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### A POPULAR ANNUAL EVENT.

Interesting Program Presented by Mrs. John B. Booth's School of Music.

An annual event, and one that grows in popularity, is the program rendered by Mrs. John B. Booth's School of Music in the auditorium of the Graded School last Friday night. The vast auditorium was packed as on all occasions when Mrs. Booth's pupils appear in concert, and the young people acquitted themselves with credit to their gifted teacher. The program follows:

- America For Me—Fourth grade Chorus Class.
- Military March—Misses Ruth Bryan and Virginia Frazier.
- Serenade—Miss Effie Lee.
- Under the Mistletoe—Misses Carolyn Booth and Daisy Cooper.
- Somewhere in France—Miss Bernice Wood and Chorus.
- Taps—Misses Mary Powell and Betsy Ballou.
- With Dainty Charm—Miss Ruth Bryan.
- Capricante—Misses Agnes Cannady and Bernice Wood.
- La Zingana—Miss Olive Webb.
- La Fayette—Miss Mary Powell and Chorus.
- Spirit of Freedom—Misses Ruth Bryan and Effie Lee.
- With Lofty Stride—Miss Treva Garman.
- Value—Misses Mary Powell and Eunace Parham.
- Reverie—Miss Bernice Wood.
- Cecilia—Misses Helen Hunt and Mabel Sizemore.
- Red Cross Girl—Miss Carolyn Booth and Chorus.
- Value—Miss Mary Powell.
- Gitana—Miss Bedford Rountree and Olive Webb.
- La Gazelle—Miss Agnes Cannady.
- When the Moon Begins to Shine—Miss Eva Moore Fagan and Chorus.
- Tancredi—Misses Agnes Cannady and Treva Garman.

### BIG WAR DEBTS.

War Brings Huge Debts to Many Nations.

The London Economist for February places the total gross debt of Great Britain at 6,678,600,000 pounds (\$27,636,000,000).

The French minister of finance in presenting the budget for 1918 estimated the public debt of France on December 31, 1918 (at 115,166,058,000 francs (\$22,227,000,000)).

The public debt of Italy at the end of 1917 is estimated at about 35,000,000,000 lire (\$676,000,000,000).

The debts of the central powers are estimated as follows: Germany, \$25,408,000,000; Austria, \$13,314,000,000; and Hungary, \$5,704,000,000.

Our own public debt is now around 8,000,000,000 but more than half of this amount has been loaned to the allies. It is estimated that of the total net expenditures of the United States for the fiscal year 1918, exclusive of our advances to the allies, more than one-half will be defrayed by taxation, according to the Treasury Department.

Germany may not have much in the way of potatoes, meat and beans, but Uncle Sam is giving the Huns more food for thought than they can easily digest.

### MOTHER! YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, FROM CONSTIPATION

If tongue is coated, breath bad, stomach sour, clean liver and bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once—a teaspoonful today often saves a sick child tomorrow.

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Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs"; then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

### DEFEAT IS FACED BY TAR HEEL REPUBLICANS.

Within the last few weeks talk of North Carolina going Republican in November has become common in Washington. It is evident that somebody is peddling it out. Democrats take no stock in the predictions. Now and then one will find a weak-kneed democrat who offers to wager that the majority of the dominant party in the State will be cut to 25,000 but the buoyant predictions run it up to 75,000.

Hon. A. D. Watts, the wisest predictor the state has had in 25 years smiles when he is asked if the republicans have a chance. That is as far as he goes when most enthusiastic over an outlook. A smile from Colonel Watts amounts to as much as a hurrah, and the flourish of a banner from the average citizen. Therefore, it is safe to say that Colonel Watts does not believe that North Carolina is on the verge of a Republican landslide.

Farmer Mob Doughton, who is also wise and close-mouthed, thinks that the talk of the Republican victory in North Carolina is nothing more nor less than an effort of Republicans to get funds for a political joy ride next fall.

Thomas D. Warren, State chairman of the Democratic party; Col. A. D. Watts, Senator Simmons, and other prominent party workers have conferred here within the last few days, and they agree that the outlook is very bright if the Democrats will keep up their interest and vote and see that the doubtful men of the neighborhood vote with them.

It was stated some days ago in republican circles that \$50,000 or more would go to the State for the campaign, and Democrats believe that the sum will be even larger, if the present talk of Republican victory is taken seriously. There is no question about a large slush fund if the national leaders can be made to feel that it would help to win votes in the senate and house.

Republican newspaper men in Washington have been led to believe that John M. Morehead of Charlotte will defeat Senator Simmons. Those conversant with the situation are not impressed by such a claim.

Democratic leaders say that the State is in better shape this year

## Have you Seen? THE SPY

than ever before since the red-shirt campaign.

The war has had much to do with the present state of affairs in North Carolina. The people have great confidence in the President and do not care to play politics at this critical time.—Washington Co. Charlotte Observer.

### The End of the U-Boat.

(Scientific American)  
The situation in the submarine warfare today is this: that our scientists and engineers, as a result of patient investigation, have devised means for killing the submarine, which are so efficient that, if sufficient numbers of boats can be found on which to emplace them, submarine piracy will be practically snuffed means for killing the submarine, which are so efficient that, if sufficient numbers of boats can be found on which to emplace them, submarine piracy will be practically snuffed.

### The Same.

(Charleston News and Courier.)  
The War Department, which has placed more than half a million American troops in France, is the same War Department which were told sometime ago had practically ceased to function.

### Getting First Lessons.

Y. M. C. A. war work secretaries are teaching thousands of enlisted men the English language. These men in many cases do not even understand the commands.

### Women Serving Soldiers.

Mrs. Luther H. Gulick, of Maine, director of the Camp Fire Girls of America, after spending ten days in an American hut in France, declared that American women would be serving hot chocolate to the soldiers in the front line trenches if the authorities would permit.

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## KEEP THE BAGS FULL!

By E. W. KEMBLE.



### ONE MAN'S REASON WHY.

I have a son two years old. I want him to be a sportsman. I want him to be able to win like a gentleman, to lose like a man. I want him to grow up in a world where a victory gained by foul tactics is incomprehensible. I want him to feel always that his word is sacred; that no advantage to himself or others justifies the violation of his oath. I want him to reverence the memory of his mother, to look upon all women with clean eyes. I want him to grant, as a matter of fact, the demands of weakness upon strength. I want him to look upon human beings as individuals, to accept cheerfully another's right to a belief contrary to his own. I want him to gain his own beliefs through searching his own soul, not by blindly accepting the dicta of others. I want him to believe in a generous God, a God Who is a Gentleman, not a demoniac God who plays favorites.

One judges a man by his professed beliefs, by his acknowledged deeds. One judges a race in the same manner. By their professed beliefs, by their acknowledged deeds, I judge the Germans. And I firmly believe that a world ruled by them would be a world in which it would be impossible for my son to grow up to be the man I want him to be.

*Arthur Somers Roche*

(Contributed by Mr. KEMBLE and Mr. ROCHE to the NATIONAL SECURITY LEAGUE'S Campaign of Patriotism Through Education.)

### Picture Instructions.

The Government is now instructing recruits in warfare through the use of motion pictures shown on screen in Y. M. C. A. buildings in military camps and cantonments in this country.

### Following the Army.

Back of the French lines four hundred "projection posts" have been established by the Y. M. C. A. where motion pictures are shown to the soldiers. They are moved as the division or regiment moves.

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