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## CHAUTAQUA

### A Big Success in Birmingham.

Large Crowds Show Their Appreciation of Food Program.

Chautauque Week for our village seems now to be a "fixed habit" and already kindly comments are being made encouraging the habit for another year.

The program this year was quite exceptional. Here and there it did not please some but that is to be expected. We certainly were well entertained and instructed and for this purpose the Chautauque exists.

It is a mighty pleasing sight to see so many of our village people gathered together, and especially so day after day and night after night and too, we are a good looking crowd if you give it a little thought.

Financially we did very well as you will see by the following statement: Bal. carried over from 1916. \$26 75 Bal. after expenses were paid 1917. \$59 95

Total on hand. \$86 75 To be sure the Redpath Co. took from our village \$1098.50 but we must be in mind that collectively we had \$1068.50 worth of entertainment, enjoyment and enlightenment. The box office receipts amounted to \$240, and this money went directly to the Redpath Co. Had our people spent this \$240 purchasing season tickets we should have had \$120 more to put by in the bank. All over \$800 which we guarantee the Redpath Co. is shared equally and one half of the \$240 or \$120 which we have come to us to apply on our Chautauque Fund.

It has been rumored that the local committee must have a little "take off" as they would not give their time for such a promotion. Those interested are men whom we all know and trust and are public spirited men and not a penny or privilege is granted them. It is the custom of the Redpath Co. to give to the ministers in the community complimentary tickets and this custom was followed here, otherwise no privileges were granted and all services, including the grounds etc. were given gladly for the Chautauque cause.

As soon as possible the Executive Committee will meet and act on the motion made by Mr. Clisbe and seconded by Mr. Chas. Edwin Jones that the balance in the bank be given to the Red Cross work.

Our people responded finely to the Chautauque and we are indeed grateful and wish to thank you, and at this time appeal to you and all your hearty cooperation and patronage for another year.

L. J. BAILEY, Chairman of Publishing Committee.

### Will Be Repaid for Their Work.

Women everywhere suffer from kidney trouble — backache, rheumatism, pain, swollen and tender muscles, stiff joints. Mrs. C. J. Ellis, 505 Eighth Street, St. Paul, Minn., writes: "I feel sure if anyone bothered I will give Foley Kidney Pills a fair trial and will be repaid for their work." Sold everywhere. — ADV.

## JUST SO, MN. FREE PRESS

"Ma Sunday, interpreting Genesis, has decided that it was the Lord's intent to have people clothed. Quoting again in a way that seems to indicate that the Lord was the first custom tailor known in history in that He made 'loths of skins' for Adam and Eve, and clothed them."

Clothing was the first penalty inflicted as punishment for partaking of the forbidden fruit. By clothing came shame and modesty, both of which are essential, also came fashions which have worried mankind ever since. In this age there appears to be no such sense of shame because of nakedness as our first parents are reputed to have felt when they hid themselves.

From the sensibility of the yavudville stage and the bathing beach to the full dress and undress of the fashionable function there is manifest the same determination to discount the penalty of the biblical first transgression. There has been a steady "striking off" which never seems to occasion "putting on." Even the shoulder straps and string of beads which once did duty as a corsage have been discarded for a bib which is easily made too inadequate. Even as modesty flows from the court of Everywoman, even as the modes of the First Empire fostered its licentiousness, so do the present fashions lead to license and immorality. If clothing came in America and Scripture vouches therefor, it seems high time some other apple was wadded up to the full penalty of clothing may be restored.

If there really is anything in Hawthorne's theory — which was corroborated by Frederick Harrison — that the act of putting garments on is the germ of which may, and must, produce good or evil fruit in a generation yet to come, we must have serious misgivings as to the result of the present lack of modesty as something likely to lead to overshadow posterity.

Captain Richard Hewitt has gone to San Antonio, Texas.

## Uncle Sam's General Store



## RELIGION NO BAR TO ARMY SERVICE

### CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS DRAFTED IN NATIONAL ARMY, MUST TRAIN.

### DUTY TO BE ASSIGNED LATER

If Their Creed Barring Killing Fellow Men They Will Be Given Other Work by Government.

Drafted — Conscientious objectors, drafted in Detroit and Highland Park are being sent right along to Camp Custer with the national army units, in compliance with a decision handed down by the district appeal board, under an opinion had been received from Adjutant-General John S. Hersey in the case of Alfred Benjamin, a Seventh Day Adventist. His plea that he was a conscientious objector to war service was denied by local board No. 4.

This ruling does not necessarily mean that Benjamin and others like him are to be ordered to the trenches to shoot Germans. It merely signifies that some service, useful to the government, is to be assigned to them. Their religious beliefs will be found for all objectors who prove their good faith. Meaning, they will be required to do a piece of work of their own choice. Their assignment to service will be determined later by the military authorities.

### CHILD LABOR LAW INVALID

Federal Judge Rules Congress Cannot Regulate Labor Laws of States.

Greensboro, N. C. — Federal Judge D. Boy of the western district of North Carolina held the Keating-Open child labor law unconstitutional and enjoined the United States district attorney, William C. Coker, and his assistants, deputies and agents, from enforcing in the district the provisions of the act of congress which became effective September 1. The case came before the court on injunction proceedings brought in the name of Roland H. Dagenhart and his minor sons, Reuben and John, of Charlotte, who sought to restrain a Charlotte cotton mill company from discharging the two boys.

Judge Boyd said he was gratified by the opinion of Professor Thomas I. Parkinson, of Columbia university, representing the department of justice, who asserted that congress had used its power to interfere with the states for the object of regulation of local conditions within the state and the discouragement of child labor. This admission, said the judge, is a clear and brought forward the question: "Can congress do by indirect action that which it undoubtedly cannot do directly?"

"Congress," he said, "can regulate trade among the states, but not the internal conditions of labor. The case will be taken to the supreme court of the United States at once."

### Drowns Swimming Across Lake.

Newaygo — Joseph Longacre, 13 years old, was drowned in the Muskegon river at Park Green flats while swimming across of the river.

### Beef for Camp Cheap.

Grayling — After plans had been outlined for the construction of an abattoir near the mobilization camp, Captain Charles D. Kelley, camp quartermaster, has decided to abandon the idea. The principal factor in changing his mind was the signing of a contract for beef at 12 1/4 cents a pound, considered a remarkably low price when only quarters are purchased. The captain had secured an option on 50 cattle to furnish the abattoir home-killed beef.

## VANGUARD OF BIG NEW ARMY IN CAMP

### PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATIONS MARK DEPARTURE OF FIRST MEN.

### 30,000 MOBILIZED WEDNESDAY

In Washington, President Wilson, Senators and Representatives March in Line With Drafted Men.

Washington — The vanguard of the big national army is in mobilization camp, to begin training for the big task "somewhere in France." Parades and patriotic demonstrations marked the departure of the first men in practically every town in the country. In Washington, President Wilson marched at the head of the capital's drafted men, while dignitaries, cabinet members and senators add to the throng. Approximately 30,000 men were mobilized on Wednesday. They represent 10 per cent of the total of 357,000 drafted men, less five per cent of eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia, whose mobilization has been delayed because their camp is unfinished.

On September 19, 27,000 men will be mobilized. The same number in addition will be called out October 3. The remaining 103,000 will be recruited to camp at a date yet to be decided. There are 16 camps for the mobilization, each a wooden city designed to accommodate 40,000 men. Each camp will be a division headquarters in the new National Army. It will have its own commander and its own staff and will be a distinct unit.

All the camps are suitably complete to allow the mobilization of 100 per cent of the draft army, except for the 16 camps for the mobilization, which will be ready by September 16, however. The 16 contingents cost the government approximately \$150,000,000. Each is a complete city in itself, with dormitories, drill hall, recreation places, dining halls, kitchens, sanitary provisions and complete water supplies and disposal sewerage systems.

## RIGA TAKEN BY TEUTON ARMIES

### Big Russian Port Falls—Slaves in Retreat Lay Country in Wast.

London — Riga, Russia's big port on the Gulf of Riga, is in the hands of the Germans and its garrison and civilian population are in retreat eastward. Following up rapidly on the advantage they gained in driving the Russians across the Dyvina river on both sides of Kull, last Saturday, the Germans three bridges across the stream and soon were on the heels of the former defenders, some of whom offered resistance. Others showed the white feather, giving the invaders no trouble in marching up the eastern bank of the Dyvina toward Riga, 15 miles distant. Seeing the disaffection and the inability to stem the tide of the advance, the Russian commander ordered an evacuation.

The Russians in their retreat from Riga are laying the country in waste, burning villages and factories. Whether the city itself remains intact has not yet been made known but doubtless the guns in the fortress and the ammunition dumps, either were moved or destroyed.

Aside from the strategic value of controlling the Gulf of Riga and of base near the mouth of the Gulf of Finland, all the head of which Petrograd is situated, for the moment it is impossible to see the importance of the German gain, especially with the near approach of winter when military operations in this northern region are almost impossible. Where the Russians will lay their new line in the north is unknown with that being the point of penetration by the Germans also remains to be seen.

## WAR PROFITS TAX DEFEATED

### Senate Rejects Proposal to Assess 80 Per Cent Tax on War Profits.

Washington — A badly-scared host of big business men from all corners of the country, protesting that their capital has apparently checked the tax raid of the United States senate against wealth.

The result was shown in the defeat of Senator Hiram Johnson's proposal for a gross levy of 80 per cent on war profits by the decisive vote of 62 to 17.

### Wounded in France.

Gladinville — L. Cooper, of this village, is among those wounded with the Canadian contingent in France.

### Clothing Merchants Meet.

Jackson — One hundred clothing merchants from all parts of the state were here for the two-day session of the Michigan Retail Clothing Dealers' association.

### Slashed With Razor.

Flint — Held up by two men on his way home from work on the streets of the Flint Golf club, Glenn Fletcher, 46 years old, of Penn Yan, N. Y., was slashed by the right side of the face and neck with a razor so

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## Stone Age Pearls.

Pearls were one of three possessions for which our wooded British ancestors were mainly respected in the ancient world, the other two being furs and oysters. The Romans found pearls as plentiful as blackberries, and Julius Caesar dedicated to Venus Genetrix a large number of his troops in exchange for pearls. These were probably obtained from fresh water mussels with distorted shells. Fisheries for these "sea shells" most favored in many rivers of Ireland, Scotland and Wales from time immemorial, notably in the River Strule, near Omagh. Pearl fishing is in the interests of salmon, but a Welsh pearl from the River Tyhan has adorned the crown of Scotland, and a Welsh pearl from Coway had a place of honor on the British crown.—London Chronicle.

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