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THE WAR COUNCIL MEETING AT LOUISA

PERSHING'S WOUNDED SOLDIERS ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR DAY PROGRAM.

The War Council meeting held at Louisa on Tuesday of this week under the direction of the State and National Council of Defense was attended by a large crowd, composed of men and women from all parts of the county. After an almost continuous downpour of rain on Monday, the weather cleared up and Tuesday was an ideal day.

The program started at 10 o'clock in the court house, and the building was filled to its capacity. Hon. R. C. McClure of the Local Council of Defense, presided over the meeting.

The first speaker was Hon. Stanley Reed of Mayaville, who delivered a very fine address on the subject of the war. He reviewed the history of the war and of the preparation and execution of Germany extending back to earlier days. The audience listened with close attention throughout the speech and frequently applauded the speaker most heartily.

At the conclusion of his address Mr. K. L. Varney, the District Agricultural Agent, addressed the gathering along the line of work in which he is engaged. He urged upon the farmers in the strongest possible terms the importance of producing every possible pound of product this year. He is well known here and is one of the most interesting and versatile speakers we have in this part of Kentucky. On this occasion he was at his best and made a most impressive appeal to the patriotism of the farmers, which he declared could be best shown by their efforts to increase the production of food for the soldiers and our Allies. Mr. Varney is doing great work for the Government, and if all men employed in the U. S. were as effective and faithful as he in their several lines, there would be no need to worry about results. Throughout his interesting address he had the closest hearing from the large audience.

State and National Departments had assigned two of Gen. Pershing's wounded soldiers to come to Louisa on this occasion and give the people first hand information about their experiences and the conditions on the battlefield in Europe. These men failed to arrive on the morning train and the local committee had to be busy to find out what had become of them. They called the Ventura Hotel in Ashland and were informed that two soldiers supposed to be the ones in question had stayed there over night and checked out in time for the Big Sandy train. A second effort to find the hotel to look them up and see why they did not come was met with a very abrupt and discourteous refusal on the part of the hotel. Other persons in Ashland were then called on the telephone and they went to work trying to locate the men. The local committee hoped to get them here on the N. & W. train at 3 o'clock, but when the train came the soldiers did not appear. When the C. & O. train arrived at 4:40 p. m., the two men stepped off the train and explained that they were misinformed about the time of the C. & O. train in Cincinnati the night before, and had missed the train. They claimed to have telegraphed the local committee Tuesday morning but no telegram was received. The committee and the crowd were considerably disappointed by the failure of these men to arrive but it was one of those unavoidable accidents that nobody can be held responsible for. The two men appeared before a large audience Tuesday night.

At 7 o'clock in the afternoon the crowd reassembled and Hon. W. D. Cochran, of Mayaville, was introduced as the chief speaker. His address was historical, classical, and full of information pertinent to the great world-crisis through which we are passing. It was a very able address and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who heard it.

Although the crowd was disappointed at the failure of the soldiers to appear, we heard quite a number of people say that they had been well repaid for their trip by hearing the fine speeches delivered during the two sessions. Patriotic songs were sung at different times during the day and everybody joined heartily in this part of the exercises.

Pershing's Soldiers.

The court house was packed Tuesday night to see and hear the two wounded soldiers who were sent back to the United States less than three weeks ago in a party of 50 to tell the people about conditions at the front. Sergeant Jos. Petrush, of New Jersey, and Langhorne H. Harbour, of Virginia, were the men assigned to Kentucky. Petrush volunteered four years ago and was in Mexico before going to Europe. Harbour is only 19 years old. Both men were just about ready to leave the hospital when selected to come home for a few weeks.

They were loudly applauded upon entering the court room. Petrush gave a very interesting description of life in the trenches and of his work as an artilleryman. Many thrilling incidents which he witnessed were described. He has had more than six months service at the front and has been gassed twice and wounded slightly. The Harbour lad wore the full army equipment with steel helmet, 150 pound pack rifle, etc. He gave a demonstration of the gas mask, which was very interesting. Also, he went over the top,

using the judge's stand. He leaped over and used his bayonet in an imaginary nest of Germans at a remarkably agile pace.

Sergeant Petrush closed his address with an appeal for the Red Cross which he said was doing so much for the soldiers.

These men went to Williamson that night with Messrs. Varney and Reed, then to Paintsville Thursday. On Friday they will be at Prestonsburg and on Saturday at Pikeville.

MINE RESCUE WORK.

Washington, D. C.—Mine-Rescue Expert J. M. Webb of the United States Bureau of Mines, will reach Paintsville, Ky., May 15, for the purpose of giving instruction and demonstrations in the use of mine-rescue apparatus and in first aid to the injured. He will remain at Paintsville until May 17, at which date he will leave for Pikeville, to remain until May 19. On May 20 he will arrive at Robbins Creek Ky., and will remain until May 25, after which date he will be at Elco, Ky., to remain until May 31.

Mine officials and miners are invited to select certain of the skilled underground and surface employees for enrollment in mine-rescue and first aid classes. After completion of the course of instruction, the Bureau of Mines will issue to each man who has completed the work satisfactorily and engraved certificate of competence.

After a number of teams in any mining locality shall have completed the course of training, it is suggested to the operators that they inaugurate a field day when the teams may enter contents in first-aid work and in the use of breathing apparatus. In the preparation for such a field day, the employees of the bureau will lend such assistance as may be requested.

COVER CASE TO BE HEARD BY THE FEDERAL COURT.

Judge A. M. J. Cochran, of the Federal Court, which will sit in Catlettsburg in May, has set the hearing of the John Coyner case which has been appealed to this court, for May 29. The case was appealed by the military officials as Coyner was a member of the 8th Field Artillery located in Louisville at the time he was arrested for the murder of Miss Lela Viera, of Prestonsburg, whose body was found in the Ohio river near Trenton.

An indictment was returned against Coyner by a grand jury in Floyd county, and after a number of continuances in the circuit court at Prestonsburg, the charge against him was dismissed upon motion of the Commonwealth attorney, who said the court did not have jurisdiction. Last January Coyner was arrested on the same charge by Pike county authorities immediately after his release from the Floyd county jail and since has been in custody there.

In the application for the writ the army officers say that after his release by Floyd county authorities the Pike county authorities should have caused his arrest through the commander of Coyner's company, which procedure is required under wartime regulations.

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BOND CONVERSION PLANS.

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FARMERS CALLED IN THE NEXT QUOTA

THIRTY-FIVE MEN HERETOFORE EXEMPTED WILL LEAVE LAWRENCE COUNTY. MAY 25 TO 30.

Under a positive order dated May 14 the local board of Lawrence county is directed to send registrants in the call for 76 men in the order of registration, disregarding a former order to exempt men engaged in cultivating crops. Thirty-five are to go a day yet to be announced between May 25th and 30th. Following is the list:

Hilbert V. Clarkston, Busseyville.
Charles E. Burgess, Richardson.
Luther T. Peters, Louisa.
Celous C. Wheeler, Blaine.
James N. Hillman, Jattie.
George Sparka, Clifford.
Emmett Preston, Patrick.
Oscar Boyd, Ulyness.
Ora Boggs, Cherokee.
John E. Austin, Fallsburg.
Arley Deerfield, Christmas.
Ralph W. Walters, Chillicothe, Ohio.
R. B. No. 2.
John Caldwell, Cherokee.
Vanit Wellman, Madge.
George F. Stewart, Ratcliff.
Thomas J. Daniel, Tuscola.
Harvey Crabtree, New Thacker, W. Va.

Harry Cooley Caine, Louisa.
James R. Hayes, Mattie.
Ernest Justice, Tuscola.
Junior Barnett, Madge.
Dwight Carr, Edgerton, W. Va.
Ernest Chaffin, Christmas.
Thurman Jones, Ulyness.
Bert Cornwell, Cadmus.
John Jobe, Osie.
James Sparks, Scaredwind.
Millard Thompson, Louisa, R. 1.
Major Franklin, Gallup.
James E. Workman, Louisa.
Fred Thompson, Norris.
Harry Riffe, Glenwood.
George W. Williamson, Richardson.
Clyde Fraley, Blaine.
Marvin Scott, Cadmus.
James Bartram, Clifford.
John Burchett, Yatesville.
Don Preston, Patrick.
Gordon B. Hickman, Charley.
The last five will be called as alternates, and will not be inducted if the first 35 men called report for duty.

SERVICE FLAG UNFURLED AT BAPTIST CHURCH

On last Sunday evening at the Baptist Church in Louisa special services accompanied the unfurling of a service flag in honor of members of this church who are in service in France and elsewhere with the Government.

A special program arranged for the occasion was patriotic to the core and interesting through. The house was packed to its capacity, all seats being filled and many were placed in the annex and aisles.

Mr. C. B. Bromley presided over the meeting in a very graceful style.

Mr. R. C. McClure was the first speaker of the evening, his subject being "The Flag." His talk was forceful throughout, and he was accorded the best of attention.

Two solos by Misses Elizabeth Burgess and Eleanor Stimpson, were rendered in a manner that shows great skill and talent.

A flag drill by several little girls won the plaudits of the house. Their execution was as near perfect as could be owing to the small space in which they had to march.

The piano duo by Anna Miller and Catherine Carey was far above the expectations of most of the audience.

The closing address was made by the Pastor, Rev. W. A. Gaugh, who thrilled his hearers with a decidedly patriotic talk and sermon. His delivery was excellent and his timely subject won the applause of the house.

To Miss Ollie Pigg fell the honor of unfurling the service flag containing 22 stars, also having three brothers in the service. The flag was gently suspended from the balcony of the church as the chairman of the meeting read the names aloud of those who were in service.

The audience heartily joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and the meeting closed with benediction by the pastor.

Following is the list of the young men represented by stars on the flag: Harry Pigg, Ben Pigg, McKinley Pigg, Jim Heston, Creed Heston, Cad Hanners, Ira See, Adin See, Nol See, Gene Osborn, Walker Osborn, Roy Copley, John Barber, Emory Elam, Jeff Miller, Emmet Sparks, Wm. Myers, Leo Norton, Elsie Hall, Shafter Justice, C. C. Ritt, Chas. Ferguson.

OUTFITTING 1000 HOSPITAL BEDS IN THREE HOURS.

Out of the ever-changing death struggle on the plains of Picardy, with its promise of victory, its spectre of defeat, one thing stands forth unchangeable day by day—the duty of the Red Cross.

Behind the blood-stained battle lines misery is again on the road. As in 1914, the refugees—old men, women and children—carry the helpless on shutters; the blind care and the improvised cradle make their appearance on the muddy roads; the trains are loaded with the wounded. In Paris civilians lie crushed beneath the ruins caused by air raids and bombardment, while the railway stations are crowded

with fleeing refugees from northern France. It might be 1914 over again.

So far as military relief is concerned, the same efficiency is observable. A single illustration, indeed, can demonstrate the difference between 1914 and 1918 where the wounded soldier is concerned. In three hours, recently, all the splints, accessories, instruments and surgical dressings required for a hospital of 1000 beds were assembled and dispatched from Paris.

To those of us who are left behind, these facts have become vital. America is in war at last—a hundred thousand strong.

Our duty is plain.—Francis R. Bellamy in The Red Cross Magazine for June.

McELDOWNEY & CISCO SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

RED CROSS DRIVE BRINGS THESE SPEAKERS TO BLAINE AND LOUISA.

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