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The War Brought Home.

Saturday morning's reports brought the unwelcome news that the American army transport Antilles, homeward bound, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone on Wednesday, October 17, and that more than sixty lives were lost. This is the first mishap to an American ship engaged in war duty, since the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, and brings home to the people of this country a full realization of what they may expect at the hands of the Imperial German government. If any have failed to realize that the United States is really engaged in war, such a delusion may at once be dispelled. The fact that this country is actually engaged in the conflict cannot longer be brushed aside. American lives have actually been snuffed out in the same brutal manner that has characterized German atrocities from the beginning of the war and the lives of those who perished in Wednesday's disaster should, and will, be speedily avenged.

It was for the purpose of protecting the lives of its citizens upon the high seas that the United States entered this world struggle for liberty and the sinking of the transport Antilles will bring the American people to an immediate realization of the fact that we must win this war and that it will take men and money to do it. Germany cannot—and does not—hope to succeed through her armies on the field, but she has pinned her faith to the submarine. It is to meet this menace that the United States must prepare; it is for this purpose she is making preparations as rapidly as the condition of her treasury will warrant. The second Liberty Loan will hasten the end. Have you subscribed to it? If not, why not. There is danger and death in delay.

North Carolina Is Patriotic.

President Wilson and governors all over the country issued proclamations designating Wednesday, the 24th of October, as Liberty Bond Day and the people of this state submitted to the test without a murmur. This, of course, was expected of the average Tar Heel citizen.

The people of North Carolina have never failed to tread the path of duty open to them. To each and every call to service, in the interest of home and country, they have responded with liberality and cheerfulness. Her young men are covering themselves with glory by evidences of devotion to the flag, in word and action, and will give a splendid account of themselves at every turn of the way towards a lasting peace. Her captains of industry and her sons of toil have opened their hearts to the Liberty Loan, the Red Cross and the cause espoused by the Young Men's Christian Association. Her noble women have dedicated themselves to the service of their country and are showing to the world a love for human freedom not excelled by those of any country on the face of the earth.

The cries of heart broken mothers, starving children, enraged daughters and tortured fathers, in unspeakable need beyond the ocean wave, have fallen upon sympathetic ears throughout our Christian land, and the spirit of service here in North Carolina shows that, with our people, the first consideration is the honor of the flag, the safety of the nation and peace to all the world. And it is well, for without self-sacrifice true hap-

piness may not be attained in this world.

North Carolinians realize that the measure of the nation's honor and the nation's heart is being taken. They have never been slackers in the past and will not be in this crisis. Our people are going to subscribe for the quota of Liberty Bonds allotted to them. They cannot afford to do less.

"Up To" the Consumer.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, the national food administrator, has given notice to the public that "the corner has been turned" in high food prices, but he offers little comfort to the consumer. Mr. Hoover says that most of the essential commodities should continue to show reductions right along during the remainder of the year, but he points out that the retail prices are not going down in the same proportion as the reduced rate noted in the wholesale decline. The intimation given out is to the effect that the retailer gets the "rake off" while the consumer continues to be the "goat." No argument is needed to convince the consumer that somebody "higher up" the broad line is fattening at his expense, but no way of correcting the system has been opened to him. Mr. Hoover suggests "bringing proper pressure to bear," but offers no definite plan. His authority touches only those doing a business of \$100,000 a year and upwards.

The public is not particularly interested in the regulation of the producer and the large wholesale dealer if the retailers shall be permitted to continue the nefarious practice of extorting exorbitant prices for necessities from the consumer. If Mr. Hoover has no authority over the "middle man," the next session of congress should provide a way mighty quick. It is all right to collect food prices from the wholesaler and let the public know just who is extorting war profits from them and how much, but this will not feed hungry people. It makes little difference what price beef brings in Omaha, or how much wheat is worth on the Chicago market, if it does not effect the price of bread and meat in North Carolina.

As an illustration of how the prices to the consumer are keeping up, Mr. Hoover tells the public that beef is now selling in Chicago at 14½ cents a pound, compared with 16 cents in July, while the average price of round steak is now 31 cents, compared with 27 cents in July. The miller's price for first patent flour in jute bags ranges from \$10 to \$10.70, while the retail price is \$13.77, an increase of from \$1.50 to \$2 more than the wholesale figure warrants. The wholesale price for sugar has not advanced, but the retail price continues to soar. The food administrator insists that sugar should sell for 8 to 8½ cents a pound to the consumer and he is in a position to know what he is talking about.

An abundant harvest of practically all food crops is reported from all quarters and with the large supply of cars the prices of every article for consumption in the home should be lower. If it is "up to" the consumer to bring "proper pressure to bear," the sooner he gets busy the better it will be for the country.—Hastler.

The Call Is To You.

The country responded in a handsome way to the call for men and the people have shown their abiding faith in the president by subscribing most liberally to the Red Cross propaganda and the four-million-dollar fund for the work of the Young Men's Christian Association amongst the soldiers in the camps and at the front. Subscriptions to the first Liberty Loan reached the stupendous sum of \$3,035,226,850, or fifty-two per cent in excess of the two billion dollars asked for in the first installment of bonds. Four million subscribers participated in the loan and government officials were elated over such unmistakable assurance of sympathy and support. It was a splendid tribute to American patriotism and American industry. It was taken as uncontested evidence that American manhood had been spurred to immediate action by German atrocities upon land and sea. The second loan should be even more popular in the present emergency. Again, should the coffers of the

treasury be empty, the nation would be forced to turn to the people for aid. The call is to you.—Hastler.

In addition to the 7,000 Confederate soldiers who received last year from the state in pensions the neat little sum of \$236,339, there were 5,780 widows of deceased veterans who received, in the aggregate, \$186,240. There are no widows of the second and third class and only thirty-two of the first class, who received \$72 each. The number receiving \$32 apiece was 5,748. This year the first class pensioners may receive \$85 each and the fourth class \$45. The total amount paid by the state for pensions last year was \$429,372. It will exceed that sum this year by at least \$75,000. The total number of soldiers and widows on the list for 1917 is 12,872.

It ought not be necessary for the boys in training camps to subscribe a single dollar for Liberty Bonds. They are offering their lives—the dearest thing in the world—upon the altar of their country and those who will never smell powder during the war ought to be willing to pay the bill. It is only a loan the government is asking, anyway—the safest loan in the world. Food and money are just as necessary in this crisis as men and bullets. Citizens, do your duty by subscribing for as many Liberty Bonds as you can possibly pay for and keep your heads above the wave. The campaign closes this week. Have you done your "bit" to win the war?

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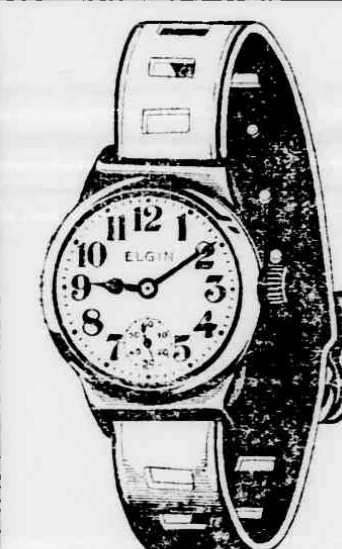
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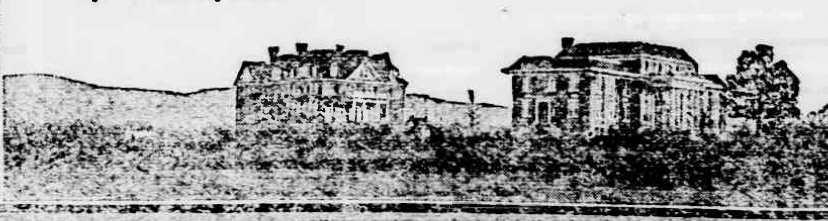
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