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AMERICA FIRST



My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty.

The young men who go to war should register, if they wish to vote in the election next year. We now have a law by which they can vote by mail if they are duly registered. This matter should be attended to. All who desire to register must go before the chairman of the County Board of Elections, who will give them that privilege.

Congressional leaders have been informed by Secretary McAdoo that it will be necessary for them to authorize at this and the winter session of Congress an additional \$9,000,000,000 for war expenditures to June 30, 1918, including four loans to the allies. Five billions in bonds already have been authorized, and a \$2,000,000,000 war tax is pending now in the Senate. It costs to war.

Farmers who realize the situation are getting ready to plant this fall every acre of tillable land in wheat, corn, oats, crimson clover, vetch or even a second crop of Irish potatoes. They are stimulated to this by the attractive prices of every kind of food and feedstuffs and they know that all these will continue to bring as high or even higher prices as long as the war emergency continues. The slogan now is, "No Vacant Land."

The Pope's peace proposals received a cold reception in London, but there is every indication that they were entirely acceptable to Berlin and Vienna. Metropolitan newspapers carry interviews with many statesmen who, with few exceptions, take the position that no peace will be possible until Prussianism is demolished. Some believe that the present proposals may lead to further peace movements that will have some prospect of success.

Another poor mortal is in trouble for uttering seditious statements and flagrant violation of the espionage act of Congress. This time it is a minister of the gospel—Rev. H. F. Wolf, of Franklin county. He will be given a hearing today in Raleigh before a United States commissioner on the charge of denouncing Federal officers from President down. The preacher also declared that "the meanest slackers would be those who deserted their wives and children and went to France to be shot in the back."

The county has been having a criminal term of court for the past few years and it came in the month of December and generally conflicted with Christmas Day so wisdom prevailed and our Legislators had the Court repealed. But it would be a very good plan to have a criminal term of court sometime in the Fall. Prisoners incarcerated in County Jail now will be there until January 1918 before a trial may be had and while courts ought not to conflict with Christmas, yet an additional Fall term of criminal court seems to be needed.

General Crowder takes the view of the draft that it was passed for the interest of the country and not of the individual. It will not be so easy to get exempted as it was first thought by many. Gen. Crowder in recent writings has taken the position that married men will be exempted only when it is to the interest of the government that they should be excused from service. The man who desires exemption for industrial reasons, must likewise show the necessity and prove to the board that his business is necessary to the public interest or to war department with the organization means.

Army officers who will organize the national army divisions face the task of making the best possible use of the men selected for military duty by the board. They will come from all walks and conditions of life. Among them will be highly trained individuals, specialists in particular lines and efficient mechanics. It is the war department's intention to get the maximum advantage for the nation out of each man's special qualifications. To accomplish this descriptive lists of all drafted men will be made out when they reach the training cantonments. From these a

preliminary classification can be made subject to the primary necessity of organizing a great body of infantry for trench duty

Business does not seem to be prostrated by the war, its shifting of activities, its large bond sales and its prospective imposition of heavy taxes. The amount of the authorized capital of concerns in the Eastern States, capitalized at \$100,000 and over, formed in July, was \$493,000,000, according to the New York Journal of Commerce. This amount has not been reached for several years. In July, 1916, the amount was \$320,000,000, and in 1915 only \$137,000,000. Business is going on in this country, and will keep going in spite of the war.

Members of the County Exemption Board are finishing the work of securing Rockingham's quota of 167 men, examined a few days ago. The list of names will be sent to the district board today and it is expected the list of 167 will be returned here early next week. The local board recommended exemptions on dependency only, the higher board passing on claims by occupation, etc. The local board, as a rule, recommended exemptions only for those men who have a wife and children entirely dependent on the husband. In case of wife and child where the wife is able to work the board recommended that the husband be accepted for service. Therefore many surprises and disappointments are in store for quite a number. We are inclined to the opinion that exemptions are going to be "few and far between."

NEWSPAPERS ASKED TO PUBLISH FACTS ABOUT THE DRAFT

The Review is in receipt of the following letter from J. J. Mackay, Jr., director of military enrollment for North Carolina:

"The local boards in every county in North Carolina have been requested to make available to their local press all information relative to the draft: lists of persons exempted and persons drafted and all other matters touching the execution of the law.

"By direction of the Governor I am writing every newspaper in the State urging that they give all such facts space in their columns. This information is not only of vital news interest to the citizens of the State, but a patriotic service rendered to the Government as well as to the citizens of every community.

"The publishing of the list of persons exempted and the reasons for each exemption will cause to be disclosed many false statements made by slackers in attempting to avoid doing their duty.

"For every man unjustly discharged or exempted from service, some of whose time has not yet come, must offer his life to the country as a soldier. Wide publicity of all facts pertaining to exemptions and the work of the exemption boards will avoid this injustice.

"I again urge in the name of the Governor that space be given in every newspaper in North Carolina to the facts pertaining to the draft."

PEACE PROPAGANDA BY POPE SPRINGS SPECULATION

To the warring nations of the earth has come another appeal for peace from Pope Benedict.

The foundation stones of the plan of the pontiff for world tranquility are reduction of armaments and freedom of the seas, and that there shall be no retaliatory struggle after the war for world commercial supremacy. Specific proposals make to the belligerents un-official reports say, include the restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania. The questions of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent and Trieste and Poland, it is suggested should be adjusted peacefully. The Pope's plan also calls for the return to Germany of all her colonies.

In July, 1915, Pope Benedict made his first appeal for peace. At that time the pontiff invited all friends of peace to join with him in his desire to bring hostilities to an end. Almost simultaneously with the last appeal of Pope Benedict, China entered the ranks of the belligerents by formally declaring war upon Germany and Austria-Hungary.

The Reid Place

The Reid Place will be sold Saturday, September 1st at 11 o'clock in front of the Citizens Bank, Reidsville North Carolina, in place of August 28, as first announced.

Please look this property over and be ready to bid on it. It is just four and a half miles Northwest of Reidsville on the Reidsville-Leaksville dirt road.

This property has been subdivided and I will be glad to show blue print to any one interested.

JOHN D. HUFFINES

Division to Two-Mile Trench.

A division, which is the largest body known in the organization of the American army, will fully man two miles of trenches. The regulation distance in the manning of a trench is a yard to a man. There are three lines, however, needed to fully man such defenses—the firing line, which is down in the trench, a yard behind each man; the support, which is back a short distance, and the reserve.

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THE NEWS IN BRIEF SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

The Marine Corps has been recruited to full war strength—32,000 men and 1,075 officers.

A. L. Westbrook, an overseer in a cotton mill at Smithfield, charged with making threats against the President and advising men to refuse to appear before the exemption board, landed in jail in default of \$5,000 bond.

A statement making it clear that the American Red Cross will not neglect German wounded or prisoners and will welcome co-operation from Americans of German origin is authorized by Chairman Davison of the Red Cross War Council.

The News says a Mt. Holly man is engaged in breeding bloodhounds; that he recently shipped dogs to California, Maine, Michigan and Georgia and receipts for the beasts are \$1,000 a year. Which is evidence that there is something in a name.

While making a balloon ascension at Cherryville, Gaston County, Mr. Bugbee of Greensboro was killed instantly when the balloon fell on wires of the Southern Power Company. Bugbee was unmarried. His mother lives in Greensboro.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad has raised the age limit for employees of that company from 45 to 70 years until six months after the war. The company did not discharge men reaching the age of 45 but heretofore did not take on employees over 45.

With only slight casualties Canadian troops fighting South and East of Loos have captured German positions on a front of two miles, including Hill 70, a formidable defense work, according to the British official communication just issued. Five German counter-attacks were repulsed.

The bill increasing the Inter-State Commerce Commission from seven to nine members has been signed by President Wilson. There was one vacancy on the commission and the President will have three appointments to make in the near future. Several candidates are under consideration.

The entire legal staff of the government shipbuilding corporation has quit in a body, because of sympathy it is said, with Major General Goethals, whose resignation as general manager of the corporation was accepted recently by President Wilson. The staff embraced a number of well known lawyers. But there are others.

Creation of a labor adjustment commission to have final jurisdiction during the war over labor disputes in plants having contracts with the government, has been determined upon by the council of national defence. It is proposed to give the commission full powers by awarding contracts only to those who will agree to abide by its findings and require pledges of their employes to do so.

American troops marched through London Wednesday. They were reviewed by Ambassador Page and later by King George at Buckingham Palace. Great crowds lined the streets which were decorated profusely with American and British flags. Enthusiasm was shown everywhere. The Americans were cheered by civilians, by soldiers on their way to the front and by wounded men. The troops were escorted by guard bands.

FROST DESCRIBES THE HORRORS OF THE U-BOAT

With the approval of the government Wesley Frost, former United States consul at Queenstown, who saw much of the horrors of ruthless submarine warfare, gave an interview about U-boats. Mr. Frost is in Washington, resting after the nervous strain due to his work abroad.

"The submarine war grows more barbarous every day," Mr. Frost said. "It has now reached the plane of deliberate murder for every ship sunk and will so continue to the end. It is not the fault of the Germans that every torpedo does not produce a Lusitania massacre.

"Now that the submarines have been driven to attack ships submerged, using the torpedo almost exclusively, the murder roll is bound to grow. Most ships when struck by a torpedo go down in two or three minutes, which gives no opportunities of escape to those below decks.

Ships Sink Quickly.

"Recent sinkings which came under my observation since the beginning of the ruthless warfare show this conclusively. A freighter loaded with iron ore and conveyed by a destroyer went down in two minutes. Eighteen of her crew of twenty-six were drowned. Another sank in two minutes after being struck. She was hit in daylight, but the submarine was not seen. Twenty-eight of her crew of thirty-two perished. The Abosso sank in three minutes, and thirty women and children died.

"Sinkings of this sort from now on will be the rule, not the exception.

"The submarines are now so fearful of exposing themselves to the deck guns of slowly sinking ships that they seldom come up to question the escap-

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Pennsylvania Law of 1915 Has Stood Test in State Courts.

Enlisted men in the national service, including those selected for the army by draft, will be protected in Pennsylvania by what virtually amounts to a moratorium.

There is a law on the statute books of Pennsylvania, passed two years ago, which exempts men mustered into state or national service from any "civil process."

It is of special importance and interest to those who may be selected for the army and who have been anxious lest, due to a decrease in their earning power, they would not be able to meet payments on their homes and thus lose them.

According to authorities on realty law, the act of 1915 will prevent a building and loan association, for example, from foreclosing a mortgage held against a home owner drafted into the army for such period as he is serving in the army, regardless of whether the payments on the mortgage are made as they become due.

It will also prevent, these authorities say, such legal action as ejectment proceedings against a soldier's family for nonpayment of rent while the lessor of the property is in service.

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ing crews of passenger ships. Out of six passenger ship sinkings investigated by me this happened in only one case—that of the Laconia, which was sunk near midnight.

"The warning given before merchantmen were armed was only to save the expensive torpedoes—worth \$7,000 apiece—of which a submarine can carry only a few. When the ship gave signs of surrender the firing generally stopped, and a boarding party from the submarine destroyed her with bombs.

Crews Left to Starve.

"The crews of destroyed ships were left to die from starvation or drowning. Their sufferings were terrible. Many of them were never picked up. The men probably went mad and leaped into the sea. In the case of the Cairnhill, a British freighter with a crew of sixteen men, five of whom were Americans, the Germans deliberately gutted the lifeboat, took the provisions which the men had placed in the boat and threw them into the sea, emptied the water keg of fresh water and, to make their job complete, filled it with salt water. The boat's sails were taken off, and that was practically the only hope of getting to land if the wind were favorable. She was attacked 150 miles out at sea.

That these men were saved was almost a miracle. Mr. Frost thus described another case:

"The American schooner Woodward Abrams was attacked 400 miles off shore. Captain Van Nammé and the crew of eight were put in a lifeboat while the Germans set the lumber laden schooner afire with incendiary bombs. The American sailors drifted about the Atlantic for two days and two nights, when they were picked up by another lumber schooner, the Norwegian Anna Maria. She was torpedoed 200 miles off shore, and the men again took to the lifeboats. The crew of the Anna Maria were never seen again. After another twenty-four hours adrift Captain Van Nammé and the Americans were picked up. Their luck held and they lived. The Norwegians died.

Mr. Frost said some of the submarine commanders delighted, accounts of survivors proved, in making their work fendish.

Ask Anyone Who Has Used It.

There are families who always aim to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house for use in case it is needed, and find that it is not only a good investment but saves them no end of suffering. As to its reliability, ask anyone who has used it.

Lawn Party at Wentworth Tuesday night, August 21. Go and enjoy the evening.