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OUR STAKE IN WAR

The tremendous task confronting the American government is not yet realized by the American people, although they understand in a way the situation of France when for nearly three years has felt the weight of the greatest military power ever known to history.

Farmers are responding to the appeal to plant food crops, municipalities and corporations are aiding in the production of garden truck and industrial needs throughout the country have placed their resources and plants at the disposal of the government.

We are told that it will be necessary to do with fewer passenger trains in order to release 4,000 locomotives for freight service and to enable the shipment of freight cars and locomotives to France and Russia, where they are sorely needed.

It is well that the American people are willing to prove to monarchical governments that republics can fight. France has shown it and England, after considerable blundering, also has demonstrated the fact.

FOR ALL THE YEAR

We are observing Baby Week tomorrow, Sunday and Monday. We should be prepared after what we learn these three days to apply the knowledge every day in the year.

Hickory people are interested. Indeed, some of our older citizens say they have never seen more real interest displayed in a subject before.

On Sunday the ministers of Hickory will discuss the question from every phase, with emphasis undoubtedly on the moral and spiritual side. That needs to be emphasized because if one is to grow up without regard to moral laws, he might be a charge to the community and a constant source of worry to his parents.

Physicians and other experts will tell us how to prevent diseases. In a general way we know that the quarantine regulations, the demands for better sanitation, pure milk, visiting nurses and screened homes are the manifestations of the desire of human beings to make living safe for themselves and their young.

The rest room and visiting nurse urged by the Baby Week committee is the most practical step in the direction of observance all the year round. We hope Baby Week will be so successful in every way that something as tangible as the rest room and visiting nurse will be the result.

The Charlotte Observer takes the correct position when it insists that the Buncombe county commissioners in going ahead with road improvement are doing the right thing. The Asheville Times thought perhaps the commissioners would do better to slow up during the war, but they ought to speed up. If every industry were to slow up, the country would be in a bad way and it is the duty of municipalities and counties to set the pace. Keep everything working.

Fifty per cent of the babies who die in Hickory and the other parts of North Carolina die from preventable diseases, the state board of health announces. That is all the more reason why we should learn all we can about the care of children.

Everything is high, but most farmers with anything to sell realize they can buy about twice as much with it as they could a year ago.

WHEN PEACE IS MADE

Peace terms that might have been satisfactory to the allies last December will not be acceptable today. Since that time more outrages have been committed in Belgium and France and the treatment of the territory then under control of the German army has been so shameful and heartless that the allies will be justified in demanding indemnities larger than any ever contemplated.

There was no military necessity in hacking the fruit trees in France to make living harder for the next half dozen years; there was no military necessity for poisoning the sources of water supply; in fact there was no reason in a long list of outrages, beginning with the violation of Belgium and ending with the willful murder of women and children and the destruction of towns, villages and farms.

Even Russian Socialists, who have taken a position against indemnities, are convinced that Belgium and France are entitled to reparation, and any peace terms that the German chancellor hereafter might offer will have to include satisfaction for a fair land that was wantonly destroyed by the junker war machine. Reparation would be justice.

We have no doubt that one of the main topics under consideration by the conferees in Washington was the means to be employed in rooting out the German fleet. If this could be done, as some naval authorities believe possible, the task of the allies would be made easy; Germany would not continue the fight if her grand fleet were destroyed.

The back-to-the-farm call will be heard by more men when it is considered bad form to build a house without lights and running water. When the farmer is able to provide the necessities to be found in towns and cities, more women will want to remain in the country—and as a general proposition, the women have their way as to where they shall live.

The shake up in the French army, when elevated officers remain, found an echo in Thursday's dispatches. Patrol engagements in the Verdun sector may foreshadow a major battle on this front. It was here that the Germans buried the flower of their army, and it is here that Petain may be able to inter the stem.

The German chancellor probably having quelled the unrest in Germany for the time being by his promise of a new peace "offer," he is permitted to defer it until another May Day.

The council of national defense has decided to curtail passenger service on the railroads. The C. and N.-W. may not be affected by the order.

We would be glad to see for Carolina and Company if the stuff would come up.

Gentlemen, we not only have a great stake but a small stake in this war.

The Service of the Press Louisville Courier Journal.

The daily press may, without immodesty, feel that its work for the selective draft proved a powerful if not a determining factor in the fight.

Newspaper writers, compelled, in the discharge of their daily duties, to read the story of the war in Europe and to absorb its inferences and implications, were prepared more adequately than many members of congress to judge the relative merits of the selective draft and volunteer system with reference to the present needs of the United States. That portion of the American press which is progressive—the larger portion—came early to the support of the president in his fight for the selective draft and labored late and early for the president's success. There can be no doubt that many members of congress were affected, consciously or insensibly, by the avalanche of printed argument in behalf of the administration's plan of army making.

The press is perfectly willing to assume any measure of responsibility which may in future attach to it because of the success of the selective draft bill. There can be no doubt that much needless bloodshed in this or any future war in which America may be involved, will be avoided as a result of the historic swing of the American people from a sentimental advocacy of the volunteer system to practical preference for the selective draft which recent European history has proved, beyond cavil, the only effective means of making war against militaristic countries.

Had Great Britain had a selective draft law in operation, in, and prior to 1914, this war might have occurred, but it would, in all probability have been of shorter duration than it has been. It would have cost much less in blood and money and in the devastation of an enormous theatre of war.

Germany counted upon softness in Great Britain and upon the efficiency of an enormous trained force in Germany. More recently the imperial government relied, firstly, upon the mistaken belief that Americans would not fight, and, secondly, upon the conviction that Americans could not fight if they would. The victory of the war resolution proved conclusively that Americans will fight. The vote in the congress Saturday proved the fallacy of the German opinion that America does not know how to form an army and safely may be considered negligible from a military point of view.

The American press was a powerful factor in stimulating support of the administration is a matter upon which the press will congratulate itself 100 years from this time.

BASEBALL RESULTS

Carolina Durham, 0; Greensboro, 5. Winston-Salem, 8; Asheville, 5. Charlotte, 4; Raleigh, 3.

American League Boston, 2; Philadelphia, 0. Washington, 3; New York, 1. Cleveland, 2; Chicago, 1. St. Louis-Detroit, rain.

National Pittsburgh, 3; St. Louis, 4. Philadelphia, 7; Boston, 2. New York, 1; Brooklyn, 4; (10 innings) Chicago, 10; Cincinnati, 3.

STANDING OF CLUBS Carolina table with columns: Teams, Won, Lost, Pct. Greensboro 10 4 714, Durham 9 5 643, Charlotte 8 6 571, Asheville 5 9 357, Raleigh 5 9 357, Winston-Salem 5 9 357.

National League table with columns: Teams, W, L, Pct. New York 8 5 615, St. Louis 11 7 611, Chicago 11 8 579, Philadelphia 8 7 533, Cincinnati 10 11 476, Boston 6 7 462, Brooklyn 4 7 364, Pittsburgh 7 13 350.

American League table with columns: Teams, Won, Lost, Pct. Boston 10 4 714, Chicago 11 4 611, New York 8 7 533, St. Louis 8 8 500, Cleveland 9 10 474, Philadelphia 6 9 400, Detroit 6 9 400, Washington 6 10 375.

POTATO BANQUET TOMORROW

The annual sweet potato growers' banquet, tendered by C. D. Drum and Co., and to be served in the sample room of the Virginia Shipp hotel, by the Woman's club, will take place tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock. More than 100 farmers have been invited; and there will be speeches and wit and humor and a world of good things to eat.—Newton Enterprise.

Professional Cards

Dr. W. B. Ramsay Dentist Office over Shuford's Drug Store, Hickory, N. C.

THE HICKORY HARNESS CO. Manufacturers of all kinds of HARNESS, BRIDLES, SADDLES AND STRAP WORK. Repairing a Specialty. Hickory, N. C.

THE ELECTRIC SHOE SHOP F. M. THOMPSON, Proprietor First-Class Work Guaranteed Phone 106, Work Delivered 1932 1/2 S. Street Hickory, N. C. Next to First Building & Loan office.

Dr. R. P. Wilson Veterinary Surgeon Will answer calls day or night. Office phone 226. Resident phone 301-J.

Dr. Glenn G. Scott DENTIST OFFICE OVER BUSY BEE CAFE AND KENNEDY ELECTRIC CO

DR. G. E. FLOWERS Having enjoyed a large country practice for 32 years, an now located in Hickory and solicit a share of the general practice. Office at 8th avenue and 15th street. Children's diseases a specialty.

CARL D. MOORE Attorney-at-Law Office over Moretz-Whitener Clothing Co. Hickory, N. C.

J. W. Hollingsworth LAWYER Office Hollingsworth Clothing Co. NEWTON, N. C.

E. L. Shuford, Jr. Veterinarian. After April 15 will be located at Abernethy's Stables. Phone number, 266.

Advertisement for C. M. Shuford baby products including Food, Nipples, Soaps and Talcum Powder. Includes a baby's face image.

Advertisement for Chichester's Pills, 'The Diamond Brand', for various ailments like colds and headaches.

Advertisement for Dr. Alfred W. Dula, Eye Specialist, offering eye examinations and treatments.

Large advertisement for J. A. Bowles, 'Everything For BABY to Wear'. Promotes baby clothing and accessories, emphasizing quality and fit.

Advertisement for Abernethy Hardware Co. featuring a bicycle and promoting a 'Bicycle Week' from April 28th to May 5th. Encourages buying a 'CROWN' bicycle.

Advertisement for Fraternal Directory, listing Hicky Lodge No. 343 and its members.

Advertisement for Piedmont Council No. 43, Jr. O. U. A. M., meeting every Monday evening.

Advertisement for Catawba Lodge No. 54, K. of P., meeting every Thursday night.

Advertisement for Dr. Alfred W. Dula, Eye Specialist, with contact information.

Advertisement for Good Roads in Banking and First National Bank. Promotes safe banking and good roads.

Advertisement for Consolidated Trust Co. with slogan 'IF YOU LIKE Good Service You Will Like The Consolidated Trust Company.' Includes capital information.

Advertisement for Train Schedules, listing Southern and Westbound routes with departure times.

Advertisement for Your Party or Dinner by Grimes & Murphy, Druggists. Promotes social gatherings.

Advertisement for The Hickory Daily Record, offering a \$4.00 a year subscription in advance.

Advertisement for Hickory Manufacturing Company, listing products like sash, doors, blinds, mantels, mouldings, and lumber.

Advertisement for Elliott Building Company, listing services for construction and estimates.