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100,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS READY

OLD GLORY TO WAVE ON PLAINS OF PICARDY

American Soldiers To Fight Side By Side With French And British Soldiers On Western Front.

With the American Army in France, March 31—(By Associated Press.)—All the American troops have been turned over to the Allies for such use as they see fit to make of them. American troops may soon be fighting side by side with their British and French allies in the battle which is raging in Northern France.

It is enough to say that great activity of many sorts is in progress in the entire American zone. Miles of motor trucks loaded with Americans have passed through the towns, some going in one direction, some in another. Through a driving rain the motor trucks ploughed their way along muddy roads, the Americans singing. Many of the trucks had American flags fastened to their tailboards.

On other roads mile after mile of marching Americans splashed through the mud which came over their ankles. The horses were steaming from the work they had to do.

All the men are working as hard as possible. With the realization that they are to be of service in the common cause and used in the present conflict.

Paris, March 31—"The French government has decided to accede to the desire expressed by General Pershing in the name of the United States government," says an official note issued today dealing with the operation of American troops with the French and British.

"The American troops will fight side by side with the British and French troops, and the Star Spangled Banner will float beside the French and English flags in the plains of Picardy."

100,000 Intensively Trained Americans Available.

More than 100,000 Americans intensively trained and fully accounted are available for immediate use in aiding to stem the tide of the German hordes, and large numbers of them, on railroad trains and in motor trucks, and even afoot, already are on their way to the battle front, eager to do their part in defeating the invaders.

The miserable weather which has broken over the country is proving no deterrent to the Americans as they push forward from all directions towards the battle zone.

—W.S.S.—

Eighty-Three Enemy Airplanes Destroyed

London, March 31—Eighty-three enemy airplanes have been destroyed by British aviators since they began operating on the Italian front, says a British official communication issued tonight. The British have lost ten machines in aerial fighting. The text of the communication which tells of the operation of the British on the Italian theatre follows:

"On the Italian front the British troops holding the Montelo section were relieved in the middle of March and since have taken a new sector on the Asiago plateau.

"Our flying corps since its arrival in Italy has destroyed eighty-three enemy machines and lost ten."

—W.S.S.—

SOLD DOLL CLOTHES FOR RED CROSS

Little Misses Lucy Boyd and Bobby Jones earned \$4.10 for the Red Cross here by selling doll clothing Saturday. These clothes consisted of all in the main of doll sweaters and caps which had been knitted or crocheted by patriotic members of the Red Cross.

IRISH POTATOES SHOULD BE \$1.25

SHOULD NOT BE OVER FORTY CENTS A PECK

There Are Plenty Of Irish Potatoes In Country Yet And They Are Being Marketed Daily.

Raleigh, April 1—Irish potatoes should be reaching the consumer at approximately 40c a peck of \$1.25 a bushel, according to the Food Administration which has received complaint during the past few days that some retailers who are securing Irish potatoes at \$1.00 to \$1.25 a bushel are still charging 50c. to 60c. a peck. In the face of a 50 per cent shortage in wheat flour, Irish potatoes should be used to a very marked degree as the place of bread and the Food Administration is determined that no system of profiteering on the part of dealers shall hinder such a practice.

There is a very considerable surplus of Irish potatoes in the country and they have been moving very rapidly since the passing of the severe winter weather. They are available to merchants of practically any town in North Carolina at around \$1.00 a bushel and the Food Administration feels that they should be available to consumers at \$1.25 to \$1.35 per bushel or 35 to 40 cents a peck.

"Eat potatoes now that you may have bread later," is the injunction of the Food Administration.

—W.S.S.—

This "Made In Germany" War Hell

If Germany had waged its war without barbarism; if every soldier in its armies had been a decent man; if there had been no outraging, no murder, no destruction of homes or of churches and cathedrals, Germany would still deserve the utmost punishment that could be inflicted by civilization upon any country because of this unholy war for its own material advancement.

But the world has been engulfed by awful woe; millions and millions have died and other millions have been maimed for life; hundreds of millions have suffered in the agony of seeing their loved ones forced by Germany into this awful war to save the world from German domination and damnation. Women and children have been outraged, the chivalry of the high seas has been supplanted by the foulest campaign of Hell-devised murder of innocent non-combatants that even the devil himself, as expressed through Germany, could devise; the very existence of all civilization has been threatened, and if Germany were to succeed, the whole world would sink back into the dark ages of atheism and barbarism.

We are face to face with all of these terrific realities and all the fearful possibilities the very thought of which staggers mankind.

And all of this has been brought about wholly by this "Made-in-Germany" war, started by Germany for the sole purpose of forcing Germany's domination and damnation over other countries.

These are the facts which our people should fully understand, and then they will slowly come into a realization of Germany's crime, surpassing all the crimes combined of all nations from the very beginning of time. Then they will realize that this "Made-in-Germany" war is indeed a "Made-in-Hell" war and is a fight to the death—Manufactures Record.

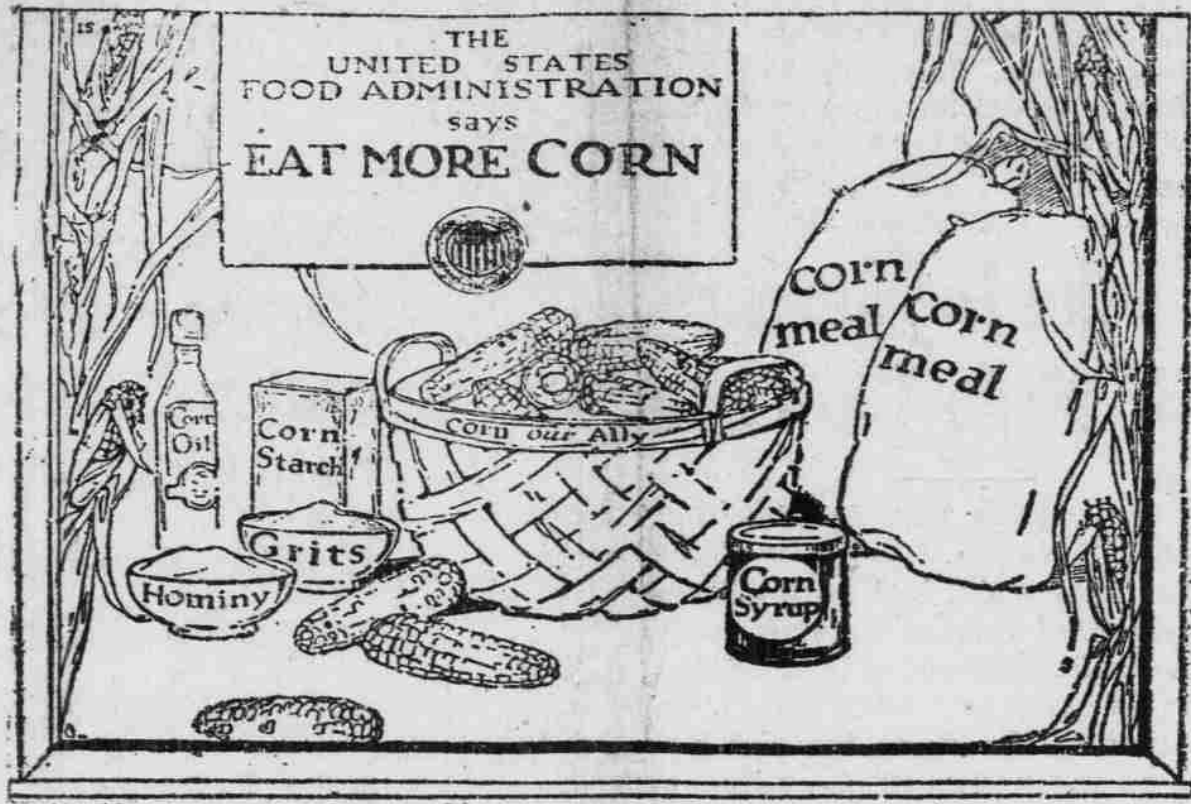
—W.S.S.—

RED CROSS RALLY AT PALMER SPRING HIGH SCHOOL

There will be a Red Cross rally at Palmer Spring High School Saturday, April 6, at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Mr. T. Polk will deliver the address. Ice cream and candy refreshments will be on sale benefit Red Cross.

E. F. BOBBITT.

Are You Observing What Uncle Sam Says?



THERE ARE NO LONGER ANY GERMAN-AMERICANS--NAME IS DEAD FOREVER

(By Samuel Harden Church, President of Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh.)

We can never overcome the foe in front unless we shall effectively restrain the foe at the rear. The test of loyalty is a simple one. There are no longer any German-Americans. That name is dead forever. They are either Germans or they are Americans. No man cherishes a higher regard than I do for those American citizens of German birth or German parentage who are truly able to unite their love for our flag with their detestation of this German outrage. There are millions of former Germans in this country who are now fully absorbed, heart, soul and language, into the great body of Americanism. I know hundreds of such men in Pittsburgh, and you have hundreds of them here in New York—like Mr. Franz Sigel, Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, Mr. Otto H. Kahn and the society know as "The Friends of Germany Democracy"—men of such probity and honor all through our nation that we would trust them to hold control of the chief citadel against the Kaiser himself. A good many years ago I had the honor of meeting Carl Schurz at Deer Park, Md., and that gifted man, whose name is an illustrious one in American history, came over to a group of us young men where we were seated under the cool shade of a great oak tree, and after shaking hands with a cordiality which became to each one a living memory, pointed to the flag over the hotel and told us we should feel grateful in our hearts that we were all citizens in a country where liberty had free existence, as it had been his own unhappy fate to be driven out of Germany because of the tyranny of her feudal system, and that there would be no liberty for the German people until that feudal system was destroyed. I wish that the former countrymen of that former German would absorb this doctrine into their secret souls, for the German Government is more autocratic to-day than when it drove Carl Schurz into exile and executed thousands of his associates who had attempted to reform it.

It is frightful to contemplate the continued existence of the German Empire as it stands today—"a thing," says President Wilson in speaking of it, "a thing without conscience or honor or capacity for covenanted peace." Why? Because its only guiding power is military force. It is frightful to think that there exists in the heart of the world a military force. It is frightful to think that there exists in the heart of the world a military power which has declared with a thousand articulate and vociferous voices that it intends to subjugate the whole of Europe in this war. The leading purpose in this world conquest is to enslave and not to elevate the people who dwell in the peaceful territories of her neighbors. Is proof needed? Take Alsace and Lorraine. During the 50 years of German occupation not one word of benevolent interest in the welfare of those hapless children of old France has been uttered in Germany. She has ruled them as she is now ruling Belgium and northern France—with her mailed fist. She has not even permitted them to speak their own language or to sing their own songs. Let me show you a contrast

between a civilized and humane nation and a nation which Goethe characterized as ferocious brutes. When this war began there came the test of British civilization. It was a good time for England's colonies to cut loose and leave her to fight her own battle. She had no power to coerce one man outside of her own little island Kingdom. What was the result? You have seen that picture in Punch where the British Lion stands on a mound emitting a roar which only a lion can emit, a roar which comes from the depths of his nature, and from every quarter of the globe his cubs respond—Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India, Egypt.

How was it with Germany? When the first blast of war blew on our ears, when Germany had been ruling those French provinces for half a century, 50,000 of the men of Alsace and Lorraine gave up home and property and fled across the border to range themselves under the only flag their hearts could ever recognize, the ancient oriflamme of France. Not a man who could escape the impressment would fight for Germany.

And take England once more. She had conquered South Africa and given the Boers a complete liberty and self-government of which they had never dreamed of in the days of their own tyrant, Paul Kruger. But here was their chance to revolt. Did they take it? When they saw peril approaching that precious heritage of human government which had been expanding itself throughout the world from the day when the Mighty Charter was established on British soil at Runnymede the last Boer turned from his farm and his mine and joined the fight for liberty under the British flag.

And how is it with France? If it is ever possible that all the nations of the world can be assembled on some Elysian Field where a divine Commander-in-Chief shall ask: "Which among these nations has in ancient or modern times shown the most valor, sacrifice and suffering? I am sure that all mankind with one voice will respond: "It is France!" We can say of her now, as Shakespeare said of her in time of King John: "France, whose armor conscience buckled on, whom zeal and charity brought to the field, as God's own soldier."

The question now is whether Japan shall move by land against Germany in the Far East. That brings up Russia. Everybody has a profound sympathy for Russia. The trouble there is that the people of Russia have been held through these centuries in a pitiable ignorance and superstition. The illiteracy there is more than 80 per cent. of the total population and when they have overthrown an oppressive and corrupt government by revolution it is a moving and pathetic sight to see... without knowledge or experience of the capacity to form a government go plunging every day deeper and deeper into the abyss of civil strife and general anarchy. Great things were hoped for from Mr. Kerensky. But the task was too large for him—possibly it was too large for any other man. Then came Lenin and Trotsky. We do not yet know whether they are incompetent dreamers or corrupt German agents, but we do know that they have wrought the

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IT MEANS HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

TO OBSERVE CLEAN-UP DAY APRIL 15-20

Make Your Back Yard Look As Neat And Clean As Your Front Yard—Burn All Waste And Debris

Raleigh, N. C.—April 1—The municipal authorities and the people of Warrenton and surrounding country are being appealed to by the State Insurance Department and the State Health Department to join effectively in the observance of "Clean-Up Week" April 15-20, during which time, throughout the state there is to be a general clearing out from residence premises and places of business and factories and shops of all waste material and debris that might harbor disease germs, start a preventable fire or help along a fire that might start from other causes, fire prevention and better health conditions being the two chief objects of the movement for a 1918 Spring clean-up week.

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young and Secretary W. S. Rankin of the health department, asks that municipal authorities not only help in arousing the people to thorough observance of the week in cleaning out their premises, but that they see to it that there are ample facilities provided free of cost to the people, for removing the trash and waste materials from the streets as fast as the people clear it from cellars, attics, closets, out houses and back yards. And the people are urged to give special attention to making this a thorough job and one that can but bring the largest returns in improved health conditions all through the summer and the greatest possible immunity from preventable fires.

A general cleaning up this spring can but prevent many a fire that would otherwise bring heavy losses to the property owners and in many instances deprive families of homes and workmen of their places of employment and multiply the all too heavy fire waste that the state carries with heavy fire insurance rates that can but be ultimately reduced if the fire waste in the state is held down to figures consistent with cutting these rates and still yielding fair returns to the insurance companies that assume the risks. Then, too, there are the rewards in improved health conditions for families and whole communities and savings in doctors bills and drug bills. So that a general and effective observance of this clean-up week means a very great deal to the people of this community and the state at large. Then, verily, let it be altogether for fullest co-operation and largest success for the week.

—W.S.S.—

Inventors Grand Nephew Joins Marine

New York, April 1—Fred Hitchkiss, grand nephew of the inventor of the Hotchkiss gun, a weapon that was adopted by the United States Marines during the Civil War, enlisted in the Marine Corps here today. Young Hotchkiss, who has two brothers in the service, came all the way from Alaska to enlist.

His distinguished uncle, Benjamin Berkley Hotchkiss, born in Watertown, Conn., in 1826, was one of the first to adopt the principle of using explosive gas developed by firing to assist the operation of rapid-fire guns. All modern machine guns now employ this principle.

Many of the inventor's improvements in projectiles and heavy ordnance were accepted by the American Government and are now in use. Hotchkiss afterward went to Paris where he established a gun factory. He died there in 1885.

—W.S.S.—

U. D. C. TO MEET

The U. D. C. will meet over Allen & Flemings store the first Friday in April at 4 o'clock p. m.

A full attendance is desired. (Mrs.) S. B. TWISTY, President.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN LAUNCHED

LET'S MAKE A CON-SERTED DRIVE FOR IT

Chase National Band To Do All In Its Power To Make Third Liberty Loan Overwhelming. \$3,000,000,000 The Mark.

The Third Liberty Loan has just been announced by Secretary McAdoo. The amount is three billion dollars and the rate four and one-quarter per cent. The response must and will be entlasiastic and overwhelming.

The manhood of America is being tested today as never before. Within the past year the selective service law has been put into effect successfully and without appreciable friction. Our soldiers are now on the firing line in France. We have an abiding faith in the fighting quality of our young men. But this is not only a war of armies. It is a war of nations. A war of peoples, a war in which industrial organization financial resources, national unity and the will to win are of the highest importance. The morale of the Allied soldiers is beyond question. But this war cannot be won by the Allies unless the morale of the civilian population is preserved and that can only be maintained through an aroused and enlightened and a self-sacrificing patriotism. As a people during the past year we have given generously to war relief organizations and have gladly subscribed to the First and Second Liberty Loans. Now it again becomes the duty of those who stay at home to give unsparingly of their financial resources.

The safest security in the world is offered to our people to provide funds with which to conduct the greatest war in history. And it has been our war from the beginning. We are just beginning to realize that we were threatened to the same extent as was England and France in August, 1914, when the German militarists inaugurated their long conceived plan of world dominion. Because of our distance from the scene of conflict, it has taken our people some time to appreciate the importance of this conflict to us. It seemed to some of us as though it were local in its nature. As though it were a conflict over territory, or a contest for trade supremacy. We now know that from the beginning it has been a clash of ideals. When mankind was in its infancy, power was supreme. The strong ruled. Justice was unknown. But through the struggle of civilization certain principles have all been thrown to the winds by the German Militarists who have reverted to the ancient idea of rule by force. So we must rally to the support of our ideal. The ideal of liberty, the ideal of self-government, in order that equity and justice may rule in the world.

In subscribing to the Third Liberty Loan, we tender you all the facilities at our disposal. We are not only willing, but anxious to be of assistance to you because, at the same time, we are thereby serving our country, we will enter your subscription and do anything else within our power in order to make this Third Liberty Loan and Overwhelming success.

Very truly yours,

THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK
—W.S.S.—

HE HAD THE SONG BUT NOT THE PHYSIQUE.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 27th—A tidal wave of poetic verse threatened to swamp the recruiting office of the U. S. Marine Corps here, recently, when Burt Gibbs, of nowhere in particular, entered the office and burst out:

"My country calls, I wish to fight. Pray tell me, sir, am I in right?" His auditors were staggered and one braver than the rest led the poetic Gibbs, still chattering, into the office of the officer in charge. Gibbs effected a lordly bow and swept his hat to the floor:

"I've come to fight to clear the sea, To make it safe for Democracy." This was followed with: "Prithee, kind sir, I'm known to fame Think and reflect, Gibbs is my name" Burt Gibbs may gain poetical but never military fame. He was rejected as physically unfit.