

# The Alma Record.

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"Long may it wave o'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

### MATERIALISM; GOTT OF THE HUN

That the Germans have surrendered to the Prussian system of materialism is becoming more plain with each passing day, showing that the Prussian system which Germany would thrust upon the world, has brought about a transformation in that one-time nation of poets and philosophers, and made it over into a nation, a race of the basest materialists that the world has ever known.

Pastor Eduard Falck, one of the most noted divines of Germany, furnishes part of the proof, if proof is what is needed. He shows that materialism is the Gott of the Hun. The following is a Corpus Christi day article which was signed by him:

"The spirit of Pentecost is the spirit of action, and since the first Pentecostal day that dawned over the hills and valleys of Judea nineteen hundred years ago no people on earth have more brilliantly fulfilled this Divine doctrine than the German."

It was the inventive spirit, the spirit of seclusion and holy concentration that built for itself the slender airship which at length fulfilled the ideal dream of humanity.

It created the marvel of the U-boat, which defied all the cunning of counter measures of the enemy, and day by day breaks off pieces after piece of England's world prestige.

It brought forth that stupendous piece of artillery whose fire reaches to the ethereal regions of the atmospheric ocean and carries death and devastation a distance of 70 miles into the ranks of the foe.

The German spirit creates order where the ill-directed impulse towards so-called 'freedom' has crushed into fragments all that is decent and orderly, and has turned every day life into chaos.

In this way the German spirit, the spirit of Pentecost, which is the spirit of action, comes as a blessing also to other nations besides our own, because it is the one true representation of the force of Christianity."

How the German mind must be warped and blinded by its submission to the Prussian system of militarism, when even her teachers of Christianity can even boast of U-boat successes, the sinking of neutral ships carrying women and children, or giant guns which hurl death and destruction seventy miles into Paris, killing women and children—for his purpose called ranks of the foe. It is a religion which has bowed its head to materialism, and fails to see the finer things of life.

A NEW YANKEE DOODLE (Same old tune—only louder)

Old Kaiser Bill one summer day Was feeling kind of breezy; Says he, "I guess I'll lick the world; I think it will be easy."

Chorus Wallop him with peas and beans; Paste him with potatoes; Hammer him with sugar-beets, and Soak him with tomatoes.

And then this cheery Kaiser Bill Concealed another notion. He built a thousand submarines. And thought he owned the ocean.

"No ship with food," said Kaiser Bill, "May come across the water; My submarines will send them down To Davy Jones' Locker."

"Friend Bill," said Uncle Samuel, "That's going pretty strong, sir, And if you try a stunt like that You'll surely get in wrong, sir."

Then Uncle Sammy filled a ship With flour and beans and lumber; A submarine let drive at her. And blew her all to thunder.

"All right," said Sam, "if you want war, By gum, you'll get your fill, sir; I'll call two million fighting sons And make you take your pill, sir."

And now his boys are closing in From Maine and Minnesota; From Florida and Michigan, From Texas and Dakota.

They're practicing with aeroplanes, With guns they're getting handy; They'll teach the Kaiser not to fool With Yankee Doodle Dandy.

Wallop him with peas and beans; Paste him with potatoes; Hammer him with sugar-beets, and Soak him with tomatoes.

His Last Resort, Maybe. There's one New York man who evidently believes the courts to be omnipotent. He has trustfully asked that an order be issued compelling his wife to keep quiet.—Cleveland Plain Dealer

### ALMA WOMEN IN WAR WORK

Mrs. Ezra Smith, Red Cross Mrs. J. E. Collins, Com. of National Defense

The Red Cross membership drive is a regular "boom" under the management of Mrs. J. Grover. \$100.00 a day since it started is a small estimate.

Some very interesting stories about the "drive," have come to our ears, which we are glad to pass on.

He was "only a drayman," but he handed over 50 cents after Dr. Barclay's speech.

Friday evening a loyal citizen gave \$10.00 for memberships. This placed his family on the 100% list and \$7.00 was put into the donation box.

A small chap wearing a crop of beautiful, brilliant red hair said he had a box of pennies at home. He ran home for them, and with much satisfaction turned out 103 pennies. This entitled him to a dollar membership with 3 cents left as a nest egg.

The stores of Brunner, Winslow, Ray, Hayward and Wilcox were the first to bear 100% window flags.

Up to Tuesday morning, Mrs. F. M. Peterson was the banner worker, having sold more than 200 memberships.

We have such a large quota of Belgian garments to be gotten out this month, that a good many more women can work with profit. Come tomorrow and next week and bring your thimble, needle and shears and your July ambition and the garments will be finished in short order.

The Artist's concert Tuesday evening was a success in every way, netting the Red Cross \$300.00. Mr. Carlton gripped the audience with his splendid voice. (Only one criticism, we did not hear enough of it.) Miss Amsbury and Miss Alexander both exceeded our expectations and responded to repeated encores. Our home talent did well and cordial thanks are due them all. To Mrs. Peet, under whose able management and personal activities, the sale of tickets was so enormous, is due great credit. Mrs. Vern Wright was another whom we should heartily thank for her untiring efforts.

The parade last Saturday night must have had a salutary effect, for two young men, not finding a member of the committee, left their money at a store to call for their pins later. It is gratifying that even two are on the trail of the solicitors.

On the evening of Thursday, August 1st, at the Red Cross room (Masonic Home) at eight o'clock, Madame J. A. Picard, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis King, has consented to speak to the Red Cross and interested friends on "The Children of France." Madame Picard was in France with her husband Lieutenant Picard, of the French army, during the first two and a half years of this war. She was working in hospitals and on other war activities and is thoroughly informed on this most interesting subject. A rare opportunity is thus given to the people of Alma to hear of the children of our wonderful ally, from a brilliant and charming French woman, whose knowledge is first hand.

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### THE CHURCHES

St. John's Church J. Frank Jackson, Pastor, Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning Prayer 10:30 a. m. Subject: "The Word of Christ." No Vesper service.

Presbyterian Church, Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 10:30 a. m. Rev. C. W. Sifebotham of Milwaukee, Wis., will preach. C. E., 6:45 p. m.

Baptist Church J. W. Priest, Pastor, residence 802 Gratiot avenue. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Morning service—10:30 a. m. Sermon: "The Task of the Church." B. Y. P. U. Meeting—6:30. Topic: "Favorite Proverbs." Evening service, 7:30. Sermon: "The meaning of Discipleship." Thursday night prayer meeting, 7:30.

United Brethren Church There will be no services for two Sundays because of the campmeeting held near Carson City, July 25 to August 4.

The fourth quarterly conference will be held Saturday August 10 at 2:30 p. m. Love feast and communion Sunday August 11 at 10:30 a. m. The presiding elder, J. E. Harwood will be with us.

Regular preaching service every Sunday morning at 10:30 except as above notice. Sunday School at 11:30. Everyone welcome. Leon Cook, pastor, Parsonage, 119 Hastings St. Church adjoining.

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### UNITED BROTHERS CHURCH

Owing to the annual campmeeting which will be in session near Carson City over the Sunday of July 28 and August 4, there will be no services in the U. B. church on those Sundays. Everybody come to the campmeeting. Leon Cook, Pastor.

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### COMMUNICATION

Ament the communication from the Elmwood taxpayers in last week's Record, we would like to say that if Elmwood residents need a sewer, we devoutly hope that they will get it, and have no objection to their paying their sewer tax as soon as possible, for fear the "icy winds" of winter may overtake them without the cold comfort of a sewer. We of Grover avenue think that a few tons of coal in our cellars would add more to our comfort. As far as can be ascertained no sewer has been laid out for this district. At least no map of it is available for the inspection of those most interested (viz) the owners who are called upon to pay the tax. That seems to be all that has been done in the matter; just assess the tax. We wait for more definite assurance that something more is to be done. Grover Avenue Taxpayers

### PRUDEN URGES PEOPLE LAY IN COAL SUPPLY NOW

Farmers Will be Doing a Patriotic Service to Set Aside Hard Coal Burner and Use Wood.

Lansing.—The state fuel administrator while urging people in cities to buy coal now in order that another fuel famine such as was experienced last winter will not be repeated, calls upon farmers and others located where wood is easily accessible to lay in a store of that kind of fuel for several reasons.

It will relieve the fuel situation in those places throughout the state where wood is not obtainable at any price and will give the railroads an opportunity of transporting what coal there is obtainable to the larger industrial centers where huge munition factories are working night and day shifts getting out munitions of war.

In most rural districts there is a certain quantity of wood that can be easily obtained and at a slight expense especially to the farmer who has the means of hauling it. Rainy days during the spring when farming operations are at a standstill can well be used in gathering in next winter's wood supply or when that task is completed cutting a supply that neighboring towns may be furnished with fuel next winter in the event coal is not obtainable, which may be the case.

Attention is called to the shortage of anthracite coal this year. The government is using great quantities on its boats, thus cutting down the natural surplus that accrues during times of peace. This coal is needed badly by the government, being smokeless and furnishing heat for steam power boats used in transporting soldiers across the Atlantic. Every farmer will be performing a patriotic service by putting aside the hard coal burner the coming winter and burning instead, wood that can be secured from forests and wood lots.

The wood lot proposition in Michigan as outlined by experts calls for a cutting out and thinning process each year that the wood lots may become more thrifty. Much dead and down timber is found in these lots, of which a number may be found on almost every farm and the trees many times are left to rot for want of someone to cut them up into wood. In reality proper care of wood lots will prove real conservation of the timber of that state.

Fuel users in cities are already finding themselves in the position of not being able to procure anthracite coal and even when they do secure any a blank must be signed and sworn to, showing that they require a certain amount for next winter's use. Even then the coal dealer in any community is required not to furnish more than two-thirds of the customer's normal requirement and there is already a serious question whether fuel users in the cities will be able to secure their usual amount of anthracite coal.

Soft coal is being placed in cellars this spring where such coal was never before used and the supply of this variety of coal is already becoming scarce as far as some kinds are concerned.

Old rail fences that abound in many sections of the state make good wood for fuel when cut up and the average farmer finds certain time during periods between farming operations to cut these fences into wood as is being done already in many sections of the state. Those living near state lands may easily obtain a supply of wood by getting in touch with the Public Domain Commission at Lansing, which state commission will be only too glad to authorize the cutting out of dead and down timber for fuel.

### WAR INQUIRIES ENORMOUS

Government Prints Bulletin Every Day Concerning Important Orders, Etc.

Lansing, Mich.—Owing to the enormous increase of government war work the governmental departments at Washington ask Michigan residents to refrain from making inquiries on every conceivable subject concerning the war, as it has been found a physical impossibility for the clerks, though they number an army in themselves now, to give many of these inquiries proper attention and reply.

There is published daily at Washington, under authority and by direction of the President, a government newspaper—the official U. S. Bulletin. This paper prints every day all of the more important rulings, decisions, regulations, proclamations, orders, etc., as they are promulgated by the several departments and the many special committees and agencies now in operation at the National Capitol.

This official journal is posted each day in every postoffice in the state of Michigan and may also be found in all libraries, boards of trade, chamber of commerce, the offices of mayors, and government and other officials. By consulting these files most questions will be readily answered; there will be little necessity for letter writing; the unnecessary congestion of the mails will be appreciably relieved; the railroads will be called upon to move fewer correspondence sacks, and the mass of business that is piling up in the government departments at Washington will be eased considerably. Hundreds of clerks now answering correspondence will be enabled to give their time to essentially important war work, and a fundamentally patriotic service will have been performed by the public.

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### Artificial Indigo.

Chemists discovered by research years ago the process of making artificial indigo, but it was only when a thermometer broke in the solution that they found out now to make the indigo cheap enough to be commercially valuable. The mercury so increased the yield of a certain acid that the process was cheapened sufficiently to make artificial indigo less expensive than natural indigo.

### FOR SHERIFF



Arthur J. Murphy

The circulation of petitions by friends in Alma have caused me to change my mind and become a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Gratiot county on the Republican ticket at the August primaries. I invite everyone to look over my record. Any support will be highly appreciated, and I assure the voters that if nominated and elected, they may depend upon a clean, business-like administration.

51-1f-c (Pol. adv.) Arthur J. Murphy.

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### FOR COUNTY TREASURER



Sidney A. Evey

To the voters of Gratiot county: In announcing my candidacy for the nomination for county treasurer on the Republican ticket at the August primaries I wish to state that I have served my township two terms as township treasurer and six terms as supervisor. I have been a resident of Summer township all my life. I ask your support and assure you if elected I shall endeavor to transact the business of the county in a painstaking and creditable manner. Thanking you in advance for your support, I remain, (49-1f) Very truly yours, Sidney A. Evey.

BUY W.S.S.

### FOR COUNTY TREASURER



Willard C. Folkert

I take pleasure in announcing to the electors of Gratiot County that I am a candidate for nomination on the Republican Ticket for the office of County Treasurer, and trust that upon investigation of my record as a citizen and as a member of the Board of Supervisors for several years, you will find me worthy of your support.

Willard C. Folkert, 52-1f-Pol. Adv.

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### FOR SHERIFF



Lewis N. Martin

I wish to announce to the public that I am a candidate for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primaries August 27. I have served in various capacities in the past and invite an inspection of my official record. Such support as may be given me will be highly appreciated. Lewis N. Martin, Pol. adv.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Voters of the 25th Senatorial District:

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination of State Senator at the August primaries, on the Republican ticket. Owing to the fact that I am engaged in farming and the different War activities, I can personally interview only a small percentage of the voters. However, I invite you to examine my record in the last two sessions of the legislature. (49-1f-c) Aaron Amon.

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### Announcement

I will engage in the general real estate business in this city, and will be glad to aid anyone who is seeking a home or home site or who is desirous of selling. Liberty Bonds will be taken at par on sales of property. CLARENCE WHEELER Alma, Mich

### FOR SHERIFF



Truman H. Newberry

I wish again to call the attention of the voters of Gratiot county to my candidacy for sheriff on the Republican ticket, at the August primaries.

I have served the county seven terms as Deputy Sheriff, and earnestly invite an inspection of my official work. Your support will be highly appreciated and I assure you, if nominated and elected you may depend upon a clean, impartial and thorough administration.

Yours very truly, ALFRED T. WILLETT.

Pol. adv.



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## Michigan's Gift to the Nation

This true Michigan never fell short in her duties to the country at large. A big state always coming through in a big way. But now there comes still another opportunity. This year we elect senators—representatives of ours—to protect our rights and those of the country at large. We must send to the senate men who are real Americans and who will uphold American ideals to the utmost. We have such a man in Truman H. Newberry who has in the past and is now serving his country in a big way. His past experience wonderfully fits him for this important position. He's a fighter from the word go. A man of iron will, energetic and not to be bullied or coerced. Firm in his convictions and positive in his determination. His stand for the right has long been the topic of men who know. He is the people's man and Michigan's gift to the nation.

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