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MILLION RUSSIANS WILL STARVE TO DEATH THIS WINTER.

Block of Transportation Will Prevent the United States from Rushing Food to People of that Stricken Unfortunate Nation.

Millions of Children of Other European Nations Will Perish Unless Furnished the Proper Kind of Food by the People of this Country.

AMERICANS TO MAKE GREATER SACRIFICES.

We had the pleasure of attending a meeting of county food administrators in Raleigh, last week. We met a large body of intelligent, patriotic men and women, who are devoting their time, money and talent for the immense problem of feeding hungry Europe.

Mr. Franklin W. Fort, of Mr. Hoover's official family, was present, and delivered a talk full of advice, as well as containing facts which were absolutely sensational. He told us that while all that could be done, ten millions of Russians would perish for want of food this winter. This could not be helped, on account of transportation. All the ocean harvests are now frozen over, while the Bolsheviks have possession of the railroads and will not permit anything to go to northern Russia. He also told us that all child life in Europe will perish if we did not go to the assistance. He said that while we exported eleven million tons of food to Europe last year, that we would be compelled to export twenty million this coming year if we prevented the extinction of those unhappy and unfortunate people.

To do this means further and more drastic denials on the part of the American people. While we have denied ourselves of portions of various food products in the past, we are now called upon to give up entirely, three important foods—creamy butter, bottled milk and cheese. The part of this is that we can do it and not suffer. We will have to substitute on home made butter or oleomargarine instead of butter, and fresh milk instead of bottled milk.

All child life is threatened with its very being, and unless large quantities of bottled milk is sent to certain countries over there, and not Germany at that, no children can survive this winter. This is indeed a gloomy picture to hold up before our people, but a true one, nevertheless, and one that cannot be erased.

We have promised liberty and freedom to Poland, Serbia, Czechoslovakia, as well as many other small nations. Are we going to bring into existence these countries only to let the people die? To the United States they look not only for guidance and help in establishing their house-

hold, but for life itself. To us is given the task, and it should be one of pleasure, of taking care of these people, and preventing starvation.

The American home, the American form of government, and in fact all that is American, is pointed to by the idealists of the world as their pattern. In the past we have felt very much flattered by such adoration, as it did not cost us anything, but when the time came to back up our idealism, for we can call it nothing else, we did so, with the life of our boys, and billions of dollars of our money. Now that peace is in sight and many small nations are to be the outcome of it all, and all patterned after the United States, to whom they look for all that is good, are we to deny them life itself when we can, by a little self-denial on our part, give them all that is necessary to start off in the family of nations and with full stomachs? We have never yet failed a friend, and God grant we never may.

But if you cannot agree with us in this view of the question, we appeal to your selfish side. Even now anarchy, in all its vile forms and existence is rampant in certain sections of the world. Did you ever stop to reflect that anarchy has its birth in hunger. Why, brother, bless your soul, your wife knows this, and whenever she thinks of "making a touch" she always waits until the "master's" stomach is full, for she knows then that he is at peace with all the world. And that very condition prevails with all mankind. Given plenty to eat, anarchy and Bolshevism will not survive long. And don't you imagine for a moment that we may not be plagued with this very same scourge. Only a few days ago we read of a big parade in New York, headed by a red flag. We are now facing the most critical situation that has arisen during the whole of this great world's war. But it is one that can be met and solved to the entire satisfaction of mankind, but by one way only—plenty of food.

If we can feed the world through the coming winter, then the worst is over, for with the coming of spring the sowing of new crops will begin, and after the next harvest Europe will be in position to help herself. In the meantime don't stop saving food.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

LYNN.

Dr Pratt preached in the chapel last Sunday at 3:30 p. m. This was the first service in about two months. No notice having been given that there would be any services resulted in there being no wood to fire up with, and the chapel was not so comfortable as it might have been.

The school is scheduled to open at this place, on or about the 9th of December. It is to be hoped that plenty of wood may be secured and the house put in order by the time the school is to open so there will be no hitch or hindrance when teachers arrive but to proceed with school.

The hosiery people will observe Thanksgiving day.

It is to be hoped that some kind of Thanksgiving service will be held in the chapel by our people. We've much to be thankful for.

Mr. Twitty Thompson, Eugene Norman and Luther Case had a very narrow escape from death, last Sunday night, while they were in a Ford roadster and going to Columbus. The car came in contact with a calf roaming about on the highway. The car was turned over. Results: Thompson, the driver, arm broken and some other minor injuries. Norman somewhat shaken up. As to the calf, at this penning we are not able to say whether it survived or succumbed. Question—who should have damages.

Mr. J. C. Rhodes and family, of Whittier, N. C., are visiting home folks in Lynn. Jess reports good crops and business in Jackson county.

Several of our citizens are killing some fine porkers this week. Messrs. Clayton Constant and Newman Bros., are on the list.

Mally Thompson is nursing an attack of cold or grip or flu. It is to be hoped he will soon be out.

Edgar Covil who went to hospital ten days or two weeks ago for an operation is reported as doing well, and will be able to return home soon.

Mr. B. W. Parker had a wreck with his Ford car, Saturday night. No damage, only to the car.

We wonder what has become of the town's vigilance committee, mayor and aldermen. We hear a great deal of complaint about so much shooting, especially on the street and near residences and places of business. Section 13 of town ordinances should be enforced or repealed.

At this writing Mr. J. Lee Fisher's condition is considered precarious.

H. C. Rhodes, located now at Anderson, S. C., was visiting home folks last week-end, in Lynn. He looks as if the climate agreed with him.

Supt. Hammett will visit home folks on Thanksgiving day.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Mr. Sam Ownby returned home from Camp Sevier Saturday. All are glad to have him back again.

Several from this section went to a cotton picking in Noodlesville section, Saturday night.

Miss Bessie Thompson and sister, Exie, spent Sunday with Miss Mossie Edwards.

Mr. Virgil Skipper is spending this week at Fingerville, S. C.

Mr. Walter Russell and son, Johnnie, visited relatives at Cooper Gap Saturday.

Miss Eliza White was a caller at Mr. Ownby's, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. George Champion was a caller on Uree Route 1, Sunday.

NEW HOPE.

Who we are having cold weather now, a small sleet fell here Sunday.

Mrs. Robert McEntyre visited Mrs. Bessie Thompson, Sunday.

Mr. E. C. Thompson has been appointed superintendent of the New Hope Sunday school. May God bless him in this good work.

It was 203 bushels of corn instead of 103, that Mc Thompson made.

Mr. John Tipton is getting along nicely with his new house.

Mr. John C. Thompson, who is in New York, is on his job again.

Mr. Weaver Scoggins made a business trip to Chesnee, S. C., Saturday. Best wishes to the NEWS and its readers.

ABOLENE.

The flu is still raging in our community.

Mr. C. W. Davis' people were shopping in Bogie, Thursday.

Mr. J. M. Davis killed two nice hogs last week, one weighing 501, the other 315.

Miss Pauline and Roy Wilkins spent Sunday with Miss Eva and Harold Davis.

Mr. Perry Cantrell and family spent Sunday with Mr. G. W. Davidson.

Mrs. M. J. Hines spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. J. Davis.

Mr. J. T. Hayes' daughter, Effie, is very low at this writing.

Mr. Bob Miller passed through this vicinity Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Vadin Calvert and family, from Fingerville, S. C., visited Mr. H. C. Calvert, Saturday and Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cudd, a boy.

Mr. J. C. Davis made 225 bushels of corn on 7 acres of common up-land.

COLUMBUS.

Mrs. J. C. Shipman and children, of Hendersonville, spent a few days with her father, Mr. J. P. Arledge, last week.

Miss Adeline Owens is absent from school this week, on account of the flu.

Messrs. T. M. Johnson and E. T. Ducker were guests of Mrs. Johnson. We are glad to know that Mrs. West is improving after an attack of the flu.

Lieut. J. P. Arledge spent a few days with home folks, last week. He will go to France as soon as he returns to camp.

Dr. H. H. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Elliott visited friends at Mill Spring, Sunday.

Some of our people attended the corn shucking given at Mrs. L. B. McCann's, last Thursday evening. Everyone reports a good time.

James and Ida Carnegie are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. T. W. Williamson spent last week in Asheville.

Mrs. C. E. Shore was in Spartanburg, last Thursday.

Mr. Archie Feagan is very sick at this writing.

Mr. Bostic Page returned home from Virginia, where he has been at work.

Mrs. J. A. Bailey, Misses Gladys, Grace and Sidney Smith are on the sick list this week.

Messrs. A. L. McMurray and J. F. Ormond were in Cooper Gap, Monday on business.

Mrs. Charles Davenport visited her mother, Mrs. Underwood, of Lynn, Sunday.

MILL SPRING.

Mr. Hubert H. Foster, of Camp Sevier spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Elliott, of Columbus, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Egerton, Sunday.

Quite a number from here went to the cotton picking at Mr. E. R. Edwards' Friday night. Everybody reports a nice time.

Mr. Sam Cocherum is home again, from Virginia.

Leader for Christian Endeavor for next Sunday, Miss Clara Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lewis, Claude and Melva, went to Rutherfordton, Sunday.

School will begin here next Monday, with Miss Bertha Dalton as teacher.

Misses Pearl, Essie and Clara Edwards, were guests of Miss Letha Barber, Sunday.

Yes, Silver Creek, we realize that the war is over. C?

Mr. C. M. Dicus is visiting; his family here at this writing.

Little Nannie Walker who was bitten by a mad dog two weeks ago is at the home of Dr. Walden at Landrum, S. C., taking treatment.

PEARIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson made a business trip to Rutherfordton Monday.

Harley Foy and Miss Nellie Dalton

were happily married Sunday. We wish them much success.

Mr. T. F. Rowland and family left Monday for their new home in Georgia.

Miss Bessie Thompson and sister, Exie, spent Sunday at Mr. A. A. Edwards'.

Mr. E. S. Kibbie visited at Mr. P. G. Brisco's, Saturday and Sunday.

We are glad to see the boys coming home from camp. Soon they will be coming from France.

SUNNY VIEW.

Red Mountain school closed Friday last. The hit of the entertainment was a dialogue between Miss Mary Arledge and Miss Myrtle Park, the teachers.

Sunny View school closed Saturday, with an evening entertainment prepared by the pupils after school hours under the direction of Miss Clara Feagan and Miss Bertha Dalton. Miss Dalton having taught at the old Burnett school, had many old friends amongst the pupils, and crying spells followed the program. An organ was loaned by Fred Gibbs, and A. F. Corbin assisted with his viola. Noah Lynch appeared as a soldier, and Esther Wilson, of Red Mountain, assisted. The program included songs, "When We Gather Every Morning," and "The Boys of Sunny View," flag drills by the primary and senior girls, and an Indian play by the boys; pantomimes "America" and the "Prison Call"; speaking by various children. The rooms were thrown together, a platform erected, and the walls decorated with Liberty Loan and Y. M. C. A. posters. Plenty of green boughs were used in decorating, and all the work was done after school hours during the week, and met with the hearty approval of the parents who regret that funds are not available for a continuation school. Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Whiteside were judges in the writing contest, and awarded the prize to Uzzle Helton for the greatest improvment. Arkansas Jackson and Bessie Jane Helton attended every day during the four months term. fourth grade class in spelling did not miss a word during the term. Miss Feagan will open the Fishtop school next week, and Miss Dalton the at Mill Spring.

The song Battle Hymn of the Republic, published in the POLK COUNTY NEWS last week, was used to the new words "The Boys of Sunny View" The shaped notes are appreciated by old and young.

Mr. Bill Stepp, of Chase City Va., is visiting his brother, Mr. King Stepp.

Misses Grace and Oma Gibbs were guests of Miss Maggie Jackson, Sunday.

Misses Bertha Dalton, Lizzie Williams, Annie Wilson, Messrs. Uzzel Helton, John Bradley and Willie Mills were callers at Mr. Fred Gibbs' Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Coggins spent Saturday night with the latter's mother, Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale.

Miss Maggie Jackson and Mr. Noah Lynch accompanied Miss Bertha Dalton home Sunday.

Mr. Terrell Taylor has returned home from Spartanburg S. C.

Mrs. G. L. Taylor was the guest of her sister Mrs. Ella Gibbs Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Ruff who is in the U. S. Navy has returned to Philadelphia from France. He reports all the boys are wanting to come home so let's do everything we can to get them home and don't forget to give to the War Campaign one more dollar or so.

Continue to send the POLK COUNTY NEWS to our brave lads in khaki "Over There."

SILVER CREEK.

Farmers are very busy sowing wheat in this section, the most of them are done picking cotton, and some are holding their cotton for a better price.

Mr. Clarence Justice was here on business, last week.

Miss Charity Williams visited out on the route, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Arledge, motored up from Spartanburg, Saturday night, returning home Sunday.

Miss Mary Ann Bradley visited on the route Sunday.

We regret to hear that Mr. N. E. Arledge, of the Navy, who is stationed at Charleston, has Spanish influenza and is quite sick at this writing.

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH GERMANY?

This Question is Puzzling the Minds of the People of all Allied Nations.

NAVAL OFFICER'S OPINION.

Just now the question as to what should be done with the Germans is the absorbing topic. There is no denying the question but that German propagandists are busy attempting to manufacture sympathy favorable to that nation. The cry that has gone out about shortage of provisions is said to be unfounded, and given out in an attempt to secure better peace terms. In this connection the following letter from Lieut. Copeland to his father reflects the sentiment of "the boys," and for that matter many of our citizens in private life:

"And our attitude toward Germany, what will it be?

According to God, vengeance is His, and His the right to punish, alone; but in all His goodness, wisdom and mercy, may we not each one pray that to the Germany that was He will send punishment, swift, severe in exact accord with the severity, the deadliness of her sins? I do not believe that it would be wrong for us to ask this.

There still remains much to be done and in spite of our heart felt thanks that battle has ceased, we must not for one moment lose sight of the fact that as yet, Germany is an enemy, to be thought of and treated as such.

Our wonderful people, always quick to forgive, will, I hope, not be too anxious to play the role of the gracious father welcoming the return of the prodigal. To do this would be an offense, bordering a crime.

When we all think of pity for Germany, let us at the same time think of the thousands of American boys, dead, slain by the same pity seeking Germans; let us think of other thousands of our boys who are coming home, lives wrecked, blind, maimed, torn and crazed by the hellish warfare of these degenerated disciples of Satan—then—if in our hearts we still have room for pity, let us put that virtue into practical use by making of it the human element which will enter into the God-sent punishment which is certain to be visited upon Germany.

We punish criminals in our own nation. Shall we then permit a whole nation of criminals, such as go to make up Germany, escape the blackest crimes of all ages without the punishment such crimes deserve?

Not a nation on top of this earth has escaped the suffering, in greater or less degree, which this terrible war has caused.

Should the people who caused such world-wide suffering be received back into the realm of humanity unpunished for its sins?

These are questions we must answer, questions which can be but lightly dwelt upon by the coming peace conference, but each man woman and child in the United States can, and will, answer these questions in their own way, and upon every living person in this land rests the degree of punishment which Germany will certainly receive.

It is a fact that the punishment which first suggests itself to the punisher is not always the proper measure to be adopted.

Therefore, instead of adding to the suffering of the world by imposing physically impossible conditions when terms of peace are arranged, let each of us under solemn oath to ourselves, avow to take Germany, in punishment that which she so loves, and of which she so proudly has boasted—Commerce.

Merchants, farmers, manufacturers everybody, can have a part in this, by simply refusing to buy, sell or use, any article which comes, or any part of any article which comes from Germany.

Let our business men so arrange their dealings that former German markets shall be forever closed to German goods, and when I say business men, I include everybody from producer to exporter.

Let us so despise German goods that there will never again be a market in this country for any of them; let it never again be said that we are dependent upon the Germans for one single article which we use.

In other words let us resolve to literally chase Germany from the markets of the entire world. It can be done. Each of us will have a hand in it by so doing, in whatever way presents itself, our part.

After all is said and done, what Germany fought for was commercial supremacy. Can a punishment more fitting be found than for us, in peace, to make it impossible for Germany to attain the desire which caused her to plunge the world, most of it, into mortal combat?"

MELVIN HILL.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Gilbert, last Monday, a girl.

Mr. Simp Johnson visited at the home of Mr. John Hayes, of Abolene, Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Gilbert has had the flu, but is improving now.

Mrs. Laura Morris and children, of Double Branch mines, visited relatives here, last week.

The sad intelligence reached here, Sunday, of the death of Mr. Dean Jones, at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, last Saturday night. Mr. Ross Jones was well known and respected at Melvin Hill, where he attended church several years.

Mr. Jones had been in the camp but a short time, when he took the influenza which, with complications caused his death. He united with the Baptist church two years ago, and lived as a Christian to the end. He leaves a wife, father, mother and several brothers and other relatives, to whom we extend deepest sympathy.

Mr. Walter Reed got a little too far from home in his car, the other evening, and said car refused to bring him back which caused him more or less annoyance, to say the least.

Mr. C. G. Feagan had a big fat hog to die one night recently.

School commences here next Monday morning.

Mr. Epley's family, who have had the flu, have all about recovered.

Mr. T. B. Jones, the singing teacher, was in this place, Saturday.

The potato crop is exceptionally good in this vicinity.

W. A. ReRed grew the finest Irish potatoes—nearly 80 bushels.

The up land corn is good, but the bottom land corn was damaged by the rains and high water.

Farmers have about finished picking their white cotton in this vicinity. Let us all give thanks to God, who giveth us the victory; but every day on Thanksgiving day, but not only.