

BLOCKADING STRUCK A STAGGERING BLOW

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR
PAGE ISSUES WARNING.

**Merchants and Millers Warned
Against Violation of Lever Act
Will Prosecute Dealers Who
Sell Food Products to Make
Whiskey.**

(News and Observer.)

Another step forward for prohibition, and in the war against the operators of blockade distilleries, was taken yesterday afternoon when State Food Administrator Henry A. Page declared that those who supply food products for such operators will be vigorously prosecuted under the provisions of the Lever act.

It is no secret that the liquor blockaders have to have grain and other food products in order to carry on their business. It is just as apparent that these supplies have been furnished to large quantities by dealers who certainly had at least a suspicion of what was to become of the supplies. Into the camp of the blockaders and the merchants and millers who have been supplying the blockaders with food products, Mr. Page dropped a bomb in the shape of a statement characteristically short and pointed.

He issued the following statement: "To use food products, sugar, corn, meal, molasses and the like in the manufacture of blockade whiskey, rum etc., is clearly a willful waste of food and as such is punishable under the Lever act. It is also unlawful for merchants or millers to sell these products to such quantities as make it apparent to such quantities as make it apparent to be used in the manufacture of illicit intoxicants.

"The Federal Food Administration for North Carolina gives notice that it will take prompt and drastic action when evidence can be secured that any merchants or millers have offended."

Cutting the blockader off from his supplies is a new way of hitting the business, and Mr. Page expects to obtain results from the order made. Of course he is not primarily interested in the fact that the blockader is in the act of making whiskey and violating the law, but he is very much interested in the amount of food products that is thus being diverted from its normal channels and perverted in this waste, when all the food that can be obtained is needed to feed people.

All sections of the State are affected by the ruling that violators will be prosecuted under the food laws. In the western section there are known to have been a number of sales of corn to have been a number of sales of corn any other purpose than that of making corn whiskey. In the eastern section there have been large sales of molasses that manifestly was for the made that could hardly have been for "monkey rum." Mr. Page believes that evidence can be obtained against the merchants and millers who sell these food products for the making of intoxicants, and he intends to get them.

"SHRINE OF HEROISM."

**Secretary Baker Tells Purpose of
Pilgrimage to France.**

(Springfield Republican.)

Newton D. Baker, the American Secretary of War, met a number of American, English and French newspaper men at Paris Tuesday and gave out the following statement concerning his visit to France:

"Our purpose in visiting France is to confer with Gen. Pershing, to visit the American expeditionary force and inspect its lines of transportation and its storage and supply systems in order that we in America can more effectively support our own army and the armies of our allies.

"Of course any visit to France at this time is a pilgrimage to the very shrine of heroism, and it will be an inspiration actually to see the great commanders and the armies which have so long held the frontiers of freedom against all attacks. In America, as in France, we have a civilian secretary of war and civil power is supreme. That is one of the characteristics of the free institutions which we are fighting to maintain.

"Civil power must bring up the supplies of organized industrial resources and support its armies. In America now the dominant thought in all minds is war. Industry is organized and supplies are beginning to be produced in a satisfactory quantity. War materials are accumulating and a great army is completing its training to join the force already here."

"There can be but one result when the forces of civilization in great countries like those now allied are combined to defend the vital principles of liberty. Our president has nobly phrased the spirit in which

America entered the war and his subsequent declarations reflect the feeling of the entire country that we are committed with all our resources to the winning of the war."

Baker on the Air Raid.

Secretary Baker Tuesday made the following statement concerning Monday night's air raid on Paris:

"It was my first experience of the actualities of war and a revelation of the methods inaugurated by an enemy who wages the same war against women and children as against soldiers.

"If his objects are to damage property, the results are trifling when compared with his efforts. If his objects are to weaken the people's morale, the reply is given by the superb conduct of the people of Paris.

"Moreover, aerial raids on towns, which are counterpart of the pitiless submarine war and the attacks against American rights, are the very explanation of the reason why America entered the war. We are sending our soldiers to Europe to fight until the world is delivered from these horrors."

***** PORTRAIT GALLERY OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS *****



LUTHER M. BARNES.

Luther M. Barnes, son of Representative J. W. Barnes, of Wilders township, went to Camp Jackson last Fall. He is a member of Company M, 322nd Infantry. He is 30 years old. He has two brothers in the army.



HERBERT PENDER

Sergeant Herbert Pender, 25 years of age, is a son of Mr. W. D. Pender, of Micro township. He went to Camp Jackson in the first quota sent from Johnston County last September. He is a member of Company A, 317 Machine Gun Battalion. Mr. Pender has seen service in the Navy having served four years on the Battleships Georgia and Arizona.



JESMOND C. DUNCAN.

Jesmond Claudius Duncan, of Clayton township, is a son of Mr. P. T. Duncan. He was 21 years old last May. He began service for Uncle Sam at Camp Jackson last Fall, being a member of Company A, 322nd Infantry. His mother died last March. Mr. Duncan was married on February 28, 1917, to Miss Irene Coats.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY

CAMPAIGN MEANS MUCH
TO PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

**Governor Bickett Calls on Every
Person to Make Monthly Investments
in War Savings
Next Two Weeks Critical Period of Campaign.**

That War Savings Stamps must have right of way is the message contained in Governor Bickett's recent proclamation calling on every person in the State to devote all the time and all the energy he can spare from now until the 6th day of April, when the Campaign for the sale of the Third Liberty Loan Bond begins.

Not that War Savings Stamps be given right of way only but that all local and district officials and committees connected with this campaign redouble their efforts during this time and go forward with untiring zeal, is a further request of Governor Bickett. He says: "These two weeks are the critical period of the campaign. If everybody will pull together to secure every pledge possible to make a monthly investment in these stamps from now until the end of the year, we will be able to carry this movement 'over the top'. The work of these two weeks will determine its success or failure."

Governor Bickett believes the War Savings Campaign will mean more to the people of the State than merely lending the Government their money—that the best of it will be the habits of Thrift and Savings inculcated in the lives of the people. He says: "The value of this War Savings Campaign to the Government in the winning of the war and to the people in training them to lay aside a working capital for use after the war cannot be overestimated. I earnestly hope that all war workers will, between now and the 6th day of April, lay aside the particular work in which they are engaged and unite in giving a grand impetus to the War Savings Campaign. For three weeks let the stamps and certificates have the right of way."

NEWS IN ANTIOCH SECTION.

Fine Collection Taken at Vocal Union for Middlesex Orphanage. Correspondent Favors Dog Tax. Personal Notes.

Mr. Elbert Creech, of Lucama, spent the week-end with relatives and friends in this community.

Mr. T. D. Godwin, of Wakefield, was a caller in this section Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hocutt, of the Corinth section, visited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Narron, Sunday.

Mrs. H. H. Creech spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. T. D. Godwin, of Wakefield.

Miss Lucy Talton, who is in school at Selma, is at home on a visit.

Miss Person Whitley, from near Poplar Spring, was the guest of Misses Mamie and Blonie Whitley Saturday night.

Misses Bettie Hinton and Mamie Whitley have returned from an extended visit to relatives in South Carolina.

Mr. J. H. Bell and family, from near New Bethel in Wilson County, attended preaching at Antioch Sunday.

We are glad to note that Mr. Dalmo Johnson, who has been quite sick for the past several days, is improving.

Mr. Ruel Narron, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Narron, left for Camp Monday morning. We regret very much to lose Mr. Narron from our community but we know that he is one of Uncle Sam's boys, and that he has gone for a righteous cause, therefore we bid him "God speed."

We think that the man who suggested some time ago that the dogs should be taxed sounded the very key note. There has been a vast amount of damage done through this section for the past several months by mad dogs. Several hogs have been lost on account of them.

The Green Vocal Union was held with Friendship Church the first Sunday in this month. The Union always takes an offering for the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., but this time, it was decided that "charity begins at home" so the offering that day was given to the Freewill Baptist Orphanage which is being erected at Middlesex. The total collection amounted to \$52.00.

Despite the inclemency of the weather a large crowd was present at Antioch Sunday. At the next regular appointment, Mr. Joel O'Neal will be ordained a deacon to fill the vacancy made by Mr. J. T. Moore.

REPORTER.

A Dollar Saved at this time is more than a dollar made. Put that dollar in War Savings Stamps and it will help defeat the Germans.

NO REDUCTION IS ORDERED.

**North Carolina Food Administrator
Declares Rumor About Tobacco
Acreage Groundless and False.**

State Food Administrator Henry A. Page is indignant at reports that have been circulated in some parts of North Carolina to the effect that the Food Administration, the Department of Agriculture or some other branch of the Government had issued an order limiting the acreage that may be planted in tobacco, cotton or other crops per horse or mule, says a press dispatch from Raleigh. These reports are not only absolutely groundless, but Mr. Page states that there is absolutely no authority in any existing laws for any department of the Federal Government to issue such an order.

"This is the first instance that we have had in North Carolina of what appears to be definite and injurious propaganda instigated by German agents or pro-Germans, with the deliberate aim of confusing, harassing or discouraging North Carolina farmers," declared Mr. Page. "I shall appreciate any information which will throw any light on the origin of such reports. Incidentally I do not hesitate to express my utmost confidence in such a degree of patriotism upon the part of North Carolina farmers as will result during the coming season in the largest harvest of every food crop in the history of our state.

"The attitude of the food administration toward the farmer may be very simply stated. Our country and a starving world demand the utmost pound of production of all food crops by every farmer in America. This increased production must come very largely through the increased yield per acre which may be brought about by proper soil preparation and crop cultivation and by the increased use of manures, forest leaves, wood mold and commercial fertilizer. A smaller acreage in tobacco would be desirable, but beyond this suggestion the food administration is not going to urge any reduction.

"I do not think any reduction in the cotton acreage is at all desirable, but rather that a greater production should be secured upon the acreage which we normally plant. Because of the scarcity and the great demand for fats and the large content of whole-some edible oil in cottonseed, cotton may be rightly considered as a food crop, to say nothing of the demand for the staple for clothing and ammunition.

"A greater production of corn, soy beans, peas, Irish and sweet potatoes, sorghum for syrup, and all hay and sorghum for syrup, and all hay and urgent. No family in North Carolina that has an opportunity to cultivate a garden should neglect to do so.

"Any individual in North Carolina or America who neglects or fails to do his utmost in crop production or to make every square foot of his soil and every hour of his time count during the coming season is a slacker and is unworthy of citizenship in this State and nation. I am sure however, that we have few such citizens in North Carolina.—Southern Tobacco Journal.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES IN JOHNSTON COUNTY.

The following contagious diseases were reported to me for the month of February:

Measles—John Odum, Princeton, 7 children of Rufus Merritt, Clayton, R. F. D., 4 children of Phillip Winston, Clayton, R. F. D., 2 children H. A. Herring, Selma, R. F. D., 2 children of M. P. Pollock, Selma, R. F. D., 1 child of D. M. Morris, Selma, R. F. D., 2 children of Joel Rollings, Selma, R. F. D., Edith Crow, Princeton, Ben Johnson, Smithfield, Route 1, Lexie Johnson, Smithfield, Miss Maie Harwood, Pine Level, Lillie Wilkins, Pine Level, Oscar Jones, Pine Level, Dorothy Barrow, Pine Level, Howard Brown, Pine Level, Blanche Brown, Pine Level, Konnebel Kornegay, Pine Level, Leah Godwin, Pine Level, Ruth Peedin, Pine Level, Effie Starling, Pine Level, Annie Starling, Pine Level, Baby Bailey, Clayton, Effie Jones, (col.) Smithfield, 4 children of Ichabud Starling, Pine Level.—Total 39.

Whooping Cough—Essie Love, Princeton, Route 3, Lela Love, Princeton, Route 3, Percy Love, Princeton, Route 3, Sarah Talton, Selma, Route 1, David Atkinson Princeton R. F. D., 4 children of Mrs. Sallie Richardson, Selma, R. 1, 2 children of Will Pittman 2 children of Jesse Eason, Selma, 2 children of Mordica Batten, Selma, 2 children of Lewis Crabtree, Selma, Jessie Udell Stallings, Princeton.—Total 17.

Small Pox—John D. Montgomery, Selma, R. F. D.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis—J. Austin Phillips, Four Oaks.

MRS. THEL HOOKS,

County Quarantine Officer.

The program of the Orphan Singing Class is calculated to make the hearts of all loyal citizens swell with love for their country. At Four Oaks, March 27th.

To The American People

There is no foundation for the alleged violations of law attributed to our Company by agents of the Federal Trade Commission and I want to say emphatically that Swift & Company is not a party to any conspiracy to defraud the Government. Nor has Swift & Company been guilty of improperly storing foods or of making false entries or reports.

Conferences of packers, where prices have been discussed, have been held at the urgent request and in the presence of representatives of either the Food Administration or the Council of National Defense. And yet the packers have been accused of committing a felony by acting in collusion on Government bids!

We have done our best, with other packers, large and small, to comply with the directions of the United States Food Administration in all particulars, including the furnishing of food supplies for the U. S. Army and Navy and the Allies, now being handled through the Food Administration.

We will continue to do our utmost, under Government direction, to increase our production and assist the Food Administration. We consider that the opportunity to co-operate wholeheartedly and to our fullest powers with this branch of the Government is our plain and most pressing duty.

The Trade Commission Attorney has, by false inference and misplaced emphasis, given to disconnected portions of the correspondence taken from our private files and read into the Record, a false and sinister meaning with the plain purpose of creating antagonistic public opinion.

The services of the packers of the United States are most urgently needed, and I regret exceedingly that we should at this time have to spend our efforts in defending ourselves against unfounded, unproved, and unfair assertions such as are being daily made public.

L. J. Swift, President



Swift & Company, U.S.A.

Stores and Residence

For Sale at Public Auction

On Saturday, March 30, at 2 o'clock

in front of the D. T. Worley & Company's old grocery stand, I will sell to the highest bidder, 1 two-story brick store and one small store wood building, now occupied by Charley M. Millard, near the Selma Cotton Mills, and 1 4-room residence. New building near D.H. Ferrell's residence

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