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AMERICAN TALK

"The war must be won * * * not only by our armies * * * but by the personal sacrifice of every man, woman and child of the nation."—President Wilson.

The war will be won, but perhaps not until WE have made GREAT sacrifice.

To Bring Them Home.
Over in France, where the death shells scream,
The boys are fighting, as in a dream,
A glorious dream of blood and hell—
While I stay home and prosper well.

Over in France they are dying now,
Like red earth turned by a giant plow;
They are going across, with a smile,
for me—
While I stay home in security.

Over in France the gas clouds roll,
And the shower of steel is taking its toll;
The flag drives on, but the boys lie still—
While I live on and I eat my fill.

Dear God in Heaven, in whom we trust,
Turn the food in my throat to dust
If I miss one chance which may come to me
To bring them home with victory.
—Kenneth Groesbeck, in Life.

When the mother of an American son in France, or on the way to France, prays the Good God of Heaven to keep her boy pure and clean, and return him safe again, she feels like praying also to the same Good God of Heaven to paralyze the hand of the disloyals at home who would stab her boy in the back.

What have you given; what have you done?
What are you going to give, what do, for the sake of your country, for the winning of this war? Are you buying bonds? Very good, buy bonds, and then back the bonds with loyal action and cheerful giving.

When President Wilson said that the war must be won through the sacrifice of the people, the men, the women and the children, he knew what it would take. He had taken the measure of the enemy. He had discounted the job as much as was safe and then he spoke out of information at hand. His knowledge is sufficient for us, and should lead us to grasp the idea most significantly and prepare for the fight ahead, the sacrifices ahead.

Whenever all good Americans realize two things, we will have taken a long step towards the extermination of autocracy from the earth. These two things are, first, the situation, the gravity of the situation, and second, the direct responsibility that the individual must assume. Before we can or will bring ourselves to assume our full responsibility in a personal way we must realize the seriousness of the situation. To realize this situation we must open our eyes and look the beastly thing squarely in the face.

The American people have been too much disposed to pass up consideration of this grave situation. They have been disposed to pass it by without looking the matter fully and honestly in the face. There is nothing gained by this attitude. Ignorance helps nothing; refusing to face the issue does not change the situation. We have chosen too long to let President Wilson do the whole job and pass by with a view of attending to our own selfish business.

Mr. American, now do you treat some earnest man or good woman who comes to ask you to buy Liberty bonds? How do you act when some neighbor and fellow citizen interested in this grave situation comes to you to ask you to loan your government your money to carry on your war? Do you meet them with a smile and give a subscription, or do you sneer to resent their coming, treat them coolly and ask to be excused?

Remember these things: These men and women are just as busy as you.

They have just as much selfish business to attend to. Their time is worth just as much to them as yours is to you. They are not getting a cent for their time and effort. In fact they are actually losing by giving their time to the cause. They have no more interest in this matter than you have, have no more at issue than you have and are under no more obligation to give than you are.

AMERICANS AID IN BREAKING HUN ATTACKS

Forty Children Burned to Death in Oklahoma Hospital Fire

WINS \$1,000 FOR AMERICAN'S CREED.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag and to defend it against all enemies.



The city of Baltimore paid William Tyler Page of Friendship Heights, Md., \$1,000 for "The American's Creed" in a contest in which many thousand creeds were submitted. Henry S. Chapin, nearly two years ago suggested the contest, and when it was taken up by the city it

became the "National Citizens' Creed Contest." President Wilson, Speaker Clark and other prominent Americans have endorsed the award of Mr. Page, who is a descendant of President Tyler and of Carter Braxton, who signed the Declaration of Independence.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN WILL BE MET AT THE STATION BY A CROWD

Noted Movie Actor, Now Selling Liberty Bonds, Will be Escorted From Station This Evening at 7:30 O'Clock to the Tabernacle With a Parade.

Charlie Chaplin, the great movie star who is making a whirlwind tour of the South in the interest of the third Liberty Loan campaign, was in Greensboro this morning and from there went to Winston-Salem, then to High Point and this afternoon late to Salisbury tonight at 7:30 o'clock on No. 35 and will be met at the station by a large crowd and numerous organizations in a body and these will form a parade and escort Mr. Chaplin to the tabernacle where he will speak. It goes without saying that a tremendous crowd will be on hand to see the clever movie actor who has delighted millions with his antics as pictured on the screen.

Along with Mr. Chaplin are a number of representatives of the big newspapers and several others. The date for the beginning of the Chaplin meeting is 8 o'clock.

What has become of the old-fashioned conscientious objector?—New York Telegraph.

Remember that some one must do these things, must do them because people will not give and will not do these things until they are personally solicited.

Remember that it is not the most pleasant job in the world and no man, or woman, is crazy about leaving their own affairs, their own business, their own work and homes and canvassing for subscriptions. No, they do not do these things from choice. They are not professional beggars who delight in worrying busy men, urging busy men to do their duty. These are these things. They are big, loyal Americans—men and women—ready to give, to sacrifice and do unpleasant things to help their country in times of distress.

Remember these things and smile when you are asked to buy a Liberty Loan Bond. Buy it with a smile and help to make the hard task of the workers a little more agreeable. Smile and take out the sting which the last grouch left in the happy little woman serving her country at a sacrifice.

The French City of Rheims In Flames

SAMMIES COMBAT GERMAN ATTACKS

Enemy Renews Attack on French Position in Brule Forest But Are Beaten Off Again.

GERMANS REPULSED NEAR NERYVILLE ON THE WEST

In Sector South of Somme British and French Drive Attackers From City of Hangard.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, April 13.—The Germans last night renewed their attacks on the French position in Brule wood in the forest of Aprement. American troops in this sector in conjunction with the French, says today's official statement, have combatted with vigor and broken the enemy attacks. At one point where the enemy had gained a footing he was thrown out by counter attacks.

On the Somme front the entire village of Hangard and the adjacent cemetery was regained from the Germans.

British Advance Lines Slightly.

London, April 13.—The Germans made an attack last night west of Neryville on the northern battlefield and were repulsed, the war office announces. The British advanced their lines slightly in the neighborhood of Festubert and took a few prisoners. There was heavy fighting last evening near Neuve Eglise and Wulcrum and the battle here was still in progress at a late hour last night.

Strong enemy forces launched attacks last night east of Locon and succeeded in entering the British line at certain points but were ejected by counter attacks. A second attack was attempted later at the same place but was beaten off.

In the sector south of the Somme the British and French troops by counter attacks drove the Germans from Hangard which they had penetrated.

Air Raid on England.

London, April 13.—In last night's air raid on England one German airplane reached the midlands and another penetrated almost to the northwest coast, it was officially announced today.

Finnish Government Asked For the Troops.

Washington, April 13.—A message reached the state department today from Stockholm reported that the Finnish official news bureau had given out a statement declaring all German troops landed in Finland had been sent at the request of the Finnish government. When the Germans landed on the Auland islands Sweden protested.

DRAFT QUOTA BASIS CHANGED

House Adopts Resolution to Put the Draft Quotas on Basis of Number of Men in Class One Instead of in State Population.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 13.—The Senate resolution embodying the war department's plan to put the draft quota on a basis of the number of men in class one instead of state populations was adopted by the house today in a vote of 325 to 3.

NO AUTOMOBILES IN THE PARADE.

No Automobiles Are Wanted in the Parade This Evening. Chairman Rouzer requests that no machines be in the parade or in the way of the parade. Only pedestrians are wanted in the Chaplin parade and the request for automobiles is revoked by the chairman.

FORTY CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Horrible Holocaust at State Hospital at Norman, Oklahoma. Early This Morning.

ALL BOYS AGES RANGE FROM TEN TO FIFTEEN

Greatest Loss of Life in Ward 15 Where Children Had Little Chance to Get Out.

(By Associated Press.) Norman, Oklahoma, April 13.—Between thirty-five and forty boys, ages from 10 to 15 years, all patients at the State hospital for the insane here, were burned to death in a fire of unknown origin and which completely destroyed three wards and the dining room of the institution. The blaze started at 3 o'clock this morning. Later in the morning Dr. Prissen said the death list might reach forty. The greatest number of deaths occurred in ward 15 where the children had little chance to escape because of the rapidity of the flames and subsequent panic. No lives were lost in wards 10 and 14 but a number of inmates were injured.

In the confusion some of the children are said to have run back into the flames after they had been safely removed from the burning building. Dr. Prissen expressed the opinion that the fire originated in the engine room of the hospital.

A BIG BREAK IN COTTON.

Represented a Decline of Fifteen Dollars a Bale From the Preceding High Price—Break Followed That of Yesterday.

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 13.—There was another big break in the cotton market today, prices dropping \$4 a bale in the first few minutes of trading. The break followed that of yesterday and occurred under heavy general selling, particularly from the South, coupled with further rains in Texas and pessimistic news. July touched 30.70. Today's break represented a decline of more than \$15 a bale from the preceding high price.

FOR A GREATER FINLAND.

Germany Agrees to Establish One and Desires an Alliance With Finland—Japan Would Get Siberia If She Joined In.

(By Associated Press.) London, April 13.—Germany has agreed to the establishment of a greater Finland, including Petragrad-Murman railway to the Arctic, according to Swedish press reports forwarded in an Exchange Telegraph Dispatch from Copenhagen. In the event Germany wins on the western front dispatch says she will bring a new war on Russia, operating with Finland. Japan, it is added, will receive Siberia if she joins in the German-Finland alliance.

A GRETTA GREEN MARRIAGE

People Attempted to Get License in Salisbury But Age of Girl in the Way.

The following is taken from this week's Statesville Sentinel: "A marriage of interest was that of Mr. Clint Eastep, a soldier from Camp Sevier, to Miss Alice Harbin, daughter of Mr. R. J. Harbin. The young couple tried to procure license here, but could not on account of Miss Harbin being slightly under age. Then they went to Salisbury, and falling there, tried to Newton, and got it, and were married there yesterday evening. Eastep will return to Camp Sevier, while Mrs. Eastep will make her home with her parents. Mrs. Eastep is an attractive young lady, and numbers many friends in the town."

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL WINS THE DEBATE OVER JAMESTOWN

Contest Was the Closest in Years—Thomas Burton and William Anderson Represented Wilson—Wilson Gets the Cup, Having Been Victor in 1915.

(By Associated Press.) Chapel Hill, N. C., April 13.—In the debate finals here last night the Wilson high school in the negative defeated Jamestown in the affirmative. The debate was the closest in years. Thos. Burton and William Anderson spoke for Wilson and William Stanley and Nellie Haynes represented Jamestown. Medals were presented last night to all four of the debaters.

The cup goes to Wilson the second time, as it was the victor in the 1915 contest.

UNION MEETING TOMORROW.

Will Be Held in Eagles Hall and Will Be Addressed by Mr. J. F. Barrette, of Asheville.

There is to be a meeting of all union men of Salisbury and Spencer in Eagles' hall in this city tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at which time an address will be made by Mr. J. F. Barrette of Asheville, organizer for the American Federation of Labor and editor of the Asheville Labor Advocate. Matters of interest to all union men will be discussed and it is hoped to have a large attendance at this rally.

TO SEIZE CERTAIN WHEAT.

Where Wheat is Being Held Under Pro-German Influence Government Will Take Over the Entire Supply.

(By Associated Press.) Fargo, N. D., April 13.—All wheat in the hands of farmers has been requisitioned by the United States government, according to announcement today by the state food administrator. Only that under Pro-German influence.

APPOINTED NATION.

Rev. Dr. W. B. Dutters Named as One of National Officers of the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

Rev. Dr. W. B. Dutters this morning received notice from the National secretary of the Junior Order United American Mechanics notifying him that he had been appointed National chaplain of the order to fill the place made vacant by the death of N. D. Lichter, of Pennsylvania. Dr. Dutters will notify the head of the order of his acceptance. The appointment was made by National Councilor Noyes.

MRS. L. L. POOLE DEAD.

Salisbury Woman Died in Charlotte Hospital Early This Morning—Funeral Some Time Monday.

Mrs. Nancy Poole, aged about 44 years, wife of Mr. L. L. Poole, a well known Salisbury man, died this morning about 7 o'clock in a Charlotte hospital where she had been under treatment. The remains will be brought to Salisbury tonight and the funeral will be held some time Monday, the hour to be announced later. Surviving are the husband, mother, three brothers and three sisters.

GREAT FRENCH CITY REPORTED ON FIRE

French Troops Working Under Heavy Shell Fire to Limit Area of Flames in the City.

DRIVE IN ARMENTIERES REGION LOSING ITS FORCE

Allied Success Scored on Somme Battlefront French and British Units in the Fighting.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, April 13.—The city of Rheims is inflamed. The French, attempting to limit the burning area, are working under heavy bombardment.

Indications that the German drive in Armentieres region is losing some of its force were contained in today's official news from the battlelines. Simultaneously the American help is counting strongly in the holding of the Franco-Belgian front at other points, notably in the region west of St. Mihiel where the American troops have again given a splendid account of themselves in hard fighting in Aprement forest.

The Germans last night returned to an attack on the French position in Brule wood on the Aprement region where the French and Americans yesterday repulsed a German thrust. The Americans once more displayed vigorous resistance and in conjunction with the French beat off the Germans, throwing themselves by counter attacks from one point where the enemy footing had been obtained.

In Flanders fighting the Germans apparently are making their strongest effort in the drive for Bailleul, the important railway point northwest of Armentieres feeding Messines ridge section. The heaviest fighting last night in this section seemed to have been in the new Aquilise-Wulverhem sector, the Germans directing their thrust there instead of directly below Bailleul and southwest of it as indicated yesterday. This engagement is still in progress, or was at a late hour last night.

Elsewhere the British successes were of a positive nature. They stopped an attempt of the Germans to advance west of Merville where the railway base of Hazebrouck is the objective, repulsing an enemy attack. Likewise they held up the enemy in his push southwest for Bethune, checking him at Locon, three miles north of Bethune, where two heavy attacks were beaten off.

Meanwhile the southerly anchorage of the British line was being strongly held just to the north of Givenchy where the British not only maintained themselves but advanced their line slightly near Festubert, charging important enemy posts.

Allied success also was scored on the Somme battlefield, the French and British in united attacks near the river Luce south east of Armiens where their lines join driving off the Germans completely out of the village of Hangard, which had been penetrated in a German attack during the day.

Part of the city of Rheims, close to the battle line and which is under German "reprisal bombardment" is in flames, the Paris war office announced today. The French are working under a heavy shell fire to limit the burning area.

Four German airships raided England last night. Only two succeeded in penetrating any considerable distance inland. The damage was considerable, most of the bombs dropping in open country. Five persons were killed and 15 injured.

Through last night's air raid on Paris, 24 persons were killed and 92 wounded.

Allied airmen have been very busy bombarding military targets behind the German lines and in aerial fighting the British brought down 36 German machines.