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PRESIDENT FOR CONSCRIPTION

INSISTS ON WAR BILL—THERE WILL PROBABLY BE OPPORTUNITY FOR HALF MILLION TO VOLUNTEER.

Washington, April 11.—President Wilson, in a conference with Speaker Champ Clark and Majority Leader Kitchin at the Capitol today, insisted on the terms of the Administration plan for raising a large Army on the principle of selective draft. At the same time, it was learned that the War Department virtually had decided on plans under which opportunity would be given for approximately 500,000 men to volunteer for service for the term of the war.

The net result of the new plans would be to make the total National Guard and regular force to be organized first independently of the selective draft plan, approximately 214,000 men, making room for the absorption of half a million volunteers.

No attempt to enlist men to accomplish this will be made until Congress has acted and authority is granted to enlist such volunteers for the duration of the war only.

The President talked for nearly an hour with Speaker Clark and Representative Kitchin and discussed the Administration Army plan in detail, making clear that it had been drawn upon after the most thorough consideration at the War Department, and after it had been decided that it was the only way to meet the demand for a great and efficient fighting force.

Opposing Sentiment

Both Speaker Clark and Representative Kitchin told the President that much sentiment existed in Congress against the plan, principally on the ground that draft should not be resorted to until an effort had been made to raise an Army through volunteers.

Careful consideration of the terms of the existing National defense act responsible for the contemplated change of the Administration's policy as to the mobilization of the National Guard for war. Officials now think the law grants the States the right to organize additional guard units up to the full limit of 800 men in a Congressional district.

The effect of this change would be to make it possible for the National Guard to have a full strength of 440,000 enlisted men in the first element of the war time National Army. The present policy of the War Department of drafting only those units now existing and such additional units as may be necessary to fill out divisional organization or which have armories and other evidences of permanency, would produce about 330,000 men.

Recruit Regular Army

The Department has decided, Secretary Baker told the House Military Committee today, to raise the regular Army up to full strength prescribed by the National defense act—287,000—immediately on the passage of the war organization bill by Congress. This means that three additional increments, totalling approximately 75,000 men, would be required.

Baptist S. S. Association

The Baptist Sunday School Association will meet with Double Springs Church on 28th and 29th of April. All churches are requested to attend this meeting. Program will be sent to each speaker. Some of the very best speakers will be present and we are expecting this to be a great meeting. Everybody invited.

Joe E. Blanton, Secretary.

Rutherford Doctor Dead

Rutherford, April 11.—Dr. Charles Bostie McDaniel, a popular young physician, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. A. Harrill last night and will be buried in Forest-City cemetery tomorrow at 10 o'clock, after the services at his late residence.

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CANNING AND HOME WORK PRIZES

The following are names of girls winning prizes on materials exhibited in Canning Club and Home Demonstration Department at County Commencement.

For best exhibit of canned products, Miss Ruby McSwain.

For best single jar of canned products, Miss Ollie Rippey.

For best history of year's work, Miss Etta Holland.

For best cap and apron, Miss Minnie Elam.

For best piece of hand work, Miss Gazzie Short.

Several members of the Home Demonstration clubs exhibited canned products and needle work. The best jar was exhibited by Mrs. W. O. Holland and second best by Mrs. C. C. Whisnant. The best piece of needle work was exhibited by Miss Kathryn McSwain and second best by Mrs. John D. Elliott.

Eighteen first year girls received club emblem pins. Money to purchase these pins was given by J. D. Lineberger's Sons, The Red Front Store and others.

SUSAN O. ELLIOTT,

Co. Home Demonstration Agent.

BILLIONS FOR THE WAR

Will Loan Big Sums to Entente Allies.

Leaders in Congress have virtually decided to raise about 50 per cent. of the first year's war expenditures by taxation. If this is done it will be necessary to raise war revenue to the extent of \$1,750,000,000 through new and increased measures of taxation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918. This is exclusive of the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue, authorization for which will be sought of Congress this week. The total demand upon the financial resources of the country during the first year of the war under this programme would be \$6,750,000,000.

Of the \$5,000,000,000 to be raised by a bond issue, \$3,000,000,000, it is definitely stated, will be loaned to the allies. The purpose is to make the loan and accept foreign bonds as security.

Already \$100,000,000 has been voted by the President as a war emergency fund.

DEBATE TONIGHT

Hoey-Ware Contest to Take Place Tonight—Special Music Will Be Rendered.

The Hoey-Ware contest will take place in the graded school auditorium tonight when nine young men from high schools of the county will contest for the C. R. Hoey medal. Special music will be furnished by the Piedmont Band, Bowling Springs music class and the Cecelia Music club. The stage will be attractively decorated with American flags. Prof. Irvin will preside. Mr. Hoey was not ready to announce names of judges yesterday.

The winners of the Dr. R. E. Ware essay medal will be announced. There were 16 contestants for this coveted honor.

Mrs. Thacker to Speak

The annual meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian of Kings Mountain Presbytery, to be held at Belmont Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, April 18, 19 and 20, will be of special interest by reason of the fact that on Thursday afternoon Mrs. J. Ernest Thacker, of Norfolk, will deliver her new lecture on "The Next Generation. What?" This lecture has been delivered in a number of large cities and has been pronounced unusually fine. Mrs. Thacker is a sister of the famous Rev. Thomas Dixon and wife of Dr. Thacker, the well-known evangelist.

Can Fly Without a Machine

A Shelby man remarked on the receipt of the news that Congress had passed the war measure, that he would immediately volunteer for the aviation service but would not ask for a machine. He thinks he can qualify for flying without the use of a machine.

IF YOU WANT

—Goods of quality and service, trade with J. D. Lineberger's Sons, Shelby's leading hardware dealers. "NUFF CED." adv.

SOCIETY NEWS

20th Century Club

The 20th Century Club will convene this afternoon with Mrs. Avery McMurry. The hour is 4 o'clock.

Miss Moore Club Hostess This Afternoon

This afternoon at 4 o'clock Miss Mary Moore will entertain the opening literary club at their regular semi-monthly meeting at her home on West Marion street.

Young People's Missiary Society Meets

The Young People's Missiary Society of Central Methodist church met Friday afternoon at four o'clock with Miss Eva Palmer. An interesting program about "Christianity in Korea" was rendered. Then followed a brief discussion of business.

At the close of the meeting, the hostess, assisted by her sister, little Miss Lela, served a tempting salad course, coffee and candy.

Social Courtesies for Winston Visitors

The following from Monday's issue of The Twin-City Sentinel, of Winston-Salem, will be of interest here to friends of Lieut. Gov. and Mrs. O. M. Gardner.

Among Winston-Salem's Easter visitors have been Governor and Mrs. T. W. Bickett, who are guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Davis, and Lieutenant Gov. and Mrs. Max Gardner. During their stay in the Twin-City quite a number of delightfully informal affairs have been given complimentary to them. Winston-Salem people wishing to show their delight in entertaining the States chief executives and wives and hoping for an early return.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds entertained at an informal dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Bickett and Mr. and Mrs. Gardner yesterday at noon. Mr. and Mrs. Clement Manly had the visitors as guests Sunday evening. Mr. James Gray, Jr., entertained at a buffet supper at the Zinzendorf. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Reynolds entertained at an afternoon tea Saturday afternoon, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright also entertained for them.

Contracts Let for 28 Submarines

Contracts for construction of 28 800-ton sea-going submarines probably will be awarded by Secretary Daniels before the close of the week. Bids opened at the Navy Department carried proposals for 54 vessels. Congress has authorized only 38, however and 10 have already been assigned to the Navy Ward at Portsmouth, N. H.

Some offers, exceeding the authorized cost limit of \$1,300,000 per ship, may be accepted because they fix the time of construction at several months below that of other proposals. To cover the additional cost, it would be possible to draw on the emergency fund provided for speeding up construction or the cost plus percentage of profit scheme may be invoked.

Kitchin Won't Resign

Claude Kitchin is not going to resign as majority leader nor does the administration desire him to do so. In fact, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Postmaster General Burleson pleaded with Kitchin not to even consider such a move when the North Carolinian returned to Washington to take up the leadership of the house Democrats and to pave the way for raising the enormous fund necessary to prosecute the war against Germany.

Rev. I. T. Newton

The following from the Biblical Recorder will be of interest in Cleveland where Mr. Newton held pastorate:

"We hear that Rev. I. T. Newton, of Dallas has accepted the call to our church at Whiteville. Brother Newton is a useful minister who has done good work in the South Fork region. The Cape Fear-Columbus brotherhood will give him cordial welcome."

Don't buy goods altogether on friendship. Buy where you can get the most for your dollar. That store is Evans E. McBrayer. adv.

A Nation's Prayer

Make bare Thy mighty arm, O God, and lead this people on.

Day by day, month after month, we have prayed that the cup of war might pass from us, for we have not been able to say Thy will, not ours, be done.

We have gazed with awe upon the horrors of the battlefields of Europe. There we have seen suffering and death such as the angels of heaven never looked down upon before; while here we have enjoyed the peace and prosperity which have flooded our land, and we have prayed that we might not have to give up our comfort and our ease and face the awful realities of war. We have said to our soul, thou hast much goods laid up, eat, drink and be merry and think not of duty, but of pleasure.

We have not prayed, O God, that Thou wouldst show us our duty and give us strength to follow wherever Thou mightiest lead, but we have prayed that our will might be Thy will. We have prayed that Thou wouldst save us from suffering, not that Thou wouldst give us strength to meet and bear suffering if called by Thee to do our part in saving civilization from destruction.

Forgive us, O Lord God Almighty, that we have so long prayed not to know the path of duty, but to be kept in the path of ease and safety.

We cannot fathom the mysteries of this world, we cannot understand how Evil can for so long a time master Good; we cannot see how out of all the horrors and the sufferings of these latter years Thou canst bring forth blessings to mankind and get glory and honor unto Thyself. But we know, O Divine Father, that all things shall work together for good to them that love and serve Thee. Teach us, then, to love Thee as we have never loved Thee before; teach us to serve Thee as we have never served Thee in the past.

We believe that Thou art calling us to take up our cross and follow Thee, and that Thou hast called us to some great service to mankind and to Thyself.

Arm us, O God, with the power of right.

Let us not go forth trusting in our own strength, which is but weakness. Let no spirit of revenge, no hatred fill our hearts, but give us the strength which comes from seeking to know and to do Thy will, and from being led by Thee.

Grant, O Father, that we may be ready to drink of the cup from which Thy Blessed Son, our Redeemer, drank when, in boundless love for others, He prayed that not His will, but Thine, be done. Draining the cup of human agony. He became the Saviour of mankind, redeeming the world from the power of Evil through His suffering, death and resurrection. He taught us that service and sacrifice are better than great riches, that he who seeks selfishly his own good only may lose his own soul.

What shall it profit us as a nation to gain the wealth of the world and to lose the soul of our honor and of our duty to Thee?

If such by Thy will, may it be ours as a nation to be led by Thee to help save mankind from the dominion of Evil.

Give unto us, O God of infinite love, Thy grace, which is love out-loving love," to enable us to say where Thou leadest we will follow.

Makes us as a nation, O Thou Almighty Ruler of nations, worthy to become the redeeming power to save mankind from sinking beneath the barbarism which fights against civilization and against Thee, that all the nations of the earth shall come to know Thee and to seek Thy guidance through all the ages to come unto Thy honor and glory.

To Buy Big Tract

A Columbia, Tenn., special says that the Maury county court voted an appropriation of \$100,000 to buy lands to offer as a location for the middle Tennessee agricultural experiment station authorized in the million dollar bond issue for the University of Tennessee.

Canvass collars 60c to \$1.50 at Lineberger's, also collars leather all over and canvas backs with leather fronts. See us for all kind of leather goods, for horses and mules. J. D. Lineberger's Sons. adv.

C. A. McCombs

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Shelby Presbyterian Church
Only 159 Members Raised \$5,680.

Rev. T. D. Bateman and Mr. L. U. Arrowood represented the Shelby Presbyterian church at the Kings Mountain Presbytery which was in session at the Westminster School in Rutherford county beginning Tuesday and ending today. The Shelby church carried up a report which is hard to equal. The church is increasing in finances and numbers and the financial report showed that the church contributed for all causes during the past church year the handsome sum of \$5,680. The report shows 159 communicants of which number 23 are non-residents. The new church building has just been completed and is very neat, commodious and convenient and all of the money which went into the remodeling of the same was raised among the church members. The Sabbath school is in a flourishing condition and has 125 enrolled. Mr. A. C. Miller who has been superintendent for 14 years is very efficient and an untiring worker, then growth being due largely to his relentless efforts and unlimited energy. The pastor, Rev. T. D. Bateman is a fine preacher and popular among all the denominations. The Star congratulates them on this splendid report to the Presbytery and while the church is not so strong in numbers, the members are strong in the faith and are liberal givers.

Col. Gardner Withdraws From Mayor's Race

To the Citizens of Shelby:

When I returned from the border in February, numbers of Shelby's best citizens requested me to make the race for Mayor assuring me that it was their belief there would be no opposition to me. Am sure this would have been true had there been no likelihood of my having to leave home; but conditions have change since then. It now is practically assured that my Regiment will be ordered out at an early date; so think it best for the city's interests that some one be elected who will remain at home. With heartfelt thanks to my friends who have so faithfully supported me in the past and tendering my services and best wishes to my successor. I withdraw from the Mayor's race and urge the city to unite on Paul Webb and elect him without any opposition.

J. T. GARDNER.

A Fact

Some people's eyes are color blind; can't see a good thing. This leads us to say it is strange every one can't realize that our association is a SAVINGS BANK. Yes, better still, for we pay six per cent interest and you are exempt from paying taxes. If you "tote fair," the money you have on hand must be given very soon. New series, 22nd, opened last Saturday and many have taken stock. Paid-up shares \$72.50 and in six years you will receive \$100. Can you beat this? Geo. P. Webb, secretary and Treasurer. A. C. Miller, president.

NOW IS THE TIME

To build up your System for the summer. If you are rundown, have any Stomach troubles, Can't Sleep, Nervous Feeling, Can't Digest what you eat, poor appetite, Sallow Complexion and Bad Blood we want you to try that medicine that so many are taking, and talking about how much good it is doing them, and see how it will build you up. This medicine is KEN-TONE, THE SYSTEM BUILDER, price \$1.00 bottle, 3 for \$2.50 at Kendall's or Paul Webb's Drug Store. adv.

Program

Rutherford County Barren-Philathea Union, Carolee Baptist Church, April 29, 1917.
2:30 P. M.—Called to order by President. Prayer—Rev. M. B. Clegg. Music—Choir. Reading of minutes of last meeting. Roll call and two minutes report of classes. Quartet—Carolee classes. Address—A. L. Smoot of Salisbury, N. C. Quartet—Cliffside classes. Business. Song. Benediction.

No Morning Service

A telegram to The Star yesterday from Rev. Lee White who is in Charlotte reads, "Announce no service Sunday morning. Service Sunday evening at 8 o'clock."

AN ALLIED WAR COUNCIL TO MEET

FOREIGN COMMISSIONERS ARE COMING FOR CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF WAR ON GERMANY.

Washington, April 11.—Assembly in Washington with a few weeks of a great international war council was foreshadowed by an announcement from the State Department today that a British commission, headed by Arthur J. Balfour, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is expected to arrive within 10 days to discuss with the Government here questions connected with the conduct of the war. In addition to the Foreign Minister, the commission will include Admiral de Chair, of the British Navy, General Bridges, of the Army, and the governor of the Bank of England, attended by a numerous staff.

This was as far as the announcement made by the State Department goes, but it was learned authoritatively that a French commission composed of officials and officers equally as distinguished as the British representatives also will be in Washington about the same time. This commission will be headed by M. Viviani, the present Minister of Justice in the French Cabinet, and formerly Premier.

It is not known definitely whether any other of the Allied Powers will send commissioners to Washington, but it is assumed that, owing to the difficulties in passage and the probable delay, the interests of these Governments will be confided to their resident Ambassadors.

No Details Given

Beyond the statement that the object of the commission is to discuss generally questions of policy connected with the war, no information was given at the State Department. It was made clear that in no way will the United States Government depart from the traditional policy of avoiding anything in the nature of political alliances, though of course, that does not include full and intimate military and naval co-operation in the prosecution of the war.

Government Fixes the Price

A saving of \$18,000,000 in the navy's bill for steel during 1917, and of more than two million in a single order for torpedoes, is represented in price agreements effected with the manufacturers by Secretary Daniels. In the case of the torpedo order, the Secretary brought the manufacturing concern, the E. W. Bliss Company of Brooklyn, to terms by invoking for the first time the new law authorizing the government to set a reasonable price for navy material and compel private plants to abide by them.

The Secretary states that the agreement provides that there is to be no increase in prices over those paid for material used in the 1916 naval programme. These prices are substantially lower than current market prices and it is estimated that they involve a saving of approximately eighteen million dollars on the tonnage required for 1917. Through voluntary agreements the various departments already have saved many times the amount represented in the steel and torpedo agreements.

9,000 Germans Captured

The British offensive between Lens and St. Quentin with which the spring operations have been opened and which is still in progress has proved even more successful than the earlier accounts indicated.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports that Monday's captures exceeded 9,000 men, while 40 guns fell into the hands of his troops.

The Canadians, who had one of the hardest bits of the front to contend with, are now in complete occupation of the famous Vimy ridge, even its eastern slopes having been cleared of Germans. The Canadians also have repulsed German counter attacks.

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