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LABOR LEADERS SPEAKERS URGE MAKE FIGHT ON PEOPLE TO BUY PROHIBITION THRIFT STAMPS

DRY FEATURE OF JONES AMENDMENT BITTERLY OPPOSED

BEER IS REQUIRED

Chairman Hurley of Shipping Board Declares that Men Need It.

Washington, June 26.—National prohibition as a war measure was attacked and defended by government officials and others Tuesday before the Senate agricultural committee, which had reopened hearings on the Jones prohibition amendment to the \$11,000,000 emergency appropriation bill to further develop the view of officials on the question.

The hearings were concluded late today, and chairman Gore announced the committee will meet Thursday to vote on the amendment.

Chairman Hurley and Bainbridge Colby of the shipping board, Postmaster-General Burleson and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, united in opposition to the proposed legislation because of its probable effect on working men, while Secretary Daniels, E. C. Dinwiddie, representing the Antislavery League of America, and a number of business men urged its enactment, declaring that with prohibition has gone increased efficiency on the part of labor.

Chairman Hurley declared this is no time to conduct unnecessary experiments, for if the nation is to wring victory from the Huns it will have to fight hard and with all its resources. He said he believed more risk would be involved in taking beer from the American workman than would be in conscription of labor, because it would result in a "partial interference with liberty without any increase of control."

Postmaster-General Burleson branded nation-wide prohibition agitation the work of fanatics, and said if such step is necessary for the winning of the war he would support it, although he would hesitate a long time if he had any doubts on the subject.

W. S. S.

U-BOAT IN WEST INDIAN WATERS

HEAVILY ARMED GERMAN RAIDER IS BELIEVED TO BE MOTHER SHIP.

Norfolk, Va., June 26.—Reports brought here are said to reveal the presence in West Indian waters of a German raider. The craft is armed and capable of at least 15 knots an hour.

Numerous reports have reached the wather front during the last 24 hours from incoming skippers from South American, West Indian and Central American ports regarding the craft said to be cruising in southern waters. The ship is described as of the cruiser type, rakishly built and showing a clear of heels when any attempt to get up close is made.

The fact that no effort has been made to halt or interfere with any of the ships which signaled her leads to the belief here she is the "mother ship" of the submarines recently operating off this coast and that her armament is only for defense purposes.

W. S. S.

HOLCOMB TO LEAVE SOON.

Rev. T. L. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist church, who a short time ago volunteered for uplift work among the expeditionary forces abroad, has been accepted and will leave soon for New York, whence he will sail to France. Mr. Holcomb is the third Columbian to enter this work during the last two weeks. Messrs. J. N. Stuckey and S. B. Johnston both having recently sailed for France on similar missions.

W. S. S.

Mr. W. C. Halbert, of Macon, has accepted a position with Weaver and Harrington, local druggists.

CAMPAIGN IS BEING VIGOROUSLY WAGED IN THIS COUNTY

MEETINGS FRIDAY

People in Every Neighborhood Throughout County Will Boost Drive.

For several weeks past workers in the local War Savings stamp campaign, under the leadership of Prof. E. A. Stanley, director for Lowndes county, have been laboring assiduously to make the local drive a success, and on Tuesday night a meeting was held at the court house at which final plans were formulated for the work to be done tomorrow, which has been set aside by President Wilson as National War Savings stamp day.

The principal address at the meeting was delivered by Hon. P. W. Maer, who is chairman for the third ward and who earnestly urged his fellow workers to do every thing in their power to make Columbus and Lowndes county "go over the top." He called their attention to the fact that Lee county had already raised more than her quota and declared that Lowndes should not allow neighboring counties to overtop her in this patriotic work.

Maj. B. A. Lincoln, chairman of the Lowndes county speakers' bureau, said he thought that it would be a good idea to send speakers out into the rural communities for the purpose of arousing interest among the people. He said he thought that practically all the white farmers realized the necessity for aiding the government and would invest liberally in the stamps; but that there were many negroes who did not understand the importance of the work and who would not invest unless they had the plan thoroughly explained to them by competent speakers. Following Maj. Lincoln's suggestion, several gentlemen possessed of pronounced forensic ability volunteered their services as speakers, among them having been Prof. Dabney Lipscomb and Mr. E. E. Callaway, and other gentlemen will probably be added to the list.

Mayor McClanahan is to issue a proclamation urging the people of Columbus to invest in War Savings stamps, and copies of this proclamation will be distributed broadcast throughout the city.

Meetings will be held all over the county at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon for the purpose of pushing the sale of stamps. In the rural neighborhoods they will be held in the district school houses, while in the city of Columbus war meetings for both white and colored people will be held as follows:

Ward No. 1.
White people in the Parish House of St. Paul's Church. Colored people in Simrall's Mission.

Ward No. 2.
White people in the First Methodist Church. Colored people in the City Mission.

Ward No. 3.
White people in College Chapel. Colored people in African Methodist Church.

Ward No. 4.
White people in S. D. Lee High School. Colored people in St. James Methodist Church.

Ward No. 5.
White people in First Baptist Church. Colored people in St. James Methodist Church.

Ward No. 6.
White people in the Court House. Colored people in the African Baptist Church.

W. S. S.

Seven white drafters left Columbus Tuesday morning for Camp Pike, where they go for military training. The following men compose the party: J. D. Shackelford, Grant Hall, A. C. McConnell, W. V. Egger, C. P. Vaughn, Jurvis Seals and T. A. Askew.

Mr. Garrett Myrick left Tuesday for New Orleans, where he goes to join the ambulance corps. This is the fourth of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Myrick's sons who have enlisted with Uncle Sam's forces.

The "Scraps of Paper" that will Help Win the War

Smother the Kaiser with War Savings Stamps

Sacred treaties are called by the Kaiser mere "scraps of paper." His words are an example of the "Kultur" of the Huns who commit unspeakable crimes against innocent women and children—the "Kultur" that America is fighting to remove forever from the world.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH
NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS DAY

On that day every loyal American will be summoned to prove his patriotism by "signing the pledge"—by agreeing to invest in a definite amount of War Savings Stamps each month during 1918.

Smother the Kaiser with "Scraps of Paper" on June 28th.

NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE.

This space contributed for the Winning of the War by
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SEVERE RAINSTORM VISITS COLUMBUS

RAIN AND WIND INFLECT MATERIAL DAMAGE UPON COTTON AND CORN.

Columbus and the surrounding country were visited by an exceedingly heavy rain Tuesday night, the precipitation according to the official report of Mr. J. B. Love, local weather observer, having been 1.91 inches.

The rain was accompanied by a brisk wind, and resulted in some damaged crops, cotton and corn on several plantations having been blown down. The rain will also prove effective in increasing damage from boll weevils, which are present in various sections of the county, as these pests always propagate rapidly during wet weather.

W. S. S.

Will Move to Charleston.

During the coming week Mr. John Farmer and family, who for several years past have so well managed the Commercial Hotel in this city, will leave for Charleston, Miss., where they go to make their future home. Mr. Farmer has been made manager of the big hotel owned by the Posh-Lamb Lumber Company at Charleston. This family has made many friends during their stay in Columbus, and best wishes follow each of them to their new place of residence.

It is not yet known who will take charge of the Commercial hotel.

W. S. S.

Negro Buys Bonds.

William Edwards, a well known member of the colored race residing near Crawford, on yesterday purchased from the local headquarters of the War Savings stamps committee one thousand dollars worth of thrift stamps. Edwards is a thrifty and hard working negro and deserves to be complimented for giving a practical demonstration of his patriotism by making this investment.

W. S. S.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Vance and three children, of Atlanta, have recently moved to this city to reside, having leased the Pennington cottage on South Ninth street. Mr. Vance is traveling salesman for the North American Fibre Co., of Cleveland, Ohio.

W. S. S.

Mrs. V. D. Molloy, of Augusta, Ga., is in the city visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Westmoreland.

W. S. S.

Mr. Thad Scott, of Eupora, was a visitor to Columbus Monday.

TWO CHANGES ARE MADE IN COLLEGE STAFF

MR. D. T. GASTON AND CAPT. J. A. NEILSON BOTH LOSE JOBS

POLITICS BLAMED

Mr. Gaston Will Be Succeeded by D. L. Ross and Capt. Neilson by Mr. McCaskill.

At a meeting of the board of trustees having control over the leading educational institutions of the state, which was held at Jackson yesterday, two important changes were made in the staff of the Industrial Institute and College. Mr. D. L. Ross, formerly secretary of the University of Mississippi, having been named to succeed Mr. D. T. Gaston as secretary of the local institution, and Rev. James McCaskill having been named to succeed Captain John A. Neilson as proctor.

While the action of the board of trustees is a source of sincere regret to friends of both Mr. Gaston and Capt. Neilson, it was by no means unexpected to those who have been keeping up with state politics, as it had been generally reported for some time that action of this character was being seriously considered. President Whitefield in his annual report to the board of trustees recommended the retention of both of these gentlemen, but the trustees instead of giving immediate consideration of the report, delayed action thereon, and it then became evident that change would be made, as rumors to this effect had been in circulation for several months.

It is understood that Mr. E. H. King, of Okolona, will succeed Mr. Ross as secretary of the University of Mississippi.

No other change in the staff of the local institution was made.

MAKE RETREAT IN GREAT DISORDER

ROUDED AUSTRIANS FIND IT NECESSARY TO BRING UP RESERVE FORCES.

Geneva, Monday, June 26.—The Austrian retreat across the Piave continues in the greatest disorder, under the immediate fire of the artillery, according to news received here this morning. British gunners especially are doing heavy execution in this sector.

Hundreds of the enemy, the reports states, were drowned in the swollen river, into which the Austrians were throwing their Maxim and light cannon.

In the meantime the Austrians are rushing up new reserves to fill the breach between the Montello plateau and the Adriatic, in order to avert a disaster. In spite of the official announcement from Vienna that the retreat was due entirely to the flood in the Piave River, the report states that the Italian armies caused the breaking of the offensive by their continuous pressure against the enemy.

W. S. S.

IMPORTANT W. S. S. NOTICE.

Parties desiring to sign their War Stamp pledge cards in advance of the meeting on Friday afternoon, can do so by calling on the chairman for their wards for their allotment. Many people will be out of town on Friday and this is done for their convenience.

The meeting place for the white people in Ward No. 3 has been changed from the Central Methodist church to the College chapel. The church was found to be too small to accommodate the people of this ward.

W. S. S.

Officers Elected.

At a meeting of the members of Tombigbee Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias held Tuesday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: George O. Senter, chancellor commander; Cliff Golden, vice-chancellor; Fred Hayslett, prelate; Earl Jones, master of arms; Jim A. Perkinson, inner guard; G. R. Neumann, outer guard.

W. S. S.

Lipscomb Returns.

Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, who for the past fortnight has been under the care of a specialist in St. Louis, returned to Columbus Tuesday, and his many friends are glad to learn that he is much improved in health. His many friends hope to see him out within the next few days.

LOCAL BANKS ARE TO INVEST IN SECURITIES

WILL MAKE REGULAR INVESTMENTS TREASURY CERTIFICATES

INVEST BI-WEEKLY

Officials Readily Agree to Request of District Manager Stovall.

Following similar action on the part of other patriotic financial institutions throughout the county, local banks have agreed to make liberal investments in treasury certificates, and, beginning at once and continuing for a period of three months, will make bi-weekly investments amounting to 2-1/2 per cent of their reserves in securities.

The agreement followed a request made by J. E. Stovall of Okolona, manager of the Eighth Mississippi district for the Liberty loan organization, who recently wrote a letter to Mr. E. C. Chapman, cashier of the National Bank of Commerce, in which he asked Mr. Chapman, who successfully directed the last Liberty loan in Lowndes county, to assume charge of the undertaking here. Mr. Chapman held a conference with representatives of the different local banks, and all readily agreed to invest the amounts allotted them in the securities.

The certificates, which bear interest at the rate of 4-1/2 per cent, are dated June 25, 1918, and become due October 24, 1918.

W. S. S.

W. S. S. MEETING HELD.

The campaign for the sale of War Savings stamps is being vigorously waged here, and on Friday, which has been set aside by President Wilson as National Stamp Day, meetings will be held not only in Columbus but in the various rural districts in the county for the purpose of registering those who will agree to purchase stamps. In the city of Columbus two meetings will be held in each ward, one for white citizens and one for colored people, while in the rural districts the meetings will be held at the school houses and the registration will be under the direction of the school trustees.

Messrs. P. W. Maer and J. I. Sturdivant delivered addresses at the First Methodist church Sunday night, in which they urged their hearers to purchase the stamps and several other meetings with the same purpose in view have been held.

One thousand dollars is the maximum amount for which subscriptions will be received, and a committee of leading citizens of which Mr. T. O. Burris, the president of the Tombigbee Cotton Mills is chairman, has been appointed to canvass the city for thousand dollar subscriptions.

W. S. S.

LITTLE GIRL DIES.

Miss Jesse Lorezino Ross, the seven year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ross, died at the home of her parents on Main street, Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The little girl suffered from typhoid fever and had been ill for several weeks.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the residence, conducted by Rev. T. L. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment occurred at Friendship cemetery.

W. S. S.

DEATH OF LITTLE CHILD.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Randle have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their little three year-old daughter, Mary, which sad event occurred at their home in the prairie section five miles west of Columbus at 11 o'clock Monday morning. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at Beersheba graveyard in East Lowndes.

Mr. John Polebrons, who was formerly connected with the Bell Cafe and who is now stationed at Camp Pike, is here on a ten days' furlough. He states that he is well satisfied at Camp Pike, and that army life agrees with him as evinced by the fact that he is looking exceedingly well.

W. S. S.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Wells, who reside near Caledonia, were among those who spent yesterday in Columbus.

SAMMIES ROUT HUN FORCES IN NIGHT ATTACK

TEUTON CAPTAIN IS AMONG 150 PRISONERS CAPTURED

FIERCE FIGHTING

Italians Drive Back Enemy Forces Along the Piave, Making Material Gains.

With the American Army on the Marne, June 26—American forces which were first to get into action on the Marne front bore the brunt of heavy fighting north of Chateau Thierry last night. The Americans swept forward at Belleau wood, inflicting severe losses upon the Germans and gaining ground.

Many prisoners were captured and the number is being increased as stragglers are brought in.

The woods has been blasted by artillery fire and gas shelling and the ground bore evidence of the hellish fury of the fighting.

The Americans are digging in along their new positions.

The scene of the fighting is one of desolation with trees flattened, vegetation putrid and littered with abandoned equipment.

The Germans took advantage of the shelter of huge boulders during the fighting.

Another American force has entered the battle front in Alsace. They were stationed north of Gebweiler a week ago. It is now permitted by the censor to be known, as the Germans already have located the new American force by means of a raid in which two of our men were captured.

Paris, June 26—A brilliant enterprise was carried out by the Americans in Belleau wood last night during which 150 German prisoners were captured, the French war office reported today.

W. S. S.

DEATH OVERTAKES MRS. ROBT. M. LOVE

PARALYTIC STROKE PROVES QUICKLY FATAL TO WELL KNOWN LADY

Death came suddenly last Monday afternoon to Mrs. Lula Love, wife of Mr. Robert M. Love, a well known citizen, who was seized with an attack of apoplexy while at work in the kitchen of her home on Military road and who expired a few hours later.

Mrs. Love was about 45 years old and is survived by her husband, several children, and two brothers, Messrs. Cleoro and James Duane. The body was carried to Tombigbee cemetery, about 12 miles northeast of Columbus, for interment, the funeral having been conducted by Rev. T. E. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist church.

W. S. S.

Dr. Ernest Hairston Dies.

After many months' illness, Dr. Ernest Hairston, of Crawford, died in a sanitarium in Meridian Sunday, and his remains were interred in the Hairston cemetery near Crawford Monday afternoon.

The deceased, who was 37 years of age, was well known in this city. Mr. Hairston is survived by one sister, Mrs. C. D. S. Bragg, and five brothers, Messrs. Hugh S. Hairston, R. P. Hairston, Sanders Hairston, and Lieut. William Hairston, all of whom have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

W. S. S.

Mr. Frank Betts, who is stationed at Camp Beauregard, La., is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. R. C. Betts.

W. S. S.

Misses Mattie Lou and Frances Henley, of Brooksville, are the guests of Miss Kittle Bell Myrick.