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SPEECHES BY JUDGE PRICHARD.

Judge Prichard, of Asheville, made three speeches in the county during the past few days. A large audience of representative citizens heard him at Mount Airy on Tuesday night. The audience was made up of men from the rural districts as well as from the town. Men of all parties were here and listened in a most earnest manner to the able presentation of the subject of the war.

Judge Prichard began his speech by saying that whatever may have been the causes for beginning the war, it is now too late to discuss them. He declared in the most earnest manner that in his opinion the President did everything in his power to prevent the war, but that now the war is on us there is nothing to do but unite as one man and carry it through to a successful end. He stated in the most serious terms that the man who is opposed to sending soldiers to foreign soil had just as well wake up to the fact that this war will be won on foreign soil, or it will be won right here in our own country, for Germany will be defeated over there, or she will carry the war into our own country.

For an hour Judge Prichard told in a most earnest manner of the many reasons why we are duty bound to help crush the military power that Germany has built up. It has come to that that all nations are in danger of being ruled by the great nation that Germany has come to be, and that the liberties of all men are in danger because of the ambition of a political party with Emperor William at its head, and a party it is that has the rule of the world as its ambition, and the sword as its weapon for enforcing its will and wishes.

If there is any opposition in the land to this war, if the people could hear Judge Prichard they would cease to oppose it and unite in one effort to suppress the nation that is trying to rule the world.

THE RED CROSS.

There is no disposition on the part of this newspaper to say a thing that would humiliate or in any way annoy the good people who are trying to do something through the organization called the Red Cross here in our own county. It appears that our people are not awake on the subject as they should be. It appears that many are standing off, for some reason, and not lending a hand to the work that is to be done. Of all the 500 people who have become members only about 40 have been secured we would undertake to knit goods for the soldiers.

The Society is not getting the response it should have from our people in the way of funds with which to buy material for use. All this may change after a while. When winter comes and we see that we have failed to send forward our proportional part of the goods, and reports and complaints begin to pour in from the soldiers in camp, we will wake up and get busy. Those who have sons in the army can lead in this matter and stir up interest better than any other class. It must not be forgotten that in this war there are many things to do, and that many things will be left undone. At the present moment we remember that in the camps in the South, right here at Charlotte, there is no provision being made for the soldiers to have a fire at night. Think of that. The soldier must be clothed so that he will not need a fire. That means that he will need that suit of knit goods that the Surry County Red Cross is called upon to make, and which suit Surry County Red Cross is not knitting, and there is not the money with which to buy the yarn, and worse there is not yet the disposition to do the work if the yarn was here.

All of this is said, not with the intent to hurt the fine sentiments of our people, but rather to arouse an interest that will wake up our good people and get this work done.

Talk about your Red Cross Society being hampered for funds, if the members would cut out gasoline and shows for one week enough could be saved to buy all the yarn that is needed. All we need is to get it into our noggins that this nation is fighting Germany.

Forty sons of Surry leave in the morning for the military training camp. Let every citizen in Mount Airy be at the depot.

Forty men leave in the morning to make this land a free country in the future. Be at the depot when they leave.

Meet me at the depot in the morning to see the soldiers off.

Letters From the Soldiers.

In this issue of The News we have some letters from the soldiers away from home. We are glad to print these and will always give space to them. We encourage our boys to write back. But in this connection we think it best to give a bit of information. The Government is expecting every editor to be his own censor. There is no law in this country to censor the press, and every editor is on his honor to not publish anything that would be of service to our enemies. Now to publish a letter from a soldier that would encourage a German would be out of place. A letter to home folks telling about conditions in camp might be all wrong when published in a newspaper. And so we will not have to be cutting out parts of the letters if the soldiers will keep in mind these facts. Letters that are often of much interest to home folk in a personal way should not be made public by a newspaper. And so we want the soldiers to write often, but not take offense if we fail to give space to all that they send.

Tobacco Selling At Unheard-of Prices.

Not in the memory of the present generation has tobacco sold at the prices being paid for it on this market these days.

To tell how high it is selling would astonish a man who has not been on the market and seen with his own eyes. We saw today piles of leaf bring 25 cents a pound that sold a few years ago for two cents. Tobacco that has all along in many years past brought five cents will now bring from fifteen to thirty cents. These are cold facts, and they are so far from what we have been accustomed to seeing on the market that one stands and wonders what will happen next. And the demand is great. There is no disposition on the part of the buyers to hang along with the crowd and show no interest in the sale, for now the sales are live with animation, and every man is ready to bid and get every leaf he can.

The warehouses in this city were never in better condition to meet the demands of the farmer in the way of accommodations. And we are glad to say that there is a strong disposition on the part of our Surry farmers to sell here at home and not go to other markets, for it is well known that tobacco brings a good price here, and just as much as it does on other markets. There are more ways than one that a man can be a patriot, and one way is to help build up ones own county and section by trading at home. This the people are doing this year. And it is meaning much to this section.

Children Out Of School.

In this good town there are forty white children and twenty colored children somewhere about town who are not in school, and their parents are subject to answer to the law for the neglect, if it is neglect, for not sending them. These facts are learned from Prof. Staley who knows. And worse there is not an attendance officer to whom Prof. Staley can make his report as the law directs. These conditions should not be and the sooner we get wide awake on the subject the better it will be for the children. The law of this State requires that all children under the age of fourteen shall attend school, and for sixty in this town to be out is something for those in authority to think about.

Draft Men Reach the Camp in High Spirits.

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 6.—Over six hundred men, comprising the first quotas of the Carolinas are in camp Jackson today and three score more were expected to arrive soon from Florida. The embryonic troops from North Carolina and Florida are arriving in small increments.

All of the incoming men appear to be in fine physical condition and excellent spirits. Many arrived singing songs. "Such a spirit will make the finest army on earth," declared a prominent army officer who at the station to meet the men.

As the various contingents arrive in Columbia they are placed in groups and dispatched to Camp Jackson on shuttle trains. Officers attached to the mustering staff travel on all the trains and arrange the various detachments so that the mustering in service at the camp is completed with a minimum of difficulty.

Few incidents have occurred to mar the mobilization. One South Carolina county did not send all its quota due to a misconception of rules. Three men called in another county failed to appear.

It is understood that uniforms and other equipment for the drafted men has not yet arrived.

SPEEDY SUPPLY OF LUMBER NEEDED.

Southern Hardwood Emergency Bureau of Cincinnati is to Provide More Than 100,000,000 Feet Hardwood for War

Cincinnati, O.—With the opening of the headquarters of the Southern Hardwood Emergency Bureau in this city, Cincinnati has been made the center of a gigantic industry, which has been established to supply quickly 50,000,000 to 150,000,000 feet of hardwood for the Government's war purposes. M. W. Stack of St. Albans, W. Va., is chairman of this undertaking.

The emergency bureau was launched to solve the problem of speedy supplies of lumber.

"The Government has given us specifications of the various pieces of lumber wanted, and we already have let many orders—some of the material has, in fact, been finished," explained Chairman Stark. "A number of firms are doing this business for the Government at a loss, but we are determined to provide all the hardwood needed and the manufacturers are cooperating patriotically in the cause. The lumber stocks on hand will be sufficient, I think, to supply all immediate needs, and by the time this is used up, we will have produced further supplies.

"We are now searching the forests of the country for the mightiest oak timbers for the new ships. The Government has given us the dimensions of the quartered oak pieces it wants for the great wood fleet, for rudder posts, keel shoes and the other parts. Great quartered white oak timbers, 20 inches thick, 20 inches wide and 30 feet long, are demanded for one vital part of the ship, and it will require the most magnificent white oaks we can find to produce the great 33-foot-long timbers, 12 inches by 24 inches, that are needed for another part of these ships.

"The keel shoes, the foundations of the ships, will be of hardwood, as will many other parts requiring great strength. Many plants are not equipped to cut the 33-foot timbers, but we are making special arrangements to handle them. We are to provide about 9,000 feet of hardwood for each ship and 1000 ships would mean 9,000,000 feet of this special lumber."

"Would there be enough lumber available for building 1000 ships?" Mr. Stark was asked.

"It certainly can be done," he replied. "I do not mean that there is enough timber cut and dried right now to build that many, but the lumbermen can get out enough and do it quickly, too. The soft-wood lumbermen will do their share in supplying pine—their annual capacity running up into billions of feet.

"We are also to provide the finest quartered oak in the forests for the propellers of Uncle Sam's great new aerial fleet," added Mr. Stark. "Each propeller needs 300 feet of this lumber, a special width, eight inches and up. If the 23,000 airplanes are built as planned, and several propellers are held in reserve for each machine, it will take 20,000,000 feet of this finest of quartered oak for the propellers alone."

Meet me at the depot in the morning to see the soldiers off.

Dog Travels Four Hundred Miles, Returning to Owner

Asheville Sept. 16.—Making his way over 400 miles of territory and crossing two large rivers on the way, a black shepherd dog, belonging to Jack Smith, of this city, returned from Tarboro, Ga. The dog was sold to E. P. MacCarthy, of the Georgia town, and was shipped to Tarboro by express. He seemed to be doing well in the Georgia town, but escaped a few nights ago, and the next heard from him was when, footsore and weary, he scratched at the door of Smith's home on Spring street and wagged himself all over the place when Jack opened the door. The sale has been called off.

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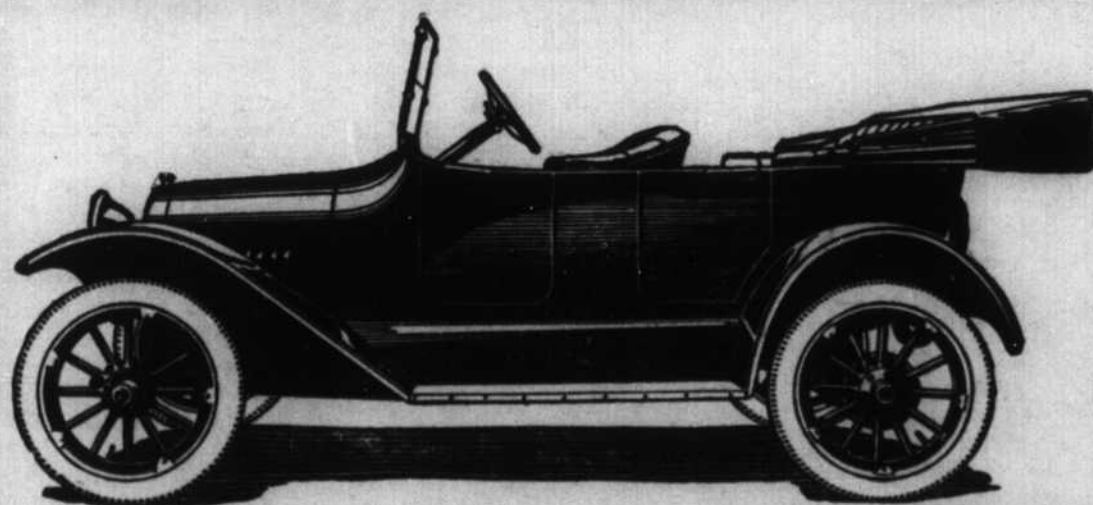
New York, N. Y.—Colonel Roosevelt occupied the observation seat on an aeroplane at Mineola on Thursday during a half hour test flight of the Liberty motor, and he pronounced the trip and the workings of the motor remarkable. He rode in a big military biplane, driven by H. W. Blakely, an employee of the L. W. F. Company, the maker. Most of the flight was at a height of between 5000 and 6000 feet. It was the second flight Colonel Roosevelt has made, the other being in Kansas four years ago.

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