

LITTLE RIVER RIPPLES,

Rev. Morgan preached an interesting sermon at Little River last Sunday. His text was "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

Miss Lillie McCall who is with her sister, Mrs. F. Jones of Hendersonville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCall.

Luther Couch has purchased a new Ford from the King Livery Co. Mr. Couch and family spent last week with friends and relatives in Spartanburg and Greenville, making the trip in their new car.

Misses Lillie Pickelsimer and Mary Kilpatrick, who have been attending school at Cullowhee are home for a few months.

Mrs. A. J. George and family have moved to Campobello, S. C., where they are expecting to farm this season.

Mrs. Katie Watkins of Rosman is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Merrell this week.

Friends of Mrs. Robert Kilpatrick, who has been confined to her bed for a few weeks, will be pleased to learn that her condition is improving. Her health has not been very good for quite a while.

Virgil Reed and family of Crab Creek have moved into the Gaullin house recently vacated by Tom Morrell and family.

Mrs. Dr. Boyd is visiting her son, Stephen Boyd of Blantyre.

Clarence Nicholson has purchased a new Overland car. He is going to do public service work in Brevard this summer.

Misses Gladys Hamilton and Carrie McCall are home from Fruitland Institute. Miss Hamilton was

a senior this year and had the honor of bringing her diploma along. Miss Emily Moore of Brevard is spending a few days with Miss Pauline Hart.

L. M. Hamilton was called to Greenville last week on account of the illness of his brother, Seph Hamilton.

There will be an all day singing and dinner on the grounds at Little River next Sunday May 13. Each and every one is cordially invited. Some of the singers will be from Greenville. "Come, and we will do thee good."

Lewis D. Batson, Clarence E. Pace, Carl M. Smith and Otis H. Hart of Greenville and Miss Geneva Hart of Zirconia spent Sunday on Little River visiting the Cascade Power plant and other points of interest.

The young ladies have raised almost enough money to repaint the church and repair the windows. We are anxious to see the work in progress.

Melton Hawkins and family have moved from Asheville to their farm on Little River.

Our farmers are getting busy. Many acres of soil have been turned within the past few weeks, prepared and planted. Every farmer should make use of the opportunity presented him. Food products are scarce and will be shorter than in many years if there is active warfare with the United States. The farmer owes it to himself and to his country to grow as much stuff as possible for it will be needed and most likely at top-notch prices.

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ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

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Domestic

A verdict of guilty of murder was returned by the jury in the case of Harry J. Spanell, charged with the killing of Lieut. Col. M. C. Butler at Coleman, Texas. Punishment was fixed at five years' imprisonment.

The full strength of the first war army organized under the selective draft bill will be 18,538 officers and 528,650 enlisted men, making up 18 war strength divisions complete in every arm and supplemented by sixteen regiments of heavy field artillery, equipped with large caliber howitzers.

Subscriptions to the liberty loan poured into the treasury department at the rate of nearly twenty million dollars an hour on the first day. The in the history of the world is fore-shadowed by this response to the offering of the loan.

One subscription of twenty million dollars to the liberty loan was sent by a New York bank. Another bank of the same city sent five million dollars. The smallest subscription sent the first day was five thousand dollars.

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Charges that Cuban negro rebels are burning and pillaging the homes and properties of Americans and other foreigners in the districts of Palmarito, Bayate and Miranda, Oriente province, Cuba, are made by twenty-four American and British refugees who recently arrived in New York. They strongly assert that there will be a massacre of American residents unless the United States intervenes and asserts that the Cuban government is absolutely powerless to cope with the situation. Most of the refugees escaped with only the clothes they wore.

Women who stood in line to buy potatoes in the southern part of Stockholm, Sweden, became unruly when informed that the stock was exhausted, and began a demonstration which assumed mammoth proportions and gave the police no end of trouble. Serious rioting is also reported in Guthenburg.

Great Britain has formally joined France in the request that the United States send troops immediately to the front in the western zone of fighting. It is pointed out that such a course would have a beneficial psychological effect on both French and English soldiers, and would so cement the friendly feeling between the various elements that nothing but good could possibly result.

A Port-au-Prince, Haiti message recites that President Artiguenave has sent a message to the senate and chamber of deputies demanding a declaration of war against Germany, and that a commission has been appointed to consider the question.

The espionage bill has passed the house with a modified censorship provision after administration leaders had lost an insistent fight for retention of the original section aimed at the publication of news of value to the enemy. The final vote was 269 to 105.

A Pekin dispatch says the entry of China into the war at an early date is inevitable. The president and senate are opposed to such a move, but the house of representatives, the premier and the conference of military governors are urging war.

That Germany's submarine arm, not her military arm, is the menace which for the moment is greatest for the future welfare of the United States and the entente allies is recognized by the chancelleries of all the powers which are at war with Germany.

The last days of April saw the underwater boats send to the bottom hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping, the receipt of which would have greatly heartened Great Britain and France, and the pinch of war is felt by those countries, their soldiers and their people, at large.

General business conditions throughout the country are as good as ever. The "state of war" has in no way affected conditions, and readjustment to new conditions is being conducted with judgment and sense.

European War

The Germans have hurled counter attacks against the French forces in their newly-acquired positions north-east of Soissons, taken in their advance toward Laon and eastward along the Chemin-des-Dames, but their efforts were useless. General Nivelle's men clung tenaciously to them, and inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans.

Not content with gains northeast of Soissons, the French enlarged their holdings by capturing isolated operations, important German points of support to the north of the Meulin de Laffaur and north of Bruy-en-Laonnois.

To the east of Bullecourt, which lies midway between Arras and Cambrai, where the British and Germans engaged in sanguinary encounters, with the advantage lying with Field Marshal Haig's forces.

The ferment among the Hungarian working classes caused by Premier Count Tisza's refusal of an effective reform of the franchise, is far more serious than has appeared in censored telegraphic accounts of the demonstration strike. All the Buda Pest factories are closed. The contention is for a liberal electoral reform.

A plainer declaration of Germany's peace conditions will be made by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in a fortnight. An answer will be made within this time by the chancellor to the interpellations presented by the Conservatives and the Socialists.

French troops in a new offensive along the Aisne have captured the village of Craonne and the first German line on a front of two and a half miles northwest of Rheims.

The British in Mesopotamia have driven forward their lines against the Turks and made captures of men, guns and stores.

The Turks, it is reported, have at last forced out the Russians from Mush, in Turkish Armenia.

General Maude reports to his government that a Turkish army corps has been driven from its positions in Mesopotamia on both banks of the Shatt-el-Adhem.

Since the war the surplus of female in Germany has increased from 800,000 to far more than two million.

One million three hundred thousand Germans have perished in the war, according to a Conservative member of the reichstag.

A decided decrease in the birth rate in Germany is causing many warring Teutonic statesmen to think seriously. May day passed in Germany with little news coming out to show the exact situation with regard to the workmen.

Berlin dispatch says that the Socialists have been successful in their agitation of work in the coal mines.

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