

### HEADQUARTERS VIRGINIA ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

Since Bulletin No. 2 was issued two weeks ago there has been a very decided change in conditions.

Our people have been stirred from their sense of over-confidence and have begun to realize that it is their duty to work earnestly and persistently from now until the night of September 22nd.

The appeal of the last bulletin for money with which to send out literature to correct the falsehoods and misrepresentations of the saloon has been productive of good results. We have received enough money to enable us to make a good start and to send out several thousands of literature in response to the appeals from our workers all over the State. But thousands of dollars more should be given promptly to complete this work.

The good effect of the distribution of this literature has already become apparent. Our workers have been furnished with answers to the falsehoods of the saloon agents; the farmers of Virginia who could not understand how it could be possible for reputable citizens to give their names to the circulation of such statements unless they were true, now begin fully to realize that a monstrous effort has been made to deceive them. They now begin to see from the signed statements of prominent Virginians that there will be no increase in taxation; they see from the signed statements of prominent officials, governors, senators, judges, congressmen, ministers, educators, bankers and merchants of North Carolina, Kansas, Georgia, West Virginia, Maine, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Tennessee that liquor advocates have published gross and willful misrepresentations concerning conditions in these states; they also see that the leaders in the fight against prohibition in Virginia are the paid agents of the saloon interests, State and National, and that these paid lobbyists have been fighting in the bushes behind the Virginia Local Self-Government associations, and have endeavored to deceive the people of Virginia by the very audacity of their misrepresentations.

The saloon advocates have reached themselves. They are disgusted sensible, fair-minded people, and have aroused the indignation of the farmers that they should be counted as lacking in intelligence as to swallow those gross misrepresentations.

The lines are being more clearly drawn daily. Many men who at heart really desire the continuance of the saloon in Virginia, have been dodging this issue and have been crying "Taxation," "Tobacco," "Local Option," "Lawlessness" and everything but the saloon.

The literature of the Local Self-Government League has furnished words to these men and they have talked openly and boldly. Now that the misrepresentations of the saloon advocates have been plainly exposed, the saloon stands out in bold relief as the only issue. Shall Virginia dissolve her partnership with the saloon?

No intelligent man can be deceived any longer. Virginia saves the saloon, she protects the saloon, she receives money from the saloon, she pays enormous bills for the pauperism, inefficiency, insanity, criminality and drunkenness and degradation wrought by the saloon; not simply in direct taxes but ten times as much indirectly.

Virginia and the saloon are now partners. Shall the partnership continue? Shall the saloon continue under the protection of the law of Virginia, or shall it be declared an outlaw, branded as a criminal, and take its rightful place as an enemy of society alongside the gambling dens and houses of ill fame, which thrive and fatten most where the saloon is most powerful?

"The Trumpeter," a paper published under the auspices of the Virginia Local Self-Government association, will appear for the fourth and last time on September 22nd. This last issue of the paper has been printed for many days, but it will come before the people of Virginia with the pretense of giving out a forecast "a little more than a week from" election day, and it declares "that a thorough and impartial canvass showed that prohibition would be defeated by about 48,000 majority. Discount this estimate by twenty-five per cent to allow for error and overestimates, the reports indicate a victory for the local option cause by 36,000 votes."!!!!

The saloon advocates have followed in Virginia the methods they have followed in every State. Misrepresentation is their watchword from the beginning to the end of the campaign. And so this final word is characteristic. It is like the attempt to use the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to deceive the registrars of Virginia. It is like the misrepresentations concerning North Carolina, and Durham especially, which called forth the indignation meeting of the citizens of that city. It is like their entire campaign, which has been run by the National Liquor Dealers' association, not openly, but under the cloak of the Local Self-Government Association.

So this forecast, given out after a "thorough and impartial" (!!) canvass, is utterly worthless, prepared far in advance of the election, and it is printed like the other misrepresentations to deceive the people, to inspire the saloon advocates with hope, and to discourage the prohibition forces.

Believe nothing given out by the saloon advocates from now until September 23, especially no statement made just before election day, too late for the falsehoods to be exposed.

The facts are that prohibition sentiment has steadily developed in the towns and cities of the State, and we believe that the vote to dissolve the partnership of Virginia with the saloon will be twenty-five per cent larger in the towns and cities than on the first of May we had expected it to be. The misrepresentations of the "wet" newspapers printed at so much per inch, were so audacious and sweeping that in the country districts many honest men were staggered and bewildered. They were not used to "yellow" journalism, and could not believe that newspapers would dare to sell themselves so unreservedly as to publish flat falsehoods. Doubts were excited, and much questioning as to facts, even our local workers were themselves unprepared to give reply. The voters who had always been favorable to the saloon, took courage and began to talk, and latent opposition was called out. Lack of funds had handicapped the Anti-Saloon league in the printing and

circulation of its literature. Bulletin No. 2 stated the facts, and called upon our people to give us the means to print and circulate replies. The "dry" people of the State have now waked up, and from every section of the State the battle cry against the saloon is heard.

There is no question as to the result, if our people do their duty. Let us have the money to press our literature campaign for the next two weeks. We should have at least \$15,000 to reach every section of the State. Let our people gather for meetings, for prayer, and consultation. Let every man and woman do earnest personal work. If we do our duty the partnership of Virginia with the saloon will be dissolved on September 22 by a great majority.

JAMES CANNON, JR., Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, Richmond, Va., Sept. 8, 1914.

London, Sept. 12.—News of a decisive character from east of Vitry-le-Francois, where the army of Saxony and parts of the armies commanded by the Prince of Wuertemberg and Gen Von Buelow are fiercely striving to break through the French right and center, still hangs fire, and the anxiety of both forces grows keener as it is recognized that the result of the battle in this quarter is likely to have a decisive effect upon the whole line.

## WAR NEWS

Other expert observers in Petrograd are equally firm in the opinion that the German veterans from the fields of Belgium and France have been sent to East Prussia, where their presence is believed to account for the Russian check.

### Do Not Rely on Austrians.

This is done, according to the opinion of these experts, because Germany feared that an overwhelming disaster of the Austrian forces might lead the dual monarchy to conclude peace independent of Germany.

The most substantial gain by Russian forces within the past twenty-four hours has been the capture of Tomaszow, which probably clears the way for the advance of the Russian center on the Austro-German forces on the Vistula River.

### Woman's Missionary Society.

The educational meeting of the Missionary Society was held in the Church, Thursday, Sept. 2, at 3 o'clock.

The meeting was led by Mrs. L. O. Pettit, and was opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer, scripture lesson, and a song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung. Bro. Wagner led in prayer. Mrs. Bailey read a poem, "A House by the side of the Road." Mrs. Kilbourne read, "Plans for co-operation with negro women." Mrs. Skeen read a leaflet on "Intemperance and the Law." Mrs. Smith answered a question, "Describe the South Carolina dispensary system, and what are the weak points in that method of control?" Mrs. Mathews read an article, "The Curse of Alcohol." Mrs. Moss read "Virginia under the Mann Liquor Law." Mrs. Benedict gave all the arguments she could to prove that statewide prohibition is the best method of control. Mrs. Skeen followed by giving the arguments of the local option control. Mrs. Orr answered the question, "What are the State Legislation Regarding the Drug Stores?" Mrs. Wampler read the Federal laws in regard to sailors, etc. Mrs. Wagner talked on the subject "To license an evil is to encourage it." Dr. Martin gave a talk on the subject at this time uppermost in all our minds—the state-wide prohibition. Bro. Wagner also gave a talk, after which Mrs. Skeen sang a solo, "Why Stand Ye Here Idle." Mrs. Carter announced a "Tag Day" for next Thursday, the proceeds to go to a school building at the Industrial Home and School in Greenville, Tenn.

### Public is Warned.

The public is warned that the present situation merely is the first phase of a great battle and that the battle itself is only the first stage of a titanic struggle between the nations which will continue so long as the main armies remain intact, as they are at present.

The latest unofficial reports from the plains of Champagne tell of considerably larger numbers of German guns and prisoners being captured than were mentioned in the last official communication.

### Reports from Belgium.

Belgian official reports speak of the rout of the Germans by troops moving southward from Antwerp, but while there is no reason to doubt that the invaders are evacuating parts of Belgian territory, it seems probable that they are purposely avoiding battle, as the main object of their southward move is to get in the fighting zone of the Marne and to relieve pressure there.

### On Russian Borders.

The situation along the Russian borders is growing as obscure as are the western opera-

tions. Berlin reports that the victory of Gen. Von Hindenburg will clear East Prussia of Russians, but military experts at Petrograd declare that it is incredible that the Russians should give up the investment of Koenigberg unless suffering greater disaster than that which has been reported.

In Russian Poland the Russians still seem to be successful while operating against the Austrians alone, but they are making less impression on the combined Austro-German armies on the Vistula.

The stand being made on the Vistula has caused several military experts at Petrograd to assert that German reinforcements from France are being sent to Galicia instead of East Prussia, as was at first reported.

### Most Substantial Gain.

The first of this season's large attractions to appear at the Amaran will be presented on tonight, "ALMA Where Do You Live, after 500 capacity nights at Weber's New York theatre. This musical comedy has the unique experience of having been done for a season in Paris, then taken to Berlin for a year and finally reached New York through the medium of the German management. The fascinating quality of the music attracted the attention of all New York and it was then that Joe Weber purchased the American rights and decided to make an English version. One fact which added to the American success of the piece was that it has never yet reached London, but French farces do not as a rule benefit by coming via the English capital.

### Company H Has Target Practice and Hike.

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### U. D. C. Meeting.

The Big Stone Gap Chapter, of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. H. A. Alexander, at Imboden, Va., Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 9th. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. L. O. Pettit, the president of the Chapter. After the installation of the new officers, the reports of the retiring officers were given in full, for the past year. A rising vote of thanks was given them for their faithful and efficient work.

After the reading of the By-Laws by the Secretary, the following committees were appointed for the year:

Musie: Mrs. Barrier, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Skeen, and Mrs. W. T. Goodloe.  
Committee on Education: Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Goodloe.  
Committee on Relief Work: Mrs. Skeen, Mrs. John Goodloe, Mrs. J. P. Wolfe, Mrs. J. W. Kelly, and Mrs. J. L. McCormick.

The roll call and reading of minutes closed the business of the meeting. Then Mrs. McCormick read "The Captain's Story" by Mark Twain. Mrs. Lloyd gave a very interesting reading, "Meek-in's Twins" by Dr. Bagby. This was followed by a solo by Mrs. Bailey. Mrs. Barrier read "The Ballad of Emma Samson" by John Trotwood Moore. This poem gives a true picture of the bravery of a Southern girl, in the Civil War. A song, "Juanita," sung by Mrs. Pettit concluded the program.

The hostess served a shanty and delicious salad course.

The following is a list of those who attended the meeting, the entire party being conveyed from the Gap in automobiles.

Mesdames Cochran, L. O. Pettit, Skeen, J. L. McCormick, R. T. Irvine, E. E. Goodloe, J. M. Goodloe, S. A. Bailey, W. T. Goodloe, G. T. Taylor, Malcolm Smith, J. P. Wolfe, J. H. Hagy, J. J. Lloyd, Wade Barrier, C. C. Long, M. R. McCormick, Groseclose, Walker, Misses Skeen, Ould, and McCormick.

### BASE BALL.

A good game of ball was played here Saturday afternoon between the Big Stone Gap and East Stone Gap high school teams. They had to struggle for eleven innings to decide the battle, which ended in a victory for the East Stone boys.

Although hits were very scarce and errors in abundance some long drives figured heavily in the scoring.

### Clinch Valley Baptist Association.

The Clinch Valley Baptist Association met in the new Baptist church at Appalachia, Thursday of last week. It was in several important respects one of the best sessions in the 58 years of its history.

The attendance was good at every session, and quite large at most of them. Increase in the membership of the churches, and gifts to the missionary enterprises of the denomination, were gratifying. Mr. Herring, from China, made a most interesting address on that interesting country, having been a missionary there for 29 years.

R. D. Garland of Richmond, made two fine addresses, one on state missions, one on statewide prohibition. On Sunday morning, Rev. Joseph T. Watts, of Richmond, preached a really great gospel sermon; and more than \$800 was quickly raised on the church.

The new church is, without doubt, one of the prettiest in this entire section of Virginia.

The remaining debt will not be burdensome, but can and will be handled by the congregation.

The help given on the church by the people of Big Stone Gap and Norton, runs up into the hundreds of dollars. Much of this money was given by members of other denominations.

The pastor, Mr. Craft, and his brave little band, are deeply grateful to all who have helped them so generously.

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The rulers of Europe are all linked together by marriage, which is proof positive that a family jar is about the worst brand of scrap on record.

Whether the Kaiser will reach Paris before the Czar reaches Berlin is still on open question.