

**AMERICAN RED CROSS AMBULANCES AID ITALIANS**



The American Red Cross ambulances that were sent to Italy to help the Italian forces have arrived at the front. This photograph, which has just arrived in this country, shows the ambulances crossing the Piazza del Duomo in Milan on their way to the battleground.

**FOOD ADMINISTRATION IS PROTECTING POORER CLASSES**

Mr. Hoover, By Regulating Prices, Has Nipped Food Speculation in the Bud to Benefit of the Masses.

To the Editor of The Journal:—Seems like we are afflicted with "incomprehensibility."

Some time ago the administration saw fit to appoint and empower a food regulator—Mr. Hoover. The appointee at once got busy on his job and began to tell us how to conserve food and how to select and utilize the most nourishing and least expensive foods, and how to eliminate waste so as to insure an adequate food supply that each and all of us might have as much nourishment as is necessary to support our bodies in physical fitness throughout the crisis through which we are passing.

The rulers have not and cannot do a more important thing, no difference how hard they try, or how much they may do; yet a great many "fans" have set out to tell the people not to eat enough, that the food administration does not allow us to eat all we need, and that if we do so, there will soon be nothing to eat.

If there is anything in the world that could be termed giving "comfort and encouragement to the enemy," it seems to me that this kind of campaign should be awarded first place in the list.

The food administration does not intend to perish people. It is making sure—as sure can be, under the circumstances—to feed the people, and there is nothing yet credited to the Wilson administration for which the people of this nation should be more elated than this effort to protect the weak from the merciless grafters and swindlers of the country who would profiteer at the expense of human life, if not made to take fair and bear their share in a nation or world crisis like the one through which we are passing.

The facts learned by the investi-

gators and the rottenness exposed through the investigations will prove to be the guiding post in establishing that higher order of things that will be the crowning glory of the future.

Then there is another bunch of incomprehensibles who have assumed the duty of preaching the doctrine of "The War Savings Stamps." These fellows are going over the country trying to make the impression that Uncle Sam is busted, and that unless the "kids" pick "cracked cotton" and get money to buy war stamps, also rob the hen's nest and sell eggs and buy war stamps, that the "Huns" are going to wallup us and make us slaves to them.

Now what do you suppose Mr. Wilson would think if he should accidentally be thrown into an audience where one of his supposed "rooters" were rooting up such stuff as that? I tell you what I think Mr. Wilson would do. It's my opinion he would put a ring in that rooter's nose and stop his injurious industry. If for no other reason, then certainly for the one forbidding the furnishing of comfort and encouragement to the enemy.

We are not saying these things disparagingly to the buying of War Savings Stamps. We realize that money is necessary as well as men, but we also realize that this is a rich country and that there is no occasion for such slanderous insinuations as the above referred to petty appeals would indicate. The problem is before us. We should meet it like men and not like crying individuals.—Novus Homo.

**Drafting an Industrial Army.**

To the Editor of The Journal:—With the co-operation of all municipal and state governments every able-bodied man, woman, boy, girl or child over eight years of age should be subjected to a strict draft for educational training and for industries.

There are hundreds of boys, girls, young men, young negroes, here in Monroe and thousands elsewhere who are doing absolutely nothing. They are bound to steal or to consume what others have produced. The vagrancy law should be strictly enforced and now is the accepted time.

The old law of the Jamestown settlers that "He who will not work shall not eat," should be applied in each community right now.

No individual should be allowed to reap where he hath not sowed. There is no danger of overproduction. The markets of the world are asking for bread, meat, vegetables, fruits, cotton and wool.

Are you doing your part? Am I doing my part? Our boys, our brothers and our friends have gone to endure the hardships and the dangers of war. They are going to have to suffer. We at home shall not know this war and feel this war until we suffer with the boys at the front.

We must give up luxuries; give up pastimes; subject ourselves to discipline and authority. We cannot do our part in this war without suffering as much at home as our boys do at the front.

The man who simply uses this war for self-gain; who gives his mind, soul and body to getting rich by advantages arising from the war, while others bear the burdens, is just as sure to be overtaken with disaster as the selfish war lords who initiated the war.

There is enough vacant land within the city limits of Monroe to feed the entire population. The three Austin sisters produced 132 bushels of corn to an acre in Monroe. They did the work with a hoe. You don't need a plug horse for this work. A willing, determined mind is all it takes.

We are living a confused, unorganized, unsystematized life, without purpose and without planning.

Production should always be planned two years ahead. Let the police department make a survey of the vagrants and the non-producers.

This is no time for rabbit-hunting, automobile rides, pleasure trips, honkey-moons and dissipation. The idle rich and the idle poor should all be made to go to work and stick to it.

There are too many bosses and too few workers; too many non-producing jobs; too many salaried fellows who could be entirely dispensed with, with great profit to the community.

The man who farms twelve months in the year; the man who follows the plow and the hoe day by day in an honest effort to save the world is entitled to have a clean conscience.

If the enemy were to try fifty million strong to invade our country, he would only be committing suicide—every man, woman and child in America would fight him. The Canadian border or the Mexican border would be "No Man's Land" to him. All our coasts and seaports would be mined. The Atlantic and the Pacific would be strewn with dead enemy soldiers for hundreds of miles. Let us face this war now as we would then.

Many good things will come from this war. We are going to live in a different world after the war. Let every boy work a garden, a corn patch, raise a pig, a calf, chickens and eggs. Commence in time and keep at it. Think and plan two years ahead. You will reap one reward for pleasure, another reward for pain. You will have one reward for idleness and self-indulgence and quite another reward for labor and self-denial. Labor always has its reward. Let all be up and doing. It is now or never.—H. D. Stewart.

**Soldiers Warned Absence Without Leave Punishable by Death.**

General Lloyd M. Brett, in command of Camp Lee, says the government has heretofore been very tolerant in its treatment of the men who have violated their duty to their country in the present crisis by absenting themselves from their commands. He has been informed that relatives and friends have urged some soldiers to remain away from camp. "Desertion in time of war is punishable by death," General Brett asserts, "and although capital punishment has not yet been inflicted upon any soldier, it most assuredly will be in the course of time when the discipline of our armies becomes more strict."

**HIGH PRAISE FOR GENERAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.**

Fire Insurance Commissioner Young Writes Commendatory Letter to Mayor J. C. Sikes.

James R. Young, North Carolina Insurance Commissioner, in a letter to Mayor John C. Sikes, congratulates Monroe upon its White Way, which Mr. Cannady, the electrical inspector, says would be a credit to any city or town in the State.

The letter from Mr. Young, which was received Friday, follows:

"I have before me the report of State Electrical Inspector Cannady, and I want to congratulate you upon the general condition of your town. Mr. Cannady reports that practically all of the inside lines have been overhauled and that there has been a great improvement in the general condition of your fire district in regard to cleanliness and that the inside wiring generally is properly installed with the exception of the garages and some places named by him in his report.

"I trust that you will have your inspector to follow up these deficiencies and see that they have proper attention promptly as it is important.

"I want to congratulate you upon your White Way, which Mr. Cannady says would be a credit to any city or town in the State."

**PAT O'BRIEN, AMERICAN, GIVEN AUDIENCE BY KING**

The Lieutenant Tells His Majesty About His Thrilling Escape From the Germans.

London, Jan. 2.—Flight-Lieut. Pat O'Brien, the former Santa Fe railway man who effected a remarkable escape from Germany after being shot down in aerial battle as a member of the royal flying corps and who walked across a part of Germany, all of Luxembourg, and Belgium before digging under the "wire of death" and reaching Amsterdam, has just told his story to the king of Buckingham palace. And O'Brien and the king have formed complimentary impressions of each other.

"I have met some of the heads of departments on the western division of Santa Fe, some of the big business men in Chicago, and a few of the men doing the fighting in important positions in this war, and I want to say that the king is one of the best," said O'Brien, who is a native of Momeene, Ill., and a resident of San Francisco. "I don't think he knows what shie means. We shook hands heartily three times—on my arrival, when I thought I might be taking too much of his time and started to go, and finally when we said good-bye.

"I received a telegram to call at 10:30 o'clock, and, arriving two minutes before, found the king on railroad time. I was not kept waiting a minute, but was taken directly to him by one of his secretaries who withdrew on presenting me. We chatted for 40 minutes, the king showing great interest in my experiences and questioning me minutely as to my route from the time I jumped out of the train window until I concealed myself nearby and studied the electrically charged barrier between Belgium and Holland for a week of nights before succeeding in a plan of escape.

"The king first offered me a chair, but when I declined politely stood with me throughout our conversation. He certainly had more than an amateur's knowledge of electricity, as I gathered by the lively interest he displayed at the several ways I had in mind as to how best to put the live wires out of business. I thought first of grounding the current in several wires with a horizontal metal bar, then made a ladder of saplings so green that the wood proved a conductor and decided on another plan successfully.

"He was keenly interested in my jump through the window of the train and the guard's effort to hold me in. I think he laughed most heartily at my passage with the guard previously when I complained of our having to ride in fourth class compartments. This guard responded that we rightfully should be riding in hog trucks. I answered that such would be preferable to riding with Germans, and then my English speaking guard exploded, probably not knowing profanity in a foreign tongue.

"I couldn't realize the king was a king. He seemed just like other men, but more interested in my story. He expressed great sympathy for my mother owing to her long belief that I had been killed, it indeed having been so announced in the British official report. I have been given leave for three months to visit her at Momeene, Ill., but my time may be extended. It is very likely that I shall be transferred to the American flying corps, in which I received my first training and was serving at San Diego before becoming restless and enlisted with the Canadians in Victoria. I have now about recovered from the effects of 72 days' diet of cabbage and turnips."

**Wouldn't Let the Old Man Fight On.**

A dispatch from Kingston, Ont., says that Private J. W. Boucher, of the 257th Canadian railway battalion, has been sent home from France because he is "too old to fight." He is 73 and fought in the American Civil War with a Michigan regiment. He reached Kingston this week on his way to his home in Gananoque, Ont. The story from Kingston says that Boucher faced the German lines for eight months and endured all the hardships. Then his age was discovered and he was discharged. King George heard of the case, and anxious to see "the oldest man in khaki" summoned him to Buckingham Palace, where in a special audience the King praised him for his courage and determination.

**Cow Sold for \$31,000.**

Thirty-one thousand was the price paid for Ardmore, a 3-year old Hereford bull, at the recent meeting of the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago. This is the highest price ever paid for a bull, it is said.

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FOR SALE—Improved Porto Rico potato plants; \$2.50 per 1000; 10,000 and over, \$2.00. Booking orders April deliveries. Cash with order.—Dixie Plant Co., Ty Ty, Ga.

REGISTERED Berkshire Hogs for sale.—Boars, sows and gilts. Best breeding.—Nutwood Hampshire Farm, Thomasville, Ga.

FOR SALE—Lewis 63 and Council Toole, will resist, early maturing cotton seed.—Dr. Wm. Rawlings, Sandersville, Ga.

CHOICE Holstein calves—12 heifers from heavy milkers, 15-16ths pure, 5 to 6 weeks old, beautifully marked, \$20 each; safe delivery and satisfaction guaranteed.—Fenwood Farm, Wauwatesa, Wis.

FOR SALE—Buff Orpington eggs, 15 for \$1.50.—Mrs. Chas. Stanback, Mt. Gilead, N. C.

SINGLE COMB Buff Orpington eggs for hatching, Cook strain, \$1.25 per 15.—Albert Lee, Monroe, N. C.

FOR SALE—Ten shares Bank of Union stock.—D. B. Snyder, Admx. J. W. Rallings.

ENQUIRE of us for Velvet bean seed, all varieties, Mexican June seed corn, peanuts. Also velvet bean meal by the ton or car load.—Chipley Gin Company, Chipley, Fla.

MR. FARMER—McCall guarantees all of his watch repairing for 12 months.—McCall Jewelry Co.

FOR SALE—Hundred bushels Big Boll cotton seed (Redding Improved), \$2. bushel.—M. L. Chandler, Scranton, S. C.

WANTED—Two young single men to travel and solicit orders for Chicago Portrait Company in North Carolina. Salary \$40 per month and expenses to begin, or good commission. Must furnish good references. Address Manager, Box No. 365, Mooresville, N. C.

JUST RECEIVED—500 clocks of all kinds.—A. W. McCall.

ROYSTER FERTILIZERS—For sale by Collins & Hargett.

FOR SALE—Cokes Prolific seed corn—grown and selected for 12 years on same farm.—Swathmoor Farms, Mebane, N. C.

BUY THE old reliable Royster fertilizers, from Collins & Hargett.

HATCHING EGGS—2-year White Leghorns, Wycoff strain; large fowls, heavy winter layers, \$2 setting, postpaid.—P. M. Hunter, King George, Va.

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FOR SALE—White Wyandotte and S. C. White Leghorn cockerels, open range raised from selected breeding stock. Eggs after March the first.—Swathmoor Farms, Mebane, N. C.

FOR SALE—Three head of horses and mules. If you need stock, do not buy until you see these. Good stock, and the price is right to a quick buyer.—T. J. Price.

FOR SERVICE—Gurnsey - Jersey boat at my farm 13 miles southwest of Monroe. Fee \$1.00.—J. M. Starnes.

LARGE BERKSHIRES—Stone Gate Farm, Petersburg, Virginia.

PLANTS FOR SALE—Cabbage plants ready 15th of March. \$1.50 per 1,000; 10,000 and over, \$1.25. Nancy Hall and Porto Rico sweet potato plants, \$2.00 per 1,000.—Enterprise Truck Farm, Georgetown, S. C.

WE WILL BUY and pay highest market price for dry, poplar, ash or oak lumber. If you have any to offer, communicate with us at once.—The Henderson Garage and Machine Co.

THE HENDERSON ROLLER MILLS are in a position to handle all the corn that you have to sell, shelled or on cob, white or yellow.

ATTENTION, farmers—Pure Cleveland cotton seed for sale, \$2 per bushel f. o. b. Washington, Ga.—K. A. Wilhelm, Reference, National Bank of Wilkes.

GORDON'S S. C. Buff Orpington's—They weigh, they win, they lay, they pay; they are fine winter layers; they are hardy and healthy; they are the heaviest of all clean legged birds; their meat is white, sweet and juicy; they are growing fast in popularity, and I keep my breed up to the very best standard. Putting new blood on the yard every year. Eggs, per setting of 15, \$1.50.—Mrs. J. C. Gordon, Waxhaw, N. C.

FOR SALE—Thursday, Feb. 28, 1918, household and kitchen furniture, one mule, 1 wagon, 1 buggy, corn, fodder, hay, shucks, farming implements, blacksmith tools, and various other articles. Terms cash.—W. H. Yandle, Monroe, N. C., R. F. D. No. 5.

FOR SALE—Some pigs and shoats.—M. H. Richardson.

WANTED—Sewing girls to make overalls. Expert operators make \$8 to \$15 per week. Board \$3.50 to \$4.00 per week in nice family homes. Write—S. Southern Manufacturing Co., Chester, S. C.

WANTED—To buy 1000 bushels corn at once.—Co-Operative Mercantile Company.

NOTICE—A few delinquents are still on the list to be published about March 1. Among these we notice your name. You still have about three weeks to pay up by money order through your mail carrier or by leaving at the drug stores. Many have already paid up in this way, showing that they don't want to be on the "blacklist."—Delinquent Committee.

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Latest patterns in silks from \$1.00 to \$1.50; best gingham made 20 cents the yard; nice line percales at prices lower; full line spring dress goods bought great deal lower than prices now, and will add one small profit and stop right there. Big line laces, buttons and all kinds of trimmings on the way.

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