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## THIRD LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE FOR WEEKS

Campaign to Begin Saturday and End Saturday,  
May 4—Require Five Per Cent of Subscription—Banks Give More Time to Report Provisions of Sale

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 4.—The third Liberty Loan campaign will last four weeks, beginning Saturday, May 6, and ending Saturday, May 4, the treasury department announced today.

Banks will be given five days after the campaign closes to tabulate the result and forward them to the treasury department.

Instead of requiring a two per cent payment in the case of the second loan, five per cent will be required when the subscription is made.

Twenty per cent then will be due May 28; 35 per cent July 18 and 40 per cent August 15.

The treasury expects many subscribers to pay in full on purchase and these early payments may be sufficient to redeem the \$900,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness falling due at May 9.

Otherwise it may be necessary to issue other short term certificates to take them up.

Officials also believe the May 28 payment will be much greater than required.

The third issue of Liberty Loan bonds will mature in 10 years on September 15, 1918, and will bear interest from May 9 next payable semi-annually.

"Payment in full may be made with the application on or before May 15," the treasury announced, "but no bill will be delivered before May 28." Any subscription exceeding \$1,000 will be paid in full by any subsequent instalment.

## COMING TO HUB THEATRE

The new theatre art invented by David W. Griffith in producing "The Birth of a Nation," coming to the Hub theatre April 10th and 11th, has enabled him to surpass by far any stage spectacle. "Ben Hur" and "The Blue Bird" were supposed to be the high-water mark of such productions. They sink into insignificance beside this epic of American history with its 5,000 scenes, 18,000 characters, 3,000 riders and 200,000 details, the result of eight months of tireless labor and the expenditure of half a million dollars.

The war plays on the stage such as "Sherman's March," held by the Enemy, and "Barbara Hetchie" seem tame after the splendors of "The Birth of a Nation." In the Griffith spectacle the scenes of sheer beauty and strength are of homely grandeur. The night riding of the Ku Klux Klan looks like a company of flying spectres sweeping along the mountain roads. There is a pictorial punch in every scene.

This realistic picture of history in the making is of untold value to both young and old. Besides the historical worth of this great spectacle the constant emotional thrill of the romantic story thrills the hearts of all. It is the supreme achievement of modern historicism in its new use untrammeled by the limitations of the theatre.

## GERMAN FINNS INSULT TWO OFFICERS

By the Associated Press.

Kansas City Star.

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To daughter, too, his words are law;

And therefore he's admired with awe;

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## GOOD RESPONSES BY CATAWBA FARMERS

Mr. John W. Robinson chairman at large for Catawba county in the sale of the third Liberty Bonds, today had received a large batch of replies to his letter sent out this week to school committeemen of the county urging their cooperation in the sale of bonds. The result was even better than Mr. Robinson could expect and he was gratified by the enthusiastic responses.

He is sending out a sort of questionnaire in which he puts the question as to whether Catawba folks had rather give their sons than loan their money and he is confident that the replies will be good. He asks for certain information that will be easily furnished.

Our school committeemen are always selected as the most progressive men in our school districts and always work for the uplifting of mankind.

We are now giving the opportunity of showing how well we accomplish the task thus thrown upon us. We love our homes, our children, the peaceful solitude of green fields and waving grain. What if these fields were in a moment turned to blood-stained battle fields strewn with a thousand slain brothers, our wives and daughters ravaged, our children murdered, homes burned; this is WAR. We must fight for our country if we would ward off this evil. Our brave boys are giving their lives for this cause; what can we do? You and I can help by conserving food, giving of our time and money. Are you willing to give one day's work for this cause, and help us, your country to raise the necessary money for carrying on this great war? We must raise the money or else take the consequences.

If you are willing, please answer yes by return mail, if no reply is received, we consider you as one person in Catawba county who is not willing to do his part, not willing to protect his own home, his own business, but will sit all the day idle letting others protect him and his home. If so, you are not worthy of that protection. God grant that Catawba county will find no such person, but that each man, woman and child will be willing and anxious to do their part, and that the terrible war will soon be over.

We expect to have a man from the trenches speak to us in Newton, Saturday, April 6th. We shall expect you to be present and answer to your name at roll call that day.

Again, are you willing to do what you can for your country, your home? Let us hear by return mail please.

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## FLYING SQUADRON DID GOOD WORK HERE

By the Associated Press.

When the Flying Squadron, after a night and day in Catawba county, left here last night for Marion, the members were satisfied with their work.

They had gone into every section of the county and in company with local workers had put the War Savings Stamps within reach of hundreds of men and women. Very few turned the proposition down and the response was whole-hearted.

The squadron started work shortly after breakfast and did not stop until just before train time.

Mr. P. A. Setzer's committee led with the greatest number of dollars in stamps, and Mr. C. R. Brady's committee came second. The results

of the canvass are hereby given:

P. A. Setzer, chairman; W. E. Kuhn and B. Lake—Twenty pledges, six limit members; total, \$8,200.

C. R. Brady, chairman; C. W. Bagby, E. B. Cline—Thirty nine pledges, two limit members; total,

\$5,865.

John W. Robinson, chairman;

Hugh D'Anna—242 pledges, one limit; total, \$3,905.

Murray, chairman—33 pledges, no limits; total, \$3,235.

J. D. Elliott, chairman—53 pledges, three limits; total, \$5,000.

This makes a total of 367 pledges, 12 limit members and \$25,895.

## WEAR SOLD GLORY ABOUT NECK TODAY

By the Associated Press.

Athens, Ills., April 4.—John W. Binders, grocer, accused of uttering pro-German sentiments, today wore about his neck an American flag tied there last night by "loyalists" who forced him to kiss the emblem and threatened him if he removed it.

Binders was informed that he would have to lead a Liberty Day parade Saturday. He promised to lead the parade.

## SEVERE PENALTY IS PROVIDED IN BILL

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 4.—Conferees of the senate and house today agreed on a bill providing most severe penalties for destruction of war materials and for sabotage.

Penalties of 30 years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine are provided in the bill, which was greatly broadened in scope both by the house and the conferees for action "which actually are intended and for which there is reason to believe" are intended to injure or destroy war materials and utilities.

The legislation also penalizes willful manufacture of defective war materials, including ingredients.

A special clause provides that employees should not be prohibited from agreeing to stop work when for the bona fide purpose of obtaining better wages or for conditions of employment, but otherwise penalizing acts for interference with war materials.

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## HIGHEST BIRTH RATE RECORDED

North Carolina tops the list of registration states with the highest birth rate recorded.

According to Dr. J. R. Gordon, state registrar, our birth rate for 1916 was 31.9 per thousand population while the latest published federal report for 1915 shows Connecticut and Michigan tying for second honor with a rate of 26.7.

Another very surprising thing to many people according to Dr. Gordon, will be to learn from North Carolina's vital statistics that our white birth rate is 32.2 per thousand whites as against only 31.1 per thousand for the colored population.

The fact that our white birth rate is higher than our colored birth rate is found to conform to the finding in every other registration in the union.

A still more striking finding is that while North Carolina has a high birth rate we also have a low death rate, only 13.0 per thousand population for 1916.

In analyzing the death rate Dr. Gordon finds that the white death rate is much lower than the colored rate, being only 11.2 per thousand for whites against 17.0 per thousand for negroes.

With positive proof for these figures in the form of the birth and death certificates on file, Dr. Gordon claims that North Carolina can be justly proud of her health record and that if the vital statistics law were good for nothing else it would be good many times what it cost for the advertising value such statistics will yield the state of exploiting the healthfulness of the state to prospective settlers and capitalists.

According to Dr. Gordon, however, official records of the birth and death of every person in North Carolina is of estimable value in settling legal claims, insurance, establishing age, lineage, right to vote, marry, hold office, military duty work in factories, and many other things to say nothing of its value from a public health viewpoint in showing where preventable diseases are high and how much health work reduces these diseases.

## HOUSE TO REPORT AMENDED BILL

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 4.—The bill requiring registraton of all men as they become 21 years of age, already passed by the senate, was considered by the house military committee today and probably will be favorably reported.

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Later another Finn asked the orchestra to play "Die Wacht am Rhein."

Everybody arose, the American and Englishman, plainly making an effort to be polite, also rose.

Another Finnish officer swaggered to the table and said,

"It is our principle not to be in the presence of Englishmen."

The American replied that he was an American, not an Englishman, but the Finn responded:

"It's all the same, you have just got two minutes to get out of the room."

The visitors who had finished their meal then left the house.

## SOME RUSSIAN SHIPS PUT INTO SERVICE

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 4.—The United States has requisitioned for use in entente service a number of Russian steamships formerly engaged in transporting supplies between America and Russia, according to authoritative information received here today.

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## NIGHT OFFICER AT CAPITOL KILLED

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 4.—James King, night watchman of the offices of the committee on public information, was found dead early today with a bullet hole in his head. Officers believed he had been murdered.

Examination of King's pistol indicated that he had tried to fire it and that the cartridge failed to explode. Officers said that no valuable papers are kept at the committee's offices and that they could find nothing to show that the offices had been ransacked.

The police arrested a negro employed at the committee's offices. They said that King and the negro had quarreled.

Suggestions that King was killed by some one in search of papers containing war secrets were made, but the police after an examination of the place, said they did not believe this was the case.

## GOOD SPEAKERS FOR NEWTON RALLY

Planes are well under way for the Liberty Bond mass meeting at the court house square in Newton, Saturday afternoon April 6 at 2:30 o'clock. No definite word has been received from all the speakers but Ex-Governor W. D. Turner of Statesville, and Hon. J. F. Newell, of Charlotte will be on hand.

County Chairman J. D. Elliott is in receipt of many letters addressed to leading men all over the country requesting their attendance at the Newton meeting. The Record quotes a few of the responses, the reading of which will dispel any doubt of the loyalty of Catawba county:

Dear Mr. Elliott: I will be at Newton Saturday. As for my time, it is at the disposal of my country—a day, a week, or a year. If you are in Newton Saturday all you will have to do will be to tell me what to do.

Dear Mr. Elliott: Yes; I will be at Newton Saturday. I am at your services.

Dear Mr. Elliott: In reply to your letter will state that I am ready to do anything my country calls me to do that I can do. My wife and myself and every child that I have have War Savings Stamps, and I am working to get others to take them. I will be in Newton April 6.

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## SMALL ACTIVITY IN BATTLE AREA REPORTED

By the Associated Press.

London, April 4.—There was little activity in the battle area last night with the exception of hostile artillery fighting at various points, the war office announced today. Some prisoners were taken by British patrols.

FRENCH IN RAIDS

By the Associated Press.

Paris, April 4.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night north of Montdidier, the war