

FIFTY-EIGHT SOLDIERS IN DRAFT FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Slidell Organizes Community Council of Defense, Thursday, 18th

WAR EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TELL GERMAN FAILURE

Germans Divert Their Attack To Flanders, But Do Not Get Thru.

BLOODY FIGHT AT GIVENCHY

Kaiser Seeks To Annihilate British Army. Americans in Battle.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.
"They shall not pass."
Not glossing over the increasing seriousness of the German offensive on the west front, not making vain boasts, but with unflinching courage and dogged determination, all the allies, French, British, Americans and Portuguese, in France and Belgium, have adopted the Verdun slogan and refuse to let the Huns break through their line. Weary and battered, drenched with gas and explosive shell, pushed back here and there by powerful attacks of massed infantry, greatly outnumbered all along the line, they cling as long as possible to every defensive position and exact a terrible price for every yard of terrain they give up.

Filling to push his way through to Arras, the Kaiser last week turned his attention to Flanders, and after three days of intensive bombardment attacked the British on a 25 mile front of which Arras was the center. In the three days of fierce infantry fighting that followed the Huns shoved back the British and Portuguese line some five miles between Arras and Givenchy, and three miles at the north of the former city. On Thursday the British retired from Arras, which is of little importance as a strategic point and is now but a heap of ruins. They also abandoned several villages but still dominated the battlefield from Messines ridge on the north and Givenchy on the south. The latter place was the scene of the bloodiest fighting, being taken and retaken several times. The British were outnumbered there more than four to one, but defended it splendidly and retained possession of the town, which is situated on high ground. The losses of the Germans here as well as elsewhere were very heavy, and a considerable number of them were captured.

Though the immediate object of the Germans in this sector apparently is to take Bethune, an important center of British operations, and then by a wheeling movement push on to the English channel, their greater purpose, according to prisoners and captured documents, is nothing less than to annihilate the British army. It is expected that the Kaiser will direct his full strength to the accomplishment of this aim and that the battle in Flanders will be considerably extended to the north and continued with desperation.

On the southern front of the German salient the French, at the beginning of the week, withdrew to the west bank of the Aisne river in the Coucy region, thereby rectifying their lines and leaving to the Germans the marshes of the Oise. Since then the enemy have been greatly harassed by the French outposts and have been unable to carry on any operations in the swampy ground. A little further to the west Chateau was the center of furious struggles but up to the time of writing the French had repulsed every attack, and were in possession of the town and the nearby cemetery.

For the present, at least, Arras seems to be safe, though the artillery activity in that sector has been continuous and violent, infantry operations almost ceased during the week.

As has been said, the allies do not seek to minimize the menace in the successes the Huns have gained, but their commanders are as confident as ever that the Kaiser cannot accomplish his aims, and the men in the ranks (Continued on page 3.)

List of Drafted Soldiers for April 26.

Following is the list of white men who are to report in Covington at 10 a. m., April 26, to entrain for Camp Pike:

James L. Koepf, Madisonville.
A. Schwartz, New Orleans.
Theo Fortenberry, Columbia, Miss.
Sam Jenkins, Bush.
Eugene Johnson, Covington.
Arthur J. Phillips, Mandeville.
John Gamble, Slidell.
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MADISONVILLE HAS BIG CROWD AT SPEAKING SATURDAY

The Red Cross, Soldiers and School Children Join In Big Parade.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS HEARTILY APPLAUDED

Demonstration Is One That Should Accomplish Much Good.

While Secretary McAdoo was not able to be present to address the people at Madisonville, last Saturday, there was an immense throng of people there in anticipation of his arrival, and they greeted the speakers who were substituted for Mr. McAdoo with a warmth that showed they appreciated patriotic men and approved their sentiments.

Mr. P. A. Blanchard had worked hard to make the occasion a pleasant one for the people, and while he, as well as the people, were disappointed that Mr. McAdoo could not be present, he saw that the program was otherwise carried out and induced Hon. Paul H. Saunders, chairman of the War Savings Committee of this district; Hon. G. H. Terreberry, president of Louisiana Bar Association and a distinguished lawyer, Major McFurston, Hon. Lewis L. Morgan and Judge Prentiss B. Carter to make addresses, and all were listened to with great interest.

It was a special treat to listen to Major McFurston, because he was with the first Canadians that went to the front and could speak of the war from personal experience. His aggressiveness and confidence in the success of the Allies was an emotional jolt that struck the big audience in the right place, and when he said "Knock hell out of the Germans; knock hell out of them, because they have hell in 'em," he had to hold up his talk for a moment to give the crowd a chance to finish yelling. He started talking again when he said he would like to drive all the Germans into the sea. These remarks followed his account of how his regiment had found seven of its members taken prisoners hanging crucified against the walls of houses, and the memory of these atrocities brought into his tones the bitterness that might be expected from such experiences.

Mrs. P. A. Blanchard and her assistants in the Red Cross and school parade, in which were the soldiers of the shipyard, preceded by their excellent band, are entitled to credit for the fine demonstration in New Orleans which arrived on the boat. A very pretty incident of the gathering was the Covington Red Cross in nurse costume on the big truck and trailer of the Covington Grocery & Grain Co., put at service by Mr. E. J. Domergue. The sight was so attractive as to call comment from Mr. Terryberry while speaking. They rode all the way from Covington, standing, and remained so throughout the speaking.

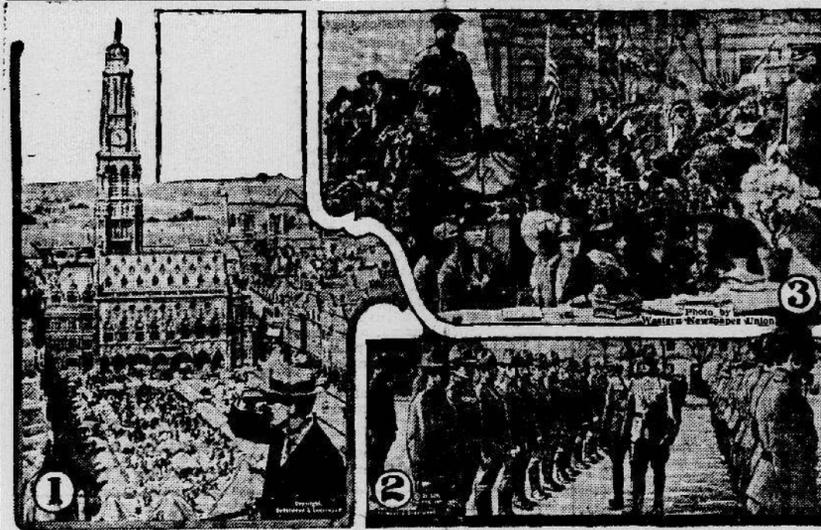
Many people who turned back when they heard that Mr. McAdoo would not be present expressed regret that they had done so, when they learned of the excellent speaking and the great amount of information that had been gained by those present. Nobody in the big audience could have refused to buy Liberty Bonds or failed to be in sympathy with the different war movements, after listening to what was said.

Farmers Urged To Plant All They Can

While I urge every farmer to plant all he possibly can, I find that the tendency is to take in too much land and plant corn on ill-prepared soil. In my visits to farmers this week these facts are more deeply impressed on me than ever. The mule power and proper tools are not there, to say nothing of the lack of fertilizers. Plowing among stumps, year after year, is heart-breaking work, and in my opinion nothing is gained. A better crop and more of it could be raised with more intensive work. One acre of corn, properly prepared, can produce as much as five acres otherwise, and that stump land can be used to plant a few hills of corn and velvet beans for winter food.

When too much is undertaken the crop suffers by not having time to cultivate it at the right time. Loss of the crop will result by allowing the corn to become weedy, middles hard, loss of moisture in drouth by not keeping a dust mulch over the

INTERESTING INCIDENTS OF THE WAR IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN FRANCE BY WAR ARTISTS



1—Market square and town hall of Arras, which city the Germans tried to take from the British. 2—General Pershing inspected a detachment of his stalwart troops in France. 3—Guy Empey speaking for the Liberty loan in City Hall square, New York.

SOUTHERN NOW IN CHARGE OF DR. MAYLIE

People of Covington, commercial men and those who have been regular guests of the New Southern Hotel, will be glad to learn that Dr. A. G. Maylie is now in charge of it. Everybody who knows the Doctor will appreciate the fact that there is hustling energy and conscientious work behind his announcement that the hotel shall not only be a comfortable resort but one in which thorough sanitation must prevail. Also, it is to be run strictly as a hotel; no side lines.

The first proof that the hotel will meet the requirements of the public is that immediately upon assuming the management Dr. Maylie started a thorough renovation. Everything is clean and sweet. New furnishings have been ordered to take the place of those things discarded, and if you interview guests you will find they are pleased. Furthermore, the Doctor seems pleased. The hotel was so crowded Wednesday that some had to be turned away.

The Southern is the finest hotel in the state, taking any town nearly the size or in fact double the size of Covington. It has been claimed that the hotel is too fine for a town the size of Covington, but it is not too large or fine if it can be kept full, and we believe when the public learns that Dr. Maylie is watching over the comfort of his guests and will provide the conveniences that are so much appreciated, that there will be no rooms vacant.

BASEBALL.

The Slidell baseball team defeated the swift team of Battery 2 of the 64th Artillery, at the Slidell baseball park Sunday afternoon by the score of 5 to 0.

The game was very clean from beginning to end, being much closer than the score would indicate.

Vogel and Cazelot, of the home battery, did exceptionally well. Byrd, outfielder, made a fine showing.

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LIBERTY LOAN SUBSCRIBERS, SUM RAISED

Following are the amounts, by wards, as received up to Thursday morning:

Ward One	\$18,000.00
Ward Two	none
Ward Three	58,500.00
Ward Four	17,850.00
Ward Five	800.00
Ward Six	4,100.00
Ward Seven	20,150.00
Ward Eight	none
Ward Nine	56,000.00
Ward Ten	14,300.00
Total	\$189,700.00

The allotment for St. Tammany parish was \$112,000.00.

Following are the names of the subscribers from the different wards, handed in up to date:

Ward Three.
Committee—E. G. Davis, chairman; John L. Haller, Elmer E. Lyon. Subscribers—John L. Haller, T. M. Burns, E. G. Davis, C. G. Segond, Paul Herber, C. T. Bradley, Frank Patecek, C. L. Richard, Jas. V. Connaughton, F. P. Marsolan, A. J. Planche, F. C. FitzSimons Grocery Co., J. B. Chrestia, Philip Burns, J. C. Burns & Co., Inc., Clarence Smith, E. M. LeBlanc, Paul Laborde, Jr., W. C. Grant, Paul J. Lacroix, Albert David, Catherine Perbos, Albert Perbos, Henry E. Hagen, V. H. Frederick, R. H. Dutsch, M. Lacroix, Geo. Galendard, A. Sawaya, Mike Sawaya, H. Hoehn, Joe Federico, C. O. Hendricks, Grace M. Watkins, Jas. Smith, J. D. Lambert, Emily Galmitche, Mrs. Preston Burns, Henrietta Badoon, Elmer E. Lyon, Miss Jeanne Abadie, Xavier Frey, Jos. Delery, Martha Williams, Felix Bachemin, Jr., Mrs. A. Dunn, Theresa R. Tolson, Mrs. Martha E. McMahon, G. H. Kent, Mrs. A. Labat, Albert Rockenschuh, Whit Riggs, Mrs. Caroline, Henrietta Alexius, Miss Leonora O. Alexius, Mrs. Renie S. Bear, Miss Anna Driscoll, St. Joseph's Abbey, St. Paul's College, D. H. Mason, St. Tammany Bank & Trust Co., Covington Bank & Trust Co., J. M. Aouelle, Robt. L. Aubert, C. W. Alexius, Mrs. C. W. Alexius, A. P. Alexius, Robt. Badoon, Dunlap J. Baker, E. H. Barringer, A. Beaucaudray, John Blow, L. M. Bourgeois, T. E. Brewster, Claude Brown, Rev. John Berger, A. Sidney Burns, W. A. Burris, Dan Bush, Covington Grocery & Grain Co., Miss H. Domergue, E. J. Domergue, Mrs. J. A. Domergue, Leo S. Domergue, Mrs. G. H. Dufore, W. A. Fauntleroy, Ben Pontan, Mr. DeBonne, C. S. Fredrick, A. Gabriel, Dr. H. E. Gaytrean, Frank Gordine, Dr. A. H. Grimmer, Oliver J. Hebert, J. H. Heintz, Fred J. Heintz, Elias Halk, Mrs. J. J. Hinkle, W. H. Kentzel, J. D. Kerr, Loretta Kirk, Robt. Kirk, Mrs. R. G. Kirk, Mrs. Jos. Koffler, Mrs. Kate Kramer, James T. Lacroix, Paul J. Lacroix, Jr., Alvera Lacroix, Mercia M. Lacroix, Pearl Julia Lacroix, Thomas Lacroix, M. Lacroix, E. S. Levy, H. A. Mackie, Daniel Mahoney, A. T. Martindale, Michael A. Martin, L. E. Menestre, E. R. Moses, M. Mercadel, W. Minkler, Walter D. Molloy, G. P. Molloy, Mrs. V. A. Monleon, L. E. Morgan, Mrs. Jas. Mullally, Mrs. S. J. Newman, S. J. Newman, Mrs. J. E. Patrick, Louis F. Paschon, Harry Piquet, C. M. Poole, Ruby M. Reeder, E. V.

GOVERNMENT IS AFTER CLEWS OF THE ENEMY PROPAGANDA

Asks That Every Citizen Loyal To Government Should Aid.

INFORMERS NAMES TO BE KEPT SECRET

All Suspicious People To Be Watched and Reported To Headquarters.

Charleston, S. C. April 19, (Special to St. Tammany Farmer.)—It has come to the notice of this office that many people fail to report suspicious and disloyal acts or manifestations of sympathy for the enemy, because of uncertainty as to the proper official to approach.

It is very important that the Government should have the assistance of all citizens in detecting enemy propaganda or suspicious activities of individuals, and you will do a service in notifying all people that any communication addressed to "Intelligence Officer, Headquarters Southern Department, Charleston, S. C." will receive attention and be transmitted to the proper official of the Government for investigation. The names of the informants will not be divulged and there need be no fear, on the part of anybody, of getting into trouble in case suspicious prove to be unfounded.

Informants should indicate the nature and source of their information, as well as the time and place.

Big Crowd Receives War Relic Train In Covington and Slidell.

The War Relic Train of the United States Government was received by an immense throng in Covington, last Tuesday, said to be one of the biggest crowds that has greeted it. St. Tammany parish was complimented for going over the top in the Third Liberty Bond drive. One of the most interesting things was the demonstration of the Lewis gun, which weighs 28 pounds and shoots 700 shots per minute. The demonstrator was quite humorous, aside from being instructive, and kept the crowd laughing.

The rain made it rather disagreeable, and from 3 to 5 o'clock was not nearly sufficient time for the immense throng to pass through the cars.

Slidell also turned out a very large crowd and entertained the men in charge royally.

NEW RULES FOOD COMMISSION TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

All Parishes Asked To Report Eligible Firms Not Licensed.

PROFITS LIMITED NOT SPECULATIVE

Sale of Wheat Discouraged Until New Crop Comes In.

New instructions being issued this week to the Food Administrators all over the state, make plain a number of points which have not been thoroughly understood. Retailers are defined as those who do no wholesale business whatever. All the parishes are asked to report any eligible firms which have failed to secure licenses. The license system is intended to accomplish three principal objects. These are to limit prices to reasonable profit and forbid speculative profits from a rising market; to keep all food commodities moving direct and speedily to the consumer; and to limit future dealings and deliveries. Specific profits are fixed as to some foods. On sugar 25c per hundred pounds is permitted between the refinery and the retailer, and the retailer's margin must not exceed 10c per pound. On flour, the wholesale profit is 60c to 70c per barrel, retail 80c to 1.20 per barrel, and not exceeding 10c per pound in less than original packages. The wholesale profit on extra goods must not exceed 75c per barrel. Other food and feed profits must not exceed the pre-war profits without regard to the market or replacement value at the time of sale. Sugar can be sold to the retailer in quantities not exceeding one thousand pounds, and the retailer is confined to five pounds in towns and ten pounds in the country. Extra amounts of sugar are not allowed for preserving purposes. Wheat flour should be sold on a basis of six pounds per person per month, including bread, macaroni, crackers and everything else, with not more than 25 pounds at a time in towns and 50 pounds in the country. Wheat flour wholesale or retail, must be sold only with equal quantities of substitutes. All food and feed commodities are placed upon a basis of 30 days requirement. The sale and consumption of wheat flour should be discouraged and suspended until flour from the new crop of wheat can be obtained. Advertising flour and sugar is against public policy during the present national crisis. Monday and Wednesday in each week, and one meal on each of the other days, must be wheatless. Bakers should not use more than 75 per cent wheat flour in their bread. Hoarding is defined as keeping on hand more than normal quantities, and in excess of 30 days supply.

To the People of the Parish of St. Tammany:
The sale and consumption of wheat flour should be discouraged and suspended until flour from the new crop of wheat can be obtained.

Resales within the same trade without reasonable justification, especially if tending to result in a higher market price to the retailer or consumer, will be dealt with as an unfair practice.

Advertisements.
All advertisements, including display cards in the store, intending to induce the consumer to increase his purchases of flour and sugar during the present national crisis, are positively against public policy, and should be discontinued.

Wheatless Days—Monday and Wednesday of each week and one wheatless meal in every day. On "wheatless days" and in "wheatless meals," of other days, use no crackers, pastry, macaroni, breakfast foods or other cereal foods containing wheat. As to bread, if you bake it at home use other cereals than wheat, and if you buy it, buy only War Bread.

Bakers should use not exceeding seventy-five per cent wheat flour and not less than twenty-five per cent wheat flour substitutes.

Hoarding—Wholesalers, retailers and consumers should keep on hand food and feed commodities only in quantities equal to the ordinary times, and not exceeding thirty days' requirements.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN L. HALLER,
Federal Food Administrator for St. Tammany Parish.

SLIDELL STARTS A COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

Large and Representative Crowd Enthusiastic in Undertaking.

PROMINENT CITIZENS PROMISE RESULTS

Patriotic Association Merged and Funds are Turned Over.

E. G. Davis, chairman of the Parish Branch Council of Defense; Mrs. A. L. Bear, chairman Liberty Loan Committee; Mrs. J. C. Burns, chairman Women's Council of Defense, and Mr. A. L. Bear, went to Slidell, Thursday afternoon, to help organize a Community Council of Defense in that place. The meeting was held in the school auditorium. Dr. Griffith presided and introduced the Covington speakers, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Bear and Mr. Bear. All made excellent talks, but Mr. Bear's address was of unusual interest and was delivered in a manner that held his audience throughout the entire discourse. Mr. Bear is also somewhat of a humorist, and he added greatly to the interest and enjoyment of the meeting.

Slidell is one of the most patriotic towns in the parish and does things in a business way that counts for success. The meeting was attended by the men and women workers in the patriotic cause. The meeting was representative, and it may be counted that the Community Council of Defense will do things that will benefit the cause. In organizing this Community Council, Slidell merged the Patriotic Council, which had funds to the amount of \$300, and which had done much for the care of needy families of soldiers. The Mayor and Mr. Salmen, in their talks, pledged the work of the town in the name of the people, and there is no doubt of the earnestness of their desire that Slidell shall continue to do its part—and more than its part.

A collection of \$60.40 was taken up by the Finance Committee. It is also of interest to note that an appeal was made to the women to see that their husbands did not shirk their patriotic duty in the building of ships needed to carry our soldiers at the front. It was stated that out of a force of 600 men 125 were frequently absent from work. It was urged that home influence be brought to bear in securing more steady labor.

Slidell has a Vigilance Committee of twenty-seven men. It is a part of their duty to see that there are no idlers. They are attending to this duty, and also doing other things that help to keep up the morale of the community.

Knights Columbus To Entertain

On Saturday, April 27th, at eight o'clock p. m., the Knights of Columbus will offer an elaborate evening entertainment for the benefit of their War Fund.

Mr. R. Emmett Kennedy, well known among the cultured classes of New Orleans for his remarkable talent as a musician and interpreter of classic negro songs and stories, has been engaged along with other entertainers, whose names will be announced later.

In order that everybody will be fully entertained at the reception, the Knights have decided to open with a musical program for the first hour of the evening which will be followed by cards and dancing for the balance of the time.

They are being assisted in the conduct of their program by the Daughters of Isabella. The whole affair being planned primarily as the patriotic event of the season. No tickets will be sold, but all patriotic citizens who can be reached by special invitation or otherwise will be urged to be present and the general admission of fifty cents will be taken up at the door.

The K. of C. War Work is conducted on the same plan and for the same purpose as the Y. M. C. A., and it is charged in addition with the spiritual care of about forty per cent of the soldiers and sailors now in the service of the Government. It is established on the same non-sectarian basis as the Y. M. C. A., and is a part and parcel of the Government's plan to maintain the happiness and good spirit of the American troops at home and abroad, as well as to preserve to the boys the high standard of christian morality.