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TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 1918.

Then join in hands, brave Americans all,
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.

TOLEDO'S EXAMPLE.

THAT story of how Toledo raised its quota of the Third Liberty loan in four days, printed in The West Virginian yesterday, is one of the most interesting War work accounts that has so far come to light. But it points the same old moral that all the earlier ones pointed.

In order to make the war work cut through; in order to make every member of the community carry his fair share of the load, there must be organization. Organization is the explanation for every conspicuous success in business, big or little, and it is the only thing that will make the Warwork go over.

Where there is an efficient organization campaigns can be carried on in whirlwind fashion without the slightest danger that any one who ought to contribute will be missed. That is the only drawback to a quick drive in any community, but there is always the temptation to risk it for the sake of getting the matter over with so that the ordinary business of the community may be kept going with the least possible interruption.

But whirlwind campaigns make a lot of preliminary work necessary. That takes time and money. In the case of campaigns of considerable magnitude a great deal of both. The only business like manner of approaching the problem, therefore, is to have an organization which is constantly at work, constantly prepared to supply all the essential facts of every district and about every individual if need be, and let this organization take care of all the War work.

THE DEBT CASE AGAIN.

WHEN Chief Justice White made the announcement yesterday that there is no reason under the constitution why the judgment rendered against West Virginia in the famous debt case should not be paid, but directed that there be a reargument with especial reference to the court's power to enforce the execution, he made it plain that while the court was sure of its ground it did not mean to act precipitately in the matter.

The new turn the litigation has taken accentuates the extremely technical nature of the action and it places the attorneys for this commonwealth in a position where they will need all the talents and legal initiative they can command. There is no longer any virtue in merely resisting and delaying. A course of action will now have to be mapped out and the next session of the Legislature will have to stand by that course. If it does not there will be danger that the domestic affairs of this commonwealth will be most summarily interefered with.

It was hoped by many citizens of West Virginia that the debt case would not again come to the front while the country is at war, but the Supreme court grinds away without paying much attention to such extraneous matters as wars. There is not, however, the least reason for any one to feel anxious or irritated over the debt suit in its present stage.

The reargument is set for next February. At that time the West Virginia Legislature will be in session and any action which it may be necessary for that body to take can be disposed of in the regular way. In the mean time the legal authorities of the state will have ample time to consider the advisability of again seeking relief at the hands of Congress.

NOTABLE RECORD.

IN these time bills that is not in some way or the other connected with the war work attract attention from the public. Yet the matters that concern us here at home should not be entirely neglected, and in this connection we submit that the announcement that a man who has served a wide awake Sunday school as its superintendent most satisfactorily has been reelected for the twenty-ninth time is worthy of more than casual notice.

That is the record which City Commissioner J. Walter Barnes, who among a lot of other activities is also superintendent of the First Presbyterian Sunday school, can point to. And the best feature of it is that Superintendent Barnes is, in the racy language of the day, still going strong.

Earnest men can find many ways in which to serve their communities. There are few ways in which they can serve them to better purpose than to be an acceptable and efficient superintendent of a Sunday school. Superintendent Barnes and the people of the Sunday school over which he presides both deserve to be congratulated over the record which he has made. Here's hoping that it will be many years before there will have to be a severing of the relationship that exists between them.

President Wilson came out in opposition to the Chamberlain project to turn violators of the provisions of the espionage act over to military courts, but his action in the matter was scarcely necessary. Before news of Mr. Wilson's attitude had reached the capitol Senator Brandegee, of Connecticut, had introduced a resolution in the Senate which instructed the Judiciary committee to give a formal opinion on the legality of the bill, and this would have finished its career. The Supreme court once ruled that practices such as those contemplated in the Chamberlain bill while legal during the Civil war in Virginia, where there were no civil courts, were illegal in Indiana, where there were. It may seem to some hectic individuals that the civil courts have gone out of business because they have not filled the jails with political offenders, but a majority of the people of the country are quite willing to give the constituted authorities further trial before the country is Prussianized.

To those who doubt that the government means to run the railroads as a unit we commend careful consideration of the order that beginning next Sunday B. & O. passenger trains are to be run into the Manhattan station of the Pennsylvania road through the Pennsylvania tubes. If people ever did turn over in their graves because of things that happened after their deaths there would be disturabnces in a number of grave yards as a result of this.

Parkersburg and Wood county have exceeded their loan quotas and are now taking substaptial oversubscriptions. Press dispatches announcing this note that the trick was turned in a ten day campaign in which 475 workers took part.

"Tell them back home that we are just beginning," was the message that a young American soldier wounded in the affair of Saturday night sent back to this country through a newspaper correspondent after he had been put out of the fight by a fragment of schrapnel. That is an attitude entirely characteristic of this Republic and it probably is one of the things the German high command overlooked when it elected to force this country into the war. The deeper the American army gets into the war the harder it will fight.

Dispatches from the front today indicate that both sides are poised for another trial of strength. And this one is expected to be as dangerous for the Allies as either of the two which have preceded it. The Germans are reported to be in formidable strength, but the Allies probably have superior morale, and most of the military authorities agree that battles go to the side which has the stamina to hang on the longer.

Every carefully conducted newspaper ignores anonymous communications on the broad principle that the man, or woman, who is unwilling to sign a letter is not worthy of any attention on the part of a responsible journal. However, The West Virginian is in receipt of an unsigned letter of a character so unusual that it seems to merit some slight departure from the rule. In the concluding paragraph of this letter the writer, who seems to be familiar with the customs of newspapers, says: "If you insist, I will have the article printed in The Times with my full name given." Why, pray, go to all that trouble? The West Virginian will print it if the name is supplied, and it will not insist, either, in printing the name at the end of the letter for the information of the reading public, if the writer is at all sensitive on that score, as would seem to be the case.

SHORT AND SNAPPY

We saw three red-headed women in a bunch in Clarksburg yesterday and not a single gray horse in sight. Is every blond a strawberry now days?—Clarksburg Exponent.

We must make the world safe for democracy, not for the Democratic party. Nothing is safe from that.—West Virginia News.

All books on war gardening show a deficiency in not explaining how to avoid backache, sore muscles and hand blisters.—Charleston Mail.

RUFF STUFF

President has asked the governors to make next Friday, Liberty day, a holiday.

You can have a personally conducted holiday any time you want to by making a generous subscription to the funds.

At this distance it looks as if the lads who will have to reargue the debt case will earn their fee.

When he introduced the new budget in the House of Commons yesterday Chancellor Law said that it is the worst in history.

Seems to take a lot of pride in that fact.

Maybe Bonar and Mac are running a race to see which of 'em can spend the most money.

Notice in the papers that they are doing right ahead with the preparations for the Willard-Fulton fight.

Don't wish anybody any harm but if the marks that are putting up the money for this affair lose it all there will be no weeps in this corner of the world.

If people must fight these days they ought to remember that old saying—

And join the army.

This applies to strappers of all kind.

Mouth scrappers as well as bruisers.

World is entirely too busy with real problems to waste any time on the fake fighters.

B. & O. is going to run passenger trains right into the Pennsy's new New York terminal.

Almost enough to tempt one to make a trip over there to see how it goes.

But Uncle Sam discourages traveling except on business.

And that even applies to newspapermen.

MANNINGTON

Moves Here.

L. M. Yoke, of Hastings, has moved his family here, and will occupy a residence in Houghtown. He has taken a position as superintendent for the Carnegie Gas company in place of Jack Toothman who takes a place with the Independent company.

From Hampton Roads.

Clarence Haskins, who is with the U. S. Navy, at Hampton Roads, Virginia, is here for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Haskins, of High street.

Seriously Ill.

Mrs. George T. Wiebel is quite seriously ill at her home in Dancer avenue.

Will Attend Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hardesty and daughter, Mrs. C. C. Sheppard, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hardesty are in Fairmont to attend the wedding of Miss Florence Charlotte Hawker.

Miss Knotts Improves.

Miss Jeannette Knotts, who has been quite seriously ill for the past several weeks is about again.

With Gas Company.

Edward Cead has given up his position at the Hotel Wells and has accepted a position with the Hope Gas company at Downs. Guy Reese and Orville Mason have taken positions at the Wells.

Called to Fairmont.

Mrs. Arthur G. Clayton has gone to Fairmont having been called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. John B. Cook.

Four Minute Men' Meet.

The Four Minute Men met last evening to arrange for the Liberty Loan meeting to be held in the school auditorium.

Patriotic Parade Here.

A movement is on foot for a big patriotic rally and Liberty Loan booster parade in Mannington on Friday, April 26th. While the arrangements are not yet completed, enough is known of the plans of the committee in charge to insure the statement that it will be one of the biggest demonstrations ever staged in this end of the county. Speakers of state and national importance will be present and the parade is expected to be a record breaker. "Put Mannington over the top" will be the slogan, and nothing less will satisfy the promoters. Watch for further announcement of details.

$106.00 for Red Cross.

One hundred and six dollars was the sum taken by "free will offering" at the Sacred concert given at the auditorium here Sunday. The affair was held as a benefit to the Red Cross, to which the cash has been turned over.

Hotel Arrivals.

Bartlett—R. F. Neptune, Cameron; J. T. Wheeler, Wheeling; S. W. Kelly, Parkersburg; A. M. Goodwin, Rochester, N. Y.; W. E. Moore, Syracuse, N. Y.; Geo. T. Bell, Wheeling; W. T. Hutchinson, New York.

Wells—George Kell, Muncie, Ind.; J. A. Staggers, Harveys, Pa.; W. E. Wendell, Cameron; Theo. Frank, Anderson, Ind.; Giles W. Mason, Moundsville; Chas. Kirk, Pittsburgh.

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. White, of Hundred, are guests of Miss Elizabeth White in East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Londenslager, of Fairmont, spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Toothman, in Houghtown.

E. A. Worrell has returned from a business visit in Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio.

Fred Black was a recent business visitor in Metz.

Loren Marsh, of Akron, Ohio, has arrived here for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clark Dent, of Bridgeport, [illegible] guests of relatives in this city.

Roy Fleming spent the week end with his family in Cameron.

Miss Clarence S. Thomas has returned to her home in Fairmont after a visit with her mother, Mrs. M. J. Hough.

Mrs. Claude Sine, of Fairmont, spent the week end with relatives here.

John Jollife has returned from a visit with relatives at Katy.

Mrs. John H. Hughes is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Campbell at Metz.

Walter and John Ackerman, W. B. Jackway and Thomas Swan spent the week end with relatives in Morgantown.

J. G. Cunningham has returned from a visit with relatives in Point Marion, Pa.

Miss Georgia Neptune, of Fairmont, spent Sunday with friends here.

Hon. E. M. Showalter, of Fairmont, was the guest of J. Bowen Knotts here Sunday.

W. E. McComas, who succeeds H. L. Smith as Marion county agricultural agent, was a business visitor here yesterday.

Henry Hart and Earl Ray spent the week end at their home in Cameron.

Mrs. E. G. Smith, of Clarksburg, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Zana Blackshere.

J. A. Staggers, of Harveys, Pa., was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Deveny and daughter, Miss Mary Deveny, of Fairmont, were called here by the serious illness of Mrs. Carl E. Beatty.

Morgan Cunningham, of Rymer, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Lafayette Snyder was a business visitor in Fairmont yesterday.

Mrs. E. C. Martin has returned from Grafton where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Morgan, who is recovering from a serious illness.

Fred W. Bartlett is a business visitor in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. James S. Furbee and son, Harvey, left today for a two weeks' visit with the former's sister, Mrs. William Applegate, in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Walter Matheny has returned from a visit with relatives in Fairmont.

Miss Wanda Van Horn has returned to her home in Littleton after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Lemley, in Third street.

The Misses Ada and Helen Rodgers, of Fairmont, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Hamilton in Jefferson street.

Mrs. Anna Morgan spent Sunday at the home of J. C. Parrish, who is ill, in Farmington.

T. W. Beall was home from Wheeling to spend the week end with his family in Jefferson street.

Harry H. Terrick has gone to Wheeling for a business visit.

John R. Miller and daughter, Mrs. Kate Tarbox, returned yesterday to their homes in Titusville, Pa., after an extended visit with the former's daughter, Mrs. Ida McCrea, in Monroe street.

T. L. Masters, who is employed in Point Marion, Pa., is here for a short visit with his family.

Frank Rohanna and little son have returned from a visit with relatives in Fairmont.

Hansom Hunter, of Fairmont, spent the week end with friends in the city.

Bee Loudenslager left last evening for a visit with friends in Cameron.

Monongalia Musings

***The wish was once expressed by Oliver Wendell Holmes that somebody would give us a list of things which everybody thinks and nobody says, and another list of things that everybody says and nobody thinks. It isn't a pleasant thing to be slaves ourselves or to insinuate insincerity in others, yet it is scarcely necessary to deny that we all refrain from expressing ourselves freely on many things because of the fear of criticism. Now, there is criticism and criticism, some of it sensible and much of it silly. We once heard a clergyman admit that he did not preach all truth because, he added, the world is not ready for it. We venture the prediction that it will be a long time before the world is ready for all truth unless the human race suddenly decides to do less talking and more thinking. All the great truths, so far promulgated were considered absurd and ridiculous when first announced. Those who knew it all, laughed at Galileo when he published his "System of the World." Only a few years ago Dr. Talmage presumed to warn mankind of the dangerous doctrines of Rev. Theodore Parker. Parker of whom James Russell Lowell wrote:

"Every word that he speaks has been
fierily furnaced
In the blast of a life that has struggled in earnest."

Of the church which had put its ban on Parker, Lowell laughed as follows:

"They first read him out of their
church, and next minute
Turned round and declared he had
never been in it."

Even the big-brained Charles A. Dana could not believe that such a thing as the phonograph could be possible and it was only after repeated efforts that his reporters convinced him that Edison had delivered the goods. The whole history of mankind demonstrates that no person's opinion is of any value on anything of which he knows nothing. For instance what is the worth of a man's opinion on Voltaire when he has never read a page of the great Frenchman's writings? If no one had ever investigated and never advanced an opinion except that which was accepted by the multitude, when would the world be ready for the truth? We know of no better way of closing this epistle to the noise producers than by quoting the following from Rev. Van Dyke: "In this age of sham, when there is so much plated ware that passes itself off for solid silver, and so much work done at half measure and charged at full price, so many doctors who buy diplomas, and lawyers whose names should of 'necessity' because they know no law, and preachers who insist on keeping in their creeds doctrines which they do not profess to believe, in this age the man who is most needed is the honest man who speaks the truth and is satisfied with what he has earned."

***Supt. O. Dale King delivered at Hagans Sunday what was perhaps his last sermon at that place. He is the most profound philosophical thinker that ever came to this region, and many of us regret that he can no more come to instruct and entertain. He has the courage of Channing and the candor of Emerson. He has read and thought and is therefore a reasonable man. He does not make forty assertions without attempting to verify one. He does not play the bigot's part by heaping contempt on those who differ from him. Those who think more of noise than of logic will not appreciate him. The pulpit and the world is sorely in need of thousands like him.

S. C. MUSGRAVE.

April 23, 1918. | COURTNEYS' STORE NEWS | Reliable Advertising

Now Is The Time! Before The First of May To Select Your Summer Hat!

Spend Wisely

"A free flowing stream can successfully turn a thousand mill wheels in its course."

There's a lesson from nature which can well be taken to heart by every present day American. These are days of economy, but true economy consists of spending wisely instead of hoarding.

Wealth increases withouse. The more money spent in wise directions the greater the prosperity of the nation.

Support your home industries—keep the home fires burning—they in turn will support the families in your town. Each community doing its "bit" in this way is doing its bit for the nation; for the prosperity of the nation depends largely upon the prosperity of each community.

Therefore, spend wisely, spend at home.

Many Will Desire These Pretty Summer Skirts

Here are skirts that will show up real stylish with a pretty waist. Embroidered in their making are the most recent style ideas.

Pretty sport models in a variety of stunning materials, color and designs, street models in extreme and conservative designs, dressy models, numbers of them—the dressiest of the dressiest creations to appear for spring and summer wear. Our price makes them splendid values

$8.25 to $21.75.

We Are Prepared With a Special Showing

Rarely have hats displayed such a definite variety, both as to size, shape and style. Nor have hats held such a conspicuous place in costume ensemble as they will this summer.

READY IN ADVANCE—and there is a characteristic difference somewhere about COURTNEY'S HATS that distinguishes our millinery from others in winsomeness and style feature and enough diversity in our assortments to satisfy all.

Flower trimmed leghorns in becoming pokes and applicued flower trims. With Milans in large and small shapes, trimmed in beautiful white wings, burnt ostrich and goose feathers.

No one would ever think that such beautiful hats could be sold at such reasonable prices.

$7.50 TO $14.50

Also a complete showing of White Sailors and Milan Cushion Brim Hats at

$2.50 TO $8.50.

SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY.

What Kind of Hosiery do You Wish?

We can give you whatever kind you desire at whatever price you wish to pay. Our stocks are at high-tide—let us show you.

Whether or not you buy Liberty Bonds—make it a practice to buy War Savings Stamps at Our Cashier's Desks.

True Values **Courtneys'** 108-110 Main St.

MUCH RHEUMATISM

Local Druggist's No-Cure No-Pay Offer Attracts Many Sufferers

If there are any rheumatic sufferers in town who have not availed themselves of Mountain City Drug company's generous offer they should do so at once.

The Mountain City Drug company states that if Rheuma, the guaranteed prescription for rheumatism, does not give any purchaser quick and joyful relief it will return the purchase price without any quibbing or red tape.

Rheumatism is a dangerous disease and anyone who has the slightest taint of it should drive it from the system as soon as possible. Read what Rheuma did for this sufferer:

"For five years I suffered with articular rheumatism, having bunches on my elbows, feet and wrists. I took everything I could get, with no relief. I saw your ad. and was greatly improved before I had used two bottles, and was cured before I had finished the third. I thank God for Rheuma and feel that I am free from rheumatism today. If anyone wishes information from me I will write them. I think Rheuma is a miracle."—Mrs. Lucia Ryder, 102 Gilbert street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Good druggists everywhere sell Rheuma. A large bottle is inexpensive and sufficient for two weeks' treatment.

Artillery Recruiting Officer Gets Many New Men During Past Week

John A. Nichols Loudly Praises Dixie's Valiant Defenders of Nation—Has Entirely Recovered From Illness—Hopes to Soon be Sent Overseas.

ROANOKE, Va., April 23.—John A. Nichols, United States artillery, of the army recruiting station in Roanoke, is daily gathering recruits to the aid of General Pershing, and is loud in his praise of the patriotic spirit of the young men of this city, so many of whom have volunteered their services without waiting to be drafted.

Corporal Nichols is again in the pink of condition, and hopes soon to be sent oversea. He yesterday said:

"I am feeling fine again. I was suffering from general debility and was badly run down. I had no appetite, my blood was in poor condition. I was as nervous as could be and could not rest well at night.

"Fortunately, a druggist friend of mine recommended that I take A-I-M, and consequently I am today as fit as ever, and have the same old 'pep' to my step.

"I take pleasure in making this information public for the 'good of the service—in that it may be the means of qualifying many young men who are anxious to do their bit, but who are at present unfit physically.

"Acid Iron Mineral is a wonderful tonic. I began to increase in weight and strength almost immediately, and it has put good color back into my cheeks again."

Corporal Nichols' statement is similar to that of thousands of other people throughout the country, who, during the past thirty years, have testified to the merits of this natural mineral iron.

If you are run down, anaemic, worn out, lack bodily vigor, sleep poorly, have no appetite or lack weight—go to your regular druggist and get a bottle of Acid Iron Mineral. Try it a week or two. Then, if it hasn't made a new man of you return the bottle and your money will be promptly refunded.

Or, better yet, ask the advice of your family physician. See what he has to say of A-I-M, and be guided by his judgment.—Adv.

Liberty Loan Bond Club

In order to facilitate the sale of the Third Liberty Loan Bonds, the Peoples National Bank has established a Liberty Loan Bond Club.

It makes it possible for any one of moderate income to own a Liberty Bond.

$1.00 per week for fifty weeks will buy a $50.00 Bond.

$2.00 per week for fifty weeks will buy a $100 Bond.

We buy the bonds and hold them until paid for in full. If payments have been made regularly each week for fifty weeks the bond for which you subscribed will be delivered. It will bear interest from the date of delivery to you. You have the privilege of paying for the bonds in full as early as you like and when payment has been completed the bond will be delivered.

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