

BIG SHIP LAUNCHED AT SLIDELL SHIPYARDS ON 24TH

Social Service Committee Shipping Christmas Packages to Boys

CAMPAIGN FOR SALE OF RED CROSS STAMPS FOR T. B. AID

Red Cross Stamps Will Be Sold by Women At Postoffice. WORK IS ONE OF MOST URGENT NEED Appeal Made To All To Assist In This Very Necessary Work

(By Mrs. A. L. Bear.) Eleven of the Women's Organizations of Covington and committees in each ward of the parish have united to make a campaign to sell Red Cross Stamps for the benefit of the Anti-Tuberculosis League, under the leadership of Mrs. Alfred H. Clement, as chairman. A splendid and enthusiastic meeting was held last Monday, and the ladies have decided to establish quarters in front of the postoffice for ten days before Christmas, and so dispose of the stamps, which cost only a penny each. The war is teaching us that to become an efficient nation we must wage battle not only against nations who would trample us under foot, but not only to preserve our rights, but to protect ourselves against insidious disease and unsanitary surroundings. Our love of home and community is the birthplace of that patriotism that gives national strength, and we must protect homes from illness and death by unceasing battle. The chief army of this enemy is tuberculosis, and recruits are sadly needed in the army of relief. The following letter to Mrs. J. C. Burns gives some facts that are interesting and appealing: New Orleans, Nov. 16, 1917. Dear Mrs. Burns:—Reports that are being received from the exemption boards show that from five to twenty-five per cent of the men called for army service through the selective draft have been rejected because of tuberculosis. Thousands of the men who go to the trenches will break down under the terrific strain of intensive warfare, and will fall easy victims to tuberculosis. Thus we are faced to face with a war problem of staggering proportions, demanding immediate and adequate measures of relief. You are in a position to render signal service to this cause. Every loyal member of the Red Cross is being urged by the American Red Cross to co-operate in the sale of Red Cross Stamps. Every parish chairman of the State Council of Defense is asked to co-operate with the Red Cross Chapter and become a member of the Red Cross Seal War Council, so that we may carry the fight into every parish in Louisiana. Aside from the urgency of this question because of the question of the burden that will be imposed upon us on account of the war, we have a civilian population of no less than 50,000 consumptives in Louisiana, and some of these are in daily contact with your loved ones. The presence of these deadly communicable diseases means danger to you and your family. We must redouble our efforts. We must broaden our campaign of education so that every man, woman and child in Louisiana may know how a lingering and perhaps fatal illness from tuberculosis may be avoided. The Red Cross Christmas Seal offers the most effective weapon for the fight. We want to place thousands of these throughout your town and parish, and we want you to help us do it. We are trying to organize every parish. May we count upon you? Very truly yours, T. P. BELL, M. D., Field Secretary.

OFFICERS OF TRAINING CAMP VISIT HOME.

Joe Woods, first lieutenant, and Bryan D. Burns, first lieutenant, reached Covington to spend Thanksgiving with their friends here. They are looking fine and fit. Wouldn't like to be up before them in a bayonet charge or be caught napping in "No Man's Land." Interest in what is being done in the army is evidenced by the close attention to the remarks of these young officers, as they explain by things are done in the trenches and how they are trained to stick a bayonet into dummy Boches so that the point reaches some vital part, and so that it does not go so far in that it cannot be quickly withdrawn. Four inches is enough to do the work right. The boys will be here but a few days, when they will return to work "somewhere."

GERMAN PLANS TO CONQUER U. S. CONSIDERED LONG AGO

Plans of Germany to Strike United States As Far Back as 1901. DR. OTTO HOTSCH SPEAKS IN SUPPORT Story Told In Publication of Committee on Public Information.

"The most dangerous foe of Germany in this generation will prove to be the United States." Dr. Otto Hotsch in Alldeutsche Blatter, Aug. 23, 1902. Hotsch is really speaking here of commercial war, but to him political war was a natural sequence of commercial. Hotsch is professor of history at the royal academy in Posen and at the war academy in Berlin. "Operations against the United States of North America must be entirely different. With that country, in particular, political friction, manifest in commercial aims, has not been lacking in recent years, and has until now been removed chiefly through acquiescence on our part. However, as this submission has its limit, the question arises as to what means we can develop to carry out our purpose with force in order to combat the encroachments of the United States upon our interests. Our main factor is our fleet. \* \* \* It is evident, then, that a naval war against the United States can not be carried on with success without at the same time inaugurating action on land. \* \* \* It is almost a certainty, however, that a victorious assault on the Atlantic coast, tying up the importing and exporting business of the whole country, would bring about such an annoying situation that the Government would be willing to treat for peace. "If the German invading force were equipped and ready for transporting the moment the battle fleet is dispatched under average conditions, these corps can begin operations on American soil within at least four weeks. \* \* \* The United States at this time (1901) is not in a position to oppose our troops with an army of equal rank. \* \* \* The fact that one or two of her provinces are occupied by the invaders would not alone move the Americans to sue for peace. To accomplish this end the invaders would have to inflict real material damage by injuring the whole country thru the successful seizure of many of the Atlantic seaports in which the threads of the entire wealth of the Nation meet. It should be so managed that a line of land operations would be in close juncture with the (Continued on Page 5.)

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A ST. PAUL BOY ON TOPEDOED SHIP SUNK AT SEA

Bennet Ford Said To Be Among Crew of Sunk Vessel. FORMER RESIDENT OF TOWN OF RAMSAY. Well Known Here As Athlete and Student at St. Paul's College.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Sixty-three men are missing in the three unaccounted for boats of the American steamer Actaeon, reported yesterday torpedoed by a German submarine. The navy's official report says one boat with twenty survivors landed at Cape Finisterre yesterday and adds nothing more to published accounts of the sinking. Bennet Ford was one of the crew on the torpedoed steamer Actaeon. He graduated from St. Paul's College in Covington, in 1917. His father is J. W. Ford, formerly an engineer on the Greenlaw Lumber Co.'s road at Ramsay, and is now engineer on the Public Belt road, New Orleans. Bennet Ford joined the navy a year ago. He was quite an athlete and took part in the athletic contests at St. Paul's, and was popular. The news of the sinking of his vessel will be received here with deep regret and anxiety, as the survivors are not named. Young Ford has three brothers in service. William is a captain at the Harvard radio school, Edward is in the Marine Corps, and Daniel is at the Pensacola aviation camp. The Actaeon left New York late in September with supplies and destined to an European port and presumably was making her return trip when sunk. The vessel carried a crew of about 40 men. The vessel was built in Germany in 1909, and was 401 feet long, had a beam of 52 feet with a depth of 32 feet. The following list was given out to Americans aboard the vessel: G. A. Jensen, Ferndale, Cal., and J. A. Atkins, Hood, Cal., wireless operators; Louis R. Carson, cadet officer, Los Angeles; James T. Healey, third assistant engineer, New Orleans; B. Ford, cadet engineer, Algiers, La.; J. Moriarty, oiler, Muskegon, Mich.; R. L. Mander, coal passer, Philadelphia; U. B. Grada, coal passer, Bellhaven, N. C.; E. C. Wallace, messman, Philadelphia; H. Fallon, deck boy, Steubenville, O.; hos. R. Corroero, seaman, no address, born in California; Benjamin Paul, seaman, Philadelphia.

LEWIS MAKES A STATEMENT

(By G. C. Lewis.) To the Public: In the Farmer of a few weeks ago there appeared an article on the editorial page saying something about the welfare of St. Tammany parish and that she had made an exhibit at the New Orleans Fair in which the stuff or exhibits had been thrown down in a heap just as a junk man would handle junk, and also that the sweet potato dry kiln donated by the Great Southern Lumber Co. had been a failure just because no one was there to receive the potatoes, and so on. The article dwelt on efficiency and that the trouble should be looked into and the guilty parties located. I wish to say to the public I am the man who is guilty and at the same time I am going to give my line of defense just as any convicted criminal would do in his statement to the public. I got up a small exhibit to take to the Fair in New Orleans and did most of it myself. God knows that the only help I had as far as getting up exhibits is concerned came from Mrs. H. H. Smith, Mrs. H. J. Smith, Miss Jesse Norman and Mrs. L. Bourgeois. These ladies fixed up their own can goods exhibit and that was the only response I had from my talking and from the notice that I had written in the St. Tammany Farmer. I also give Mr. E. Bachevalain credit for one box of corn. The balance I had to get here and there. No one assisted me, no one brought in their stuff and said come on Lewis and let us do something and take some prizes. I had it all to do. Very well. I took the stuff over to the fair and found that I had to defray all expenses after I got there. The Fair Association here paid the freight over to Terminal station. I had to pay \$4.00 to have same handled to the fair grounds, had to pay (Continued on page 5)

REMOVING WOUNDED ITALIANS IN MOUNTAINS



This photograph just received in this country gives an idea of the difficulties under which the Italian army fought the Austro-German forces on the Gorizia front. The wounded Italian soldier is being removed from a mountain peak position to the dressing station below by means of a cable railway.

BOGALUSA DRY KILN PROFITS THE FARMER

The value of the dry kiln system of storing potatoes is told in the following letter from Bogalusa, where the Great Southern Lumber Co. took the same interest in having one erected as it did in Covington. It shows not only that it is valuable in conserving the potato crop, but that it is advantageous to the farmer in securing a high cash market price for the product. Franklin, La., Nov. 22, 1917. Hon. W. H. Sullivan, Bogalusa, La. Our first car of kiln dried potatoes were shipped today. Brought one dollar and fifty cents per bushel. The farmers of the community wish to thank you and your company for the valuable service given through your dry kilns. (Signed) D. E. SHERIDAN.

WARTIME DEMAND FOR COTTON IS ENORMOUS.

Recent investigations in the use of cotton in war show: A 12-inch gun disposes of a half bale of cotton within very short time. A machine gun in operation will use up a bale in three minutes. In a naval battle like the one off Jutland over 5000 pounds a minute are consumed by each active warship; more than 20,000 bales a year are needed to provide absorbent cotton for the wounds of the injured; one change of apparel for all the troops now engaged in the war represents more than a million bales.

RIVERSIDE FARM MAKES GOOD CROP OF FALL POTATOES.

Mrs. F. B. Kent, of Riverside Farm, near Covington, sends in a sample of very fine fall potatoes. The value of the fall crop is increased by the statement of Mrs. Kent that the yield was even better than the spring crop. This fact makes the fall crop a very valuable one. Irish potatoes are largely a substitute for bread, may be prepared in a variety of ways, and is therefore one of the best crops to help out during the war, as they stand storage well.

MANDEVILLE BRANCH OF THE RED CROSS.

Mandeville was represented at the Louisiana Red Cross Convention November 22 and 23, by Mrs. Jasper E. Lemieux, who brought valuable lessons back to the Auxiliary. The Mandeville Auxiliary has done fine work. Mandeville must stand in the front row. Those who cannot come to the Bank Building can help by taking knitting and sewing home. There is work for all who offer themselves. Let us all show the State that Mandeville is just as big as the other towns and among the first, prepared to do her bit to win the war. There will be a "talk" about the Red Cross at the Women's Progressive Union Hall. Watch for the date. Everybody is invited to attend.

SOLDIERS FROM ST. TAMMANY REMEMBERED CHRISTMAS

Council of Defense Preparing Packages and Needful Things. SOCIAL SERVICE RELIEF COMMITTEE Work That Should Be Appreciated at Home and In Camp.

The Social Service and Relief Committee of the Council of National Defense has been very busy during the past two weeks in raising funds to carry on its good work, and in answering the many appeals that come to it. Up to now there have been only a few cases of financial distress in the homes of our soldier boys, but every day the committee is called upon to relieve some mental anguish. It is only at such a time as this that we can fully realize the illiteracy of our parish, and the pity of it! Grown men and women who are unable to address the packages to their boys or to read their letters—families who do not understand how to go about the simplest form of procedure in obtaining what is justly theirs—boys whose minds are so dark that they cannot understand how to apply for exemption when they really have dependents—It is these people that this committee is a godsend to; they act as secretaries and as a Bureau of Information. They have already sent off 61 Christmas boxes to the men who are in France and those on the high seas, and now are planning to send 150 boxes to the boys who are in training. This committee has made an investigation of the needs and individual tastes of every one of our boys (a task in itself) and they are using the utmost discretion in expending their means. The boys of poor families will receive bountiful boxes, and the fellow who is well off will get just a suitable token of appreciation from this parish, but every boy will get his home newspaper—this is real Social Service. Below is a list of the good people who have contributed since the last report, but there is much more money needed—in a few months there will be dozens of cases of distress. Give what you can spare, but give it quickly. Send your donations to Mr. Harvey E. Ellis, chairman, or direct to Mrs. Arthur L. Bear, secretary, Covington. Mackie Pine Products Co. 10.00 Jos. Brg 15.00 J. D. Cousin 5.00 W. D. Hutchinson 5.00 Through Mrs. W. P. Dinkins and committee: Mrs. Rokenbagen 2.00 Mr. Naines .50 Mrs. Flaroon 2.00 J. W. Green 1.00 (Continued on page 3)

MR. MONK GIVES AN EXHIBITION

The monkey at the New Southern Hotel has been again yielding to its primordial instincts. It is neither a boose fiend nor a dope victim, but it seems to cherish the idea that out-door exercise and freedom from restraint is a right that must be exercised even if it has to maintain its liberty at the cost of punctured skin of human beings. He is not particular where he fastens his fangs, but arms and legs always seem to be in closest proximity when he bears down on his jaws. If he has any preference at all it is for the female flesh. Some time ago he bit a young lady, while a dance was going on. He was captured with great difficulty, an attempt being made to chloroform him in a closed room, which failed, and finally being captured by Dr. Grimmer, his old-time master. Thursday he again gained his freedom. It being Thanksgiving, he attempted to secure a turkey at the Mercader store, but the turkey refused to shake hands with him and he was driven off before he got thoroughly acquainted. Marshal H. Schultz joined in the chase, but Mr. Monk was exceedingly active and climbed fences much faster than the ordinary criminal, and the marshal was distanced. Mrs. Grimmer said he would not bite her and she could catch him. In spite of old acquaintance he bit her on the arm and got loose. He was finally captured by the son of Mr. E. J. LeBlanc, the Hvery man, who did not escape without also feeling the sharpness of its teeth. However, Mr. Monk is again safely housed.

LAUNCHING OF BALTIC III AT SHIPYARDS, SLIDELL

The Largest Vessel That Has Been Turned Out At These Yards. A LINEN SHOWER AT METHODIST CHURCH Local News and Personal Notes of Social Interest.

Slidell, Nov. 29.—Baltic III was launched at the Slidell Ship Building Co.'s yards here on Saturday last. Miss Mary Canulette christened the good ship, which is the largest yet launched at the local yards, and notwithstanding the fact of its being a cold raw afternoon quite a crowd was out to see the boat launched. Mrs. Andrew Canulette was sponsor and on the stand for the officiating party were Mrs. J. A. Mira, Messrs. P. Salmen, W. J. Robinson, Amos. The coast-wise passenger and freight ship Maple, recently launched, is nearing completion and will leave here sometime in the near future. Baltic IV is also progressing nicely and will be launched in about six weeks, and laying of keels for steel ships to be built is going rapidly ahead and the topography of the ship yard has been changed so materially that any one who visited the plant six months ago to see it again today would hardly recognize it as being the same place. A linen shower for the Methodist paragon took place at the home of Mrs. J. C. Dunstan, Mrs. S. Wingo and Mrs. F. A. Adams each gave a reading which was thoroughly enjoyed. Miss Beulah Bourgeois and Mrs. T. J. Eddins rendered selections on the piano. A large quantity of linen was received and dainty refreshments were served by the charming hostess. Mr. W. J. Rankin left on Tuesday for a trip to New York City. Mr. W. J. Sebastian spent Thursday in New Orleans with relatives and renewing old acquaintances. Prof. H. U. Baker, we are advised, ate Thanksgiving dinner in Chicago at a family reunion with his mother. Also visited Gray, Ind., as evidenced by post cards received by all of the faculty. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jenkins spent last week end in New Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Canulette and son, F. W., left today to spend the week end in New Orleans. Mrs. E. F. Hadley and daughter, Miss Salye, spent Wednesday in New Orleans. Miss Sibyl Nehls is home for Thanksgiving and the week end. We regret to report the serious illness of Dr. T. B. Liddle, son of Hon. C. M. Liddle. Dr. Liddle was taken to the Touros Infirmary in New Orleans on Tuesday suffering from pleurisy and was not deemed dangerously sick, but it developed later that an operation would be necessary, after which very little hope of his recovery was entertained; however, another operation was proposed and it is possible Dr. Liddle may be saved. We have also to report the illness of Hon. C. M. Liddle, who has been confined to his room since Wednesday. We note the continued activities of the Red Cross workers, who are having new members joining at every meeting. Also another meeting of the colored auxiliary was held and their organization is well under way and supplies, etc., will be received and issued to them shortly when we hope good accounts of their work will be had. Thanksgiving services were held in the churches as usual. MORGAN & SIMMONS.

HON. LEWIS L. MORGAN AND CITY ATTORNEY J. MONROE SIMMONS HAVE FORMED A CO-PARTNERSHIP IN THE LAW BUSINESS, WITH OFFICES IN THE NEW SOUTHERN HOTEL BUILDING.

Hon. Lewis L. Morgan and City Attorney J. Monroe Simmons have formed a co-partnership in the law business, with offices in the New Southern Hotel Building. Both lawyers are well known in this district. Mr. Morgan having retired from Congress to resume his practice here and Mr. Simmons being Representative from this parish in the State Legislature. Mr. Morgan's business had so accumulated that he felt the need of a partner and Mr. Simmons was considered a valuable connection in forming of the firm. They will practice in this district and the higher and Supreme Court. BIG CHRISTMAS SALE. Paul J. Lacroix is putting on a big Christmas sale, beginning today and lasting until December 24, at which there will be found many bargains that should be taken advantage of.