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## MUST SACRIFICE

### Governor Rye Drives Home Call to Every Citizen

Food Administrators of Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana Monday hammered home to the people of Memphis the necessity of conserving wheat, meat and sugar if America and her allies are to triumph, as triumph they must and will, in the fight to the finish against Prussianism.

They put it up squarely to their hearers that sacrifices must be made because the American soldiers in France, who are facing the Hun across the desolate, shell-torn strip in Lorraine, need those things which the food administration has asked the civilian population to save in order that the soldiers may be maintained effectively in the field.

Speakers who are the authoritative spokesmen of the government, made it plain that the food administration wants the conservation of food to be a voluntary sacrifice. But they were frank in warning the public that the United States intends to send wheat, meat and sugar to the fighting forces in France, even if it is necessary to take the food by force from the non-combatants.

Waste can be eliminated by vigilance, and saving of food can be effected by harmless self-denials, the speakers asserted.

Governor Rye was one of the speakers, and eloquently sketched war's grim sacrifices, and called upon the people to respond to every call from Washington.

### Measles in Trezevant

What is called German measles have broken out in the Trezevant community, and a number of children have the disease. It has not reached the school yet, but it is feared that it will. It is not known how the malady was brought into the community.

### Eskew Reappointed

Harry L. Eskew was reappointed Commissioner of Food and Drugs Saturday by Governor Rye. Mr. Eskew was originally appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. Lucius Brown, and was appointed for a full term two years ago by Governor Rye. That term expired January 15 of this year, but under the law he was to hold office until he was reappointed or his successor named. With the appointment Saturday, Mr. Eskew enters upon his second regular term.

### HEATLESS FIRST MONDAY

#### Our Cousins From the Country Met With Cold Reception

Last Monday truly was a heatless first Monday in Huntingdon. Business was as dead as the town clock, and it was as difficult to buy an article of merchandise as it is to get the town clock to run. Mr. Garfield's orders were obeyed.

When our country cousins reached town Monday they found a cold reception. This was unusual, for our business men are always glad to furnish a warm place and hearty welcome for them. But Monday the business houses were closed, and everything took on a Sunday appearance.

Fortunately the crowd was not large, and those who came, attended to what business they could attend to and returned home.

This is just a slight foretaste of what we may expect to experience if this war continues.

### Milt Robeson Dead

Milton B. Robeson, well-known to many of our readers, died in a Memphis hospital Thursday of last

week. Mr. Robeson lived in Lavinia, being a prosperous farmer of that place. Death was caused from heart leakage, and he had been in bad health for some time. He had gone to Memphis for treatment, and before leaving home adjusted his affairs so that if the worst came his administrator would have no trouble in winding up his estate. He was 62 years old, and at one time was sheriff of Carroll county and was a leading and useful citizen of his community.

### Scouts and Nation

The Trezevant troop of Boy Scouts and the Beavers, under their scout manager, Prof. E. H. Edwards, have just completed distributing 400 copies of the president's Flag day speech. The Boy Scouts have been designated as dispatch bearers, and scatter literature from Washington free, that the people may be informed of all important matters.

### SHADOW NOT VISIBLE

#### The Groundhog a Harbinger of an Early Spring

Last Saturday was groundhog day and the little weather forecaster, when he emerged from his hibernation, failed, to see his shadow. This is taken to mean that spring is near, and this harbinger of an early let-up in real winter weather will be accepted with much satisfaction by those who have faith in this old superstition.

If the sun had shown Saturday, and the hog had seen his shadow, he would have returned to his quarters for six weeks, according to long-established interpretations. It is claimed that it has been five years since the hog emerged from his hiding place and remained out. On other times he saw his shadow, and returned for a late spring.

## GENERAL PERSHING

### Praises the American Fighting Men in France

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 most efficient manner possible. They fully realize their obligation to their own people, their friends and the country. A right 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. American mothers may rest assured that their sons are a credit to them and to the nation, and they may well look forward to the proud day when on the battle field these splendid men will shed a new luster on American manhood.

### Call to Farmers

President Wilson has made direct appeal to the farmers of the country to put forth every effort to produce increased crops during 1918. They are our real fighters behind the lines and at no sacrifice to themselves may increase their wealth at the same time that they feed our armies and those of our co-belligerents. All who do not do their best will be slackers to their own interest, to their country and to humanity's great cause.

## THE CONTINUED SNOW

### Farmers Are to Reap Big Benefit by Moisture Produced

The big snow that fell all over the state during the early part of December, and the snows that have fallen and kept the ground covered, several inches deep, ever since, will be worth millions of dollars to the farmers of Tennessee. The snow, it is claimed, acts as a fertilizer, to say nothing of the benefit it is in putting moisture into the ground and improving the physical condition of the soil.

It is insisted that snow contains nitrogen, the most important element in the production of plant food. A leading chemist in discussing the commercial value of snow says:

The intricate distillation process of the chemist demonstrated that in a ton of snow there was one-tenth of a pound of nitrogen. Twenty-six inches of snow reduced to water, has a total weight of 283 tons per acre, containing 28 3-10 pounds of nitrogen. The present market value of nitrate of soda is 25 cents a pound. Using this as a basis, it is found that the nitrogen value of the snow covering one acre of ground is \$7.07. The amount of nitrogen that will escape by drainage and evaporation is variable, but it is conservative to estimate that an acre of soil will retain \$5 worth of fertilizer material.

### Child Dies

The one-month-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. John Pryor died December 30, and was buried January 31. The parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss.

### Cut Out Passes

William G. McAdoo, director general of railroads, now under government control, has issued an

order which seems to make the issuance of free railroad passes in Tennessee, as well as all other states, a thing of the past—at least until the railroads are permitted to again to take charge of their own business. Newspapers are not even allowed to exchange their advertising space for railroad transportation—which action ought to encourage county newspaper men to spend this year in staying at home, working their gardens and wearing old clothes.—Lexington Progress.

### Appoint New Pastor

Rev. J. E. Underwood, of Benton, Ky., has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Eld. P. D. T. Roberts, who was appointed to succeed Rev. Peoples, of the Lexington station, who resigned to take up Y.M.C.A. army work.

## WAR TO CONTINUE

### Allies Will Fight on Until Their Terms Are Accepted

The war is to be prosecuted vigorously by the Entente Allies and the United States until a peace, based on the principles of freedom, justice and respect for international law is obtained.

This is the decision of the supreme war council of the countries in arms against the Teutonic allies.

The high-sounding phases in the recent speeches of the Imperial German Chancellor and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister were entirely thrown into the discard by the council at its session at Versailles, and it was decided that the war would be vigorously prosecuted until that time comes when there is justification for the hope that a peace may be realized in accord with the policies laid down by President Wilson and David Lloyd George, the British Premier.

## AMERICANS FIGHTING

### Portions of Actual Battle Front Held by Americans

Warning the nation not to let reports of strikes and other internal disturbances in Germany slacken its war preparations, Secretary Baker, in his weekly military review Monday, also made the official announcement that American troops are at last holding a portion of the actual battle front.

For the first time, also, Secretary Baker declares that it is fully believed the allies have a preponderance of men and guns on the western front, despite the fact that the German line has been strengthened by troops from the Russian field.

Secretary Baker declared the reports of numerical superiority have been spread by the enemy himself.

Reviewing operations for the week ending Feb. 2, Secretary Baker says:

"American troops which have now completed their training are occupying a portion of the actual battle front. The operations in which our troops have so far been engaged were of a minor character.

"On January 30 the Germans attempted a strongly pushed raid against our line for purpose of identification. Under cover of a heavy fog the enemy was able to reach our advanced positions. A short brush ensued and the raiders were compelled to withdraw in haste after inflicting slight casualties.

"Two days later the enemy apparently attempted another reconnoitering thrust, but was dispersed before any headway could be made.

"Our patrols have been active in No Man's Land and our scouts have made themselves familiar with the details of the hostile positions opposite them."

### Signs of Spring

The Sunday Banner said in referring to "the first robin" which the northern papers expect in a month or so as a harbinger of spring, that the first robins would likely arrive in this region in a week or so some hundred thousand strong. They were here Sunday afternoon in numbers something like that. Every hackberry tree in this vicinity was filled with them.

The groundhog failed to see his shadow Saturday, and the robins came Sunday. These are good signs of spring, but the "zephyr" that blew from the northwest Sunday night didn't have that sort of suggestion.

### NASHVILLE'S BIG PLANT

#### Production Will Begin Not Later Than August

A special from Washington says: Production will begin not later than August in the government's big \$50,000,000 smokeless powder plants to be constructed at Charleston, W. Va., and Nashville, Tenn., the War Department predicted Sunday night, formally announcing for the first time that the plants had been contracted for. Each of the plants will employ from 10,000 to 15,000 men.

Much of the output of the new factories, the department's statement said, will be made available to the allies, as it is deemed more expedient to ship the finished product abroad instead of supplying raw materials.

The plant at Nashville will be erected by the Dupont Powder Company, which will operate it for sufficient time to insure efficiency when it is turned over to the government.

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