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AFTER FOUR WEEKS

It was four weeks ago today that the Germans began their great attack in Picardy which gave the appearance of breaking the British line but which was checked there and several days later renewed in Belgium. Here the battle is raging with increased intensity, if that be possible.

The issue was still in doubt as this was written, with the allies uneasy as to the fate of the high ground won last year at such great cost.

In the four weeks that have elapsed since the battle began we may be sure the allies have scraped together enough reserves to deal a counter blow, and this may be expected to fall at any time. There is a probability that the French and British have used up many of their reserves and that the formation of a new army of maneuver will be necessary. We do not know. At any rate, every day that passes is so much time gained for the allies.

American brigades are being placed with French and British and they will replace the losses of the allies. A British division, thanks to the hearty cooperation of American, will be as strong after a great battle as before—instead of Britons Americans will fill the gaps. The wastage on the German side will be permanent, as there will be no fresh supply to draw from, no untouched reservoir pouring a stream of soldiers into von Hindenburg's divisions. All the allies need is saying power to insure their success, and the fact that the battle of Flanders has not been won or lost yet, that the British are able to deliver counter attacks, are encouraging signs. The allies will win yet.

In line with many other towns and cities, Granite Falls is making war on the loafers and idlers and the town authorities have served notice that these gentry will not be welcome there. In this day and time there should be no loafers, especially among men, and that community which puts them to work is doing a good turn. Loafers should be run in everywhere they show their faces.

Catawba county people have purchased \$75,000 of War Savings Stamps. In 1923 all this money will come back home and the men, women and children who have invested will be that much better off. It is a good proposition and one does well who takes all he can pay for.

Regardless of the present struggle on the British front, the Record is confident the allies will be able to turn and give the enemy a drubbing. It is about time the Germans are being given something else to think about, too.

Granite Falls authorities have passed an ordinance to make men work voluntarily or join the chain gang and if they enforce that ordinance as they do that against speeding, they surely will keep the loafers at work.

It was good news that the Associated Press brought us late yesterday afternoon, and the Record was able to include it in about 259 copies. The British had begun to react, showing that the bulldog still had his teeth.

Business men would not invest their money in Liberty Bonds except for good reasons—the need of the country and protection for themselves and their families.

Let your answer be a Liberty Bond.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY IN BAD

Austria-Hungary is in a bad economic condition, much worse than Germany, where preparations were made to collect the cost of the war out of the allies and where as recently as last week a German member of the reichstag said the central powers would require \$25,000,000,000 to satisfy their demands.

But Austria-Hungary, in spite of shortage of food and bad war financing, is buoyed up with the hope that the allies may be made to pay the cost of the war.

When the tide of battle turns against the Teutons, and it will turn against them, Austria-Hungary will be worse off than ever; Emperor Charles will not have the backing of a populace, which though tired of war, was willing to be quiet a few more weeks in the expectation of a smashing Teutonic victory.

The reaction in Germany will be great, but not as serious as in Austria, where it is realized that Austria is fighting German battles of conquest.

We can look to Austria-Hungary to furnish internal explosions. A gang fighting to steal will not show half the endurance of a crowd fighting to prevent being robbed.

And by this time everybody in Austria-Hungary knows what the war was started for.

Rural mail carriers operating out from Hickory have put in a lick for the Liberty Bonds. These faithful men have not been content to sell War Savings Stamps, but have pushed Liberty Bonds and want the public to know where their hearts are. There is nothing like a pull all-together.

Austria-Hungary may be in bad shape, and it undoubtedly is, but it is the business of Americans to make it worse.

A smart paragraph looks easy after the other fellow has given it the punch.

RED CROSS NOTES

Those sewing at the work room were: Saturday—Mrs. DeRhodes, Mrs. P. T. Fennell, Mrs. Hal Latta, Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Mrs. Bruns, Mrs. H. S. Smith, Miss Morrison, Miss Lucy Sledge.

Monday—Mrs. J. L. Riddle, Miss Pearl Boyd, Mrs. Wade Bowman, Mrs. P. C. Sharpe, Mrs. J. F. Miller, Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr., Miss Effie Morrison, Miss Sadie Whitener, Mrs. Geo. Yoder, Miss Pearl Bumgarner, Mrs. Earl Carr, Mrs. J. R. Boyd, Mrs. E. H. Lawrence.

Tuesday—Mrs. Geo. Bailey, Miss Julia Winkler, Mrs. Alva Deal, Mrs. Will Menzies, Mrs. W. X. Reid, Mrs. J. G. Garth, Mrs. Bourbonnais, Mrs. W. B. Yoder, Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr., Mrs. E. L. Shuford, Mrs. Chas. Geitner, Mrs. T. E. Fields, Miss Effie Morrison, Miss Emma Sutteny, Mrs. W. H. Barkley, Mrs. Joseph Abernethy, Mrs. J. L. Riddle.

Wednesday—Mrs. Bourbonnais, Mrs. W. H. Barkley, Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr., Mrs. H. S. Smith, Mrs. Heald, Mrs. Ben Seagle, Miss Alice Flagler, Miss Effie Morrison, Mrs. Riddle.

Mrs. Riddle has charge of the sewing room during Mrs. Council's illness.

Contributions—Mrs. Nicholson's sewing class, \$2.65. Rags sold, 2.25. Mrs. Nicholson has charge of the yarn for socks and sweaters and would be glad for the knitters to get it right away.

Be sure you have the right size needles for the sweaters.

GERMAN INSURANCE

Charlotte Observer.

Secretary McAdoo has acted properly in throwing the German insurance companies that have been fattening on good American money out of business, but they are not done with. Some of these concerns are seeking to "crawl into the cellar windows with the rats," as Financial America puts it.

That paper thinks it strange that members of the New York legislature should be found willing to aid in an enemy effort, yet it develops that a bill has been introduced in the legislature of that state that would permit the Alien Property Custodian to invest the assets of enemy alien insurance companies up to the amount of their surplus in capital stock of any domestic insurance corporation.

It is claimed by the American Defense Society that this proposed act is an attempt to continue the business of the German insurance companies, and the bill would operate to continue the interest of German capital in the American insurance field.

Financial America rightly contends in her shipping, manufacturing or commercial enterprises, open or covert. "These alien insurance concerns," it says, "should be liquidated without delay by the federal custodian."

This capital might well go into the Liberty bond loan, as Financial America suggests. It could then no longer be used to support "Germany's scandalous and treacherous intrigues."



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Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood... I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, I decided to TAKE

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