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It is said that the visible supply of Irish potatoes in the United States is seventy-five million bushels short and the shortage of potatoes for the whole world is two billion bushels. Many other articles of food are proportionately short. Then why should not prices rise in the face of the war outlook?

For the first time in all history Old Glory was seen on a battlefield in France last week when a young Texan belonging to a Canadian regiment carried the Stars and Stripes in a charge on Vimy Ridge against the Germans. The flag was carried on his bayonet as the charge was made. The young Texan was wounded and was carried to the hospital.

The government armor plate plant will be built at Charleston, West Virginia. The announcement was made at the Navy Department Wednesday. The West Virginia city was chosen because it offered an ideal combination of military safety and easy access to manufacturing materials. The government has appropriated \$11,000,000 for the construction of the plant, with an additional \$1,700,000 for a projectile plant.

In presenting three or four articles on the importance of raising food crops in this issue of The Herald, we feel that we are rendering the people of this section a real service. There are some who will pass these articles unread, saying they know what to plant and what not to plant. But that is a question for the individual farmer to decide. We know that the farmer who raises every pound of food stuff that is possible for him to raise will make no mistake. This is a time when we must look out for our future rations.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is a typical American, one who loves his country and its flag. He has been to Washington to see President Wilson and assure him that he is with him in this fight. He offered to raise a brigade of troops and go with them to France and lead them on the firing line. The former President does not propose to interfere with the plans of the army, but is ready to supplement what is being done by raising additional troops. Last week at Rocky Mount when President Few, of Trinity College, stated that Colonel Roosevelt wanted to raise an army of half a million soldiers and lead them to France, a thrill ran through the large congregation in the First Methodist church, which would have been an outburst of applause had the meeting been held in an opera house. The American people love a strong, energetic, virile man, and though there are many who do not relish Colonel Roosevelt's political methods, they admire him for his Americanism and his patriotism.

FINANCING THE WAR.

One of the big problems before the government at this time is the financing of the war. The plans of the government leaders appear to be for the raising of the sum of seven billion dollars to aid in the great struggle before us. The plan is to issue bonds in the sum of five billions and to raise about two billions by some scheme of taxation and thus take the burden off of posterity. Many think that the people today should bear their part of the raising the huge sum of money that it will take for the first year of the war. Majority Leader Kitchin introduc-

ed the measure in the House Wednesday after a favorable report in a full committee. The measure is expected to come up in the House today for debate, and the leaders are hoping that the measure will pass before Saturday night. Both Democrats and Republicans will give the bill their full support, however, different members will offer amendments of various kinds.

How to raise the two billions of certificates of indebtedness is the great problem and many plans will be resorted to. Some of the leaders are of the opinion that seventy-five per cent of the cost of the first year of the war should be borne by the present generation. A scheme of taxation will have to be planned so that the burden may be evenly divided. Many of the leaders are strongly determined that the tax shall be of such a character that no one may call it a class tax. History, they say, shall not designate this as a poor or rich man's war.

In an Associated Press dispatch published in Thursday's daily papers the following appears:

"House financial authorities are considering proposals to raise new revenue on increased income and stamp taxes and taxes on excess profits, inheritances, distilled liquors and beers, cigars and tobacco, amusement places, the postal service, soft drink and newspaper, billboard and other advertising. A list of suggestions submitted to the last Congress by Secretary McAdoo for taxes on oleomargarine, refined sugar, fermented liquor, candy, glucose, talking machines and their records, copper, pig iron and petroleum, distilled spirits and denatured alcohol also is again receiving close scrutiny. Liquors and beers probably will be taxed millions of dollars and soda fountains and other soft drink dispensaries, including the "near beer" parlors, are virtually certain to be assessed a share. Members of the committee are considering taxing places of amusement, including moving picture theatres, on the number of tickets sold.

"Probably the most far-reaching proposal yet suggested, is that the postal charges be raised. It has been proposed that the present one-cent rate for drop and circular letters be raised to one and a half or two cents, and the regular two-cent rate to three. No tax suggested, it is argued in favor of the proposal, would reach so many persons and be objected to by so few.

"In connection with this postal plan is another to tax newspapers and periodicals in proportion to the amount of advertising they carry."

Old Glory Waiving.

Supt. O. P. Dickerson, of the Smithfield water and light department, has placed the Stars and Stripes on top of the water tank where it is waving proudly to every breeze that blows. It can be seen all around town and is enough to make the inhabitants proud of the fact that they are living in the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

Prices Still Advancing.

A leading merchant of Johnston told us this week that on Monday he bought some lard from a man representing Chicago packers which cost him more than twenty-four cents per pound. He said the salesman told him that his firm is paying over sixteen cents per pound for live hogs on the Chicago market. Corn last Saturday was quoted to this merchant at \$1.61 per bushel.

RED MEN CONGRATULATE POU.

The Congressman From the Fourth Writes Appreciative Letter In Reply.

Last week when it was announced that Smithfield's honored citizen, Congressman Edward W. Pou, had been chosen as Chairman of the important Rules Committee, the Tuscaloosa Tribe of Improved Order of Red Men sent him a telegram of congratulations. To the telegram Mr. Pou replied as follows:

"Mr. W. L. Ellis, Sachem,
"Tuscaloosa Tribe of Red Men,
"Smithfield, N. C.

"Dear Mr. Ellis:
"Please accept thanks for your kind telegram of the 5th inst., and through you, I wish to convey my sincere thanks to all the members of Tribe No. 184. You know messages of this kind make one feel that his efforts are appreciated, and of all the people in the world whose good will I value most those of our own town come first.

"I hope I may have the pleasure of seeing the members of Tribe 184 in this city before Congress adjourns. We have very convenient offices in the Capitol Building. I wish every member to consider these offices as his headquarters whenever he is in the city.

"With every good wish for you all, I beg to remain,

"Sincerely, your friend,
"EDWD. W. POU."

Death of Mrs. Clement Richardson.

At her home in Selma, Mrs. Nancy Richardson, wife of the late Mr. Clement Richardson, died Friday morning, April 6th, 1917.

Four children survive her: Roger F., of Ensley, Ala.; Paul A., of Norfolk, Va.; and Misses Fannie and Nellie, of Selma. She also leaves two sisters and two half-brothers: Mrs. Pearce, of Greensboro, N. C., and Mrs. Green, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Roger Smith, of Goldsboro, and Claud Smith, of Smithfield.

Mrs. Richardson was born in Johnston County, February 10, 1850. For several years she has been a member of Selma Baptist church. It has been a pleasure of the writer to learn that she was a mother whose piety and discipline coincided with Paul's advice in Ephesians 6: 4: "Provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

The funeral of the deceased was conducted from the home on Saturday afternoon, by her pastor, Rev. C. E. Stevens, assisted by Rev. J. G. Johnson. Many friends and relatives from a distance attended the burial. The abundance of beautiful flowers received was an expression of the love and appreciation for the life that has passed into its eternal home.

FRIEND.

Birthday Celebratio.

On Tuesday, April 10, Mr. J. B. Bailey was honored by his children and grandchildren. They all met at his home on that day to celebrate his sixty-fifth birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lamb and families, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bailey, Misses Annie Bailey and Essie Campbell.

It was a great pleasure for all to be together back at their old home on that day. The chief features of the day were social conversation, music, plenty of fun, laughter and dinner. The dinner was one which will long be remembered. The table was loaded with fresh-water fish, barbecue, ham, chicken and all kind of good things. It was a joyous day for all and will not be forgotten soon. C. E. Selma, N. C., April 10th.

Program for Final Rural Group Contests at Smithfield, April 14.

10:00 O'clock at Opera House—Spelling Contest. Two spellers from each of the nine groups.

10:30 O'clock at Opera House—Presentation of Seventh Grade Certificates.

10:00 O'clock at School Auditorium—Story-telling Contest. One representative from each group.

11:00 O'clock at Opera House—Declaimers' Contest. One representative from each group.

11:00 O'clock at School Auditorium—Readers' Contest. One representative from each group.

1:00 O'clock—Athletics at Fair Grounds.

Supt. L. T. Royall presiding at Opera House and in charge of Spelling Contest and Presentation of Seventh Grade Certificates.

Declaimers will report to Miss Pickens at upstairs entrance to Opera House at 10:30 o'clock to draw for place in contest.

Readers will report to Miss Kelly in down-stairs hall at school house at 10:30 o'clock to draw for places in contest.

Story-tellers report to Miss Irene Myatt in Auditorium of school building at 10:00 o'clock.

Music from following groups will be at School Auditorium during Reading Contest:

Royall (Boon Hill), Baptist Center, Thanksgiving, New Hope, Glendale. (Entries to be made to Miss Kelly at school house).

Music from following groups will be at Opera House during Declaimers' Contest:

Piney Grove, Meadow, Royall (Elevation), Archer Lodge, Pine Level. (Entries to be made to Miss Pickens at Opera House.)

All entries in various athletic contests to be made to Mr. G. T. Whitley at 12:30 o'clock at Judge's Stand at Fair Grounds.

Negroes Loyal to Country.

The following is the statement of J. R. Patterson, negro insurance agent and Secretary of the Johnston County Negro Fair Association, and who resides in Smithfield, as made to a white citizen in our town one day this week:

"I have talked with a number of our negro citizens in Smithfield and to a man we are ready and willing to render any service possible in this great crisis. Although handicapped in many ways our race is loyal to our government and 'Old Glory' as American citizens and we mean to protect our Flag."

It is very encouraging to hear these words come from one of the colored race. We have heard rumors that German agents were at work in this community in an effort to have the negroes rise against their best friends, the American citizens. We believe that Patterson has spoken the feeling of the Negro race not only of Smithfield, but of the entire United States, and that the negroes will not shirk any duty when called upon by Uncle Sam.

Carter's Chapel Entertainment.

At Carter's Chapel school house, Saturday night, April 21, for the benefit of the school, there will be given an entertainment consisting of recitations, declamations, dialogues and songs.

After the program has ended we will have an "old time Banjo Picking and Fiddlers' Convention." There will be given a valuable prize to the best musician. The judges will decide the winner. Musicians, come and bring your banjo, fiddle, guitar or whatever it may be, and enter the contest.

Everybody is invited to come. Admission, 10 cents for children, and 15 cents for grown people.

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Fly Time Is Here

And every home should be protected against the pesky creatures. Screen your house and keep them out. We can fit your doors and windows with the proper screens. See us now before the rush is on.

Prepare for Summer by buying your Refrigerator and Ice-Cream Freezer now. Carry good stock all the time.

Yours for Preparedness,

Smithfield Hardware Co.

Smithfield, N. C.

Be Fair With Your Wife !!

If you insist on having Good meals served, your part is to furnish the materials. Your wife can do her part if you do yours.

If the biscuits are not just up to the mark, don't complain. Send her a sack of our Roller Champion Flour. There is none better.

Fact is, this store is noted for quality eatables. Come here, and you will be fair with your wife. Remember I carry a full line of Feedstuffs.

S. C. Turnage

Smithfield, N. C.

Spring Cleaning Time is Here

We offer large and various stock of cleaners and disinfectants. Quicksilver is too high—use Hood's or A. D. S. Bed Bug Poison and Preventive.

For disinfecting, use Carbolic Acid, Platt's Chlorides (odorless), Kreso Disinfectant, Camphurool Sulphur Candles or Formaldelyde Fumigators.

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