

NEED FOR TOBACCO GREATER THAN EVER

"Sun" Fund Gives Opportunity for Those at Home to Do Their Bit.

SOLDIERS WRITE THANKS American Smokes Welcomed by Our Men in the Fighting Zone.

With a terrific struggle in progress on the French front, the Hun fighting desperately to drive back the valiant defenders of humanity, contributors to the Sun Tobacco Fund cannot but rejoice that they are playing even a small part in the war against autocracy and in defense of civilization.

America's own troops are not now deeply engaged in the most serious of the fighting, but the despatches from the battle area emphasize the certainty that before long they too will be at the death grips with the enemy in the positions in which they have had a part they have borne themselves gloriously and nobly doubt for a second time in the future fighting they will cover themselves with the loved ones and their country with honor.

It is at times like these that the individual realizes best his own weakness, his helplessness, it is hard for any one thousands of miles from the firing line to believe that he is rendering any real service and the feeling of impotency is not a comforting one.

Two brief postcards which have just reached the office express the deep gratitude of some of the men into whose possession good old American smokes have come. Writing to a fund donor whose address is "Unknown Friend," First Lieut. Leo D. Maloney of Headquarters Company, Sixteenth Infantry, says:

"A few lines thanking you kindly for tobacco received by the boys in this platoon. The task of expressing the appreciation of the members of this platoon is beyond me. But you may be sure you are a friend in the hearts of the men."

"That last sentence is sufficient to convince every contributor that he is indeed doing something to help win this war. To gain something so thoughtful, thoughtful, the friendship of the brave lads who are risking their very all for country and right is worth a lot."

"To another donor Private H. R. Child of United States Base Hospital No. 9, 5th Avenue in France, writes:

"The package of cigarettes I received through your kindness has no equal in value. Please accept by most warm thanks for the gift. We are helping to make the fellows happier, to convince them that we are thinking about them and loving them, that, although physically separated, we are with them heart and soul."

"The Measure of Generosity." So much, then, for the assurance that every person who is contributing to the fund is doing something to help win this war. But every contributor who actually requires for his bare necessities.

There is no half way business about the service of our fighting men over there. They can "afford" to do what they are doing. They are offering life itself on the altar of liberty and humanity. Only such as they and the mothers, the wives, the sweethearts, who heart will be broken if they fail, should be privileged in these times to breathe the word "sacrifice."

If you have given a dollar to the fund you have done well, unless you could have spared \$10. If you have contributed \$50 you have rendered a good service, unless you are a millionaire. We are aware of any of us doing our best unless we are doing all that we can do. The fund's total is pressing hard against the \$250,000 mark this morning. The fund's total must continue to mount higher and yet higher.

An Uncommon Opportunity. An uncommon opportunity is afforded this very day to render a double war service. As has been announced in these columns several times, the Schulte cigar stores will give a per cent of the profits from the sale of the Sun Tobacco War Fund. It would be superfluous to dwell at length upon the worth of the project for which the Knights of Columbus are expected to furnish the number of smokers to be employed by the fellows at the front. Thus, without lessening in the slightest degree his contribution to the "Catholic War Fund," he will be assisting the Sun Tobacco Fund also. The two funds are the best of friends. Each seeks to promote the well being of the soldiers. You can help both today.

An Important Event. One of the leading musical events of this week will be the concert of Florence Nelson, lyric soprano, and Sergeant David Hochstein, tenor, at the 20th Infantry Club, in the ballroom of the Waldorf at 8:15 o'clock to-morrow night. Miss Nelson will sing groups of selections, songs of the "Catholic War Fund" and songs by American composers, appearing in costumes appropriate to each group. Sergeant Hochstein has selected his numbers from the works of Schubert, Bach, Chopin, Tchaikowski, Glazounov, Dvorak and Wieniawski. As the concluding number of the programme Miss Nelson will sing "By the Waters of the Minnetonka,"

LATE ADJOURNMENT IS HOPE OF DRYS

Local Option Elections in Thirty-nine Cities Will Have Big Bearing.

COMPROMISE CONSIDERED Proposal to Permit Sale of Light Wines and Beer Meets Favor.

Special Despatch to The Sun. ALBANY, March 24.—Prohibition remains the one important question to be solved by the Legislature. The Anti-Saloon League does not expect that the Federal prohibition amendment will be ratified if the Legislature adjourns before the local option elections in thirty-nine cities of the State to be held on April 16.

The expectation all along has been that the Legislature would adjourn during the first week in April, and the Assembly adopted a resolution providing for final adjournment on Friday, April 5. Unless the unforeseen happens the Senate may provide for final adjournment April 12 or 13, although there is a possibility of adjournment being delayed until the following week.

A fervent prayer was breathed by all New York yesterday that God might steady the British lines against the fierce onslaught of the enemy. In places of worship of all denominations this was the prayer of Palm Sunday. Priests and ministers and rabbis who occupied pulpits yesterday, conscious of the momentous importance of the struggle now raging in France, made it the theme of most of the sermons.

The Rev. Dr. John Henry Jowett in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church asked worshippers there yesterday morning to pray for the British and allied forces, especially for the men of New York who may soon feel the force of the big German hammer.

At the Church of the Heavenly Rest the Rev. Dr. A. C. Cummins of Poughkeepsie said the American line will hold, and that Hindenburg is wrong when he says a victory will bring a German peace. He has studied American history too poorly.

Services in Trinity Church marked the beginning of a week of prayer for the success of Americans in battle. The Rev. Dr. Froehner compared the Germans to the multitude who failed to understand the spirit of the age. He said that the hinges on the present battle, said the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn.

"On this Sunday things are being done in this country that are not being done elsewhere," he said. "Everything of the future hangs in the balance. We must win this battle or the next one, or else there must be a man to tell how we are to be victors in France, or America, or to tell how we lost it."

The second coming of Christ was predicted by Dr. J. M. Holden of the First Baptist Church of the City of New York, Seventh-ninth street. He said the signs of the times proclaim the need and necessity of the Lord's return.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, the Rev. Dr. J. M. Holden said that the German Socialist party had taken a wrong turn in its policy. This, he said, was due to the fact that the social democratic struggle in Germany is essentially a class struggle. It dreams of world power of the nation and thus welcomes even militarism, if that will ultimately place the power sought in its hands.

The proletariat of Germany, which the entire is materialized in its arms, he said. "The Bolsheviks within their country to their class aims. Russia will be a political democracy before she can ever become a social democracy."

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Men who talk of the brotherhood of man and ought to be silent, said Dr. Joseph Silverman in the course of a patriotic sermon in the Temple Emanuel, Fifth avenue and Forty-third street. This is a time for military, he said, and that is not incompatible with religious teaching. Russia furnishes the best example of the results of the doctrine "Peace at any price," he pointed out.

The Rev. John Haynes Holmes in a sermon delivered in the Church of the Messiah, Park avenue and Thirty-third street, said that the Allies are morally stronger than they ever were. Whatever they have lost through Russia's collapse they have more than gained by America's entry into the war. The clear moral issues which mankind is confronted.

TO PUSH UTILITY INQUIRY. Senator Brown Has Not Given Up Hopes for Bill. Special Despatch to The Sun. ALBANY, March 24.—Elihu B. Brown, State Senator of Watertown, Republican leader of the upper branch of the Legislature, will make another effort to-morrow evening to have the Senate adopt a resolution providing for a special committee of seven Senators to investigate and report to the Senate next February the policy the State should follow in the efforts being made for a special utility and operate public utilities.

GERMAN DYE SECRETS FOUND. Licenses Issued for Use of Patents by American Firms. WASHINGTON, March 24.—After months of expiring with 400 German patents for manufacturing dyesuffs the proper combinations of the patents for commercial production of dyes has been determined, and the Federal Trade Commission has issued thirty licenses for use of these patents under the trading with the enemy act.

ALIEN PRESS AGENT BREAKS INTO CIRCUS

Western Visitor's Intrusion and Criticisms Arouse Hot Resentment.

Publicity Men Absent Because They Couldn't Raise Bail in Time.

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An argument that momentarily took the minds of the passing throngs of the Hindenburg drive went far toward enlivening the usual Sunday quiet in the immediate neighborhood of the northwest corner of Fourth avenue and East Twenty-sixth street yesterday afternoon. A strong voiced man, heavy set and wearing a sack suit out of middle Western lines, started everything when he approached the tradesmen's entrance at the rear of Madison Square Garden.

After the fracas was over the strong voiced man told the police at the East Twenty-second street station house that he was Wilbur Williams, 52 years old, of "3445 North State street, Chicago," and employed as head press agent with a Western circus aggregation known as Ringling's Mastodon One Ring Wagon Show. Incidentally advised from Chicago late last night said that Chicago reporters who looked up the address given by the man told the police that he himself Williams had telephoned from a drug store in the southern suburbs of Milwaukee that "3445 North State street" was a false address.

This compromise measure is modeled on the one originally favored by the wets in the Senate, which was introduced by the late Senator Charles McNary. The compromise bill agreed upon between some of the leaders of the temperance forces and a few of the Senators who had been voting on the wet side.

"In the press agent of the Ringling Bros. Circus, my good man," said the middle aged Chicago man patronizingly to Luther O'Rourke, whose sole job is to keep inquisitive folk from sneaking through the back door of the Barnum and Bailey circus.

"Yes, and I've got chronic stomach trouble," snapped Luther O'Rourke, "but I don't go around telling anybody my troubles to perfect strangers. Best to keep the open door chills the greases."

"But wait a minute, my man," insisted the portly middle aged man, "I've got to get into the door to save myself from being shut out. Inasmuch as I am the greatest press agent in the whole Ringling Circus, and furthermore I understand the law, and I know inasmuch as we men in the great Ringling show always look upon and speak of the Barnum & Bailey show as 'No. 2 road company,' I shall stay out. Whatever he thought for the moment it was his last conscious thought for almost eight consecutive minutes."

Mr. Williams wasted no words this time. He just reached down toward the sidewalk at the rear of the circus, heaved downward and opened the back door. Then swinging Mr. Williams rapidly around in the air Mr. O'Rourke was about to strike the first when Mr. O'Rourke's grasp of Mr. Williams' ankles slipped a bit and Mr. Williams fell backward through the screen door into the hands of the police.

GYPSY SMITH STIRS AUDIENCE TO TEARS English Evangelist Arouses His Hearers by Tales of German Atrocities.

Gypsy Smith, the English evangelist who stirred many cities of the country in 1906 and 1907 with revival campaigns, spoke at Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in West 104th street last night. He spoke in English and French from the text given him by the British Government, to the effect that the Allies need the help that America is to give, and with all speed.

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DAHM WOULD SLAY DISLOYAL OFFICIALS

New York Printer Tells of German Bribe Offers.

Special Despatch to The Sun. ST. LOUIS, March 24.—That enemy agents are active in the East and that they are making an effort to influence organized labor in all parts of the country so as to interfere with the Government's war programs was stated here today in an address by James H. Dahm, former president of Typographical Union No. 6 of New York. He spoke before the Central Trades and Labor Union of this city as a representative of the Department of Labor.

Mr. Dahm declared that he had been offered \$500,000 by pro-german interests in the East to influence the cause of Germany and disrupt the Government war work. He refused to name the parties who offered him the money, but declared that a friend contacted with the organization work also was offered more than \$1,000,000 by the same interests to damage Government work. The speaker said that there are in Congress who had openly worked against the interests of the United States in the war.

"I will say that I myself will go no farther as to commit myself to show my mouth out the way," he cried. He asserted that various organizations such as the Socialists, the Bolsheviks, the I. W. O., and the pro-german labor engaged in war work.

FARMERS ASK FOR PRICE PROTECTION Delegates Pledge Support of Food Production Plans, but Want Guarantees.

Special Despatch to The Sun. ITHACA, N. Y., March 24.—Delegates to the food production programme were made by seventy-eight farmer delegates, representing forty-two counties, in session at the State College of Agriculture yesterday. The farmers insisted, however, that assurances against uncertainty in the prices of farm products should be given so they would be contented against financial losses in adhering to the Government's plan.

One of the most radical recommendations at the conference was that legislation be enacted requiring that the able bodied men and women should be employed in some regular and productive work during the period of the war. It was advocated that there be greater use of women in the war effort, and that farm boys and girls be released from schools for farm work.

The conference considered the seed situation, which means that the crop, the most critical of the farmer's production problems. Farmers were warned not to plant any corn unless samples first have been tested for germination. It was urged that the Government should have no corn that is fit to plant. The College of Agriculture will furnish full instruction as to germination tests. A seed germ test is a simple matter, and beans as well as corn was advocated.

It was stated that observations based on the recent State agriculture census indicated that the Government's proper oats, fodder and cabbage will remain about the same this year as last. It was pointed out that hay production has not been tested for germination. It was said that it wouldn't be safe to count on equally good crops for a third consecutive season. Hay will be in much demand by the Government for baled shipments over the seas.

It was urged that the potato acreage ought to be maintained, since a large crop this year, last year's crop is expected to represent a loss of not less than \$7,000,000.

Visitors Throng Upton Cantonment Fifteen Thousand Set Record for Friends of National Army Soldiers.

Special Despatch to The Sun. CAMP UPTON, N. Y., March 24.—Fully 15,000 visitors took advantage of the fine weather to-day to visit the camp. All day long the main thoroughfares of the cantonment were crowded with National Army men and their civilian friends. Six special trains of twenty cars each on the Long Island Railroad brought thousands, while many came by automobile. The number of visitors broke all records.

As the Jewish holidays are near the Jewish dancing at the camp were probably more numerous than usual. A rather complicated situation has arisen in some of the units here because of the demand by the diet order for the use of the supply of matzo with which to celebrate the Passover. Special requisitions were sent in for these biscuits by some of the regimental commanders, and it is reported that they were paid for out of the regimental funds.

It cost one regiment \$25 to get an adequate supply of these cakes, only to find that the Jewish soldiers would not eat them. As they had been touched by Christian hands they were not kosher and therefore not available as orthodox food. They will be made into bread pudding for the general mess.

All places of amusement, including the Liberty Theatre, Y. M. C. A. auditorium and the Knights of Columbus Hall, were dancing to-night. A number of athletic games were popular with the men who did not have visitors in tow.

The evening was made notable by a visit of the Valley Stream players, who produced at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium a military comedy called "A Little Savage," by Maud Eleanor Franke. The best after dinner entertainment of the evening was the musical comedy "The Merry Widow," which was given by the company.

Bird Millman Pretty Good. "And there's an act that shows promise," patronized continued the Ringling press agent from the West, as he pointed out toward a ring where none other than the Sarah Bernhardt of circus circles, Miss Bird Millman herself, was practicing her routine. Miss Millman was garbed in anything that she had found in the dressing room in the basement of the Garden. Her name, "Bird" name, isn't it? I remember she tried to get in the Ringling show a season or two back, but she wasn't quite in our class."

SHONTS AND MAYOR SHARED SAME VIEW

Interborough Head Tells Hyman Dual Subway System Was Mistake.

Explains Chance City Has to Supervise Operation of Street Lines.

Mayor Shonks will learn to-day if he hasn't learned already that he and Theodore P. Shonks, president of the Interborough were once in perfect accord on at least one point—opposition to the dual subway system. This, no doubt, will be news to the Mayor, whose epistolary interchanges with Mr. Shonks, though frequent and fairly fervid, have been far from chummy.

In fact Mr. Shonks' letters have run principally to criticism, admonition and at least one hearty, "I told you so"; this last referring to the financial burden of the dual system. Now comes Mr. Shonks with a return letter dated March 23, in the second paragraph of which he informs the Mayor that they are in agreement as to that financial burden, or were one.

Mr. Shonks, however, does not assume the "I told you so" tone, but assures the Mayor, on the contrary, that he has "readjusted his ideas to the new situation." In fact, he defends the advocates of the dual system, in a way, by briefly stating the reasons for it.

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