

PATRIOTIC ENTERTAINMENT AT THE M. E. CHURCH

Stirring Pantomime by Members of Sunday School last Friday Night.

A very stirring and enthusiastic patriotic entertainment was given last Friday evening at the Methodist church by the members of the Sunday school. The entire air of the meeting carried with it the strains of martial music and of our boys beyond the sea.

With remarks relating to the war and its significance Mr. C. A. Carlson very aptly opened the program, a chorus of mixed voices did justice to the war time songs. Miss Stover and Mrs. R. E. Rasweiler rendered stirring solo as they alone ran.

As a climax to the thrills heretofore given a pantomime showing the sore and stricken hearts of the Belgium people was impressively given, with the cross as a background and a dim light to guide his way a lone Belgian sentry slowly trends his way across the stage to the soft and tender strain of "Come ye disconsolate" a Belgian mother enters with her children frightened by the blinding light of the shell flashes and the thunder of the guns kneeling before the cross she offers prayer as King Alfred offers words of consolation.

The effectiveness of the scene was due to the various colored lights used which brought home the meaning of the pantomime to those present. The program follows: Voluntary, Miss Roe. Remarks, C. A. Carlson. Conscientious Objectors, Marjorie Whiffen. Mother Goose in War Time, Katherine Rasweiler, Edmond Rasweiler, Harold Steffy, Eleanor Drees and Jane Frankenthal. Solo "When the boys come home", Mrs. R. E. Rasweiler. The Service Flag, Everett Rogers. "Your Lad and My Lad" Katherine Fraker. Solo "God be With our Boys To-night" Miss Grace Stover. Getting out to Sunday school, Ben Morgan and Lorraine Modjeska.

The following choruses were sung by the Sunday school classes: A Song for America, Over There. The Further it is from Tipperary, Keep the Home Fires Burning.

Pantomime-Prayer French soldier Leo Rogers, King Albert, Arthur Tyler, Belgian children were represented by the scholars of the Misses Boydston and Phelps.

Additional Locals

Mr. Val Wander with Lilly and Carl have gone to Beaver, Pa. for a weeks vacation with Mr. Wanders sisters.

Say, are you going to the big Union Sunday school picnic at Naperville Park tomorrow? Right you are wouldn't miss that for anything.

Baby Marie Osborn at Dicke's Saturday. adv.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Dunnagan and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carlson and daughter, Jean, left town last Saturday night in Mr. Dunnagan's car, with trailer attached, loaded with a camping outfit and the Stars and Stripes flying in the breeze, headed for the Fox river near Yorkville, where they expected to spend a week camping and fishing for the foxy bass. They returned Wednesday evening reporting the fishing good but the bass too foxy.

Remember, that train leaves Downers Grove promptly at 8:49 Saturday morning for the Union Sunday school picnic at Naperville Park.

The home of Mrs. C. J. Winter was the gathering place of a party of old friends Tuesday afternoon, those present were Mrs. Wm. Dietrich and daughter of Chicago, Mrs. Glah and daughter of Rochester, Pa., Mrs. John Horstman and daughter, Mrs. Albert Oberman and daughter, Mrs. Ed. Kessel and daughter, Mrs. J. Hayden and Mrs. F. Dent of Hinsdale, Mrs. Fred Bonhof of Texas, Mrs. George Berry and son, Mrs. Elmer Mochel and daughter, Mrs. Charles Heinke and son, Mrs. Oscar Carlson, Mrs. C. H. Staats and the Misses Emma Wander and Hazel Staats.

Soldiers and sailors admitted to the Dicke Theater by paying war tax only

Costly Law Proceedings. The folly of rushing to the law to settle every little dispute is demonstrated by an action between two potters for a sum of £2. After being in court for 11 years, it was put an end to by being referred to arbitrators, who decided in favor of the defendant in the case, and ordered the plaintiff to pay all the costs incurred in the proceedings, which were assessed at £1,000.—London Tit-Bits.

JOHN SINYARD

Mr. John Sinyard passed away at the home of Chas. Oldfield, at Cass, Thursday morning, July 18.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 1:30 o'clock from the house and 2 o'clock at the Cass church. Burial in Cass cemetery.

Mr. Sinyard was born in England May 16, 1827, coming to America when a young man. Most of his life in this country was spent in Lockport and Cass with the exception of five years when he resided with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Heatt, at Mount-cello, Ind.

About a month ago he came to stay with his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Oldfield, where he passed away. He also survived by one son who resides at Archer, Iowa.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS MADE SCRAP BOOKS

The two local branches of the Camp Fire Girls, the Wauabancie and Tabigua camps, held a joint meeting last Thursday evening at the home of Miss Hester Moore. The purpose of the meeting was to make scrap books for the soldiers. Each member brought the jokes, pictures and other articles which she had clipped from the various magazines and periodicals. These were soon posted in the scrap books and the books were turned over to Mrs. Balezynski, guardian of the Tabigua Camp. These books will soon find their way into the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A.'s where they will aid the soldiers and sailors in passing the long winter evenings and will furnish one means of combating homesickness.

Mrs. O'Neill, guardian of the Wauabancie Camp was absent on account of illness. After the girls had completed the books refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

DELTA SIGMA PHI SORORITY GIRLS LIVING AT DeWITT'S

The Delta Sigma Phi girls are getting a good example of sorority life this week by turning the DeWitt home on Gilbert Ave., into the "Chee Wee Inn." At present there are 11 girls staying there.

The girls who do not work, are the cooks and house maids.

Those staying at the "Chee Wee Inn" are: Bernice Thatcher, Helen Thatcher, Louise Wells, Dorothy Furlong, Ruth Diener, Ruth DeWitt, Gloria Farrar, Bernice Binder, Adelaide Walker, Lucille Bush and Helen Mahoney.

CONCERT FOR BENEFIT OF BOY SCOUTS

A concert will be given at the High school auditorium next Friday evening, July 26th, for the benefit of the Boy Scout Troops of Downers Grove.

The artists taking part in the program will be Misses Zita Norpell and Gwendolyn Griffiths of the Grove, Jackie Donato Colefemina, of the Great Lakes and Mr. Edwin Goldbeck of Chicago.

The program will consist of both vocal and instrumental selections promised to be one of the best ever rendered in Downers Grove. It will start at 8:15. The entire program will be printed in next week's Reporter.

Tickets can be secured from any of the Scouts.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I herewith announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer on the Republican ticket at the Primaries to be held Wednesday, Sept. 11th.

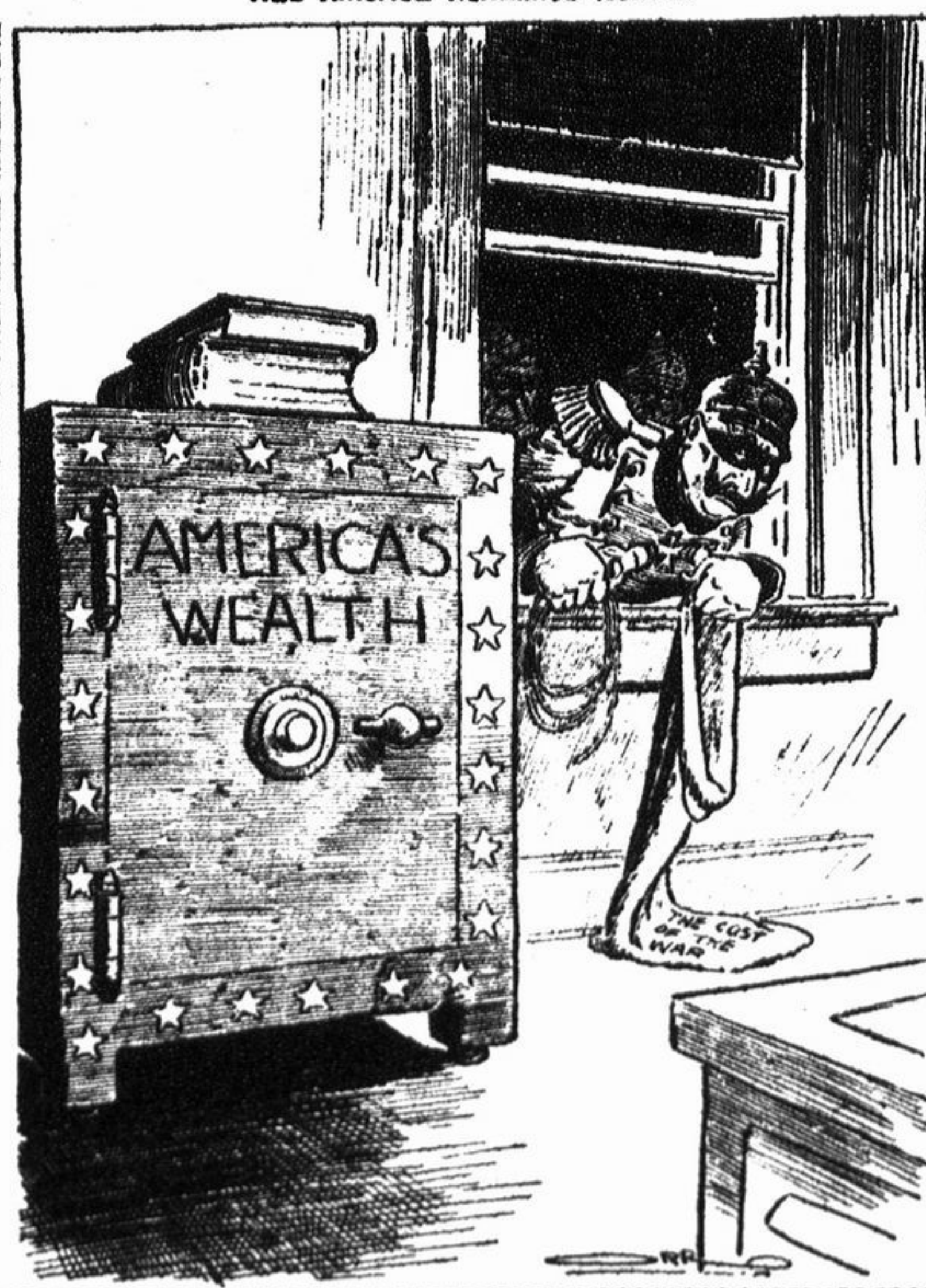
John F. Hesterman.

LETTERS BETTER THAN FOOD

Soldiers in France Regard Mail Day as Bigger Than Pay Day, so Write Often and Cheerfully.

Our head sergeant gets up on a box with his arms loaded with letters and calls out "Mail!" It goes along the line like wild fire. Where it usually takes the men about five minutes to assemble for drill call or police duty and two or three minutes for mess call, I'll bet that within thirty seconds the whole company is assembled when they hear "The Mail's In" Then they all stand as silently as if it were a funeral so as not to miss a single name as the sergeant calls them out. Some go leaping and yelling with joy with two or three letters, or perhaps with one. The more unfortunate ones often leave with tears in their eyes. The day the mail comes in a bigger day than pay day.—A Soldier's letter.

AFTER THE WAR Had America Remained Neutral



Humble the United States, Long Plan of Germany

By CLARENCE L. SPEED
(Written for the War Committee of the Union League Club of Chicago.)

"The United States must be taken down a peg. America is growing too presumptuous. She is obtaining too much of the world's trade. She is interfering with Germany's commerce in foreign lands, and piling up too much wealth. Sooner or later we will have to show her with the sword the might of Germany, and teach her not to interfere with our commercial development."

How many American tourists have heard this kind of talk in Germany! They heard it from all kinds of people; from diplomats, from merchants, from bankers, from professors in the universities, and from the man in the street. Yet, in years gone by they paid no attention to it; saw no German menace. They merely puffed out their chests with pride at the thought of what a great nation they represented, and dismissed the German threats as idle boasts.

Such a tourist was Prof. Albin W. Small, head of the department of sociology of the University of Chicago. Professor Small knew Germany as well as an American could. He was educated in a German university. He married a German woman; he loved the German poets and the German philosophy; he had spent years among the German people. Yet he became convinced, after a time, that Germany was actually planning a blow at the United States. He exposed the plan in 1903—five years after the Spanish-American war, yet he was given little credence in this country.

Tells of His Experiences. Professor Small tells of his experiences and conclusions in a pamphlet entitled: "Americans and the World-Crisis," issued as No. 2 in the series of University of Chicago War Papers, as follows: "In the summer of 1903 I was in Germany on business which gave me the occasion to sample the opinions about our country of more different classes of Germans than I had ever interviewed before. The itinerary scheduled stops at Cologne, Lucerne, Vienna, Budapest, Munich, Dresden, Berlin, and thence an excursion into Russia. At each of these points, and in the intermediate travel, I had opportunities to talk with many men of prominence and with as many more whom I could classify as merely ordinary specimens of their various types.

"I soon became aware that, quite aside from the direct purpose of my trip, I was gathering from these sources a collection of significant and cumulative evidence. Over and over again Germans of different social positions, living in as many different parts of Germany and neighboring countries, volunteered the same opinion in almost the same words: "You Yankees are all right, but it is only a question of time when we Germans will have to fight you, not with trade regulations, but with cannon." And my question 'Why? Invari-

ably brought the stereotyped answer: "Because you are trying to get some of the world's foreign commerce." Professor Small's observations recall an actual plan for the invasion of the United States by a German force, published in 1901 by the German War college itself. This plan, which was contained in a report entitled "Operations 'Ueber See'" ("Operations Beyond the Sea"), by Baron von Edelsheim of the German general staff, told how the Germans might circumvent or destroy the United States navy, make a landing on the Atlantic coast, seize and ravage the larger cities, and exact a heavy ransom or indemnity.

Actually Favored Invasion. Baron von Edelsheim's report, published with the official sanction of the War college, contained the following significant paragraph, dealing in no way with the problem at hand, but expressing an opinion that an attack on the United States would and should some day be made: "It is principally with this nation (America) that in recent years Germany has had considerable political friction, the causes underlying the same having, as a rule, been of a commercial nature, and the smoothing over of which was uniformly due to Germany's forbearance in the premises. Unquestionably the time will come when there must be a limit to all such forbearance on our part in matters of this kind, in which case we shall find ourselves confronted with the question as to what means of force we find at our immediate disposal to combat the encroachments by the United States against our interests, and in this case, if necessary, back up successfully our demands with force of arms."

German plans for conquest in Europe are now well known. Most Americans now realize that Germany forced the war that she might extend her dominions from the Baltic to the Persian gulf, and from the English channel to the Black sea. Germany knew that such a war of conquest would be costly. She knew that ravaged territories would not be immediately able to pay the cost of it. She knew that defeated enemies, despoiled of their choicest possessions, and with their man power dead or crippled, would never be able to meet indemnities of sufficient size to reimburse her.

To Make U. S. Pay. So what did Germany do? She calmly made plans to force the United States to pay a huge indemnity to defray the cost of the war. She was not then at war with this country, but German official newspapers were preparing the people for war by arousing their hatred of America in regard to the sale of munitions to the allies. In view of all this evidence can there be any question as to why the United States is in the war? Can anyone doubt for a moment that an attack on the United States was planned as the next step after victory over Germany's enemies in Europe? Can anyone think that this hostility was due solely to America's attitude in the present conflict, after reading the evidence taken years and years before anyone on this side of the Atlantic ever dreamed of a world conflict? Can any loyal American talk of peace on any terms other than a victory so complete that Germany, for all time to come, will never be in a position to revive her dreams of conquest and ruthless world domination?

ESTHER GRENIER

Esther Grenier, age 19 years and 4 months, daughter of Peter and Philomene (nee Rochon), passed away Tuesday, July 16, at the home of her parents on Highland Avenue.

She was born in Chicago, March 5, 1899 and came to Downers Grove with her parents, at the age of 9 years.

She was well known by the young folks of the village, having attended both the public and the parochial schools. She was buried in St. Bernard's cemetery, after services at St. Joseph's church, Dr. Goodwin officiating.

TOMORROW IS BIG DAY AT NAPERVILLE PARK

All arrangements have been practically completed for the picnic of the Union Sunday Schools of Downers Grove at Naperville Park, tomorrow, Saturday July 20th. It is up to the weather man to furnish a perfect day. A record crowd is expected to find their way to the picnic grounds.

Those having automobiles will go direct to Naperville Park; those going by train will leave Downers Grove on the 8:49 A. M. westbound, this train will stop right at the Park, those coming from Chicago in the afternoon will take the train leaving Chicago 1:15 P. M. for westbound passengers and will likewise stop at Naperville Park.

Returning in the evening there will be a train at Naperville Park at 5:20 and one at 8:40 P. M. There will be older people on all these trains to look after the younger people so that parents may feel assured their children will be taken care of. Reduced tickets will be on sale at the depot platform and on the specified trains for members of the various Sunday Schools. Pack up your picnic baskets and join the crowd. Come and have a real good time. There will be games and amusements of interest to all. Refreshments will be on sale. Host for the Union Picnic.

NOTICE 1917 REGISTRANTS

The War Department has sent out a call for the following class of men held for Special or Limited Military Service, or men in Classes 2, 3 or 4. 20 Blacksmiths, 75 Graders, 28 Assistant Millwrights. Volunteers will be accepted up to and including July 23rd. Local Board for DuPage Co., Illinois. Charles D. Clark.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY TEACHERS

In these days when the subject of Universal Military Training is receiving such wide attention it is interesting to note the resolutions adopted by the National League of Teachers' Associations in praise of Secretary Baker's stand. Following are the resolutions: "The National League of Teachers' Associations, representing twenty-thousand teachers in convention at Pittsburg, desires to express its warm approval of your courage and statesmanship in refusing to be stampeded into the endorsement and adoption of a permanent system of universal military training and service at this time. The American people are in this war, as Lloyd George has said of the English people, to put an end to that monstrous evil everywhere, and it is heartening to feel that under the leadership which we now enjoy we are in no danger of losing the chief end of the war before the war is more than well begun. We are well aware that your moderate and sensible position has cost you some newspaper abuse, but we believe that your course is well understood and is silently approved by the great American people."

BONDS OF THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

Bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan are now being turned out by the thousands daily by the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The bonds are similar in form and design to those of the third loan, and space has been left on each bond for insertion of the exact terms of the bonds. It is believed that a sufficient number of the bonds will be ready to make possible immediate delivery of all bonds of the fourth loan as they are purchased.

COMPANY H, ENTERTAINED AT GREGGS

Journeyed Through Mud and Water to Home of M. Eugene Yackley, Monday Night.

Who said you could not have a good time in Greogs? Ask any member of Com. H, and see what he says. From muddy roads to ice cream, cake and cookies was the program set for the boys Tuesdays evening.

With a vim and a punch and lots of pep, the militia set out for the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Eugene Yackley, about two miles from the Greogs station on the Greogs road, to feast on pastries and ice cream. In all there were about fifty who knew and partook of Mr. Yackley's hospitality. After tramping for what seemed ages all arrived and gave the many friends of the host and hostess an exhibitory drill. After singing the many popular airs with which the Guards are acquainted, Cook Tholin and Serg. Orsinger pulled off their little vaudeville stunt which they so cleverly "got away with" some time ago.

To be sure the best and most welcome number on the program was next served by the young lady friends of Mr. and Mrs. Yackley. It was not long before the "eats" had won the hearts of the members of the Company. With more singing and a rousing cheer of thanks the men fell in and singing their old faithful "K-K-Katy" song and "Keep the Home Fires Burning" they vanished into the mud and darkness.

Acting Corp. Downes figured on a big laugh so he lugged a combination overcoat and raincoat along. He surely needed it to help him persevere and lose some of his surplus weight. Hope it rains next time Downes.

Sgt. Eichelman, Corp. Timke and Pvt. Barry had a contest to see who could get farthest behind the Company. Sgt. Eichelman won until Capt. Bal put him at the head of column.

We advise "Bill" Smith to marry K-K-Katy and be done with it.

If you had been a Militia man you might have had a good cigar on "Dad" Bertolin Tuesday night.

The grades of the men who took the non-commissioned officers examination were posted last Monday evening on the Company bulletin board. In addition to the prepared questions, both written and oral, experience, attendance at drill and general appearance were factors in determining the final averages which are as follows: Sgt. Carpenter led the twenty-one men taking the examination with a percentage of 95 2-5; Sgt. Waples was a close second with 94 1-2. The remainder following in order: Sgt. Kester, 92. Pvt. Geissert, 90 2-5. Corp. Huntington, 87 3-5. Pvt. Duncan, 87 1-5. Pvt. Downes, 87. Pvt. Chambers, 86 2-5. Pvt. Carter, 86 1-5. Pvt. Schramm, 85 2-5. Sgt. Kidwell, 83 3-5. Pvt. Staiger, 83 3-5. Sgt. Orsinger, 81 2-5. Pvt. Breveller, 81 3-5. Pvt. Henderson, 80 1-5. Corp. Timke, 80 1-5. Pvt. McCollum, 80.

Leaving but a few below this last mark.

The man of Company H. He is the man for me; Enter the ranks and see.

Monday he drills - marches around, Ask what he thinks of that, Now watch if his answer lacks snap.

Officers are the best of all, From Corporals up to Captain Bal.

Come out, join in our exercise Only one night a week Missed from your garden and fireside Put in a few hours a week with a gun Always a chance to have some fun. Ninety we have, but must have more You will never be sorry nor sore, Hurrah for Company H.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters are advertised for the week ending July 20th. Miss Hazel Lehmann, A. E. Walker, Western Quarry Co., J. H. England, F. Witnik and Miss Anna Schmitt. The following letters were mailed without postage: Mr. A. T. Winslow, Valparaiso, Ind. and Miss Esther G. Cochrane, Green Lake, Wis.