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## Why We Are in Russia.

Statesville Landmark.

Why are our troops in Russia? What business have we there, we are not at war with Russia? are questions often heard in connection with the American troops in Russia. Talking before the House of Commons in London, the British premier, Mr. Lloyd George, gave an answer to these questions that should satisfy reasonable people.

When the treaty of Brest-Litovsk has signed, Mr. Lloyd George explained, large parts of Russia had no hand in the shameful act and were in revolt against the government that signed it. "They raised arms at our instigation and largely at our expense," but that was absolutely sound military policy because without those organizations the Germans would have secured all the resources which would have enabled them to break the blockade.

"Bolshevism had threatened to impress by force of arms its dominations over those populations which had revolted against it, and it would have been an act thoroughly unworthy of any great land to say to those populations 'we are exceedingly obliged to you; you have served your purpose and we need you no longer,' and have left them to the bolshevik troops. It is our duty since we asked them to take this step to promise them support. We are not sending troops, because every Russian thought that if Russia were to be redeemed she must be redeemed by her own sons and they asked that we send arms.

Our policy is to arrest the flood of the present forcible eruption of Bolshevism into allied lands and for that reason we are organized all the forces of all allied countries bordering on Russian territory from the Black to the Baltic. If the bolsheviks attack any of our allies it is our business to defend them.

"This is our policy but we want peace in Russia. The world will not be passive as long as Russia is torn and rent by civil war. It is our policy to make peace among the warring nations not by recognizing one party, but by inducing them to come together with a view to setting up some authority in Russia which would be acceptable to the whole Russian people and that the allies could recognize as their government." He did not despair, he said, of a solution being found.

In brief the foregoing means that after the bolshevists made a treaty with Germany during the war, which was a practical surrender of Russia to Germany, the entente allies encouraged the opposition in Russia to fight the agreement, which was sound military policy, as it tended to prevent Germany getting all the advantage which the treaty with Russia and the practical bolshevik surrender would otherwise give her. Therefore, in the general plan of defeating Germany, the allies not only encouraged the Russians opposing the bolshevists programme to fight, but aided and abetted them in doing so. After the war with Germany was over the danger still existed for the anti-bolshevist in Russians. If left without help the bolshevists would destroy them. It would have been the basest ingratitude after encouraging these people to fight, after using them to help defeat Germany, to leave them exposed to destruction at the hands of their enemies at home who want to destroy them for doing what the allies asked and encouraged them to do. Therefore the allies have kept troops

## A Proclamation by the Governor.

Honor is finer than honesty as sentiment is higher than thought. There is scant virtue in merely keeping within the law.

"The fear o' hell's a hangman's whip. To haud the wretch in order; But where you feel your honor grip, Let that aye be your border."

In the call to buy Victory Bonds honor grips hard. To achieve the victory we pledged our lives, our property, and our sacred honor. The pledge of life has been fully redeemed. The blood cost of victory was paid with solemn pride. To fail or falter in meeting the money cost would immediately brand us with infamy and ultimately mark us for destruction. Our sacred honor drives us to offer our property as freely as our soldiers offered their lives. They "fought a good fight." We must "keep the faith" or wither in fires of self-contempt.

The Imperial German Government asserted that a solemn obligation was but a scrap of paper, and that government has been consigned to the scrap-heap of civilization. "God is not mocked," and this nation will surely become as Nineveh and Tyre if we keep back the price of our redemption. No nation can survive that advertises to the world that it holds money dearer than manhood, that while it was willing to sacrifice the only son it cannot spare the firstlings of the flocks.

I beseech all ministers of the Gospel and all men and women of every class and condition who have faith in the final perseverance of moral values to enlist in the great Victory Campaign to the end that our national honor may be redeemed and our destiny secured.

Done at our City of Raleigh, this the 3rd day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and in the one hundred and forty-third year of our American Independence.

T. W. BICKETT,  
Governor.

By the Governor:  
SANFORD MARTIN,  
Private Secretary.

## As An American.

Your country is still protecting your rights, your liberties, your welfare. Still making it possible for you to live as an American.

As an American you will always receive protection. The government realizes its duty to you and needs no urging in the performance of this duty.

As an American you should not fail to realize and appreciate what your government is to you. You should be awake to its present situation. You should know why billions of dollars are needed.

As an American you should render the same help to the government that it rendered to you. And as the government is constantly ready to protect you regardless of the number of calls, you should be ready and eager to respond to its present appeal—the Victory Liberty Loan.

in Russia to help these people stand off the bolshevists. The allies have no purpose of armed intervention in Russia. They want to take their troops out of that country and will do so as soon as they can ease out without deserting those who have claims on them. To this end they are trying to patch up affairs in Russia to stop the bolshevists exterminating the anti-bolshevists, with the idea that by and by Russians who want peace and an opportunity to earn a living, will evolve a stable government.

## The Tunnel Method of Keeping Sweet Potatoes.

Mr. G. M. Goforth, of Lenoir, who, for a number of years, was farm demonstrator for Caldwell county, was in town last week, and gave us the following from his pen, that will be of interest to many of our farmers:

"In the summer of 1885 I dug the first tunnel in Caldwell county. My neighbors seeing me digging asked me what I was doing. I told them I was digging a tunnel for keeping sweet potatoes. I did not know that I was doing something that was worth hundreds of dollars to myself and thousands of dollars to the farmers of Caldwell county. Farmers came from the country around, and some from South Carolina, to see my tunnel.

"Almost every farmer in Caldwell now has his potato tunnel and of course they have spread over a much larger territory. The information I am giving in this article will be worth thousands of dollars to the farmers who read it.

"Location, etc.: Select the steepest place you can find so that when you tunnel the dirt will be deep enough to form a natural shelter, though if you have not such a place you can make a shelter over the tunnel, as many have done in this county. Mr. Dock Hartley, near Lenoir, has a cement tunnel that is worth hundreds of dollars to him, he tells me.

"I prefer a tunnel on a southern exposure, though this is not essential, as mine opens on the west. Dig as narrow as you can, just so that a farmer's wheelbarrow will pass up in it, the narrower the tunnel the more self-supporting it is. Dig side tunnels to store the potatoes in. These should be four feet wide on each side of main tunnel, not allowing two to face each other; have a solid bank opposite the mouth of each side tunnel to make it self supporting. Before storing the potatoes, burn sulphur in the tunnel freely, also after you have all the potatoes in. This will disinfect the tunnel and kill any fungus on the potatoes. Green apples and cabbage heads cut up and smoked with sulphur will keep if put in jars without being sealed air-tight.

"Dig potatoes, or rather plow them up with a two-horse plow when the ground is as dry as possible, preferably before the vines are killed by frost. Dig in the morning and let them sun all you can in order to get them stored in afternoon of same day. Pick the potatoes up in lard tubs, separating the large from the small also take out the cut ones for hog feed. Have as many tubs as you can haul on wagon without emptying until you get them in the tunnel, only handling one time, and as carefully as you would eggs. After you have the potatoes in tunnel, as I said before, burn some sulphur in tunnel, also sprinkle air slack lime freely over the potatoes after they are stored. I can keep the cut potatoes by smoking them with sulphur and then dust them with lime. Surely anyone could keep the potatoes not cut or bruised. For the first three weeks after storing keep the tunnel door open on dry days and closed at night and on wet days, then close tight except ventilator at top of door, something like ten inches square. If a very small tunnel, this need not be so large. Do not bother any more about ventilation unless in zero weather you might close up partly until a raise in temperature. Any one wanting more in-

## Forget What You Have Done.

Uncle Sam is no more able to pay his present debts with money you lent in previous loans than he was able to meet a prevailing situation on the battlefield in France with men who had already given their lives in previous drives.

Forget what you have done. When the American soldier was called upon for another attack he didn't think of what he had done, but of what he had to do. The American citizen is called upon now to prove himself worthy of what the boys did in France.

Even when victory was remote the men on the battlefields went on with enthusiasm. The people at home were equally enthusiastic in contributing funds although they did not know how many more times they would be called upon. Victory was their objective. They were as determined to reach it as were the American soldiers.

How much more enthusiastic should the nation be over this present drive—the Victory Liberty Loan drive. The objective has been reached sooner than expected. This is the last Liberty Loan.

The American army didn't fight and fall back. It kept going ahead. The American people are not going to fall back either. They are going further ahead this time than ever before.

## WHAT'S THE REASON? MANY BOONE PEOPLE IN POOR HEALTH WITHOUT KNOWING THE CAUSE.

There are scores of people who drag out a miserable existence without realizing the cause of their suffering. Day after day they are racked with backache and headache; suffer from nervousness, dizziness, weakness, languor and depression. Perhaps the kidneys have fallen behind in their work of filtering the blood and that may be the root of the trouble. Look to your kidneys—assist them in their work—give them the help they need. You can use no more highly recommended remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills.

Below is a grateful testimony from a sufferer in this locality:

N. G. Deal, wood worker, Hickory, N. C., says: I suffered a lot from kidney trouble. My back was lame and sore and I had to stop work. At night I was restless and sometimes had to walk the floor. Doan's Kidney Pills gave me prompt relief, removing the pain in my back and making me feel better in every way.

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Deal had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs. Buffalo, N. Y.

formation, is invited to call and see me or write me at Lenoir, enclosing postage for reply.

"My tunnel is 75 feet long with 14 side tunnels, in all about 215 feet of tunnel, enough room to store 1,000 bushels and a good part of the vines if dug before frost.

"Early Irish potatoes are hard to keep, but if dug as soon as the vines die and spread out in a tunnel and a little air-slacked lime sprinkled over them they will keep perfectly till fall; then they should be taken out and stored somewhere else, as they will get too warm and sprout. A deep tunnel is also too warm for apples—ought not to be more than ten feet from the door. For Irish potatoes and apples a tunnel should not be dug far back into ground and should have ventilation."

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

## Obituary.

Mrs. Susan Louisa Norris, wife of Rev. John Norris of Boone, N. C. was born Jan. 7, 1850 and died Jan. 11, 1919. She professed faith in Christ and joined Meat Camp Baptist Church in Sept. 1866 and in March 1885 moved her letter to Howard's Creek Baptist Church and later on moved away and united with Bethel Baptist Church Jan. 1892, and moved her letter back to Howard's Creek Church in May 1918, where she lived a devoted member till her death. She was the mother of five children, three of whom preceded her to the spirit land. Sister Norris was afflicted for many years but bore her suffering with christian fortitude. She was ever ready to assist the sick and comfort the distressed and wielded a great influence for good over all she knew. She will be missed in her community as a neighbor and friend and in our church as a loyal christian sister and in her home as a loving mother and companion. She is gone from among us but not forgotten. She is dead yet she liveth. May the God of comfort bind up the wounded hearts of the dear companion and sons, and many sorrowing friends. And we as a church pray God's blessings on the bereaved family. Let us not mourn but be ready to meet her in the sweet bye and bye.

E. J. NORRIS }  
IRA BROWN } Committee.  
W. C. NORRIS }

## Answer the Appeal.

"The Hun is still watching" is the warning on one of the posters for the Victory Liberty Loan, and show him we're in Earnest" is its appeal.

This warning is a fact that every American should bear in mind now. Each individual should bear in mind now. Each individual should assume as much responsibility as he can bear in the way of a liberal subscription to the present loan. It is the only way the job can be finished in the proper way.

If Germany in watching should notice the slightest lagging of the American people during this campaign, it is bound to arouse in her a certain amount of hope. There must be no lagging.

Answer the appeal. "Show the Hun we're in earnest" by blinding the watching eyes with another victory.

## FOR THE CHILDREN.

Too much care cannot be exercised in selecting a cough medicine for children. It should be pleasant to take, contain no harmful drug and most effectual in curing their coughs and colds. Long experience has taught that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets these conditions. It is a favorite with many mothers.

You can do some things, next week, but some you cannot.

So don't wait, act now!  
Insure your house before it burns.

Insure your health before you get sick.

Insure your life before you die for then it is everlastingly too late.

I sell the best policies at universal rates.

GEO. F. BLAIR,  
Blowing Rock, N. C.



## CHRONIC CONSTIPATION.

There are people who never have a movement without it is produced by a cathartic. Most of them have brought that condition on themselves by the use of mineral waters and strong cathartics that take too much water out of the system and aggravate the disease they are meant to relieve. A mild laxative tonic like Chamberlain's Tablets affords a gentle movement of the bowels that you hardly realize has been produced by a medicine, and their use is not so likely to be followed by constipation.

## NOTICE.

By virtue of the power vested in me by reason of a certain real estate mortgage executed to me on the 20th day of May 1918, by J. R. Swift and wife Mimie Swift and Jacob Norris and wife Nancy Norris of Watauga Co., N. C. and said mortgage is registered in Book U of deeds in the register's office of Watauga county on p. 358, I will on Monday May 5th, 1919 at the court house door in Watauga county, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m. sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said secured indebtedness of \$200.00 and the interest on the same, with costs of sale the following described piece or parcel of land, viz: Lying and being in the county of Watauga and state of North Carolina, Cove Creek township and begins on a double chestnut on a ridge and runs S 85d. E with Ham Thomas line 17 poles to a stake corner to Warrens, then N 21d. W with said line 37 to a small buckeye at the branch, the Jones corner, now Warrens, then E with same line 13 poles to an ironwood, then N crossing the branch 11 1-2 p. to a large buckeye on the bank, then N 40 d W 22 poles to a stake, then N 61-2 poles to a stake on top of the ridge then S 56d. W along the top of the ridge 45 poles to or near a small sarvis corner then S 20d. crossing a branch 51 p. to a stake on top of a ridge then N 57d. E 18 poles to the beginning and contains 15 acres more or less, and make a good and sufficient title to the purchaser, so as to divest all titles in me vested by reason said mortgage. For a complete description reference is hereby made to the records referred to.

This March 27, 1919.  
J. L. THOMAS, Mortgagee.

## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT.

North Carolina, Watauga County, Ronda D. Horton vs. Mary Horton. The defendant in the above entitled action, Mary Horton, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga county by the plaintiff Ronda D. Horton for the purpose of having the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between said plaintiff and defendant declared void and for the purpose of securing a divorce from said defendant a vinculo matrimonii the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the court house in Boone, North Carolina on the first Monday in September 1919 it being the first day of September 1919 and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the relief therein prayed for will be granted. This 8th day of April 1919.

O. L. COFFEY,  
Clerk of the Superior Court.  
JOHN E. BROWN, att'y for plaintiff.

## NOTICE OF LAND SALE.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Watauga county made in the special proceeding entitled W. W. Stringfellow vs. Helen Weedon, the undersigned commissioner will, on Monday May 5, 1919 at 11 o'clock a. m. at the courthouse door in Boone, Watauga County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract of land lying and being in Blowing Rock township, Watauga County, North Carolina, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a stone on Lookout Street McDowell's corner and runs in a southerly direction with said line 150 feet to a letter "M" on a rock; then in an easterly direction 50 feet to a stone, then in a northerly direction 150 feet to a stone in Lookout Street; then in a westerly direction 50 feet to the beginning. The said lot being known as lot no. 1, at Fair View, together with the right to use water out of the well on lot No. 2. This March 22, 1919.  
JOHN E. BROWN, Commissioner

## Tennessee Farms for Sale.

No. 1. 128 acres, 40 acres level and in high state of cultivation; some timber, clover, wheat and pasture. This farm can be bought for \$10,000.00 if sold at once. Good terms; good out-buildings and small house.

No. 2. 40 acres in Sullivan Co. Tenn., will make a beautiful home in high state of cultivation. 15 acres in wheat, 3/4 to purchaser; 9 acres for corn, balance in clover, some firewood. Well watered by creek and spring. This is one of the best small farms in the county and can be bought on good terms if taken at once.

Several other good farms and town property for sale. Write or come and see for yourself.

C. S. SHERWOOD  
Watauga Valley, Tenn.