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THE WEATHER
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PRICE ONE CENT

ALEXANDRIANS ARE BUYING LIBERTY BONDS IN SPITE OF THE COLD WINTRY WEATHER

The Four Banks in the City Have Sold \$68,250 Worth Up to Noon Today. Effort Being Made to Boost Subscriptions Up to \$100,000 by Tomorrow Night—Committee Meeting to Be Held This Evening.

LIBERTY LOAN MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT.

John Temple Graves Will Speak.

Hon. John Temple Graves will be the main speaker at Alexandria's first big Liberty Loan meeting tomorrow night at the Opera House. The meeting will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Mr. Graves, who lives in Washington, yesterday definitely accepted Chairman Harlow's invitation to make the address here. Mr. Graves has long been a noted after-dinner speaker and orator, and since the war has made speaking tours to all parts of the country at the solicitation of the government.

This is Alexandria's first opportunity in this campaign to show its patriotism in a demonstrative way. It's a fine idea to get out to a big meeting once in a while and give vent to our feelings by vigorous support of enthusiastic speakers.

In addition to Mr. Graves there will be on the program George E. Pearson, a survivor of the famous "Princess Pat" regiment, and Miss Katharine Synon, a noted woman speaker and publicist. Special invitations have gone out to Colonel Parks and officers and soldiers at Camp Humphreys, Honorable C. C. Carlin, city officials, the ladies of the Red Cross, and many others.

There will be no reserved seats. Just come early and choose your own seats.

Let every one interested in seeing Alexandria make a big success in the Liberty Loan drive be on hand tomorrow night. If you can't buy bonds in this campaign, you can do the next best thing—give your moral support to the government and to the boys in the trenches.

The actual Liberty Bond sales up to this morning by the four local banks were \$68,250. This is an increase of about \$27,000 over the total of yesterday and shows that Alexandrians are buying bonds in spite of the bad weather.

The allotment for the city is \$283,900. This total has been one-fourth subscribed. When the campaign gets under way, the allotment should be reached in jig time.

The allotment for Alexandria county is \$20,000. This is due to the fact that there is only one bank in the county and the allotment is based on banking resources. The Arlington Trust Company reports that about \$4,500 has been subscribed at the bank. County Chairman E. W. Ball and his committee expects the county to more than double its allotment.

The committee wants to see the local subscriptions go to the \$100,000 mark by tomorrow night so that the total can be announced at the beginning of the big meeting at the Opera House.

The executive committee of the Liberty Loan Committee for the city will meet tonight at the Chamber of Commerce to decide upon final plans for the campaign. The members of the committee are Leo P. Harlow, chairman; R. L. Payne, vice chairman; Carroll Pierce, Harry Hammond, Gardner L. Boothe, George E. Warfield, William B. Smoot, Robert S. Jones, A. D. Brockett, William A. Smoot, Leopold Ruben, E. B. Hard, C. S. T. Burke, Judge C. E. Nicol, John T. Harrison, George D. Hopkins, J. L. Perry, R. B. Wallace and J. Y. Williams, secretary.

Members of this committee are urged to be present tonight as the meeting is exceedingly important. The Alexandria county Liberty Loan Committee met Wednesday night at the Court House and completed organization. The county organization under the direction of E. W. Ball is making plans for a house-to-house canvass of the county. The committees for the three districts of the county have been appointed. The chairmen were later elected by the committees: G. Samuel Warner is chairman of the Washington district; Harry K. Green of the Arlington district, and Frank G. Campbell of the Jefferson district.

Card Party.

St. Mary's Alumnae Association will hold a card party in the Assembly Hall of the Academy at 8 o'clock this evening. Proceeds to be used in buying a Liberty Bond. The young ladies expect to meet all their friends there this evening. Admission fee is 25 cents. 88-11

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WINTER IN MID-APRIL.

Rain, Hail and Snow Visited This Section Yesterday Afternoon and During Last Night.

Old Sol hid his face last Monday afternoon and is still in hiding. Rain began to fall at the close of the day and by Tuesday night a veritable tempest was raging. Wednesday night showed no improvement. The wind, which was coming from the northeast in dangerous flurries, was still in evidence. Yesterday Aeolus was not delivering the heavy blows of the previous night, but he was still sending chilling blasts from the northeast. Fragments of angry clouds chased each other toward the southwest all day, and there were no signs of an approaching clear-up.

Late yesterday afternoon snow began to fall, followed at times by hail, and this morning several inches of snow were on the streets. Much of it had melted, and the thoroughfares were partly flooded. A ray of hope for better conditions, however, was furnished by a change in the wind. The vanes were pointing toward the northwest—the clearing up quarter—although the sun was still invisible, as it has been during the day.

The weather, though unseasonable, is not phenomenal, as in past years similar conditions have prevailed during the first part of April. There were snows and heavy northwest winds during the early part of last April. Fifty years ago even more severe conditions than those we are passing through existed.

The following clipping from the file of a Richmond paper of half a century ago will show this:

"Ice was formed on the ponds around Richmond a quarter of an inch thick before last. It is generally believed all the fruit in this section has been killed."

Appointed Chairman of the Second Red Cross War Drive.

Mr. John Poole, president of the Federal National Bank and chairman of the Third Liberty Loan Committee for the District of Columbia, has been appointed by the National War Council as chairman of the second Red Cross war drive for the Potomac division of the American Red Cross.

This division comprises the District of Columbia and the states of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. The sum to be raised in the division is \$3,300,000.

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Alexandria City and Suburbs

The body of Simeon Denty was brought to this city yesterday and buried in Ivy Hill cemetery. He died at his home in Lorton, Fairfax county, on Tuesday.

An alarm of fire called the department to Col. Picklin's home, corner of Duke and Columbus streets, this morning at half-past 11 o'clock where the chimney was found to be burning out.

The number of special policemen for this city will be increased from thirty to one hundred, if a resolution is passed which it is said will be introduced in the city council at its meeting to be held next week.

The attention of every member of the executive committee of the Alexandria Chapter of the Red Cross is called to the fact that there will be a meeting of that committee on Thursday evening next, April 16th, at 8 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

The funeral of the late Raymond Devers, who died Tuesday morning in St. Agnes' Hospital, near Baltimore, from the effects of injuries received in an automobile accident, was held at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the family residence 1022 Queen street. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson, of the First Baptist Church, and interment was in Bethel cemetery. The pallbearers were six letter carriers from the city postoffice, former associates of the deceased, who was at one time a letter carrier.

Members of the Liberty Loan committee are much elated over securing the Hon. John Temple Graves, editor of the New York American, and famous orator, for the big Liberty Loan meeting tomorrow night at the opera house. Mr. Graves is more in demand for after dinner addresses and set speeches in big meetings than any man in Washington outside of the President and prominent government officials. He is a native of the South, having been born in South Carolina, but spent much of his life before coming to Washington and New York as editor of the New York American in the state of Georgia. He was also the editor of the Atlanta Georgian for many years. He has been classed throughout the South with Henry W. Grady as an orator and leader of progressive and patriotic sentiment. A great audience should be out tomorrow night to hear the distinguished Southerner and also the famous Canadian soldier, and author, George E. Pearson, and the noted woman speaker, Miss Katharine Synon.

ENDS LIFE OVER COFFIN.

Young Man Shoots Himself as He Gazes at Dead Stepmother.

Chicago, April 12.—Leaning over the coffin containing the body of his stepmother, as if for a last look, Albert Bach, 26 years old, son of a North Side Brick Manufacturer, shot himself in the heart while in the family residence. He died at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in Ravenswood Hospital. Grief for the death of his stepmother, who died suddenly last Saturday while automobile riding, is believed to have unbalanced the young man. At the moment of the shooting William F. Bach, the young man's father, was sitting near the casket with another son and a married daughter. "My boy was deeply devoted to his stepmother," said Bach. "We can offer no other reason for his suicide." The theory that his son was worrying about the draft, as he was awaiting call, was scouted by the parent.

Eight years ago another son, Adolph Bach, 22 years old, and his sweetheart, Miss Millie Valentine, ended their lives in the north branch of the river near Montrose avenue. They wanted to get married, but the Bachs were opposed to the match. They disappeared simultaneously, and later a note and their clothes were found on the wharf. That was in the fall. The next spring the bodies were found.

House Wiring and Electrical Repairing.

When you have electrical work of any kind to be done call William Matthews, 314 North Henry street, Alexandria. Phone 235-J. All work done in workmanlike manner. Satisfaction guaranteed. Low prices. 86-4t

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Mrs. J. H. Mansfield has been elected to represent Samarian Rebekah lodge of this city at the Assembly to be held in Lynchburg in May.

One minor case was disposed of in the Corporation Court today. Judge Barley has reappointed Robinson Moncure, E. E. Lawler and Clinton N. Ballenger the board of tax review.

The body of Mrs. Laura M. Shaw, wife of John A. Shaw, who died at the Alexandria hospital yesterday morning, was sent to Williams, West Virginia, last night for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw and their two children came to Alexandria about five weeks ago from Pittsburgh, Pa.

The board of lady managers of the Alexandria Hospital announce that the young ladies of the High School will repeat the play "The Elopement of Ellen" recently presented in the High School auditorium for the benefit of the hospital. The place and date will be announced as soon as definite arrangements are made.

Nothing further has been learned by the Alexandria police authorities in regard to the identity of the man who was found dead in his room at Hotel Belvoir in this city Thursday morning. Chief Goods has received no reply from an inquiry sent to Gettysburg, Pa. An effort was made to get some trace of the man there owing to the fact that a tag was found on his coat, evidently placed there by a tailor, which bore the name "Dr. Morarty," and was also marked "Brehm, Tailor." The deceased wore a dark overcoat and derby hat, and is thought to have been at least sixty years of age. His body was removed to Wheatley's mortuary parlors where it remains awaiting identification.

The Herbert Springs branch of the Red Cross gave a dance last night at Fort Hunt and notwithstanding the inclement weather there were about one hundred present. Among those from Alexandria who attended were Mr. and Mrs. George H. Schwarzmann, Mrs. James W. Bales, Miss Cora Duffey, Miss Esther Heishley, Mrs. Tarbell, Miss Hattie Douglas, Miss Eliza Douglas, Miss Nellie Uhler, Miss Pearl Schwarzmann and Miss Lillian Schwarzmann. This organization plans to give a dance at the fort once a month for the benefit of Red Cross work and also for the entertainment of the soldiers stationed at that post. The affair last night was quite a success and it is hoped that as the weather improves the attendance will be larger.

Deaths of Babies in Roanoke.

Health Officer W. Brownley Foster, of Roanoke, reports that of the 1,200 babies born in that city in 1917, 134 have died. The Virginia and American average of deaths among babies the first year is 10 per cent. Improved methods of caring for infants in New Zealand has reduced infant mortality there to 5 per cent. Evidently America can learn a valuable lesson here from the Antipodes.

Saving Eggs Used For Shampoo.

Texas barbers, who through their organization, have been co-operating with the Federal Food Administrator in that State announce that they will abolish egg shampoos for the period of the war as a conservation measure. Many thousands of eggs used for this purpose yearly being diverted from human food. Another food article widely used for shampoo purposes in normal times is olive oil.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express thanks and appreciation to relatives, letter carriers, postoffice employees and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and the many beautiful floral tributes at the death of my beloved husband, Raymond A. Devers.

By his Wife.
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Auction Sale of Valuable House and Lot.

At the request of the owner, I will offer for sale on Saturday, April 13, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon, in front of the Royal street entrance to the Market House, a two-story brick house, with lot 20 by 80 feet, at 212 King street, in Alexandria, suitable for business, dwelling or flats. Purchaser to pay \$200 on day of sale and the balance within ten days.

84-6t SAMUEL H. LUNT.

A box party was given last night at the home of Miss Thelma Walker, 1001 Gibbon street, for the benefit of the Second Presbyterian Sunday school.

A called meeting of the Parish Aid Society of Christ Church will be held at 8 o'clock this evening to meet the members of the vestry and discuss matters of importance to the church.

Sarah E. Frazier, wife of Ernest Frazier, a respected colored resident, died last night at 11:10 o'clock, at her home 622 South Washington street, after a very short illness.

The funeral of Mrs. America Keys, who died at her home at Lincolnia, Fairfax county, on Wednesday, was held at Demaine's chapel in this city this afternoon at one o'clock. She was 72 years old.

It is expected that a resolution will be introduced in the city council at its next meeting asking for an appropriation of at least \$500 with which to provide one or more public comfort stations at convenient places in the city.

The Jefferson Branch of the American Red Cross, of Del Ray, will give a benefit dance tomorrow evening, in the auditorium of the Elks' Home in Prince street. The committee in charge of the arrangements is composed of Mrs. Alvin Pennypacker, chairman, Miss Maida Foster, Miss Edith Garrett and Miss Camille DeLain. These ladies have made every effort to insure the success of the affair and hope to have a large crowd in attendance.

As Miss Lindsey, the women's division of Liberty Loan, is a member of the Cameron Club and as all clubwomen are deeply interested in promoting this patriotic movement, a four minute talk will be given by the prominent speakers of the committee at the meeting to be held at Christ Church Parish Hall tomorrow afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Kenneth Clarke and his stirring song, cannot but serve as an inspiration to further effort of patriotism. The Cameron Club is fortunate in embracing this opportunity of combining patriotism with pleasure and a cordial invitation is extended to all citizens to be present. A silver offering will be taken for the school nurse fund. In preserving the health of our children the trained nurse is a most necessary factor to the nation in this time of war.

Travelers' Protective Association.

The regular annual meeting of Post F, of the Travellers' Protective Association, was held last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Julian Y. Williams, the president, was in the chair. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: president, J. William May; 1st vice president, Robert L. Payne; 2nd vice president, O. H. Kirk; 3rd vice president, Harry Hammond; 4th vice president, Samuel W. Pitts; 5th vice president, Wallace N. Lindsey; secretary and treasurer, John H. Trimyer. The chairman of committees are: railroad, Albert D. Brockett; press, Robert E. Knight; hotel, Alfred Thomson; legislature, Julian Y. Williams; employment, V. Ward Boswell; good roads and public utilities, Harry D. Kirk; membership, Harvey Henshaw; chaplain, the Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison. The board of directors is composed of J. William May, H. D. Kirk, Charles T. Nicholson, Julian Y. Williams, John H. Trimyer, and Kenneth W. Ogden. Delegates to the state convention to be held in Richmond on May 4th, are Julian Y. Williams, Harry D. Kirk, H. R. Thomas, D. C. Richardson, Charles T. Nicholson, Robert L. Payne, M. E. Greene, Richard Gibson, Harvey Henshaw, Albert D. Brockett, Mark Price and W. Ballenger. The alternates are A. C. Moss, O. H. Kirk, Edgar Warfield, Jr., T. A. Sommers, H. Noel Garner, Wallace N. Lindsey, Robert E. Knight, Clyde C. Lamond, Kenneth W. Ogden, L. F. Dyson, W. G. Leadbeater, and L. L. Armistead. It was decided that hereafter the second Saturday of each month will be the regular meeting night.

Airman Breaks His Neck.

Lake Charles, La., April 12.—Mechanic Grovener, of Indiana, was killed at Gerstner aviation field yesterday in a 150-foot fall. His flying partner escaped injury. Grovener's neck was broken. The scene of the accident was about fifteen miles from this city.

Buy Liberty Bonds.

This is Spring, which is the beginning of life and happiness. Let's spring a surprise on the kaiser, who is the mortal enemy of life and happiness, by oversubscribing the Third Liberty Bond issue. No American has a right to interfere with production or the destination of products from this country. The resources of the country belong to Liberty. Liberty has the first call upon the manhood and womanhood of the nation, and upon all the products that are needed to STRIKE DOWN and ANNIHILATE the ENEMY. Buy Liberty Bonds, Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps. 84-6t S. C. Cropley.

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WILL IT MEAN A BREAK

Selection of Food Administrator for State of Virginia Causes Stir Among Political Leaders.

Washington, April 12.—A big muddle, in which a clash between Gov. Westmoreland Davis and a majority of the Virginia Congressional delegation was narrowly averted, has been stirred up over the selection of a State Food Administrator for that commonwealth to succeed Col. E. B. White, who has resigned to run for Congress against Representative Charles C. Carlin in the Eighth District.

A break involving, among other things, a question as to who should be consulted in Washington regarding Federal patronage problems was prevented yesterday by the action of W. McDonald Lee, former State fisheries commissioner, in withdrawing his name for the appointment. Mr. Lee was asked by the Senators to accept the appointment after the Food Administration officials had invited them to recommend a man for the post. The former fisheries commissioner came to Washington, agreed to take the place, provided he would not be compelled to give up his private business affairs, and it was generally conceded that he would be named.

Mr. Lee learned late Wednesday that Robert Hoover has received a number of telegrams protesting against his appointment. Governor Davis also wrote Mr. Hoover urging the appointment of S. L. Lupton, of Frederick county, and opposing the selection of Mr. Lee. Yesterday it became evident that there was going to be a fight, in which Senators Martin and Swanson and Representatives Flood, Holland, Saunders, Carlin, Harrison and Watson would be arrayed against Governor Davis, and Mr. Lee promptly went to Senator Martin and requested him to withdraw his name. He said he would not enter into an unseemly scramble for the place, that he had been asked to take the appointment and that he had never thought of it. The position, he added, where its occupant is called upon to represent his country in the present emergency did not wish to be placed in a position of being compelled to engage in a scramble for the privilege of "doing his bit." Senator Martin told Mr. Lee that he was willing to go down the line for him, but the latter demurred.

Governor Davis at first recommended three men to Hoover for the state administrator appointment, any one of whom, he said, would make a good man for the post. These men were Egbert Leigh, of Richmond; Thomas C. Winston, of Richmond, and S. L. Lupton, of Frederick. Mr. Leigh could not accept the appointment on account of his health. Mr. Winston was barred from taking it because his firm was given a \$3,500,000 contract by the War Department. Governor Davis then backed Mr. Lupton and wrote a supplementary letter urging his selection after Messrs. Leigh and Winston had withdrawn.

Governor Davis' friends also intimated that he had been treated with discourtesy by the Food Administration by its officials going to Congressional delegation and asking it to recommend a man after he had submitted his recommendations. The Federal Food Administration has not decided whom it will name.

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HINDENBURG WOUNDED

German Commander-in-Chief Struck by Fragment of Shell Dropped by Allied Aviator.

Zurich, April 12.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of staff of the German army, was wounded while on the western front and now is under treatment in a private hospital, according to information from Strassburg today.

It was said that the field marshal was struck by a fragment of a bomb dropped by an allied aviator.

All of the "war lords" of Germany, including the kaiser himself, went to the western front when the big Picardy drive began.

The battle in Flanders, which is continuing along a twenty-mile front, is expected hourly to spread northward to Ypres and southward toward the Picardy battle front.

On the Flanders front, as in Picardy, the British center has given way, while the wings are holding. The hinges on which the British retirement swung in Picardy were Arras and the Oise, south of LaFere. The hinges of the Flanders retirement are Houthulst and Labasse.

A stretch of fifteen miles between Labasse and Arras separates these two fronts. In this comparatively quiet sector is Vimy ridge, made famous by the Canadians.

This height, which lies directly north of Arras, is firmly held by the British, and its possession is generally credited with retarding the enemy drive in Picardy. From here Halg threatens Hindenburg's attenuated lines of communication on the northern portion of the Picardy front.

Official comment today on the reported landing of American troops at Vladivostok was that "the situation is loaded with dynamite."

Both the State and Navy Departments anticipated that they would be advised before night.

It has been known for some time—though confidentially—that the United States was represented in the squadron lying off the Siberian port, but officials suggested Americans would not land there unless American lives, as well as property, were endangered.

It is anticipated that the reported American action will be seized upon by Lenine and his pro-German agents to inflame the Russian people. This will be offset, however, by an American statement as to necessity for the action, for protection of our nationals in Siberia. Anarchy has been rife at Vladivostok, and it is assumed that Americans would join the Japanese and British only in case of extreme necessity.

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