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STIRRED VAST AUDIENCE SPEAKER PAINTS WAR IN ALL ITS HORRORS

Mr. C. W. Whitehair, Just Back From the Western Front, Thrills Great Gathering of War Stamp Workers From Over State at Raleigh With Vivid Description of Conditions as They Really Are—Brought Cheering Message From General Pershing.

(Reported for The Gazette by Miss Carrie Eugenia Glenn.)

Would that every citizen of North Carolina could have heard the thrilling address of Mr. Charles W. Whitehair in Raleigh last week in which he gave a most graphic description of what is taking place at the battle fronts in Europe. So clearly did he paint the charge of the British and Canadians at Vimy Ridge that one could almost see preparations being made for the charge, airmen acting as sentinels to direct the machine gun fire, thousands and thousands of soldiers as they wave after wave went "over the top," then back from "No Man's Land" came straggling waves of the wounded. Mud covered, blood-soaked, with arms or legs missing, maybe blinded by gas, they came crawling and staggering back, were given a cup of tea, a bowl of soup at a relief station, then passed on to first aid hospitals which were not supplied with operating table and white spread beds but were more likely barns where first aid was given to serve until a hospital further back could be reached.

"The boys went over the top," said Mr. Whitehair, "not with a smile and a whistle as some of you have read but with faces set as if carved from marble, transfixed faces that I could not describe if I would. It was no time for smiling and whistling, 'twas a solemn occasion and those boys knew it. I tell you, you have no conception of what is going on at the front. You don't know what a hell it is!"

Mr. Whitehair's address alone was worth the trip to Raleigh and was especially interesting because of the fact that he had really been "over there" and could describe conditions as they are. His information was first hand. Thirteen times he has crossed the submarine danger zone and as Y. M. C. A. worker he has been in the training camps and on practically every battle front in Europe. He interviewed Gen. Pershing just before leaving Europe and at the close of his conference asked what message he should bring to America. General Pershing, without a word, looked him straight in the eyes for several seconds then replied: "For God's sake go home and give America the truth. Help kill that damnable German propaganda that the western front cannot be broken. It can be broken and we are going to help the Allies to do it but it will take a great wedge of living men."

"You read," said the speaker, "of Germany's breaking down industrially and of her labor troubles. Don't you believe this for a minute. Germany has the finest military system in the world and she will have no real labor troubles. If labor troubles did exist there we would know nothing about them. These reports are just a part of their propaganda to lull us into thinking that we don't need to strain ourselves. I tell you we do."

Speaking of France, Mr. Whitehair said: "Bled White? Yes if you mean that she has laid the best of her all upon the altar of sacrifice. The best of her blood and the best of her treasure has been spent and lavishly. But bled to the point of quitting, no, no, no, never." He then emphasized the fact that England is no less loyal. To every yard of trench held by France, said he, there is one German opposing. To every yard held by the British there are four to five Germans. That tells the story.

Mrs. Joe McKimmon made a very patriotic talk and in the course of her remarks told the story of a little French girl who had walked four miles to a French town to see the American army pass through. She said, "I wanted to see God's great army that has come to save France."

"We must win this war," said Mr. Whitehair, "and whipping Germany on the western front is the only way to do it. The boy in 'No Man's Land' is the only thing that counts, but we must have the machinery back of him. That's why you are being urged to wage this War Savings campaign. Food and clothing and munitions and ships to carry them must be had and the folks at home whom these boys are fighting to protect must supply these needs. No sacrifice that you may be called upon to make is sufficient to atone for that boy who goes over the top. There is not a man who stays at home worthy to black his boots."

Many in the audience were moved to tears by this wonderful story of what is happening "over there." As Mr. Whitehair took his seat he was given such an ovation as is seldom seen. The vast audience of about 3,500 rose and gave cheer after cheer to the man who had led them breathless through the battle fronts of the greatest war in the history of the world.

The above speech by Mr. Whitehair was the outstanding feature of the War Savings Institute held in Raleigh on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week where representatives from every county in the State were called by Governor Bickett to obtain information and inspiration to

THIS IS A WHEATLESS DAY TOMORROW IS MEATLESS DAY

help them in the great War Savings campaign that is to be waged throughout the State during the coming week.

At this Institute was emphasized the necessity of our entering the war now, not half-heartedly but with a whole-souled determination to win. Governor Bickett said, "If we never knew it before we know now that it is absolutely necessary for us to throw into the scales all that we have to save everything in life worth living for. Our people must change their purpose and resolve to lay upon the altar of sacrifice every man, every woman, every dollar if need be to convince the Germans that war is a cruel and tragic failure and until the Prussian menace is made a fugitive and vagabond upon the earth."

"War is the most destructive of all forces," he continued, "and for the past three years and more all the gains of mankind have been devoted to destroying what has previously been built up. But if the people understand the War Savings campaign which is to be launched, and if they take advantage of the opportunity offered to serve and to save, then will they be able to garner something really worth while in the midst of this process of destruction. For if the people of North Carolina shall devote themselves to the matter of frugality and economy, if they shall daily practice self-denial, absolutely essential in this campaign and shall lay up \$48,000,000, it will guarantee the future independence of the State. When the war clouds roll away they will come to understand that it is possible to gather grapes from thorns and figs from thistles."

Of far greater value than the money raised, we were told, will be the lesson of Thrift that will be taught. One can render his country no greater service than teaching this lesson. America is known as a thriftless nation and the South as the most thriftless section of it. We make but we do not know how to save. It is true that some do save but government statistics show that only 7 per cent of our people have acquired his habit, that 93 per cent at the age of sixty are dependent upon their relatives or upon charity. Every purchaser of a War Savings Stamp in addition to helping to win the war is helping to save himself and his country from thriftlessness and poverty.

Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson of Winston, State organizer of the War Saving Societies, discussed "War Saving Stamps" and "War Saving Societies," two subjects that will be explained to the people of Gaston county during the coming week. These stamps, said he, furnished to everyone an easy, safe and profitable means of helping his country in this great conflict; they furnish a means of feeding and clothing our soldiers and at the same time are accumulating money for the days that follow the war. He said that the way for any of us to get out of the war was for all of us to get into it.

Money is absolutely essential to the conduct of the war and it can be raised only by taxation or by borrowing. Industrial corporations are already heavily taxed; some of them are paying from forty to sixty per cent of their profits. The government is asking us to lend it money and we will be paid compound interest. Saving does not mean hoarding. We are asked to make every dollar a patriotic dollar, to buy only the necessities and to lend the government our money which at the end of five years will be returned to us with compound interest. This is the safest and best investment today because the loans are non-taxable and Uncle Sam himself stands as security. Those who lend their money by buying War Saving Stamps become not only war savers but life savers because the fate of the boys at the front depends upon the support they get from the rear.

If one thing more than another was impressed upon the people who attended the meetings in Raleigh it was the responsibility that rests upon every citizen who does not go to the front. Every citizen of America, whether he wills it or not is either a soldier or a slacker. We are divided into two great armies, the boys in khaki and the civilians at home. The boys at the front cannot fight without food, clothing and ammunition and we are the only source from which these can be supplied. "You have no conception of the conflict that is raging," said one of the speakers, "and the need of united action at once. I'm not afraid of the boys at the front, they'll do their part if you do yours. It is the folks at home I'm afraid of. If the cause is lost it will be due to the fact that we awoke too late to a realization of our responsibilities." All the money in Christendom cannot replace the eye, the arm, or the leg that is lost but the necessary amount given at the right time to supply helmets, guns and ammunition may prevent such losses and the loss of the eye for which we are fighting.

Woodolina's burden is no heavier of any other State. We care of our own boys. The amount to be raised has been

TOOK A SHOT AT ONE NEGRO; HIT ANOTHER

Frank Burris took a shot with his revolver at Will Brown yesterday morning at Union Square, in the negro section of the town. He missed his mark but the bullet went through a door and struck another negro named Hickman, who was innocent of any connection with the Burris-Brown difficulty. Brown was near by, standing in an entrance to another store room, armed with a shot gun but did not get a chance to take a shot at his would-be slayer for the very good reason that Burris, after firing one shot, dodged around a corner and took to the tall timbers. It is understood that domestic troubles of long standing caused the difficulty.

Burris has not as yet been apprehended but the police department believes that he will soon be in the toils.

FLOUR IN 12-POUND BAGS.

Special to The Gazette.

RALEIGH, Feb. 16.—North Carolina householders and retail merchants will welcome the announcement that the Milling Division of the Food Administration has issued a new ruling which will allow the packing and sale of 12-pound bags of flour. The use of 12-pound bags was prohibited several weeks ago before the recent combination sale order was dreamed of. It has been found desirable now to have smaller packages.

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AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES OCCUPY BRADY.

(By International News Service.)

ZURICH, Feb. 16.—The Russians have withdrawn from northeastern Galicia, allowing Austro-Hungarian forces to occupy Brady without opposition, says information from the Austrian border.

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apportioned among the States and North Carolina's part is \$48,000,000. Gaston county's part \$815,000. If we are not patriotic enough to lend this to our government we may have to give it in taxes, or pay a much greater price by sacrificing our soldiers and the cause for which we stand. We have spent little compared with what France and England have given and given liberally their money and their blood for our protection as well as for their own. For three years and more they have stood between us and the German hordes who would likely have already landed upon our shores and have dealt to us such treatment as they gave the inhabitants of Belgium and of Alsace-Lorraine.

Dr. Joyner in the course of his remarks said, "Winning the war is a matter of sacrifice and of self-denial here at home. We should ask ourselves this question, 'What can we do to repay, in part, what the boys at the front are doing for us?' They are purchasing our liberty with their blood. Anyone who is unwilling to co-operate with the boys who are preparing to make the supreme sacrifice in France to protect the lives, the home and the liberties of this nation, and is unwilling to make any sacrifice necessary to win the war is a slacker unworthy of the name American."

76 MORE MEN TO BE EXAMINED WEDNESDAY

The following 76 registrants have been called to appear for physical examination before the local exemption board on Wednesday, February 20, 1918:

William Mullis, 2768.
Willie Leonard Poag, 2771.
Hugh Lester Henderson Jenkins, 2772.
Edward Logate Rhyne, 2800.
Carl Justice Hamrick, 2804.
John Conder Armstrong, 2814.
Jason Eads, 2821.
Otto Lee, 2846.
Augustus Bradshaw, 2847.
Carl W. Kendrick, 2854.
Ira Holdbrooks, 2862.
Grady Lee Stroup, 2872.
Henry Rankin, 2874.
Jacob James Dixon, 2878.
Esten Monroe Wood, 2884.
Charlie Hamilton Beam, 2896.
John Carl Cox, 2897.
Ben Lafayette Roberts, 2901.
James Earl Abernathy, 2909.
Arthur Brice Fite, 2915.
John Painter, 2917.
William Austin Rankin, 2920.
Frank Wesley Morris, 2930.
Paul A. Titman, 2941.
Willie Herbert Reid, 2951.
Chas. McLendon Robinson, 2957.
James Wilborn Cunningham, 2959.
Sibley Ernest Oaks, 2965.
William Mack Farmer, 2994.
David Webster Bumgarner, 2997.
Caswell McUirt, 3002.
William Oran Bolch, 3010.
Mulba Handzel, 3024.
Lawrence Lloyd Cobb, 3026.
Lonnies Caldwell, 3045.
Clyde Howe Turner, 3057.
Gary Robbins, 3073.
Marion Adams, 3074.
Carl Craig McArver, 3087.
Charlie Wallace, 3088.
Alfred Stevenson Dellinger, 3092.
William Lanier, 3096.
Edgar Bradshaw Bradley, 3098.
Herman Tracy Ratchford, 3097.
James Edward Campbell, 3108.
Emory Lemuel Rhyne, 3109.
Luther Webster Price, 3119.
Albert Irvin Jackson, 3130.
Isom M. Ward, 3136.
Fred Gardin, 3140.
Hill Putman, 3146.

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John Leach, 2769.
Arthur Williams, 2791.
Willie Davis, 2793.
Fred Clinton Starnes, 2803.
Al Holland, 2812.
Will Cox, 2820.
Lewis Walter Pratt, 2831.
Angus Nichols, 2843.
Leonard Alfred Fox, 2859-A.
Roscoe Young, 2869.
Lester Black, 2880-A.
Joseph McDonald, 2893.
Essie Adams, 2899.
Will Hart, 2900.
William Huett James, 2937.
Ernest Hardin, 2938.
George Jackson, 2955.
Henry Polk, 2958.
Fred S. Martin, 2967.
Lee Reid, 2991.
Aaron Jackson, 3061.
Eddie Haskel Jackson, 3063.
Bringle Lineberger, 3080.
Charlie Gardin, 3079.
George Davidson, 3148.
Registrants are hereby notified to appear for physical examination at the office of the Local Board for the County of Gaston on the date and hour notified, at rooms 201 and 202 Realty building.

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STRIKES AT SHIPYARDS TEMPORARILY CALLED OFF

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—With the strike of the shipyard carpenters at least temporarily called off, President Wilson is today considering the entire question of labor and war. The trouble with the carpenters is admittedly a long way from settlement, although a telegram from W. L. Hutcheson indicated that the strike movement is being halted, but it is known that the carpenters union intends to force closed shops, its own wage scale, and double time for overtime if its present officers continue to administer its affairs.

WORDS OF IMMORTAL LINCOLN SIGNIFICANT IN PRESENT WAR, DECLARES GOVERNOR LOWDEN

(By International News Service.)

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 12.—Abraham Lincoln's Birthday was celebrated here today at one of the most impressive gatherings ever held in the State capital. The event marks the initial celebration of Illinois Centennial admission into Statehood. Lincoln's old home, his burial place and almost every community in the State observed the occasion in some form or other. During the afternoon Springfield's school children joined in a music festival at the State Arsenal, where readings from Lincoln's speeches and patriotic addresses were made.

Every school in the State had special commemoration exercises. They were urged to observe the day in an appeal sent out by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Francis G. Blair.

Governor Frank O. Lowden, in a statement issued just before his departure for Minnesota, where he will speak today at a Lincoln meet, called attention to the significance of Lincoln's words in this present crisis.

"The cause of democracy is the cause of humanity," Governor Lowden said. "It concerns itself with the welfare of the average man. Lincoln was its finest product. In life he was its noblest champion. In death he became its saint. His tomb is now its shrine. His country's cause, for which he lived and died, has now become the cause of all the world. It is more than half a century since his countrymen, with reverent hands, bore him to his grave. And still his pitiless logic for the right, his serene faith in God and man, are the surest weapons with which democracy, humanity and righteousness now fight their ancient foe. His birthday will serve the soldier's arm; it will strengthen the statesman's resolution; it will grip humanity's heart, if, upon that day, the friends of man everywhere shall pause long enough to recall his life and death, and resolve that Abraham Lincoln, too, shall not have lived and died in vain."

TO STOP LOSS OF 150,000,000 EGGS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Over 150,000,000 eggs will be lost to the food supply of the United States if the old practice of sending hens to market at this season is continued. Figures compiled by the poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture show that more than 5,000,000 laying hens, each capable of producing 30 eggs, are sent to market from the Southern States in the winter and early spring.

Every effort, therefore, is being made to encourage farmers to keep their hens until after the spring laying season, thereby getting a dividend for keeping the hen through the winter. The specialists point out that when a hen is sold for meat early in the spring, the farmer gets no egg return for feeding and keeping her through the worst months of the year.

Moreover the hen is marketable as poultry after she has produced her spring eggs. Poultry in May may bring two cents a pound less than it does in February, but they point out, the 30 eggs produced by the hen, largely from wastes, more than offset any reduction in the price offered for live poultry.

An energetic egg-saving campaign to prevent early slaughter of the hen that "lays the golden egg" is now being conducted throughout the Southern States. North of the Ohio river, farmers have long appreciated the advantage of getting the spring crop of eggs and marketing their hens after the laying season or in the fall. They believe that adoption of this plan by Southern chicken raisers will be profitable and will materially add to the food supply of the Nation.

Hot Meals on the Wing.

Since the only practical way by which the passengers of an airplane can have a hot drink or hot food is through the use of a vacuum bottle or jar, the idea has been suggested that the manufacturers of aircraft would do well to build into their machines a number of pockets or wall cases for vacuum bottles, so that the latter, filled with pre-heated food, could be carried in safety.—Scientific American.

TO DISCUSS WAR SAVINGS STAMPS THURSDAY NIGHT

Chairman George W. Wilson of the War Savings Stamp Committee for Gaston county has arranged for a public meeting to be held at the court house Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. The special purpose of the meeting is to have speakers who are well informed on the subject to instruct all of the committeemen and speakers and prepare them for the big drive which will start the following day, Friday, when a speaker will be provided for every school-house in the county.

It is probable that some out-of-town speakers will be present at Thursday night's meeting. At any rate a most interesting program is being arranged and Chairman Wilson hopes that every committeeman in the county will be present as well as a large number of patriotic citizens who are interested in this great work.

SOCIAL SERVICE CON- FERENCE AT RALEIGH SOON

The North Carolina Conference for Social Service will hold its annual meeting in Raleigh March 5th and 6th.

The conference holds a unique place among the institutions of the State and its meetings, of which this is the sixth, bring together prominent workers in all forms of social activity, from all sections of the State.

The meeting is of special importance and significance this year not in spite of the war but because of the war, and the many social and industrial problems which are suddenly thrust into the lime light. A large attendance is expected at the sessions on the part of the Raleigh public, several hundred of the most prominent citizens being members of the conference.

Rev. M. L. Kesler, of Thomasville, is the president of the conference, and Mr. A. W. McAlister, Dr. Clarence Poe, Dr. E. W. Graham, Mr. W. S. Crosby, Dr. Howard Rondthaler, Mrs. Joseph Canon, Bishop Darst, and Mrs. T. W. Lingle make up the board of directors.

The conference has been fortunate in securing as the chief speaker of the meeting Mrs. Maud Ballinger Booth, who will deliver her famous lecture, "Out of the Shadows," on the evening of Wednesday, the 6th. The auditorium has been secured for this occasion and Mrs. Booth will doubtless be greeted by a packed house on her appearance in Raleigh. Mrs. Booth, who is the wife of Gen. Ballinger Booth, is the leader of the Volunteer Prison League and is called the "Little Mother of the Prisons." On her mother's side Mrs. Booth is descended from the French Huguenots. Her sister, Mrs. Barclay, is well known as the authoress of "The Rosary," and her aunt, Maria Charlesworth, the authoress of "Ministering Children," was very well known by the last generation. Mrs. Booth has made the man behind the bars her special concern and has established homes known as "Hove Halls" where the convicts on leaving prison can find a refuge until they can take a new hold on life. Through these homes 12,000 men have passed to honest lives. A beautiful country home known as Rainbow House has also been opened for the wives and children of the prisoners.

Mrs. Booth's coming to Raleigh at this time is right in line with the interest which is being shown in the State institutions and their inmates.

All the sessions of the conference are open to the public and many subjects relating to poverty and delinquency, industrial standards, child welfare and public health will be discussed at the morning and afternoon meetings.

Mr. John C. Logan, director of the Division of Civilian Relief of the Red Cross, speaks at the Tuesday night meeting, on "Permanent Values of the Red Cross."

Governor Bickett has consented to address the conference on the same evening and Mr. D. F. Giles, Dr. E. C. Branson, Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Commissioner R. F. Benseley and Mr. V. S. Woodward are among the speakers and leaders of discussions during the two days sessions of the conference.

New Dieting Advice.

An anxious young theological student once asked Henry Ward Beecher what was the best and most successful method of preparing for a lecture or sermon. The reply shot back in one sentence, "Just fill yourself chock full of your subject and then let nature caper!" And the best general advice for hygienic dieting runs along similar lines; just spread a liberal table and then let your appetite caper.—Exchange.

Correct.

The teacher had been telling the pupils about the great forests, particularly the pines, and had asked if anyone could tell which of the pines had the sharpest needles. Johnny, in the front row, raised his hand and on being asked, said, "The porcupine."

DAILY FOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM

SUNDAY
One wheatless and one meatless meal.

MONDAY
Wheatless Day. One Meatless Meal

TUESDAY
Meatless---Porkless. One wheatless meal.

WEDNESDAY
All day wheatless. One meatless meal.

THURSDAY
One wheatless and one meatless meal.

FRIDAY
One wheatless and one meatless meal.

SATURDAY
Porkless day. One wheatless and one meatless meal.

HELP WIN THE WAR BY SAVING FOOD AND FUEL!