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GERMANY'S CONDITION AFTER THE WAR.

Whether the war shall end this or next year, Germany will be economically and financally prostrate, and it will take fifty years to place that nation in the position it occupied before the war. This will be the material punishment brought upon the German people by the German Government through the defeat of its ambition to dominate the world by force. This domination was the object sought when Germany schemed, prepared for and finally brought on the war.

No matter what may happen in the event of an early peace or a prolongation of the war, Germany will finally emerge in a state of collapse with its industries and commerce prostrate, with an overwhelming debt, and with its credit sacrificed to the greed of ambition.

The claim has been advanced that because Germany's debts are held by its own people and not by other nations, that nation will be better off than such countries as have borrowed away from home.

Let us see how this will work out. In order to float its loans at home, the German people have been encouraged to borrow again and again on the bonds subscribed for, thus pyramiding the debt, ad infinitum, and the financial institutions — banks, savings banks, insurance companies, etc — and industrial organizations have parted with practically all of their other securities, and now hold only German obligations and German paper.

Unlike other nations, Germany has not depended largely upon increased taxation to help pay war expenses, but has borrowed even to pay interest on debts contracted.

Now suppose after the war, with its credit gone and being obliged to use its accumulation of gold to buy, in other countries, raw materials, foodstuffs and manufactured products pending the rehabilitation of its own industries, shipping and trade, that Germany will find it impossible to pay the interest on its debt, and shall repudiate its obligation.

How will it be benefitted by its debt being held by its own people? How can it benefit a nation to bankrupt its institutions and people? It seems to us the "boot is on the other leg."

If Germany's debt was held by other countries it might be repudiated, at the cost of other people, and to the dishonest advantage of Germany itself.

German industries, Germany having no outlet for its commerce, have been abandoned, and their efforts turned into the manufacture of munitions of war. For the same reason Germany's foreign trade has been entirely destroyed and her great merchant ships have been taken over by countries at war with her, or lay rotting in German ports.

Germany is capable of wonderful industrial and commercial activities, but it will take her a great many years after the war to regain her lost credit, and re-establish her industries.

This condition is clearly recognized by the financiers and captains of industry in Germany, who are bringing pressure upon the German Government to secure an early peace.

MOVING PICTURE PROGRAM.

The following program has been arranged at the Centreville Opera House for tonight and next week:

Tonight—The Love That Lives, Pauline Frederick. One comic reel.

Monday—Her Strange Wedding, Fannie Ward. One comedy reel.

Tuesday—The Mother's Instinct. The House of Scandal, comedy.

Wednesday—Metcalf Madge, Oliver Thomas. His Bitter Fate, Comedy.

Thursday—World Brady Special Features.

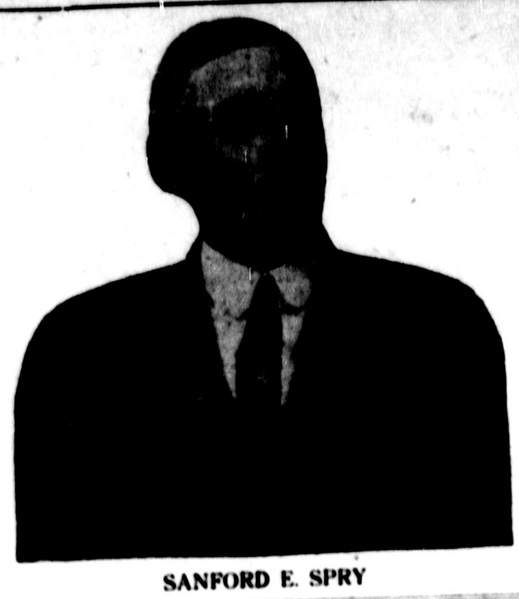
Friday—In Pants, Mary McCallister.

Saturday—The Little Soldier Girl, Mae Murray. One comic reel.

NEEDLEWORK GUILD TO MEET

A meeting of the Needle Work Guild of America is called for Nov. 12th, next Monday, at St. Paul's Parish House at 3 o'clock. At this time the annual contribution of two new garments from each member will be received.

Elected Sheriff of Queen Anne



SANFORD E. SPRY

WHY THE Y. M. C. A. IS IN CAMP

Secretary of War Baker Makes An Official Statement, Explaining Why Only the Association and Knights of Columbus Were Permitted to Erect Buildings At Camps.

I have received a large number of communications from various societies and fraternal organizations in all parts of the country, protesting against an alleged discrimination by the War Department in allowing the Young Men's Christian Association and the Knights of Columbus to erect recreation buildings inside the lines of the cantonments and National Guard training camps, while forbidding other societies the same privilege. These letters and protests have become so numerous that I have decided to make a public statement to clear the misunderstanding which apparently exists.

Ever since the plans for the cantonments and training camps were first made the War Department has been flooded with requests from all sorts of organizations to erect special buildings inside the military reservations. Various religious denominations, a large number of lodges and fraternities, and many athletic and recreational clubs have petitioned us, each seeking to minister exclusively to its own membership inside the camp. To say nothing of the confusion which the admission of these various societies and orders would involve, it would, of course, be physically impossible, from the standpoint of available space, to allow all of them to erect buildings within the camps. It seemed, therefore, a fair and reasonable solution of the problem to admit the two organizations which had already been identified with recreational work within military camps, to wit, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Knights of Columbus. Both organizations served the soldiers along social lines on the Mexican border last summer, without regard to any question of membership. On this condition, therefore, that they would not limit their activities to a particular constituency, and that their buildings would at all times and for all meetings be open to the entire camp, they were allowed admission to the military reservations.

The Young Men's Christian Association represents the Protestant denominations, which will constitute roughly 60 per cent of our new Army; the work of this organization in all military camps both in Canada and abroad is too well known to require comment. The Knights of Columbus represent the Catholic denomination, which will constitute perhaps 35 per cent. of the new Army. While this society is a fraternal organization, it will sustain exactly the same relation to the camps as is sustained by the Young Men's Christian Association and will hold no meetings to which all the troops in the camps are not invited, regardless of religious or other preferences. The Young Men's Hebrew Association in its recreational work has identified itself with the Young Men's Christian Association, and it seems to me that this task of ministering to the social needs of the soldiers within the camps has been met fully, and in a way which will not needlessly complicate the machinery of camp organization.

It seems to me, moreover, that the communities near by the camps, where the soldiers will undoubtedly spend much of such leisure time as is allowed them, present a genuine opportunity to those various societies and organizations, which have sought admission to the camps. Experience has shown that the instinctive desire of a soldier with an hour of free time is to "go to town," if the town is only a crossroads. For this reason, therefore, the commission on training camp activities, with my approval and under my direction, has given a great deal of time and thought to the task of organizing these towns and cities along recreational and social lines. Local committees have been appointed in each such community, and the attempt has been made to harness up the lodges, churches, clubs, and other local groups and organizations, with the men in the camp. This, it seems to me, is an opportunity for service which can not wisely be overlooked. Each lodge, church, and fraternity can look out for the needs of its own soldier membership, and where local groups are unable financially to provide adequately for this task the larger organization of the church or fraternity, as the case may be, can come to the rescue with more ample means.

Indeed there is so large a task before us in surrounding our troops with a healthy environment, and the emergency is so great that I trust that all groups can co-operate in a cordial spirit of loyalty and fellowship, regardless of any difference of race, creed or affiliation.

COAL FAMINE HERE

MANY SUFFERING INCONVENIENCES BECAUSE OF LACK OF COAL.

In all parts of Queen Annes county the coal situation is becoming so serious as to cause general concern and alarm. Hundreds of Queen Annes county families, who depend upon coal are without enough to last more than a few weeks, and many are not fortunate enough to possess even a single lump.

To make matters worse, wood ap county families, who depend upon coal. With cold weather approaching and no solution to the fuel problem in sight, many are gravely concerned over the prospective comfort of their families.

In Centreville the condition is particularly bad. Many families have not a stick of wood or a lump of coal, and are unable to procure either. They must depend upon paper, refuse and goods boxes for what little fire they can afford to kindle. In the colored settlements about Centreville many negro women were unable to continue working as washwomen. Scores of them take washing to their homes, but the scarcity of fuel makes it impossible to do this.

One colored woman in Centreville has five small children. She had been unable to get fuel for more than ten days. In order to keep her little tots warm, she keeps them in bed until the sun warms the air and makes it possible for them to play out-of-doors. Numerous other families are in similar circumstances.

Coal dealers are receiving small quantities of coal, but are unable to get anywhere near enough to supply the demand. And there is little immediate prospect of improved conditions.

ORPHANS COURT.

Court met on Wednesday, all judges being present.

The record of proceedings of the last session was read and approved.

The last will and testament and codicil thereto of Mary E. Feddeman, were admitted to probate. Letters testamentary were granted unto S. Earle and Phillip Henry Feddeman, as executors. Warrant to appraise personalty issued.

First account of Elsie R. Green, guardian, filed, examined and passed by the Court.

Inventory of the goods and chattels of Charles S. Embert filed and order of sale passed.

Letters of administration c. t. a on personal estate of John L. Winchester, deceased, granted unto Royal Merrick. Warrant to appraise directed issued unto Howard E. Wilson and Preston R. Anderson.

Report of sale of goods and chattels in estate of Walter N. Chance filed.

Final account in estate of William H. Sylvester filed and passed.

Last will and testament of Frances Nathan Sheppard admitted to probate.

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COUNTY ASKED TO HELP THE Y. M. C. A.

CAMPAIGN BEGINS WEDNESDAY

WORKERS TO ATTEND LUNCHEON IN CENTREVILLE, PREPARATORY TO MAKING DRIVE FOR $4,000 FUND—PROMINENT Y. M. C. A. SPEAKERS HERE.

Relatives and friends of Queen Annes county boys who are now in the various national cantonments or in other divisions of the army or navy service, will be interested in knowing that they now have an opportunity to lend valuable and practical assistance in helping make the soldier or sailor lads comfortable and happy, even though home ties have been temporarily severed.

A meeting was held in the Court House, Centreville, Wednesday evening at which time definite plans were made to assist the great Y. M. C. A. in its drive for thirty-five millions of dollars. Two prominent representatives of this organization were present. They were:

Fred B. Freeman, Field Secretary of War Work Council, Young Men's Christian Association.

A. Pohlman, pastor Temple Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, in charge of Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Meade where more than a hundred Queen Annes county boys are stationed.

An Interesting Meeting.

Clayton Wright, of Centreville, was appointed Chairman of the meeting, and the small but enthusiastic group present thoroughly enjoyed every word of the addresses delivered by the Y. M. C. A. representatives.

The visitors explained that the campaign to raise thirty five million of dollars would end November 20th. Maryland's allottment is $300,000, and $200,000 of this amount will be raised in Baltimore. The Eastern Shore's apportionment is $50,000 and Queen Annes county's share is $4,000.

At the conclusion of the address the following committee was appointed on organization:

William McKenney, Chairman
Walter T. Wright
A. Howard Johnson
J. Thomas Holland
W. J. Price, Jr.
Clayton Wright

W. H. Gibson was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange for a special demonstration next Wednesday night, and E. H. Brown, Jr., was appointed Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

The campaign will be officially launched in Queen Annes county next Wednesday evening. At that time a luncheon will be served in the Assembly Room of the Opera House, Centreville, to be attended by all those who will help make the campaign a success.

The two representatives of the Y. M. C. A. who spoke in Centreville last Wednesday night will again be present, and explain how Queen Annes may share in the glory of providing comfort for the lads in khaki.

At a meeting of the Committee on organization Thursday evening, the following Queen Annes countians were appointed members of the Campaign Committee and are asked to come to Centreville next Wednesday night:

Centreville—Capt. Team No. 1—T. R. L. Price; Team No. 2—T. E. Dewing; Team No. 3—James P. Keating; Team No. 4—Ralph C. Baynard.

Sudlersville—Capt. Dudley G. Roe.

Ingleside—Capt. W. R. Wilson.

Church Hill—Capt. Team No. 1, Nelson J. Brown; Capt. Team No. 2, E. S. Valliant.

Price—Capt. W. J. Massey.

Rich Neck—Capt. J. Carroll Seney.

Kent Island—Capt. W. E. Denny.

Queenstown—Capt. James H. Carter.

Ruthsburg—Capt. J. M. Arringdale.

Crumpton—Capt. Cooper Tarbutton.

There are five members of each team and the captains and members of the various teams are all expected to be here next Wednesday evening.

President Endorses Work.

Following is a statement recently issued by President Woodrow Wilson concerning the Y. M. C. A. work:

The Young Men's Christian Association has, in the present emergency, as under similar circumstances in the past, tendered its services for the benefit of enlisted men in both arms of the service. This organization is prepared by experience, approved methods and assured resources, to serve especially the troops in camp and field. It seems best for the interest of the Service that it shall continue as a voluntary civilian organization; however, the results obtained are so beneficial and bear such a direct relation to efficiency, inasmuch as the Association provision contributes to the happiness, content, and morale of the personnel, that in order to unify the civilian betterment activities in the Army, and to further the work of the organization that has demonstrated its ability to render a service desired by both officers and men, official recognition is hereby given the Young Men's Christian Association as a valuable adjunct and asset to the service. Officers are enjoined to render the fullest practicable assistance and co-operation in the maintenance and extension of the Association, both at permanent posts and stations and in camp and field. To this end detailing of officers is called to the attention and policy already established.

PUBLIC SALE
OF VALUABLE
Personal Property

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, because my brother has been taken to war, will sell without reserve on the farm known as the Smith and Hinson farm, on the road from Pondtown to Millington, about two miles from Pondtown, on

Wednesday, Nov. 14, '17

at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described personal property:

Horses and Colts

11 head horses and colts, ranging in ages from one to sixteen years, all good, sound horses and good workers and drivers.

Cows, Bull, Hogs and Shoats

Twenty-five head of cows and heifers, fifteen head now at pail, and good milkers. One with calf by her side, and ten nice heifers. Some to be fresh soon. 1 7-8 Guernsey bull. Two good brood sows and five nice shoats.

IMPLEMENTS

1 dearborn, good as new; 2 farm wagons; 1 manure spreader, in good shape; 1 new York carriage, used only three times; 1 buggy, in good order; two sets carriage harness; one 6-foot McCormick binder; one Osborne mower, good as new; 1 sulky cultivator, nearly new; 1 one row corn cutter; 1 No. 40 Oliver plow; 1 No. 99 Oliver plow; 2 hand cultivators; 1 one-horse plow; 1 set good hand made wagon harness; a lot of collars, bridles and plow harness; 1 sleigh and bells, nearly new; one corn planter; 1 drill, Bickford and Hoffman; a lot of other articles too numerous to mention. Also a lot of household and kitchen furniture. 1 Home Comfort range, as good as new; a lot of beds and bedding; tables, chairs, dishes, jars and a lot of other articles too numerous to mention, but found in a comforable home.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of $10 and under cash; on sums over that amount a credit of 10 months will be given on negotiable notes, payable in bank. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

THOMAS AND JOHN MALLOY.
Jack Jester, Auct. Owners

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Queen Anne's County letters of administration on the personal estate of

CHARLES S. EMBERT,

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned

On or before the 3rd day of June, 1918,

otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand the 30th day of October in the year 1917.

N366 JOHN L. RHODES,
Administrator of Charles S. Embert, deceased.

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The Liberty Loan 3 1-2 per cent bonds bear interest from June 15th last.

The plan for adjustment of this interest when exchange is desired has not yet been announced by the Government.

In the meantime this bank proposes to deliver the 3 1-2 per cent bonds to all subscribers as soon as bonds are received from the Treasury Department and will undertake to make exchange at a later date if requested.

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Taupe, fox and wolf, natural skunk, black fox and lynx and natural furs are alike popular and shown here the widest range of styles possible. Fur buying is largely a matter of confidence, which fact should direct you here.

FOR SOLDIERS' GIFTS

Gifts for our soldiers "Somewhere in France" must be started not later than November 10 in order to secure their delivery by Christmas. We are now showing many ideas for this purpose, both in khaki and leather. Our window display will give you an idea of the variety. It will be a pleasure to use unusual care in packing gifts to go long distances.

We solicit charge accounts of those of established credit, and deliver free within a reasonable distance.

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