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THE DESERTER.

Charlotte Observer.

Toward the latter days of the Civil War "the deserter" was a much discussed institution in almost every community in the country, and the custom of harboring him by relatives and friends was the cause of much bitter feelings and in a few instances, of tragedies. The hiding places of deserters were darkly hinted at by the people of the neighborhoods, and sometimes these places were raided, but as a general thing the occupant had been warned in time to escape. It sometimes happened however, that the deserter was captured and in such event he was paraded as something worse than a criminal. In the minds of the children there was created a wholesome fear of the deserter and he was a character the women stood in awe of. The present war seems to be producing its quota of deserters an item in the Monroe Enquirer brings reminders of Civil War days. That paper makes the statement that "four Union County men are deserters from the United States Army and are in hiding at or near their homes." The Enquirer says these deserters are being fed, sheltered and befriended, and those who are shielding them know that they are violating the law in doing so. The Enquirer "regrets" that it is called upon to make such a disclosure, but does so from a sense of duty, because "every person who gives aid to these deserters is a disloyal man, and is not only disloyal, but is a violator of the laws."

Those who had argued that the deserter was a product of an unenlightened age and of unintelligent environment will be confounded by the record growing out of the present war. It will not be contended that this is not an enlightened age, or that the environment of the American citizen is not far better than it was half a century and more ago. The deserter now, as in all ages past, is the product of a cowardice born of war. He would rather incur the detestation of his neighborhood and live the life of a horse thief—of an outlaw—than to go forth and fight for his country. We would imagine that the psychologist could want no better subject for the operation of his analytical faculties than is afforded in the deserter and the life he is forced to live. In some neighboring cave, in some old barn, in garret, or outbuilding, he lives in concealment from day to day, like a hunted animal, afraid to venture out in day time, and undertaking forays for food or visit to friendly homes under cover of darkness; nerves strung to the highest tension and his every faculty alert to the slightest possible noise that might indicate the coming of any one of the thousands he is constantly imagining is on his trail. His one ever-present thought is how he may continue to avoid capture while the war is going on. It is doubtful if he ever thinks of the life he must lead when once he emerges from hiding—of how he will be forced to live that life which he has possibly saved only as a deserter could have saved it. But why should not the Man Without a Conscience emerge from hiding and again mingle with the people after the war is over? What would such a man care for the scorn of a community, so long as he could continue to exist with a whole hide? The deserter may live to a good old age—it is of record that some have done so—but he can never outlive the dishonor he brought upon himself or regain the respect he has lost. It has never been of

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

President Wilson Proclaims Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer.

Thursday, May 30, National Memorial Day, has been designated by President Wilson as a day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer. The people of the nation are asked to gather that day in their houses of worship and pray for the victory of the American armies.

The proclamation follows: "Whereas the Congress of the United States, on the second day of April last, passed the following resolution:

"Resolved by the Senate, (the House of Representatives concurring) that it being a duty peculiarly incumbent in a time of war, humbly and devoutly to acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God and to implore His aid and protection, the President of the United States be, and is hereby requested, to recommend a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting to be observed by the people of the United States with religious solemnity and the offering of fervent supplications to Almighty God for the safety of our cause, His blessings on our arms and a speedy restoration of an honorable and speedy peace to the nations of the earth."

"And whereas it has always been the reverent habit of the people of the United States to turn in humble appeal to Almighty God for his guidance in the affairs of their common life.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the thirtieth day of May, a day already freighted with sacred and stimulating memories, a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting, and to exhort my fellow citizens of all faiths and creeds to assemble on that day in their several places of worship and there, as well as in their homes, to pray Almighty God that he may forgive our sins and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts to see and love the truth, to accept and defend all things that are just and right, and to purpose only those righteous acts and judgments which are in conformity with his will, beseeching Him that He will give victory to our armies as they fight for freedom, wisdom to those who take counsel in our behalf in these days of dark struggle and perplexity, and steadfastness to our people to make sacrifice to the utmost in support of what is just and true, bringing us at last the peace in which men's hearts can be at rest because it is founded upon mercy, justice and good will."

Mr. David R. Shearer, who has been for several months in the service of the war department at Dayton, Ohio, has been transferred to Kingsport, Tenn., where he has charge of construction, purchase of materials, supplies, etc., for the million dollar chemical plant now in course of erection at that point.—Lenoir Topic.

Try This For Sour Stomach.
Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly. Eat but little meat and none at all at supper. If you are still troubled with a sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets before going to bed. Adv.

record that he has done that. Certainly, there is nothing that could afford the psychologist a more profoundly interesting subject for study than the life the four Union county deserters are living.

Those Who Save and Have.

University News Letter.

The people who save are the people who have forethought and self-denying power. But most people have neither, and we are beginning to know pretty definitely how large a fraction of population the thrifless represent. They are right around nine tenths of the people of every community and county, state and nation on the globe. Or so various investigations show.

One-tenth of all the people own nine-tenths of all the wealth of the United States, is the statement with which the Federal Commission of Industrial Relations startled the country in 1916.

Just about one-tenth of the people of the United States have taken nine tenths of the Liberty Loan Bonds. Their purchase in Durham represents less than 3 per cent of the population.

Just about nine people of every ten live from had to mouth day by day; with nothing saved and laid away or invested.

Only about one-tenth of the people who die leave property enough to call for an administrator. The business of probate courts concerns the wills of just about one-tenth of the community death roll.

Just about nine men in every ten do not have money enough to bury a dead wife or child without going into debt, said one of the undertakers in Raleigh some years ago.

All of which indicates that just about nine people out of every ten lack the property owning virtues, some one or more or all of them—industry, foresight, self-denial, sagacity, sobriety, and integrity. They are homely virtues, but they are very rare.

Thirty Years Ago Germany Planned to Invade America.

Did you know that more than thirty years ago every student of Military Science in Germany was required to submit a plan for the invasion of the United States, as a part of his training? An American student who is the author of this statement says that you may be sure that there are many well-worked-out plans for the invasion of the United States, reposing safely in the archives of the German General staff, ready for use the moment there is any chance of carrying them out successfully.

Can there be any doubt as to whose war this it is that we are fighting? It is not a war for the defense of France, Belgium, of Italy, but it is our war in defense of our own lives and safety. We cannot longer shut our eyes to the fact that Americans are fighting for America, and the sooner we learn this lesson the better it will be for us.

Forgot What He Needed.
From the Republican, Mt. Gilead, Ohio. The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know. 'What is it you are looking for,' we enquired. 'My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named everything in the line on the shelf except 'Chamberlain's. I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.' The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers. Adv.

The Boys Who Entrain Next Saturday.

Following is a list of the Watauga boys who will leave for military training at Camp Jackson, S. C., on next Saturday:

- John Floyd Warren
- John Oakes
- Charles McCoy Wilson
- Iven Cook
- Stacy Moody
- Robert Castle
- Frank L. Woodring
- Ben Hix
- Wallace Aldridge
- Bun A. Hodges
- Daniel Webster Hutchinson
- Don Thomas
- Bob Shell
- Solomon Townsend
- Thomas Brownlow Reece
- Charles William Taylor
- Robert Lee Calloway
- Walter C. Miller
- Carl Everett Byers
- Daniel William Phillips
- D. H. Eggers
- Willard Edgar Day
- Virgil Grady Carroll
- William Lafayette Cole
- Oscar Cook
- Walter Story
- W. Crockett McNeil
- John Homer Beach
- Charles C. Rogers
- Preston H. Sisk
- Robert Filmore Guy
- Collie Eugene Pearson
- W. G. Francum
- Wesley O. Stephens
- Charlie Isaacs
- Granville Hawkins
- Kenneth Payne
- Jobile Eggers
- Donal Oliver
- Noah Townsend
- George Washington Church
- Albert Henderson Walsler
- Thomas Jefferson Wells
- Arthur L. Jones
- Charlie Watson
- Cornelius Ralmage Hartley
- Alvin Theodore Cannon
- James Warren Vines
- Carl Marion Eller
- Thomas Asbery Weaver

- ALTERNATES**
- William Donnelly Wilson
 - Edward Honeycutt
 - Jasper Lafayette Story
 - Samuel Edward Day
 - John G. Dugger

Farmers Set Apart Fields To Win War.

Recently a request was sent out from State Headquarters to the farmers of the State urging those who had failed to plant "Extra Acres" or "Victory Acres", to dedicate an acre or more already planted to the War-Saving Campaign, and the request emphasized the fact that it was to be one of the best acres that should be given to the cause of winning the war. The farmers have done the big thing, many of them, by going a step further and setting aside whole fields for this purpose. They say that an acre is not enough, and that they are willing to make a greater sacrifice and give whole fields and crops to win the war.

At a recent War-Savings meeting in Wilkes County many farmers pledged themselves to set apart and cultivate fields, of one or more acres, the proceeds of which they will invest in War-savings stamps in the fall.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WATAUGA CO

Blowing Rock: Every Sunday morning 10:30 and 11:

Boone: First and Third Sunday 4:30 p. m.

Shulls Mills: Fourth Sunday 4:00 p. m.

J. N. ATKINS.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Billy Jones

By
WRIGHT A. PATTERSON.

Billy Jones—maybe your son or the son of a neighbor—was in the front line trenches in France when the German bombing party was driven back. His enthusiasm to get the Boches carried him over the top of the trench, and at the edge of No Man's Land a Hun bullet got him.

A comrade—maybe your boy—crawled out into No Man's Land and brought Billy Jones back to the American trenches.

Other comrades carried him back through the maze of trenches to a dressing station, where his wound was cared for.

A medical department ambulance carried him on to the field hospital.

From there Billy Jones was taken to the base hospital, and there a Red Cross nurse—your Red Cross nurse—is tenderly, carefully, smilingly nursing him back to health again so that he may not have to pay the extreme sacrifice that we—that you and I and our neighbors—may enjoy the blessings of freedom.

There are half a million of these boys of ours in France today and more going "over there" every week. They are there to wage the supreme conflict of the world with the brutal forces of autocracy that democracy, our heritage, may not perish.

We want these boys of ours to come back to us, and it is the Red Cross men and women—our Red Cross men and women—who will bring thousands of them back who would not otherwise come if our dollars will but keep them there to minister to these boys of ours. They are but doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

BANK STATEMENT,

Following is the report of the condition of the Watauga County Bank at Boone, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business May 19, 1918.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$270,105.29
Overdrafts Secured	374.06
" Unsecured	658.84
Banking house	2,500.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,000.00
Due from Nat. banks	15,702.88
Due from State Banks and Bankers	471.46
Gold coin,	3,497.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	1,140.91
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	4,373.00
Total	\$300,223.44

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	44,100.00
Surplus fund,	4,410.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and tax paid	6,722.33
Deposits subject to check	117,768.77
Time certificates of dep.,	109,809.06
Savings Deposits,	13,822.73
Cashier's cks. outstanding	3,590.55
Total	\$300,223.44

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, G. P. Hagaman, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. P. HAGAMAN, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
N. L. Must,
W. C. Coffey,
L. A. Greene Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May, 1918.
W. D. Farthing, C. S. C.

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