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HOW PEOPLES AND NATIONS ARE ALIGNED

The recent addition of the United States and the expected alignment of Brazil, together with the probable action of other South and Central American governments, makes it interesting to consider the circumstances under which the Central Alliances, composed of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, are fighting their battles.

The total wealth of the four centralized kingdoms of Europe is estimated at \$108,000,000,000. Against them without the United States is wealth valued at \$297,500,000,000 and with America, at \$547,000,000,000. Neutral nations possess a total wealth valued at only \$42,400,000,000. The forces against these four empires represent 78.45 per cent of the entire wealth of the world.

In the matter of territory the figures are practically the same, with the reservation that the United States holds no such tremendous portion of the land of the nations against the empires. Germany and her allies occupy 2,960,082 square miles, while their enemies possess 40,123,586 square miles, including the 3,292,000 square miles of the United States. Neutral nations hold 9,740,945 square miles of territory. The forces against the four empires represent 25.50 per cent of the total land surface of the globe.

When it comes to the question of men the forces arrayed in enmity to the kingdom total in population 1,414,147,000 people. While the percentage of the populations engaged against Germany and her allies is 80.72 per cent, it must be recognized that China with 453,000,000, the colonies of Great Britain, France and the peoples of Japan and her colonies, totalling nearly 1,000,000,000, are not actively engaged in furnishing men for the battlefield, and that the 134,000,000 people of the United States and Brazil are not putting any force upon the battlefield. This leaves actively engaged against

the empires, about 400,000,000 and the other nations, still neutral, have a population of 173,553,000.

The situation then, is this, that as Theo. H. Price points out, over 80.72 per cent of its wealth and occupying 75.95 per cent of its territory is now arrayed against the autocratic empires of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, and Turkey. While the maximum exertion of the vast horde against them has not yet been tried, the figures given above show conclusively where victory must perch in the end.

Will you not help to give the children of the Oxford Orphanage a large and responsive audience at the concert? These children will give an entertainment both pleasing and helpful, and you will be aiding in a most worthy cause. They will be in Farmville TO-NIGHT, April 19.

KINSTON NEGROES PLEDGE PROPERTY AND LIVES.

Kinston, April 13.—Hundreds of colored citizens in the North Street A. M. E. Zion Church here last night pledged to the nation their "limited possessions" and "even their lives," for "the protection of our country." Leading members of the race, ministers, physicians and others, led the demonstration. Resolutions were passed endorsing the government and the war and asserting the unshakable loyalty of the negroes of the section. The mass meeting was the most enthusiastic of the kind ever held here. The colored people in attendance have those who would approach us with talk of disloyalty brought to justice.

Notice to those Having Accounts Against the County.

All persons selling goods to the County are requested to furnish itemized proven statements of the same to the Register of Deeds on the last Thursday of each month, to be audited for payment on each first Monday following. These accounts can be proven before the Register of Deeds without cost. Parties wishing their accounts against the county paid each first Monday will please observe this rule. McD. Horton, Chairman.

THIRTY-TWO CAROLINIANS BANQUETED AT HOTEL IN LYNCHBURG, VA. RECENTLY

Visiting Merchants Were Guests of George D. Witt Shoe Co. The Customers of Banner Salesman Presented Him through Mr. B. Joyner, of Farmville, With a Handsome Gift.

Thirty-two merchants from as many cities and towns in Eastern North Carolina were the guests last night of the George D. Witt Shoe Company at a banquet at the Virginia Hotel, the affair being one of the several entertainments provided for them during their stay in Lynchburg.

The merchants arrived Tuesday night in a special Pullman which was chartered by the company through the agency of R. T. Coburn, of Wilson, N. C., leading salesman for the George D. Witt Company, and the visitors included many of his best customers in the territory over which he has exclusive control. Mr. Coburn is a member of the company's "\$100,000 Club" and he succeeded in bringing to Lynchburg last year more than a score of his customers from the eastern section of the Old North State.

The visitors yesterday were entertained at a banquet at the Virginia Hotel and given a clear insight into the business in which they are interested as retail dealers. Many of the merchants were directed to places of public interest in the city, being taken in automobiles on tours in different sections of Lynchburg and acquainted with civic and industrial life of the community in which they were being entertained. Immediately after the banquet, the merchants were the guests of the company at the Academy of Music where they witnessed the performance of "A World of Pleasure."

Acting as toastmaster at the banquet, Dexter Oley, vice president of the George D. Witt Company, welcomed the guests

and paid a tribute to Mr. Coburn's success as a salesman. He introduced first D. B. Ryland, business manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and in an interesting talk the speaker made the visitors feel that they were at home among Lynchburg people and explained that it was a gratifying sight to see such a splendid looking crowd of men present on such an occasion.

He stated that the city owed Mr. Coburn a debt of gratitude for bringing the merchants to Lynchburg and on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce he took pleasure in expressing the appreciation of that body in having the visitors here for a visit. It is well for you to know with whom you are dealing, he said, and what you are buying, and it is also interesting for you to know what enters into the construction of the things for which you pay out your money.

Mr. Ryland traced the growth of Lynchburg as an industrial and manufacturing center and he urged the merchants to preach the doctrine of buying their goods in the South when they can get them home. He hoped that this would come to be an

Mr. Oley followed the speaker with an instructive talk pertaining to the leather situation which he discussed on a basis of comparison. He showed what effect the war had caused on market conditions and pointed out the reason for the high cost of leather and the advance in prices of footwear.

J. H. Dallard, general manager of the Craddock Terry Company's factories, briefly discussed factory organization, and H. M. Jacobs, of the Roper Lumber Company, Roper, N. C., made a short talk, in which he explained what his company, an \$8,000,000 corporation, is doing in the development of eastern North Carolina. He also referred to his

estly in shoe manufacturing and lauded the character and purpose of the men interested in the shoe industry in this city. He closed his address by emphasizing Mr. Ryland's remarks regarding patronizing Southern industry. W. L. Bell, manager of the Dover Supply Co. of Dover, N. C., also gave a short talk, in which he referred to the hospitality of Lynchburg people.

Before the merchants adjourned, B. A. Joyner of the Farmville Shoe and Suit Company, of Farmville, presented Mr. Coburn with a handsome silver chocolate set which was purchased with a fund to which the other merchants subscribed while enroute to Lynchburg on the special Pullman. The token of the high esteem in which he was held by his customers was a surprise to Mr. Coburn and he accepted it with an apparent display of keen appreciation.

RESOLUTION CALLS FOR BIG FOOD PRODUCTION.

Washington, April 13.—A resolution urging "as a patriotic duty" that the people of the United States engaged in food production put forth every effort to raise abundant crops of all kinds was introduced today by Representative Glass, of Virginia, and referred to the Agriculture Committee.

The resolution proposes that "the whole people be called upon by regulation of their own diet and by scrupulous prevention of waste to conserve the supply of food to the end that lives may be saved, suffering avoided, tranquility maintained and all those dangers avoided which arise among a people in want of food."

The resolution closes; "That the Governors of the States and mayors of cities and towns throughout the country be called upon to proclaim this duty to the people and that the newspapers of the country constantly keep it alive."

government will see that the farmers are well paid despite the meagreness of their crops.

The best thing that America can do is to plant food enough to feed the world and in that case the farmers of America will reap the profits.

THE NATIONS' GREATEST NEED TODAY IS FOOD

The insistence with which the farmers are being urged to an enlarged production of staple food products should help to make them realize the requirements of the world.

Even if hostilities and unrest in Europe it will be a long time before the production of foodstuffs in that continent can reach a normal basis. Because of the shortage of such crops throughout the world, Secretary Huston declares "there is no risk of excessive production" at this time.

It is apparent that the farmers of this country have a job on their hands. They have, besides the United States, most of the belligerent nations, to feed. That they will patriotically respond to the need is known without question.

To do this they are urged to plant wheat, oats, barley, rye, grain, sorghums, flax, corn, cowpeas, soy beans, potatoes and other crops which can feed men or animals. Flax, for instance, mentioned above, is not a human food, yet its seed constitutes an important element in the dairy food supply and releases other grain products for use as food.

It should receive more attention than they generally receive. They are capable of large production on suitable land under intensive culture throughout the more densely populated portions of the country.

Consumers living in villages and in the suburbs of cities do not appreciate their means of adding materially to their food supply by utilizing suitable idle soil in yards, vacant lots and unused outlying fields. Gardening is an industry in which the family and community may share with helpfulness and benefit.

We urge our readers to the importance of these facts. War privations are bound to become necessary unless enough is raised for ourselves and our allies. The

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