

MASS MEETING TONIGHT WILL DRAW LARGE CROWDS TO HIGH SCHOOL

PLANS MADE FOR GREAT DEMONSTRATION THIS EVENING HAVE FINE PROGRAM

PATRIOTIC DISPLAY TO FEEL OTTAWA'S PULSE ON LIBERTY LOAN PROPOSITION—CHICAGO WRITER TO DELIVER ADDRESS.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM TONIGHT AT 8:15 O'CLOCK.

High School Orchestra and Chorus.
Soprano Solo—Miss Gladys Elliott.
Address—S. J. Duncan Clark, Chicago.
Canzonet—Joe Reardon.
Closing remarks by President Griggs and short addresses by well known citizens.

The patriotic meeting to be held at the high school auditorium tonight promises to be one of the best attended affairs ever held in this community. There seems to be no let up in the enthusiasm in the Ottawa people in doing their share toward making the event a most enthusiastic one.

The generous display of attractive literature appears in nearly all of the business places of the city. One of the most elaborate displays is to be seen in the Metzger's Lady Shop window. Another window that is attractively arranged is the Wiley meat market on Main street.

Dozens of others in the city have given up their own displays to Uncle Sam's literature. There is ample proof that the hearts of Ottawa people are in sympathy and a unit in helping Uncle Sam with this war.

Mr. Rushton, chairman of the Illinois Liberty Loan Committee, told the publicity department of the Ottawa committee this morning that the speaker, S. J. Duncan Clark, would arrive in Ottawa at 7:45 this evening and he gives his assurance that there is no better speaker attached to the Illinois bureau than Mr. Clark.

There will be other features on the program that will especially appeal to our people. Miss Elliott, the popular vocalist, has some special patriotic songs for this evening's entertainment, while Joe Reardon is working hard on a new song that will have a special appeal at this time.

The high school orchestra and chorus have had a thro rehearsal for this evening's entertainment and that feature alone will prove of intense interest to the residents of this city and community.

President Clarence Griggs and Vice President J. J. Dougherty with their associates, worked all day yesterday and far into the night getting in touch with patriotic zealous citizens in the hope that they will do their part in the promotion of the Liberty Loan. They are especially pleased with the enthusiastic encouragement of nearly all the people with whom they have come in contact.

This is a legal holiday in Illinois and no better way could be chosen to properly and fittingly observe it than by attending tonight's meeting.

All four banks of the city are supplied with application blanks and all are eager to make partial payment plans when necessary. The general sentiment that prevails in Ottawa in support of the government's request to do whatever they can within reason in taking Liberty Loan bonds is very pleasing to the men in charge of the Ottawa campaign.

Let nothing prevent you being present at tonight's patriotic meeting. There is no charge and your presence is urged to show your patriotism and loyalty for your government.

LESLIE RANDALL IS LATEST TO ENLIST

Leslie Randall, district representative of the John Deere Company, with headquarters in Ottawa, is the latest patriot to rally to the colors. Some days ago Randall enlisted in the quartermasters department as a truck driver and tomorrow he leaves for Chicago to get his assignment. He has not been notified where he will be sent, but doubtless he will go to one of the western cantonments for preparatory training and then will be dispatched to the front.

OPEN CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS TO BE USED IN WAR CAMPS

JOHN WILLYS AUTO AND AEROPLANE MANUFACTURES, CALL UPON OTTAWA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO AID IN DRIVE FOR FUNDS.

At the suggestion of President Wilson the directors of the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce have been called on to get their organization behind the campaign to raise a national fund for War Camp Community Recreation work. The purpose of this is to inspire the men, increase the efficiency and help develop the fighting spirit of the American armed forces. Features of this work include the providing of wholesome, healthy environment in the communities surrounding the ninety or more training camps and posts.

John N. Willys, of Toledo, automobile and aeroplane manufacturer, appointed jointly by Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels as chairman of the national committee on the War Camp Community Recreation Fund, has written a letter to each of the following, asking their assistance in this vitally important war work.

- L. C. Brand,
- Frank L. Beach,
- John M. Dougherty,
- Dr. J. H. Edgecomb
- C. E. Hook,
- J. B. Herring,
- H. W. Johnson,
- C. H. Kingman,
- J. Montgomery,
- L. E. Porter,
- Jason F. Richardson, Jr.,
- Al F. Schoch,
- Fred Scherer,
- J. F. Shaiper,
- Fred Sapp,
- F. P. Vallat.

The public, it is pointed out, must be made to realize that they must help to win the war. The "first victories" will be won in America, and will depend on the way in which those who stay at home receive, welcome and hearten the men who are ready to bleed and die that democracy may live. The work for the soldiers and sailors in the communities outside the camps, should not be confused with what is being done for their entertainment and recreation by the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. H. A., and in other ways during their leisure hours in camp.

Mr. Willys summarizes the big purpose of the War Camp Community Recreation Fund when he says: "The spirit of the New American army is to be made in the next few months. Mere numbers do not make an army; millions of soldiers who lack the fighting spirit can retreat without a struggle. The American boys must know that the finest ideals of civilization are in their hands; that the folks at home are living and fighting in their hearts.

"Imagine your boy at a training camp," he says. "Where shall he go and what shall he do when off duty? The cities, big and little, adjacent to the camps will do their best; but without the aid of a national fund it will be impossible to supply the equipment and the trained personal service necessary to make a recreation system a thorough success.

"It is planned to furnish enlisted men hospitality in local social circles, to promote wholesome amusement in public places, to supply buildings, swimming pools, etc., and to prevent the exploitation of the boys by commercialized attractions of an undesirable sort."

President Wilson, in a letter which Mr. Willys enclosed with each of his communications, says of the community service.

"The spirit with which our soldiers leave America, and their efficiency on the battle fronts of Europe, will be vitally affected by the character of the environment surrounding our military training camps."

"Three Dollars for each soldier and sailor" is the amount required to carry on the work for the next year. This money will be used in a hundred ways, such as building and maintaining clubs for the men, arranging dramatic, moving picture, musical and numerous other forms of entertain-

SOMETHING TO AIM AT



—Jerryman in Washington Star.

CITY RULES AGAINST INTERURBAN; CARS MUST STOP 72 HRS.

EFFORTS TO GET STAY ON DECISION UNAVAILING—COMMISSIONER HELFRICH DECLARES TRAFFIC MUST DISCONTINUE DURING PAVING WORK.

Upon the theory that precedents do not establish right, the city, thru Commissioner Helfrich, will authorize the abandonment of all interurban traffic over the new loop paving for at least two seventy-two hour periods. This was determined last night at an informal meeting of the council called at the behest of General Superintendent F. E. Fisher.

Power to take the step has been placed in the hands of Commissioner Helfrich and Public Engineer George L. Farnsworth, both of whom as well as the remainder of their colleagues, are confident that all cars should be prevented from running across the newly laid paving until the ground has had plenty time to tie a firm bond between the bricks. Commissioner Helfrich believes the matter should be carried a little further and that traffic cease while the concrete base is setting, but there is a probability that such a step is not as necessary as when the bond is green.

The meeting last night was a composition of fireworks and unity of opinion. Superintendent Fisher, as well as members of the commission, agreed that it would be better to abandon traffic while the bond was hardening. The only differences being found in each appraisal of the amount of damage done. Mr. Fisher did not see that the heavy cars could do enough harm to the paving to warrant the inconveniences his company and the traveling public would be put to. Members of the council, with the exception of the mayor, who, having been absent at a previous meeting when this question was up, assumed the guise of a silent listener. Only now and then he inquired for some information for his own enlightenment.

Commissioners Campbell, Meagher, and Helfrich, backed by the opinion of Mr. Farnsworth, all expressed themselves as confident there could be nothing but harm come to the pavement if the large cars were permitted to travel back and forth across the newly paved sections.

This morning Commissioner Helfrich stated to a Free Trader-Journal representative that he would order traffic abandoned while the next section of ground is being poured and until the work is completed. It is expected that two three-day periods will be all necessary to get the work out of the way.

Cite Other Precedences. During the meeting precedences were brought up by both sides. Sup-

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ICE BOX THIEVES AT WORK ON SO. SIDE

MAN WHO ROBBED THREE REFRIGERATORS DESCRIBED BY LADY WHO SAW HIM RUNNING FROM HER HOME.

A very tall man wearing a long dark coat, visited a number of homes on Christie street, at an early hour this morning and helped himself to the contents of the iceboxes in that neighborhood. At the home of Jonah Hibbs, 404 Christie street, a basket of peaches was stolen from off the back porch. Mrs. Hibbs was awakened about four o'clock by a noise and upon looking out the window saw a man prowling around the porch. She called to go away and he ran, carrying the basket of peaches with him.

At the home of Lester Maierhofer, 301 Christie street, the thief opened the door of the screened in back porch and walking up to the ice box removed a jar containing ten pounds of fresh country butter, and a bucket containing a dozen and a half fresh eggs. The eggs he removed from the bucket, throwing the bucket away in the side yard. Many tracks were also noticed in the Maierhofer yard, that would indicate from the size of his feet, he was a man of immense proportions.

The home of Frank Gladfelder in this neighborhood was also visited. Mr. Gladfelder, however, had prepared for just such an emergency by keeping his ice box door locked. The door of the ice box, for the ice compartment was found standing open this morning, but the lock on the food door had held fast and all the food in the Gladfelder icebox was untouched.

FRANK CROMPTON VISITS IN OTTAWA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crompton, of Superior, Wis., are the guests of relatives and friends in Ottawa for a few days.

Mr. Crompton, who is a well known Ottawa boy, was for a number of years mayor of Superior, and during his term as executive of that city, did more to promote and advance the industries of that community than any man for many years past.

Superior is now a city of 60,000 inhabitants and is now one of the great ore centers of the United States.

Mr. Crompton is now a member of the exemption board of his district and has visited many of the camps throughout the United States. Mr. Crompton has heard of the activities of the Chamber of Commerce in this city and was glad to know that Ottawa boasts of such a splendid organization which now he said was a necessity in every well regulated city.

Sexton Will Filed.

Disposing of an estate valued at approximately \$65,000 the late James Sexton, who died in Streator September 21, bequeathed his property to his son and daughter, according to the will filed here. Mr. Sexton owned 150 acres of La Salle county land and had personal property valued at \$22,000, which is apportioned almost equally among the two children.

DICKSON DOES NOT KNOW WHEN THIRD INCREMENT LEAVES

ADJUTANT GENERAL UNAPPRISED OF DATE FOR NEXT MOVEMENT OF TROOPS—HE WIRES LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD.

Lester H. Strawn, Ottawa, Ill. No instructions of many kind have been received from the Provost General in reference to the movement of future contingents. Orders for such movements will be given you upon their receipt at this department.

DICKSON, Adjutant General.

The above telegram shows that the local exemption board is not alone in its uncertainty as to the time and date for sending the third increment of soldiers to Camp Dodge. The telegram was sent in reply to queries forwarded to the adjutant general's office at Springfield by members of the local exemption board and in self explanatory.

At the present time there seems to be somewhat of a middle as to when the next batch of soldiers will be sent into service. Nothing definite has been given out by General Crowder and the only thing the local board has so far had to guide its future actions, has been press reports, all of which given different stories.

Telegrams from Camp Dodge conflict and the latest announcement is that no troops will move before November 1. Others state that there will be increments dispatched for training on October 15 and still others fix the date at October 25. In an effort to straighten out this tangle word was sent to Springfield with the above result showing that General Dickson is as much in the dark as anyone in Ottawa.

MEVOY GETS BOOST IN ARMY; GOES INTO INSURANCE SECTION

J. S. McEvoy, a member of the National Army at Camp Dodge, Ia., and who was in charge of the squad of men who left here for the second increment, has been given a deserved promotion by the war department, according to word reaching Ottawa relatives today.

McEvoy has been boosted to the newly created insurance department and tonight will pass thru Ottawa on his way to Washington, where he will be schooled in the government's plans for insuring its men, and then probably will be sent into the various camps to carry on the actual operation of selling policies.

His experience in the insurance field together with his ability to grasp all the intricate features of this great proposition, is responsible for McEvoy's winning this promotion. He will be met at the train here and accompanied as far as Chicago by his wife and father.

HAIG COMBS GERMAN LINES FOR ANOTHER RUSH; GUNS ARE BOMBING

DR. PETTIT CERTAIN SHERMAN WAS RIGHT ON WAR QUESTION

OTTAWA LIEUTENANT VERIFIES CIVIL WAR GENERAL'S VERSION ON CONFLICT AND WISHES PLENTY OF IT ON THE BOCHES.

That America will profit greatly by the experiences of her allies in the present world war is expressed by Dr. Roswell Pettit in his latest letter home from "somewhere in France," where he is now billeted with a French count and countess in their chateau.

The doctor has reached the conclusion that Sherman was right in his well known summary of war's principal peculiarity, and he is hopeful that the Boches are given all they want of it before the thing is over. He covers in his accustomary interesting vein, the interest shown in him by natives who were given their first glimpse of one of Uncle Sam's fighting men. He says:

Sept. 14, 1917.

Dear Father: I have been in France just a month and with all my experiences, changes and new surroundings, it seems as if it were a year. However, it is all very interesting and exciting, but on the whole, even though I haven't seen the worst of it, I can heartily agree with Sherman about war. Of course, today, with better organization, better equipment, and the experience of three years behind us, America will be able to learn by a lot that France and England have had to learn by bitter experience. But we will have to remember always that we are fighting a merciless foe that will stoop to anything and stop at nothing. But really, Germany has lost by each dirty trick she has played. But I hope we do not stop until she has been properly punished for all her misdeeds. Some of the things are too awful to tell about.

Old Sergeant Talks.

Yesterday we made a trek of about ten miles. I marched at the head of the column with the sergeant-major, a soldier of the old school. He came over here with the original expeditionary force, which, as you know, was just about wiped out. He has had some most miraculous escapes and for two or three hours he told me of one thrilling experience after another. The best of the lot, I think, was when, in the confusion of the early days of the war a mistake was made in the map reference and waking up one morning the ambulance company found themselves encamped in the middle of No Man's Land. They struck their tents, lashed the sick and wounded to the tops of the wagons, and beat it out across fields, ditches and everything. Luckily they got out without a casualty.

Aviation Improved.

Several days ago I had an opportunity to visit a large aerodrome. It was a wonderful sight to see six or seven machines leave the ground at once. How different these machines are from the original Wright machine I saw in Washington a few months ago. The development in aeronautics has been simply wonderful and personally I believe the war will be in the air. And almost everybody here thinks the same. I can't hardly wait until the Americans get over here with their machines.

I received your letter of August 23d a few days ago and the paper of August 7th to 9th yesterday and was very glad to get them. I wish you would number your letters and then I can tell whether I get them all. I am surprised you did not get my cable. I sent you a cable from Liverpool August 12th. Love to all and especially the kiddies.

Yours son, ROSWELL.

23rd Field Ambulance, British Expeditionary Forces, France.

Changes Quarters.

Sept. 16, 1917.

Dear Father:

Since writing you last I have moved again. We are in a beautiful country near a fairly large town and I am delightfully quartered in the chateau of the countess of something or other, and the old lady in tortoise shell rimmed spectacles and a brown wig. She has a husband who hides behind a mussy blonde beard and does as he is told.

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HEAVY ARTILLERY LEAVE WAY CLEAR FOR NEW ADVANCE ENEMY IS NERVOUS

MIGHTY HOWITZER BLAST FOE POSITIONS AND ANXIETY OF BOCHE IS SHOWN BY DISPLAY OF NIGHT FIREWORKS.

London, Oct. 12.—Monster howitzers along the Anglo-French front in West Flanders are pounding the German positions over a wide front north and east of Ypres.

All the new British and French positions won so gallantly on Tuesday have not been consolidated and while the heavy guns deluge the German trench lines with shells, the lighter artillery is being moved up thru the mud nearer the front.

Stormy weather continues with rainstorms, adding to the mud that already made the battlefield one vast swamp.

Military experts predicted today that Field Marshal Haig is opening the way with his artillery for a new infantry thrust and that the new drive will carry the British to the eastern slopes of the whole of Passeehendele ridge.

The Germans are nervous. All night long they kept firing star shells into the sky, lighting up the forehead with the brilliance of high noon so that no sudden attack could be undertaken against them.

The German artillery is replying to the British and French guns, but their shee-fire is feeble compared with the blasting salvos that roar continuously from the allies' cannon.

Socialists Routed.

Amsterdam, Oct. 12.—Again the German Reichstag was adjourned, leaving the peace situation "up in the air."

The biggest sensation of the whole session was the announcement of Admiral Cappelle, German minister of marine, that a "revolutionary" mutiny had broken out in the navy and dispatches from Berlin today stated that the government had purposely held back news of the uprising until the psychological moment in order to strengthen the position of Dr. George Michaelis, the imperial chancellor.

The coalition peace majority in the Reichstag was cleverly outmaneuvered and the government got thru the whole session without being compelled to go into details over peace terms.

In the meantime the kaiser has gone to Sofia, where it is reported a peace parley will be held with representatives of all the other German allies present.

W. F. CARR QUILTS POST AT HEAD OF C. O. & P. ENGINEERING DEPT.

First intimation that Superintendent W. F. Carr, engineer of maintenance and ways of the C. O. & P. railway, had resigned his position to take one of much more responsibility, and trust, with a South Bend Interurban and street railway corporation, came this morning when Mr. Carr admitted to a Free Trader-Journal representative his intentions of leaving Ottawa, on or about October 20th.

He expects to take up his new work about November 1st and in the meantime officials of the local line are scouring the country for a successor big enough to take his place. The resignation was given in to become effective within two weeks and came as a surprise to Mr. Carr's colleagues. Pressure was brought to bear in an effort to get him to change his mind and remain in Ottawa, but as the South Bend offer afforded greater opportunities for advancement he could hardly be expected to give it up.

Mr. Carr's new employer is Chicago, South Bend & North Dakota Railways, owning two suburban lines and city roads in Michigan City and St. Joseph, which will come under man's jurisdiction, who will over his new duties.

That Carr will enjoy it, new post goes 'WJW' work here has the highest type of it thru which the WS for the compa.

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