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BADGE FOR FOOD MAKERS.



A headline says "Mexico MAY Find Herself Short of Cash." Well, we HAVE found ourselves.

One line we could just keep standing in the composing room is "Russians Are Retreating."

We are led to believe that every part of South Carolina must now be interested in Red Cross work, since seven Winnsboro has organized.

A Spartanburg man recommends "that we treat the soldier in uniform with courtesy." What treatment does he recommend for the soldiers not in uniform?

In all probability sickness will increase at a terrible rate in South Carolina along about next December.

No matter how much food we have raised, our efforts are all wasted unless we conserve the perishable products.

We haven't thus far been able to reconcile ourselves to meatless days but we are strong for the heatless ones.

Its easy to tell when a man's wife goes away. The poor fellow then gets a chance to come up town at night.

Lots of folks who never knew that what the stuff tasted like are beginning to make the acquaintance of grape-juice and buttermilk.

If the government can't or won't handle disloyal citizens South Carolina can very easily form another Ku Klux Klan and then the job will be promptly done.

Advertising special rates in Southern newspapers for the trip to the Grand Army of the Republic reunion is our idea of love's labor lost on the part of the railroads.

The Spartanburg Herald speaks of what "a white gentleman" said to a "colored gentleman." If we had anything to do with that paper we would have one reporter up on the carpet.

PALMETTO BOYS GOING.

According to a recent official announcement of the War Department, the South Carolina Engineers will be included in the next force sent to France. This announcement will bring sadness to many homes, yet on the other hand it will certainly awaken a feeling of pride. The Engineering companies in this State are made up of the flower of young manhood of South Carolina. Almost every member of the three companies comes from a cultured home and practically all the young men in our engineering corps are well educated. They have sacrificed lucrative and responsible positions to answer their country's call. All South Carolina will expect these boys to make a name for themselves and they will not be disappointed. We salute the South Carolina Engineers.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

Probably the heads of the colleges in this part of the country know more about how to conduct their institutions than do those of us engaged in other occupations, but at the same time it seems to us that all this talk about dropping college athletics because of the war is nothing but plain foolishness. Most certainly hundreds of young men will go to college this fall, just as they have in years gone by, and they will need the athletics to keep them in trim. It appears to us that baseball, football and tennis, along with other college games, will do much to train the young men in a physical way and when they are called for army service later on they will already be able to stand up under more severe work than will those who have had no such training. We fail to see why any college should abandon athletic pursuits this year.

IT WASN'T IN LANCASTER.

There was an old geezer and he had a lot of sense. He started up a business on a dollar eighty cents. The dollar for stock and the eighty for an ad brought him three lovely dollars in a day, by dad.

Well, he bought more goods and a little more space, and he played that system with a smile on his face.

The customers flocked to his two-by-four, and soon he had to hustle for a regular store. Up on the square, where the people pass, he gobbled up a corner that was all plate glass. He fixed up the windows with the best that he had and told them all about it in a half page ad.

He soon had 'em coming and he never, never quit, and he wouldn't cut down on his ads one jot. And he's kept things humming in the town ever since, and everybody calls him the Merchant Prince.

Some say it's luck, but that's all bunk—why, he was doing business when the times were punk.

People have to purchase, and Geezer was wise—for he knew the way, to get 'em was to advertise.

THE WORKERS AT HOME.

That the winning of the present war is largely dependent upon the efforts of the people at home is the statement made by the National Service Handbook, just issued by the United States government. The volume points out that the efforts of the army will go for naught if the army of workers at home fail to do their duty.

Perhaps the most important military lesson we can learn from the allies' three years of warfare is that the battles of this war will be won, in a large part, behind the lines. However well trained may be the army in khaki, its effectiveness will be intimately dependent upon the effectiveness of the civilian army at home. The ununiformed divisions of education, industry, agriculture, and social service, although their duties are less spectacular, are no less pivotally important than the divisions on the fields of France. Even a million men in the field will mean little with a sluggish 99,000,000 at home. With an organized country behind the army, we are literally mobilizing a force of a hundred million for victory.

PUNY EXCUSES WON'T DO.

The news coming from Washington that there is to be a general tightening up as regards exemptions from military service will be pleasing to most people in the country. It became evident a few days after the Selective Conscription act was passed that there would be many attempts on the part of young men to escape army service and for a time it appeared that so many loopholes had been left that many of them would succeed. Under recent rulings of the Provost Marshal, however, these loopholes in many instances have been closed. The mere fact that a man has a wife will not excuse him and if the parents of the husband or wife agree to support the wife during the duration of the war, then that man will have to go and this is as it should be. The mere fact that a man is engaged in agricultural pursuits, if there be others to take up his work, will not excuse him. The fact that a business can be conducted by only one man, unless this business is necessary to the government, will not excuse that man from service.

As pointed out by Provost Marshal General Crowder, this exemption law is framed for the good of the government and not for the good of an individual. If we are to win this war, that same rule will have to prevail throughout and the good of the individual cannot be considered until after the good of the government has been given first place. The slacker is beginning to find out that he not only owes allegiance to his country, but must pay that allegiance.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Need "Get-Up-and-Get."
Many men would be bossing other men today if they only had energy enough to spur up the ability they have.—Rock Hill Record.

One Good Reason.
The principal objection to the plan to standardize woman's dress is that the thing can't be done and we're too busy now to waste time on the impossible.—News and Courier.

Long-Suffering People.
The country has passed through the ordeal of the food bill discussion and now faces the wrangle on the war tax bill. Truly we are a long suffering people.—Spartanburg Journal.

Cherokee Celebrates.
The next big thing on the program, so far as Cherokee is concerned, is, as Watson Bell calls it, the "She Talker." Well, we expect there will be a lot of it next week.—Gaffney Ledger.

A Skippy Living.
A married man who is within the age limit has a slim chance of escaping service if his wife has any visible means of support. And it looks like they will soon figure that a man can send back \$25 per month which will be sufficient for her to live on.—Greenwood Journal.

Would Attract Notice.
A lynching bee with the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and four or five United States Congressmen and Senators as the principal attraction would be something that we would crawl from here to Washington to see.—Lancaster News. The road would be full of would-be spectators.—Camden Chronicle.

Not For the Privates.
At any rate it is to be hoped that by association with the French army the American soldiers will learn democracy in place of the snobocracy that was borrowed from the British.—Florida Times-Union. That is not a lesson needed by the American soldiers but by the officers in the American regular army.—Greenville Piedmont.

Chester Making Progress.
The campaign of sidewalk building that the city council has been carrying on for the past three years, and which is now at its height, is one of the best things ever undertaken in Chester—most fruitful of results to the entire community—and we trust there shall be no let-up until every street in Chester has a permanent sidewalk on one side at least.—Chester Reporter.

And Why Not This?
Often enough in the Berlin communiques one reads a sentence somewhat like this: "Lieutenant Kippellmann brought down his fourteenth enemy airplane today." But somehow one has omitted to notice, if it ever appeared, some such statement as this after an air raid on London: "Lieutenant Schersternhorst killed his thirteenth child and his nineteenth woman today, in addition to destroying a school house with a well placed bomb."—Columbia State.

We Thank You, Ed.
Watson Bell, who has been conducting the Lancaster News for about eight months, has accepted the position of editor of the Spartanburg Journal. Mr. Bell is no stranger to journalism in the "City of Success," having served as sporting editor of The Journal and city editor of The Herald. The fact that he is to go back as editor of The Journal is evidence of his ability. The Ledger regards Watson as one of the best equipped newspaper men in South Carolina. The Ledger is especially proud of the young man, because it was in this establishment he received his first journalistic lessons.—Gaffney Ledger.

Pretty Good Authority.
There are two other men in this country besides Woodrow Wilson who have filled the office of president of the United States—both of the political party opposed to Wilson—Wm. H. Taft, one of the kindest of men in the world and withal a man of exalted patriotism and great ability, and notoriously of a judicial mind; the other Theodore Roosevelt, who, whatever else may be said of him, is one of the ablest men this country has ever produced, and is without question a true patriot. Both of these men are heart and soul for the war, because they believe it is a just and righteous war.—Newberry Observer.

What Will United States Do to Meet Wartime Tuberculosis Problem?

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One of the tragic conditions in Europe at the present time is the unusual prevalence of tuberculosis among the soldiers and the civil population; and one of the signal mistakes on the part of the warring nations was that none of them foresaw or made preparations for this calamity. It could have been prevented to a large extent by the exclusion of tuberculous persons from the army through more careful examinations of recruits and by protecting persons with tuberculous tendencies from the tremendous physical and mental stress of modern warfare. It could have been ameliorated by the provision of hospital and sanatorium facilities, the development of an extensive dispensary and visiting-nurse service, the creation of farm colonies and by keeping intact, instead of dissipating, the existing agencies for fighting this important modern war disease.

With these things neglected, tuberculosis now actually threatens to decimate France. Its ravages in Belgium are horrible. Austria-Hungary, Russia, Italy and Germany are feeling the acute sting of the white plague, and England, although better prepared than all the rest, is finding tuberculosis an enormous wartime problem.

France is now struggling under the burden of a half-million of her people crippled by the wounds of battle and another half-million suffering from active tuberculosis. Of her soldiers, 100,000 have been returned actively tubercular, and France, now working frantically, hopes to have 15,000 sanatorium beds by the end of the year to care for these consumptives. Belgium has seen her actively tuberculous population increased between 100 and 200 per cent in the past two years.

What will the United States, with facilities for the care of tuberculosis hopelessly inadequate in times of peace—what will the United States do to meet her wartime tuberculosis problem?

SONG OF A SUMMER NIGHT

'Midst gloom profound
You hear the sound
Of one mosquito
Buzzing round.

No swarm or fleet,
But one lone skeet,
Who feels that it is
Time to eat.

Your teeth you set
And breathe a threat
To wit: "Old top, I'll
Get you yet."

You sit upright
And light the light,
But no mosquito
Is in sight.

So you assume
That further gloom
Will lure the scoundrel
To his doom.

You douse the glim
And in the dim
And velvet darkness
Wait for him.

Again the strain
Of his refrain
About your ears
Shrills clear and plain.

You swat and swat,
But he is not
Alighting on the
Swatted spot.

But when you doze
To your repose
He sinks his fangs
Into your nose.

Or finds a patch
Upon your thatch
That's very hard to
Reach and scratch.

You wake and swear
And swat the air,
But the mosquito
Is not there.

And so all night,
Bite after bite,
He gushes his horrid
Appetite.

Until the gray
Dull dawn of day,
When, filled and calm,
He goes his way.

Wise men maintain
That it is plain
That the mosquito
Has no brain.

But for our size,
Were we as wise
And half as wide
Between the eyes

We all would be
As keen, would we,
As Bonaparte or
Old John D.

—New York World.

EMPTY



Present Hour Is the Greatest in History For Women of the World

By MRS. RAYMOND ROBINS
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Wonderful as this hour is for democracy and labor, it is the greatest hour in history for the women of the world.

After centuries of discrimination women are coming into the labor and festival of life on equal terms with men. Woman's labor in the field feeds the soldiers on the firing line. Woman's labor in factories and mills feeds the cannon in the trenches. Woman's labor in shops and stores feeds the homes of Europe.

Canada, Russia, America, and even England will have an enfranchised womanhood when this war is over.