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## CRUELTY OF GERMANS SHOULD BE AVENGED

**Their Atrocities Have Never Been Surpassed, Even in The Annals of Heathenish Barbarism. America Can and Will Crush the Demons.**

A great many of us have limited opportunity to fully inform ourselves on the World War conditions, and I sometimes wonder if we have realized that our own Christianized America is endangered by the invasion of the Hell-bound Hun.

Madame Bernhardt, who has so delightfully entertained hundreds of American audiences, recently gave the press an account of her investigations in France, one of which related the acts of two enemy officers, accompanied by two privates. These brutes forced their way into an elegant French home, occupied by a husband, wife and two young daughters. The husband and wife were sent to the basement of the home, and there detained over night by the privates. The two daughters were kept until morning by the two officers, and before leaving the home of the abused family, the officers turned over to the two privates, the two young girls for further abuse. In another home, a mother with a male babe in arms showed resistance. Her ears were cut off, and the hands of the baby amputated.

Eighty war-beaten American soldiers are now in an army hospital in New York, supervised by Col. Duval, Commanding Medical Officer, where they are being nursed back to health under American freedom. One of these shell-torn boys, Albert Sykes, tells this story of the damnable acts of the German forces,—the dirty cusses:

"A dozen of our boys were out on night patrol duty. They failed to return, could not be found, and it was concluded they had been made prisoners. So they had. The second night, however, these men in some unaccountable way found the way back to us. When dawn came, following the night after their disappearance, they were found lying out in front of our trenches. Every man had his eyes gouged out, their bodies horribly mutilated, and some with hands and legs gone."

Do we feel secure here in the gorges of the Blue Ridge Mountains? If we have this feeling, let's disabuse our minds of such a thought. The enemy has gone over the mountains and through the gorges of Russia. Our mountains are no more secure from invasion than the Russian mountains. We say "O! well, they can't get to cover the mountains." But they will. Why? We ask. Because the people of the Valley will help refuge here as they took refuge in the Russian mountains, and the enemy follow on the trail of his prey. If they come we cannot hope to suffer any less outrages and butchery than our foreign allies have suffered.

American money is collected by the "German-American Alliance," and is being sent to these German assassins as testified to by one John Tjark, treasurer of the "Alliance." He was made to testify before the Senate Sub-Committee holding hearings on Senator King's bill to revoke the "Alliance" federal charter. Over eight hundred thousand dollars was collected by this gang, and while they were getting this sum together, they gave not the information that it was to fight prohibition, and the anti-prohibitionists trembled substantially.

The Third Liberty Bond sale will be launched on April 6. Let us grasp this opportunity to help win the war, feed, clothe and arm our fighting forces while they are in the trenches, and give to them up on their return home, the perpetual Americanism they are shedding their blood for.

"CHUCK."

## DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY ENDOW HOSPITAL BED

At the March meeting of the Transylvania Chapter of the U. D. C., the announcement was made that this chapter had raised its share of the sum necessary to endow a bed for one year in the Base Hospital at Neutly, France. The entire sum for the endowment of this bed has been raised by North Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy and the bed will be named Zebulon Lord Vance, North Carolina's War Governor.

However the patriotic service of these loyal and energetic women is not confined to war work alone. They are at present planning to add a Rest Room and Tea Room to the U. D. C. Library on Main street. Every woman's organization in the county will be given an opportunity to have a share in the building of these rooms and in the use of their facilities after completion. The committees in charge of building these rooms expect to have them finished and ready to open for the entertainment of the First District Convention of North Carolina Daughters of the Confederacy which will be the guest of the Transylvania Chapter this spring during the annual meeting.

The names of several new members will shortly be added to the roster of the local Chapter. Present members feel that the organization is entering upon the most useful and successful epoch of its history and they are sparing no efforts to widen the sphere of its constructive activities.

Miss Annie Jean Gash is president of the Transylvania Chapter, U. D. C., and Mrs. Edward Patton is secretary.

## MRS. C. B. DEAYER, CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Chas. B. Deayer has been appointed chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee. The state chairman has notified Mrs. Deayer that all county chairmen are requested to be in Raleigh at an early date to make plans for the campaign. All expenses will be paid by the government. Mrs. Deayer expects to leave for Raleigh the latter part of the week.

The county chairmen of the men's committee will assemble at the same time.

## JUNIOR RED CROSS

A Junior Auxiliary of the Transylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross was organized among the pupils of the Brevard Graded school on last Tuesday afternoon.

This new organization has one hundred and fifty members who are ready to do everything in their power to help win the war.

The following officers were elected on Tuesday:

Flave Carpenter, president; Miss May Blythe, vice-president; Theodore Clement, treasurer, and Will Ham Perkins, secretary.

## CALLED A PASTOR

The Baptist church of Brevard has extended a call to Rev. J. C. Owen, of Mars Hill. Mr. Owen served this church as pastor some years ago and was highly commended by the citizens of the town. His acceptance of the call remains to be determined.

## SUICIDE BY DROWNING

J. N. Ledford, of Coolemeo, committed suicide last week by drowning. He tied a weight about his neck and jumped into a mill pond. He left a note in his store office telling where his body could be found. It was recovered the next morning.

No cause was assigned for the rash act.

Seeing is believing. We want you to see our guaranteed Carbon Paper at \$1.50 per 100 sheets in box. The Brevard Printery has it.

## PREPARE IN TIME OF PEACE FOR CRUELITIES OF WAR

**The Ravages of Disease are Encouraged by Dice Neglect. Soldier the Leak and the Vessel Will Hold Water.**

Would you kill your neighbor's child? Would you strike the innocent child a murderous blow while asleep in its cradle? No, you would risk your life to save the little one from danger. Ah! but you who by failing to report contagious diseases and to obey the quarantine law, allow the deadly germs of disease to strike a death-dealing blow to your neighbor's child.

By this thoughtless, careless and selfish course you allow the spread of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and whooping-cough, diseases that kill hundreds and thousands yearly, and leave many who barely escaped with their lives physical wrecks.

Vaccination is harmless and will prevent smallpox, inoculation will prevent typhoid fever, proper hygiene and sanitation will prevent many diseases.

Quarantine will prevent the spread of fatal epidemics of above mentioned diseases, why not report the presence of contagious diseases, obey the quarantine laws and thereby save thousands of dollars spent in lost time and sickness and many deaths?

Quarantine is often necessary to save the lives of the people, the lives of your little children. Quarantine is not a disgrace as it is not an unfair hardship. Its organization and enforcement is a life-saver to all mankind.

In measles and whooping cough usually only the children are quarantined, as comparatively few grown people have these diseases, and are therefore seldom quarantined.

Is it right for your neighbor to allow his sick children to infect your children with disease? Is it right for your child to infect your neighbor's child? The quarantine laws are made for the protection of all the people.

Will you not obey this law as good law-abiding citizens? I beseech you all to report all contagious diseases and aid me in suppressing them.

The slight temporary inconvenience of quarantine is nothing, when we think of the many lives that we can save, the lives of your little ones. "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you."

I appeal to all physicians to report all contagious diseases promptly. I appeal to all teachers, lawyers and ministers to teach the people to obey the law. I appeal to every citizen to obey this law. Obey the law and you will save many lives, disobey the law and you will kill your neighbor's child.

The diseases reported for February are as follows:

One case scarlet fever, Miss Whitehead, Brevard Institute, reported by Dr. E. S. English.

One case measles, Arthur Cooper's child, Pisgah Forest, by Dr. E. S. English.

C. W. Hunt, M. D., County Health and Quarantine Officer.

## MRS. SILVERSTEEN'S WORK

Mrs. J. S. Silversteen, who is president of the Transylvania county branch of the National League for Women's Service, has been directing since the U. S. entered the war, the work of supplying the Transylvania soldiers with camp comforts. Mrs. Silversteen's work has met with hearty approval from military authorities and sincere thanks from the boys. She recently received a letter from Lieutenant Eugene Allison, who is stationed at Camp Sevier along with a number of other Transylvania boys, expressing their appreciation for her patriotic service.

## COUNTY COMMENCEMENT AND PATRIOTIC DAY

April 12th has been Set Aside as Patriotic Day for Transylvania County—All Teachers and Pupils in County Urged to Take Part in Exercises.

Let me call upon all the people in Transylvania to please read again the County Commencement and Patriotic Day Program for April 12, which was in the Brevard News on the date of March 15th. Further, I would have you know that we are expecting Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction to address us on that day. Now, in order that our program be a success every public spirited person in the county will please do all in his power to that end. All the county teachers will please cooperate with all the painstaking care of their most honorable profession. All public school students will please be exceedingly eager and anxious to participate in all of the contests possible. It is extremely necessary that every man, woman and child in the county be in Brevard all day on April 12th. I desire that all schools that will not be previously closed be present in full force for the patriotic march, and any others that would like. Let every school come, running over with patriotism, and with a determination to win every contest.

Most cordially yours,  
A. E. Mitchell,  
County Supt.

## GARDEN SEEDS

The News has a limited supply of garden seeds, sent out by Congressman Weaver, to be given to those who want them. Come in and get yours while they last. They are free.

## CLUB WOMEN MEET

The Wednesday Book club held its last meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. D. G. Ward. Hawaii was the topic of discussion for this meeting. Mrs. Fred Miller read an article on Hawaiian music and Mrs. W. E. Breese read an article which gave a comprehensive survey of the agricultural and floral products of this interesting country.

As the club convened at this time for a strictly business meeting there were no guests and no social diversion.

## EASTER SERVICES AT ST. PHILIPS

Mrs. Simons wishes to announce that owing to the press of rehearsals, evangelistic meeting and private pupils. She is unable this week to prepare for the News a list of the music to be used at St. Philips church on Easter Day, but says that the music will be of an unusually high order with the assistance of two prominent soloists, bass and tenor respectively, from South Carolina, a mezzo soprano from Spartanburg and a high soprano from Hendersonville.

## D. C. BULLOCK, VICE-CHAIRMAN

At the Red Cross meeting recently held at Rosman D. C. Bullock was elected vice-chairman of the organization.

## WELL ATTENDED

The series of meetings, alternating between the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, which have been in progress for more than a week, conducted by Evangelist G. W. Belk, of Charlotte, are well attended and much interest is manifested.

Mr. Belk is a fine speaker and strikes straight from the shoulder. The meeting will continue until Sunday, on which day both morning and evening services will be held at the Methodist church.

## DRAFTED FARMER BOY SAFE UNTIL JULY 15

To Members of Local and District Boards:

I am glad to be able to announce after a careful investigation of the subject that, in my opinion, no farmers or farm laborers in the second draft will be sent to training camps before the 15th of July.

I am giving out this opinion in order that the farmers and farm laborers may proceed to cultivate their crops upon the assurance that they will not be disturbed earlier than the 15th of July, by which time the crops will be laid by.

This announcement, however, does not include the deferred percentage of the quota made up of colored men. Colored men who were liable to call in the first draft, are now liable to be called at any time.

T. W. BUCKETT,  
Governor.

## THE EASTER CHIMES

The Easter chords echo clear and sweet in our ears. These chords won poor troubled Faust from suicide. What they have done in the way of hope and cheer no tongue or pen shall ever be able to tell. Those chords ring out, not at Easter time alone, but throughout the year—in the darkness of sorrow, in the midst of uncertainty, in the solitariness of great experiences, in the gloom of anguish, in the severing of loving hearts, in the dissolution of families, in the pain and dread of dying. How solemnly in the burial service!

There are few hearts that have not buried treasures. Some have wept at the grave of great hopes. Some have wrung their hands over ruined plans. Some vision of youth, some grand inspiration, some noble affection, some attempted achievement, or some golden winged expectation is buried, and the stone closes out the light from the sepulchre. The burden of life is taken up after the joy of life is fled. Possibly the stimulus and the inspiration will never come back, but the Easter faith remains and throws a spiritual radiance over all of life, exceeding the wealth of a thousand suns.

The stone has been rolled away not from the sepulchre in the garden alone, but from all sepulchres, in which men have buried their dead since the world began. The Resurrection was not an isolated victory over the grave. It was the victory of The Leader for all His following. It let in light upon the very seat of mystery. It let up the parade of life on the Divine side and revealed to us the wondrous truth that death is a minister of life, and that the dead dust of all that dies may become an element in the soil of all that lives. The Resurrection of our Lord changed the painful idea of decay into progress and hope. It transformed the burial place into a harvest field, so that the spiritual race of man, believers in the Christ, who have, as mortals, sown the corruptible with tears, shall one day reap the incorruptible with songs of eternal joy.

O, this Easter faith, how grand it is! What a power in life, what a light in death! Let us join ourselves more closely to the Risen Christ. His Resurrection is a universal triumph and nothing that touches can yield to decay and death.

With the Easter faith let us go forth into the great field of the world, and make life, in all its parts and offices, a sowing and not a burial. Let all our words and deeds be seeds sown to be gathered again in flowers. Christ is risen, and become the first fruits of them that are asleep.

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## APRIL 1 LAST DAY FOR FEDERAL RETURNS

**Penalties for Income Dodgers Are Severe—Get Your Return in if You Are Liable.**

April 1, 1918, is the final day allowed under the federal income tax law for the filing of federal income tax returns. Persons who are required to file returns under the provisions of law and who fail to get their returns in on time are subject to severe penalties, as follows:

For making false or fraudulent return, not exceeding \$2,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, and, in addition, 100 per cent. of the tax evaded.

For failing to make return on time, not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000, and, in addition, 50 per cent. of the amount of tax due.

If on account of illness or absence from home you are unable to render your return within the time prescribed by law you may obtain an extension of 30 days if a request therefor is filed with the collector of your district before the due date of the return. In this request you must state the reason why the return cannot be filed within the time prescribed by law.

Collectors of Internal Revenue are not authorized to grant extensions of more than 30 days, but the commissioner of Internal Revenue has authority to grant a reasonable extension beyond 30 days in meritorious cases. If you desire an extension of more than 30 days your request should be addressed to the commissioner and should contain a detailed statement covering the reasons which make it impossible for you to file your return on or before April 1.

The Internal Revenue men are now completing their tour of the country, during which they were in touch with the people of every city and town. If you failed to get in touch with the deputy which visited your section it is not too late to get advice. Consult your postmaster as to where the nearest deputy is now. Get your blank form, study the directions and the requirements as shown thereon and make your return without fail if your income was sufficient to come within the bounds named in the law.

It is pointed out by Commissioner Roper that it is important that the people comply with the federal laws as fully as they are complying with the drafts for men and the conservation of foods and fuel. "The war must be paid for," says Commissioner Roper. "Congress has as much right to conscript a just portion of income as it has to conscript our boys. The tax for 1917 is designed to reach moderate as well as large incomes, so that all persons who are in financial position to bear a portion of the heavy government expenses can be assessed in proportion to their ability to pay."

"The man who is barely making a living or barely supporting a family is not affected by the 1917 law. But the man who is able to bear a share of the burden has been reached by the new law, and he should accept his responsibility in the same patriotic spirit that our young men have shown in offering themselves for this great purpose of the country to make the world safe for people of all kinds to live in and to govern themselves."

This tax is one which recognizes women as on an equal basis with men. The unmarried woman or the married woman with a salary must make tax return just the same as any man. Only the woman supporting her mother or other members of her family may take out \$2,000 exemption.

Under the law the head of the family is the one whose earning power contributes to the family's support. Similarly a widow with small children to support can take out \$2,000 exemption and \$200 additional exemption for each of her children under eighteen. Thus it is intended that the law shall work no hardship to women having to struggle to get along. But each must file return if her income is \$1,000.

A man whose wife dies and who is left with small children to support upon a moderate income may also take full exemption under the new tax law and also claim \$200 exemption for each of his children under eighteen.

The widower under the law is a single man and must make tax return accordingly. Married men need not file returns unless they are earning \$2,000 or more.

"This is as much a national obligation as the reporting for duty of a man drafted for service with the colors," says D. C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue. "As it stands, it is much a matter of the man or woman's own conscience. It is for him or for her to determine just how far he is liable to the tax. He must figure his own income and if it reaches the figures named in the law must make faithful report upon it to the proper authority."