

BIG RALLY TO HELP 'SUN' TOBACCO FUND

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GRETA TORPADE TO SING

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To Sing for "Sun" Fund



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To-night's outstanding offering to the Sun Tobacco Fund is the patriotic rally in Carnegie Hall, at which Samuel Cranston Benson—Fighting Benson—will deliver his lecture, "Back From Hell"; Bomber McGinnis, late of the Canadian overseas forces, will relate some of his war experiences, and Miss Greta Torpade will sing.

Miss Torpade is too well known on the lyric stage to need extended notice. Her voice is a pure soprano, finely placed, and she sings with a simplicity which is the height of art. She created a deep and genuine impression at her first recital in Aeolian Hall about two years ago, and her progress since then has been steadily upward.

The men who have not been fixed at the details of this rally had received the promise of Lucien Muratore that he would sing. A pending engagement, the date of which has not been fixed at the moment, has prevented him from doing so.

Miss Torpade will fill the place thus left vacant. She will sing before the lecture the Polish song "Mignon" and later this group of songs: "Last Night I Heard the Nightingale," by Seltzer; "Pierrot," by Rhymer; "Sweet Suffolk Owl," and "Under the Greenwood Tree," by Sumner-Poole.

Fighting Benson and Bomber McGinnis will speak on the memories they brought away from the battlefields of France. McGinnis lost a leg in the battle of the Somme in 1916. Walking with a heavy cane, as he does, the Boston boy's cheerful appearance never fails of its effect. Benson also is a forceful speaker.

The rally will begin with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and close with "The Marching Song," both led by Miss Torpade. John Cushing will conduct at the piano. Admission will be charged, but a collection will be taken for the Sun Tobacco Fund.

The campaign of the optometrists of the State to raise a large contribution for the Sun Tobacco fund will be formally launched next week, when deposit boxes will be placed in the offices of all opticians and all optical supply stores in New York and Brooklyn.

The plan was outlined by Dr. Joseph Eisler, its originator, at the meeting of the Brooklyn Optometrical Club Wednesday night and was enthusiastically approved.

Dr. Eisler has received a letter from Dr. E. D. Kenney of Utica, president of the Optical Society of the State of New York, indicating the project and declaring his intention to call upon all the local societies in the State to make contributions. Dr. P. A. Dilworth of this city, a member of the Optometrical Fund Commission, authorized at last year's national convention of the American Optical Association, has written to Dr. Eisler as follows:

"I have just read the thought submitted by you to the Brooklyn society—the raising of a fund for smokers for our men in the army. The idea is thoroughly patriotic, and I am sure will receive from the members of our profession, individually and collectively, hearty and generous support. We cannot do too much to cheer and comfort our boys, who are ready to make the supreme sacrifice—prepared to give that 'last full measure of devotion' in going forth to battle under the glorious flag of America for the liberty, happiness and property of humanity."

"At the next meeting of the New York City Optometrical Society it will afford me much pleasure to make a motion which I feel confident will be unanimously carried asking for a contribution from the treasury of the organization for the tobacco fund."

F. A. McGill, editor of the Optical Journal and Review, of this city, has written promising the full support of that publication, the official organ of

the optometrists of the country, and adding: "It is a pleasure to note that you are cooperating with the Sun Tobacco Fund, the management of which is doing splendid work in this line."

"Optometry is fighting for democracy in this war and performing an increasingly important service in conserving the vision of our soldiers and sailors and of the civic and industrial population that stands back of our army and navy. The visual efficiency of our fighting men should be supplemented by some of the comforts of life where possible, and tobacco is certainly a great help in this respect."

Campaign to Close 11.

The campaign of the optometrists is to continue until the close of the annual convention of the State society, which is to be held in the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, June 9 and 11. Dr. Eisler has appointed to direct the placing of contribution boxes Dr. Walter R. Prouty, secretary of the Brooklyn club, and Dr. Stewart Martin, chairman of the convention publicity committee.

The sale of copies of Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey's books, "Over the Top" and "Pierrot," and photographs of the author was begun in the lobby of the Lyric Theatre last night at the conclusion of the night's presentation of the Vitagraph's master production, "Over the Top." Betty Rhyne, who takes the part of Mme. Arnet, in the French melodrama, conducted the sale, and Sergeant Empey, who on the screen is Sergeant James Garrison Owen, authorized the books and photographs in the presence of the purchasers.

The sale will continue, afternoon and evening for several days, other Vitagraph favorites, including Lois Meredith, Julia Swayne Gordon, Mary Maurice and Nellie Anderson having charge at different sessions. The entire amount received has been offered by Sergeant Empey to the Sun Tobacco Fund.

One of the most important events of next week will be the recital by Mrs. Ida V. Enders, contralto, in the grand hall of Cooper Union Thursday night. Mrs. Enders, who has won an enviable reputation as a singer, will render a varied program largely of compositions by modern composers, and will be assisted by William Kroll, well known violinist, and Mrs. E. Rhode, accompanist.

Divides With Fund. Mrs. Enders has planned this concert as an aid to war relief enterprises. The entire proceeds are to be devoted to projects designed to promote the comfort of the soldiers, and the tobacco fund has been designated as recipient of half the amount. As the hall is being donated for this occasion and the musicians are giving their services the proceeds are certain to be large. Tickets, at only 50 cents each, are on sale in the office of Cooper Union.

Robert Maitland is one of the singers who have volunteered their services and who make up a truly remarkable program for the concert-reunion of the McKensie No. 29 at the Amsterdam Opera House the evening of April 12. The basso soloists are the following: In Part I he will sing "I'm a Rover," by Mendelssohn, and "Bols Epais," by

Lully; in part 2 a Highland melody, "O' Aitane," and "Aitane" by Saint-Saens. Mr. Maitland is recognized as the possessor of a fine voice and a noble style.

The other artists on this occasion will be Miss Greta Torpade, Frank Moller, Miss Grace Elliston and Miss Virginia Larrabee. Miss Elliston's offering is a recitation of a war poem and Miss Larrabee will give one of her amusing monologues. The house, which is in West Forty-fourth street near Eighth avenue, has a large seating capacity that is already nearly sold out. The gross receipts of this concert-reunion are to be tendered to the fund.

Back of the Ham. "Anonymous," \$20.80, in this morning's list of contributions is a story of self-sacrifice directed into a truly practical channel. Accompanying the offering was the following letter, the identity of whose author the fund is not privileged to reveal:

"A nameless friend of mine gave up smoking during Lent, which resulted in a saving of \$20.80, as shown by the following calculation: "Four cigars daily for forty days at 13 cents each—\$20.80. A check for the amount is sent to you herewith."

Possibly some other observers of Lent will now be moved to help our soldiers with amounts by foregoing their self-indulgence during that sacred season.

From the Marcelline Club, 2659 Broadway, came an offering of \$10. Glorious combination, isn't it—that inspiring name and a gift to our soldier boys? Five more patriotic residents of America, a town whose loyal citizens have sent many donations to the fund in the last few months, are represented in the list by a dollar each. And here's the Twenty-eighth Street Finance Club with its thirteenth contribution, No. thirteen isn't an unlucky number with this project.

A constant source of aid to the fund are the receipts through the United and Smokers cigar stores. Hundreds of smokers cooperate regularly with these firms in boosting contributions. Their offering comes in the form of coupons and certificates deposited in the fund's boxes in these stores. As the coupons and certificates are translated into money, delivered to the soldiers over there, this giving, insignificant as it may seem at the time of the individual deposit, is effective.

How the Fund Stands.

Table with financial data: THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN, \$4,000.00; UNITED CIGAR STORES, \$2,891.81; CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, \$1,120.18; NEW CONTRIBUTIONS, \$110.30; Total, \$8,122.29.

3 AMERICAN AIRMEN KILLED.

Fourth Injured in Tail Spin at Ellington Field, Texas.

Houston, April 4.—Lieut. R. F. Ives of Chicago, Carl E. Ekstrand of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Russell H. Ewigins of Waynetown, Ind., were killed in aviation accidents at Ellington Field, here to-day.

Second Lieut. Ives was killed this morning when his machine went into a tail spin and fell. Lieut. Otto Epp, who was in the same machine, was injured slightly. Lieuts. Ekstrand and Ewigins were killed this afternoon. They were flying together when their plane fell.

Ellington Field is used exclusively by American flyers.

LENROOT VICTORY CREDITED TO HAYS

Republican Chairman Was Guiding Genius Behind Wisconsin Campaign.

RARE JUDGMENT SHOWN

Marshall's Speech for Democrat Pile Up G. O. P. Votes.

Special Dispatch to The Sun. MILWAUKEE, April 4.—As returns from the Senatorial election continued to trickle in from the backwoods and outlying sections of the State and showed that Representative Irvine L. Lenroot, the Republican candidate, retained his safe lead Republican leaders in this city and throughout the State were frank to-day in admitting that credit for the victory of Tuesday belongs to Will H. Hays, the youthful chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The Republican leaders admit that he was the guiding genius behind the Republican campaign against the formidable opposition of the Democrats and the Socialists and the tricky La Follette, who probably knows the whims of the voters of Wisconsin better than any man in the State.

Against Joseph E. Davies, the Democratic candidate and the choice of the Administration, and Victor E. Berger, the Socialist, controlling the pro-German vote and that of his own party, Mr. Hays massed the Republican strength, or what was left of it after La Follette's candidacy had been defeated at the primary. From his home in Indianapolis and also from Chicago, when he was in that city to get reports on the Wisconsin situation at first hand, Mr. Hays directed the campaign; in fact furnished the text for the material of the speakers. In all this he showed a cunning knowledge of the thoughts of the Wisconsin voter, and so well did he read them that he was able to pile up a majority of more than 11,000 for Mr. Lenroot at a time when it was believed that Berger would be the formidable candidate and Mr. Davies had the benefit of the best spellbinders in the Administration to assist him in the attempt to carry the State.

Lenroot's Lead Increases. Latest returns to-night give Representative Lenroot a plurality of 11,659 over Mr. Davies. Increases in the votes of all candidates are shown in the late returns. Mr. Lenroot's total increasing to 148,248, Mr. Davies's to 145,575, while the total of Berger jumped to 103,431. The Socialist candidate carried seven counties in the pro-German sections of the State.

The Republican leaders assert that when the November vote is counted several more Republican victories can be counted in other States if Mr. Hays pursues his campaign in the same analyzing mind he showed in Wisconsin if he were unfamiliar with the State and its politics, he grasped the situation almost at a glance, the Republican leaders say in describing his campaign, and if he knew the State beforehand he displayed wonderful judgment in his orders, for he so conducted the campaign that faltering votes were won to the Republicans in the last hours and at a time when there was no opportunity for the opposition, Democratic or Socialist, to recapture these pledged Republican ballots.

The master stroke that won the election and made Representative Lenroot the Senator-elect from Wisconsin was the order to go out and "fight fire with fire" if necessary; to attack the Democratic Administration as it had ordered the Republicans and Representative Lenroot attacked; to show that President Wilson had changed his attitude on the policies of the Government on grave measures before and after the war was declared; to carry the fight to the White House if necessary, but at all times to pledge the support of the United States and the Administration.

These orders came over the long distance telephone at a time when it appeared that the loyalty argument was not getting votes. Straightway there was a change in the manner of the campaign. Representative Lenroot allowed Mr. Davies to hold the floor and actually became belligerent and asserted that he had a right to change his stand on any war measure as much as the President. Thereafter he spoke in that sense, and the other Republican speakers throughout the State did the same thing. And from that point on Republican votes began to flow to the aid of Mr. Lenroot and they remained with him through the election despite the last hour drive of the Democrats to take them away.

Marshall Lost Votes.

Another strange factor entered the campaign at the same time. Whether it came over the long distance telephone or not does not matter, but it had a vital effect on the result in the State and credit goes to Mr. Hays for putting it over. When Vice-President Marshall was in the State as one of the Administration speakers to aid in the election, Mr. Hays translated into the vernacular of the State that they were "under suspicion" and generally assailed the Republican party, evidently with the idea that all Republicans in the State are La Follette Democrats.

With the order to change tactics in the campaign, another came. That was to have the address of Vice-President Marshall translated into Swedish, Norwegian, German and Polish and to circulate it freely, one might say lavishly, in the foreign populated section of the State. With the copies of Mr. Marshall's address there appeared interviews in the papers resenting the attack, not only as a slur on the Republican party but upon each individual voter or any who had voted for the party in previous campaigns.

If there were wavering votes at the time, and the best informed leaders assert as a result of the sale of Treasury certificates against tax collection. Extension of time for filing income and excess profits returns from March 1 to April 1 has thrown the payments bureau a full month behind in checking returns and sending out bills. Though this work is under way the task is stupendous. In many cases returns will be accepted on "Wieg face" and billed accordingly, and later checked for error, but it is anticipated that thousands of them will have to come before the tax reviewers recently appointed for settlement of moot points before collection is made.

New Blacklist Ready Soon.

Paul Fuller, speaking before the New York Foreign Trade Study Club at a meeting held in the Park Avenue Hotel last night, promised that the new blacklist, the most comprehensive ever issued, would be ready for distribution within the next three days. Mr. Fuller, who is director of the War Trade Board Intelligence Bureau, said the assistance which England and France rendered in its compilation would enable this country to "stand on a uniform economic front."

12,000,000 RETURNS FLOOD TAX BUREAU

Doubted if All Income Levies Can Be Paid Before End of Fiscal Year, June 30.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Payment of income and excess profits taxes which are due June 15 probably will be in large measure delayed beyond that date and even beyond June 30 because of the tremendous task upon the Internal Revenue Bureau by the war revenue act. If estimates of the Government actuary and other authorities hold true the bureau will have to examine and check 12,000,000 tax returns, 4,000,000 on ordinary income reports and 8,000,000 excess profits and other tax returns. In addition it will have to examine and check with these returns reports of income salaries and other income paid, and review all intricate reports and that send out tax bills to each of the 12,000,000 persons and firms making returns.

Though the bureau has been working at high pressure with a force increased to as large proportions as was permitted by availability of employees and working space and has made remarkable progress in getting out instructions and interpretations of the law the task before it in the limited time allotted is humanly impossible.

Millions of taxes as returned or reported will be on over the revenue date and without bills or other formality, but on excess profits where returns must be reviewed tax payments must be delayed to the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Tax payments are likely to be spread over a considerable period whether or not the two bills recently introduced in the House for splitting the payments become law. Representative McCormack (Ill.) introduced a bill to split the tax due into two payments.

Representative Madden (Tenn.) proposed to split them into four payments to relieve pressure on the banks from heavy withdrawals. Such withdrawals, however, will be considerably lightened as a result of the sale of Treasury certificates against tax collection. Extension of time for filing income and excess profits returns from March 1 to April 1 has thrown the payments bureau a full month behind in checking returns and sending out bills. Though this work is under way the task is stupendous. In many cases returns will be accepted on "Wieg face" and billed accordingly, and later checked for error, but it is anticipated that thousands of them will have to come before the tax reviewers recently appointed for settlement of moot points before collection is made.

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Again Counting the Votes of Tuesday

and the strong opposition facing the Republican candidate, the State leaders are a unit in declaring Hays a victory maker and a proper wartime choice for the national party to direct the coming campaigns.

P. S. C. MERGER BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Meyer's Bill for Higher Fees for Elevators Repealed.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

ALBANY, April 4.—Senator George F. Thompson's bill consolidating the two State Public Service Commissions into one and generally revising the Public Service Commission law passed the State Senate to-day with just the requisite twenty-six votes. There were nineteen votes against it. Seven Democrats and nineteen Republicans voted for the bill and five Democrats and fourteen Republicans against it.

Those who opposed the bill insisted that the Public Service Commission law was all right and that the Thompson measure was a poor substitute. The advocates of the bill seemed to think that a broader administration of the law might be possible under this bill.

When the Sunday motion picture bill, which was passed by the Assembly by a vote of 74 to 38 yesterday, was received in the Senate it was referred to the Codes Committee upon motion of Senator Mullin of Monroe.

The so-called cat bill, introduced by Senator Theodore Douglas Robinson, under the terms of which any person more than 21 years of age, any peace officer or game protector could "destroy in a humane manner" any feline found chasing birds protected by the Conservation Committee of the Senate to-day.

A bill to increase the fee to be charged by grain elevators and warehouses, introduced by Assemblyman Schuyler M. Meyer, Republican of New York, was badly beaten in the Assembly to-day. Mr. Meyer declared that due to the high cost of labor the elevators were losing money every day. This was denied by several members.

WOMEN MUST STATE AGES.

Attorney-General Rules on Local Option Registration.

ALBANY, April 4.—Women registering for the local option elections to be held April 16 must give their correct ages, Attorney-General Merion E. Lewis held an opinion made public to-day. The question was raised by election officials who wanted to know whether it would not be sufficient for a woman to give her age as "upward of twenty-one."

Attorney-General Lewis held that any statement falling to indicate the correct age would constitute an evasion of the provisions of the election law covering this subject.

Show Contempt for Pettigrew.

SHREVEPORT, La., April 4.—A crowd of citizens to-day daubed the office of Edward Franklin Pettigrew, former United States Senator, with yellow paint. Pettigrew is under indictment in Federal court here, charged with violation of the espionage act.

Railroad Offers Land to Farmers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 4.—The Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway announced to-day it would turn over free ground along its right of way to any one desiring it for cultivation. More than 50,000 acres of land will be available.

Whitman Signs Appropriation Bill.

ALBANY, April 4.—The annual appropriation bill providing for nearly \$53,000,000 for the support of the State government became a law to-day with the signature of Gov. Whitman.

REPORT ON AVIATION PROGRESS DISMAL

Committee Finds Programme in Deplorable State.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

The public was invited last night by the Aeronautical Society of America to be present at a special meeting, held in the Engineering Societies Building in West Thirty-ninth street, and heard a special committee of the society, which had been making an investigation into the War Department's aircraft production report thereon.

The report was dismal to the last degree and might have been thrilling had a series of charges set forth in it been supported by equally thrilling facts. The committee reported: "That all statements issued by officers of the Government with respect to the execution of the aircraft production report that the censorship has been too rigorous. That there have been accidents in training. That recruiting has been faulty. That the state of research in this country is poor. That the system of production is such that delays, instead of disappearing, will grow worse. That the Liberty motor has been over-estimated. That on the whole it appears less than 5 per cent. of the aircraft production facilities of the country are being utilized. Two of the members of the society's committee spoke and admitted that they had not been able to uncover any actual indifference or incompetence and that graft had not raised its head in their sight. One of the speakers, who is not investigating, is the editor of an engineering publication, and the other a patent lawyer. The last speaker on the card was Representative John Q. Tilson of Connecticut, who is a member of the House Committee on Military Affairs, and he assured the audience that the Government was doing the best it could. The principal matter adduced by the speakers who had preceded him as proof of the alarming situation in the aircraft production were news articles and editorials in the Christian Science Monitor, the New York Globe and the New York Tribune.

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