

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE NINE WEEKS OUR WEEKS

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

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 4.—The third Liberty Loan campaign will last four weeks, beginning Saturday, May 4, and ending Saturday, May 18, the treasury department announced today.
Banks will be given five days after the campaign closes to tabulate the results and forward them to the treasury department.
Instead of requiring a two per cent payment as 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 60 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 on 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 17 the treasury announced, but the interest will not be delivered before May 30; any subscription exceeding \$10,000 payment may be made by check or 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 blue-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 "Shenandoah," "The Enemy," and "Barbara" seem tame after seeing the splendors of "The Birth of a Nation." In the Griffith spectacle the scenes of sheer beauty and strength are of heroic grandeur. The night riding of the King of Kings looks like a company of angels 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 throbs of the romantic story thrills the hearts of all. It is the supreme achievement of modern historicism in its new use untrammelled by the limitations of the theatre.

GERMAN FINNS INSULT TWO OFFICERS

By the Associated Press.
Stockholm, April 4.—The American and British officers who recently visited General Monneheim, the Finnish white guard leader, upon orders of their government, were insulted and threatened with violence by Finnish officers, according to the report of a war correspondent in Finland from a Swedish newspaper.
The correspondent says the two visiting officers entered a restaurant which was crowded with Finnish officers, who had served with a unit in Germany. The visiting officers had scarcely entered the room, when they were told their presence was not desired. The Finnish officer making the request was shown their passports signed by General Monneheim.
Later another Finn asked the officers to play "Die Wacht am Rhein." Everybody arose, the American and British officers, 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 house."
The visitors who had finished their meal then left the house.

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 committees 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 easy to furnish.
Here is the letter that Mr. Robinson sent out to the school committees:

Dear Committee: Our school committees 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 accomplished 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 to 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 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 business, but will sit all day idly 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.

THEY RESPECT SOMEBODY
Kansas City Star.
When Hoover says economize On this or that, ma always tries; To daughter, too, his words are law— And therefore he's admired with awe And deepest wonderment by pa.

FLYING SQUADRON DID GOOD WORK HERE

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 their departure. 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. Clime—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.

WEARS OLD GLORY ABOUT NECK TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Athens, Ill., April 4.—John W. Rinders, 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.
Rinders 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 work.

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 1917 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 rate is found to conform to the finding in every other registration state 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 as 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 worth 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.
The health value from a public health view of the value from 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 registration 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.

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.

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 officers 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

Plans 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 county 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 and 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.

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 patrol parties.

NEW YORK COTTON

	Open	Close
May	34.00	34.50
July	33.31	33.78
October	31.97	32.45
December	31.77	32.16
January	31.58	32.00

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Friday fair, light variable winds.

GOVERNORS URGE BAD MEDICINE ON SOME

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 4.—State governors meeting here today with members of the council of defense urged drastic action to stamp out disloyalty and advocated suppression of the German-language press.
Secretary Daniels, who presided as head of the council, in reply asked the governors to formulate resolutions supporting the bill to reach spies and disloyal persons.

PEOPLE ARE BUSY WORKING ON TRAITORS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 4.—German spies, propagandists and persons making disloyal utterances were denounced in the senate today when an effort was made to rush through a house bill providing 10 years imprisonment and \$10,000 for interference with government bond sales, agitation against the draft or recruiting.
"We've got to do something to catch the scoundrels and spies all over this country," said Senator Overman of North Carolina. "People are taking the law into their own hands on account of the failure of congress to act. We hear reports of mobs everywhere."

GERMANY AND THE RUSSIAN DEBT

Springfield Republican.
While Germany keeps up the diatribe of the independence of Lithuania, which is to have a German ruler and to be made a German protectorate, it does not neglect to impose a war indemnity on the pretext that Germany is fighting for Lithuanian liberty. Likewise if the separate treaties with Russia and the Ukraine it has seen to the protection of German bondholders from the repudiation of Russian national debt, which the bolshevik government has threatened. That this puts Germany temporarily at a formidable advantage is undeniable, and recognition of the fact is no doubt responsible in part both for the bitterness felt toward the bolsheviks, specially by the French, and for the panicky disposition to take hasty steps to protect menaced investments.
Of the four billion of Russia's loans held abroad, France has about three billion, England five hundred million, Holland four hundred million, Germany three-seventy-five million, addition, the British government during the war has advanced three billion and the United States one hundred eighty seven million, it is believed that about \$75,000,000 Russian short-term bonds are held by American investors. These investments are quite heavy enough to cause worry and perhaps to disturb judgment. It naturally causes intense anger to Germany not merely collecting its dues by force, but exploiting Russia to the utmost of its ability, while the bolshevik refuse to meet the obligations of the country. But the remedy is not to imitate Germany, which from its position has an overwhelming advantage for the exploitation of Russia, but to defeat Germany and thereby to set Russia free. The lack of commercial honesty shown by the crack-brained bolshevik leaders is not to be taken for the will of the Russian people. Germany has struck a formidable financial blow at the allies, but it can be parried if the allies keep their heads.

UKRANIANS ENGAGE IN BLOODY BUSINESS

By the Associated Press.
Moscow, Tuesday, April 2.—Anti-Jewish riots have occurred in Turkestan. In Kokand 3,000 persons were killed and much property destroyed, according to a local newspaper.
Anti-Semitic agitation in Kiev, it adds is assuming acute form. When that city was captured by the Ukrainians most of the inhabitants they shot were Jews.

CONOVER WELCOMES FLYING SQUADRON

Conover, April 4.—The Flying Squadron visited Conover yesterday and, piloted by C. R. Brady, made a quick canvass of the town, getting over \$5,000 in pledges. That is assured that the boys who form the local guard will be on the job soon. The next meeting will be held in the armory and the drilling will be an important feature.

PRONOUNCED LULL TODAY ON FRENCH BATTLE FRONT

Third Week of German Offensive Sees Only Local Operations, and Allies as Aggressors. Germans Say Bad Weather Halted Their Drive in France.

PLAN OF PARADE ANNOUNCED TODAY

The big rally which is to occur Saturday morning, when the third Liberty Loan drive is inaugurated began to take definite shape today, with the appointment of Supt. C. E. McIntosh as chief marshal, and N. W. Clark, A. M. West, and K. B. Patterson, assistants. No definite order of parade can be announced today, but full particulars will appear tomorrow.
It is certain, however, that the procession will form on Fifteenth street between the North school and the Baptist church, that it will be led by a good brass band, and that there will be a procession such as has seldom been seen in Hickory. Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr., who has had charge of the whole plan has worked tirelessly, and today had succeeded in getting chairmen to look after the various sub divisions. She deserves a very great deal of credit for her enthusiastic work, and when the net results are known she can feel a just pride in the knowledge that she has made a large contribution toward putting over Catawba county's part of the approaching loan.
Without attempting to give any definite order for the parade, it is known that the following will take part:
The children of the city schools and many of the county schools, Lenoir College, Red Cross ambulance members of the Red Cross, the U. D. C., the Community Club, and many privately decorated automobilists, trucks, etc. There is an effort being made to have several floats, also, an official auto, a tank, Uncle Sam, the Liberty bell, and several other individual attractions.
Any one seeking further general information should phone C. E. McIntosh at No. 211-L.
For information about the Red Cross phone Mrs. Hugh D'Anna.
For information about the U. D. C., call Mrs. E. L. Shuford.
For information about the Woman's Club, call Mrs. J. Worth Elliott.
For information about the decoration of private machines, call Mrs. Hugh Williams.
Other and fuller announcements

WANTS PACKING PLANTS TAKEN OVER

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 3.—A resolution providing for the taking over and operating of packing plants was introduced today by Senator Thompson of Kansas and referred to the committee on agriculture.

CAUGHT IN HOME NEGRO IN BAD TROUBLE

Will Brown, a negro, is languishing in the county jail at Newton today because last night he broke into the residence of Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Price on Eleventh avenue. He was found under the dining room table by Chief Lenz, who entered the house while Sergeant Sargmon and City Manager Ballew guarded the house to prevent his escape.
The burglarious attempt occurred about 8:30 last night. Mrs. Price was at prayer meeting and the doctor was down street. John Price, a small son, was at Dr. Hollar's just east of the Price home, and when members of the Hollar family observed a light in the Price residence they called the police. No chances were taken by them or the police and the chief entered with his flashlight in hand. Brown was found under the dining room table. He had entered from the east side, having opened a window and climbed in.
The burglar had no time in which to rifle the house and the only thing missing was a new 50-cent piece. This morning Brown gave the chief a new 50-cent piece and asked for cigarettes.
At a preliminary hearing before Recorder Russell, Brown was sent to Newton jail without bond. His chief activities heretofore have been crap games.

HOME GUARDS HAVE THEIR FIRST EXERCISE

The Hickory Home Guard met last night, adopted uniforms and went through its first practice drill in a manner that made the novices in the organization proud of themselves.
The guard was to have met at the armory, but the lights were not cut and everybody repaired to the Chamber of Commerce, where the shuffling was done after the business had been transacted.
Captain L. F. Abernethy called the meeting to order and the question of uniforms was taken up first. It was decided to take army khaki instead of wool, and to purchase both cotton and wool shirts. Members will leave their orders for shoes with Mr. A. M. West, of the committee. Quartermaster Sergeant A. O. Mitchell was instructed to furnish Mr. J. A. Moretz with the names of the men, and Mr. Moretz will order the uniforms at once.
There was more enthusiasm last night than at any time and it is assured that the boys who form the local guard will be on the job soon. The next meeting will be held in the armory and the drilling will be an important feature.