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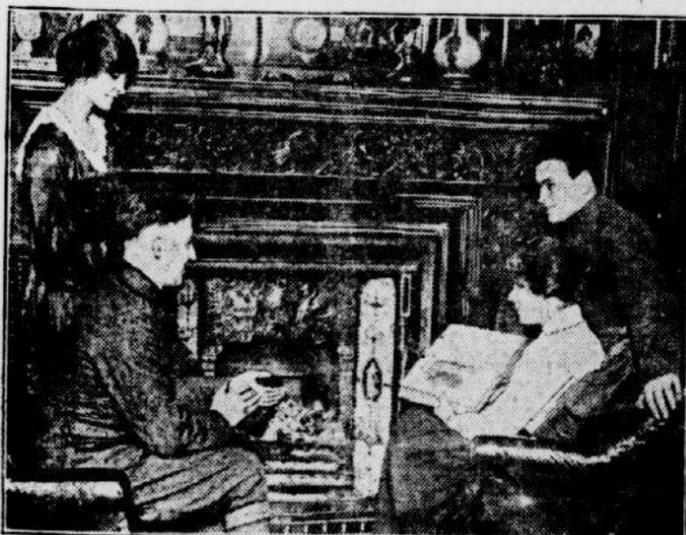
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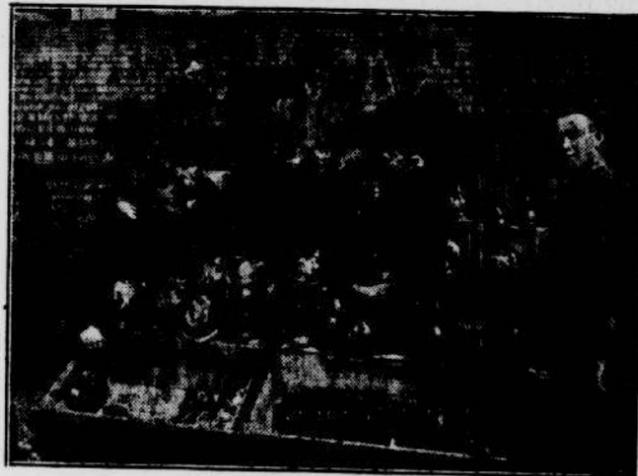
"NOW, HERE'S THE WAY IT HAPPENED!"



American doughboys being entertained in exclusive English home through the agency of the Army Y. M. C. A. More than 1,500 of Uncle Sam's soldiers and sailors were thus entertained during the Christmas holidays.

Big Church Fair on Easter Sunday April 20

3,500 CAPTURED GERMAN HELMETS TO BE GIVEN IN VICTORY LOAN



Inspecting cases of German helmets. The two civilians are, left, Frank R. Wilson, director of publicity, and, right, L. B. Franklin, director of the war loan organization.

Workers in the approaching Victory Loan campaign who render efficient service in obtaining subscriptions to the "finish the job loan," will be the proud possessors of genuine Hun helmets, taken from captured German prisoners or found on the battlefields of France after their former owners had no further use for headgear, it is announced by the headquarters of the Sixth Federal Reserve District at Atlanta.

Three thousand five hundred of these helmets, averaging eight to a county, will arrive at the headquarters soon, and will be distributed. The exact basis upon which they will be awarded has not yet been determined, but it will assure the real workers of a chance at the souvenirs. Hun helmets will decorate many a home in the South soon. In some instances they probably will be converted into cuspidors.

Preparations for the Victory Loan are going on rapidly, and the opening day, April 21, probably will find a big proportion of the state and county quotas ready for immediate subscriptions. This will be especially so in counties where the individual quota system is being used. By this plan every resident of the county will be notified, before the opening day, of what he is expected to subscribe. It is ex-

pected to have every citizen carry his own share of the quota, instead of letting his more patriotic neighbors carry more than their share. Local committees will hear appeals from those who consider their quota too high.

In most instances, the same loyal workers who carried the former loans to success will form the committees on the Victory Loan. At recent state conferences they expressed confidence in being able to put the job through, and their enthusiasm is certain to carry them to success.

Treasury department officials who have sounded out the sentiment of the whole country are confident that the people are willing to lend to their country for the purpose of finishing the job and paying the war bills. They understand the gigantic work that is still going on, and the necessity of bringing the boys back home; of giving the wounded men that education and instruction which will enable them to get a fresh start. The Government has still a big task before it, and the expenditures are still large. But they are far smaller in money—to say nothing of more precious lives—than if the war had continued. So the term, "Thanksgiving Loan," may well be applied to this, the last of the government's invitations to its people to lend their money to their nation.

SWEET CHOCOLATE CARRIED UNDER FIRE

Chocolate Furnished by Y. M. C. A. Arrives Just When It Is Needed.

With the American Armies in France.—Praising the men of Company D, One Hundred and Ninth Machine Gun battalion, Twenty-eighth division, Howard R. Keister, a Y. M. C. A. man of Dunnellon, Fla., tells how, when without food, they sent the sweet chocolate which he secured for them to an isolated platoon, which was under severe fire, across the Vesle river at Fismes.

It was during the heavy fighting eastward from Chateau Thierry that the men of the One Hundred and Ninth Machine Gun battalion got ahead of their supplies, and the sweet chocolate which the Y. M. C. A. managed to get to them was specially welcome.

The battalion reached the Vesle river on its advance. There the German line held. Men were thrown across the river by various units to keep in contact with the enemy. There was terrific fighting all along the line. A platoon of Company D was hurried over to help in holding the narrow strip that had been taken at great cost by the American soldiers. It was surrounded on three sides by the boche, who tried every means in his power to dislodge them—gas, shells, machine-gun fire and snipers. It was a difficult matter to get food over to them, for men with supplies had to cross the river, which was exposed and under heavy fire.

Church Fair

ST. MARTINVILLE, LA.,

Saturday April 19 and Easter Sunday April 20, for the purpose of raising funds for making necessary and urgent repairs to the Catholic church of St. Martinville.

Attractions: Meals and refreshments of all kinds will be served from Saturday noon to Easter Sunday night.

Music by two bands, candy wheel, Fancy Work, and Etc.

Special Features: Court-bouillon and Gumbo by well known Creole culinary artists.

Other attractions too numerous to mention, culminating with a Play at Bienvenu's Theatre at 8 P. M.

Choice Cows For Sale

Fifteen Choice Cows for sale. Several recently fresh. Address Fiero's Dairy, Lafayette, La.

Bought Main Street Property.

Last Saturday Mr. Amedee Demurger bought the DeMahy property, on Main street, at Sheriff's sale for \$3,060. It is one of the good business locations in town and the store on the property is now occupied by Mr. Demurger.

Commercial Hotel Opened.

The Commercial Hotel, conducted by the Thomas Bros., made its formal opening Sunday night last by giving a dollar dinner, which we are pleased to say was attended by more than fifty persons. The dinner was a splendid one and served in the best of styles. We had occasion to visit the new hotel and can say it is as fine a place as can be desired.

Town Council Bonds Sold.

Last Saturday the Town Council sold its \$20,000 road bonds to the Bank of Lafayette which was represented here by its cashier, Mr. J. C. Barry. The bonds were sold on the same basis as those of the parish. In view of this fact it is expected that actual and active work on building the streets will commence as soon as it will be possible to secure the material.

Rice Pumps Started.

Some of our rice planters started their pumps this week and now on we can expect them all to be in operation. The bayou is very high at this time and pumping is easy. No fear is entertained this year for water as the Teche has been dredged from Port Barre to Leonville, and in the next few days, the highest part will be cut which will permit a heavy flow to come down.

Vegetables Take Place Of Spring Tonics

Begin now to take a good spring tonic regularly, but let it be in the form of vegetables and fruits, advises the garden specialist of the Extension Division, Louisiana State University. Less meat and vegetables and fruit will do wonders toward toning up the system and relieving that "tired feeling," which already is beginning to take hold of us.

MARRIED.

Miss Ruby Picard, a sister of Mrs. K. Schwartz, was married in Onolashka, Wash., this week to Dr. Ernest McCleod. Miss Picard visited St. Martinville frequently and has many friends here who will be pleased to hear of her marriage.

E. L. Talbot, St. Martin Parish. Returns on a carload of hogs shipped by the agent show that they brought 17 1/2 cents gross weight. Seventy-two head were shipped, averaging 195 pounds. The cost was a little more than one cent a pound, netting more than 16 cents to the shipper. — Press Bulletin.

Big Fair Easter Sunday