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STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, and the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
Oh! say does the star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines in the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner, Oh! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
"Mid the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country they'd leave us no more?"
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution;
No refuge could save the hireling and slave,
From the terror of fight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,
And this be our motto, "IN GOD IS OUR TRUST,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

AMERICA

My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of Liberty, to Thee we sing,
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King!

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NAVY NEEDS SKILLED MEN.

Fine Openings for Machinists, Electricians, Pharmacists, Bakers, Etc.

The navy needs men who are skilled in trades that are peculiar to the operation of war vessels, and Lieut. S. M. LaBounty, in charge of the New Orleans recruiting office, announces that extra efforts will be made to enlist such men.

At the present time the navy is in need of men who are machinists or who are anxious to advance to the machinist ratings. There are exceptional opportunities open to men who enlist in these branches. A man possessing training as a machinist who passes the examination will be enlisted as a machinist mate second class at a rate of pay of \$44 a month and can advance to a higher rating paying as much as \$2400 a year. A man enlisting as fireman third class is in line for promotion to ratings in the machinist branch.

The navy needs a large number of men skilled in the other mechanical branches of the service, such as electricians, carpenters, ship fitters, coopering and painters. There are good chances for men with clerical experience who can enlist as yeomen, and for bakers, pharmacists and cooks.

The pay in the navy, according to Lieut. LaBounty, compares favorably with that in civil life because a man gets his board and lodging free and on first enlistment a \$60 outfit of clothing. Some men in the service save regularly half of their pay, and statistics have been compiled by the Navy Department showing that if a man saves fifty per cent of his pay during thirty years' service as seaman, at the time of retirement he will have saved \$28,000, which of course, includes the interest the money has earned. When a man retires from the service after a certain number of years he is given a pension.

A man without a trade enlisting in the navy in the seaman branch can rise to higher ratings or can learn one of the trades taught aboard battle ships.

"The navy is the first line of defense and in the present crisis this country must look to the navy to make operations for defense effective," said Lieut. LaBounty. "However, we do not appeal to a man to enlist for patriotic motives alone, but we point out to him what the navy offers in the way of pay and advancement, and if a man is ambitious he never lets the opportunity go by. The navy offers so many opportunities that they cannot be detailed in limited space, but a letter addressed to the recruiting office at 730 Common street, New Orleans, will bring information on any point."

Government Need Mechanics.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that there is a special need at this time in government, arsenals and navy yards for anglemiths, boatbuilders, boiler-makers, boilermaker helpers, drillers, machinists, riveters, sail-makers, (or canvas workers), ship-fitters, shipsmiths, shipwrights and tool makers. Mechanics in practically all the metal and woodworking trades are needed at the arsenals at Watertown, Mass., Rock Island, Ill., and Philadelphia, Pa., and the navy yards at Portsmouth, N. H., Norfolk, Va., Philadelphia, Pa., Charleston, S. C., Washington, D. C., Boston, Mass., and Key West, Fla. In cases where the need for men is urgent at navy yards the government will refund expenses of transportation at the end of six months' service, and in certain cases will advance transportation. Further information and necessary application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, Tenth Civil Service District, Room 330, Customhouse, New Orleans.

Applications for the following positions will be received at any time and the papers rated immediately, in order that appointments may be made with the least possible delay:

Assistant chemist, \$1350 to \$1500 per annum, Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. J.

Laboratory aid and junior chemist, \$3.28, \$3.84, \$4.48 and \$5.04 per diem, Naval Proving Ground, Indian Head, Maryland.

Superintendent, manufacture of field and seacoast cannon, \$4000 to \$5000 per annum, Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, N. Y.

Other special examinations are announced as follows:

Stenographer and typewriter, men and women, \$900 to \$1200, for employment at Washington, D. C., every Tuesday; for employment in New Orleans, May 15.

May 28—Watchman, \$480 to \$720, Departmental Service, Washington, D. C.

May 29—Inspector of clothing, \$600, quartermaster corps of the army at various quartermaster corps establishments throughout the country.

June 6—Junior zoologist, \$1400 to \$1800, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Apprentice map engraver, \$700, Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

RAISE SWEET POTATOES.

Cost Less to Plant Than Irish Potatoes and Are as Nutritious.

Seed to plant an acre of Irish potatoes cost \$40 this spring. Seed sweet potatoes will not cost more than \$4 per acre where vine cuttings taken from early set plants are used. The yield of sweet potatoes per acre is usually greater than that of Irish potatoes and as a food they are as nutritious. Specialists in the U. S. Department of Agriculture are urging an increased acreage of this crop wherever it can be easily grown.

Sweet potatoes, it is pointed out, are the south's chief instrument for a quick and effective increase of the food supply. Seed is plentiful; last year's crop was the second largest ever produced. By means of vine cuttings it is possible to plant almost unlimited areas of this crop and at the same time conserve the present supply. That is, a farmer who wishes to plant 10 acres will bed seed enough—say 8 to 10 bushels—to get slips for one acre. Vine cuttings from this year would plant many more acres, plantings being possible until the first of August in the lower south. This system, now widely used in the south, enables the utilization of land from which early potatoes, cabbage, and other truck crops have been taken.

Sweet potatoes are not expensive to grow. The main limiting factor to this plan is labor. Yields from fields set with vine cuttings are as large as from plants grown from slips. This method has the further advantage of preventing the transfer of diseases which are carried on the tubers.

The south doesn't need to learn how to grow sweet potatoes, the specialists point out. Farmers know how to produce large yields of this crop. But the farmer must be impressed with the necessity of increasing his acreage of this crop, and then, when harvest comes, to prevent the enormous loss from improper handling and storing. The best way to store them in well-ventilated storage houses, not "dug-outs." Storage houses should be made ready as soon as possible. In Farmers' Bulletin 548, "Storing and Marketing Sweet Potatoes," instructions for building such houses and for converting old and unoccupied buildings are given.

Proper Food for Weak Stomachs.

The proper food for one man may be all wrong for another. Every one should adopt a diet suited to his age and occupation. Those who have weak stomachs need to be especially careful and should eat slowly and masticate their food thoroughly. It is also important that they keep their bowels regular. When they become constipated or when they feel dull and stupid after eating, they should take Chamberlain's Tablets to strengthen the stomach and move the bowels. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect.—(Adv.)

Balsa wood, found in Central America, is said to be the lightest known wood. It is lighter than cork and has an average specific gravity of only .104.

SUPPRESSION OF NEWS.

Editor Who Engages in Practice Breaks Faith with Public.

Few people would have the hardihood to ask a judge to have a grand jury indictment pigeon-holed, or secretly dismissed, as a personal favor, with the object of saving the accused person from public humiliation. Yet there are still people who ask editors to suppress news—or to color it to the advantage of those figuring in it.

If the people generally could understand that the newspapers are quite as important factors in our lives as the courts—that the responsibility of an editor to the public is fully as sacred as that of the judge—there would be little effort made to have legitimate news suppressed.

To ask a judge to exercise bias is to commit "contempt of court." To ask an editor to suppress the truth about actual events is to commit contempt of public opinion.

The newspaper which would suppress real news in the interest of the individual would betray its trust, violate the obligation to society which it solemnly assumed on the day of its birth, and would thereby forfeit its place as the guardian of public interests, and would become a menace, rather than a factor of useful service to its community.

The surest safeguard against tyranny is full publicity of proceedings whenever these have a public interest. The best safeguard against injustice to the individual is the publication of the truth about any event in which he figures. When, because of personal considerations, an editor fails to do this, he breaks faith with his public.

The editor is the historian of his day. He must record history as it is made, in both large and small things. It always happens that some of this history will be humiliating, shameful—though the printing of the news of the day some people will be pilloried. It is to be regretted that the events happened—but the historian must put them into the record.—Editor and Publisher.

Amusement Concern Incorporated.

The charter of the Grand Theatre corporation has been filed for record in the office of the clerk of court of Ascension parish, and is published in this paper. Alex. Bloomenstiel is president of the concern, Louis N. Boston vice president, and Abe H. Bloomenstiel secretary and treasurer. The capital stock is fixed at \$5000, but may be increased to a sum not to exceed \$10,000, if desired. The objects and purposes of the corporation are to establish, operate and maintain motion picture playhouses, theatres, and other places of amusement in Donaldsonville, Thibodaux and other cities in Louisiana. The company owns and operates the Grand Theatre in Donaldsonville, and a newly built motion picture theatre of the same name in Thibodaux. Mr. Boston is manager of the latter enterprise, and Mr. Alex. Bloomenstiel is in charge of the local house.

State Banking Laws Compiled.

R. N. Sims, state bank examiner, has compiled copies of all laws of the state relating to banks, trust companies and building and loan associations, or homeosteds, and the volume has been handsomely indexed by the state banking department. Mr. Sims believes the work will be of great benefit to the average man who seeks definite information without having to search through volumes of law.

When in need of stationery get in touch with The Chief. Phone 54.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Objects and Purposes of Noble Society Clearly Explained—Only Volunteer Relief Organization Sanctioned by Federal Government—Method of Procedure in Connection with Establishment of Branches.

Following is the full text of the interesting address delivered by Mrs. Simon Abraham, of New Orleans, on the occasion of the meeting held in the high school auditorium Monday afternoon to organize a local branch of the Red Cross:

"I have been invited to come to Donaldsonville and tell you all about the Red Cross organization. I wish to thank you very kindly for this invitation. I could speak volumes on the subject of the Red Cross, but as time is short, I will try to be as concise as possible.

"The American Red Cross was founded by Miss Clara Barton, an American woman, to aid in the prevention and alleviation of human suffering in time of war and in time of peace. It is an organization of the people by the people—a part of your life as an American and your inheritance as an American. It is the only volunteer relief society authorized by the government. The president of the United States is the president of the Red Cross Society. The national headquarters are in Washington, D. C., in a beautiful white marble building dedicated to the memory of the heroic women of the civil war.

"The American Red Cross does not bind you to any financial obligation, nor any service obligation, save payment of dues. All citizens of the United States—men, women and children—are asked for their co-operation. Japan, with a population of forty million people, has one million eight hundred thousand Red Cross members; Germany, with a population of sixty-seven million people, has one million Red Cross members; the United States, with a population of one hundred million people, has only two hundred thousand Red Cross members. Can you afford to let your Red Cross lag so far behind?

"In time of war, the Red Cross is at the front. The moment a soldier is wounded, he is placed on a stretch-er and given first aid by military authorities; he is then taken to the nearest field station and from there to the evacuation hospital, where the male personnel of the Red Cross takes charge of him until he is in condition to be removed; then he is sent to the base hospital, where the female nurses minister to him until he is discharged. However, you must not think the Red Cross limits its efforts solely to the care of wounded soldiers. It is organized to carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and to mitigate the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, etc.

"To illustrate and bring close to you the work of the Red Cross, I will mention that some few years ago, when the parish of Terrebonne was visited by a disastrous storm and flood, the Red Cross immediately came to the rescue of the stricken people with food, clothing and money. In consequence, today the people of Terrebonne have contributed liberally to the fund; they are organized as a branch of the New Orleans chapter, doing sewing and making garments.

"The Red Cross offers a field for noble service by women in time of peace. One opportunity not to be slighted is the chance of organization work, starting new chapters and branches where none exist today, thus spreading influence for the good of the only philanthropic institution which has the official recognition of the government.

"Three months ago I tendered my services to the Red Cross Society of New Orleans to canvass the parishes of Lafourche and Assumption. I have been actively engaged in this noble work ever since, and am proud to say that I have met with success wherever I have gone. I have established a branch in the parish of Lafourche with two headquarters, one in Thibodaux and one in Lockport, and I venture to say we have already collected over \$1200, the police jury of the parish giving \$100 and the parish \$25 each. In Assumption parish I have one branch established, with headquarters in Napoleonville. Although lately organized, it has already done splendid work. Last week I was invited to organize the parish of Tangipahoa. I answered the call by going to Hammond and Amite City. The parish is now organized as Tangipahoa Branch Chapter of New Orleans, and now I come prepared to assist you in organizing a branch in your parish, and will answer any questions you may ask, if I am able, regarding Red Cross work.

"The membership dues are varied. Annual membership, \$1, of which 50 cents goes to the national headquarters in Washington, and the other 50 cents to the chapter in New Orleans. Sustaining membership, \$10 a year; life membership, \$25; patron membership, \$100. A \$2 membership entitles you to a Red Cross monthly magazine.

"In order to become a branch, you will have to make application for a permit, addressed to the secretary of the New Orleans chapter, 317 Carondelet street. Elect your chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, executive committee, or board of directors. The latter should be selected from among the prominent men of your parish, who will assist you with their advice and funds, if necessary. It will be well to appoint a committee on supplies, one on membership, and a press agent. Funds to defray the expenses of the branch can be had by applying to headquarters for the amount acted upon, and may also be obtained by means of a membership drive, by entertainments, and by the sale of various Red Cross

RECORD LUMBER ORDER.

Government Contracts For Over Two Billion Feet of Material.

To meet its war requirements for wooden ships, army barracks and other purposes, the government has contracted for the purchase of over two billion feet of southern pine. While exact figures are not yet available, it is understood that the aggregate price which the United States will pay to mills supplying this lumber will be between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000. The order is the largest in the history of the lumber industry.

The tremendous volume of lumber which this represents may be understood when it is stated that the total output of all the southern pine mills of Louisiana, the largest yellow pine producing state in the union, in 1915 was but 2,900,000,000 feet.

The lumber which the government has bought is sufficient to build homes for all the people of a city of half a million inhabitants.

If loaded in a solid train of cars, it would make up a train extending from New Orleans almost to New York.

The lumber will be delivered as needed, deliveries extending over a period of several months. Special equipment will be provided at many mills so that timbers may be turned out to exactly meet the requirements of the standard type of wooden vessel designed by experts of the federal shipping board.

Mills which will participate in supplying the country's lumber requirements are located in most of the states of the south, and include nearly all members of the Southern Pine Association, the combined monthly output of whose plants averages about 450,000,000 feet.

By a vote of 30 of its 33 members the Wisconsin senate last week expelled Senator Frank Rague, a Socialist member from Milwaukee, for unpatriotic remarks made in the course of debate on a resolution to have printed 50,000 copies of President Wilson's "state of war" message.

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A Word for the Merchants.

Donaldsonville merchants contribute to every movement for the upbuilding of the community; they employ scores of clerks; they own or rent substantial buildings; they are the backbone of your city; they are entitled to your patronage.

Secretary of the Interior Lane declares that the United States must either fight this war on the other side of the ocean now, or on this side later.

That is a fact every American should look squarely in the face and get ready to do his or her bit in the inevitable struggle occurring hereby.

STAR PLANTATION SOLD.

Sam. Kessler Pays \$80,000 for Sugar Tract in Assumption.

Evidence of the firm market which the high price of sugar has created for plantation property is found in a deal consummated last Saturday through a New Orleans broker, wherein the holdings of the Star Development Company on Bayou Lafourche, in upper Assumption parish, were sold to Sam. Kessler for \$80,000 cash.

Approximately 1300 acres are comprised in the property, about half of which is under cultivation, sugar cane and rice being the main crops. The remainder is unimproved.

Mr. Kessler formerly owned the Voiron and Lula plantations, located in the same section, which he sold in January to a syndicate of Bayou Lafourche planters after having operated them for a number of years. He disposed of them with a view of retiring from the planting business, and at the same time sold his interest in Kessler Brothers' general store. His purchase of the Star Development Company's holdings is for the account of his brother, Leon, who also leaves the mercantile business to devote his entire time to the raising of sugar cane and other products, as well as the manufacture of sugar. He will acquire the output of several other plantations in the vicinity, and proposes to engage in the sugar business on an extensive scale, having a thorough knowledge of every branch of it.

The improvements comprise a sugarhouse, a small residence and minor buildings. The Star Development Co., the entire holdings of which are represented in the sale, was owned by Samuel Zemurray and Julius Adler, of New Orleans.

Investigation has failed to reveal definitely the cause of the explosion in the munitions factory of the Eddy-stone Ammunition Corporation near Chester, Pa., last month, by which 116 persons, mostly women and girls, lost their lives.

Opinions among the officers and employees of the concern have been about equally divided on the subject, some ascribing the catastrophe to accident and others contending that it was the work of some fiendish bomber. The families of the victims are to be provided for by the corporation.

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