

BIG CROWD AT HINSDALE REVIEW SUNDAY

Four "Q" Companies Under Major Hobbs Exhibited Their Drills After Months of Hard Work.

The "Q" Battalion of the Second Regiment, Illinois Reserve Militia, held the first of four reviews at Hinsdale last Sunday afternoon. A very large audience from the different towns in the battalion was present to view the ceremonies and the drill evolutions of the Hinsdale company.

From "sound off" until the battalion was dismissed the drill field presented the appearance of a fort parade ground. Each company; E. Riverside; F. LaGrange; G. Hinsdale and H. Downers Grove; was present in full force and all anxious to do their best in the review.

Lines were never straighter than Sunday when each platoon at the word of its commander executed "eyes right" as they swept past the Major on the north end of the field. We understand he complimented the officers on the fine showing made by each company.

The next battalion review will be held at LaGrange on Sunday, April 28th and the next at Downers Grove, Sunday, May 12th.

At Hinsdale last Sunday the Hinsdale organization gave the battalion an idea of "how it should be done." During intermission this company took the field and with its three platoons of four squads each, acted as a battalion. Their work was great, simply great. They formed company squares, battalion squares and exemplified most of the riot drill manual written for reserve militia units by Major Hobbs.

In their long exhibition hardly a mistake was made and they were given proper applause, not so much by the civilians present, but by members of the other companies, who can realize how they must have worked to come to the state of perfection, where they now are.

That little hike down to Hinsdale just whetted our appetites for the review. Some were too tired to walk farther after leaving East Grove. Bugler Rice and his kid brother, Cook Jones, and Corporal Timke, accepted an invitation (?) from Roy Dixon and made the rest of the distance in a closed car. And on a beautiful day like last Sunday too!

Corporal Brown was interfering with the first squad considerable last Sunday. Every time the company was turned around with the "little fellows" in front in a column of squads and the command "squads left" would be given, the first squad would get half way around and their would be Corp Brown disturbing the scenery.

The boys are finding the smaller targets considerably harder to shoot at. A bull's eye the size of a dime is hard to hit at fifty feet.

Sergeant Eichelman is the best pistol shot in the company. He admits it himself!

Next Sunday's drill starts at 7:00 a. m. It was left to a vote of those at dismissal Monday night and the count stood 30 for seven and 23 for eight o'clock and the early hour supporters won out. They are going the government one better.

The first squad is getting the reputation of having a majority of the orators. Privates Howard P. Jones and T. A. Verdenius have earned the reputation of always having something to say on any subject and being willing to say it, no matter how large the audience.

Good Bye Paw!

Recruits are wanted. Join the company. Do your bit here at home. Once you join you'll wonder why you didn't do it sooner. Fun, fun, fun mixed up with a little work and a lot of exercise. Join now!

Those guns are getting a thorough wetting pretty frequently. Again Monday night. Another job of cleaning for the men and be sure its done right says the Captain.

Sergeant Carpenter, after the battalion drill at Hinsdale last Sunday, lined up those who wished to make the return trip on foot and then turned them over to Sergeant Kidwell. We fooled him tho' we rode home too.

Company mascot, Herbie Hawkins was all camouflaged with a brand new uniform on Monday night. Some boy he is, real hat and hat cord, gun an' everything. And say, nearly all the nickles he gets are invested in trift

stamps, he's backing up his two brothers at Houston.

The second squad isn't as proud of that shadow on Staiger's upper lip as it was, you see he shaved it off. But he is going to have another try at some not far distant date, he says.

Corp. Brown of the second squad and Pvt. Verdenius of the first matched coins at Brookfield Wednesday night (but, oh horrors! that's gambling!), to see who would buy for the two squads. Who lost? Well Verdenius didn't pull that black pocketbook of his out of its usual receptacle.

EVERYONE TO SIGN LOYALTY PLEDGE CARD

May 15th, is Loyalty Day. By that time every person 18 years or over in DuPage County is to be registered.

We are proud of our record past and present of loyal, willing, fighting men.

Let's register our county 100 per cent pure in loyalty here at home. Other Counties have already completed this work. Mercer Co. was one of the first.

The members of the Neighborhood Committee of the State Council of Defense will convene in each town at the call of their Supervisor and arrange for a thorough canvass to be completed by May 15th.

Cards will be placed in convenient places, city halls, banks, Red Cross rooms, etc. Call for them. Do not wait to be asked. See that your church, your lodge, or your club is registered 100 per cent pure in loyalty at once, and announce it in the next issue of your paper who will be first.

Your loyalty is not questioned but you will be glad of a record to show the boys at the front when they return.

Fac Simile of Registration card. (front side) REGISTRATION CARD Civic War League (Organized under Authority of the State Council of Defense)

Whereas, Our country is now involved in a war against autocratic government and oppression, to the prosecution of which all her resources and power have been formerly pledged; and

Whereas, Only by the full and unwavering support of every citizen in the land can there be placed to the credit of such issue the full meaning of our country's purpose and all her might in arms;

Therefore, I here declare my absolute loyalty to the Government of the United States in said cause and conflict, and tender my aid and service in its support.

In furtherance whereof I enroll myself as a member of the Civic War League.

(back of card) Information Concerning the Signer of the Within Registration Card: Date and place of birth. Age. Citizenship. Occupation. Where and by whom employed.

MRS. MARTIN ESCHER

Mrs. Martin Escher, nee Louise Mertz, died Wednesday afternoon, April 10 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Stoll, Ashland Blvd., Chicago, at the advanced age of seventy-five. Burial was made in the West Side cemetery Friday, April 12.

Louise Mertz was born in Lehigh County, Pa, March 24, 1842. She was married to Mr. Martin Escher at Lisle, where they made their home for some years afterward moving to Chicago, where they lived with their daughter, Mrs. Stoll. Mr. Escher preceded his wife to the great beyond some years ago.

Mrs. Escher leaves four brothers, Solomon Mertz, of South Dakota, Franklin B. Mertz, of Paton, Ill., Owen, of Glen Ellyn, and William, of Downers Grove.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of DuPage County, subject to the action of the voters at the primary, September 11th.

John F. Hesterman.

Boils Eggs by Central's Ring. A telephone subscriber in Newark asked his operator to ring his bell in three minutes, and immediately hung up his receiver. At the appointed time the supervisor rang on the line and the subscriber responded merely with "Thank you." Later he called again and thanked the operator, and explained that he had been boiling eggs and wanted to time them. They had been cooked to the queen's taste, he said.—Youth's Companion.

PASTOR NUFFER TAKES LEAVE NEXT SUNDAY

Union, Congregations to Join in Farewell Service at Evangelical Church Next Sunday

For the second Sunday in succession the united congregations of the Village will meet next Sunday evening to bid farewell to a departing pastor.

Last Sunday evening they packed the Baptist church to hear the final message of the Rev. N. G. Oliver who has gone to Camp Grant as a Y. M. C. A. Secretary. Next Sunday they will throng the Evangelical church in a farewell service for the Rev. P. G. Nuffer who has been transferred to the Kansas conference of his church.

Though Mr. Nuffer has been pastor of the Evangelical church for but one year, he has become quite well acquainted in Downers Grove, and has made many friends. Somewhat at a disadvantage because of his residing at Naperville, Mr. Nuffer nevertheless identified himself heartily with local

RAIN COULD NOT DAMPEN SPIRITS MONDAY NIGHT

Large Crowd at Curtiss and Overflow Meeting at Dicke's Listened to Liberty Loan Talks.

Of course, it rained.

The open air demonstration in support of the Third Liberty Loan planned for Monday night, was held in the Curtiss Theatre and an overflow meeting was held in Dicke's.

Hundreds of local people packed Main street as the program opened, with the Suburban band on the platform at Main and Curtiss streets. As the rain started to fall many were seated in the Curtiss theatre and those who could not get in waited on the street for the appearance of Company H. Some of these and the entire company marched to the Dicke Theatre where an overflow meeting was held.

T. A. Verdenius, of Downers Grove, and Robert W. Childs, of Hinsdale, were the speakers of the evening.

"OVER THE TOP WITH JOHNNY" IS GREAT SHOW

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Miss Reid, Laura, Beatrice, Alice, Lois, Nellie, Sallie, Ella, Lucy, Barbara, Louise, Letty, Frances Hughes, Corrine Bertolin, Vera Dickson, Anna David, Etta Jory, Lillian Michel, Virginia Tank, Helen Ehninger, Anna Myers, Isabelle Dickson, Bernice Binder, Mable M. Uhlhorn

The orchestra was composed of the following: Violinist, Miss Mamie Engelschall; Trombonist, Henry Carner; Pianist, Mrs. Hilliard Campbell; Drummer, Richard Shurte; Cornetist, J. H. Shurte; Soldiers, Roy Bruns, Glenn Tinke, Wilson David, William Smith, Frank Waples, Earl Tholin, Frank Duncan and Rudolph Mochel.

NO YELLOW CARDS HAVE BEEN SENT

The local Liberty Loan Committee have not sent any "yellow" cards in to the Federal Reserve Bank as yet. The flying squadron made recommendations for these cards in several cases but the committee will give those reported another chance before turning them in to the government.

A "yellow card" will be sent to the authorities for everyone financially able who refuses to invest in bonds of the third Liberty Loan. This is in accordance with instructions received from the National committee.

Those who are known to be in such circumstances that they cannot invest will not be asked to do so.

In the recent house-to-house canvass many promised that they would subscribe through the local banks. To give these people a chance to redeem their pledge several members of the local committee will be in the directors room at the First National Bank tomorrow night ready to take applications for bonds.

J. R. SHAFFER IS CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECT'N

The annual election for president and two members of the Board of Education for school district No. 88, including Downers Grove, will be held at the village hall tomorrow afternoon. The polls will be open from 1 to 6 and with only one ticket in the field, not many voters are expected to take an interest in the election. But that is what we said last year when "the opposition" "slipped one over."

J. R. Shaffer, who has acted in the capacity of president of the board for the last term is up for re-election and Fred E. Dowe and Joseph E. Weimer are the two candidates for members of the board to serve three years.

These men are the regular candidates and no opposition has developed as yet.

FREE MAIL DELIVERY JUNE FIRST

Postmaster John D. Downer has been notified by the Post Office Department that free delivery of mail in Downers Grove will start on or about June 1st.

This is welcome news to many people who have been waiting for this service for years. Everyone should now find the correct number of their residence from the village office and number their houses so that the carriers will be able to give service from the start.

L. J. JOHNSON

Mr. L. J. Johnson passed away Tuesday, April 16th, after 6 months suffering with inflammatory rheumatism. Interment was made in the West side cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was born in Norway, August 28, 1844 and came to America in 1868. He married Miss Emma Leeberg in 1885 coming to Downers Grove in 1897, where they have made their home since.

He leaves to mourn his loss his loving wife and 2 sons, George G. of Chicago and Charles J. of Downers Grove.

Funeral services were held at the home Friday afternoon by Mrs. F. Gleasner, the Christian Science reader.

Freezing to Death

Many a traveler has frozen to death while asleep. As recent scientific experiments have shown, the body's capacity to regulate temperature is diminished through sleep. This appears to apply both to heat and cold. A healthy man's nervous and muscular activity is reduced to the natural minimum when he falls asleep, and it is then that his temperature falls to its lowest point.

MRS. MAC DONALD READ REPORT ON RED CROSS WORK

Retires as President of Local Branch and will join Husband in Washington

At an adjourned meeting of the executive board of the Downers Grove Branch of the American Red Cross Tuesday evening Mrs. J. P. MacDonald retired as president and submitted a very interesting report on the activities and accomplishments of the organization since her election last July. It follows.

"When elected president of the Downers Grove Branch, A. R. C. I resolved to be a good soldier and I have earnestly and conscientiously striven to live up to that resolution.

"At the beginning of our work, our meetings were held in Library Hall, meeting one day a week, but as the work increased a larger output of work was required of us which necessitated meeting every day. As it was impossible to have Library Hall every day owing to previous engagements for it, the Farmers & Merchants bank came to our assistance and gave us the use of their rooms free of rent, virtually a donation of \$420.46 for which we are extremely thankful.

"Since being organized we have obtained funds through entertainments, benefit sales and voluntary contributions. Our work has been divided into four departments namely, knitting, comforts, hospital garments and surgical dressings. We have shipped to Chicago 1068 hospital garments, 45 dozen handkerchiefs. We have tried to supply each boy with a comfort bag and knitted outfit. In some instances a whole set was not required as some of the articles had been supplied by friends and some completely outfitted. Altogether eighty five were supplied with complete sets and 22 with partial sets. It requires 2 and one quarter pounds of wool for one complete set. The surgical department completed and shipped Belgian relief 140 pounds.

"The sewing and knitting has been accomplished by many willing hands not only the members but the women generally to whom we offer our sincere thanks. The knitting shipped to Chicago—94 mufflers, 462 pairs of socks, 415 sweaters, 99 helmets, 109 wristlets and two trench caps.

"We sent to the department of comforts, Chicago, 62 Navy kits, 74 house-wives, 70 Christmas bags, which were donated by the Downers Grove branch.

"The Junior Auxiliary has done some work in Allied Relief activities.

"Our success has been due to the self sacrifice of the women. You have responded to the call and have been glad, willing and thankful to be able to aid in the performance of our work.

"The year has been one of harmonious effort, of loyalty and kindness to your president who expresses to you her deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks. Again I urge upon you the necessity of this work which is of such vital importance to the heroic army of men battling for our liberty and the world's freedom."

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the retiring executive.

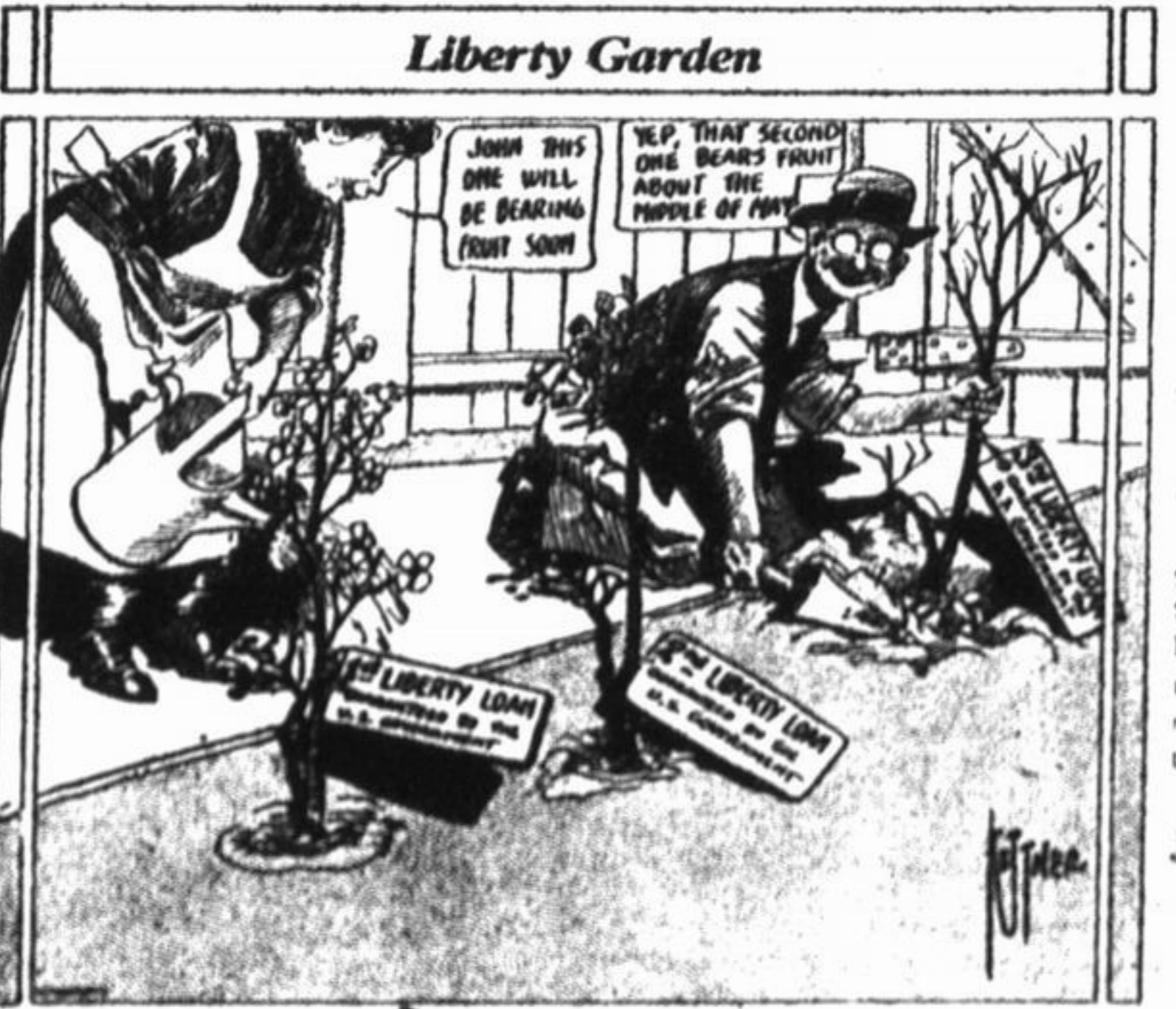
Guy Bush becomes president, succeeding Mrs. MacDonald, and will serve until the next annual meeting. He has been vice-president.

For various reasons the Red Cross work rooms in the Farmers & Merchants Bank building will from now on be open but three days a week. These will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and the work hours are from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Both the sewing and knitting groups are affected by this change.

The surgical dressing workers will have four instead of three sessions next week, as the allotment of work for April is unusually large and the holding of various meetings in Library Hall interfered with some of the usual sessions earlier in the month. There will be work hours both Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and evenings at 2:30 and 7:30 o'clock in Library Hall. All who have done surgical dressing work and new recruits are desired. Butone simple form of "wipe" is being made at present and a novice can pick up the knack of folding these in a few minutes.

Junior auxiliaries organized at G. Greggs School District 60 and Utopia have been placed under the jurisdiction of the Downers Grove branch.

Sex on Plants. The chief reason for the existence of sex in plants seems to be the need for a constant change, a rejuvenation and modification of the progeny through uniting the characters of two individuals into one, thus new forms arise.



interests, and was one of the pastors who co-operated in the recent coal conservation movement which made possible the closing of two church buildings during the cold weather period. He has co-operated with his fellow-pastors at every opportunity and has earned the respect and confidence of all. His many friends in Downers Grove wish him success and prosperity in his new field of labor.

In his closing message to the people of Downers Grove last Sunday evening, Mr. Oliver characteristically pointed his hearers to Jesus Christ as the source of all true riches and prosperity. He alluded to his happy experience as a pastor here, and declared that Downers Grove would always be sacredly associated in his memory with some of the richest spiritual experiences of his life. He earnestly requested his hearers to remember him in prayer as he would soon take up his duties as a spiritual advisor and friend of hundreds of men in khaki.

It was with sincere regret that the many who came forward at the close of the service bade Mr. and Mrs. Oliver good-bye. They left on the 5:33, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Oliver and little son will reside with her parents in Chicago.

LITTLE THRIFTERS

Halt the Hun with War Savings Stamps.

A War Savings pig will root for Uncle Sam. There should be one on every farm.

Help Foch beat the Boche—Buy War Savings Stamps.

April showers bring cauliflowers. Plant them in your War Savings garden.

Have you signed your War Savings pledge? The Kaiser's friends are all failing to sign them.

A Change for the Invalid. If you have a friend lying ill, try taking some daintily prepared edibles next time you make a visit.

Nourishing broths and soups, wine jellies, delicately browned custards and light puddings made of eggs and milk are good. Or a small jar of marmalade or half a dozen lightly browned biscuits for the invalid's tea. Or creamed chicken and creamed oysters delivered in a charming blue bowl and all ready to be heated up by the nurse.

Grapefruit is always appreciated and mandarin oranges and white grapes in a pretty basket are an appetizing combination, and there are some invalids who would be delighted with a jar of preserved ginger for occasional nibbling.

Mr. Verdenius is general manager of sales for a big Florida Land company and Mr. Childs is special Attorney General for the United States in the Chicago district.

At both theatres Mr. Verdenius was applauded to the echo. He spoke on loyalty to the United States from the standpoint of the foreign born and told in words which could not be mistaken what they should do.

In speaking of those who come to this country from various European nations, landing on our shores with little or nothing, and after living here for several years, gaining in wealth all the time, they are continually to the detriment of ours, Mr. Verdenius said. "These people should be loaded on ships and sent back to their former homes, back to the squalor, the food and conditions which they came here to escape. In two months they would be on their knees, begging Uncle Sam to take them back."

He said that every foreign born person in the United States should back up the land of their adoption to the limit of their resources, fight if they could and if not then with money. He feels so deeply on this subject and told of his feelings in such forceful language that at almost every sentence he was forced to wait until the applause died down.

Mr. Child's in his address gave local people food for much thought. He quoted from Pan-German newspapers, periodicals and from the speeches of the military leaders of the Central Empires showing how Germany has been planning to Germanize the world. Through schools, churches and associations, not only in this country but in every land to which German people have emigrated, the "Fatherland" has been busy with its propaganda of spreading the German Kultur. Mr. Childs said many teachers and ministers were doing this innocently, but that they were doing it, nevertheless.

At the Dicke Theatre he ended up with a few words of praise for Company H, I. R. M. and similar organizations all over the United States; He said if it wasn't for these men being prepared to quell any uprising after militia troops were sworn into Federal service, that trouble would have been met with in almost all parts of the United States, so well organized was the enemy.

The Liberty Loan Committee wish to thank Mr. Dicke and Mr. Campbell for the generous use of their theatres on Monday night.

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