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LAURENS COUNTY GOES WELL OVER THE TOP

Red Cross Drive Brings Big Response.

TWO TOWNS TRIPLE QUOTA

Magnificent Response to the Appeal of the Red Cross Made in This County. Waterloo and Owings Triple Amounts Allotted to Them. Others Closely Follow.

Without a single exception every auxiliary to the Laurens city Red Cross chapter and every branch of the chapter subscribed the quota allotted to it in the recent Red Cross drive which closed Monday night, and in most instances the quotas were doubled, while in the case of Waterloo and Owings the quotas were tripled. The total amount subscribed through the Laurens chapter, its branch and auxiliaries, is estimated at \$31,471.50. Later figures may run this up even more. The subscriptions of the Clinton chapter and branches, which amount to approximately \$10,000, are not included in that total, so the total for the county is nearly \$42,000. The county's quota was \$16,000 of which Laurens was apportioned \$11,000 and Clinton \$5,000. A considerable proportion of the contributions, as will be noted by the table below, came from the colored population. Committees returning from the meetings at colored churches reported a fine spirit of patriotism prevalent at the meetings and a splendid liberality. The youngest subscriber to the fund so far reported was a two year old colored child at Mt. Vernon church.

Detailed reports as to contributions by auxiliaries cannot be reported from Gray Court, Cross Hill or Mountville, as their subscriptions were gathered in a general canvass over the territory. The subscriptions by auxiliaries in the Waterloo and Owings branches are as follows:

Waterloo Branch.	
Waterloo	\$ 775.00
Negroes	502.25
Bethlehem	126.40
Mt. Pleasant	146.00
Mt. Olive	96.00
Mt. Gallagher-Kings Chapel	250.00
Total	\$1,895.65

Owings Branch.	
Quota Subscribed	
Owings Station	\$ 200.00
Harmony	100.00
Mt. Carmel (col)	61.50
Bramlett's-Youngs	75.00
Friendship	100.00
Greenpond-Beulah	250.00
Bethany	150.00
Grays	75.00
Durbin (white)	100.00
Liberty (col)	62.50
Durbin (col)	102.00
Total	\$1,050.00

A notable response is recorded from Hopewell in the Clinton territory. This community with but few families contributed \$1,000 in a very few moments at a meeting Tuesday night.

In the city of Laurens a marked degree of liberality was recorded among the employees at the mills. At the Watts Mills 419 out of 450 employees made subscriptions totalling \$1,426.40. The Laurens Mills over \$600 was subscribed and at the Laurens Glass Works every blower subscribed \$5.00 each.

The final results in the national and state campaign had not been announced up to a late hour yesterday. The nation had already gone its quota Monday afternoon and expected to pile up a total of \$150,000,000. Headquarters at Columbia reported over \$900,000 Monday afternoon and expected to raise \$1,100,000 or twice the amount asked of this state.

The following is a list of the contributions by communities as reported by the treasurer of the local committee:

Community	Quota Subscribed
City of Laurens	\$1,200.00
Trinity Ridge	250.00
Prospect	200.00
Ora	400.00
Langford	200.00
Langston	150.00
Ekem W. O. W.	150.00

Harmony and Mt. Bethel	125.00	314.00
Princeton	150.00	221.25
Sandy Springs	150.00	285.00
Narnie	50.00	109.00
Rocky Springs	200.00	435.00
Poplar Springs	150.00	275.50
Friendship (P)	100.00	149.50
Henderson	50.00	141.00
Total	\$16,359.75	

Branches.		
Owings	\$1,050.00	\$3,401.00
Gray Court	1,200.00	3,221.85
Cross Hill	1,500.00	3,000.00
Mountville	525.00	1,280.00
Waterloo	600.00	1,895.65
Total	\$12,798.50	

Colored Branches.	
Laurens	\$ 712.75
Duncan Creek Baptist	176.00
Antioch	128.00
Mt. Vernon	246.00
Bethlehem	176.00
Hopewell	174.50
Bethel Hall	39.50
White Plains	78.00
Mt. Zion	257.50
Poplar Springs	325.00
Total	\$2,313.25

Grand Total	\$31,471.50
Clinton and Branches	\$5,000.00
Total for county.	\$16,000.00

CHAUTAQUA SEASON CAME TO CLOSE SATURDAY NIGHT

A Week of Combined Pleasure and Profit Fittingly Closed with Patriotic Spectacle.

What has come to be looked upon now as the "Annual Chautauqua" came to a fitting close Saturday evening with a combined musical and spectacular exhibition in which the appeal to the patriotic emotions was the outstanding feature. The evening was divided into three parts, the first two parts affording mostly an entertainment in vocal and instrumental music. The last part, from which the entertainment drew its name, "Dunbar's Revue," in which local young ladies appeared to represent each of the nation's allies in the war, was a patriotic spectacle brought to a climax with the appearance of the spirit of Joan of Arc calling the allied nations to united effort in behalf of humanity's freedom.

The program throughout the week fully measured up to the expectations of the audience, as judged by the reception the artists received, and the announcement that the contract had been renewed for another year was given voluminous applause Friday night.

In making his farewell announcements Friday night Superintendent Bendell made a happy little speech of thanks for the reception accorded him and the other Chautauqua workers while here and complimented the community upon the progressive spirit prevailing here as expressed in its support of the Chautauqua.

The finances of the local Chautauqua organization were considerably strengthened by this season's results. The net profit to the local organization this year was in the neighborhood of \$200. The organization already had \$60 in the treasury, so after donating \$100 to the Red Cross the organization still has funds on hand.

Threshing Committee Formed.

Pursuant to a call from Mr. W. D. Byrd, county food administrator, a number of owners of threshers met in the court house Tuesday morning and formed the Laurens County Threshing committee whose activities will be directed toward conserving the supply of grain through avoidance of waste in threshing. M. A. Cannon, of Mountville, was elected chairman and Jno. M. Copeland, of Ranno, secretary. These two officers with the county food administrator, Mr. Byrd, will form a special committee which will keep itself informed as to the production of distribution of grain in the county. Mr. Byrd requests that all threshers in the county send him their names so that he can assist them, or they assist him, in the common work.

Cadet Warren Bolt, of Clemson college, has arrived home for the summer.

MEXICO AND CUBA END RELATIONS

Severs Connection For Indefinite Time.

CHARGE AT HAVANA TO RETURN

Says Island Government is Obligated to Dictate Measures Affecting Mexican Government and Her Citizens. Would Reduce Tension.

Mexico City, May 21.—Mexico has severed diplomatic relations with Cuba. This was learned officially late today after a report that the Mexican charge d'affaires at Havana and the Cuban minister here had been recalled from their respective posts had been confirmed at the foreign office.

The recall of the Mexican representatives to Cuba and the suspending for an indefinite time of the sending of a new representative is explained officially as due to the fact that because of the war in which Cuba is involved, that government has been obliged to dictate measures that effect the interests of the Mexican government in many instances.

For this reason, it is declared, the making of representations that the Mexican representative would be forced to make to the Cuban government would be useless and would restrict the liberty of action of a friendly nation "which is now in an afflicted situation."

The Mexican charge at Havana is Alberto C. Franco.

Gen. Candido Aguilar, minister of foreign affairs, tonight gave out a statement for the announced purpose of avoiding a misinterpretation of Mexico's action. The statement follows:

"The President of the republic and the cabinet, at a special meeting, have decided that it was an imperative necessity to recall the Mexican diplomatic representative to Cuba and to suspend for an indefinite period the sending of a new representative, because it was considered an indispensable measure for the high ideals and interests of the two nations in the actual moments of an acute world crisis. The state of war in which Cuba is involved has obliged the government of Cuba to dictate measures which in many cases affect the interests of the Mexican government and her citizens, and for this reason the Mexican legation would be called upon to make frequent representations to the Cuban government which would only be useless and which would restrict the liberty of action of a friendly nation which is now in an afflicted situation.

In consequence, our diplomatic efforts would not produce at this time any practical results and would only produce tension in our relations, which would have to be cleared up later to the Mexican unbroken fraternal sentiments of solidarity which have always bound us to the people of Cuba and all Latin-American countries.

"Mexico, upon recalling her diplomatic representatives from Cuba, gives eloquent proof of her consideration and respect for the sovereignty of a friendly government which is now passing through a critical period. At the same time, it furnishes proof of confidence, in virtue of which the Mexican government expects her citizens will be treated with all the benevolence that the laws of Cuba and her institutions permit, under which protection they will remain in that republic the same as her own nationals.

"In so doing the Mexican government complies faithfully with the line of conduct which President Carranza has proclaimed upon innumerable occasions as the highest ideal of a true society of nations, the equality of nationals and foreigners alike and complete submission of all to the national sovereignty. The crisis having passed as the one in which originated the revolution in our country is passing over. Mexico and Cuba will be in a better condition to renew diplomatic relations upon the basis of justice and equality only and the great aspirations of the Mexican government in her new international relations.

Miss Maudie Mae Jessie, who attended Brenau the past year, is at home for the summer months.

WAGE INCREASES TO RAILROAD MEN

Increases Over \$300,000,000 Annually.

ORDER EFFECTS NEARLY 2,000,000

Women Will Receive Hereafter Same Pay as Men for the Same Work. Minimum of 55 Cents an Hour Established for Shop Trades.

Washington, May 26.—General pay increases for nearly 2,000,000 railway employees were announced today by Director General McAdoo, effective next Saturday and retroactive to last January 1, carrying but substantial increases of railroad wages commissions.

The aggregate of the increases probably will be more than \$300,000,000 a year, half of which will be distributed within a few weeks as back pay as lump sums, ranging from \$100 to nearly \$200 each. The director general parted from the wage commission's recommendation in the following particulars.

The principle of the basic eight-hour day is recognized; but owing to exigencies of the war situation, hours of employment are not actually reduced and over time is to be paid to pro rata; so that adjustments of pay are to be made on the basis of eight hours.

In addition to the ordinary scale of increase, day laborers employed mainly on track work are to get at least 21-2 cents an hour more than they received last December 31.

A minimum of 55 cents an hour is established for the shop trades, including machinists, boilermakers and blacksmiths.

Women are to receive the same pay as men for the same work, and negroes are to get the same as white men for similar employment.

To work out a multitude of inequalities and other injustices caused by varying rules of employment and condition of organization, the director general created a new board of railroad wages and working conditions consisting of three labor representatives which will conduct extensive investigations and recommend wage and other employment changes.

All increases now ordered will be determined according to a percentage scale based on pay received in December, 1915, and any increases which have been allowed within that time will be deducted.

In many cases raises in pay in the last two years and a half are about equal to the increases now approved and, consequently, these employees will get little or no more. To correct just such situations when injustices are apparent will be one of the principal duties of the new wage board, whose creation was suggested by the railroad wage commission. In no cases are wages to be reduced.

Men working on the monthly, daily, hourly, piece work and train mile basis will benefit by the new allowances, and members of the four leading railway brotherhoods whose pay was raised through operation of the Adamson act are to receive from 10 to 40 per cent additional, a smaller increase than they had asked of railroads shortly before the government took control.

The wage order applies to all employees of the 164 roads now under federal management, but not to the so-called short lines unless they are retained by the government after July 1. It affects employees of union station and switching companies, lighters, ferries and tugs owned by railroads, but not employees of railroad boat lines on the lakes, river or coastwise tra c. Although Pullman cars now are under government operation, Pullman employees will not benefit unless the railroad administration decides eventually to retain management of the cars.

All Day Singing.

The members of the Laurens County Singing Convention are to hold an All-Day Singing in the court house Sunday morning, June 9th, beginning at 10 o'clock. The services will last until the afternoon hours. All those interested in singing are invited to be present.

GERMANS RENEW DRIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

IT'S JUDGE WRIGHT NOW.

Mr. J. N. Wright Accepts Appointment of Magistrate Succeeding Judge R. P. Traynham, Resigned.

Mr. J. N. Wright, one of the "popular young fellers" around town—a great frequenter of picnic and dinner parties where good viands are found, and for years the chief exponent of early closing of the stores in the evening—has been appointed magistrate of this township by Governor Manning to succeed Judge R. P. Traynham, resigned, and has consented to serve. Mr. Wright will be inducted into office on June 1st, after which, he says, "The boys have got to show me the respect due to the high office which I will hold."

It will be recalled that some time ago Mr. Wright announced that he would be a candidate for this office in the summer primaries. He states that this appointment, while very flattering to him, does not interfere with his aspirations for a full term. "In fact," he states, "a little taste of the honor and grandeur which is present in the judicial atmosphere and which gives it its attraction for ambitious men, will fit me better for the performance of the duties required of a full-fledged justice of the peace. You may say for me, Bud, that I am deeply grateful for the appointment and will try to perform the duties of the office with fairness and dispatch."

BLEASE WILL NOT ACCOMPANY CAMPAIGNERS

Announces That He Does Not Intend to Follow Itinerary Mapped Out by State Committee Unless Tillman Makes Canvass.

Columbia, May 21.—Ex-Governor Cole L. Blease, candidate for the United States Senate, in a statement today, said that he does not intend to follow the regular itinerary, as mapped out by the sub-committee of the State Democratic executive committee, unless Senator B. R. Tillman, in the race for re-election, makes the county-to-county canvass. The former governor reserved the right to make any of the regular meetings he sees fit, but announced that he would appear at all those at which Senator Tillman will speak. Mr. Blease said that he would announce his independent itinerary later, which will open near Turberville, Clarendon County, May 31.

"I propose to address every man in South Carolina who wants to hear me speak," said Mr. Blease's statement, "and give him the opportunity not only to hear me, but to ask me any question which he desires to ask in reference to any matter pertinent to the issues of the campaign. But with Senator Tillman remaining in Washington, refusing to come upon the stump or to meet me face to face, before the people of this state, I do not propose to be used as a drawing card for those who have absolutely no chance in the senatorial race—I will not say a chance to get into a second race, because from all the information I have, there will be no second race, and I am satisfied that I will in the first race receive a clear majority of the votes of all the white voters of South Carolina."

Dr. Geo. A. Blackburn Dead.

Rev. Geo. A. Blackburn, D. D., for 31 years pastor of the Arsenal Hill Presbyterian church in Columbia, died Saturday afternoon and was buried there Sunday afternoon. Dr. Blackburn was one of the leading ministers in the Southern Presbyterian church and was a man of deep learning, as well as piety. He was the father of Miss Roberta Blackburn, a member of the Laurens graded school faculty, and had many friends and admirers here.

William Leander Hitch.

William L. Hitch, a well known farmer of the Pea Ridge section, died Tuesday night at his home, after an illness of about three weeks. The deceased was a life-long member of Langston church and the funeral services were held from this church Wednesday afternoon. He was about 64 years of age and is survived by his younger brother, Luther Hitch, the two living together at the old home place.

Strike Near Ypres and on Aisne.

ALLIES HOLD LINE FIRMLY

Berlin Gains Crown Prince Gained Ground. German Blow Falls Suddenly with only Brief Artillery Preparation. Americans Believed to be in Several Sectors of Battle.

Germany's recent offensive on the western front has been resumed. With only brief artillery preparation two blows have been struck by the Teuton armies, which have been reorganized since disastrous losses were inflicted on them by the French and British during the Henry and Flanders battles in March and April. One attack was on the line from Voormezeele to Loere, southwest of Ypres; the other on a thirty-five-mile front from Pinon, north of Soissons to Rheims. This is known as the Aisne sector.

In Flanders the Germans have gained virtually nothing, but farther south the Berlin official statement claims that the German Crown Prince's troops have carried the whole ridge of the Chemin-Des-Dames and now are fighting on the Aisne river.

The German attack in Flanders is against positions taken by the French May 20, when they recaptured Brusse and Loere and strengthened their line on each side of Hill 11, which they had retaken a few days before.

On the Aisne front the present battle recalls the fearful fighting of last summer along the Chemin-Des-Dames, where for weeks the German Crown Prince hurled his men against the French positions only to see them crushed and beaten. Last year seventy-five divisions were engaged in the German attacks along this line alone.

The attack here is really in the nature of a line straightening operation. It is being launched from Laon as a center and is aimed at the elbow in the line formed during the fighting in Picardy in March and April. Here, however, the Germans must face permanent works which have been occupied by the French for long periods and which can be defended quite easily.

MORE MEN TO CAMPS.

Ten Men to Camp Wadsworth and 32 to Camp Jackson Recently.

Forty-two more men, all white, left Laurens during the past few days for the training camps. Ten went to Camp Wadsworth Saturday and 32 to Camp Jackson yesterday. The men left in fine spirits and appeared anxious to begin their training. A large crowd was present to see them off and they were given a hearty farewell. Those leaving and the camps to which they went are as follows:

Camp Wadsworth, May 25.—Warren Russel Bobo, John Marvin Curry, Robert Hubert Coats, Furman Fitzhugh Finch, William Thomas Furr, Hugh Thompson Jones, Carey Franklin Mitchell, Winslow Steadman Patton, Victor Poole Rutledge, Chas. Leiland Winn.

Camp Jackson, May 28.—Bryan Simmons Pinson, Laurens Luther Babb, Julian Luther Brown, Frank Cox, Oscar Bisher, Franklin Hicks Owings, William Guy Willard, Guy Fuller, John Franklin Thomas, Thomas Jefferson Brewington, Casper Lee Cunningham, John E. Frontis, Sidney Johnson Baker, William Grady Wasson, Waddy Johnson Hill, William Frank Killland, George Mason Osborne, Grady Hillman, Marvin Earle Smith, Hayne Reeder Chandler, William Henry Valentine, J. E. Leppard, Pet Mack King Phillips, Richard S. Dunlap, Eugene S. Crisp, Homer Edward Taylor, Virgil Bobo, Edd. Harvey, Walter Young Watts, James David Blackwell, James Blackstock, Claud Charles Armstrong.

Mountville Exercises This Week.

The closing exercises of the Mountville school are to be held tonight and tomorrow night instead of being held last week as stated in the last issue of the Advertiser. Tonight the play "The Dust of the Earth", is to be given by the school children and tomorrow night the graduating exercises will be held, when the principal address will be delivered by Prof. Victor E. Rector.