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WINKING OF LIGHTS NEW LOAN REMINDER

Three Blinks to Call Columbian's Attention to Bond Issue.

8:29 SUNDAY NIGHT Like Plan Will Be Used Throughout State—Offer a Prayer.

When the lights wink three times Sunday night, and then remain out for three minutes, do not be alarmed. There will be no occasion for telephoning to the water and light plant to find out what is the matter. The city lights have been "drafted" by Mayor James E. Boggs, at the request of the Boone County Liberty Loan Organization, and they will be doing their bit to remind Columbia that for the third time the Government is floating a bond issue for the benefit of our fighting forces.

In cities and towns all over the Mississippi Valley the lights will flash three times at 8:29 o'clock Sunday night, and a three-minute period of darkness will follow.

In that period, this whole section of the country will be joined in solemn communion for the success of America's great enterprise on behalf of democracy. Columbians will thus be united in spirit not only among themselves but with their fellow Americans in several states. The idea of the "moments of silence" originated with the headquarters of the Liberty Loan Organization in St. Louis and will be carried out in a uniform manner throughout this district. It is hoped by the Boone County Committee that Columbians will enter into the spirit of the movement in a reverent spirit of patriotism.

The time was fixed so that it would fall within the period of the evening church services. While the congregations sit in darkness, the ministers in various Columbia churches, Catholic and Protestant, white and colored, will pronounce a prayer appropriate to the occasion. Those who do not attend services on Sunday evening are requested to repeat a prayer in their family circles.

Prof. A. W. Taylor of the Bible College, as a committee of one appointed by the Liberty Loan Organization, asked the Columbia ministers to join in the observance. He reports that all will do so. Professor Taylor himself is heartily in favor of the idea, as a means of further strengthening the spiritual bond uniting the American people in this crisis.

In the cities the prayer will not only be pronounced from pulpits, but during the period of darkness will be spoken from the stage in moving picture shows and theaters.

It has been announced from St. Louis that a prayer composed by some eminent preacher for this occasion will be given out to the newspapers in time for all to memorize it before Sunday night. If this prayer is received in Columbia in time, it will be published in all the newspapers, and Columbians will be asked to use it in the homes and churches. If no special prayer is printed, the ministers will pronounce any appropriate invocation, and persons in the homes will be asked to spend the three minutes of darkness in similar devotion.

CELEBRATE APRIL 6

Big Crowd Expected Here Tomorrow At Patriotic Program.

Word received by the Boone County Liberty Loan Organization today indicates that if the weather is favorable, there will be a large crowd of visitors from the county here tomorrow for the patriotic celebration on Broadway, arranged to mark the first anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the war, and the opening of the Liberty Loan drive.

In addition to the features already announced, a stunt for the parade, which will leave the University Campus at 1:30 o'clock, will be contributed by the students of the College of Agriculture. This was decided at a meeting of the Agricultural Club last night.

Joseph Somerville, committee on "noise," is arranging to have the whistles and bells of the town get into action at 1:45 and continue an offensive for three minutes.

Merchants already are responding to the call of N. T. Gentry, committee on decorations, to show their colors. Several store windows were decorated with flags and Liberty Loan posters this afternoon. It is hoped that a flag will be flown from every business house and residence in the city.

Speaking on Broadway, following a brief military ceremony, will begin shortly after 2 o'clock.

Canadian Cartoonist to Talk Tonight.

John W. Bengough, Canadian cartoonist and Single Tax lecturer, will talk at 8 o'clock tonight in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. The lecture will be one of Mr. Bengough's humorous economic chalk talks.

INTER-CITY GOLF MEET PLANNED

Columbia, Jefferson City, Sedalia, Fulton to Compete for Cup.

The annual meeting of the University Golf Club was held last night at Rothwell Gymnasium C. B. Rollins was re-elected president, Dr. W. G. Manly, was elected secretary and treasurer and Doctor Manly, Orville Barnett and Joseph Somerville were named as a committee to complete plans for the tournament between Columbia, Jefferson City, Sedalia and Fulton. A complete organization of faculty members, students and townspeople was effected.

The tri-city tournament, which was held last year, will be enlarged to admit Fulton this year. It is planned to hold a series of tournaments in May and June, one in each of the four towns, so that students may participate.

The rule that all persons who wish to play on the golf links and are not enrolled in physical education classes must pay a membership fee of \$5 has been amended so that those who are enrolled in physical education classes and who have paid their fee, will be permitted to play after paying a small additional fee. Dr. W. E. Maxwell, Prof. C. C. Taylor and Doctor Manly were appointed, at the suggestion of President A. Ross Hill, on the rules and regulations committee to decide such matters.

VALLEY MEET HERE

Annual Track Contest Will Be Held in Columbia On May 25.

The annual Missouri Valley track meet will be held at Columbia May 25 instead of Ames, Ia., because of the letting out of Ames students that they might work on the farm, which would thus make it impractical for the Iowa school to hold the classic, it has been announced at Rothwell Gymnasium.

For two weeks the athletic directors of the valley schools have been in communication on the subject and it was decided to give the meet to the Missouri school which had made the request that it be brought here but had made no strong effort for it.

Other Valley schools made no bid for the meet because of the uncertainty of the financial end. When the meet was held in Columbia two years ago it barely broke even and it was decided that the Tiger school was best equipped to handle the meet. When the meet was held at Francis Field, Washington University, St. Louis, it lost money.

Bringing the meet to Columbia should give Tiger athletes the advantage. Missouri has won the meet for the last three years.

BENEFIT MATINEE APRIL 10

Columbia Theater to Aid in Raising Fund for Byron Evans.

Due to the fact that personal contributions to the fund being raised to secure artificial limbs for Byron Evans, a Columbia boy whose feet were frozen and amputated, have not been adequate, R. H. Hall, manager of the Columbia Theater, has expressed his willingness to aid by giving half the proceeds of all tickets sold, less one cent war tax, for the matinee Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11.

The object of the benefit fund is to make it possible for all who are interested in the work to aid in increasing the fund. The Rev. M. A. Hart is in charge of the campaign.

U. D. C. WILL GIVE A PLAY

Tryouts for "The Countess Cathleen" to Be Held April 11.

Tryouts for "The Countess Cathleen," by William Butler Yeats, to be given under the auspices of the U. D. C., will be held from 4 to 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon, April 11, in the University Auditorium. All University students are eligible to try out. Dr. F. M. Tisdal, Prof. R. M. Dewey and Tudor Lanus will be the judges.

The play is symbolic of Ireland. It has been declared by foremost English scholars to be the first true poetical play since the Elizabethan period.

NIEDERMAYER HEADS BOARD

Columbia School Board Elected Officers Today.

F. W. Niedermeyer, who took the oath of office as a member of the school board at a meeting which was held at the High School today, was elected president of the board. Dr. J. E. Thornton was elected vice-president. S. F. Conley was out of town and was not able to take the oath of office as member of the board today.

The board tendered fees per diem to two men from St. Louis who will appear as witnesses in the case of D. F. Edwards and Co. against the Columbia School district, which will come up Wednesday.

C. C. Hamilton Goes to Dallas County.

C. C. Hamilton, who is co-operating with the Agricultural Extension Service in orchard demonstration work, returned Thursday from a two weeks' trip within the state. Mr. Hamilton left yesterday for Dallas County for orchard demonstration work with the county superintendent of that county.

RED CROSS DRIVE TO START IN MAY

Country Will Be Asked to Subscribe \$100,000,000 to Relief Society.

QUOTA HERE \$24,525

E. W. Stephens Says Local Chapter Needs Money to Pay Debts.

A national Red Cross drive to raise \$100,000,000 will be carried on, May 20 to 27. Boone County will be asked to subscribe \$24,525, part of which will be reserved to carry on work in the county, and the remainder will be sent to the national organization for use elsewhere.

"In order to go ahead with the work here," said E. W. Stephens, president of the Boone County Red Cross, today, "The Columbia Red Cross chapter has been compelled to go in debt to some extent, believing that when the campaign is made in May the people will respond sufficiently to pay this debt as well as to provide liberally for the future."

"We can't afford to have the work stop. Our soldiers are now in the trenches and on the battlefield. The appeal is more direct than ever before. If we cannot go and fight, we must do our utmost to make those who are fighting for us as comfortable as possible. I want the people of this county to be getting ready for the May subscription."

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FIRE LOSS MILLIONS

Three Blocks Burned in Kansas City Wholesale District Last Night.

Blackened, smoking skeletons of what had been huge buildings were all that remained today of three blocks in the heart of the Kansas City wholesale district. They were wrecked by fire last night, which destroyed eighteen business structures and damaged a number of others.

The flames started first in a wholesale furniture store but soon reached serious proportions. Officials of an underwriters' association said that it was impossible to obtain more than a rough estimate of the loss, which they placed at from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

That the fire was of incendiary origin was the theory today of James E. Marvin, assistant fire chief. "The fire burned against the wind," he said, "and almost as soon as it started, other fires broke out in adjacent buildings."

BANDY TO REPORT FOR DUTY

Columbia Boy Will Instruct Fliers at Rantoul, Ill.

Lieutenant Russell M. Bandy, Jr., who has been in Columbia since Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bandy, received orders to report to Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill. He will leave tonight.

Lieutenant Bandy has been flying since December at Gernster Field, Lake Charles, La. He has been in service since August and is an officer in the signal reserve corps, aviation section. His work at the new station will be to instruct beginners in flying. Five or six men are given to each instructor to be thoroughly trained for efficient air service.

Lieutenant Bandy was graduated from the School of Journalism of the University in 1915. He hopes that on his next visit to Columbia he will have orders for overseas service.

RAISE \$50 FOR RED CROSS

Pupils and Teachers of Grant School Sell Paper and Scrap Iron.

The pupils of the Grant School have succeeded in raising \$50 which enables them to become a member of the school auxiliary of the American Red Cross.

This amount is equivalent to 25 cents per pupil. The children and teachers succeeded in raising a large part of the amount from the sale of paper and scrap iron.

MANY INJURED IN WRECK

Frisco Train Goes Through a Bridge in Oklahoma.

By Associated Press.
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 5.—A Frisco passenger train plumed through a bridge between Goodland and Hammond, Okla., today injuring between twenty-five and thirty persons.

Brazilian Students Still Here.

Jose Coelho and Thomas Coelho, Jr., former students in the University, were called to their home in Brazil two months ago but they have not yet received word from the Brazilian minister at Washington notifying them to leave. They are still in Columbia.

ILLINOIS MOB HANGS DISLOYAL GERMAN

Robert Prager of Collinsville Had Been Rescued by Police Day Before.

PREACHED SOCIALISM Dragged From Hiding Place in City Hall and Taken Into County.

By Associated Press.
COLLINSVILLE, Ill., April 5.—Robert P. Prager, 45 years old, and German-born, after twice escaping from mob violence, was hanged shortly after midnight by a mob who declared he had made disloyal utterances. He was dragged from the basement of the City Hall, where he was in hiding, escorted through the city barefooted to a point about one mile west of the city, where his body was found dangling.

Prager was a coal miner, and yesterday he addressed a meeting of miners in Maryville on socialism. The police rescued him from the mob and placed him in the basement of the city hall for protection. Later the mob gathered. The small group of police and deputies was overpowered, and Prager was found in the basement.

"Government May Denounce Lynching." By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, April 5.—Attorney-General Gregory took to the cabinet meeting today a report of the lynching of a German at Collinsville, Ill. The Government is expected to denounce the mob's lawless action, and to express the hope that there will be no repetition of the act.

TO AWARD HONOR FLAGS,

Communities Exceeding Loan Quota Will Receive Emblems.

Will Columbia receive an honor flag?

To every city, town and village that exceeds its quota in the Third Liberty Loan campaign, Secretary McAdoo will award an official flag designed for the purpose.

The flag will be 36 inches wide and 54 inches long, with a red border and a white center. Across the white field will run three vertical blue stripes, indicative of the Third Liberty Loan. A star for the flag will be awarded if a community doubles its assigned quota.

State and national honor flags also will be raised after the close of the campaign. The names of units smaller than a state which win the right to fly the honor flag will be inscribed on the state flag of honor which will be unfurled at each state capital. Records of State sales will be recorded on the national honor flag which will be unfurled in Washington.

DORMITORY ALMOST FINISHED

Stephens College Students to Move Into Building Next Week.

The new \$60,000 Stephens College dormitory will be completed next week. Work was begun on the building last August. During the winter, owing to lack of room, the school authorities found it necessary to rent nine private dwellings to house part of their students. These students will move into their new quarters Saturday, April 13.

The dormitory is of brick and has thirty-four room suites at each end of the first floor for the teachers. The interior finishing is modeled after the new Hotel Statler in St. Louis, the walls being tinted in French gray and the woodwork in dark oak. The rooms have running hot and cold water and front either east or west.

The formal dedication of the building will be made a part of the commencement exercises which will take place the first week in June.

COUNTRY SUFFRAGISTS TO MEET

Campaign in May for New Members—Officers Elected.

A meeting of all the suffragists in Boone County will be held the first week in May, it was decided at yesterday's meeting of the Columbia Equal Suffrage League. Both men and women will attend. It will be part of the campaign to increase membership in the league before the state convention to be held in Macon later in the month. Eighteen new names have been added to the league's roll since its last meeting. Mrs. W. E. Harshe and Mrs. J. J. Phillips were appointed delegates to the convention.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. E. Wrench; vice-president, Mrs. J. R. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. Rose Venable, and secretary, Mrs. C. P. Algoe.

It was also decided to appoint a men's advisory committee in the county.

THIS IS ARBOR DAY IN MISSOURI

Every State Has Day for Planting and Preserving Trees.

This is Arbor Day in Missouri. Every state sets aside a certain day for tree-planting striving to encourage the preservation of trees. The date is not uniform, being observed in some states as designated by the governor. No exercises were held in observation of the holiday in Columbia.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Rain tonight and probably Saturday. Warmer tonight; moderate temperature Saturday.

For Missouri: Probably rain tonight and Saturday. Warmer tonight.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be above freezing in all directions.

Weather Conditions.
A low pressure wave covers all of the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, and has resulted in warmer and unsettled weather. It has two centers, one in western Texas and the other in Alberta. The latter is giving cloudy, windy weather, but the former, the one in Texas, is starting out to be a rain producer; good rains already have fallen in northern Texas and Oklahoma, and the rain area is traveling slowly east and north.

The cool wave is on the way to the Atlantic, and covers most of the territory north of the Ohio. South of the Ohio the weather is more or less unsettled with showers along the coast.

There is no unusually cold weather anywhere.

The western low pressure will travel eastward during the next 36 hours, and will likely give rain in Missouri with rising temperature.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 55; and the lowest last night was 33. Rainfall 0.00. Relative humidity noon yesterday was 76 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 59 and the lowest was 33. Rainfall 0.00.

(Summer Time) Sun rose today, 6:47 a. m. Sun sets 7:36 p. m. Moon rises 3:04 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	54	11 a. m.	45
8 a. m.	54	12 noon.	47
9 a. m.	50	1 p. m.	49
10 a. m.	43	2 p. m.	57

HALF OF QUOTA SOLD

War Savings Sales in Boone County Were \$340,572.50 on April 1.

The total receipts from the sale of War Savings Certificates in Boone County up to April 1 are \$340,572.50. This is more than 53 per cent of the county's entire quota of \$638,000. The sales during March amounted to \$109,528.50, almost twice as much as Boone County needs to sell each month of this year in order to complete her quota.

Judging from reports recently received from the office of Festus J. Wade, state director of the War Savings campaign, the directors of the campaign here believe that Boone County will be the best in the state, when the report showing the standing of the different counties is made out. All counties which have already sold more than 45 per cent of their quota will be considered in the top list, and Boone has done more than 6 per cent better than this.

The total receipts at Washington, April 3, were \$136,000,000. On that day, which is the banner day up to date, the sales reached \$4,120,932, more than a million dollars more than has been received on any other day.

POSTOFFICE SELLS BABY BONDS

\$33,579 Received During March—Edwin Gordon Leads Carriers.

The total sales of Baby Bonds and thrift stamps for March through the Columbia Postoffice amounted to \$33,579. The mail carriers making the best records on sales for the month were: Edwin P. Gordon, rural carrier No. 1, \$4,104.25; J. R. Johnson, rural carrier No. 3, \$3,389.25; Arnett Jacobs, rural carrier No. 4, \$1,695; M. L. Rummans, city carrier No. 2, \$1,692.50; Wallace Whitaker, city carrier No. 3, \$1,292.25. The other carriers also did good work in selling war stamps.

MINSTREL SHOW AT BENTON

Part of the School Entertainment Proceeds Will Go to Red Cross.

A real minstrel show by local negro talent, "side shows" and a tea-garden will be some of the features of the patriotic entertainment which the Benton School Mothers' Club will give at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Benton School building.

The children of the Benton School will give drills and folk-dances and there will be a different attraction in each room. Refreshments of all kinds will be served in the tea room and an admission fee of five cents will be charged at the door, with a small additional fee for each of the entertainments.

Part of the proceeds from the entertainment will be given to the Red Cross.

"FRANCE TALKED PEACE FIRST"

Vienna Reiterates Statement That France Started Discussion.

By Associated Press.
AMSTERDAM, April 5.—Official announcement from Vienna today reiterated the assertion of Foreign Minister von Czernin, in spite of the denial by Premier Clemenceau, that a conversation concerning peace had taken place between Austria and France.

Telegrams from Vienna state that a confidential agent from Clemenceau met with the councillor of the Austrian Legation in Switzerland. Austria said she would be in a position to carry on peace negotiations as soon as the French relinquished their plans in regard to Alsace-Lorraine.

Tigers in the Lead, 1 to 0.

At the end of the fourth inning in today's baseball game between Missouri and Westminster, the score was 1 to 0 in favor of Missouri. The batteries: (Missouri) Urie and Morris; (Westminster) Powell and Miller.

BRITISH RETIRE EAST OF AMIENS, SLIGHTLY

Active Artillery Fighting in Bucquoy and Scarpe Valleys During Night.

FRENCH HOLD LINE

Teutons Unable to Reach Railway Between Amiens and Clermont.

By Associated Press.
LONDON, April 5.—The British have been pressed back for a short distance on the front east of Amiens to a position east of Villers-Bretonneux, the war office announces.

The Germans concentrated their troops early this morning near Albert. The British artillery took them under fire. In the neighborhood of Bucquoy and the Scarpe valley, there was active artillery fighting during the night.

The Germans hurled bodies of troops at the British lines between the Luce and Somme rivers, making repeated assaults. For the most part the enemy was thrown back with losses.

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French troops gained possession of the greater part of Epinette wood, north of Orrillers-Sorel. All the German efforts to dislodge the French were vain.

The French captured St. Aignan Farm, southeast of Grivesnes and held it against all assaults. In the north the French withdrew to a position west of Castel. They threw back the Germans at Arriere-Court Wood, west of Mailly-Rameval.

German Fail to Reach Railroad.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, April 5.—German forces continued to attack during the night, says the official statement issued by the war office. Despite the support of the German effectives, the statement says the Germans were unable to reach their objective, which was the railroad from Amiens to Clermont.

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Fighting North of Somme.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, April 5.—The Germans this morning attacked the British forces along a wide front from Dernancourt, a few miles south of Albert, to Moyenneville, north of the Somme, according to a statement published in the Evening Standard.

The Germans were repulsed with heavy losses, except at Dernancourt, where they made a slight gain.

There was no attack south of the Somme so far today, the statement says.

W. E. CROUCH, 66, DIES

Lumber Dealer Had Lived in Columbia Many Years.

W. E. Crouch, 66 years old, a pioneer resident of Columbia, died at the family residence, 507 South Fifth street, late this afternoon. Death was due to pleurisy.

Mr. Crouch was born in Troy in 1852 and came to Columbia in 1880. Since that time he has been in the lumber business and for a time was connected with the Columbia Hardware Company. He is survived by a wife, four sons and one daughter.

They are Dr. Lemuel Crouch in service at Camp Funston; Paul in the aviation service at Waco, Tex.; Menta, Great Falls, Mont.; Harvey and Pauline of this city.

No funeral arrangements have been made.

NO CITY GARDEN THIS YEAR

Few Willing to Give Use of Land— a Failure Last Summer.

"Columbia will not have a city garden this year," said Mayor J. E. Boggs yesterday. "The garden last year was not a paying proposition. It was put in late and on account of the dry weather didn't turn out well."

Mayor Boggs says it is hard to find land on which to plant a garden. "Plenty of persons are willing to rent land, but few are willing to give the use of it to the city," he said.

The beans raised in the city garden last year were sold to the local merchants and the money given to the Conley Poor Fund. The corn was used to feed the horses that belong to the city.

CALL FOR 400 PHOTOGRAPHERS

Fifteen States Asked to Supply the Men—Mechanics Requested Also.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, April 5.—A call for 400 photographers, registered in the draft to mobilize at Madison Barracks, N. Y., April 15, was sent out today to about fifteen states.

The photographers are asked to volunteer, but in case there are not enough who do so, some will be inducted to make up the required number.

A call was also issued for 2,825 registrants in the draft to be given a two-months course in automobile driving and repair work, and other mechanical work.