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Conscription The Only Means to Raise Successful Army Says Bridgers

Scotland Neck Chautauqua June 6-10

Great Array of Eminent Speakers and Amusements that Could Not Play in Any Other Way.

FEATURES ARE PATRIOTIC

Yesterday the Scotland Neck Chautauqua was officially organized and many of the leading citizens have joined hands in the endeavor to furnish the people a high class amusement and educational rally week, which is to be produced here as a matter of local pride, as it will make this town a centre that will draw people from all the surrounding counties and rural communities, not only for this year, but if the people will support it, for all years to come.

Towns of the size of Scotland Neck are besieged in the early summer by carnivals, circuses, and other tent amusements, that are more or less objectionable, and which frequently leave behind them a stigma that is difficult to break loose from.

The business men have heretofore considered the question carefully and decided that if a chautauqua was brought here it would fully satisfy the people for the amusement feature, give a much higher class of talent than can usually come into small communities, and also be of lasting benefit in an educational way.

Let us see what the talent is to be that will grace Scotland Neck by its presence in June.

First comes Governor A. C. Shallenberger, of Nebraska, a member of the military affairs committee in Congress who is said to be an orator of tremendous power, and with the timely subject, "Political Patriotism," discussed in a non-partisan way, should be worth the money that will be asked for the entire four days pleasure.

Next comes John Kendrick Bangs, an orator of note, and an author who has given pleasure to many a home in his book "Houseboat on the Styx." His subject here will be "Salubrity."

Another speaker, of national repute is Dr. E. L. Williams, known throughout the country as "Chicago's Fighting Parson." Dr. Williams has been one of the vital powers that has cleared the most disreputable sections of the great western city, and his address will naturally be interesting and breezy.

The amusement feature that will be distributed throughout the four days will be the Royal Blue Hussars Band; James S. Knox; the Hawaiian Singers and Players; the Boston Concert Co., featuring the harp; Josephine Chilton reader; the Tschakowsky Quartette; Mendelsohn's Sextette, of six girls, on Violin, Flute, Drums and Cello, and the Pearce Players, in a three act playlet, entitled "In the land of happiness."

With such an array of talent,

Report Says Standard Controls Gasoline

Washington, April 24.—That the Standard Oil interests substantially dominate the gasoline industry is the finding of the Federal Trade Commission in its report to the Senate made public today.

It is shown that the Standard Oil interests control the refining pipe lines and marketing of oil products, and with this goes the control of the many by-products.

Real competition, the report says, does not exist between the various standard companies.

BRITISH DEFEAT TURKS IN BATTLE

London, April 23.—The British forces north of Bagdad have achieved another brilliant victory over the Turks, driving them from their important positions at Isalula.

greater than most of the people in this vicinity have had the pleasure of hearing, and considering that it will all be played in a manner absolutely beyond criticism it does appear that the Scotland Neck Chautauqua is due a sure success from the start off.

The local officers elected yesterday are, Dr. D. F. Keel, president; Four vice-presidents to be announced later by the president, but selected from leading men of the community; Mr. Lester Cherry, Secretary, and Mr. G. Hoffman Treasurer.

The committees are: Ticket committee, B. W. Martin, chairman, with power to add several ladies to the committee Messrs. R. L. Hardy, Joseph House, Ray Boyette, Mills Kitchen and Mrs. R. P. Byrd.

Advertising committee, Mr. N. A. Riddick, chairman, with authority to increase the number.

Messrs. G. C. Weeks, Ashby Dunn, Peyton Holloman, J. H. Alexander, Jr., R. A. Phillips, W. H. Allsbrook, W. L. Harrell, E. J. Proctor and R. G. Shackell.

Reception committee, Mr. W. E. Smith, chairman, Mr. J. L. Josey assistant chairman, Messrs. Tyler Wheeler, Hugh Johnson, G. Hoffman and Rev. R. A. McFarland. Grounds committee, Mr. R. D. Jenkins, chairman. Messrs. J. L. Josey, A. Paul Kitchen and Robert C. Josey, Jr.

Junior Chautauqua committee. Mrs. J. A. Pittman, Mrs. H. T. Clark and Miss Eva Moore.

The French Repulse All German Attacks

Holding on to the Positions Gained Last Week Against Severe Counter Attacks

OTHER ACTIONS REPORTED

(By UNITED PRESS) Paris, April 24.—The French are holding the positions wrested from the enemy last week despite all the German counter attacks. An official statement mentions a number of these German assaults which were designed to break the French grip on their line.

All were repulsed, and several other scattering actions were reported.

FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN ATTACKS

(By UNITED PRESS) Paris, April 24.—The French repulsed two violent German attacks in the vicinity of Moronvillers and Monthout.

Fierce fighting announced three German surprise attacks on the Woevre and Vosges which were designed to create diversion and relieve the pressure of the great French offensive, likewise to beat back the active artillery combat south of St. Quentin and Rheims.

(By United Press) London, April 24.—General Haig's forces gained more ground in the resumed British offensive today.

It is reported that further progress east of Money, Lebreux and Rouex. Progress has also been made south of Baupauve on the Cambrai road over a wide front east of Epesey, reaching to the St. Quentin canal.

The villages captured are Villiers, Plouies and Ooacamp.

(By UNITED PRESS) Washington, April 24.—Included in the French mission are former premier Vivane, General Joffre and Major Dreyfus.

PRESIDENT SIGNED BILL BOND TODAY

(By United Press) Washington, April 24.—President Wilson this morning signed the seven billion dollar bond issue bill, which has now become a law.

COTTON MARKET

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	19.50	19.40	19.62	19.62
July	19.23	19.22	19.47	19.47
Oct.	19.07	19.07	19.47	19.47
Dec.	18.22	18.22	18.56	18.56
Jan.	18.24	18.24	18.56	18.56

WAR COMMISSION DISCUSSES NEEDS

(By UNITED PRESS) Washington, April 23.—What the allies want more than anything else is food. This fact emerged above diplomatic courtesies while attending the initial reception of Foreign Minister Balfour and the members of the British war commission given by the President today. These officials while apparently giving themselves over principally to diplomatic greetings the various experts of both England and America have plunged immediately into the consideration of vital problems, such as shipping, munitions, finance, and military and naval affairs.

Haig Says British Progress Satisfactory

Laconic Statement Means That the British Are Almost in Control of St. Quentin

ARE FORWARD ELSEWHERE

(By UNITED PRESS) London, April 24.—The greatest gain achieved in the thrust against Cambrai and St. Quentin line is contained in the curt message from General Haig who states that his forces have reared the St. Quentin canal in the neighborhood of Vendhuile.

Meanwhile there appears to be no diminution of the power to smash the Germans east of Monchy and Leprecoux.

BERLIN SAYS THEY REPULSED THE BRITISH

(By United Press) Berlin, April 23.—After fighting on a wide front we have succeeded in repulsing the British at all points, is officially announced today.

GERMANY DENIES DEFEAT

Amsterdam, April 24.—The ententes heaviest attack has failed. The Germans have yielded certain points along the line in accordance with the original plan of keeping the fighting line moving and to shorten the line. This is the explanation made by Major Moraht, the critic, in the Berlin Tags Zeitung.

The Italian Army on the Offensive

Rome, April 24.—The Battle in Carso is becoming increasingly violent. Dispatches from the front indicate a terrific Italian fire.

The morale of the Italian troops is excellent and General Cardena expressed an utmost confidence in his men.

Whilst the censor of news is strict there is an apparent belief that Italy is about to start a great offensive although the censor will not permit a direct statement to this effect.

FINED FOR DEPORTING NEGROES

Danville, April 24.—J. H. Suderly, vice president of the Sutton Soderly Brick Company was fined five hundred dollars here today, which is the maximum penalty for drumming colored help from here.

WEATHER REPORT

Fair tonight and Wednesday. Cooler Wednesday in North portion. Fresh north Winds.

UNITED PRESS GETS INJUNCTION

John H. Berry, counsel for the United Press, supported his petition with a large number of affidavits from prominent newspaper publishers and several members of Congress stating they received liquor propaganda literatures from Shimansky under the name of the United Press Association. "The Cleveland company is a publicity bureau," said Perry today. "Its aim is to get advertisements for special interests into the newspapers as news matter. In recent instances it has been paid by the liquor interests."

Army Leader Tells of British Mistakes

Says If Conscription Had Been Enforced Early Losses Would Have Been Saved

EVERYBODY MUST BE IN WAR

(Special Correspondent Geo. Martin) Washington, April 24.—"Conscription is vital to America before the nation can have any success in the war."

Lieut. Gen. Bridgers, of the English Commission, stepped out of the international war council of allies to deliver this message to America.

While Congress is wrangling over the conscription bill General Bridgers counted the cost of the volunteer system to England.

"We were saddled with the volunteer system at the beginning of the war," said Bridgers "we would have given anything to get rid of it for it hampered every phase of war development."

"The volunteer system threw the best industrial forces into the trenches when they were sadly needed at home, and left at home those whose places were at the front."

"If we had had conscription at beginning we would have obviated later difficulties in munitions in co-ordination in national forces and other vital things."

"If you are going to war you must go the whole hog. You must go at it intelligently and systematically. Men, women and children must all fight whether it be at home or at the front. It is no longer a war merely of expeditions, it is a war of nations."

Government Must Regulate Prices

But the subject of most immediate concern along this line is the militant and very positive demand now being made all over this country that Congress shall at once get a throttle hold on the heartless shysters who by speculating in the Chicago wheat pits and corn market are running the prices for the "staff of life" so high that a flour famine is already threatened—flour the same flour that a few weeks ago sold for nine dollars being held now at nearly \$15 a barrel, with the threat that it will reach \$20 per barrel.

The growers who marketed the wheat get none of this inhuman profit. The wheat has been in the hands of the speculators alone and there will be trouble if the extortion goes on. Probably some of the men in Congress may be justified indirectly through speculation to extort money from our own people because of our necessities.

The people of the United States will not stand for this sort of thing very long, when Congress has the undoubted authority and power to correct such a diabolical evil. It is worse than treason or the taking up of arms against one's own government and a situation in America that would deprive the women and children of the necessities of life, if allowed by the government to go un-

CHAMP CLARK IS AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

(By UNITED PRESS) Washington, April 24.—Champ Clark bitterly opposes conscription. He told the president of the National Security League that he never would vote for conscription, and he did not believe that any such bill would pass congress. It was he said a bulldozing of the country by the war departments. He was in favor of letting the flower of youth volunteer before fastening the disgrace of conscription upon them.

TWENTY SUBMARINE CREWS CAPTURED

(By UNITED PRESS) Washington, April 23.—One of the British War Commission declared today that twenty German submarine crews were captured by the British on April 10 the day before the party sailed.

FIRST WAR LOAN ISSUE IS OVER SUBSCRIBED

(By UNITED PRESS) Washington, April 24.—Americans grabbed the first two hundred million dollars worth of treasury certificates so fast that the administration ordered the books closed. The issue was over subscribed one hundred per cent. corrected would be a most dangerous thing imaginable.