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RUSSIAN EVENTS MAY PROVE DISASTROUS TO GERMANY.

In concluding a long article on the Russian Collapse in last Sunday's dailies, Frank H. Simonds, the well known American military critic, gives much encouragement to those who are head and soul with the Allies:

"The German assault upon the west ern world has been repulsed and nothing is more certain than that the end of the war will see no advance of German frontiers in the west. German attack upon the east has destroyed Slav unity, but it has removed one problem only to create many. If Austria escapes wholly from German leading strings at the close of the present war, not alone Mitteleuropa, but German expansion at the expense of the Slav, will cease to be a great danger. The Slav and the Teuton will be left face to face once more in their fight which is centuries old, and the western world may be spared from new German assaults for many years, during which Germany will be occupied in attempting to do what Austria failed to do alike in north Germany and in Italy.

"The German is exploiting his Russian success as he was bound to exploit them, but it is equally necessary that the allies should recognize the certain limits of these successes. Remaking the map of eastern Europe will not regain for Germany what she lost in this war through her conflict with the western nations. Slav states even temporarily held by German garrisons will not replace the lost markets of Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas nor serve as a counterweight for British colonial possessions. The Slav is just as certain to achieve his freedom as was the Italian or the German and the effort to prevent it will not give Germany her "place in the sun."

"If Germany cannot break the western line or dispose of France, by compelling the republic to make a separate peace, she will lose the present war, even should she retain her old frontiers of August, 1914, in western Europe. The new alliance which faces her in the west, Britain, France and Italy, supported by the United States for the duration of the present conflict, is far more dangerous to her real hopes than the old alliance of France and Russia, even with the measure of British support it possessed. It represents an alliance of the liberal powers of the democratic nations. Italy has already escaped from German control, Austria has no further reason to remain under German direction, now Russia has collapsed and has no desire to be associated with Germany in permanent hostility to the Mediterranean nations, with whom, except for Italy, she has no rivalry.

"The fall of Russia deprives the western nations of a great ally, but they gained the United States, and we shall at no distant date prove a useful substitute. On the other hand the collapse of Russia has paved the way for the escape not alone of Austria, but of Turkey from German control and, in the longer view, this Russian break-down, so real a disaster to the allies at the moment, may turn out to be a final evil for the German, even if William II does not meet in the Slav state that resistance of the people, when the government and throne has failed, which Napoleon found to his permanent injury in Spain. In any event we, the allies, have had our maximum of injury in Russia and we should not permit the German to weaken our morals by further exploitation of the Russian episode, which is finished so far as we are concerned, although not impossibly just beginning for the Teuton."

Robert W. Sanders Honored.

Durham, N. C., March 9.—On Wednesday night, March 6, Robert W. Sanders was initiated into the "9019," the local scholarship organization at Trinity College. The "9019" takes the place of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity at Trinity. This is the first time that a man from Johnston County has made this organization in many years, if not the very first.

Mr. Sanders was tonight elected Secretary of the Columbian Literary Society.

SKILLED WORKERS NEEDED.

The United States Government is taking great steps to furnish adequate housing facilities and wholesome recreations for the workers in the shipyards. The Government recognizes the fact that recreation should be provided for the soldiers at the cantonments, and in the trenches in France, in order to increase their fighting efficiency and morals. The same fact applies to the shipyard workers also. Acting on this theory, the Government has taken active steps to provide wholesome working conditions for the men who are to build ships for the United States, without which we cannot win this, war, and will do everything possible to make the surroundings of the surroundings of the men sanitary, wholesome, and inviting.

The man who enlists in the United States Shipyard Volunteers need have no fear that he will not have comfortable quarters and some amusements, and that his work with the Government will be one daily grind, without any pleasure whatever. Uncle Sam intends to provide play as well as work for the men and the working conditions of the shipyard volunteers will be just as good as those anywhere in the country.

The country still needs volunteers for the Public Service Reserve and T. L. Bland, State Director of the reserve, sends out an appeal for the skilled workers to enlist their services. Mr. Bland wishes to explain that the applicant for enlistment in the reserve does not have to leave his present post of employment at once, but may continue his present vocation until he is notified by the Department of Labor that the Government utilize his services in the shipyards. The reserve is built for future needs and the man enlisting is simply signifying his willingness to do his part to help win the war in the vital work of building ships. The applicant for work in the shipyards does not obligate himself when he applies for enlistment in the reserve to take the job offered him by the Government. However, it is hoped that the men will be willing to do their patriotic duty towards their country when they enlist and will accept the position offered by the Government.

The Government is to furnish adequate housing accommodations for the shipyard workers at reasonable rates. It purposes to see that the men are protected from high rentals.

All applications for the safety of the men are being taken, and in the event of accidents, facilities for the rendering of first aid are always ready and at hand.

As a measure to protect the health of the workers every means of sanitation, with the prime object of keeping them in the best of condition and guard against the things that would tend to undermine their physical efficiency. There are properly located sanitary toilets and lavatories. Also the dressing rooms for the men to change their clothes when they come and go from work are of the latest approved style and the best arrangement of its kind that has been devised so far.

One of the most important items is the lunch room for the men. The idea of the Government in providing lunch rooms is to furnish the maximum nourishment at a minimum cost. This will do away with the cold dinner pail. Clean wholesome food at reasonable prices will be served the men.

No detail has been overlooked that would improve the welfare of the men and Uncle Sam is doing everything possible to get the maximum efficiency out of the shipyard workers.

The Y. M. C. A. and buildings of other similar organizations will furnish wholesome amusements for the men, where they can spend their extra time, and enjoy themselves in other ways.

If you can't go "over there" and fight, you can put in some pretty hard blows against the Kaiser by enlisting in the Government shipyards and help build ships to send over our soldiers, ammunition, supplies and supplies for our Allies.

See me and enlist without delay. In this great crisis the Government expects, yes demands, that every patriotic American to do his duty. If you can't fight, work so that others can fight.

F. H. BROOKS, Ch'm County Council of Defense, Smithfield, N. C.

The people of Johnston County are invited to hear Governor Bickett and Mr. E. C. Duncan at the Center Brick Warehouse next Saturday morning at eleven o'clock. Let's make it a great patriotic rally day.

Twelve persons were killed, ten of whom were children, twenty-three persons so severely injured that they were removed to a hospital, and about thirty others less seriously injured, Saturday night in Winchester, Ky., when the wall of a burned building adjoining a moving picture theatre, collapsed, crushing in its roof.

PORTRAIT GALLERY OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS



CLARENCE B. RHODES.

Private Clarence B. Rhodes, who is nineteen years of age, enlisted last April in the United States Marines, and is now doing service "Somewhere in France." He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rhodes, of Bentonsville township. He is a member of the 66th Company, Fifth Regiment, United States Marines.

FROM SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.

We have just received a letter from Private Clarence B. Rhodes, who is now a member of Uncle Sam's forces in France. He belongs to the Marine Corps.

Mr. Rhodes writes under date of February 1st, and states that he has just received a copy of the Smithfield Herald of November 20, 1917, and seeing an article in the paper written by one of the boys at Camp Jackson, he decided to write a few lines also.

"He said," writes Mr. Rhodes, "that Uncle Sam needed the Infantry, the Cavalry and the Artillery and then we would go to Germany. That is all so my dear comrade, but you forgot something. He needs the Marines, too, and he has them and they are on the job. They have been right there in everything ever since the war started and before. Uncle Sam needs the Navy and he has that. The Marine Corps and the Navy are among the most vital parts of that vast piece of machinery we call the Government. I enlisted in the Marine Corps nearly a year ago and we slipped away from the United States about two months later. We encountered Kaiser Bill's hired puppets on the way over and if you ever get to know the Marines you will know what happened.

"I hope that the boys who are going to cross over may have a safe trip and like to hike the rocky roads of France. I am walking my share of them. Remember that you will meet the "bluejackets" and the "leather-necks" on the water as you come over and if you get to Berlin you will meet a few of us "leather-necks" there."

After quoting a few lines from a soldier's song and calling attention to a few other matters, he closes his letter as follows:

"Come on boys, and let's go to Berlin and see if there are not some pretty girls there."

POLES A GERMAN MENACE.

In a syndicated article by Frank H. Simonds, published in Sunday's papers, under the title of "Russian Collapse—What It May Mean," the writer makes this statement: "In destroying Russian unity, therefore, Germany has opened one of the most dangerous of all questions for herself. Poland, whatever its condition in the next few decades, will be an approximate political fact and a real menace to Germany. The idea that Germany can draw divisions and army corps from the Poles is absurd. She may draw a menace of Commercial and economic profit, but she will have to maintain any political influence by garrisons and military power."

Mr. Simonds is one of the foremost Military critics in America, and his conclusions give little comfort to German sympathizers.

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An ordnance base costing approximately \$25,000,000 is being built in France by the Government, and, according to information authorized by the War Department good progress is reported in its construction. In the base there will be about twenty large storehouses, twelve shop buildings, a hundred smaller shops, and magazine and machine tool equipment costing \$5,000,000.

Bon Ton News

By MR. DAVIS

On account of the slow freight condition, and the cool weather, the Big Bon Ton Opening will be held on Wednesday, March 20th. This will give our trimmer more time, and you will see at this opening the largest and best display of the season's latest and most stylish millinery. Wait for the opening.

We will have on display at our opening, Wednesday, March 20th, the largest line of Ladies Suits ever seen in this section. All the latest styles and colors will be found here in abundance.

The Bon Ton will again this season have on display in their show window each week the celebrated Gage Weekly Hats—the last word in Head Gear. See them each week.

Our line of ladies suits are arriving daily, and we invite you to call and see them any time.

The Bon Ton is the style center for Ladies Goods in this section. Come and get acquainted with this season's styles.

Our milliners are here,—the goods are coming in and we will have an opening never before equaled in this section.

Miss Mizell is back from the North ready to welcome the ladies to the Bon Ton.

If you would buy a corset made to fit, come to the Bon Ton. New line just in.

We sell ladies shoes of highest quality at lowest prices. Can suit and fit.

Miss Virginia Stack, an expert trimmer of Baltimore arrived Thursday to assist in the millinery department of the Bon Ton.

Miss Blanche Mizelle, Miss Mary Taylor, Miss Virginia Stack, all experienced trimmers, are now busy preparing for the Bon Ton Opening which takes place, Wednesday, March 20th.

THE SMITHFIELD MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various goods: Cotton (25 to 32 1/2), Cotton Seed (1.00 to 1.05), Wool (20 to 30), Eggs (25 to 30), Fat Cattle (6 to 7), Corn per bushel (1.75 to 2.00), C. R. Sides (30 to 32 1/2), Feed Oats (1.20 to 1.25), Fresh Pork (20 to 22 1/2), Hams, per pound (30 to 32 1/2), Lard (27 1/2 to 32 1/2), Timothy Hay (2.25 to 2.35), Cheese per pound (35), Butter, per pound (40), Meal (4.75 to 5.00), Flour per sack (6.00 to 6.25), Coffee per pound (18 to 26), Cotton Seed Meal (2.75 to 2.85), Cotton seed hulls (1.00), Shipstuff (2.80 to 3.00), Molasses Feed (3.00 to 3.25), Hides, Green (10 to 12 1/2), Hides, Dry (17 1/2 to 20), Cow Peas per bushel (3.50 to 4.00), Soy Beans per bushel (3.75 to 4.00), Peanut Meal (3.25), Beet Pulp (3.25)

Advertisement for 'The True Help Mate' featuring an illustration of a woman and a teapot. Text includes 'The Wife should be thrifty and help save her husband's money. If He hasn't done it, She should start the savings account and see that a portion of the income gets there each week. We offer This opportunity to establish the real bulwark of the home. Such co-operation makes the partnership complete.' Below is an advertisement for 'JOHNSTON COUNTY BANK & TRUST CO.' with details on capital and stock.

Advertisement for 'The Clayton Banking Co.' featuring the text: 'We call the attention of our friends to the fact that we have made contract for an Extremely Interesting Weekly Map Service Which will be on exhibition in our Bank hereafter. These maps will show all the leading events and places of the war The Big Battle Fronts In Europe Where "Our Boys" are going. Fine halftone illustrations of the chief war scenes A New Map Will Be Put Up Every Week The public is cordially invited to call weekly and see this interesting historical summary. The Clayton Banking Co. CLAYTON, N. C. BANK AND THE WORLD BANKS ON YOU'

Advertisement for dictionaries: 'Another Lot of Dictionaries just Received at The Herald Office.'

Advertisement for 'Smithfield Garage & Machine Works' featuring 'STORAGE BATTERIES, For Rent, Sale or Exchange'. Text includes: 'All Makes Re-Charged, Re-Paired and Re-Built. A full and complete stock of repair parts for all makes on hand. We can furnish you with a new Battery while we are Re-charging, Re-building or Re-pairing yours at a very small rental fee. Smithfield Garage & Machine Works Electricians and Machinists. Established 1910. If our service pleases you, tell others; If it don't, tell us, and we will make it so.'