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ARMY WILL BRING HOME MEN WHO FALL IN WAR

Untiring efforts of two Philadelphians have made it possible for the bringing back to this country, for burial, soldiers and marines who may lose their lives while fighting in France. Following the war every man who is killed abroad will be sent to this country and placed at the disposal of his relatives or friends for interment. Even should the conflict continue for several years it will be possible, at that time, under the present plan, to recognize the bodies of the dead heroes.

Memory of the horrible condition of the bodies sent home for burial following the clash between American blue-jackets and Mexicans in Vera Cruz several years ago, caused Dr. Hoard S. Eckewls, of Wyncote, and Dr. Jay H. Mowbray, of Swarthmore, to devise a plan for caring for the bodies of the soldiers and marines killed in Europe.

Accordingly, a few weeks ago the American Purple Cross Association was formed and incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. Dr. Eckels was named director general; Major General J. Lewis Good, treasurer, and Dr. Mowbray, field director. The association's active membership is "limited to those who have made care of bodies their life profession, and to those affiliated industries." The trustees and other officers are prominent men of the country, including Governors and millionaire officials of large manufacturing plants.

Discovering that no modern system had been devised by Government officials for taking care of the soldier-dead in France, officials of the American Purple Cross Association immediately held a conference with Secretary of War Baker and presented a plan that promises to revolutionize and remove one of the most grewsome features from modern warfare.

It was first suggested that the American Purple Cross Association should bear the same relation to the Quartermaster General's Department as the Red Cross does to the Medical Department. Major General Henry G. Sharp, Quartermaster General of the United States Army, greeted the plan with enthusiasm and a series of conferences, covering the best part of a week, were held in his Washington offices.

Dr. Eckels and Dr. Mowbray made the following offer to the Government:

"We will furnish such number of embalmers for the preservation of the bodies of soldiers killed in battle or dying in hospitals as you may deem necessary for the purpose.

"We will divide these into such units as you may direct.

"We will equip and train these men.

"We will furnish such number of automobile ambulances as will be necessary for this service.

"We will pay all expenses incident to their equipment, training, transportation and maintenance.

"These will be available for all san-...

PRIMARY ELECTION OFFICERS.

C. U. Bramblett, W. M. Mathers and W. T. Parker, election commissioners of Nicholas county, Ky., met at the office of C. U. Bramblett in the city of Carlisle on the 20th day of July, 1917 for the purpose of appointing election officers to serve in the several precincts of said county at a Primary Election to be held on August 4, 1917 and appointed the following named persons:

Dist. 1, Pre. A, Headquarters:
L. M. Gaffin, R. Clerk,
H. F. Maffett, R. Judge,
A. R. Brooks, D. Judge,
Jno. G. Allison, D. Sheriff.

Dist. 1, Pre. B, Taylor Store:
E. T. Gaunce, D. Clerk,
Haden Small, D. Judge,
S. J. Fryman, R. Judge,
J. R. Sidles, R. Sheriff.

Dist. 1, Pre. C. Barterville:
E. H. Thomas, R. Clerk,
I. M. Dotson, R. Judge,
John Miller, D. Judge,
C. H. Rule, D. Sheriff.

Dist. 2, Pre. A, Rafferty's Store:
Hargis McClannahan, D. Clerk,
N. A. Hutson, D. Judge,
Chas. Kenton, R. Judge,
Dan Wells, R. Sheriff.

Dist. 2, Pre. B. Myers Station:
Arthur Mullikin, R. Clerk,
W. F. Clark, R. Judge,
Henry Bowen, D. Judge,
L. B. Barton, D. Sheriff.

Dist. 2, Pre. C, Sims Store:
J. T. Standiford, D. Clerk,
J. S. Bishop, D. Judge,
S. K. Standiford, R. Judge,
Henry Flora, R. Sheriff.

Dist. 3, Pre. A, Buzzard Roost:
E. L. Clark, R. Clerk,
Nick Smoot, R. Judge,
J. B. Thompson, D. Judge,
Hollis Dalzell, D. Sheriff.

Dist. 3 Pre. B, Moorefield:
T. L. Clark, D. Clerk,
W. J. Reid, D. Judge,
Hanson Stephenson, R. Judge,
H. T. Blount, R. Sheriff.

Dist. 3, Pre. C, East Union:
R. B. Brierly, Jr., R. Clerk,
William Stephenson, R. Judge,
T. B. Jarvis, D. Judge,
Otho Scott, D. Sheriff.

Dist. 3, Pre. D, Weston:
Herdy Myers, D. Clerk,
John W. Clay, D. Judge,
John Blair, R. Judge,
George Scott, R. Sheriff.

Dist. 4, Pre. A, Mayor's Office:
H. B. Bryson, R. Clerk,
D. F. Caswell, R. Judge,
M. V. Bostain, D. Judge,
Homer Smith, D. Sheriff.

Dist. 4, Pre. B, Engine House:
H. C. Reed, D. Clerk,
John Alexander, D. Judge,
S. J. Booth, R. Judge,
Ed. Parsons, R. Sheriff.

Dist. 5, Pre. A, Mathias Shop:
W. P. Ham, R. Clerk,
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AMERICA TO CRUSH GERMAN SPY SYSTEM

The unsuccessful submarine attack on the ships of the American expeditionary force has revived spy rumors in the capital and will result in even more stringent measures to cloak the movement of military forces from the enemy.

Discussion of possible spy activities took many angles. Some officials were inclined to believe that the Germans must have had a warning of the definite time agreed on for the crossing, but others discredit any such theory, arguing that an attack ought to have been expected as a natural consequence of the general knowledge that was common property.

There were indications that the Department of Justice might be asked to undertake an investigation when army and navy reports on the incident were complete. At the navy department it was said that all the information which had come through was contained in Secretary Daniels' statement, telling how the expedition had encountered two attacks, one of them before reaching the place agreed on as a rendezvous with Admiral Sims' American Destroyers, and had successfully fought off the U-boats and had destroyed at least one of them.

There was little inclination anywhere to attach blame for the attack to any official act of the war or navy departments.

It was pointed out that the movement over seas was conducted with unusual secrecy considering the large number of men affected and that the utmost precautions were taken after the ships were at sea to make the time of their arrival on the other side conjectural, even to any person know-...

NAMES OF THE MEN DRAFTED FOR ARMY IN NICHOLAS COUNTY.

Nicholas couty's quota for the first selective draft is sixty-five (65), and The Mercury herewith begins the presentation of the serial numbers and names of approximately double the draft quota for the county and the following list gives the 130 who will be called before the exemption board:

258—Guy, Russell
458—Miller, Jos. H.
676—Smedley, James M.
275—Hammonds, William C.
509—O'Connell, John T.
146—Rogers, Harrison B.
596—Seamonds, Earl K.
536—Palmer, Henry Allen
126—Cain, W. Noel
548—Queen, William A.
755—Wells, John M.
107—Curtis, Alpheus
616—Shaw, Nathan
373—Jones, Clincy
775—Wilson, William
486—McFarland, Harvey
692—Colliver, Earl
600—Swartz, William M.
507—Norton, James
309—Henry, William
437—Mers, William
604—Shankland, Kash
45—Baker, L. D.
420—Letcher, Roy D.
514—Ockerman, Jesse
10—Alexander, Clarence
433—Martin, Lane
487—McCracken, James W.
140—Donovan, J. C.
432—Moore Henry C.
18—Brookes, W. H.
652—Scott, C. D.
739—Watkins, S. C.
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BETTER ENLIST NOW

After a registered person has been called for military service by his local board and directed to appear for physical examination he ceases to be eligible for voluntary enlistment.

...probability this will not be necessary. The members of the board for Nicholas county is composed of Sheriff W. T. Parker, County Clerk Jno. F. Sugg and Dr. B. F. Reynolds. At this writing the exemption board is not prepared for the purpose of weeding out those who ultimately will represent Nicholas county for the new army. As soon as they receive the necessary blanks, affidavits, etc., and are fortified with the final instructions for their procedure, the board will meet and begin the work. It is expected that five or six days will elapse before the official list of those drafted in the first allotment are received by the respective district exemption boards. As soon as these are received each man who has been selected in the double quota will receive a card notifying him officially of his selection and fixing the date of his appearance before the board although a mere posting of the names of those drafted constitutes sufficient notification under the law. The man so notified then must appear before the board on the date named and be physically...

FRANK LAUGHLIN SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

U. S. Ship Seattle, June 29, 1917.

Dear Mother,

I guess you are quite worried about not hearing from me for some time, but at present I am well and doing fairly good. Now, Mother dear, don't worry about me for I trust the One above to lead us through this war, bringing victory.

I was taken off of the bridge to fill out a gun crew. So I am back on deck again; but I don't mind, I rather like it.

Today I have been out with the diving party. Yesterday a sailor by the name of Dunn was drowned. The diving party went out but did not succeed in finding him for the under current was too strong.

I am somewhere in France.

Tell Pa hello for me and everybody as far as that is concerned. I don't know when I will get to come home but when I get a chance. Our shore liberties are fine, always something new and interesting.

I had a package to send home but I put it off too late. Well, Mother, I have not much to say only to let you know I am still alive. Did Paul Cain and Carl Hughes get my letters? I wrote to Carl for he wrote me such a nice letter.

I close with lots of love.

Your son,

Frank.

COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS.

We are glad to learn that so many of the trustees have had the weeds in the school yards cut. The few who have not attended to this we trust will do so at once. We trust that there is not a trustee home into which this ...

CANDIDATES' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS.

CANDIDATES FILE STATEMENTS COVERING CAMPAIGN EXPENSE

Candidates for offices, who filed their nominating petitions in the office of the Secretary of State, were required under the corrupt practices act to file their statement of expenses on Friday, July 20th. Candidates who have no opposition and get their nomination without entering the primary were also compelled to file their statements under the corrupt practices act.

The following is a list of the candidates and the amounts expended by them:

FOR COUNTY JUDGE	
Harry Kennedy	$ 48.00
James Mitchell	30.75
W. E. Darragh	182.67
N. H. McNew	38.50
H. S. Weaver	2.00
W. M. Insko	2.00
FOR SHERIFF	
Jas. W. Myers	$47.66
H. N. Rankin	19.88
Oren Gaffin	2.00
FOR CIRCUIT CLERK	
I. C. Taylor	29.00
Martin McCann	18.30
FOR COUNTY CLERK	
Jno. F. Sugg	$29.50
FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY	
F. V. Cox	$33.93
Jno. F. Morgan	37.10
FOR SUPERINTENDENT	
Eda Taylor	$13.50
FOR ASSESSOR	
Wm. Owings	$15.75
T. H. Botts	25.50
W. W. Scott	19.60
H. C. Caldwell	9.50
Jno. E. King	13.50
R. W. Neal	51.70
FOR JAILER	
W. T. Roberts	$13.50
C. C. Dunn	12.00
S. S. Beale	12.00
H. Borders	28.50
C. C. Kookendoffer	14.60
E. P. Harney	18.50
Ed. Lawrence	22.00
Sanford Myers	13.50
FOR CONSTABLE	
Charles Ewell	$2.00
FOR MAGISTRATE	
A. A. Mullikin	$2.00
Alfred Murray	7.00
W. H. McCarty	6.59
H. C. Metcalfe	7.00
Gilby Myers	7.00
C. B. Huffstetter	7.00
J. E. Wi[illegible]ley	7.00
Walter Williams	7.00

HOMER DIED TOO SOON.

"No nation can starve," writes Secretary of Agriculture Houston, "which raises in a year 3,000,000,000 bushels of corn."

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TO THE TEACHERS OF KENTUCKY

An unusual situation confronts those engaged in teaching in this State. It is one which will put to the test your patriotism and your devotion to education, as well.

Some 30,000 young men in Kentucky signed their registration cards on June 5th by mark, being unable to sign their names. These are not confined to any locality but are scattered throughout every county in the State. They are not colored, but mainly white.

There figures must stagger every thoughtful Kentuckian. They would shame us to the point of concealment but for the need of these young men for immediate relief. Concealment works no cure. Only prompt and decisive action can do that.

These young men are not to blame for their misfortune. The enlightened citizens of Kentucky, who have tolerated lax compulsory attendance laws and have submitted to the nonenforcement of such school attendance laws as are on our statute books, are mostly to blame. But this is no time to waste in crying "shame" or in fixing blame. This is a time to atone in such measure as we may.

It is unfair that these young men should be torn from their homes and dear ones and sent across the water to fight your battles and mine without being able to read a letter or to write a line back home. Next to actual engagement in battle, the most momentous event in the life of a soldier is the arrival of a letter from home. To his anxious mother a letter from her soldier boy is a comfort above price. No third person, however willing, can convey the sentiment and secrets of these two to each other.

The Y. M. C. A. provides and abundance of reading and writing material but these boys can only gaze upon it hungrily as a thing they crave to use, but cannot. Such printed reminders, posted about in the Y. M. C. A. camp, as "Write home," "Have you written to mother today?" are unintelligible to them.

A Committee hands to each boy a pocket testament as he passes through the port of New York to embark for the war zone. 30,000 Kentucky boys can get no comfort or counsel from the Bible even when it is given to them.

These young men may be called into camp September 1st. Beginning July 23rd, we can give them a six weeks' elementary course in the moonlight schools, such as will enable them to read and write their own letters and to peruse elementary books and to read most items in the newspapers. Such as cannot attend the moonlight schools can be taught individually at home. Public school teachers, who are already in their schools, have the best opportunity. Every one of these I am sure will gladly serve, but in counties where the schools are not in session and where the teacher is not on the ground, former teachers and educated citizens can start night classes in the public school houses.

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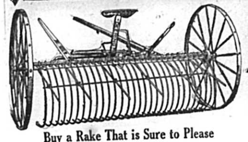

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