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THE CHAUTAUQUA SPIRIT

In spite of the disappointment of many guarantors, some of whom feel that they have had to pay for the entertainment of others, Hickory has the Chautauqua spirit. Quite a number of persons have declared that they got \$8.30 worth out of the first night's entertainment and others, after hearing Dr. Lovejoy, say they have been well entertained.

A town cannot have a better investment than a Chautauqua and the numbers thus far have been most pleasing. Dr. Lovejoy's lecture last night on "Children in War Times" was one of the finest platform deliveries the Record has ever heard.

The Chautauqua this year is the best Hickory has ever had and the attendance has been large. Hickory may do without the Chautauqua next year, but it cannot afford to do without it.

The Record would be heartily in favor of unfrocking Prof. Horace Williams if that gentleman had not closed his mouth and cut short any mischief making. As it was, he gave encouragement to a lot of people, whose judgment, we hope, is very much improved by this time.

The Newton Enterprise commends the board of county commissioners for retaining Mr. Mask. The board took a broad view of the necessities of the county and acted wisely.

Over 700,000 soldiers in France, Secretary Baker says. And all of them want a crack at Fritz.

Catawba county must keep her live stock industry going.

GREATEST COMMERCIAL FLEET IN ALL HISTORY
South Bend, Ind., June 11.—America in 1920 will have a merchant marine of 25,000,000 deadweight tons, Chairman Hurley of the shipping board declares here last night in an address giving the most complete statement of the nation's shipbuilding program which has yet been made public.

This commerce fleet, Mr. Hurley said, the largest ever assembled in the history of the world and involving the expenditure of more than five billions of dollars, will link the United States to South and Central America by weekly steamer service which will enable the Latin-American countries to utilize their unlimited natural resources in the freest competition with other nations.

THE BUMPER WHEAT CROP

Springfield Republican. Although it is believed that illicit wireless communication has for the time been stopped so that news from this country does not get to Germany for a fortnight or so, we may be sure that word of our bumper wheat crop will get to Berlin without delay. It will not make the pleasant reading for the German government if it is true that crops in central Europe are being hard hit by unseasonable weather.

Last year the crops were bad, too, but German public men expatiated on the goodness of Providence in bringing about bad crops the world over, so that Germany by holding out might hope to starve its enemies into surrender. This shortage, or the forecast of it, was made the foundation, it will be remembered, of German strategy a year ago.

The outcome has been very different. It was a hard year, but the world got through it. The grain crops fell short just as had been predicted, and but for the sacrifices and economies urged by Mr. Hoover, there would not have been wheat to send to Europe. But now the case is very different. It does not warrant any lessening of economy and frugality in our own consumption, but it does give assurance of a generous supply of wheat and other grains for our allies and for the neutrals who have suffered as Scandinavia is said to have done from the recent inclement weather.

That the wheat crop was to be a splendid one was already known; the government's June report makes it look even better, and it is far from impossible that the record "billion bushel crop" of 1915 may be equaled or surpassed. A great crop of winter wheat has been for some time taken as a matter of course, yet even this is given a new lift in the June figures. The estimate was 540 million bushels in December, 560 in April, 572 in May; it is now put at 587 millions. More sensational because now are estimates for spring wheat; in general terms it had been known that the outlook was for a great crop, but these are the first figures issued by the government. The planted area is greater by 2,100,000 acres than was ever planted to spring wheat before, and larger by 15 per cent than the area planted in the "billion bushel crop" year 1915. Moreover, the condition of the spring wheat crop, 95.2 per cent is far above the average, and not far below the highest June percentage on record. Only in 1915 did the harvest surpass the present estimated crop, which with a few such weeks as we have had is likely to break all records. We can use a billion bushel crop very well, but even the 931,400,000 bushels now forecast will with frugality use us through, and by the time the harvest is in the big ships needed to carry it to our own army and to our allies in Europe will be coming along fast. Providence does not mean to help Germany by starving the world.

MEN WANTED

Men are wanted for Y. M. C. A. work in this country and abroad. If you want to serve the men who are serving your interests, get in touch with the local personnel committee right away and find out if you are eligible for some work.

There is a strong call for athletic directors to go with the army. There are needed no less than 100 athletic secretaries for work with the Italian army. Dr. John R. Mott has sent out an urgent call for good men, to fill these places.

Motor mechanics and truck drivers are needed for work in France. The call is for experts in this line—men who can tell what is wrong with a truck and who can fix it. While a few helpers may be placed, the call is for experts. Men must be above the draft age, or if exempt, the physical disability must be visible. If you can carry a gun, the boys want to know why you can't carry it. The Y. M. C. A. is not taking men who are fitted for other work on the firing line.

MARINE WANTS BRIDE

Atlanta, Ga., June 11.—Girls, here's a chance to become a real honest-to-goodness war bride, and a well-to-do one, too! If any of you want to wed a U. S. Marine who is a blonde, 33 years of age and who owns an estate valued at \$15,000, step forward please. Mayor Candler is in receipt of a letter from Private R. K. Ridgeway, stationed at the U. S. Marine camp at Paris Island, S. C., in which he beseeches the mayor to find him a wife. "I'm going to France soon," wrote Ridgeway, "and I have no one to whom to leave my estate or my \$10,000 worth of insurance. All my people are dead. If you can help me find a good girl to leave my property and insurance to, please write me." Hurry up, girls!

NORTH CAROLINA "OVER THE TOP" IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS JUNE 28

President Wilson Proclaims June 28 National War Savings Day.—Governor Bickett Designates June 23-28 War Savings Week.—Every Person Will Be Asked to Pledge.



W. S. S. TAKE THE BOYS "OVER THE TOP"

The next big campaign that must be put over with the same success that met the recent Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives is the War Savings Campaign. This must be done, President Wilson says, on or before Friday, June 28. He has proclaimed that day National War Savings Day and has called on every man, woman and child to subscribe all that in his honest opinion he will be able to pay during the remainder of the year to the War Savings Campaign.

When Mr. Vanderlip and his associates decided over a month ago that the War Savings Campaign should be made to go "over the top" now, instead of taking a year and a month to do it, they sought a plan by which this could be done. The State of Nebraska furnished the plan, for this state had already subscribed several millions dollars over its quota and had raised over 50 per cent of its sales.

Mr. Vanderlip at once set about to know how Nebraska did it. He called into conference Mr. Ward M. Burgess, State Director of War Savings for Nebraska, and Mr. Kiddow, Mr. Burgess's right-hand man. Together they studied the plan in the light of a national plan, and with the experience of the two men who had worked it to a successful issue, they obviated mistakes and such features as to make it even more thorough and practicable for other States. Consequently, not only North Carolina but other states of the Union have been asked to adopt this plan and put over the War Savings Campaign June 28.

When Col. F. H. Fries, War Savings Director of North Carolina, was called to New York several weeks ago, with other state directors, to have this plan put before them, he was asked if North Carolina could do it. "Sure," said Colonel Fries, "what Nebraska can do, North Carolina can do. We'll put it over if it takes all the bunting and the flags and the drums in the whole South to do it."

With this conviction and determination, Colonel Fries came back and set about to perfecting the plans to make them most suitable to North Carolina conditions. These plans have been presented through conferences held at convenient places in the state to the county chairmen and other War Savings Workers. Every county chairman has in his hands a detailed copy of the plans, and he has been advised to follow the instructions step by step as given him to avoid confusion and to do the work with the greatest possible ease and efficiency.

Only one important change in the national plan did Colonel Fries think best to make for North Carolina. That was to make the campaign last a week instead of a day. Therefore, the week beginning June 23 continuing through June 28 has been designated as North Carolina War Savings Week. The Governor of North Carolina has issued a proclamation calling for every citizen of the state to observe this week as War Savings Week by subscribing at this time all that he will be able to buy during the remainder of the year.

The week begins on Sunday, June 23, with a state-wide appeal for War Savings in the churches and Sunday Schools. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, a house-to-house canvass will be made in every township in the State to secure War Savings pledges. Every taxpayer or householder will make his pledge or give his excuse for not doing so. A record of every person's pledge will be taken and kept. On Friday, June 28, the drive will culminate in a War Savings rally held at every school house in the state. The State Director has called on every person in the school district to attend this meeting either to celebrate the occasion of the township's subscribing its quota or if that be not the case, to finish raising its quota. In other words, there is but one thing for any township to do on that day, and that is to subscribe its quota to the War Savings Campaign. Likewise, there is but one thing for every person to do, and that is to do his duty to the War Savings Campaign, which is his utmost. The Government expects no less of every man, woman and child in the state on this occasion.

Effective April 1st. Leave Lenoir 3:30 p. m. Leave Hickory 5:30 p. m. Cars make connections with trains 21 and 12. Fare \$1.25 each way. CHAS. ROBBINS, Manager.

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THE SLACKER Throughout North Carolina and the nation sentiment toward the slacker is crystalizing and the fine finger of scorn and contempt is searching him out. There are several varieties of slackers. Here are some of them: The service slacker—the man who should be in the ranks and is not. The labor slacker—the man who is able to work and doesn't. The food slacker—the male or female hog who refuses to readjust their diet so as to meet the demands of our Allies for those foodstuffs which may be exported. The financial slacker—the individual who can but does not buy Liberty bonds and War Savings Stamps. Slacking at home means more blood spilled by true blue American boys in France. Slacking in America means starvation for innocent women and children in England, France and Italy. Slacking at home is a menace to the success of the American, British and French arms in France. THE SLACKER'S REWARD The intelligent, observant, patriotic people of America will not forgive slacking. The slacker is a marked man. Not only during the war, but as the war goes on and the casualty lists come in he will be more and more scorned and hated by decent citizens. After the war is over he will be an object of contempt. He will be without the regard of decent people in his community. His children and his children's children after him will pay a bitter price for his disloyalty—For his failure under test to do his duty by his country and by humanity. Inexorable fate is setting him apart and he will not escape. Every Bushel Saved Now Will Supply a Soldier with Bread Until Next Harvest.

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