A PLEA FOR MEN TO ENROLL IN SHIPBUILDING ARMY

The present precarious situation of commerce, manufacturing and labor is probably not fully recognized by many persons, but it is a fact that at this time not only the issues of war but the very life and well being of labor itself is entirely and absolutely dependent on the rapidity with which ships are to be built. The tonnage at present available is insufficient for military purposes and is to be used for these purposes alone.

Owing to lack of tonnage every port is blocked, jammed and bursting with accumulated freight, awaiting shipment overseas. At the Atlantic terminals alone over 30,000 carloads of manufactured goods for export are standing, waiting to be unloaded. In the meantime 6,200,000 persons are busy making materials to be used by the armies. Another 6,000,000 are busy making the articles of normal commerce. These goods are being shipped to the seaboard, and the cars are allowed to stand without unloading because there is no place to put the goods. It is very easy to see what the result will be if ships are not speedily provided; it will simply mean that factories over the country will have to close for want of transportation, and with factories closed the conditions that would ensue would be very severe, with present high prices.

There is no use in having coalless days, wheatless days, meatless days, there is no point in our farmers straining every resource to produce large crops, there is nothing effected if our manufacturerss complete the most tremendous amount of munitions ever assembled, if as a result of these activities we find our arteries of commerce choked. Our nation will be like a cormorant with its mouth full of fish that it is unable to swallow because of the constricting ring around its throat. There is no use in raising an army and training it, there is no use in performing any of the activities of war preparation unless we can be in a position to make our efforts and those of our allies effective at the front. Carroll county grain will feed no troops if it stays in Carroll county; Union Bridge cement will bu'ld no bridges in France if it stays in cars; Oakland fabrics and Asbestos roofing will do Pershing no good if they are standing on side tracks outside of Baltimore.

In short, this country at this time is in a position similar to that of a man with intestinal obstruction. It is uneasy. Before long it will be unable to eat at its many mouths, the factories. Later it will vomit; that is, the factories will be obliged to shut down and turn orders away, and if the condition is not immediately relieved there will be stagnation. The only answer is ships, millions of tons of shipping, built at once under the spur of necessity, by men who have the vision to see that unless the ships are built immediately, not only will the position of the United States in the war become insignificant and contemptible, but that our home economic life will be strained to a greater degree than it has ever before been called upon to bar.

At this time it is the duty of every man who can possibly do so to present himself for enrollment in our shipbuilding army. 500,000 men are needed. Every man who, without selfishness, does an honest, epthusiastic, hard day's work at ship building is doing the one thing that at this time is paramount. He is contributing all that he can towards relieving this country of a situation that threatens greater disaster than would an actual invasion of our territory.

For details, call up C. O. Clemson, Westminster, who has charge of the enrollment of men in this county.

—From the Maryland Council of defense.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt has made such progress toward recovery from the operations he underwent two weeks ago that attending physcians Saturday said they considered it unnecessary to continue the issuing of bulletins on his condition. The former President spends much of his time sitting up in bed reading, it was stated. Asked what kind of literature the Colonel was interested in, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, his sister, replied: "O, everything, including detective stories."

The Treasury of the United States has a great deal of money to raise and it can not be raised by bankers alone says Secretary McAdoo. The banks of this country can not alone sustain America's needs in this war and extend to our allies the essential aid which they must have to continue the war. The rich of this country can not do it alone; the men of this country can not do it alone; the women of this country can not do it alone; but all of us, the people of the United States, disregarding partianship, forgetting selfish interests, thinking only of the supremacy of right and determined to vindicate the majesty of American ideals and secure the safety of America and civilization, can do the great and splendid work which God has called upon us to do.

Every man, woman and child in this country, who wants to serve the country, can serve it and serve it in a very simple and effective way Secretary McAdoo says. That service is to lend your money to the Government. Every 25 cents loaned to the Government is a help at this time and practically every man, woman, and child by making some trifling sacrifice, some denial of a pleasure, or giving up some indulgence, can render the Government that support.

POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

The appointments for the different counties of Maryland were made yesterday at Annapolis. The following appointments were made for this county:

Justices of the Peace—John E. Davidson, Taneytown; Jesse P. Billmyer, Uniontown; William W. Shamer, Patapsco; Thomas M. Anderson, Sykesville, Albert M. Musgrove, Sykesville; Jacob P. Baltozer, Manchester; Carroll Wareihime, Linebore; Jacob R. T. Wink, Manchester; Michael E. Walsh, Westminster; Herman M. Dinst, Westminster; William A. Abbott, Hampstead; Lewis A. Koontz, New Windsor; Jacob Fanver, New Windsor; Jesse W. Eyler, Middleburg; Amos W. Wagner, New Windsor; Stewart J. Brandenburg, Union Bridge; Allen Griffin, Mount Airy; Charles S. Conoway, Woodbine.

Notaries Public—George A. Arnold, Taneytown; Milton A. Zollickoffer, Uniontown; Calvin E. Bankert, Union Mills; J. Fred Waesche, Sykesville; Sadie G. Masonheimer, Manchester; Cora Adams, Westminster; Helen Lease, Westminster; Anna Sinnott, Westminster; William Weagley, Westminster; Arthur G. Tracy, Hampstead; Truman E. Lambert, New Windsor; Cleveland Anders, Union Bridge; Harry W. Zepp, Mount Airy; S. Frank Gartrell, Berrett.

Supervisors of Election—Alonzo B. Selman, to represent the Democratic party, vice self, Watersville; Edward O. Diffendal, vice self, Westminster; William H. Paynter, to represent the Republican party, vice self, Westminster.

N. L. MOBLEY

Norman Lavine Mobley, infant son of Robert and Daisy Mobley, this city, died yesterday aged 5 months and 3 days.

The funeral service conducted by Rev. E. T. Mowbray, will be held Sunday afternoon at the late home and the interment will be made in the Westminster Cemetery.

Mr. James M. Stoner will be the funeral director.

MRS. J. M. HARDEN

Mrs. Hattie H. Harden, wife of Mr. Jesse M. Harden, recently of Reisterstown, Baltimore county, died Wednesday, 20th inst., at her residence at Highfield, Maryland, in her 66th year.

The funeral service and interment will take place Saturday at twelve o'clock noon, at Mount Pleasant M. P. Church at Mechanicsville, this county.

MARINE NOTES

Philadelphia, Pa.,—The singing of popular songs by American soldiers on active duty "over there" is advocated by their superior officers, according to a U. S. Marine just returned from France. He declares that most of the popular song hits of the trenches and that they sing them at day are familiar to the troops in the every opportunity. "Singing is a soldier's second nature," said the Marine. "It drives away loneliness and helps to enliven the spirits of the boys. The soldier who can pick a banjo or guitar is a welcome comrade in any camp, not only to the enlisted men, but to the officers as well."

A dispatch from Washington indicates that Gen. Charles D. Gaither, of Baltimore, will not be reinstated in the army. This is entirely because of his physical condition. The General's abilities as a soldier are held in high esteem by the heads of the United States Army.

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NAVY NOTES

Young men of Maryland contemplating enlistment in the service are urged by the State's Navy Recruiting Authorities not to overlook the fact that they can now enlist in the regular Navy for the duration of the war only.

This ruling by the Bureau of Navigation put the Navy on an equal basis with all other military units that are accepting services of young men for only as long as the war lasts.

The Navy needs men for its Aviation Branch, and it is generally agreed that no other branch of the service offers more attraction and better advantages than the Navy's airplane division.

Recruits for this division are enlisted as Quartermasters, if they have the necessary qualifications, and Carpenters' Mates, if they have sufficient knowledge of carpentry to enable them to perform such duties about the Aviation Camps.

In addition to men for the aviation service, the Navy needs a great many more apprentice seamen.

Full particulars of Navy enlistments can be obtained from the nearest postmaster; directly from the Navy Recruiting Station, Calvert and Lexington streets, Baltimore, or from the Navy Recruiting Substations at Cumberland and Hagerstown.

It is the opinion of the United States Food Administration that the gross maximum profit for wholesalers in flour should not exceed from 50 to 75 cents per barrel. The profit to retail dealers in orginal mill packages should not exceed from 80 cents to $1.20 per barrel, depending upon the character of service performed. Where retailers sell in amounts less than the original mill packages, the gross profit should not exceed 1 cent a pound.

Women with a fluent knowledge of French are being trained in several cities for work in France as telephone operators with the Expeditionary Forces. They will not be sent over in one unit, but ordered to go in groups from time to time. No information can be given as to the locality in which the telephone operators will be stationed.

Several employees of the United States Lighthouse Service have received letters of commendation from Secretary of Commerce Redfield for courageous acts performed under conditions which were more than ordinarily hazardous on account of the severe weather of the present winter season. Skillful seamanship was required, lives and property were preserved, and flames were exteinguished.

A large harvest of natural ice is being strongly urged. The Food Administration states that assurance can not be given that there will be a sufficient supply of ammonia for the manufacture of the customary amount of artifical ice next summer.

The United States Public Health Service is carrwing on a campaign along sanitary lines in area adjacent to 28 military camps. Complete sanitary organizations work to prevent the spread of disease from the civilian population to military forces, and to protect civilians from communicable diseases where they have occurred among troops. The organizations include physicians, sanitary engineers, nurses, attendants, and laborers. Methods undertaken include inspection of all establishments handling food supplies.

Every 25 cents will do something to help a wounded American soldier, wounded fighting for the American people and American liberty. Every cent loaned the Government contributes something for the safety and strength and success of our soldiers and sailors, equipping them, maintaining them, clothing them, feeding them, and giving them artillery and ammunition and all things needed for their efficiency and triumph. The Secretary of the Treasury says this question is before every American—"Are you willing to help the fighting men of our Nation, and in helping them to help yourselves? Are you willing in helping them and helping yourselves to makes liberty supreme throughout the world and to make the atrocities, the infamous and unspeakable crimes against civilization committed by Germany impossible forever in the future?"

But 2,001 men have been exempted on the ground of "moral deficiency." This phrase was defined by the President's regulation to incluude persons convicted and sentenced for felony in any court of record.

Stating that reports show men in Army camps have made remarkable improvement in physique and bearing Secretary of War Baker has advised that troop parades be held in cities near the camps and cantonments.

According to a statement by the manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, the Shipping Board now has 716 shipways, of which 312 are for wooden ships and 404 for steel construction in 1918 of eight times the tonnage delivered in 1916, at a cost of more than $1,000,000,000.

Our soldiers taken prisoner by the Germans are allowed to write home provided they praise their captors highly for their kind care.

The National canners association has been meeting at Boston. A prominent canner, Brer Pershing, was absent on an important engagement to can the Kaiser.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Victor Mercuron Sollers and Edith Romaine Sullivan, both of Pikesville.

George Nathaniel Gardiner and Mabel Bennett, both of Freedom district.

Samuel L. Krug, Linebaro, and Mary A. Koontz, Westminster.

George W. Galt and Dora A. Jones, both of Taneytown.

Walter Raymond Byers and Ada R. Bell, both of Westminster.

Charles Franklin Clark and Lillian Bertha Bowman, both of Eldersburg.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Elmer E. Jenkins, montgagee, to Wm. C. Perkins, 5a $780.

Arthur J. P. Slick and wife to Jos. W. Mummert and wife, 47 sq. prs. $250.

Wade H. D. Warfield and wife to Louis H. Schultz, 5 lots $565.

M. Estelle Shamer, mortgagee, to Samuel A. Harnish and wife, 3a, $1000.

Oscar Baumgartner to Josephine A. Winebrenner, 69-1|2 a, $5500.

John J. Brown and wife to Wm. H. Price, Jr., 68a, $1.00.

Wm. H. Price, Jr, to John J. Brown and wife, tract of land, $1.00.

Francis A. E. Bowman to William R. Bowman and wife

Walter L. Remtzel and wife to Frank B. Whitehill, a tract of land $5.00.

Frank B. Whitehill to Thos. R. Hesson and J. Royer Whitehill, a tract of land, $1100.00.

Martha E. Costley and husband to Margaret N. Costley, 2a, $500.

K. Wesley Barnes and wife to Dennis Buckingham, 2-3|4 a, $2500.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORPHANS' COURT

Monday February 18th 1918

George W. Grob, acting executor of Ernest Grob, deceased, reported sale of real estate on which the Court granted an order ni si.

J. Edward Murray, executor of M. C. Gertrude Murray, deceased, settled his first and final account.

Rosa M. Devilbiss, administratrix of William C. Devilbiss, deceased, reported sale of personal property and settled her first account.

Mary J. and Frank G. Rowe, administrators of Nathan Rowe, deceased, returned an inventory of personal property and received an order to sell same.

The last will and testament of Eliza J. Fleagle, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto Calvin E. Bankert, who received an order to notify creditors and returned an inventory of debts.

Charles E. Lisle, executor of Emily J. Ely, deceased, received an order to sell personal property.

Dorothy A. Morton, administratrix of Francis J. Albaugh, deceased, settled her first and final account.

The last will and testament of Vincent W. Power, deceased, was admitted to probate.

Tuesday February 19th, 1918.

Jacob M. Bixler and Joseph E. Hunter, administrators of Susan Bixler, deceased, settled their first and final account.

Jacob J. Bankard, executor of Jeremiah Baublitz, deceased, reported sale of real estate on which the Court granted an order ni si.

The Romney branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which had been blocked since Sunday night owing to the washing out of bridges at Mill Creek and at Milestone, was opened Saturday afternoon. Traffic is moving freely over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the Western Maryland Railway. Friday 2,800 loaded cars went east over the Cumberland division, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. About 1,900 empties were returned to the mines. Normal movement of loaded cars to points East and empties to the mines are being maintained over the West Virginia division, Western Maryland Railway. The congestion of loaded cars on sidings, on both divisions, is rapdily being reduced.

Now the American troops are taking their places in the trenches, attention is again directed to an estimate by the Secretary of War, that the losses up to June 1, 1917, of the British expeditionary forces from deaths in action and from wounds amounted to but 7 per cent of the total of all men sent to France since the beginning of the war. The ratio of losses of this character today, because of improved tactics, is less than 7 to every 100 men.

Both Washington evening newspapers, The Star and The Times, announced on Saturday that, beginning February 13, they would increase their price from 1 to 2 cents. "The great increase in the cost of production has forced the same change in the newspapers of practically all cities of considerable size throughout the country," their announcement states, "and the few remaining 1-cent papers will doubtless find an increase inevitable."

Thomas J. Shryock, prominent Mason, Lumber dealer, and former Police Commissioner, of Balimtore, who died about a week ago, left no will. Letters of administration on his estate were granted to Charles C. Homer, Jr., and William D. Waxter. A bond of $200,000, indicating that his personal effects were valued at that figure, was given.

The raw recruits that complain of not enough steam at the cantonment barracks, will soon be over in France warming their hands about a little trench fire of sticks.

CURRANTS AND GOOSEBERRIES

Necessary to Train Both Plants in Bush Form to Avoid Borers of Root and Stalk.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

If ease of cultivation were the only consideration in pruning currants and gooseberries, the tree form would certainly be most convenient and economical. Unfortunately the grower has no choice in this matter, for in order to insure his plants against the ravages of borers of the root and stalk it is necessary to train both these plants in a bush form. When managed in this way new wood can annually be induced to spring up from the root to replace any canes which may be destroyed by borers or which may for any other cause become useless to the plant. The new growth should be stopped when it reaches a convenient height, in order to induce the formation of side branches and thus increase the area of bearing wood. This is much more important than would at first appear, because the fruit of these plants is borne upon fruiting spurs which develop from wood two or more years of age. On the other hand, the renewal of the bush is not only necessary in order to maintain it against insect pests, but to insure a supply of fruit-bearing wood to take the place of the old wood which has become unprofitable to maintain.

In general a currant bush should be composed of from five to eight stalks, stopped about 18 to 20 inches in height. If the plants are vigorous, shoots stopped at this height will produce several lateral branches, thus forming a compact, broad-headed bush with a maximum expanse of bearing wood.

The gooseberry should be treated in like fashion, but will be found to require less heading-back, because its normal habit is to produce numerous side shoots rather than strong, upright ones.

TO RELIEVE FUEL SHORTAGE

Federal Fuel Administration Encourages Use of Firewood to Lessen Demand for Coal.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Ten experts of the forest service, United States department of agriculture, have been assigned to co-operate with the federal fuel administration to relieve the fuel shortage in the eastern, southern and central states. Each of these ten foresters has been assigned to a territory including three or four states in the section named. Their



Draw on Woodlot for Fuel.

duty will consist in encouraging the use of firewood in order to lessen the demand for coal. They will demonstrate to farmers and other woodland owners methods of cutting by which firewood can be obtained with the best results to the timber growth. Plans for securing and distributing firewood will be worked out for each territory. It is hoped to establish municipal wood yards in various places and to decide on satisfactory methods of utilizing waste from saw mills and other woodworking plants. A special appeal will be made through the directors in the different states to the farmers to cut cord wood this winter and spring while other work is slack.

Small Flock Is Best.

There is more profit in proportion to the numbers in a small flock of chickens than there is in a large one. This enables those who live on small areas to secure eggs at nominal cost.

Make-Up of Purebred.

A purebred animal is one that has certain characteristics fixed in the individual that are capable of transmission to the offspring with regularity.

CARE OF HORSES

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

1. If farm horses are turned out together, remove their shoes.
2. Make the horses clean up roughage; avoid all possible waste in feeding. If leguminous roughages are fed, a little straw or corn stover will be beneficial.
3. Be careful of mares in foal. Avoid strains or other dangers.
4. Bear in mind the care received by the colt the first 18 months of his life will be a big factor in his worth at maturity.

The 2,000 soldiers saved from the Tuscania will fight the Boche about twice as hard as if they had not had this demonstration of his frightfulness.

The time for filing income tax returns having been extended, the procrastinators will have the same rush to get them in March 31 that they were going to have February 28.

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