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"Long May It Wave."

Third Liberty Loan and Second Red Cross both out of the way, next will come the Y. M. C. A. drive. Of course they will get two or three times as much as they ask for.

Our people can prepare themselves for a long casualty list from now on. Our boys are in the thick of the fight, and we may expect to lose heavily. But rest assured that for every American slain, there will be three or four Germans.

It is reported that Gen. Hindenburg, the German butcher, is in the hospital suffering from an attack of typhoid fever. Now if the Kaiser and the Clown Prince could only have an attack of cholera or bubonic plague with fatal results, the world would breathe much easier.

The American boys are giving a good account of themselves "Over There." Instead of being called "Sammy" they are called "Yank" and whether from South Carolina or Massachusetts, it is "Yank" all right, let it go at that. Before the war is over they will "Yank" Germany off the map.

The second big German drive started last Tuesday, and while the Huns have gained some territory they have done so at such an enormous loss of life that it is a barren victory. Gen. Foch, the generalissimo of the allied armies claims he has the situation well in hand, and for the allies to have no fears of the final results.

It is planned to place a war Savings Certificate in every house in Polk county, and a special week has been set aside for that purpose. An organization will be perfected whereby canvassers will call in person upon every family in the county, and it is hoped that there will not be a refusal to buy.

In a letter received a few days ago from Mr. Hoover, he says: "To meet the situation abroad and to prevent serious suffering at home, it is imperative that all those whose circumstances permit, shall abstain from wheat products in any form until the next harvest. It is realized and deeply appreciated that many organizations and some communities have already agreed to follow this plan."

Millions of loyal Americans have cheerfully complied with the ruling of the food administration and cut down the use of wheat products, but there are so many who have refused to do so, that everybody will more than likely be refused any wheat of flour during the months of July and August. It is indeed strange that majority of the people of the United States should be made to suffer on account of the wilful attitude of a small number of slackers.

There are cases where health compels the eating of wheat bread, and substitutes can not be used. The family physician is the person to say who these persons are, and they should not be compelled to eat that which is injurious to them. But for a person to wilfully defy the mandates of the food administration and refuse to eat corn bread places them in the same category as other pro-Germans, and they should have the same punishment meted out to them as would any other enemy of the United States.

It is reported that there are some people in Tryon who have complied with the food administration's orders regarding the purchase of 50 per cent of flour substitutes, but that they have not only refused to eat these substitutes, but have been known to throw them in the garbage can or feed them to live stock. Such person is not only frustrating the plans of the food administration, but are doing everything that the Germans would like to have them do. In other words they are a slacker of the meanest kind, guilty of a crime, and should be punished to the extreme.

Editor NEWS: about the largest contribution to the Red Cross fund that has been given in Polk county is the one of ten dollars by a widow, who lives not a thousand miles from Columbus. The good woman is rearing a family and her income very small from her daily toil which she depends upon wholly. Shows some of us up in this giving thing. Bert Leston Taylor changes the "Give till it hurts" to "Give till it tickles." Taylor is right as usual. Observer.

Tryon had the aspect of a live military camp for awhile last Wednesday and Thursday. A company of the signal Corps, numbering 285 men, with their arms, wagons and automobiles, ambulances and other vehicles, came into town on their way to the "Battleship" from Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg. They spent the night at the "Battleship" and next morning passed through town again on their return hike to Camp Wadsworth. An ammunition supply train of motor trucks from Camp Oglethorpe, Georgia, passed through Thursday morning, on its way to Camp Wadsworth. Large supplies of ammunition and accoutrements are being unloaded at Landrum, and it is rumored that there will soon be 1,500 men encamped again at rifle range.

A Tryonite who says he has personally little use for any clergyman, as such, but great respect, affection and attachment for Mr. Bowne as an individual, a friend, and useful, public spirited citizen, thinks he has made a mistake in judgment in leaving Tryon. The clergyman is doing about all he can as a rector, leaving him only so many hours needed for other duties, rest and recreation. His Asheville church is not likely to leave him any more. Out side of his parish work, his usefulness, as this Tryonite sees it, chiefly depends upon his personal contact with individuals, his talk with individuals, his helpfulness for individuals, his personal sympathy with each one; not mere generality of talk, or public speaking. After his church work is done, how can he come into this close personal relations with more people in Asheville than in Tryon? Even in his hospital work he will have to take time to visit the patients. He will save a little because they are near together, not scattered about, but there will still be those outside the hospital to visit, to cheer, console, assist. Owing to the fact that there are only twenty-four hours a day in Asheville, the Tryonite does not see how Mr. Bowne can expand his work there any more than any other workman who can turn out only so much per hour per day, wherever he may be working. This Tryonite therefore predicts that Mr. Bowne will himself soon discover this, and if circumstances are favorable, expand his work there any more that have not changed much in the interval, he will find good reason for resuming his work in Tryon, where his heart is.

Since the artillery boys left rifle range, there has been very little free circus on Tryon streets. But the other day a "solitary horseman" at the story writers say, met an incoming freight train just as he was opposite the postoffice. His animal, once let him know that he wasn't going past the blowing and snorting locomotive. His spursless rider had on a small strap with which to overcome this prejudice against noisy steam engines. Instead of going in the horse sought refuge and protection by the side of Dr. Grady's horse and buggy, siding up to him and trying to put the outfit between him and the locomotive. It was a failure, so he spoke, rearing and plunging and rubbing his thanks against the wheels. This performance went on for some minutes before a group of interested spectators, who made bets of cigars and soft drinks with each other as to whether two legs or four legs would come out ahead. In fact on account of his constant rearing, the horse might be considered a two-legged animal as well as his rider. At last the owner of the two legs on top of the horse got the better of the four under it. It made an unexpected bolt and went tearing down the street at a third speed for some three or four rods. Suddenly it stopped, subsided into a gentle trot and looked the very image of a family horse that would soon rub up against a fierce, snorting locomotive as the most quiet and domesticated buggy.

LEARNING ABOUT THE WAR.

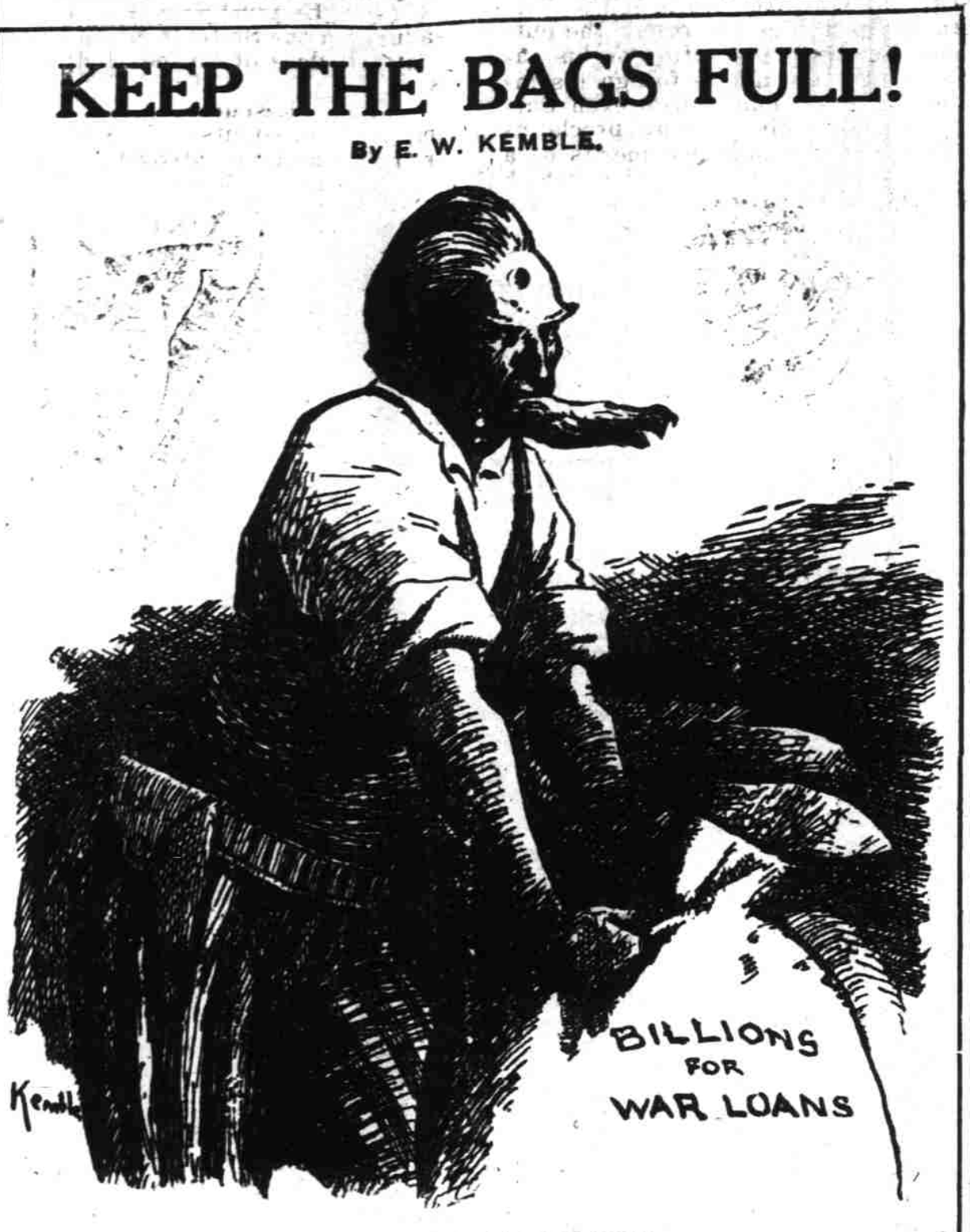
A meeting at the colored school house was held Tuesday to hear about the war, study the maps and follow the soldiers from Tryon to the front. The generosity of Mrs. E. W. Emerson, a well known Tryon visitor provided a large map of the world the United States, the various camps and of the battle territory in Europe. Mrs. Holden pointed out the journey from Tryon to Asheville, Knoxville, Cincinnati, Chicago and Camp Grant, where the soldiers are now stationed; giving distances and the time required to travel them. She also read the poem, "Christ in Flanders."

The Rev. Mr. Taft discoursed upon the causes of the war, the chief of which he said was the destructive in the German heart, of all sense of right and justice; that nothing but wealth, possessions and power was worth while in this world, and that any wickedness was not sinful but right, in order to get these things. The whole German nation has been corrupted and its conscience destroyed.

Mrs. Taft told the story of two colored soldiers who were attacked by 16 German soldiers, but so courageously and swiftly did the Americans fight them at close range with bayonet and knife that the enemy turned and fled.

Rev. Miller affirmed his belief that not only Germany but the whole world needs to be converted.

NOTICE. Having qualified as administrator of L. B. McGuinn, deceased, I hereby notify all persons indebted to said L. B. McGuinn to make settlement with me at once. All accounts against said estate must be presented to me within 12 months from this date, or they will be barred. This, May 25th, 1918. J. M. MCGUINN, Admr.



KEEP THE BAGS FULL! By E. W. KEMBLE. ONE MAN'S REASON WHY. I have a son two years old. I want him to be a sportsman. I want him to be able to win like a gentleman, to lose like a man. I want him to grow up in a world where a victory gained by foul tactics is incomprehensible. I want him to feel always that his word is sacred; that no advantage to himself or others justifies the violation of his oath. I want him to reverence the memory of his mother, to look upon all women with clean eyes. I want him to grant, as a matter of fact, the demands of weakness upon strength. I want him to look upon human beings as individuals, to accept cheerfully another's right to a belief contrary to his own. I want him to gain his own beliefs through searching his own soul, not by blindly accepting the dicta of others. I want him to believe in a generous God, a God Who is a Gentleman, not a demoniac God who plays favorites. One judges a man by his professed beliefs, by his acknowledged deeds. One judges a race in the same manner. By their professed beliefs, by their acknowledged deeds, I judge the Germans. And I firmly believe that a world ruled by them would be a world in which it would be impossible for my son to grow up to be the man I want him to be. Arthur Somers Roche (Contributed by Mr. KEMBLE and Mr. ROCHE to the NATIONAL SECURITY LEAGUE'S Campaign of Patriotism Through Education.)

WHAT THE VICTORY OR DEFEAT OF GERMANY MEANS TO EVERY AMERICAN

(Contributed by ALBERT PAYSON TERHUNE, author and globe-trotter, to the National Security League's campaign of Patriotism Through Education.) Germany's victory would mean all that the alarmists have said—the setback of humanity, democracy, civilization, rights of man, etc. But, to America, it would mean infinitely more. It would mean our first national defeat; and, thus, would smash our perfect record for victories—a record as old as our nation—a record that means more than the right to brag. Even as a beaten army never wholly regains its old form—even as a beaten ring champion sinks at once into desuetude—so our nation (its traditions of victory zone) would suffer far worse deterioration than the mere fact of defeat could inflict. It would mean that the man who has risked all in his country's struggle for Right could never again feel his former calm certainty that Right must triumph. Thus, the moral tone of the individual, as well as of the nation, would inevitably be lowered. This country has never embarked in a war of conquest. From 1775 to the present we have fought for Liberty or for Union or for the Oppressed—ever for some sterling principle of right. From childhood we have been taught to believe that the high unselfishness of our war aims has given us the victory. We have seen the decay or destruction of men and nations that have battled for dominion—as Germany is now battling. Should we fall in this, our mightiest war for the Right, the average man must lose forever the simple Faith which has led our dear country from nothingness to its present estate. For that Faith, more than for anything else, our sacrifice is a hundredfold justified.

Prussianism is devoid of honor, truth, justice or mercy, as its own acts have proved, and its defeat is a necessary first step for the peace of the world and the freedom of civilization. For the safety of American institutions it must be destroyed; for the safety of American freedom, yours and mine and of all of us. We are in the midst of war, our war, the war of every freeman, of every man and woman who does not endorse cowardly murderous assault upon the weak and innocent, brutal injustice, and atrocious acts; and if we would preserve the Stars and Stripes and all they stand for we must fight the Huns abroad and the pacifists at home with all our strength.

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Your Country Calls! Awake, Americans! Make this war your war. Every man must prove Right is Might. It means your liberty, if not your life. Combat German propaganda here. Attack everything un-American! Caspar Whitney

The Huns Abroad and The Pacifists at Home

(Contributed by CASPAR WHITNEY, now at the front for the "N. Y. Tribune," to the National Security League's campaign of Patriotism Through Education.) Although Germany, while yet a "friend," intrigued against our peace and order, urged Japan and Mexico to make war on us, and murdered our men, women and children, there are those among us professing loyalty and intelligence who practically say this is not our war and appear unable to realize that the defeat of the boche is as vital to us Americans as was the victory of 1776. Then we declared for independence; now we fight to maintain it. It is not merely that we fight in answer to indignity and material injury done us through attack on our rights as a nation and on the lives of our citizens—not merely to uphold our place among self-respecting peoples—that we are at war; but literally for our self preservation as a republic. To muzzle this war-mad wild beast we have taken up arms—that the world shall be safe for the freemen of the world. The world cannot rest in peace while Germany holds the destiny of other peoples in her blood-dripping hands. The world cannot live in peace with a people that commits, or permits her sponsors to commit in her name, the foul acts of treachery, of vandalism, of bestiality, of murder, that have marked the trail of the German army over Europe. One doctrine or the other must prevail; either the German brutal right of might or the civilized might of right—one or the other—must succumb in this conflict to the death. And should it be the German doctrine—then shall we fall under the domination of a people that have robbed and raped and looted and burned and killed, that the "kultur" of a military oligarchy shall live.

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Thank You Tryon, May 20, 1918. We take this means of thanking those who worked so hard to save our property in the fire of last Wednesday, and assure them that their efforts are fully appreciated. WILKINS & CO.

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Never Say "Enough" An Irishman who was getting the worst of it in a fight was asked if he would say "enough?" He replied: "If I had strength left to say that, I wouldn't be licked." That's the proper spirit. Never give up. A quitter never gets any where. If hard luck strikes you; brace up and go on just as bravely as you can. However, a little savings account at the bank has carried many a man through a tight place. Better begin now before hard luck strikes, and open a little savings account with us. BANK of SALUDA Capital \$10,000.00 Saluda, N. C. HENRY P. CORITH, Pres. JOHN B. CANNON, V-Pres. PREZTON H. BAILEY, Cash.

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