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## REED ALSO RECOGNIZES HIS PATRIOTIC DUTY

### And Like Lozier, of Carrollton, Says This Is No Time For Party Dissention

### And Will in the Interest of Winning the War Abandon His Congressional Aspirations

That this is not the time in which to permit personal ambition to interfere in any way with the winning of the great war.

That loyalty to the country and to the administration and to the people is now the supreme test of patriotism. That this is not the time to stir up dissention and strife among the people and thus to divert their minds from the great struggle in which one and all must do their part.

That politics and patriotism are opposing forces, one being for personal and individual aggrandizement and the other for personal sacrifice and therefore no one man can be possessed with both at the one time.

That personal sacrifice is the supreme duty of every patriotic citizen at this critical time.

That this is not the time to cause the administration a single moment's uneasiness through the injection of personal ambition.

That it is the duty of every patriotic democrat to put his shoulder to the wheel and stand fast by the administration and those who are loyally supporting it.

And that no loyal patriot will do otherwise than aid in every possible manner and unselfishly serve in the ranks.

These are among the pointed reasons which Hon. Lewis B. Reed of Breckenridge, in the neighboring Third Congressional district—that now so ably represented by Hon. Joshua A. Alexander of Gallatin—urges when in a strong statement of facts he on Thursday served notice on the people of the Third district that he had withdrawn from the race for the democratic nomination for congress against Judge Alexander.

This is in line with the action of Hon. Ralph F. Lozier of Carrollton in the Second district now so well represented by Judge W. W. Rucker, who last week in an open letter withdrew from the race against Judge Rucker and gave substantially the same reasons as does Mr. Reed, both of these strong democrats putting the country, patriotism, and loyalty, above self-aggrandizement and personal desire and emphasizing the fact that the duty of all patriotic citizens was to stand by the administration, avoid party dissensions and win the war for world democracy first.

Other Sections Doing Likewise  
And it is not alone in this section or in the democratic party that this laudable and patriotic movement is in progress, for the Democrats have decided not to put up a candidate against the present Republican senator, Warren of Wyoming.

In Minnesota the Democrats will not only not put up a candidate against the present Republican Senator Knute Nelson, who has rendered his country distinguished service, but they have said him the greatest political compliment that could come to any man—that of indorsing his candidacy.

In Kentucky there will be no opposition in his own party against Senator Ollie M. James who has rendered signal patriotic service and it will be the same way in Virginia where Senator Martin will be nominated without opposition and will have no Republican against him.

In Idaho the Republican senator, William E. Borah, has rendered such distinguished patriotic service that no one will oppose him in his own party and the Democrats realizing his patriotic purposes will put no one in opposition to him.

That apostle of Republicanism, Elihu Root, in an interview last week declares that there were but two qualifications for congress this fall—that being unswerving loyalty and experienced fitness—and further added that no party fealty would be a governing asset—loyalty and experienced fitness governed all.

And there is from all points in the United States coming each day added evidence that the people want to win the war—and that they are satisfied to trust the loyal hearts and minds of the men who so far have safely guided the affairs of the nation in the path which leads to victory over the forces of iniquity and world's autocracy.

It is well therefore that at this particular time that the wise suggestions of Mr. Reed should be given publicity—in order that the people may recognize his self sacrifice and disinterested honesty of purpose and devotion to the needs of his country. In his letter of withdrawal he says:

**Would Not be a Disturber**  
"At the close of the last campaign as you know, I declared my intention of being a candidate for this high office this primary. At that time, however, I had no vision of this hour; I saw then but a local political contest among Democrats of this district, testing their strength before the loyal Democrats of the Third district. With that vision and that thought in mind I made my declaration. But gentlemen, the times then and the times now are so different, the situation then and now so unlike; the issues then and now so unparalleled; that I, though an aspiring, ambitious, loyal Democrat, am forced by the circumstances and conditions now existing to lay aside my personal ambition, and give up all thought of personal preferment or advancement, and loyally give my every efforts to the one great issue now confronting our nation. I do this because politics and patriotism are opposing terms; one must in large measure if he clings to one—give over the other. One is personal individual aggrandizement, the other is personal individual sacrifice, and I shall be found among those who sacrifice and serve and not among those who seek personal advancement. This is no time for party dissensions. This is no time for strife among our ranks. This is no time to cause the administration a moment's uneasiness by the injection of personal ambitions, but is the time for every loyal, patriotic Democrat to put his shoulder to the wheel and stand fast by the administration. Therefore I send you this my answer; and that is so long as the administration confronts the problems and tasks it now confronts I shall ask naught at the hands of this constituency but the privilege of serving in the ranks with you."

**OVER THE TOP**  
All Limits Are Removed and Two Hundred Thousand Now the Goal.

Of course St. Joseph and Buchanan county are over the top on the Red Cross loan—this city and this county always go over the top on anything that is set for them to do.

The \$150,000 mark, the quota for this city and county was passed yesterday. Then all limits were cast to the winds and now \$200,000 is the mark set—and must be reached by Monday night when the big drive will be over.

St. Joseph and Buchanan county has done well—they can do better—and they will.

Nothing is too good or too costly that goes into the hands of the Red Cross for the relief, safeguarding, and welfare of our boys "over there" who are fighting and dying in this great war for the world's liberty.

**DEATH OF HOMER OSBORN**  
While on account of his long illness his death was not unexpected, yet it was considerable of a shock to many to hear on Thursday that Homer Alfred Osborn had passed beyond, his death occurring at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, early that morning. He was sixty years of age and leaves one daughter.

He was born in Gallatin, Mo., and forty years ago came to St. Joseph which he had since made his home and where he was widely known.

**REED SHOOTS HULDA BLACKBURN**  
George Reed, a waiter, at about 7:30 yesterday morning went to 109 South Sixteenth street where Hulda Blackburn was employed. Reed was in an ugly mood and after some words with the girl drew a revolver and shot her twice, producing dangerous wounds. The girl is in the Noyes Hospital and Reed is locked up.

**GOV. GARDNER'S CALL**  
The State's Chief Executive Enjoys a Short Visit With the People of St. Joseph.

"No, I cannot this time," said Gov. Fred D. Gardner as he stood in the lobby of the Robidoux Wednesday. "But I will do better the next time. I am coming back here to visit you and I will bring Mrs. Gardner with me and spend two or three days."

That is the way in which the good looking chief executive of the state informed his friends that he could not prolong his short visit when they urged him to stay longer and "get acquainted," but he meant what he said and the people of this city will be glad when he makes his promise good and comes to pay them a visit. The people of this city like Gov. Gardner, but they would like him much better at short range—as the two hundred and fifty miles that separate this city from the state capital is considerable of a bar to verbal conversation.

Gov. Gardner, in company with Lieut. Governor Painter and J. Kelly Pool, are touring the state looking over the various institutions. The party is making the tour in automobiles and so far had found the trip very enjoyable. While here they inspected State Hospital No. 2 and found things in good condition. The party remained over night at that institution as the guests of Supt. Williams.

"There is too much Red Cross and other war work to be done just now to talk politics," laughed the governor when some one asked him relative to the political aspect and outlook. "Let us first win the war—or at least provide the means for that end before we look after political affairs," he added. "When that is done we will be able to talk politics to our hearts' content. I am glad you people of St. Joseph are showing such an interest in war work and putting all of your propensities over the top," he said as he started away out to resume his journey.

**SHE "SHOWED THEM"**  
Mrs. William Radcliffe of This City Gave the New Yorkers Something to Think and Talk About.

Once more New York, that self admitted center whence all things worth while emanate, has been shown something by the West and has found it to be good. In these days of wartime economy, every hint for living well or dressing becomingly for less is eagerly welcomed. And when the suggestion that meets with favor east of the Hudson originates in Missouri, which is looked upon by the average native New Yorker as just emerging from semi-barbarism, it is a source of considerable satisfaction in Missouri. The following quotations from the New York Herald demonstrates that the metropolis may, with profit, occasionally sit at the feet, figuratively speaking, even of St. Joseph:

**MISSOURI'S CREDITABLE LINE OF SENATORS**

### It Has Been Well Represented From the Time of Benton Down

### MANY GREAT MISSOURIANS HAVE SERVED

In a Highly Readable Review of the Personnel and the History and Achievements of the Men Who Have Served the State in the Upper House of Congress the Monitor Tells Many Things That Are Not as Familiar to the Common Run of People of This State As They Should Be.

There are a great many people in this great state who in the hurly burly and tumult of the present method of living and the exciting events of the times have not had the time or the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the political history of Missouri and therefore are at a decided disadvantage when it comes to matters of that character.

One of the most entertaining and readable articles of this class which is especially timely on account of the recent death of Missouri's great Senator William Joel Stone and the appointment the other day of Xenophon P. Wilfley to assume his seat, is published in the Christian Science Monitor, and should be read for its true historical value by every resident of the state. It says:

**Benton Delayed—Barton Hurried**  
"Because Thomas Hart Benton was delayed on the road, while David Barton took time by the forelock and pushed on to the capitol, the latter became the first senator, the former the first junior senator from the State of Missouri. Barton, that is to say, took his seat on December 3, Benton on December 6, 1821, in the Seventeenth Congress."

"To comply with the rule requiring that one term shall extend two years beyond the other, the two had to draw lots. Barton drew the short term of four years, and retired at the end of the next full term, serving in all ten years, while Benton held his post for five full terms. His memoirs, published under the title of "Thirty Years in the United States Senate," are still read by painstaking students of American political history. They have been called monumental.

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**THE EDITORIAL SALUTE**  
This is the way that Howard McDonald the new editor of the King City Times (formerly the Democrat) talked to his subscribers when he took the editorial helm last week. This is the way that he saluted:

As announced in the last edition of the Democrat, a change in name and ownership, has taken place. Following the established custom of the Lords of Journalism, we salute! We salute the Scripps and Hearsts; we salute the citizens of King City and the country roundabout. We came, we saw, we made our choice. Already we feel at home.

We shall let the preachers take care of the churches, the lawyers the courts, the doctors the sick, the town marshal the crooks, the undertaker the dead. We shall endeavor to print the news.

Mighty good doctrine—if Editor McDonald will stick to it.

**SCHOOL BOARD DEFERS ACTION**  
At the meeting of the school board Monday night a large delegation of North St. Joseph people asked that body to mention the new Lafayette High school, which was ordered discontinued on account of lack of funds. There was quite a spirited debate over the matter brought on by a remark of Otto Kaas who said the board was using the Lafayette school as a means to force the people of North St. Joseph to line up for the proposed bond issue of \$100,000. The bond issue will not come up before fall, if then. The rotten architectural work on the Lafayette building also came in for some sharp criticism.

**NED KING DOES SOME FIGURING**  
Ned King, who so successfully pulled off St. Joseph's Liberty loan, was in a figurative mood (as it were) on Thursday and while so, deflected himself of the following:

"The size of this \$4,000,000 Liberty loan is difficult to realize," said Ned. "We have been hearing that there have been about 1,000,000,000 minutes of time since the birth of Christ. Four dollars a minute during that time would just about accumulate the size of the last Liberty loan."

**JACK STEWART HAD A HOT TIME**  
Jack Stewart of this city had a warm time in Kansas City the other night where he imbibed a little too freely and got into a man named James L. Pye's back yard. The man awoke and when Stewart ran fired a few rocks at him. When a little later Pye and some of his friends started to look for the intruder they found Stewart in a vacant lot near by so weak from loss of blood from wounds inflicted by the stones, that he was sent to a hospital.

Maryville will hold its Chautauque July 31 to August 4.

**KEEP THE GOOD MEN IN**

### Long Eared Canaries Raised in This State Doing Their Bit in War Torn France

### JUST CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT THEM

Sometimes These Missouri Products Get Temperamental, But That Makes No Difference As the Supply Company Cannot Feed and Furnish Men in the Trenches Were It Not for the Help of This Great Product of Our Missouri Farms and Ranches.

Great is Missouri—and also great is the Missouri mule—and great is the part it is playing in the great war game in France.

The Missouri mule is known the world over—and best in the countries where there has been or now is war—for there the superior qualities of this famous Missouri vintage is best known—and appreciated.

The Missouri canary may be obstreperous at times—he may be worse than mullah—he may make the work of the Y. M. C. A., and even of our own Law Gabbert much the more hard when the Missouri mulester comes round to the prayer and song service—but that Missouri mule is there "where he is most wanted and always pulls the boys out of the hole."

Even Herbert Corey the famous war correspondent is partial to the Missouri mule and sings his praises in no uncertain terms. Last week Corey told in one of his letters to the press how the Missouri mule performs in France. From a camp in the Lorraine section Corey writes:

"Milliken the Missouri mule boss lost a man of his outfit yesterday. The night before the man had cried when it came time to harness up the mules and start the long uphill climb in the dark.

"I ain't fit to work in the supply company," the man said. "Lemme go back to the front trenches. I don't mind it up there, but when I'm drivin' these doggone mules I'm scared."

"So Milliken let him go. He said this morning that when he got into the trenches with the shells and grub and cartridges and water and odds and ends that the supply company hauls, he found the man up there in a dugout reading a novel by candle

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**TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT**  
Public Utilities Commission Hears the Street Railway and the Up State Cases.

After a two days session the state utilities commission in session at the Robidoux decided after hearing all of the evidence pro and con in reference to the rates asked for in street car fares and electric lighting to defer action for the present and accordingly took the case under advisement.

On Tuesday afternoon the commission heard the case of the towns of Tarkio, Mound City, Craig, Mailand, Graham, Skidmore, Bigelow and Portersville, all of which were protesting against a proposed raise of 20 per cent in their lighting rates, which was proposed to be made by the Mound City plant which furnishes power and light for all of them. This was also taken under advisement.

**WHAT ARMY OFFICERS ARE PAID**  
Almost every day this paper is asked now that it is war time as to the salaries of army officers, in order that those people who inquire may know, the following are some of the salaries paid:

**A TURKEY COMING**  
The Douglas County Gobbler to Be Auctioned Here for the Benefit of the Red Cross

There is an old turkey gobbler down in Douglas county which has gained more than local fame, and is about to add to its previous luster by being brought here to be auctioned for the benefit of the Red Cross.

This old bird was donated to the Red Cross unit at Ava, the county seat of Douglas county where he sold for \$71 at a Red Cross auction. Now arrangements are being made to take the old bird on an auction tour over the state, and from Missouri to the East where the process will be repeated. He will be brought to Kansas City next week and from that city to St. Joseph where all who desire to bid for his gobblerhood may have full and unobstructed permission.

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**I. O. O. F. GRAND LODGE**  
A Most Successful Meeting Is Held and Many Visitors Were in Attendance.

The Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of Missouri closed a three days session here on Thursday, the final session being concluded in the afternoon. All of the grand officers of the state were present and hundreds of visitors were also in attendance. In all respects the meeting was a success.

One of the features of the meeting was an address by Gov. A. M. Dockery, third assistant postmaster general of the United States, who came from Washington to attend the sessions and was one of the most welcome guests.

The grand lodge on Tuesday sent a telegram to President Wilson, tendering him the united support of the order, and on Wednesday received a response expressing the thanks of the nation's head for the words of cheer and encouragement.

On Wednesday a joint memorial service was held by the Odd Fellows and the Rebekas for the 819 members of the order who had passed away during the year.

There was but one contested office for the grand lodge to settle and that was done on Wednesday when E. M. Garner of Hartsville was elected grand warden, which under the conditions that govern will make him deputy grand master next year and grand master the following year.

O. P. Gentry, of Liberty, and Morrison Pritchett, of Webb City, were unanimously re-elected members of the board of trustees of the Odd Fellows Home at Liberty.

The Rebekah assembly held its sessions at the First Christian church, and on Wednesday elected the following officers for the year:

Mrs. Edna L. Seve, Kahoka, president; Mrs. Allie White, Sikeston, vice-president; Miss Ethel Lanford, Jamesport, warden; Mrs. Ottilia Myr Parker, St. Louis, secretary; Mrs. Beadie Britz, Pierce City, treasurer; Mrs. Verdie E. Davis, Harrisonville, member home board; Mrs. Emma Calder, Kansas City, representative to the Association of Rebekah Assemblies; and Mrs. Ruby Kathon, Bucklin, alternate to Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

The officers and delegates were well entertained while here and all departed for their homes satisfied that St. Joseph is a good convention city.

**CELEBRATED THE EVENT**  
Italian Residents of the City Observed the Anniversary of the Third Year in War.

It was a proud day for the Italian residents of St. Joseph yesterday, for it inaugurated the third anniversary of the entrance of that country into the war and the first anniversary of their alignment with the United States.

Yesterday for the first time in the history of the city of St. Joseph the Italian flag, a beautiful banner costing \$250, the property of the local Italian society here, flew from the flag staff of the government building beneath that of the Stars and Stripes. It was hauled up the government flag pole by the postmaster, who is also custodian, assisted by V. E. Ready, H. F. Ernst and Paul Howell, and floated proudly all day signaling the fact that it was the first foreign flag to ever float over the federal building.

At 7:30 the Italian residents of the city met in front of the federal building and formed a parade which marched over the principal streets headed by a brass band. Mayor Whitwell and the city and county officers, the police and fire departments and many citizens joined in the demonstration which was under the excellent management of a committee of representative Italians made up of M. Domino, M. Spengardner, Joe Suters, Thomas Sutra, Matteo Costello, A. Deedro and Paul Poller, to whose good work and patriotism is due the splendid success of the celebration.

**ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
Louis S. Davis of South St. Joseph Was Buried on Same Date as When Married.

A curious train of circumstances attended the death and funeral of the late Louis S. Davis, who died in St. Joseph on Monday and was buried in Mount Mora Thursday.

The deceased was born on May 20th, thirty years ago. Three years ago on the 23rd day of May he was married. Two years ago on the anniversary of his marriage he began work for the Prudential Insurance Co., in whose service he was when he died and was buried on the anniversary of his marriage.

Strawberry shortcake is shorter than usual.