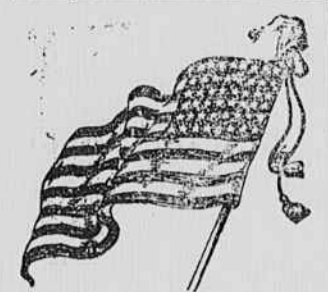


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SHOTT SHOT—AND MISSED.

In another column is an editorial from the Telegraph of last Sunday's issue, criticizing pretty severely a statement in a report of Mr. Muncy's speech, written by Major J. P. Whitman, and so signed.

The Telegraph then proceeds with a dissertation upon Republican loyalty in general and Mr. Muncy's loyalty in particular, all of which is gladly admitted, and duly accredited by us.

THE WAR AND THE GIRLS.

Almost weekly some one or more of Tazewell's young women leaves for "the front," in some war work. They are serving in many places and in different capacities.

MR. EDISON'S SLOGAN.

Mr. Edison suggests, and the heads of the Liberty Loan Committee approve that, instead of signing our letters, "Yours truly," that we substitute "Yours for the Fourth Liberty Loan."

"DON'T FORGET GOD."

One of our thoughtful readers says: "Mr. Editor, urge the people not to forget God." That's right. There is danger that in the rush of war and war activities, anxieties and excitement, we may "forget God?"

INDICATION.

Despatches announce that British troops have taken the town of Nazareth, wresting it from the infidel Turks. Somebody ought to have started and sung the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied.

"Well," somebody says, "as the women are fighting in this war, of course they should be allowed to vote." All right, let 'em if they wish to.

The boys who are not permitted to enlist now are coming back at the boys who used to pique the drafted men who did not enlist, and are designating them as "draft-dodgers" just to get even.

The Fourth Liberty Loan now upon us is called "The Victory Loan." It may be—all of us hope and pray it may be. But, we are not talking peace. The watchword is victory. Complete and final. We'll subscribe this loan quickly and another one on top of it, if necessary.

BELGIUM ANSWERS, "NO!"

The answer of little Belgium to the German proposal for a separate peace is dramatic. Germany offers to restore her king to his throne and give her the independent leadership over his faithful subjects. She offers to give back the lands and to resume friendly relations for all time in the future.

Little Belgium, now exiled upon a narrow strip of native soil, her king fighting almost as a common soldier in foreign fields, her people enslaved and starving, answers the great iron crowns of Germany in the one word, "No!"

This was the way the little nation answered when she was requested to permit the German armies to pass through her roads in order to stab France in the back. The answer then as now was "No!"

And it was this wonderful "No!" of the little nation that brought England in the war with her millions upon millions of resources. It was this that caused the millions of men to die. And it was largely this "No!" of the fearless Albert of Belgium that eventually awakened America to her great duty.

"ANOTHER FORM OF GERMAN PROPAGANDA."

They sometimes get clear away from us, and it is necessary to go to some pains to find out if we are awake or dreaming. We have a copy of last week's Clinch Valley News, and it seems from its news columns that an effort has been made in that county recently to encourage the buying of war savings stamps.

That man's remark was as insidious a piece of German-aiding propaganda as anything we have so far heard. Mr. Muncy, a native American of a family that came here two hundred years ago, and who has no personal acquaintance of a single person abroad, contributing to the support of some other man by his party. He is "bitter in politics," and that is given as a reason for the excitement. Loyalty to this government is a normal condition of a citizen; then Mr. Muncy is a Republican, and that further attests his loyalty.

Neither is the Republican party seeking to profiteer in patriotism; and none of its members express any "surprise" that a Democrat, one the more bitter in politics, is not as loyal as those who take the "No!" in politics. As we said before, loyalty is the normal condition; and those who seek to precipitate an issue of this kind, and use such expressions as we have quoted above, create the impression that this great country does not hold the love of its native-born citizens for its Government.

on political issues that have nothing to do with the conduct of the war. Keep politics out of the war, and let us win it as Americans. There is enough glory to go around.

THE FOURTH LOAN IS THE FIGHTING LOAN.

As the campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan approaches the American army in France moves on toward Berlin. Under our leaders the great American army has won a notable victory.

When our soldiers on the battle front are braving death, each one offering to make the supreme sacrifice for his country and the great cause, for which they remain safely at home surely should give every support, and should make every sacrifice to strengthen them. We cannot fight ourselves we can make our dollars fight.

It is a great cause for which America is engaged in this war; it is a great struggle in which the very hope of the world is bound up that is being waged in Europe and on the high seas. It is an honor to have a part in it and all Americans of all other lives, will be proud of the part they had in it or ashamed of their failure to do their part.

The Fourth Loan is a fighting loan. Every subscriber to the loan strikes a blow for liberty, for victory.

DIVINE PROVIDENCE AND DECISIVE BATTLES.

(Bishop Warren A. Candler, in the Midland Methodist.) It is an interesting study to consider how many decisive battles in the world's history have been determined by forces other than the belligerent armies engaged.

The battle of Pelusium, according to the Egyptian tradition as reported by Herodotus, was decided by a regent, the camp of the Assyrians being invaded at night by a host of the Assyrians with their bows, strings and arrows, so that in the morning, when the Egyptians fell upon them, they were defenseless. According to the Hebrew account of this battle, the host of the Assyrians was defeated by the angel of the Lord. Whether we take the one account or the other, the Egyptians were victorious over the Assyrians by reason of some power outside of themselves.

When Napoleon invaded Russia, and penetrated as far as Moscow, he was defeated by heavy snow; and at the battle of Waterloo a rainstorm contributed to his defeat. With reference to Waterloo, it is also said that Napoleon at heartily boiled on the night before the battle and suffered from them an epileptic fit, which disqualified him for the highest command on the following day. In both cases the great Corsican, who blasphemously boasted that God was "on the side of the heaviest artillery," had all the heaviest artillery, and yet he was defeated.

Recently the Austrians met defeat at the Pass River by reason of a great freshet. The first battle of the Marne was won by Joffre by the assistance of a great fog and the triumphant offensive of General Foch, in the second battle of the Marne, was concealed from the enemy in its first stages by a terrific thunderstorm.

All these instances and many more show that the battle is not necessarily the strong, nor the race the swift. Men have to reckon with forces outside of themselves and quite beyond their control when they go to war or when they engage in any other enterprise of moment. God does not abdicate his power because he allows men freedom of action in the world. He rules by overruling, and none can stay the might of his power.

It is the crassest sort of ignorance, as well as the most blippant infidelity, which declares that "God is on the side of the mightiest military forces" and that battles can be won by mere human strength. If we assume that God always ranges himself on the side of might, without regard to right, we may as well give up our faith in Christianity and accept any sort of heathen religion that may commend itself to our sense of whom.

The God of Christianity is not a cowardly deity who rushes to the side of might, without regard to right, because he finds himself helpless in the presence of mightier forces. On the contrary, he is revealed to us as a heavenly power in heaven and earth and putting forth that power on behalf of the supreme moral cause of the human race.

If God arrays himself on the side of that which is right, it behooves a nation going to war to stop and ask if God can bless its forces in the conflict, for we may be sure that God will not permit any enduring victory for a nation who are in the wrong. He will throw the might of his power against all wrong-doing nationalities, and in the end they must perish, let their strength be what it may.

The German militarists seemed to have forgotten God when they brought in this fearful war. They had been preparing for many years to make a conquest of the world, and they felt themselves superior to all other nations that they had no doubt of a speedy and complete victory. In the ruthless disregard of human rights and unrelenting contempt of the moral law, they overran Belgium, invaded France and threatened all the allied nations with a destruction. But they have failed, and every added day makes their defeat more certain and speedy. "The stars of heaven fought against Sisser," and fog and freshets and thunderstorms have fought against the Germans. They cannot prevail, because they are offending for that which is wrong.

By while we thus note the divine directed forces of nature which have fought against them, we do well to admonish ourselves against partaking of their evil spirit. We must imagine that because we have boundless resources from which to create army supplies and munitions and because we have millions of men whom we can thrust into the fight, we can turn the war without reference to the Divine Providence; but this delusion we must put away. We must consciously range ourselves on the side of God, and then we may await the opportunities with perfect confidence as to the final outcome.

This is a war of faith against unfaith, and we must nourish our faith in the Lord, and in the power of his might. If the faith of our people should decline, the strength of our forces will decline.

ed in the strife, And most of the time I was broke. But somewhere about me my youth still survives, And I'm ready to shouddre a gun; You can place all the rest in the Fours and the Fives, But for me—Class A—No. 1.

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS FOR ALL.

(Richmond Virginian.) There is a wonderful significance in the quickness of the president's reply to the note of Austria. In no part of the world will it be doubted that Mr. Wilson spoke advisedly for all the allies.

Of all the great blows that have been struck against the hopes of the Hun this is supremely the greatest. Many must henceforth realize that the last days of the Hun are numbered.

Disclosures of German deceit in the treaty with Russia came very timely as related to the proposal for a peace conference. It is very easy to guess the brains of the Hun when the official proffer for peace reached his hand. Little chance existed to foist the fake upon the American government, or indeed upon any of the allied nations.

It is a shameless appeal, it breathed no consciousness of error. In it there was couched not a slight semblance of regret. Convinced of crimes upon which decent men do not permit their minds to dwell, the infamous outlaws were seeking honorable communication to arrange a harmonious program for the present and to talk about territorial and commercial prospects for the future.

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"Force, force to the utmost" is the American platform and it is the platform of England and France and Italy and all the rest till the advent of justice—complete justice—shall strike a balance.

ENJOYS LIFE BEYOND FIFTY.

(Los Angeles Times.) When you have passed, say, your fiftieth birthday anniversary, foxy old Mr. Time puts the skids under you and greases them good and plenty. It is appalling, then, how quickly the days and the weeks and the months pass. You start in Monday morning, and before you know it, it is Saturday night again. Even the years slip by as though you were riding through life on a roller coaster.

When a man is fifty he should have a home in the country or at least out of town. He should awake before the dawn and say "good morning" to the sun, sip his glass of water deliciously instead of gulping it down, move serenely, take his time. When night comes he should be able to say, "Well, this has been a fine, long day." Instead of saying, "For the love of Mike, where has this day gone to?"

"IT'S ME FOR CLASS A—NO. 1."

(Evening Journal.) Draft Board No. 1 has just cause for being proud today of one patriotic family living within its jurisdiction, according to the following letter received: "Mr. James E. Phillips, Dear Sir: Among the many registrants in your district you will find the names of myself (age forty) and that of my son (age 18), the same being the total fighting strength of our house."

"The rest of the family are the wife, and daughters, seventeen years old and twelve years. Realizing that every man who is about to claim exemption, we respectfully ask you to place myself and my son in Class A, No. 1. We are claiming no exemption for the following reasons. With our allotments and the salary of the elder daughter, the family income will be ample to take care of the three remaining at home. If it is not, the wife, not being handicapped by age, ill health or small children, is neither too proud nor too lazy to work. After having received so many requests for exemption, several real, and many camouflaged, I am sure this letter will be as refreshing as an old-time 1915 mint julep.

Also, if you run across our friend, the secretary of war, and he asks you to refer him to some one who will make a first class top sergeant, or one of the youthful companies about to be organized, why—your name, Al.

WRITES FROM MISSOURI.

Trenton, Mo., Sept. 15. Dear Editor: Enclosed you will find my check to apply on my subscription, which will not be considerably in advance. We are always glad to receive your papers. It has a right jingle. You are always willing to do what you can in the war work.

We all have war work to do. Our country out here has become very rich since the war began, and the people give liberally to every call that our government makes. Our wheat and oat crops were large, but our corn was damaged by the excessive heat. Please continue sending us the paper. We'd not mind of doing without it. Respectfully,

CHA. HELM-DOLLER.

Are you not proud of the pace that Richards is setting in the W. S. S. campaign? I've laughed and I've played by the side of life. And looked at it all as a joke. I've refused to be battered and crushed.

GRATTON NEWS.

Gratton, Sept. 24.—The farmers are all busy making up their cane molasses, for hysc are afraid it will get frost bitten. Mrs. Ben Hager, from Bluefield, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. George Hager, returning to Bluefield on No. 6 Saturday evening.

Mrs. Robert Bourne spent the week end in the coal fields, stopping off at Bluestone to see her niece, Marie Tiller, who has been ill for so long a time. Mrs. Bourne says coal fields are all right, but farming is better. Mr. Brown Reppas and Mr. Willie Gilpen and their pretty girls from Bluefield and Princeton, came Sunday from Bluefield in their fine car to see their folks here.

Mrs. Bourne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Reppas, returning back Sunday evening. Both of them have fine positions in Bluefield and say they are putting all their surplus cash in brit stamps.

Mrs. George Simpson has been very ill, but is better at this writing. Other Felix Bourne, mother of Samuel and Robert Bourne, has been on the sick list and is improving slowly. Miss Nannie Yost was very sick Sunday, but is better.

Mrs. F. F. Courtney and little child, Edith, were visiting her parents last week at this place. Mrs. H. C. Young made a flying trip to Keystone Sunday, returning Tuesday.

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF BANK OF POCAHONTAS.

Table with columns for Assets (Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Surplus fund, Dividends unpaid, etc.).

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TOTAL.

I, C. M. Galway, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true and correct statement of the financial condition of Bank of Pocahontas, located at Pocahontas, in the county of Tazewell, State of Virginia, at the close of business on the 31st day of August, 1918, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: C. M. GALWAY, Cashier. O. B. MOORE, L. J. STUMP, JAS. W. BAILEY, State of Virginia, county of Tazewell.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by C. M. Galway, Cashier, this 14th day of September, 1918.

J. K. SULL, Notary Public. My commission expires July 5, 1922.

Russell County has 142 men who have taken \$1,000 each in the War Stamp drive.

Will Tazewell let Russell beat her? It's up to you. OFFICE OF THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION. Richmond, Va., Sept. 3, 1918.

Bids will be received at the Clerk's Office, Tazewell, Va. until 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, September 17, 1918, for grading about eight (8) miles and macadamizing about six (6) miles of the road between Gap Store and West Virginia Line, in Tazewell County, Va.

Plans and specifications on file at the Clerk's Office, Tazewell, Va. and at this office. Specifications furnished on application to the undersigned. A certified check for \$500.00 must accompany each bid. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. G. P. COLEMAN, Commissioner.

CONSTIPATION.

And Sour Stomach Caused This Lady Much Suffering. Black-Draught Relieved. Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Patrick, of this place, writes: "I was very constipated. I had sour stomach and was so uncomfortable. I went to the doctor. He gave me some pills. They weakened me and seemed to tear up my digestion. They would grip me and afterwards it seemed I was more constipated than before."

I heard of Black-Draught and decided to try it. I found it just what I needed. It was an easy laxative, and not bad to swallow. My digestion soon improved. I got well of the sour stomach, my bowels soon seemed normal, no more griping, and I would take a dose now and then, and was in good shape. I cannot say too much for Black-Draught for it is the finest laxative one can use."

Why Putter With Corns? Use "Gets-It"

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"Get the Drop" on That Corn—Use "Gets-It" and the Corn is a "Goner!"

Sold in Tazewell, and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by JOHN E. JACKSON

UNCLE SAM SAYS: ENLIST FOR COLLEGE

Preparations for the new draft law are now being made. The Government is providing that every young man who is eighteen years of age can go to College and prepare for military service at the same time.

EMORY AND HENRY COLLEGE WILL OFFER MILITARY TRAINING UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION. For details of plan and further information, address CHAS. C. WEAVER, President, Emory, Va.

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