

APRIL AMOUNT OF DRESSINGS COMPLETED

By holding two extra sessions and a goodly number of additional workers the surgical dressing department of the local Red Cross completed its March allotment of dressings. Though gauze, nonabsorbent cotton and cellulose were not received until April 17 the quota of 2,000 compresses, 8 x 4 inches, and 100 pads were completed and delivered to the Chicago chapter last week Monday. With these went 600 smaller compresses made under the direction of Mrs. J. P. MacDonald, making the total number of dressings delivered 2,700.

At one session there was an attendance of 31. This was the largest number since the work was taken up. It is hoped to later increase the attendance at each session to fifty and possibly institute additional classes. For the present additional sessions will be special. Regular meetings will be Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 and Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30. All surgical dressing work is done at Library Hall. Women and young ladies are invited to attend. Crosses are now being awarded the workers who have put in the required number of hours at the work. A card index of all workers has been started. Miss Maul Mertz who instituted the surgical dressing work in the village, has returned and resumed charge of the classes.

Another shipment of hospital garments under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Gillespie has been made by the local branch. It included 50 convalescent robes, 34 pairs of pajamas, 10 bed jackets, 21 pairs of underdrawers and 25 undershirts. In the recent shipment of garments and shoes for the relief of European war sufferers Downers Grove contributed four tenths of one percent of the total amount shipped by the Chicago chapter of the Red Cross. The population of the village is but one tenth of one per cent of the population of the district covered by this chapter.

Owners of talking machines should hold themselves in readiness to contribute records when a call is made. These are usually wanted on short notice as needs for them cannot be measured far in advance. They are used in all Red Cross convalescent hospitals. The healing and regenerative value of music is not overlooked.

Mrs. Keiser has made another shipment of work completed by Red Cross members. It consisted of 100 pairs of socks, 64 sweaters, 14 helmets and 22 pairs of wristlets.

MOTHERS CLUBS TO HOLD MEETING AT AURORA

The annual meeting of the Illinois Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations will be held in Aurora next week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 14, 15, and 16. This meeting promises to be one of the biggest gatherings the organization has ever held and many Downers Grove women connected with the local Mothers Club are planning on attending one of the sessions.

On Wednesday evening will be held the Jolly Tar program which has interest for the local women. The "Jolly Tar" is a club house for the sailor boys at the Great Lakes Station and the Clubs of the state have not only furnished the money to run it, but have also run it themselves. The Downers Grove Mothers Club is especially interested in this project. The meetings will be held in the East Aurora high school as follows: Tuesday, 2:30, Opening Session; 7:30, Informal Reception. Wednesday, 9:00 a. m.; 2:00 p. m.; 7:30 p. m. Thursday, 9:00 a. m.; 2:00 p. m.

Delegates from all the clubs will make their annual reports and many speakers will address the sessions on the great questions of the day and of America's participation in the war. Following is the program for the Jolly Tar evening: Mrs. O. T. Bright, presiding. 7:30 Orchestra, East Side School. 8:00 Invocation—Capt. J. H. Freeman. Quartette—By "Jolly Tars." Violin solo—By a member of the Great Lakes Band. Address—"A Mobilization of Hospitality," illustrated by slides, Mrs. B. F. Langworthy. "The Cookie Jar"—A Jackie. The Melting Pot—By all present. Transmutation of old trinkets into comforts for Jackies.

Showing Value of Fertilization. The value of fertilization is shown by some results obtained by the Ohio experiment station. There was secured from the fertilized soil an average yield per acre of 61 bushels of corn, 23 1/2 bushels of wheat and 3,928 pounds of clover hay. Unfertilized land adjoining has yielded 46 1/2 bushels of corn, 11 bushels of wheat and 2,517 pounds of hay per acre.

MEN IN DRAFT SHOULD NOTIFY ANY CHANGE IN STATUS

Section 116 of the Selective Service Regulations provides as follows: "Every registrant shall, within five days after the happening thereof report to his Local Board any fact which might change or affect his classification. Failure to report change of status as herein required, or making a false report thereof, is a misdemeanor punishable by one year's imprisonment."

This regulation has the same force and effect as law. It behoves every man registered under the Selective Service Law to observe the provisions of this Section explicitly. If the letter and the spirit of Section 116 are not enforced and obeyed, the intent of the Selective Service system is thwarted.

To this end this District Board has communicated with the United States Department of Justice and American Protective League with a view toward prosecution in the Criminal Courts of any person who fails to report change of status.

The information properly should be in the form of affidavits and communicated to the registrant's Local Board—not to the District Board. When the facts are made known to the Local Board, the Local Board will instruct the registrant with reference to further consideration.

It is particularly important that men employed in agricultural and industrial occupations report changes of tenancy, changes of employers, and changes of employment. In fact any circumstances whatsoever that even might affect the classification of the registrant must be communicated within five days to his Local Board under penalty of imprisonment for neglect.

Very truly yours, District Board for Division Numbers, Northern District of Illinois. John V. Farwell, Chairman. Frank Hamlin Secretary.

COUNTY FARMERS LOSING HALF A MILLION DOLLARS

Figures compiled, by County Advisor Heaton's office, from a systematic canvass of seven townships, Lisle and Addison not yet completed show that 11,097 1/2 acres of land are still in need of drainage. These acres are the very richest land in DuPage Co. having accumulated the wealth of soil which has been washed from the higher land for untold centuries.

One farmer within one mile of Wheaton harvested barley which brought at the rate of \$100 per acre assuming that the high price now paid for farm produce will continue and that the other two townships, figures of which are incomplete, will show at least 2000 additional wet acres, it is safe to estimate that half a million extra dollars could be added to the wealth of this county annually. Now when the shortage of food stuffs is so great it behoves every one to do their best to put this land in cultivation, not only increasing our earning power but greatly bettering sanitary conditions, removing the very breeding places of mosquitos, flies, etc.

Highways will be much improved and land values in general will be greatly increased by the reclamation of unsightly and unproductive slough land. Number of acres needing draining: Bloomingdale twp. 1836 Downers Grove twp. 2097 Milton twp. 882 1/2 Naperville twp. 1239 Wayne twp. 2494 1/2 Winfield twp. 1367 1/2 York twp. 1191 11,097 1/2

BIBLE WITHIN REACH OF ALL

May Be Well Described as the Most Valuable and Cheapest Book in the World.

The Bible is the most valuable and the cheapest book in the world. Its value we all acknowledge, but did you know that you could buy a complete Bible of 1,000 double pages for 30 cents in Germany and 17 cents in England and the United States? And copies of the New Testament are sold in England for a penny apiece! In the thirteenth century a fine English Bible cost £30.

At that time the wages of a laborer were nine pence a week. So to buy a Bible he must save his entire income for 15 years. Of course he didn't. He went to the churches, where the precious volume was chained to the desk to keep it safe, and there he read the exciting Old Testament stories or the beautiful Gospels, or more likely listened to a reader who was better educated than he.

In those days the Bible was valuable in every way. Today a workman may buy the New Testament by walking home one night instead of making the car, or giving up the potato he had planned for his dinner.—From the World Outlook.

FLAG RAISING AT DREUTTEL'S SUNDAY MORN

Co. H. will participate in a flag raising at the Theodore Dreuttel home on Grand avenue next Sunday morning at the invitation of Mr. Dreuttel. A big flag pole has been erected on the lawn and neighbors will participate in the ceremony.

The company will gather at the high school at 7 o'clock and after a little drill around town will march to the Dreuttel home. After raising the flag the women of the neighborhood will serve a breakfast to the militiamen.

The company has been invited by the Baptist Sunday school to take part in the Mothers' Day exercises at 9:45, the usual Sunday school hour and will go there in a body.

Next Sunday, May 19th the Second Battalion will come to Downers Grove for a review. As this is the day picked for the raising of the Stars and Stripes on the Library lawn, Captain Balezynski is pulling strings to get the entire battalion to take part in the ceremonies.

The Khaki Kids Klub is collecting the money from the residents of the village for this flag and pole and people are donating very willingly. The pole will be erected on the terrace in front of the Library building and will be over seventy feet high.

LEGAL ADVISE FOR ARMY MEN AND FAMILIES

A local Legal Advisory Board has been appointed for DuPage county, consisting of the following persons: Wheaton

Judge S. L. Rathje, Herbert A. Schryver, Charles W. Hadley, Fred M. Blount, William H. Fischer, West Chicago John W. Leedle, Burton T. Jones, Glen Ellyn Robert J. Scott, L. C. Cooper, Lombard Col. W. R. Plum, Samuel W. Norton, Elmhurst

Edgar B. Fischer, Allen F. Dates, Michael Kross, Hinsdale Lawrence J. Conover, Lester C. Childs, Warren B. Wilson, Clark B. Richie, Downers Grove Gustave H. Bunge, A. B. Snow, Naperville Joseph A. Reuss, John S. Goodwin, Alfred C. Hoy, Addison Herret C. Strauschild.

The object of creating this board and its duties, are to provide enlisted men and their families with advice and assistance in securing their rights under the various laws that have been enacted for their relief especially the allotment and allowance provisions, the insurance act, the compensation law, and in settling and arranging their affairs during their absence.

The services of each of this board are at the disposal, free of charge, to any enlisted man or his family for these purposes. It is suggested that those residents in the different parts of the County would find it convenient to apply to the members of the board residing in places nearest or most accessible to him.

IDEAL SITE FOR REST CURE

City of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, in Bolivia, Practically a Place of Absolute Silence.

"The only tropical city of Bolivia, it stands some 1,500 feet above sea level so far from the outside world that mail deposited on January 7 reached New York on March 11. Of the 19,000 inhabitants of Santa Cruz de la Sierra 11,000 are female." Harry A. Franck writes in the Century.

"It is a city of silence. Spreading over a dead flat, half sandy, jungled plain, its right angled streets are deep in reddish sand in which not only its shod feet, by no means in the majority, though the upper class is almost foppish in dress, but even the solid wooden wheels of its clumsy ox carts make not a sound. There is no modern industry to lend its strident voice, though the town boasts three 'teem establishments' for the making of ice, the grinding of maize and the sawing of lumber, and every street fades away at either end into the whispering jungle. Narrow sidewalks of porous red bricks, roofed by the wide overhanging eaves of the houses, often upheld by pillars or poles, line most of the streets. But these are by no means continuous, and being commonly high above the street level and often taken up entirely, especially of an evening, by the families, who consider this their veranda rather than the pedestrian's right of way, the latter generally finds it easier to plod through the sand of the street itself."

Optimistic Thought. Retirement is the punishment of the fool, the paradise of the wise.

Why We Fight No. 3

Because Germany's Law is the Law of the Jungle and Her Doctrine "Might is Right"

By CLARENCE L. SPREED Secretary of the War Committee of the Union League Club of Chicago.

We are at war with Germany because Prussia dominates Germany, and from the days of Frederick the Great, Prussia's law has been the law of the jungle, her doctrine "Might is Right" and her policy, in dealing with other nations, one of robbing the weak and terrorizing the strong. Germany has grabbed territory and exacted tribute from her neighbors, and finally, her greed becoming greater, has looked out over more distant lands, and has committed herself to a policy of world domination which menaces the continued free existence of every nation which will not submit to her will.

Germany's policy is not an accidental one. It has been carried out with remarkable stoginess of purpose from generation to generation of Hohenzollern rule, from the time of the Great Frederick until today. Germany's atrocities are not accidental. They are a deliberate, well thought out part of this Hohenzollern policy, which was to break down the resistance of her opponents, not only by fighting and defeating their armies but by killing, torturing and terrorizing the civil population.

The German rulers committed themselves to the doctrine of the survival of the fittest. Through generations of teaching they made the German people believe that they, and they alone, were the fit.

We have the words of the German rulers and German warriors and German leaders of thought for all of this. More than that we have the performance of German officers and German armies in conquered lands to prove it. Let's start with Frederick the Great in presenting the evidence. This monarch, who earned his soubriquet through despoiling his neighbors, rather than through any real qualities of mind which he showed, said, in a letter to his minister, Radziwill:

"If there is anything to be gained by it, we will be honest; if deception is necessary, let us be cheats. One takes what one can, and one is wrong only when obliged to give back."

This philosophy, applied to present conditions, means that Germany was right when she took Belgium, and will be wrong only if she is not able to hold it.

From Frederick the Great to Bismarck is a long jump in the matter of time; but we find the Prussian policy unchanged. Speaking before the military committee of the Prussian Chamber of Deputies in 1862 Bismarck said:

"Not by speeches and resolutions of majorities are the great questions of the time decided, but by iron and blood."

Then, with blood and iron, Prussia went out and despoiled Denmark of territory in 1864, beat and robbed Austria in 1866, and finally, in 1870, brought France to her knees and took her richest provinces.

Here is what the present kaiser told his troops when, in 1900, they were about to depart for China to put down the boxer uprising:

"Use your weapons in such a way that for a thousand years no Chinese shall dare to look upon a German askance. Be as terrible as Attila's Huns."

Coming on down to the present war we find a German minister accredited to a neutral state far across the sea—one which one would think should be free from the entanglements of world politics—writing home to his government, in a state paper, advising the sinking of two ships from this neutral nation, in such a manner that no trace be left. Dead men, he believed, tell no tales.

It was Baron Luxburg, minister plenipotentiary to Argentina, who wrote this amazing dispatch on May 19, 1917: "I beg that the small steamers Oran and Guazo . . . which are nearing Bordeaux . . . be spared if possible, or else sunk without a trace being left."

This telegram was intercepted in the United States and published. It sent a thrill of horror around the world. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is a true disciple of Frederick the Great, Bismarck and his royal master. In a public speech on January 31, 1917, he said:

"When the most ruthless methods are calculated to lead us to victory, swift victory, they must be employed." So they were used, and are being used today. They include sinking of hundreds of neutral ships, the burning of cities, the deliberate devastating of the fair lands of France, the ravishing of women, the enslavement of workmen and the murder of little children.

Horrors such as these are told in detail in "The Prussian System," by F. C. Walcott, who, for a long time, was engaged in behalf of America in trying to get food to the Poles whom the Germans were deliberately starving by the hundreds of thousands so that they might not cumber the land which the Germans intended to occupy.

Knowing all this, can the American people talk of any peace by negotiation? Can they stop this war until this mad dog of nations is freed from the military rulers who teach frightfulness from the cradle, and will only give a respite now to prepare themselves for further conquests?

PATRIOTIC BOWLERS TO HAVE MEET

A Patriotic Bowling Tournament is to be staged in the State of Illinois starting May 25th to build alleys for the soldiers at Camp Grant. The entries close at midnight on May 17th and the tournament will be bowled from May 25 to June 1. Entries are \$1.00 an event and 50c an event for the bowling.

Two features of this tournament are unique. Those who enter may roll their games on any alleys in the State and high scores do not count in the prize list. Many prizes are being hung up and they will be distributed in a sort of lottery. Most of them have been donated and slips containing the prize and name of the donor will be put into a barrel. In another barrel will go the names of contestants and as a slip is drawn from each barrel it will designate the winner and the prize.

While this is a new method in any sport of picking the winners, it will swell the fund, as men who have not bowled for years will get in who otherwise wouldn't.

Medals will be given for the high score in each event. L. E. Bunning is a member of the Advisory Committee which has the meet in charge and it is his purpose and that of local bowlers to turn in quite a little money from the Downers Grove alleys. Those wishing to enter can get blanks at Dicke's.

DOWNERS GROVE "HONOR ROLL"

Medical Corps Dr. W. S. Barber, First Lieutenant Dr. W. S. Bebb, Captain Dr. Chas. C. Butler, Corporal Aldershot, England Dr. K. Hartnack, Captain Dr. M. L. Puffer, Captain Dr. Edwin Strong, First Lieutenant

Medical Reserve Dr. A. R. Moore Officers Reserve, Active Service Robert Agee, Captain A. W. Aubot, First Lieutenant Charles Gullick, First Lieutenant I. Haebich, First Lieutenant William F. James, First Lieutenant Arthur Johnson, Second Lieutenant Clifford Reid, Second Lieutenant T. Harry Slusser, First Lieutenant L. H. Whitney, First Lieutenant

Marine Corps Stanley Baron* John Bryan, Jr.* John Burek* John Caird* Philip Jory* John Pozdol* Albert Winter

Navy Walter Barrett* William Brady* Frank Bruns* Paul R. Berryman* Malvin Butler* Charles Carpenter* Jack Carpenter, Machinists Mate, 2nd. Samuel G. Coles* Edwin C. Curtiss* Wilson David* Charles F. Davis* Ralph Dexter* Roy Dexter* Dan Diener* Alfred H. Dowle, Chief Yeoman Herbert Ehninger* Walter Fredenhagen* A. R. Hall, British Navy. Robert MacDougall* Robert McElroy* Albert Meyers* M. J. Morton* Burley Reidler, Water Tender Logan Stanley* Geo. O. Whitney

Navy Radio Corps Wilson Dohyans Naval Aviation Corps Owen Griffiths Earl Prince

Regular Army Clarence Axium Sergeant-Major, Leon Brunet Corporal Henry Dailey Sergeant Harold A. McAllister John Michalek First Sergeant Stanley Nebraski John Kosla James Pozdol Charles Urbanski

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