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Prompt Action Imperative.

The recent indictment of the onion combine in Boston, and later of the egg trust in Chicago, should pry open the eyes of our national law makers to the very patent fact that there is something rotten in the United States—very rotten.

For months now the people of this country have insisted that the present extortionate prices of commodities are traceable to the price manipulators; that while there may be a scarcity in certain lines of commodities, that scarcity is not by any means acute enough to warrant the almost prohibitive cost of the articles in question.

It was no surprise to the public to learn that the Chicago egg gang worked their scheme through fictitious sales. As a matter of fact, that is the established method of those gangsters. Their whole nefarious business is pure gamble and squeeze, always at the expense of the consumer.

But with the exception of the prosecutions under the Sherman law it seems that we are a long time in securing any relief. These prosecutions will not be a drop in the bucket, from the fact that they are likely to be long drawn out and tedious, and to amount to very little in the end.

The people of this country have not forgotten the farcical prosecution of the Standard Oil Company and how very little was accomplished.

In the present emergency there is but one remedy, and that is in government intervention to regulate prices, and from present indications we fear another crop will be harvested and bagged by the speculating hogs before the law steps in and introduces a rule of reason and sanity.

We believe the president is doing the best he can to this end, but he is handicapped by the procrastination of congress and the machinations of the hirelings of the speculators.

One thing is certain, we must have both a maximum and a minimum price established on all commodities. The producer as well as the consumer must be protected. If necessary, the products should be marketed by government bureaus, thus eliminating entirely the thieving herd of speculative middlemen.

Bread riots are too near for comfort. They would be fatal in our national crisis.

The government asked a loan of the people of \$2,000,000,000 for war purposes. The people responded by promptly offering nearly \$3,000,000,000, and this tremendous sum was subscribed in all walks of life, from the millionaire down to the laboring man with nothing but his weekly pay from which to draw. Even young working girls and the little Boy Scouts dug down when Uncle Sam asked for help. It is significant that our first loan of the war is also the greatest loan in the history of the world, and fifty percent over subscribed at that.

Exemption Boards

Exemption boards for Virginia, named by the war department officers in Washington, have been certified to Adjutant General Sale, he being directed to inform the board of their appointment and instructing them to meet and organize forthwith. These boards are to pass on the claims of men registered, but who seek to be relieved of duty. The fact that a man is married will cut no figure, certainly marriages celebrated within the last year.

Following are the boards appointed for Lee, Wise and Scott Counties:

Lee county—A. D. Tobins, sheriff, Jonesville; Lawrence B. Hyatt, clerk of court, Jonesville; P. D. Pence, M. D., St. Charles.

Wise county—W. B. Adgington, sheriff, Wise; W. B. Hamilton, clerk of court, Wise; W. S. Keister, M. D., Norton.

Scott county—C. W. Dougherty, sheriff, Gate City; J. F. Richmond, clerk of court, Gate City; C. R. Fugate, M. D., Clinchport.

Pershing has made quite a hit in England and France. Here's hoping his next score will be at the expense of the enemy.

FOURTH OF JULY

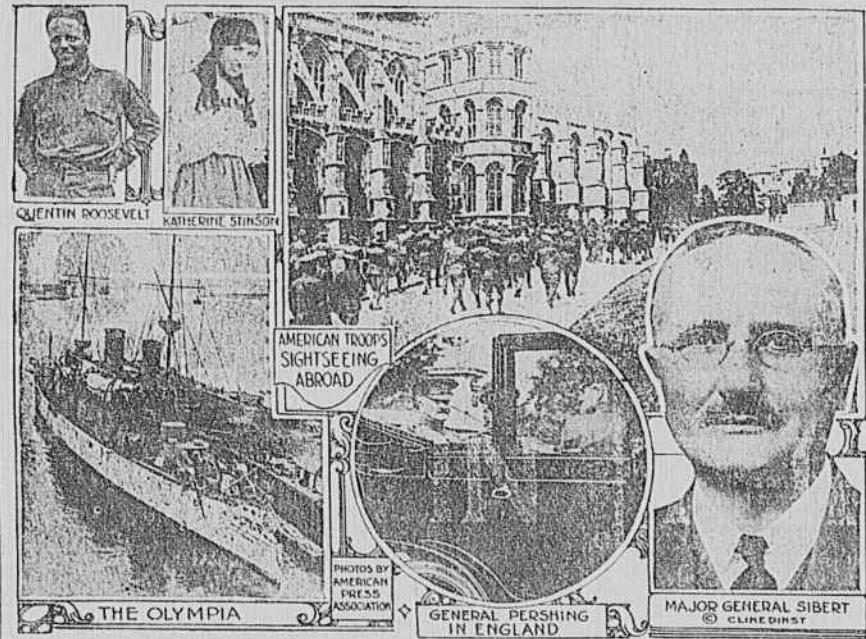
Preparations for the Big Celebration Complete and Thousands of People Expected Here Today.

Preparations for the big Fourth of July celebration today are complete and thousands of people will be here to participate in the celebration of the nation's greatest holiday. The following program has been arranged by the committee:

- 9:00 a. m. Fox Chase over grounds that will enable the people to see both start and finish of the chase. First prize, \$10.00; Second Prize, \$5.00; Third Prize \$2.50. Every hound that checks in as entering the race on the morning of July 4th will receive 50c.
10.00 a. m. Flag Parade. Everybody is requested to display the American Flag.
11:00 a. m. Patriotic Speaking.
1:30 p. m. Athletic Sports.
2:30 p. m. Automobile Race by Ford Racing Cars.
3:30 p. m. Base Ball Game between Lincoln Memorial University, of Cumberland Gap, and Coal Fields League.

The Hopp & Harrington Great Southern Show, which arrived on Monday and are now located on the Athletic Park, will be one of the big features of the celebration. These shows are new and up-to-date and will furnish attractions for the people of this section not only on the Fourth but the entire week. They come highly recommended to be the best shows on the road this season, as they are free from all gambling and immoral attractions and will furnish wholesome and enjoyable amusement.

Let everybody come out and enjoy a genuine old time Fourth of July Celebration. Plenty of good things to eat and drink on the grounds all day.



News Snapshots Of the Week

At a "port somewhere in France" thousands of American regulars under Major General Sibert arrived, convoyed by warships, amid acclamation of the French people, who were taken completely by surprise when the first contingent arrived, but were ready for the others who followed. General Pershing will have his men fit for the front in about six weeks. In a speech he made Colonel Roosevelt announced that his four sons are doing their "bit" for Uncle Sam—Major T. R. Junior and Captain Archie already in France, Kermit at Plattsburg and Quentin in the flying corps. The Olympia, Dewey's flagship at Manila bay, went aground off Block Island and will probably be a total loss. In the interest of the \$100,000,000 Red Cross fund Katherine Stinson, twenty years old, flew from Buffalo to Washington in thirty-one hours.

erly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practicable date.

How Much This Fourth Should Mean to Us

NOT since July, 1863, when the destiny of America was decided on the battlefield of Gettysburg, has the Fourth of July meant so much to the United States as this one. We were then engaged in the greatest civil war in history; we became involved this year in the greatest war of any kind the world has ever seen.

As that war kept the Union intact, our participation in this war insures the life of democracy, of rule by the people, the world over. The first Independence day gave America her liberty; the Independence day of 1863 perpetuated it, and the Independence day of 1917, coming so soon after the entrance of America into the world-wide struggle of democracy against autocracy, of freedom against tyranny, will mark for all the world in the ages to come a new birth of hope for rule "of the people, for the people and by the people."

The Fourth of July has in years past been a date on which to inaugurate important enterprises. On July 4, 1817, Governor De Witt Clinton turned the first sod in the construction of the Erie canal, then considered a great undertaking. July 4, 1828, was celebrated as the beginning of the first railway in

this country, the Baltimore and Ohio, when Charles Carroll, the surviving signer of the Declaration, was present and turned the first spade of earth.

Carroll said: "I consider this among the most important acts of my life, second only to that of signing the Declaration of Independence. It, indeed, second to that." To the Blacksmiths' association, which presented to him the pick, spade, hammer and trowel used in the ceremony of dedication, Carroll wrote: "You observe that a republic can exist and the people under that form of government can be happier than under any other. That the republic created by the Declaration of Independence will continue to the end of time is my fervent prayer."

The cornerstone of the Washington monument at the national capital was laid on July 4, 1856. It was a very hot day. President Taylor, who was exposed to the heat of the sun for three hours, on his return to the White House drank freely of ice water and feed milk and also partook of some cherries and shortly afterward was taken ill and died on July 9.

The first public celebration of the event was that in Pennsylvania on July 5, 1776. On July 9 Washington, commander in chief, announced in general orders: "The honorable Continental congress, impelled by the dictates of duty, have been pleased to dissolve the connection between this country and Great Britain; and to declare the United Colonies of America free and independent states. The several brigades are to be drawn up this evening on their respective parades at 6 o'clock, when the Declaration of congress, showing the grounds and reasons of this measure, is to be read in an audible voice."—Philadelphia Press.

Buy a tag and help the Red Cross.

The Ladies of the RED CROSS

WILL SERVE

LUNCHES

AT THE

Base Ball Park

All Day of the Fourth

and every one is requested to patronize them in their effort to raise money for this urgent and needy cause.

ALSO BUY A TAG

and help the young ladies in this noble work.



COOKING WILL BE EASY WORK IF YOU USE ONE OF OUR MODERN RANGES. COME IN AND LET US "EXPLAIN" OUR RANGES TO YOU; THEN YOU WILL BUY ONE AND THANK US FOR REMINDING YOU OF YOUR NEED.

COME IN, MRS. HOUSEWIFE, THIS VERY WEEK AND BRING A LIST OF ALL THE KITCHEN THINGS YOU NEED. WE SELL OUR RANGES AND KITCHEN THINGS AT A LOW PRICE, AND OUR RANGES ARE BEST; THEY STAND THE TEST.

Hamblen Brothers

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Tells How Iron Strengthens And Builds Up Weakened Folks

Virginia Farmer Took Natural Iron Two Years Ago and Has Needed No Medicine Since.

Cured His Digestion.

Most everyone around Salem and Roanoke knows J. S. Mitchell and what this farmer states regarding the power of Acid Iron Mineral must surely convince the most skeptical. Quoting his own words, he said:

"I never felt better in my life than I have since taking Acid Iron Mineral and that was two years ago. Up to that time I was feeling weak and sluggish, depleted and nervous, and was badly in need of a good tonic. It was a general breakdown and with indigestion and a lost appetite and all that they mean I was suffering, but I haven't felt the need of any kind of medicine for two years now and I can truthfully say that Acid Iron Mineral cured my indigestion and nervous trouble and made me feel like a new man." continued Mr. Mitchell, who is about as enthusiastic an endorser as you can meet in a days journey, though about half the population around Roanoke and Salem swear by Acid Iron Mineral and have

recognized it as a wonderful stomach, blood and bladder remedy for close to thirty years. Non-Alcoholic Natural Iron Your Druggist Has It Now.

Acid Iron Mineral possesses iron in three forms, calcium, sodium, potassium, magnesium and sulphuric acid, and analysis prove it to be an extraordinary medicinal iron, highly concentrated and powerful which does not injure the teeth, disturb or cramp the stomach, or cause constipation. In this natural, economical form, whole families may wisely use it for both children and grandma and it is truly remarkable the wonderful improvement one may look for after only a week or two treatment, in the blood, appetite, energy, ambition and system generally.

A half teaspoonful in a glass of water is a dose. Sent anywhere prepaid, \$1.00, by the Ferrodine Chemical Corporation, Roanoke, Va. All druggists have it.—adv.