

News of the Photoplays.

Next Week's Bill at the Grand. Sunday—Harold Lockwood in "The Avenging Trail," and a Fatty Arbuckle comedy, "The Country Hero."

"The Avenging Trail." Beautiful snow scenes abound in "The Avenging Trail," a red-blooded drama of the lumber camps in the north woods, with Harold Lockwood as the hero, which will be the principal Sunday offering at the Grand.

"The Woman God Forgot." Never in her career has beautiful Geraldine Farrar been afforded a vehicle that discloses to better advantage her wonderful histrionic talents than "The Woman God Forgot," in which she will be seen at the Grand Monday.

"The Saint's Adventure." Henry B. Walthall proves himself probably the most versatile actor on the screen in "The Saint's Adventure," an intensely human love drama which will be the Wednesday offering at the Grand.

"The Whims of Society." Thrills and thrills and then more thrills are found in "The Whims of Society," featuring lovely Ethel Clayton, which the Grand announces as its attraction for Thursday.

ANOTHER BIG DOUBLE BILL.

Official War Pictures and Pathe Feature at Gem Tomorrow.

The Sunday bill at the Gem will comprise the Pathe Gold Rooster feature, "Miss Nobody," a charming five-reel comedy-drama starring Gladys Hulette, and the third installment of "The Retreat of the Germans at the Battle of Arras," presented in two vivid reels.

"Miss Nobody" is one of the most appealing and delightful productions released in many a day. It has touches of romance and humor, tears, crooks, detectives, thrills galore, and a note of ultimate triumph and happiness that sends everyone away feeling "all's well with the world."

"The Retreat of the Germans at the Battle of Arras" is one of the most coherent moving picture films of the great world war that has yet been exhibited in this country. The performances of the tanks, the sustained activity of the British artillery and the evidence of the desperate efforts made by the retreating Germans to block the way behind them are points of predominate interest.

British troops are seen advancing in the face of terrific German fire, and shells explode so close to the camera that dust, smoke and debris obstruct the view. A trench raid is shown in which shells are seen dropping within a few feet of the British soldiers burrowing through the barbed wire entanglements to the enemy's parapet.

Beware of Bogus War-Workers. Complaint is being registered with the State Council of Defense that in some instances of late the solicitation of funds for alleged war-work purposes has been carried on by persons who have utilized such contributions to their personal benefit.

WE WILL NOT FAIL.

"I would lose something of my trust in the justice of Almighty God if I doubted the ultimate triumph of our righteous cause."

In the faith of the Puritans, in the valor of the Cavaliers, in the endurance of the patriots from Concord to Yorktown through bleeding marches and starting days in the unspeakable agony of Belgium, in the splendid and unconquerable courage of France, in the daring and suffering of Italy, in the grim and uncompromising sacrifices of Great Britain and her colonialists from the four quarters of the globe, in memory of the women and children of the Lusitania and the crews of peaceful merchantmen done to death by the assassins of the sea, in punishment of the lawlessness of the German government and the perfidy of her broken promises, in vindication of our right to order our ways as we choose, and in loyalty to the sovereignty of man above the usurpations of royal pretenders, let us take heart to strike in the full measure of our strength, to the limit of our energies and resources, as becomes the sons of men whose name and fame we bear." Clarence Ousley, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, in address at St. Louis.

W. S. S.

AMERICA'S FIGHTERS PRAISED.

Gen. Pershing Says Our Troops Are a Credit to the Nation.

In a recent communication to Secretary of War Baker, the commander of the American expeditionary forces said:

"There has never been a similar body of men to lead as clean lives as our American soldiers in France. They have entered this war with the highest devotion to duty and with no other idea than to perform these duties in the most efficient manner possible. They fully realize their obligation to their own people, their friends, and the country. A rigid program of instruction is carried out daily with traditional American enthusiasm. Engaged in healthy, interesting exercises in the open air, with simple diets, officers and men, like trained athletes, are ready for their tasks. Forbidden the use of strong drink and protected by stringent regulations against sexual evils, and supported by their own moral courage, their good behavior is the subject of most favorable comments, especially by our allies.

W. S. S.

New Duty for Red Cross in America.

Full information regarding the condition of soldiers who are taken ill or are injured in camps in the United States will be transmitted to members of their families by the Red Cross, through the suggestion of Secretary of War Baker. The society has already established in France, in accordance with an army order, a service to keep families in America in personal touch with their boys, ill or wounded in the field. Hereafter Red Cross representatives at the camps here, as in France, will have access to daily lists of admissions to and evacuations from the hospitals, and so far as it is in accord with necessary medical rules, will be allowed to talk with the sick men. They will be expected to keep families constantly informed as to the condition and progress of men in the hospitals, to write letters for men unable to write themselves, and in general to fulfill that clause of the Red Cross charter which designates the society as a medium of communication between troops in the field and their families at home.

W. S. S.

WEAK, WEARY WOMEN.

Learn the Cause of Daily Woes and End Them.

When the back aches and throbs. When housework is torture. When night brings no rest nor sleep. When urinary disorders set in. Women's lot is a weary one. Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys. Have proved their worth in thousands of cases. Read this woman's testimony. Mrs. Fahrenholt, Morgan City, La., says: "I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills on several occasions when my kidneys have been out of order and my back has felt weak and lame. It has only required a few doses at such times to give relief. I am satisfied there is no better medicine than Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney disorders."

Price 60 cents at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Fahrenholt had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N.Y. (Ad.) W. S. S.

Swiss live stock quotations near the end of 1917 were: Oxen, each \$230; pigs, \$170; cows, \$260; calves, \$180; young pigs, \$14; sheep, \$14; fat hogs, per pound, 32 cents. W. S. S.

LIVE STOCK IN LOUISIANA.

Substantial Increases in Number and Value During Past Year.

Anyone entertaining the belief that the horse and mule is fast disappearing as a result of the rapidly growing popularity of the automobile and farm tractor, is somewhat mistaken, according to the live stock report just issued by John S. Denness, field agent of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture. The report shows that not only is the number of such animals in Louisiana greater than ever before, but throughout the entire country as well. And the same is true of every class of live stock, excepting sheep and swine, which showed a decrease during the past year.

An estimate of the number and value of the live stock in Louisiana on January 1, 1918, with comparisons as to number for the preceding year, is as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Live Stock, 1918, 1917, Price, and Value. Rows include Horses, Mules, Other cattle, Sheep, and Swine.

The increase in numbers of horses amounted to 12,000, or 6 per cent; of mules, 17,000, or 12.2 per cent; of other cattle, 53,000, or 10.1 per cent. Sheep decreased 31,000 head, or 13 per cent, and swine 16,000 head, or 1 per cent.

The total value of all live stock on Louisiana farms January 1 is estimated at \$92,513,800, an increase of \$20,004,500, or about 27.5 per cent, over the valuation a year ago. Of this total valuation about 43.5 per cent is for work animals, and 56.4 per cent for food animals.

With reference to horses, the average price per head was \$125.00 on January 1, 1918, than at any time during the past five years; and 8.1 per cent above that of one year ago. It is estimated that the total value of farm horses in Louisiana at the commencement of the present year was \$19,251,000.

The increased number of farm mules is due mainly to shipments coming into the state. Easier and more abundant money with farmers enabled many of them to take advantage of the opportunity to replenish their stocks of these work animals. The average value of farm mules per head January 1, 1918, was \$ per cent higher as compared with the preceding year, and about 5.5 per cent above that of five years ago.

Some portion of the increase in milk cows and other cattle is attributable to heretofore unacknowledged herds recently brought to light through enforced dipping regulations, and to some fifty thousand or more head, mostly Herefords and Shorthorns, coming into the state from the drought-stricken areas of Texas. An average milk cow today is worth in Louisiana about \$49.50, whereas one year ago she was worth \$42, and five years ago she could be bought for about \$34. Other cattle during the year increased 21 per cent in the average price per head, and about 58 per cent during the past five years.

While sheep declined in numbers during the year, they increased in price. It is estimated that about 30,000 head were shipped to other states after the clip last season, the owners being induced to part with the animals by reason of the high prices offered for them. Some trouble was experienced with scab in the southern portion of the state, but the disease was taken in hand promptly, and the losses resulting were small. During the year the health of sheep was generally good.

Swine showed a slight decrease in numbers, and a stiff increase in value per head. It is reported that cholera afflicted hogs less during the past year than at any time since 1910, and the cases were as a rule sporadic. In some localities farmers were so enticed by the high prices offered, that they committed the error of disposing of their foundation stocks, notwithstanding they were cautioned not to do so by those having at heart the future of the industry in Louisiana.

For the unit of women telephone operators to be sent to France a distinctive uniform is being provided. Salaries range from \$60 to \$125 a month, with allowance for rations and quarters. Successful applicants must speak both French and English with ease.

When You Have a Cold. It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year-old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured." (Ad.) W. S. S.

Supply of Ships 20 Per Cent Short. The Food Administration estimates the total number of ocean-going vessels now afloat at 30,000, having a gross tonnage of 45,000,000 tons. Losses of shipping during the war have totalled about 8,783,080 tons, and the supply of ships is about 20 per cent short of normal. Shipbuilding in France has been at a standstill since the beginning of the war; England's output is less than normal; Japan is hampered by lack of material; the American ship supply is only beginning.

Don't send away for anything you can buy at home. It's your duty as a citizen to encourage local enterprise, instead of sending your money away to build up some other community.

Save

1-wheat use more corn. 2-meat use more fish & beans. 3-fats use just enough. 4-sugar use syrups.

and serve the cause of freedom. U.S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

WHAT U. S. HAS DONE.

Remarkable Record of Achievement in Space of One Year.

One year ago, January 31, the German government announced the resumption of its unrestricted submarine warfare. One year ago, February 3, Von Bernstorff was handed his passports and Gerard was recalled from Berlin. Just three days prior to the first anniversary of Germany's announcement which forced this country into war, Secretary of War Baker officially tells congress this nation will have in the immediate future 600,000 soldiers in France, fully equipped and ready for battle.

On Thursday, January 31, 1918, the first anniversary of Germany's announcement, it was declared that a fleet of 16 vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 500,000, all of which were formerly German vessels, seized by this country upon declaration of war, had safely arrived at a French port with a great body of American troops and hospital units, and a vast cargo of supplies and munitions for our forces in France. In the fleet was the former German steamship, Vaterland, the largest steamship afloat, rechristened the Leviathan.

One year after Von Bernstorff's dismissal it is officially announced that American forces have formally "taken over" a sector of the battle front in France, thus actually lifting from French shoulders some of the burden of holding the lines against the enemy.

Placing yourself back to your mental viewpoint of one year ago, did you then believe such things would be accomplished facts within one year, or even could be? That is a fair yardstick by which to measure the progress of the administration's war work. That is a fair criterion by which to judge Secretary Baker and the war organization under his actual and nominal control.—New Orleans Item, Feb. 4.

W. S. S.

POSTMASTER EXAMINATION.

Civil Service Test Announced to Fill Vacancy at Burnside.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Donaldsonville, Saturday, Feb. 23, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Burnside. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$421 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first birthday on the date of the examination, with the exception that women eighteen years of age will be admitted, and must reside within the territory supplied by the office. The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application blanks, Form 1753, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Burnside or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at the earliest practicable date.

W. S. S.

Men Wanted for Veterinary Corps.

For work in the enlisted Veterinary Corps, 2000 men not subject to call under the selective-service law are wanted. They will be assigned to duty in veterinary hospitals and for other purposes in the corps. Service overseas can be expected shortly. There is particular demand for veterinary and agricultural students, farmers, stablemen, and others accustomed to handling horses. A few horse-shoers, saddlers, pharmacists, cooks, typists, and stenographers will also be accepted. Pay for enlisted men and non-commissioned officers ranges from \$30 to \$56 a month, with food, clothing, and quarters. Applications for enlistment can be made at any army recruiting office.

For results! Advertise in the Chief. Telephone 84.

RED CROSS BULLETIN.

Report of Work Accomplished by Various Louisiana Chapters.

Following is a summary of the bulletin issued Feb. 1 by the publicity bureau of the Gulf Division, American Red Cross, outlining the work done by some of the chapters in Louisiana: DeSoto Parish Chapter—They have been two auxiliaries added to the chapter recently. One at Mineral for white people, is located in a rich farming community, near a state agricultural high school, and much good work is expected from the new branch. The other auxiliary has been formed in Mansfield, and is known as St. John's, the name corresponding to the church of the members, who are colored. Much enthusiasm was manifested among the negroes when this organization was completed, and as they have been among the most liberal givers in all the drives, much may be expected of St. John's. Both branches were organized under the supervision of Chairman Jos. B. Elam. One of the small daughters of Mrs. Clanton, living at Fortson postoffice, has donated to the chapter 79 cents saved by her in different ways.

Jennings Chapter—Last week shipped one box containing 500 surgical dressings and another with 46 sweaters, 52 pairs of socks, 16 pairs of wristlets, 11 helmets and 3 mufflers. The surgical dressing class instruction will be completed this week, and it is expected much work in that line will be done every day.

Lake Arthur Chapter—Recently shipped its second box of knitted garments to New Orleans, containing 58 sweaters, 5 mufflers, 10 helmets, 26 pairs of wristlets, and 34 pairs of socks. Made 204 compresses and a number of bandages last week, and will soon send out another box of knitted goods. Arrangements are being made for a "box social" at the Thornton schoolhouse for the benefit of the chapter. Two Saturday "market days" brought \$13.

Lafayette Chapter—Sent to headquarters 276 knitted garments and 275 hospital garments, and has another shipment nearly ready. The children are busy knitting blankets for the Belgium babies. A large class of little boys are learning to knit and are very enthusiastic over their work, hoping soon to have something to show for their pains.

Natchitoches Chapter—Has shipped 13 boxes to New Orleans, but more workers are needed as the demands grow from day to day. The people are not slackers, as was shown in the recent membership drive, but they have not yet realized what it would mean to have each home represented by a Red Cross headquarters. Mrs. Anna McCook has been appointed superintendent and instructor of surgical work, and Mrs. Fannie Montgomery superintendent of hospital garments. These ladies took the course of instructions given in New Orleans under Mrs. Moberly's direction. The Normal students are working in the junior branch of the Red Cross under the able leadership of J. E. Guardia, Miss Margaret Weeks, Miss Haut, Miss Gabrielson and Miss Bess Graham, 100 comfort pillows being made and shipped in one week.

Three boxes shipped by the chapter, January 21, contained 48 bed shirts, 19 suits pajamas, 16 convalescent gowns, 12 ward slippers, 72 sheets, 48 pillow cases, 70 face towels, 24 bath towels, 86 wash cloths, 24 bed socks and 72 handkerchiefs. Compresses made from January 10 to January 24 totalled 3386. All the work was done by the Natchitoches Red Cross, assisted by the branch chapters at Campi, Robeline and Bayou Natchez. The boxes for supplies, etc., sent to New Orleans are made by the students in the manual training department of the State Normal School.

Richland Parish Chapter—Made two shipments to headquarters last week, one of knitted articles, the other of hospital garments made by the junior branch. Work on surgical dressings has been going forward rapidly, unusual interest being taken in this department. This month, owing to illness, Mrs. W. T. Henry resigned as chairman of this department, and her place is being filled by Mrs. J. W. Swimm, who has been Mrs. Henry's assistant.

W. S. S.

Uncle Sam Wants Accountants.

The United States government is in need of several hundred expert cost accountants to fill vacancies in the equipment division of the Signal Corps, War Department, and in other branches, for duty in Washington, D. C., or in the field. The salaries offered range from \$2400 to \$6000 a year. Men only are desired. The duties of appointees to the Signal Corps will consist of the determination of production costs of airplanes and airplane motors, either as supervisors in charge or as assistants; or appointees may be assigned to duty in Washington. Applicants will not be assembled for a written examination, but will be rated upon the subjects of education and experience, as shown by their application and corroborative evidence. Complete information and application blanks may be obtained by communicating with the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington.

W. S. S. The special campaigns in the south for the increased production of food-stuffs through the extension forces resulted in a marked increase in the planting of corn, soy beans, velvet beans, cowpeas, peanuts, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, and other food crops. The corn crop in the fifteen southern states was 964,504,000 bushels, or more than a fourth of the whole crop of the United States.

W. S. S. Butter is selling in Berlin at \$2.25 a pound, sugar at \$6 cents a pound, ham and bacon at \$1.11 a pound, and Ivory soap at five bars for \$1.12.



GERALDINE FARRAR THE WOMAN THAT GOD FORGOT AN ARTCRAFT PICTURE

Society," featuring lovely Ethel Clayton, which the Grand announces as its attraction for Thursday. The story tells of the trials and tribulations of Nora Carey, a pretty, intelligent factory worker who is coveted and persecuted by Marlinoff, the hot-blooded foreign foreman at the factory where Nora is employed. Marlinoff finally fires Nora, and when retribution overtakes him he wreaks his vengeance in a truly foreign manner. But happiness comes to Nora after all her trials.

"Troublemakers." "Troublemakers," in which Jane and Katherine Lee, the diminutive William Fox stars, will be seen at the Grand next Friday, carries an appeal, combatting the custom of placing too much confidence in circumstantial evidence—relied upon so often in courts to obtain conviction of persons accused of capital crimes. A romance is developed; tragedy has its lining, but underlying the entire fabric is the irresistible humor of the little trouble-makers, Jane and Katherine.

Reveille.

Back to the hayfield, Harold! Back where the buttercups blow! Come out of the cabaret, Guthbert, And take up the spade and the hoe. And, while you are ploughing and planting, From dawn till the fall of dew, And serving the Land that you claim to love, Here's what it will do for you!

It will straighten your silly shoulders, It will broaden your hollow chest, It will make you forget your cigarette, And suffer your lungs to rest! It will give you a full-sized appetite, And a beautiful coat of tan. It will make you a man among men, at last. Instead of an "also ran!" W. S. S.

Keep in touch with local happenings by investing \$2 for one year's subscription to the Chief. W. S. S. The entire wheat crop in France has been requisitioned by the French government.