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COLUMBUS COMPLIMENTED.

The manager of the train carrying war relics to advertise the third Liberty Loan paid quite a compliment to Columbus during his recent short visit here, having stated in a conversation with Hon T. J. Locke that the reason arrangements were not made in advance to open the exhibit here was because the train was sent out primarily to awaken interest in towns which had failed to subscribe their quotas in former campaigns, and that as Columbus had always come across with its full quota it was considered unnecessary to do any advertising here.

Columbians should feel much honored by this statement, as it shows that their patriotism is fully appreciated by the federal government and its officials. The compliment, however, was undoubtedly well deserved; for not only in Liberty Loan campaigns but in all other war activities undertaken here local citizens have done their full part. The gentlemen appointed to manage the various campaigns have entered the work zealously and enthusiastically, while citizens generally have responded liberally to the many calls made upon them for cash.

The third Liberty Loan campaign is now in progress and is being waged with the same zeal that characterized former similar undertakings. Mr. E. C. Chapman, who is directing the drive, has had many years' experience as a financier, and his ability as a money-getter is being forcefully demonstrated. Mr. F. P. Phillips, the sales manager, is also possessed of rare business acumen, and is pushing the sale of the securities in an intelligent and thoroughly effective manner, while other members of the committee are all doing splendid work.

More than half the local allotment has already been secured, and Lowndes county is sure to "go over the top."

WHO STARTED THE WAR?

Reading war news is an exceedingly popular pastime these days; but we confess that the more we read the cables and dispatches the more confused our mind becomes and we are at a great loss to determine the cause of the titanic struggle as we are to ascertain who struck the immortal Billy Patterson.

There has long been in our mind a well grounded suspicion that the war was instigated, aided and abetted by a gentleman, or rather a man, who is exceedingly unpopular in this country and whose official title is Emperor Wilhelm but who is frequently referred to as "The Beast of Berlin." Arthur Howden Smith, however, says he wasn't. This particular member of the well known Smith family is writing for a newspaper syndicate a series of articles entitled "The Real Colonel House," and in his opening chapter goes into the causes of the

war, which he declares was started by the German military clique, and not by the Kaiser. The writer states emphatically that the Kaiser did not want the war, and would have opposed it vigorously had he not feared that such opposition would cause him to be dethroned.

The aforesaid Mr. Smith declares further that the principal reason members of the military clique desired hostilities was because they had built up a magnificent war machine and wanted to use it before they became too old to fight.

This reason appears to us to be a bit far-fetched; but we won't quarrel with Mr. Smith, as we are more interested in when the war will end than in who was responsible for bringing it on.

Give us a prediction as to when hostilities will cease, Mr. Smith, and if time proves its verity we'll write you down as a prophet worthy of the highest honors and the most extravagant encomiums.

LET'S ESCHEW MEAT.

By eschewing beef, pork, mutton and other red meats we can circumvent the avarice of the packers and prevent them from again advancing the prices of their products.

Since the custom of having regular meatless days was inaugurated the consumption of packing house products has decreased considerably and the packers are now engaged in an effort to induce the Food Administration to lift the ban on food of this character, claiming that the visible supply is sufficiently large to warrant such action.

It is generally conceded, however that the real object of the beef barons is to bring about an increased consumption so they can announce another advance in prices and thus materially increase their already immense profits.

Spring, according to the calendar, is already here and as the weather grows warmer there will be a material increase in the available supply of farm and garden products. Chickens, eggs, fruit, vegetables and other commodities which are produced in rural neighborhoods will soon be plentiful, and it will be possible for any family to set a good table without using any meat of the character needed for shipment to the soldiers who are so gallantly fighting for us on foreign fields.

By reducing the quantity of red meat consumed we will not only be performing a patriotic duty but will be conserving our health as well, for all medical savants agree that a meat diet is injurious and has a tendency to impair our digestive organs.

Instead of removing the ban on meat, the food administration could, without entailing hardships upon any of us, increase the number of meatless days during the spring and summer months, for at this period substitutes are plentiful, and no one would suffer.

STREETS MAY BE PAVED.

A report which Mayor McClanahan recently submitted to the municipal council included a paragraph recommending that action looking towards paving the streets in the business section of the city be immediately taken and the recommendation is looked upon with favor not only by members of the council but by citizens generally.

It is true that municipalities throughout the country have, at the suggestion of federal officials, agreed to undertake only improvements which are actually necessary while the war is in progress, this plan having been adopted to save people as much money as possible so they can contribute liberally to Liberty Loans and other patriotic activities; but paved streets in Columbus seem to be an actual necessity, and it is generally agreed that in undertaking the work neither her public officials or her private citizens will be displaying any lack of patriotism.

It is, in fact, generally conceded that the paving of the streets here will be an economic measure, as the surfacing now used on these thoroughfares wears out so rapidly that the money annually expended in repairs would soon pay for paving of a permanent character. The government urges improvements which result in the ultimate saving of money, and the paving of the streets here will certainly conserve this end.

Mayor McClanahan estimates that the paving of the streets will cost about \$30,000, and suggests that an election be called to allow the people of the city to vote on the issuance of bonds in this amount. The suggestion meets with general approval and the election will probably be called at an early date.

Col. Roosevelt doesn't want Congress to pass a law prohibiting seditious utterances, because he says it will take from him his right to "cuss" President Wilson.

If the old adage to the effect that third time is charm be true, the third Liberty Loan ought to be quickly subscribed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce W. W. Magruder, of Starkville, as a candidate for Congress from this, the First district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Gen Foch says "Amiens will not fall."

War maps these days are in demand.

In self-defense 'most anything is justifiable.

Von Hindenburg didn't get his April dinner in Paris.

Vagrancy helps Germany—everybody should be put to work.

Washington thinks the greatest German drive is yet to come.

It is getting time for the usual spring tornadoes to show up.

Pay up your debts, and keep your mouth shut—that will keep you out of trouble.

Buy a Bond, give to the Red Cross, do without wheat, and count yourself lucky.

Last week the subs must have taken a day off to celebrate the battle in Picardy.

If you have tried getting some work done lately you know what we feel like saying.

With one man commanding the allied forces in France, there should be something doing.

A news dispatch says the Saloniki front may be abandoned. What will happen to Greece?

If you want to know the value of a good night's sleep try getting along without one occasionally.

The Somme battlefield is to be the scene of the world's decisive fight if advices can be believed.

Subscriptions to the last loan totalled over nine million, but this time there must be more.

This summer is going to see some hard fighting, and the Americans are to be in the thick of it.

Gardens can help win the war, and almost anybody can have a garden in this part of the country.

American troops are being rushed to France all right, and the Germans are not so glad of it, either.

Austria's premier seems to think he can get peace by talking after stealing all he wants in the east.

The "Be Kind to Animals" week begins on the 15th. It would not be a bad idea for you to observe it.

Financial experts figure that 20,000,000 Americans can subscribe to the third Liberty Loan if they will.

The British claim one hundred and nine machine guns captured prizes recently. Makes the war look better.

The Germans made tremendous efforts in their offensive, and naturally some gains, but where is the crushing defeat.

MUST AWAIT COMMISSIONS. Washington, April 12.—There will be no graduates from the third and subsequent officers' training camps and the men given training will go back into their organization as privates and not commissioned officers to await commission as their services are needed.

These men trained, the War Department announced, will wear white bands to distinguish them from their fellows. They will be known as eligibles and will be classified according to the grades they made in their training.

Locals Beat West Point. The baseball game played at West Point Friday afternoon between the High School team of that city and the Stephen D. Lee (High School) boys resulted 13 to 5 in favor of the Columbians. In hitting Otto Land and Propst, of this city, featured. Brewster and Divelbiss, both local players, also played pretty ball.

First Presbyterian Church. R. Excell Fry, Pastor. Sunday, April 14.

At 11 a. m. the theme of the sermon will be "Untempted Mortar," text Ezekiel 13:10. It will embrace a discussion of the place of place in God's program for the world.

At 7:30 p. m. there will be an evening observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A full attendance of the members of the church and other Christian worshippers is desired.

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WHAT OTHERS SAY.

This column is open to the public for discussion of questions of the day, local or otherwise. It is open to all, whether the editor agrees or disagrees with the writer.—Editor.

A Card to the Householders of Columbus.

One year ago the writer led the movement against the "Ice Trust" in this city for lower prices. As you well know, we succeeded in forcing the trust to promise the people fairer prices. At the April, 1912, term of court in this county, the grand jury indicted the ice trust in this city for "unlawful combination." Now in defiance of the rights of the people, and in defiance of the courts of this county, this "combination" has put up the price of ice in this city. The people of Columbus have this recourse. You can make the question of the city of Columbus, building, owning and operating its own ice plant, the issue in the coming campaign for the election of Mayor and six councilmen. The city of Columbus can build and operate its own ice plant without adding one dollar to the overburdened tax payers, or without infringing on the city's bond limit. I for one voter am only going to demand a municipal ice plant, but also cheaper water. I can see no good reason why we should pay such high prices for water. Then too we should demand that the streets of Columbus be not only repaired, but kept in repair, and also kept clean. And again the city of Columbus should cut out some of these useless unnecessary jobs, and take the money and employ a first-class Bandmaster, the very best one in the land, and see to it that Columbus has the best band in the state. These are some of the things that you should demand but chiefly a city owned ice plant. The city election is right at hand. Every citizen and householder must get busy and begin to agitate. Remember that you are a citizen and voter and get what you demand. Get busy and demand it.

JAS. McCASKILL.

Buy Liberty Bonds.

The Non-Investor Confesses to His Children.—A. D. 1918.

By Kenneth L. Roberts. "Come gather 'round, my children, And hear my tale of woe: 'Twas back in nineteen-eighteen, These many years ago; The great Third Loan was issued At par—at PAR! And I— Well, I was young and foolish, And so I didn't buy.

"I couldn't quite afford it— That year I bought two suits, A dozen gaudy neckties, Some fourteen-dollar boots; A flock of theatre tickets, A new six-dollar hat, Expensive luncheons for my friends And other things like that.

"The suits are rags and tatters; The boots! Ah! where are they? I kept the ties a year or so, Then gave them all away. The hat and theatre tickets Long since took wings and flew; But oh! Those bonds I spurned at par Are now one-twenty-two!

"A fool I was, my children, So gather in my rear And kick me for my folly And kick me with no fear!"

And so each child came gladly And, kicking like a mule, Assaulted him with venom For being such a fool!

Buy Liberty Bonds.

"COME ACROSS."

There are folks who say we're fighting For a world's Democracy, That we're sending men and millions Just to set the Boches free, But we're out to lick the Kaiser And we're in the fight to stay, For the honor of Old Glory And to save the U. S. A.

Do you think you've done your duty Do you think you're going to win With a flood of oratory While the boys are digging in, While they're stemming bloody trenches, For the Flag and Victory, Don't forget the Peace they'll offer Is a piece of Germany.

Yes, our boys are on the ocean, And our boys are "over there," And we've millions more to spare, And we'll stack our Yankee dollars Like a rampart in their train, And when Uncle Sammie signals, We will "come across" again.

Oh! our boys will never falter, 'Till they smash the foeman's line, 'Till the Hun is hurled to Hades, 'Till the Boches dam the Rhine, And we'll back our boys forever, With a flood of golden rain, For we owe the boys the money, And WE'LL COME ACROSS AGAIN.

—James Breath.

Have you bought a War Savings Certificate?

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Advertisement for The Merchants & Farmers Bank, Columbus Miss. Liberal Treatment, Prompt and Efficient Service. Solicits Accounts of Firms and Individuals.

Advertisement for Farm Records A Necessity Loose I.-P. Leaf. The United States Department of Agriculture, agricultural colleges and all authorities on farm management agree on this point. Why should the farmer rack his brain or trust to the unreliability of his memory when arriving at the cost of production, labor, losses, expenses, profits, etc, etc? How can he benefit by the failures of previous years without an available detailed record of those transactions? Should he keep records during the entire year and make a complete business like Income Tax Report, or shall he risk inequitable taxation because he is unwilling to devote ten to twenty minutes each day to simple, yet accurate accounting? These are a few of the problems the farmer is giving serious thought, and I can be of some benefit and help in arriving at the only logical solution of the proposition, so do not fail to consult the Systems Expert, DIVELBISS Columbus, Miss.

Advertisement for To All Consumers of Gas. NOTICE CHANGE OF RATES. On and after May 1, 1918, the following rates will be effective: First 2,000 feet @ \$1.60 per thousand, Next 1,000 feet @ 1.50 per thousand, Next 1,000 feet @ 1.45 per thousand, Next 1,000 feet @ 1.40 per thousand, Next 1,000 feet @ 1.35 per thousand, All over 5,000 feet @ 1.30 per thousand. All bills must be paid by the 10th of the month following service rendered. Minimum Charge—\$1.00. The above change in rates will equalize the cost to all consumers alike. The rate on the first 1,000 feet remaining the same as the previous rate. With the efficiency of Modern Gas Appliances against the cost of other fuels Gas will prove a great saving to our consumers. COOK WITH GAS AND SAVE. COLUMBUS RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER CO. Commercial Dept. Phone 197

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