they say the whole thing was started by the Democrats, while they insinuate to Democrats that the Republicans are trying to get in control to revolutionize governmental affairs.
Among the Irish-Americans they hand out a line of talk about Great Britain's alleged wrongs to Ireland; among Scandinavians they have another line about how the Allies will try to dominate neutrals after the war. They have used every known argument in an effort to incite the colored people against the whites, but without success. In Liberty Loan and Thrift campaigns they try in every way to block sales, and the channels through which they work are numerous.
There is no activity at work in the interest of winning victory for America and her allies which is not subject for an attack by these secret agents of the Kaiser. If, as Mary Roberts Rhinehardt advises, every time you hear one of the mealy-mouthed, sneaking propagandists making remarks about this or that phase of the government's efforts at the war's conduct, you will take out a piece of paper and ask your volunteer enlightener his or her name and address and write it down (if you receive the information, which is very unlikely) you will shortly be rid of the pest. Of course, if the person persists in the damaging talk, quit bulling and report the whole matter to the nearest Federal officer, and Uncle Sam will find a way to deal with the situation. They are dangerous, deadly, and should be effectively silenced.

LABOR'S HOPE.
In this day of labor unrest, when agitators are abroad in the land working in many instances, either willfully or ignorantly, for interests that are not to the best advantage of the nation, it is well that the people should pause a moment and carefully consider the fundamentals for which they earnestly seek, before taking any step that might prove ill-advised.
The hope of labor lies in the opportunities for freedom; military domination, supervision, checks, bondage, lie in Prussian rule. So declares the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor.
The hope of labor lies in the opportunity of the issues involved in this war for the working man. It is not through a German regime but through democracy that labor is to receive adequate recognition and its realization of its rightful place in the world.
All Americans are supremely and vitally interested in the war against German autocracy and none more than the working man of America. To him freedom means everything.
The test is on whether the autocratic regime of Germany has bred better men than the free institutions of this country has—whether the independent men of America can fight so well, can manufacture such guns and aeroplanes and other instruments and munitions of war and put them into effective use as can the human product of German rule.
There is no doubt of the result, but it depends upon the whole American people and not alone upon our fighting men. We who remain in safety at home must do our part, work, economize, save and support the finances of the government. Industry, saving, and lending to the government are now national needs and national duties.
If the government has any more such arousers of enthusiasm as Captain Fallon and Charles Whitehair it should draft them into service for speaking campaigns to last until the war is over. Those two fellows know something about war conditions and its needs, and they know how to tell it to an audience.

FINING RAILROADS FUTILE.
There has been considerable speculation as to how to handle any violations of the law by railroads since government control has come into effect. In a recent announcement, Director General McAdoo clarifies this situation by stating that violations of laws and rules are to be handled by the Director General and not by the courts or commission. In his announcement, Mr. McAdoo says that while the railroads are under the control of the government it is futile to impose fines upon them for violations of the law and of the orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and it therefore becomes the duty of the Director General in the enforcement of the law and said orders to impose punishment for willful and inexcusable violations thereof upon the persons or persons responsible therefor.
It is also announced that when the prompt public transportation service requires it, employees will be required to work a reasonable amount of overtime, but excessive hours of employment will not be required.
Pending a disposition of the question of wages and hours, all requests of employees involving revisions of schedules or general changes affecting wages and hours will be held in abeyance. The question of wages when determined will be made retroactive to January 1, 1918.
All officers and employees of the railroads, says the Director General, now serve the government and the public interest only. He asks them to get the spirit of this new era—a supreme devotion to country and an invincible determination to perform the imperative duties of the hour, cooperation, not antagonism; confidence, not suspicion; mutual helpfulness, not grudging performance; just consideration, not arbitrary disregard of each other's rights and feelings; and an earnest desire to serve the great public faithfully and efficiently. To save America, to save the world from despotism, we must work together, says Mr. McAdoo.
The State Republicans could not overlook the opportunity for twitting the Democrats about Governor Bickett's non-partisan campaign suggestion; in fact, no one expected them to miss the chance.
Admiral von Diederichs, the German commander who wanted to get "sassy" with Admiral Dewey during the little trouble with Spain, has passed to his reward. No doubt his staying around as long as he did was due to the fact that he did not press matters any further in the Manila incident.
Governor Dorsey, of Georgia, and Mayor Candler, of Atlanta, a few days ago pulled off a plowing contest. We bet a blacksnake would have died of broken heart had it tried to follow the furrows these two esteemed executives plowed.
Every now and then somebody rises up to verbally swat one Tom Bost, live wire newspaper man at the State capital. If those persons knew that newspaper "scraps" were just pie for Tom, and that he welcomes them like a child does Santa Claus, they would not be so anxious to call into him.
Former Governor McGovern announces his withdrawal from the Wisconsin senatorial race in order to insure the defeat of Vic Berger, the Socialist candidate. That may have been the real reason and maybe it wasn't, but we are willing to take his word for it and at the same time concede that the reason offered is a rattling good one.

WITH THE EDITORS
Charlotte Observer: Premier Clemenceau has done the American troops, who recently whipped back a deadly and well-planned assault on the trenches they were holding, the honor of a personal visit. The Premier traveled from Paris to the battle front with the expressed intention of making public acknowledgment of the valor of the United States soldiers for their "brilliant repulse of a strong enemy attack" and to decorate them with the War Cross bestowed by the French government. This decoration was personally given by Premier Clemenceau. In bestowing it he praised their accomplishment as "a fine success, reflecting great honor on the tenacity of the American infantry and the accuracy of their artillery fire." This visit of the French Premier to the American trenches was an inspiring incident and will serve to heighten American admiration for the French army and the French people in general.
Greensboro News: "A productive garden," it is the Wilmington Dispatch that says it, "is a blow at autocracy." No doubt it is. It is, moreover, a thing of beauty and a joy forever, and a very present help at meal time.
Salisbury Post: A postoffice is wanted at Fort Caswell. It is badly needed, too, for the 2,000 men there are

Greenville Piedmont: A growing garden makes a growing bank account.—Wilmington Dispatch. Not if you have to pay for having it worked.
Charlotte Observer: It appears that all this while the soldiers at Fort Caswell—there are about 1,600 now at that place—have been laboring under the disadvantages of a bum mail arrangement. The post is without a postoffice and the soldiers have to row or sail across the bay to Southport to get their mail. This involves much time and inconvenience, especially when the weather is bad. It would seem that the steamer which carries the mail from Wilmington to Southport might proceed from the wharf at that place across to the wharf at the government reservation and land the mail for the soldiers at their door. About 25 or 30 bags of mail daily go to Southport for the soldiers and it looks like an across-bay service should be arranged.

IN THE NEWS
Robert S. Lovett, who has been named chief of the division of betterment and additions of the railroad administration, has long been a prominent figure in the American railroad world. "Judge Lovett," as he is popularly known, is a Texan born and Texan bred lawyer, whose professional practice early became identified with Texas railroads. He was one of the "funds" of the late E. H. Harriman, who made him general counsel of his great system of railroads. Following the death of Mr. Harriman he became the executive head of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific systems. It has been said that Harriman was first attracted to Lovett by the thinness of his face. "A man who worries about his business all the time is thin in the face," Mr. Harriman is reported to have said. "I want just such a man." Since the commencement of the war Mr. Lovett has given much of his time to the service of the Red Cross.

STATE NEWS
Not in Eastern North Carolina and perhaps not in the State is a more attractive and better arranged church building than the new house of worship of the First Presbyterian congregation of Lumberton. Work on the new building, which represents an outlay of around \$40,000, is practically completed and the congregation will worship in the new edifice for the first time next Sunday, March 17.—Lumberton Robesonian.
Information of a fatal automobile accident near Mooresville reached the city at noon today, a Doctor Moore, a practicing physician, living in the Mayhew settlement, four miles from Mooresville, having met instantaneous death when his automobile ran into a bank and turning over, threw the physician to the ground, breaking his neck.—Charlotte News.
Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton schools, addressed several hundred people at Iona school house, near McDonald, Friday night, on War Savings and Thrift Stamps. He says the folks out that way are much interested in the stamp campaign and no doubt he made a stirring address. After he had finished his address one lady went to him and told him that she was going to invest \$500 in War Savings and Thrift Stamps.—Lumberton Robesonian.
Officer Ed Moyo this morning at 3 o'clock, while performing a part of his night duties, which includes meeting of the night trains, made a lucky find when he ascended the steps of the 3:08 passenger train and spied near the door six oil cans and one glass jug containing seven gallons of "monkey rum." Officer Moyo said when he opened the door of the coach the odor that met him was equal to that of the once whereabouts of a still. He inquired of the several negroes aboard who was the owner, but no one seemed to know. So he confiscated the "monk" and left word that should the owner return that they could tell him where he could find his oil cans and jug. No one has yet appeared to put in their claim and in the meantime the poisonous stuff has been poured into the city sewer.—Greenville Reflector.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.
One Hundred Years Ago Today, 1818—General Ablon P. Howe, a distinguished soldier of the Mexican and Civil wars, born at Standish, Me. Died at Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 25, 1897.
Seventy-five Years Ago Today, 1843—British National Temperance Society was formed in London.
Fifty Years Ago Today, 1868—The new Constitution of Arkansas was adopted and ratified.
Twenty-five Years Ago Today, 1893—The Hawaiian Princess Kaiulani and her suite were received at the White House.
ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN WAR.
March 13, 1917.—Germans abandoned their main defenses west of Bapaume. The remnant of the government forces and officials in Petrograd surrendered to the Revolutionists.
OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.
General Sir Herbert C. O. Plumer who has been commanding the British forces in Italy, born 61 years ago today.
Fairfax Harrison, president of the

served from the Southport office and that office is not sufficient to accommodate the post as it should be. The soldiers need the office and so does the government. A postoffice should be established at the post. It is very badly needed.

Quit Meat When Kidneys Bother
Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder troubles you.
No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.
The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full or sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.
Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.—Adv.

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Southern Railway, born in New York, 49 years ago today.
Jack Lait, one of the most popular of American short story writers, born 36 years ago today.
C. William Ramsdayer, representative in Congress of the Sixth Iowa district, born in Butler county, Ohio, 43 years ago today.
Clarence D. Miller, representative in Congress of the Eighth Minnesota district, born in Goodhue county, Minn., 46 years ago today.
Oswald G. Villard, New York editor and publicist, born at Wiesbaden, Germany, 46 years ago today.
J. Franklin Baker third baseman of the New York American League baseball team, born at Trappe, Md., 32 years ago today.

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