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CITY ELECTION.

Of course there are some who will say they expected it, but the majority of the members of both local city parties were very much surprised at the overwhelming majority of the democratic victory last Tuesday. It was a known fact by party workers, capable of polling the registration books that the democrats had a majority in the city. This however did not cause the democrats to let up one minute in the fight, and it is no doubt that their untiring efforts produced the majority.

Mayor Charles Edward Brooks, has cause to feel proud of the vote he received last Tuesday, which is direct proof that his administration during the past two years has been a wise and successful one. The men on the ticket with him also have reason to feel proud of the vote they received. It was a clean cut victory.

The delirious statements and rumors heralded from the opposing party had absolutely no effect upon the voting public. The democratic party and organ endeavored to conduct a campaign upon a high plane and no personalities are insinuations were used that could

INTERNED GERMANS.

Hendersonville is going to show the proper spirit and co-operation to the United States Government when the interned Germans reach Kanuga club, where they will remain for the next twelve months under government supervision.

The opinions of a great many citizens have been changed as to the status of these Germans, and instead of looking upon the matter as a menace to the community, it is now thought to be of great advertising and financial value to Hendersonville.

Thousands of tourists will journey here from all over the country to see the wonderful interment camp proposed by the government. Hendersonville is beginning to receive advertising already, as can be seen from the below dispatch sent to many leading papers: (By International News Service.)

Washington, May 8.—The German sailors taken into custody when the Government seized all of Germany's shipping tied up at American ports will be interned for the period of the war on a 500-acre tract 7 miles south of Hendersonville, N. C., it was announced by Secretary of Labor Wilson late this afternoon.

The camp is well adapted to care for three thousand prisoners. The first detachment of fifty or more will start for the camp from Ellis Island, New York this week.

The French authorities are desirous of having American soldiers on the battlefields of their republic at the earliest moment possible for the encouragement they would carry brave men who have been facing death and disaster so long in the internment camps. The "Roosevelt Battalion" would hearten the boys over there and it is hoped by a multitude of the Colonel's ardent admirers that Congress will accede to his request for permission to organize an army of 500,000 men to start immediately for the field of conquest. A real Roosevelt fighter could safely be depended upon to give a good account of himself, from the moment he landed on European soil. Let the Colonel go at once.

Josephus Daniels, Jr., and L. Mills Kitchin, sons of the Secretary of the Navy and Majority Leader of the House respectively, have set an example to other young men that is worthy of emulation by enlisting as privates in the army and navy. Either of these young men could have had commissions for the asking, but they prefer promotion on merit rather than political wire-pulling. May each of them conduct himself in a manner that will bring credit upon his State, his country and loved ones from whom he has separated to perform a patriotic service.

BILL TO MEET FOOD ISSUE.

Facing a food famine in the United States and with England, France, Italy and Russia asking for bread, it is little wonder that the Washington government has requested of Congress "absolute authority to regulate in its discretion the production, distribution and prices of food and other necessities during the war." The administration measure would empower the president, under the war clause of the Constitution, to fix the minimum and maximum prices of food, clothing, fuel and other necessities, and the articles required for the production of these commodities and if necessary to requisition the producing factories, mines or other establishments; to compel the holders of necessities to release them in amounts insuring equitable distribution; to regulate exchanges in such a way as to eliminate market manipulations; to compel railroads to give preference to the movement of necessities; to levy such importation duties as he finds necessary to prevent excessive "dumping" of foreign products; and to impose limitations or prohibitions upon the use of grain in the manufacture of grain.

This sweeping bill that is destined to meet the food situation would also empower the Secretary of Agriculture to establish food standard grades, to license and control the manufacture, storage and distribution of foods, to prescribe the percentage of flour to be milled from wheat, and to regulate the mixing of wheat flour with other flour in the making of bread and other articles of food. The administration sees the urgent need of economy and realizes that only the strictest regulation will accomplish results the gravity of the situation demands of the factory and the farm, in the crisis which confronts the country. In taking time by the forelock the President has done well. The bill he proposes will be far-reaching in effect and he may confidently expect the earnest and active co-operation of the American people in the enforcement of its mandates.

Warren C. Hoover, who has been the head of the Belgian Relief Commission for a long while, is to be first aid in the supreme effort to adjust food conditions in this country and abroad. But unless there is surplus for distribution Mr. Hoover's services may not be needed very badly. He has rendered a great service to humanity in his relief work and the government is fortunate in the assurance of his wisdom and experience for the execution of the plans proposed for the war period now rapidly approaching.

In the present circumstances, the incentive to plant heavily can be none too strong. Farmers need not be told that the demand for their products next year will be much greater than usual. And the wise ones are going to "make hay while the sun shines." Every able-bodied man who is willing to work will experience little difficulty this year in securing employment. The "furrow brigade" is being mobilized rapidly and a deterrent charge will doubtless soon be made upon the fertile fields of the South and West. And the fellow who is not willing to "earn his bread in the sweat of his face" ought to go hungry. The rich and poor alike are calling to "the colors" and every real patriot will respond. When the season of 1917 shall approach the end, let it not be said "the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." For "by their fruits ye shall know them."

The call is to the farm and to the colors and few there be who cannot respond to one or the other. Those who are physically unable to combat the hardships and privations of service on the battlefield may accomplish wonders on the corn and cotton fields of the South and in the wheat fields of the North and West. The soldiers must be fed and there should be no question about them having every comfort the home folk can give. Let drones be banished from the land.

MARSHALL VON HINDENBURG IS VIOLENTLY ATTACKED.

In Circular Circulated Throughout Germany and Reproduced by Berna Paper. Berne, Via Paris, May 3.—As indicative on the one hand that a revolutionary party exists in Germany that would like to emulate the Russian tactics, and on the other hand that at present it is not making great headway, the Berna Tagwacht reproduces a circular which was secretly distributed among millions of German laborers prior to May 1, denouncing Field Marshal von Hindenburg's appeal to them not to strike as "the lying message of the idol of the Imperialists." The circular says the newspaper, which naturally was suppressed by the authorities, is couched throughout in violent language. It declares the promises to increase the meat and potato rations to offset the reduction in the quantity of bread issued are only empty mouthings, since there are not sufficient cattle in Germany, and extra potatoes can be given only by drawing upon the seed crop which in turn spells famine next winter.

The only solution of the labor problems, the circular continues, "is immediate peace—not the peace desired by the government which is spoiling for the acquisition of territory and which is guided only by the interests of militarism, imperialism, junkers and capitalists."

MR. F. E. CURTIS WRITES ABOUT LIBERTY LOAN.

Continued from Page 1.) These quarters alone to make up this vast sum of money. A large portion of it must come from common people in small contributions; that is from the savings of the country. Although the rate of interest on the loan 3 1-2 per cent, may seem low, it is after all an excellent investment. A great many Savings Banks of the country sometimes pay only 3% and when it is considered that his loan is entirely free from taxation of whatsoever kind, and that it is the promise to pay of the most powerful government on earth, the small investor must readily see its attractiveness. It will not be necessary for anybody to pay all cash at once for his subscription. Arrangements are being made for partial payments extending over a considerable period. Besides this, I am informed by a telegram just received that large banking interests will assist the responsible investors by advancing to him the money to buy a bond and take the bond as collateral at par and carry it a reasonable time at the varying rate of interest current on the street, which is just now 4 3-4%. Thus it is made easy for everybody to share in this grand loan. This South especially with its loyalty to Mr. Wilson should now show what it can do.

F. E. CURTIS.

FOR MERCHANT FLEET.

Washington, May 8.—Congress will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 for the building of the great American merchant fleet which is to overcome the submarine menace.

The program evolved by the shipping board, contemplates the diversion to government uses of the products of every steel mill in the country, cancellation of existing contracts between those mills and private consumers and, where necessary payment of damages by the government to the parties whose contracts are cancelled. Estimates of the shipping board are that 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 tons of steel and wooden vessels, will be constructed by the government during the next two years.

The Board of Education will erect a one room school building in district No. 6, Green River township, during the summer. Plans and specifications can be had by applying to the county superintendent. Contract will be let in the office of the Board of Agriculture on the 1st Monday in June.

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