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FIELD ELECTS PAY PICTURE TAX

Than Add to Cost of
Admissions to His
Theater.

Ballfield has been thinking
of the war tax, and has finally
decided to add it to the price of ad-

missions. On 15 cent tick-
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the week:
Today, matinee and night Victor
Hugo's Les Miserables. This picture
was due last night, but failed to come
through missing connections.

Saturday, The Seven Pearls with
Mollie King. The Villain, with Billy
West, and a western drama. Matinee
5 and 10 cents. Night 10 cents to
all.

Monday, A Mack Sennett Comedy,
"The Pullman Bride." The Fatal Ring,
and Hearst-Pathé News. Matinee 5
and 10; night 10 cents to all.

Tuesday, Goldwin presents Madge
Kennedy in "Baby Mine." Matinee 5
and 15; night 10 and 15.

Wednesday, Pauline Frederick in
"Double Crossed," and the "Neglected
Wife." Matinee 5 and 10; night 10
and 15.

Thursday, Sarah Bernhardt in
"Mothers of France." Matinee 5 and
10; night 10 and 15.

Welaka Man Killed.

Word comes to The News that Mr.
J. H. Gaffney, long a prominent winter
resident of Welaka, was killed in an
automobile accident at Petekham,
Mass., on Wednesday of last week.
This is the second death of a winter
resident of pretty Welaka that has
come to us within the month, and both
of parties who will be sorely missed.
The News has no particulars other
than the death of Mr. Gaffney and the
cause.

THE CHURCH AND THE WAR FOR DEMOCRACY

Friend Wants to Know if
News Wasn't a Bit
Severe.

A friend of this paper asked the editor—

"Were you not a bit severe on the
preachers last week when you called
them to task for lukewarmness in
preaching on war topics and leading
the people into a better understanding
of the government's position in this
world war?"

No, we were not. The language
did not apply to the ministers who are
doing their duty by the government;
it applied to those who failed in this
duty. And there are plenty of them.

Only a week or two ago and during
the session of the Florida Presbytery
in this city a visiting cleric preached
in the pulpit of the Palatka Presby-
terian church against the use of the
church for advocating the purchase of
Liberty Bonds, Food Conservation,
and other needs of the government in
carrying on this war. He was not
excused for his utterances.

The position of The News is this:
If this war for the rights of man-
kind is a righteous war, then it is en-
dorsed to the earnest support of the
churches.

The religious mind of today is pos-
sessed by a passion for democracy.
The church has carried down the ages
the teachings and the spirit of the
prophets and apostles of old and above
all of her Divine Master, the Christ.

Today those teachings and that spirit
are finding issue and expression
among the people of the earth in a
mighty impulse for the rights of man-
kind. This world war into which the
American nation has been plunged is
in defense of those rights. Many
preachers have failed entirely to rec-
ognize this movement in defense of
democracy, and democracy itself, as a
will of the church.

They seem to
have lost the ability to recognize that
this fight for justice and mercy and
protection to thousands upon thou-
sands of innocent women and children
—these "my little ones" upon whom
German militarism is heaping un-
thinkable cruelties and destroying —
is a Christian movement as the part
of America and that it is necessary in
order to "make the world safe for
democracy," as against autocracy and
tyranny and a reign of terror. In-
stead they seem to prefer to deal in
"banned goods," stereotyped plans of
salvation, crystallized and petrified or-
thodoxies and feel that the only reme-
dy for the present misery of the world
is in the promise of a future heaven
of bliss eternal.

Confine themselves to such
preaching will not aid in winning this
world war for right and justice and
mercy and liberty and those God-given
principles of equality which we must
do our part to establish here before
we can hope for bliss eternal.

The News holds that it is the duty
of the ministry to lead in this move-
ment to do its utmost to enlighten
the people as to the principles for
which we are fighting, and to get at
it before it is overmastered by the
passions of the moment and the duty
of the pulpits as it is the duty of the
press.

Thank God the majority of our
preachers are taking this view and
are at work. It is only an occasional
little sup-do-diddle, like the one who
preached in the Presbyterian church
here on the evening of October 17th,
who needs punishing.

What sort of eternal bliss will a
man "enjoy" when he has an eternity
in his hands in which to reflect on
how he slunk in his duty on earth,
and who that is a man could enjoy
an eternity inhibited by such molly-
coddles?

The News wants every reader of
this issue of the paper to read the ar-
ticle on page 82 by Rev. Dr. Newell
Twight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth
Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. It tells of
some German atrocities in the ruined
villages of France and Belgium, the
truth of which can not be doubted, and
for which the German Kaiser stands.
We have printed the story in double
columns, ten point type in order to em-
phasize these horrors and wake you
up. Read the story and then ask
yourself whether or not America is
engaged in a righteous war?

Whether or not the churches of this
land can properly be used, and with-
out delinquency, in arousing the peo-
ple to the necessity for fighting a vic-
torious fight and making secure
YOUR HOME, YOUR WIFE, YOUR
DAUGHTER, and the old men of the
country who are tottering on the brink
of eternity awaiting a turn of the tide
for a benevolent voyage across?

Hoover is Coming.

L. Cantrell, Putnam county's dem-
onstrator agent, in a letter to farm-
ers of the county sent The News, in-
forms that Prof. Samuel Hoover,
special assistant to the Bureau of
Plant Industry, U. S. Department of
Agriculture, will visit him for the
purpose of assisting the farmers in
the construction of specially equipped
potato houses, in order that they may
be able to store their potatoes and
hold them over until the demand war-
rants their selling them. All farm-
ers interested in saving their sweet
potatoes are invited to see Mr. Can-
trell and make arrangements to have
Prof. Hoover visit their farm and give
the needed instruction regarding the
building of these store houses.

LIBERTY BONDS SOLD WELL IN PUTNAM CO.

And Federal Reserve Bank,
Atlanta, Thanks Chair-
man Willard.

An even \$120,000 of the govern-
ment's Second Liberty Loan Bonds
were subscribed through Putnam coun-
ty banks, but that sum in no wise re-
presents the total amount subscrib-
ed for by the people of this county.

The News personally knows of \$12-
000 in subscriptions which went
through banks outside the county, and
some outside the State, and for which
this county gets no credit.

The campaign in this county was
late in starting, but when it got un-
der way good and proper subscrip-
tions began to roll in.

Chairman Willard had a good or-
ganization. On his committee were
a majority of Putnam's best speak-
ers and these men cheerfully gave
their services. Meetings were held
in various parts of the county and
everywhere these speakers went they
were received with open arms and
hearts and homes. The people heard
them gladly and "came across."

Chairman Gus Willard went to
most of the meetings as, also did
President Adams of the East Florida
Savings & Trust Co. Willard is
cashier of the Putnam National, and
these two bank representatives had
subscription blanks with them.

One hundred and twenty thousand
dollars is a good sum of money to
scare out of hiding in two weeks in
this county, but there is lots more of
it and that will come easier on the
next loan. The people have been
made better acquainted with the na-
ture and value of the proposition.

Also their blood has been brought to
the boiling point by a knowledge of
the perfidiousness of this world war
and an awakening to the duty of this
nation to make victory for democracy
sure. They are getting just a little
more than they see that the peace and
happiness which has been theirs for a
lifetime is jeopardized by the German
autocracy and that this nation is sim-
ply fighting because the very princi-
ples upon which it was founded are
being attacked. The right of the
common people to life, liberty and the
pursuit of happiness is becoming very
real to them now that they see we
must defend those rights or go down
through the pages of history labeled
"barbarism."

Gus Willard is proud of the work of
the committee: "I received a letter
from the Federal Reserve Bank in At-
lanta," said he, "thanking me for the
work, but the letter came to me sim-
ply because as cashier of the Federal
Reserve representative in this county
I became chairman of the local com-
mittee and sent in the reports. The
credit for our success is due to the
men who worked with me so cheerfully
and who gave of their time and tal-
ents without stint to make the
cause a success. Of course I am
proud of the results, and I want all
the help of the committee and all the
goodness to know that I thank them,
and give them the glory."

PUTNAM BOYS LEAVE FOR CAMP JACKSON

Thirteen Putnam County
Boys Start Army Life
Today.

The last of the white conscripts
from this county will leave Palatka
this afternoon for Camp Jackson, Co-
lumbia, S. C.

They were summoned to appear be-
fore the local conscript board yester-
day with the understanding that they
are to start for the camp on the 2
p. m. train this afternoon. They will
all be there.

The thirteen young men to go are:
Merle Robert Ewers, Crescent City.
Edward Alvin Bachman, Palatka.
Emery Martin Ferrell, San Mateo.
Edward Kummer, Jr., Palatka.
Grover Alex Bauer, Palatka.
Jesse Washington, Knowles, Palatka.
R. D. "A."

Harry Clayton, Crescent City.
William Joseph Prevatt, Rodman.
Charles Darby Hooten, Satsuma
Hights.

James Arthur Revels, Florahome.
Richard Jackson Minton, Palatka R.
D. "A."

Davis Woodson Lane, Palatka.
Alex. Rigdon, Palatka R. D. No. 2.

It is hoped that the business men
and in fact all citizens, men and wo-
men, of Palatka will be at the train
to give these boys a kind word of ap-
preciation. Thank them for going to
the front to fight for you. Say and
do what you please in your own way,
but show some appreciation of the sac-
rifice they are making. Now, don't
fail; a little attention like that will
make the boys feel kindly toward lit-
tle old Palatka when they get across
the pond and begin their life in the
trenches.

U. D. C. Meeting.

The regular meeting of Patton An-
derson Chapter, U. D. C., will be held
at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, No-
vember 8th, at the home of Mrs. J. N.
Walton, on River street. As subjects
of importance will be considered, a
large attendance is desired.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE WILL BE DEDICATED

With Appropriate Cer-
emonies Friday After-
noon Nov. 9th.

Friday November 9th will mark a
red-letter day in the annals of the
Woman's Club of Palatka, for on that
day will be dedicated the new Wo-
man's Club House on Reid street.

Ceremonies impressive and befitting
the occasion will be observed with the
presence of the beloved state president
Mrs. W. S. Jennings of Jacksonville
to formally dedicate the new building
for the use of the women of Palatka
who have labored and will labor for
the best interests of the community,
the state and the nation, for it is no
small task the club women of this city
and of all cities have set before them,
especially during this era of our coun-
try's crisis.

The formal dedication ceremonies
will begin at 3 o'clock Friday after-
noon, November 9th in the club house
and the public is cordially invited to
attend. The program follows: song,
"America;" prayer, S. Grady; address
of welcome, President, Mrs. J. L.
Dunsford; address, Mayor W. P. Mer-
cism; address, Mrs. M. S. Brown,
chairman of the building committee;
address, Mrs. D. J. Coughlin, chair-
man Inland Waterways Committee;
address, Mrs. Stanley, vice-president,
section four of State Federation; ad-
dress of Dedication, Mrs. W. S. Jen-
nings, state president of the Federa-
tion of Florida; song, "Star Spangled
Banner"; Benediction, Rev. C. R. D.
Crittendon.

After the program light refresh-
ments will be served by the social com-
mittee. In the evening there will be
an Opening Dance with music fur-
nished by Professor Seger's band.

P. L. SUTHERLAND DEAD IN BALTIMORE

After Two Weeks' Severe
Illness of Pneumonia.

P. L. Sutherland, one of the State's
foremost business men, died at Agnes
Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Thurs-
day afternoon of pneumonia. Mr.
Sutherland had been very low for the
past two weeks, and the announcement
does not come as a surprise to his peo-
ple and friends.

While a resident of Jacksonville,
Mr. Sutherland belonged to the State;
his work in Florida had made his name
known everywhere. He was for a
number of years a resident of this
county and numbered his friends and
admirers by thousands in this city and
county.

He is survived by his wife, one son
and two daughters. His body will be
brought to Jacksonville and the fun-
eral will probably take place on Sun-
day.

View Day at Club House.

Yesterday afternoon and evening
thronged of delighted visitors were
shown through the lovely new home
of the Palatka Woman's Club on
Reid street. With ideal weather
conditions the bright sun added its
brightness to the pretty scene where
visitors in gala autumn attire, sur-
veyed the attractive interior of one of
the neatest and most convenient club
houses in the state and we can proud-
ly say, in any state. After years of
paying rent and going from one build-
ing to another as a club gathering
place, the fond ambitions and hopes
are at last realized and the women
of the Palatka Club now stand in their
own cosy headquarters and from
thence can go forth the decrees that
the club endorses. Happy day for
these women who have labored so
faithfully for this building for at last
their hopes are realized and their la-
bors rewarded. The entire executive
board of the club received the visitors,
and from 4 o'clock till nine o'clock
many visitors were made welcome.
The social committee served delicious
nunch to all guests. Next Friday is
dedication day and a splendid program
has been prepared to begin at 3
o'clock. The public is most cordially
invited to the exercises. Come and
rejoice with us.

WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR ARMY Y.M.C.A.

Ed. M. Earnest Heads Local
Committee—Worthy
Cause.

Putnam county people are going to
be called on to help in sustaining the
work of the Young Men's Christian
Association in the army.

Did we hear some of you say that
you were getting tired of these calls
for money? We hope not.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Knights
of Columbus are the two associations
that provide camp clubs for the ar-
my in the field and in the 32 canton-
ments of this country. They afford
reading and writing rooms and other
forms of recreation, rest rooms, so-
cial rooms, places where the soldier
can go and have the comforts of a
home for lounging after hours of work
—his off moments. These halls, or
clubs are open to every soldier, and
no questions asked or dues exacted.
They are absolutely free. Some one
has to pay for them. And who un-
less the people back home?

We are asked to give money to sus-
tain these comfort clubs for the sol-
diers who have volunteered to give
their lives for us. Ours is the puny
sacrifice, when compared to that of
the boys.

The Y. M. C. A. is a protestant
and Jewish organization in the war
camp club department, for the He-
brew organizations of the country
have elected to affiliate with the Y. M.
C. A. in providing club facilities for
Jewish young men in the army. The
Knights of Columbus provide club
houses for the Catholic young men,
but each of these clubs are open to
any soldier. He is invited to come
in and make himself at home. He
can write, loll or smoke and visit.

Last Monday a number of promi-
nent Palatka gentlemen met at the of-
fice of Superintendent Price in the
court house to meet the special State
Secretary for Y. M. C. A. army work.
They heard this man tell of the needs
and decided to organize a local cam-
paign committee to raise money to
help the Y. M. C. M. Mr. Earnest
was made president and C. H. Price
secretary. Putnam county has been
asked to give \$2,000 toward this work.

Other prominent workers who are
interested in this movement are H. O.
Hamm, A. S. Willard, R. F. Adams,
John Q. Titchman, H. M. Fearnside, M.
P. Geiger, Delbert Gilpatrick, Fred T.
Merrill and others. The committee
decided to hold a meeting at the court
house next Monday night at which
time they hope to have a prominent
Y. M. C. A. worker from Jackso-
ville present to address the meeting.

Now when any of this committee
comes to you for a contribution don't
flunk; if you can't fight you ought to
be willing to help the men who do.
They are asked to give their lives; you
only vulgar dollars. Come across,
and do it smilingly, as if you were
proud of the opportunity.

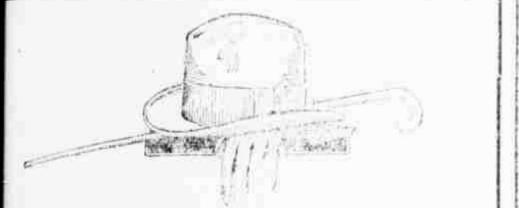
M. P. Walsh Leaves Palatka.

Palatka again loses to the larger
city. And this time the loss will be a
serious one. M. P. Walsh, long con-
nected as an export promoter and ad-
vertising man with the Florida Farms
& Homes, Inc., will sever his con-
nection with that corporation the first
of the coming week and will leave for
Jacksonville, where he has secured an
office in the Heard building, and where
he will engage in special newspaper
advertising work.

Mr. Walsh is one of the best equip-
ped newspaper men in Florida. He
comes of newspaper stock. His un-
cle, the late Patrick Walsh of the Au-
gusta Chronicle, perhaps being the
most prominent. Mr. Walsh has been
associated with several of the great
New York dailies, and since coming
to Florida direct from that city he has
done more than his bit in opening the
eyes of Floridians and the country
generally to the agricultural possibili-
ties of the State. His works will fol-
low him.

He has also been active in all move-
ments for the development of Palatka
and Putnam county. He is a natural
born leader in farm development work
—not a visionary leader, but a practical
man who first gets to know what
he is going to talk about before he
talks. Mr. Walsh's going is a good
thing for Jacksonville, but it comes
mighty near being a calamity for Pa-
latka.

"Where Styles Originate."



OUR PRIDE

is
Our Haberdashery Department

BARKER BRAND COLLARS
2 for 25 cents

INTERWOVEN SOX 35c, 3 for \$1.00
VOGUE CRAVATS 50c to \$5.00

MANHATTAN SHIRTS
\$2.00 to \$12.00

MUNSING WEAR Union Suits \$1.50 up to \$5.00
HANSEN GLOVES "THE BEST"

STETSON HATS
HANAN SHOES

We Invite You.

Fearnside Clothing Company

Not Connected With Any Other Store in Palatka.
PALATKA FLORIDA

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LIFE, ACCIDENT AND HEALTH. City and Suburban Property, Farm Lands, Orange and Grape Fruit Groves.
RENTALS. Taxes looked after for non-residents.
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Preparedness!

THE WATCHWORD OF THE HOUR
Personally, "preparedness" should interest you. Renting one of our
SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

any system) and depositing therein your Deed, Mortgages, Insurance Papers,
and other valuable property would be "preparedness" against the loss of
by fire and thieves.
We have three sizes of boxes that rent for \$3.00, \$5.00, and \$8.00 per year
Capital and Surplus of \$148,000.00 is our guarantee to
customers.

Respectfully,
THE PUTNAM NATIONAL BANK OF PALATKA

SIGN
a
FOOD CARD
today and help
AMERICA
win the
WAR