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"Do your own part to escape German bondage; at least lend a little money to help our boys protect us. Respond today; don't shift the responsibility. Buy a Liberty Bond."

"Glory Enough For All"

Surpassing the highest expectations, the Asheville district not only reached the million mark in the Liberty bond campaign, but passed it by \$66,000, and while, primarily, the greatest measure of credit must go to the people whose generous response to the government's call made such a showing possible, we must fully recognize the splendid efforts of the central committee, the captains and their teams, the Red Cross workers and all other organizations that put their shoulders to the wheel and made such brilliant success possible.

"But there is glory enough for all." No man or woman need feel in any degree slighted, or that there exists anywhere a lack of appreciation of his or her efforts in the light of the great outstanding fact that last night there was flashed over the world the news that the people of the United States had heard their country's call and had answered as one man. They served notice on the Kaiser of Germany, and on Germany's deluded people, that the nation of "dollar chasers"—as the Kaiserites at Berlin have dubbed us—is ready now, and will be ready again to pile up its wealth without question behind the splendid army of American manhood that is fighting democracy's battle on foreign soil.

Patriotism and Food

That Asheville citizens will respond warmly to popular movements has been convincingly established by their great over-subscription to the second Liberty loan; and now comes a second opportunity for the loyal people of the city to prove their patriotism in their response to the nation's call for a more strict conservation of food, toward which the naming of this week as Food Conservation Week has been an important country-wide step.

sacrifices, when they understand the need for such action. But, unquestionably, many people in this country have failed so far to grasp the fact that the matter of providing sufficient foodstuffs for ourselves and our allies is actually a serious problem, and that on our individual appreciation of the need for systematic saving, may hang America's victory or downfall in the great world war.

Hence it becomes the patriotic duty of every citizen to respond to this call with all the enthusiasm and loyalty accorded to the Liberty loan campaign. We can best feed the armies of America and her allies by eliminating that waste which has been said to be our besetting sin.

This Date in History

- October 28, 1795—Cochin on the Malabar coast was taken from the Dutch by the English. 1814—Six soldiers of the United States army were shot at Plattsburgh for desertion. 1818—Abigail Adams, wife of President John Adams, died at Quincy, Mass. Born at Weymouth, Mass., Nov. 22, 1744. 1844—Royal Exchange in London opened by Queen Victoria. 1858—The sewer floor of Faneuil hall, Boston, first opened as a public market. 1870—General von Moltke, celebrated German commander in the war with France, was created a count on his seventeenth birthday. 1889—The American fishing schooner "D. Adams" was confiscated at Halifax for violating the treaty of 1815. 1892—More than 100 lives lost in the wreck of the Anchor Line steamship Roumania off the coast of Portugal. 1895—Announcement was made of the betrothal of Princess Maud of Wales and Prince Carl of Denmark. 1901—The King Alfred, the largest cruiser in the world to date, was launched in England. 1914—Turkey entered the war by sending fleet to bombard Russian Black Sea ports. 1915—French cabinet re-organized with Aristide Briand as premier. 1916—British merchant steamer Maopina sunk by submarine off Irish coast.

Notable Birthdays

October 28, Simon Wolf, one of the foremost leaders of American Jewry and whom President Roosevelt once declared to be one of the best citizens of the United States, celebrates his 81st birthday anniversary today at his home in Washington, D. C. Mr. Wolf is a native of Rhenish Bavaria, but has resided in America since his early youth. A lawyer by profession, he long ago became recognized as foremost among his people by his many deeds of philanthropy. His long career began as a Douglas democrat before the civil war, when he became a republican. He has known personally every president since Abraham Lincoln, and was consul-general to Egypt under President Grant. He has served as recorder for the District of Columbia, in addition to two terms as school trustee, and for six years he was president of the board of children's guardians. He has lectured all over the United States and has written a number of books. He is recognized as having been a leader in consideration of every problem which has confronted Jews in America and in many abroad. Alexander Zalmis, former premier of Greece, 62 years old today. Joseph W. Folk, former governor of Missouri, 48 years old today. John Mason, celebrated American actor, 60 years old today. Francis Gordon Caffey, U. S. district attorney for the southern district of New York, 49 years old today. Richard Folson Cleveland, only son of the late President Grover Cleveland, 20 years old today.

ART THOU?

Art thou a neighbor? Or dost thou pass With glance averted The door of one who needs Whose moaning may be heard From morn 'til eve? Dost thou shun the sound Made by those whose lot Less fortunate is than thine? Or dost indifference Control thy faculties, That should be tuned To helpfulness and large compassion? It may be that thy voice, If so be it is kind, inherently, Will soothe the wearied brain, Or that thine hand May ease the constant pain. A tell you a flower, given With interest pure, unselfish, May turn the current of disease Into a calm and healthful channel. Go not to the altar rail With tears and sighs Bespeaking true contrition For deeds of service left undone. When thy neighbor lies Within thy reach, dearest, The comfort thou couldst bring; Standing aside, it may be, Because convention does not censure One for duties unfulfilled, If social law or code Remains inviolate. O ye, who prate of righteousness— Who wait the coming of his kingdom— Look well, that in the keeping of the law Thou dost not quite forget The great injunction to the Chosen given— And, once more given by One Who trod the earth in human form: "He who to neighbor is not true, Betrays himself, and by Eternal Justice stands condemned." EMILIE WYCKOFF VAUGHN, Asheville, N. C.

The Scissors Route

Who Opposes the Draft. (New York World.) Complaints against the selective draft continue in many places, and as a new levy approaches it will increase, in spite of the law which makes open resistance a crime. Aids from the very few conscripted men who have manifested their unwillingness to serve, opposition does not proceed from those of military age. Testimony from all of the National army camps is to the same effect, that the men who are in the main enthusiastic for service and that such as have been found unfit have gone home in sorrow and humiliation. If the young men called for duty are not offering objections, what element of the population is it that complains and resists? First, there are the so-called pacifists, domestic and alien, of every kind, as they say, but especially upon Germany. Then we have the international socialists, who dream of a love-feast of the proletariat which they do not think in the fatherland have done nothing to do with them come the politicians who adhere to the Prussian belief that the German reservists here are numerous enough to outvote the Americans, and finally we have a handful of college professors and hysterical women. Whenever we find antagonism to the draft we encounter an enemy, a demagogue, a sentimentalist or a deserter. Practically all the animal spirit of the United States is first and last for the United States. Practically all who discourage them and disapprove of the methods by which they were chosen are against the United States. The Kaiser has no more dependable reservists anywhere.

The Kentucky Mule.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.) One pair of mules sold at \$750 in a sale at Franklin, and two pair at \$550. Others brought prices which made an average of \$210 for 85 mules. The Kentucky mule, in war and in peace, always has been an animal of standing. Always in prosperous times he has sold well. It is evident that mule power is not losing ground because of the introduction of the traction engine in agriculture and in warfare. When mules and feed were lower than they are now, a mule was the typical democratic power for the family vehicle. Nowadays a touring car can be bought for less than a mule, and mules, to say nothing of a vehicle and harness. It can be maintained for no more than it costs to feed a pair of mules. In Spain the royal carriages still are drawn by mules. The appearance of the children of Alfonso going for an afternoon drive behind four staid mules is awaited by the idlers about the gates of the royal palace at Madrid, or the old Alcázar in Seville. The king and queen, upon their return to Madrid as bride and bridegroom, were driving a mule carriage, and when the bomb throwers attempted their assassin's throw, Alfonso is fond of driving his racing car, without a chauffeur or any other attendant, when taking recreation informally in the environs of St. Sebastian. Bismarck, a mule, is still are the accepted tractors upon occasions of dignity and of state. If they are Kentucky mules, and sometimes they are, the fact is boasted. The duke of Marlborough, when he came to New York to marry an heiress, came to Kentucky to buy a few choice mules for carriage service. Spanish mules are not alone in their appreciation of the qualities of mules produced in Kentucky. At present prices a pair of sound mules of the right standard, half asset and an estate. They never were less democratic; never more suitable as carriage animals for royalty. They are serenely secure from mechanical competition in their field. For both cornfield and battlefield good mules are in high demand.

Children's Stories

THE WHITE RATS.

Once upon a time Mr. and Mrs. White Rat lived with their three little ones in a hen coop. It was nice home until one day some hens came to live there and began pecking at the little ones. Mr. Rat thought they had better go at once. "First come as first served," then Mrs. Rat and close beside them, the little ones. Down the street they came. Mr. Rat looking from side to side to see if he could find a place for a new home. It was a very careful thing they hadn't found a new home and Mrs. Rat and the children were getting very tired.

All at once Mr. Rat spied a house. Let's go in there. I am sure that will make a fine new home and we will be close to the street. He thought toward the house, making as little noise as possible. As they drew near Mrs. Rat spied something near the door that looked snug and warm and as they came nearer she thought it was a nice little nest open at one end. In Mr. Rat walked followed by Mrs. Rat and the children. After they had been sleeping for some time Mrs. Rat woke up very hungry, but it was late and so strange, she knew it was useless to try and find anything to eat. Then she remembered she had seen a dish of water in the corner, and she jumped up to go and drink. As she moved toward the dish she brushed against something and she heard a snap. Mrs. Rat had never lived in any other place than the hen house and she didn't know about rat traps, so she drank the water and went back to sleep.

The next morning, before the others were awake, Mr. Rat hopped up and looked about, dear me, the whole family were shut up in a big cage outside of a big house. What should he do? Just then the door of the house opened and out ran a little boy. When he saw the white rats he cried out: "Come and see what's in my old squirrel cage." When the boy's mother saw them she said: "What shall we do with them?" "Oh please let me keep them," pleaded the boy. "Well you can't keep them but I'll let them out of the house for they are just as horrid to me as their little brown cousins," said his mother. Now they are very happy little mice in their new home.

As He Learned It.

Mrs. Fremont in her sketch of the life of her father, Senator Benton, told the following of a French bishop at St. Louis: It was a point of honor among the older French not to learn English, and the bishop needed and for familiar practice he secured himself with the family of an American farmer, where he would hear no French. Soon he had gained enough to announce a sermon in English. Senator Benton was present, and his speech can be imagined when the polished and refined bishop said: "My friends, I right down glad to see such a smart chance of folks here today."—Christian Register.

Savoards Views

ABOUT PREPAREDNESS.

In an impassioned speech at a mass meeting in New York some days ago Col. Theodore Roosevelt told "all the world and the rest of mankind" the sort of peace that must be made at the conclusion of the great war and then volunteered this advice to the American people: "There is but one permanent method of securing safety for this nation, and that is by training our strength in time of peace, by preparedness and the only effective preparedness must rest on a system of universal obligatory military training for all our young men; a training which is against war, for it will render most unlikely that there will ever be war." Col. Roosevelt has a high ideal and healthy hatred of Prussia, a country which Napoleon Bonaparte asserted was hatched from a cannon ball. But here comes Col. Roosevelt and urges that our country adopt the Prussian system if we would avoid trouble and be safe. It did not make Prussia safe. It has engulfed all Germany in a maelstrom that threatens ruin. Had Prussia been content with the English military system, she would be in a heap better fix today than she is. It is now known of all men that her dream of world empire is dispelled. Prussia has begun the defensive, and that condition is fatal to a conqueror if she restores the status quo ante she may call herself fortunate indeed.

America's action after the war is over will depend on the conduct of "the powers." Either there will be universal disarmament, or universal armament. Never again will the world be caught in the fix it was in August 1, 1914. Germany, with the teeth, was ready for the slaughter, and she was the only power that was ready. Here is a story that illustrates Germany's preparedness: The day after the war began the defendant, a reservist in Spain applied for passports to go home to fight. Not one single German reservist applied. All the Germans had already gone home where they had earlier been summoned to be, and he was immediately succeeded by two more German reservists in Spain than French.

And yet, notwithstanding that state of perfect preparedness, Germany is under the yoke of the victors. It was her preparedness that made the war, and if after the war any big nation "prepares," as Col. Roosevelt proposes, there will be another war, possibly more bloody than this. England has not been "prepared" for any war she has engaged in since Oliver Cromwell's protectorate, and yet she has emerged victor from every one she fought where the English about the globe were united in their ministry. Someone may say that the "Seven Years' War" is an exception, for England was prepared for that; but there was a prelude to that war, drawn actually a part of it, during the ministry of Sir Robert Walpole, and that prelude was exceedingly disastrous to English arms. Charles III of Sweden was always "prepared." He had the best army in Europe, and though a madman, he was endowed with a wonderful genius for war, and on many a bloody field he was victor. On the other hand, Russia, though Peter the Great was credited with the preparation of the war; but ultimately Russia destroyed the Swedish scourge, and sent him scurrying to Turkey for refuge.

And during the Napoleonic wars France was prepared for all the nations, yet Waterloo was a French defeat and Napoleon died at St. Helena. Men who read the history of wars must conclude that there is a God who takes a hand in the affairs of this world. Prussia scorned England's "contemptible little army," but that army saved Calais from the jaws of the Kaiser. In the first German general staff in July, 1914, that little Belgium would stay the German army till France gather her legions for the slaughter of the Marne, and he would have been loosed upon us as a lunatic; but Belgium did that very thing, and there are those who hold that the heroic defense made by Belgium is the determining factor of the war. But for Belgium Paris would have fallen and the German army would have seized Calais, two events which, if consummated, surely would have brought victory to the German arms.

How powerless man is in the grasp of fate! Had England stood by Denmark, in 1864, as she now stands by Belgium; had France gone to the aid of Austria in 1866; had Russia joined with France in 1870, in the war which has not been. It looks to me as though for some inscrutable purpose the Almighty allowed Bismarck to work his unscrupulous will that this war might come for the ultimate benefit of mankind. It becomes the part of wisdom for our country to accept the advice of Col. Roosevelt and put it in practice. It follows that time has come for the world's awful chastisement, for as surely as the world continues the armaments that preceded this war, another and a bloodier and more devastating war will follow. The world will never be safe for democracy until the war spirit is exercised from the thoughts of men. If a nation arms as Germany was armed in 1914 that nation is sure to have her forces turned to the field of battle. When the peace council meets the matter of safety for democracy will be the burning question, and the only way to secure that blessing is to decree disarmament, and fix a way to obtain and enforce disarmament. And it's going to take a heap of brains and a heap of virtue to manage the thing properly. Washington, October 25.

With the Wags.

No Need To. The headmaster of Eton college, England, contributes to the nineteenth century some good stories illustrative of the humor of "Boyhood." Here is an example: "Trace the growth of the power of parliament during the time of the Tudors." "In the reign of Elizabeth the commons were always petitioning the sovereign to marry; a thing they would not have dreamt of doing in the time of Henry the Eighth."—Galveston News.

In Memoriam.

Ida Roberts Troy, wife of William Balfour Troy, Esq., and daughter of the late Capt. Goodson M. Roberts and Frances Ray Roberts, was born October 15, 1836, on the French Broad river near Asheville, on the plantation known as Riverside; was married in Asheville July 4, 1858; to W. B. Troy, Georgia, October 18, 1917, and was buried in Riverside Cemetery October 18, 1917. Her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Frances Troy, one son, Mr. Green Troy, Mississippi, and two sons, William Balfour Troy, and Robert Platt Troy, of Atlanta, Georgia, survive her. Mrs. Troy was descended on both

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