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### The Last Appeal.

One of the most appealing of the after-the war campaigns will be launched this month, asking for foster parents for 60,000 little war orphans of France. Mrs. Walter S. Brewster, wife of the Roumanian Consul to Chicago, Chairman of the Chicago Committee and Vice-President of the National Committee of the Fatherless Children of France, has charge of the promotion of this campaign.

Mrs. Brewster has just returned from a tour of investigation through the devastated regions of France.

The highest French officials provided her with military escort and bestowed upon her every courtesy during her visit to the war zone. She lived with the appalling conditions of these children and their mothers—she knows that thousands of children "over there" are undernourished, starving, and succumbing to sickness.

"In all the northern country," says Mrs. Brewster, "there is no village untouched, and scarcely a house with a roof. There is not a bridge that has not been dynamited, a factory that has not been ruined. The tales that are told of the boche invasion are unthinkable—shocking. Still the people of the north tell them dispassionately. They have borne so much they have no energy to show excitement over their suffering. They are coming back into these terrible towns as soon as they are allowed. They bring their possessions with them in two string bags, usually. Possibly they have enough to fill a red cotton tablecloth knotted at the corners. To Cambria, 17,000 out of a pre-war population of 29,000 have returned. They live ten and twelve in a room, and many of the rooms have no roofs.

"For two days we motored over this northern country before we saw a cow, a chicken or a horse. The country is stripped bare of everything that makes it livable. But to the French it is still lovable. As you ride through it your pity for France is infinite. But in your mind are no words to express your feelings toward Germany. There are miles and miles of grayish brown dust where were fertile farms, pleasant villages, forests and orchards. About Verdun, as far as you can see, are heaps of sand, no sign of life that was, no promise of any life to come.

"Here and there is a cross where some soldier killed in the last days of the fighting, is buried.

"Those who died in the frightfulness of the earlier battles lie somewhere beneath that awful heap of dust. All along this strip of dead country are soldiers' graves, singly in the middle of plowed fields, in groups along the roads, or row after row in some field cemetery. The fathers of many of the little children for whom we are seeking to care are buried there, and more have left no trace."

Every day of her stay in the war zone it was made vividly clear to Mrs. Brewster that "we must work harder and faster than ever before," for thousands of children are perishing in France.

Under the plan of the campaign being undertaken, each American foster parent pledges ten cents a day, which makes \$3 a month, or \$36.50 a year, and this added to a tiny allowance of the same amount allowed by the French Government, means saving grace to a French child, allowing it not only to remain in its

### Too Much County-Economy.

A grand jury report that has a lot to commend it was returned to Mecklenburg county last week in which was contained a statement that too much economy is followed in county affairs. That is as radical as in old-time reconstruction days Republican, but containing a lot more sound sense.

A theory seems to be prevalent that the saving of expenses is the first aim of the county or state or other government. The fact is that saving expense is no more a function of government than of any other that has to do with buying anything.

A county is an organization which has for its purpose a joint effort of doing something. The purpose is the main factor, not the cost. If a man builds a house he does not figure on how far he can carry economy in building it but on how much of a house he can get for his money. The county might build a court house for a thousand dollars and save a lot of money. It might build roads like we have had and save the expenditure of a lot of money. It might cut out court house, roads, schools or anything else and there by cut down taxes. But whoever imagines that government is for the purpose of saving money?

Dallas county, in Texas, has voted six million dollars for good roads. That is going it pretty steep and the figure might have been lower. The county could save five and a half millions of that and still have a considerable sum to spend for roads. But what is it Dallas county wants? It is roads. The only way to get roads is to get them, and you can't get things you want without paying for them. The county is formed as a means to getting things. We could save money and go barefooted. Or save money and walk instead of traveling by rail. Or live in a cave instead of spending money to build houses. The only trouble with all that kind of nonsense is that people get money to spend, because what they want are the things money will bring. The county that economizes too much is saving to buy coffins for a dead community, and nothing else. The live county gets every modern utility it can, for modern things are money-makers and comfort-makers.—News and Observer.

### Do Your Best.

Everyone should do all he can to provide for his family and in order to do this he must keep his physical system in the best condition possible. No one can reasonably hope to do much when he is half sick a good share of the time. If you are constipated, bilious or troubled with indigestion, get a package of Chamberlain's Tablets and follow the plain printed directions, and you will soon be feeling all right and able to do a day's work.

own country, but with its widowed mother instead of an institution. Thus are the broken remnants of the little war families kept together. Each foster parent is put in direct touch with the child for whom she has pledged the necessary 10 cents a day, and with its mother through correspondence. Every cent subscribed goes to the child. The expenses of this philanthropy are borne by generous friends of the organization. To adopt a child or to make a donation, large or small, write for information to Mrs. Walter S. Brewster, Room 634, 410 South Michigan avenue, Chicago, Ill., with whom all local chairmen of The Fatherless Children of France, in every community, are co-operating.

### The Secret of Youth.

Men and women always have sought the secret of prolonging their youth. Queen Elizabeth tried to make herself look young and giddy by adorning her scrawny features with a large, red wig about the color of an October sunset, but she did not fool anybody.

If there is really any secret method of perpetuating the golden days of youth, it does not consist of wearing wigs that nestle loosely about the ears, or in defying the eternal laws of Nature with a bottle of hair dye. The secret of retaining youth, if such a secret really exists, is entirely in the mind.

If you would remain young, learn to think youth thoughts. Forget about growing old. Learn to laugh and play. Proof of this is found in the theatrical profession. William H. Crane, past 70, is successful and active. Lily Langtry, beautiful "Jersey Lily" looks like a young woman at 62. Robert Hilliard, dapper and debonaire, is nearly 60 and has the alert vivacity of 30. The great Bernhardt, with one leg amputated, is an active member of her profession at 74. Marie Wainwright, at 65, is winning the applause of Broadway audiences. Rose Soghanian is able to retain her popularity, though she is on the other side of 65.

While other folk fret tottery in the knees and have asthma and ear trumpets long before their time, people on the stage seem to have grasped the happy secret of perennial youth. And this secret consists more in right thinking than in wearing fancy vests and high school hats. When Ponce de Leon put on a new pair of knickerbockers a few centuries ago and started for Palm Beach, Fla., where he had arranged to discover the fountain of youth, he did not understand this great secret of staying young. So he died without being able to conceal his real age from anybody. He should have lived now and gone into the movies.—Thrill Magazine.

### In Memoriam.

Sister Nancy Brown was born Feb. 19, 1848, and died May 4th, 1919, aged 71 years, 2 months and 15 days. She joined the Baptist church at Meat Camp by experience and baptism on the 3rd Sunday in Oct., 1866, and in Feb. 1891 she moved her letter to Howard's Creek Baptist church and remained a true and faithful member until death, and may the sorrowing husband and children while groping their way through the dark night of earthly troubles, may they behold the glorious constellation of Faith and Hope that they will one day meet her again.

Sister Brown was a good neighbor; kind and helpful to the poor, sick and afflicted people near her and was loyal to her Savior and church and was loved by all who knew her. Sister Brown was buried in the Brown grave yard in the presence of many sorrowing relatives and sympathizing friends, services being conducted by the Rev. Dan Wheeler.

Ira Brown, Manly McBride, T. C. Norris, Com.

### About Rheumatism.

People are learning that it is only a waste of time and money to take medicine internally for chronic or muscular rheumatism and about ninety-nine out of a hundred cases are one or the other of these varieties. All that is really necessary to afford relief is to apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. Try it. It costs but 35¢ per bottle. Large size 60 cents.

### The Negro's Part in World Reconstruction.

A colored soldier just returned from France, writing in a journal for the colored race, exhorts his people to do well their part to reconstruct the world after the great war, not by aspiring to official position, but by excelling in every task which duty calls them to do. He says "the way the negro may best promote reconstruction is to make of himself the best bootblack, the best bell boy, the best cook, the best farmer, the best mechanics." That statement is packed full of wisdom and if accepted and put into practice by men of all races would solve all the problems that humanity has to meet. It is a sad fact that men, generally, are content to perform their tasks in half-hearted fashion, to give the work a lick and a promise, to leave conscience out of it; but all men should strive to excel, to do the best in order not only that they may earn the more in coin, but also the satisfaction in mind and conscience which comes into the life that has laid itself out to do the best. God is never satisfied with anything less than the best from any man, and the man who fears God will be unsatisfied unless he does his best. The exhortation of the colored soldier should quicken the conscience of every man who reads it and lift the standard of service rendered to the high standard of Christian morality. A converted servant girl once asked how religion had benefitted her, replied: "It makes me sweep under the mats." Genuine conversion makes us so honest that we want to treat our neighbor as we want him to treat us.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

### Willed Her Wooden Leg.

A business man in a small California town made a very unique will when he asked that his wooden leg be inherited by a young woman assistant in his office. "We should have said that this business man was a newspaper editor which may explain his tendency to do a queer thing. Some editors are very queer, according to the opinions of a part of their readers. But to return to our California brother; he willed his wooden leg to his office assistant. Through respect to her former employer, the mystified girl accepted the strange bequest, but it required the "little brother" to find out why the bequest was made. He may have wished the leather from the knee pad for making a stone sling, but at any rate he found beneath the surface a note for \$1,000. This caused the girl to understand the mystery of the strange bequest—Indiana Farmers' Guide.

Without debate or amendment the Senate passed a bill authorizing appointment of a commission to acquire an American cemetery in France in which would be buried the bodies of American soldiers who lost their lives in that country during the war. The bill appropriates \$500,000 for the establishment of the cemetery.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Medicine. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### York Surrenders At Last.

Alvin Cullom York, who out-fought and outshot a German battalion in the Argonne forest, surrendered to his boy-hood sweetheart when he became the husband of Miss Grace Williams on the bluff above Big Springs recently, according to a Pall Mall, Tenn. dispatch. Gov. Roberts, of Tennessee performed the ceremony which took place before 3,000 mountaineers from the Cumberland plateau.

Sergt. York was in the uniform of a colonel of the Tennessee guard, having been named colonel on the governor's staff for life by Gov. Roberts.

The ceremony was performed in a natural amphitheater studied with huge boulders which served as seats. A large flat rock half way up the hill served as a natural altar, while a massive beech at its side sheltered the bridal party from the sun's rays.

It was the day set apart for Fentress mountains to do honor to all the veterans of the world war who have returned from overseas. All night long, it is said, the mountain families were wending their way through the hills and by 4 o'clock the morning of the marriage the "Jintown" pike was filled with people on foot, on horseback, in surreys and in lumber wagons. The York home on the pike was the mecca of hundreds of old friends who gathered to pay their respects to the aged mother of the bridegroom.—Ex.

### Disposition of Ex-Kaiser's Fortune.

Disposition of the property of the former emperor and the former crown prince is claiming the attention of the finance ministry of the new republic, according to information from Berlin. A commission has been appointed, the duty of which will be to determine what may properly be considered their private holdings and what holdings may properly be looked upon as belonging to the state.

The order creating the commission provides for a thorough search of real estate records for the purpose of determining the totals and says the findings must be placed before the National Assembly so that proper disposition may be made of the lands and palaces which the government will take over.

Nearly all of the emperor's castles and palaces are now being used for public purposes. Those in Berlin being occupied by public officials as residences and for offices, while the Potsdam palace has become a hospital. In other districts they are being utilized as barracks for troops, as in the case of some of the crown prince's places.

It has been suggested that the emperor's palace in Berlin shall become a general museum for arts and sciences in which will be gathered the art objects now in all the royal palaces.

Just what will be done with the rest of the emperor's fortune, it is stated, will not be determined until the peace treaty has been formally signed.

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have qualified as administrators of D. F. Baird, deceased and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly authenticated to the undersigned within 12 months from the date hereof, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment. May 10, 1919. T. C. BAIRD, D. C. MAST, Administrators.

### TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Be it remembered that a meeting of the commissioners of the town of Boone was held on the seventh day of June, having been adjourned on June the second to meet on said date, when and where were present I. G. Greer, M. B. Blackburn, and F. A. Linney, commissioners, and T. B. Moore, mayor, when and where the following proceedings were had.

It was moved by M. B. Blackburn, seconded by I. G. Greer, said motion being put by the mayor and carried by a unanimous vote of the commissioners that the following ordinance be adopted:

1. That it is necessary for the town of Boone to construct concrete sidewalks in the said town and to construct and maintain a macadamized street through the said town and on the streets leading to the depot, and to build bridges, and that it is necessary to defray the expenses of said street improvement to issue bonds in the sum of \$10,000.00, \$3,000.00 of which to be issued for sidewalk improvement, \$1,000.00 for bridges, the remainder for macadamizing the streets.

2. It is therefore ordered by the board that coupon bonds in the sum of \$10,000.00 be issued by the said town and sold as the law directs to defray the said expenses aforesaid.

3. That the said bonds bear a rate of interest, not exceeding six per centum per annum.

4. That the said bonds be issued in denominations of \$1,000 each and shall be due and payable as follows:

The first bond on June the 1st, 1929, and the remaining bonds payable one each year thereafter on said date, until the ten bonds are paid off and discharged.

5. That a tax sufficient to provide for the payment of the principle and interest of the bonds be annually levied and collected.

6. That a statement of the present indebtedness of the town and the assessed valuation of the property, subject to taxation by the municipality for the three fiscal years in which taxes were last levied, be filed with board and sworn to by the treasurer of the town.

7. That the form of the bond shall be determined by the board at a future meeting; but the said bond shall be a coupon bond, signed by the mayor of said town and the secretary thereof and sealed with the corporate seal of the said town; the coupons to be signed by the mayor of the town.

8. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage. Passed in regular meeting by a unanimous vote of the commissioners on this the seventh day of June, 1919.

T. B. MOORE, Mayor.  
M. B. BLACKBURN,  
F. A. LINNEY,  
I. G. GREER,  
Commissioners.

The foregoing ordinance was passed on the seventh day of June, 1919, and it was first published on the 12 day of June 1919.

Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said ordinance must be commenced within thirty days after its last publication.

F. A. LINNEY, Clerk.  
It is moved and carried that the treasurer of the town be authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used on street work at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent and to be payable in twelve months out of the funds derived from the bond sale.

T. B. MOORE, Mayor.  
F. A. LINNEY,  
M. B. BLACKBURN,  
I. G. GREER,  
Commissioners.