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Women of alien birth must register as such this week. This is compulsory, in fact a law and anyone who neglects or refuses will be subject to a heavy fine and imprisonment. Look after this most important duty and if you are supposed to register do so at once.

Although the Austrians have launched a terrific drive against the Italians on the eastern front and Hindenburg is using his reserves and every conceivable means to break through the American and allied line on the western battle front and along the Marne, the events of the last few days are not at all encouraging to the enemy, especially if they consider the loss of their men. The lines are holding and with the extra strength given the allies by the constant stream of American soldiers, the time will come when our armies will begin to push Hindenburg and his army towards the Rhine. The enemy must prepare sooner or later for a little of the American "push."

After their refusal to fight, because they claimed to have a distant relative in the countries of Austria and Germany and to fulfill their oath of allegiance as an American citizen, twelve of the so-called conscientious objectors at two of our training camps were given court-martial sentences ranging from eighteen months to twenty years in prison. Secretary of War Baker has passed his approval on the action and states that the sentences should be executed. He also recommends that after the war it would be advisable from the point of view on the part of the United States to devise some process by which these undesirable citizens could be returned to the country of their preference. Men who have enjoyed the liberties and freedom of America and then refuse to fight for or protect the country in time of need cannot be dealt with too sternly and as Mr. Baker says they should be returned to the countries where the thought of personal liberty is merely a dream in the minds of the people.

President Wilson, in his statement calling upon every man, woman and child to pledge themselves on or before June 28 to save constantly and to buy regularly the War Savings Stamps of the government, says, "May there be none unenlisted on that day!" As the president points out, "This war is one of nations—not of armies—and all of our 100,000,000 people must be economically and industrially adjusted to war conditions if this nation is to play its full part in the conflict." Our nation, not our army and navy only, is at war. And that means that all of us not actually

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fighting must do our part. That part consists in giving the army and the navy all the support of which we are capable. To do that each one of us must first of all be a producer of our maximum ability and a consumer of necessities only, for every bit of manpower and every particle of material is necessary for the use of the army and navy and for the making of the things essential to our citizens. As a maximum producer and as a consumer of necessities only, each one of us will be an accumulator of savings. And these savings can be invested in War Savings Stamps with benefit both to the government and ourselves. Pledge yourself today.

SOCIETY

WEEKLY SOCIAL CALENDAR

Tuesday
Knitting Club—Hedwig and Marie Blecke.
Y. P. A.—L. L. Baumgartner home.
Wednesday.
Phoebe Bible Class—Mrs. Elmer King.
Mt. Pleasant Community Red Cross—Mrs. Ben Butler.
Thursday.
Walther League—at School House.
Christian Pastoral Helpers' Social—Mrs. J. E. Anderson.
Mt. Pleasant Mite—Mrs. Ernest Tumbleson.
Silent Workers Class—Mrs. Rosa Hays.
Baptist Missionary—Mrs. Jacob Buhler.
Friday.
Philathea Class—Mrs. Martin Goff.
Joy is like restless day, but Peace divine
Like quiet night.
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine.
Through Peace to Light.
Adelaide A. Proctor.

A number of social affairs are being planned as a surprise for Homer H. Knodle, rural mail carrier of this city, whose wedding to Miss Treva Foreman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Foreman, of Berne, took place Saturday, May 4, at Jackson, Mich. The bride is bookkeeper for the Berne Overall Company. She is a cousin of Mrs. Henry Gerke of this city.

Misses Genevieve Bremerkamp and Mayme Harting were initiated by the Delta Theta Tau sorority last evening at the home of Miss Agnes Kohne. The national convention arrangements were also discussed.

Attend the C. L. of C. ice cream social on the St. Joseph school lawn this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lower, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bell and son, Billy, visited in Bluffton.

The John H. Schug and E. D. Engler families enjoyed a visit Sunday in Bluffton with Mrs. Engler's mother.

The Tri Kappas will meet this evening and initiate a number of new members.

The social committee of the Christian Pastoral Helpers will give a social for the public Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Anderson.

The Young People's Alliance of the Evangelical church will meet this evening in their regular monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Baumgartner on Line street. All members urged to attend.

The Walther League will have its regular meeting at the choolhouse Thursday evening.

Mrs. Al Toronga and two children accompanied her sister, Helen Balsma, to the Balsma home here for a week's visit. Mr. Toronga will join them here for a Sunday visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Anker gave a dinner party for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunsicker, Mrs. Martha Waring, of Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hunsicker and children.

An authoritative statement from official Washington again impresses upon the women of America the fact that "they have never been called upon to bear so great a burden as the coming months will impose upon their courage and their constancy." It is interesting to note that though women's part in all the war activities is emphasized, first place is given to the matter of food production and food conservation and women's share in it. The message reads in part: "The women of America must see to it that the nation's producing power is not enticed by the gratings made upon it to strengthen the fighting power. They must produce food by working gardens, by raising chick-

ens, by doing farm service where they can or by helping and encouraging those who do it. They must aid in the kitchen, conserving food by wise economies, canning, drying, preserving, pickling and preparing food in accordance with the food administration's program. They must purchase where they see the food administration's emblem watch their local dealers, buy local produce in preference to shipped goods and resist the temptation to hoard. America is today rationing the world. Without our food supplies the allies could not fight for us. They are suffering privations. The food that we save for them is not a saving of money. It is a saving of life. It is worth more than its weight in gold."

The Knitting club will meet this evening with Hedwig and Marie Blecke.

Mrs. Joseph Minch returned to Portland this afternoon after a visit at the H. H. Bremerkamp home over Sunday. Her daughter, Mrs. Ray Bremerkamp and daughter, Gretchen, of Fort Wayne, are also guests at the Bremerkamp home.

Mrs. Oren Smith, of Indianapolis, and Miss Bess Schrock, of Wabash, will be guests of the J. C. Patterson family at dinner this evening.

Mrs. F. E. France has issued invitations for an informal afternoon party Thursday from four to six for Mrs. Oren Smith, of Indianapolis, and Miss Bess Schrock, of Wabash.

A party of young people gave a surprise call on Corporal Edgar Mills and Miss Margaret Mills at the Evangelical parsonage last evening. They took their supper with them and this was spread at six o'clock on tables on the lawn. Guests were Gladys Graham, Cecil and Celia Andrews, Morris and Douglas Haney and John Baumgartner.

COURT

A marriage license was issued to Christian D. Voran, farmer, of Basil, Kans., born May 24, 1892, son of A. C. Voran, to wed Hellegonda Cornelia Van der Smitten, born March 26, 1894, governess, of Berne, daughter of Carl C. Van der Smitten.

Sheriff Ed Green is at Richmond today, having gone to return William Jackson to Easthaven hospital from which he escaped.

Real estate transfers: Philip L. Andrews et al. to Charles N. Case et al., west half of lot 160, Decatur, \$900.

The auditor has received word from the state that his semi-annual settlement sheet, showing distribution of taxes, has been approved.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Details of the sudden death of the brother of Mrs. George Wemhoff, mention of which was made in yesterday's paper, are given as follows in the Van Wert Daily Times this morning:

"Death came most unexpectedly Sunday afternoon and called to eternal rest an aged and well-known citizen of the city in the person of Philip France. Mr. France was sitting on the porch of his South Shan-non street home when he was taken with an attack of heart failure which ended his life. The deceased was 74 years of age and had spent the greater part of his life in this city."

He was identified with public work in the street department and enjoyed the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends who all bear testimony to his sterling worth and upright character. Mr. France was a member of the Baptist church and the local lodge of Red Men. Funeral services will be conducted at the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock with burial at Woodland. The deceased is survived by his wife, two sons, Marion and Maynard, both of Toledo, and one daughter, Mrs. Bessie Howell, at home."

WAS ARRANGED TODAY

(United Press Service)
New York, June 18—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Jeremiah O'Leary, charged with treason, was arranged before Judge Hand shortly after his arrival from Portland, Ore., in the custody of an agent of the department of justice. He pleaded not guilty and was committed to jail to await trial. When asked by Judge Hand if he had any request to make, O'Leary replied that he might wish the court to aid him in securing counsel. He said he realized that attorneys were re-elected now to defend men charged with such a serious offense.

ALIEN WOMEN REGISTERING

Up to time of press this afternoon, but three German alien women had registered with Postmaster J. W. Bosse. One registered yesterday and two this morning. The time for doing same ends Wednesday, June 26.

TWO SPECIAL CALLS.

Two special calls for men were received this afternoon by the local military board. Call number 733 was for one man to be sent to Richmond, Ind., for a short course in mechanics and call number 760 was for four men to be sent to Valparaiso university, where they also will be given a mechanical training and later sent overseas. Registrants must have at least an eighth grade education and some knowledge of mechanics. Volunteers are wanted for the service and the offer is open until June 21. See Clerk E. B. Adams if you wish to enlist.

SISTER-IN-LAW VERY ILL

Mrs. C. M. Smith, wife of the chiropractor, left for Fort Wayne on the 2:30 car on account of the serious illness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Maude McNeal, whose wedding took place here a few weeks ago at the Smith home, being performed by the Rev. J. G. Butler. Mrs. McNeal was seized a short time ago with vomiting of blood, the cause being unknown. An operation will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

With The Americans

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London, June 18—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Chancellor Bonar Law in introducing a vote of credit for \$2,500,000,000 in the house of commons this afternoon, declared that the government's daily expenditures for the current year is \$34,240,000.

The chancellor read extracts from the minutes on the supreme inter-allied war council in which it was stated that, thanks to the prompt co-operation of America, it is impossible for the enemy to win by wearing down the allied reserves, before exhausting their own.

London, June 18—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, was scheduled today to move a war credit of 500,000,000 pounds (\$2,500,000,000) He also was to make a general statement on the war situation.

London, June 11—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"British naval aviators dropped 24 tons of bombs on Zebrugge, Ostend and Bruges, with good results," between June 13 and 15, the admiralty announced today. One British plane failed to return.

London, June 18—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"British troops conducted successful raids southwest of Albert and in the neighborhood of Moyenneville," Field Marshal Haig reported today.

"Patrol encounters east of the Nepe forest resulted in capture of prisoners and machine guns."

"Hostile artillery was active in the Ancre valley, south of Albert and west of Serre."

"Southeast of Villers-Betonueux, a hostile raiding party was repulsed last night. A few prisoners were taken."

With the American Army in Loraine, June 18—(Special to Daily Democrat)—German patrols which raided American positions northeast of Lunerville yesterday morning were driven off after a brief encounter. Several Americans are missing.

Austrian Offensive

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complete hie occupation of H Montello, the crest that protects the junction of the river and the mountain lines. A strong effort also is being made to debouch from the crossings already effected on the middle and lower Piave.

All these are being effectively opposed according to the Italian war office, just as the British, French and Italians are preventing the Austrians from descending the slopes of the Asiago plateau and Mount Grappa onto the venetian plains.

The Italians claim 4,620 prisoners, while the Austrians claim 12,000.

In the mountain region the Italian and Anglo-French forces gained partial successes at several points in a counter-offensive.

Along the Piave the Austrians continued to exert powerful pressure to complete their occupation of Montello and advance onto the plains, thus turning the northern wing of the river line.

The British war office announced there was little change on the British portion of the Italian front.

"The enemy is reorganizing after his severe defeat," the statement said.

Raiding and artillery was reported on the west front by the British and German war office. Between the Mozelle and the

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BULLETIN

Amsterdam, June 18—(Special to Daily Democrat).—German troops are participating in the Italian offensive, according to a dispatch received from Vienna today.

The same dispatch said Emperor Karl is on the Italian front.

Rome, June 18—(Special to Daily Democrat).—"Annihilation of the Italian people is preferable to a dishonorable peace." Premier Orlando declared in addressing the chamber of deputies yesterday. "The government will neglect no opportunity of concluding a just and honorable peace, but not a single possibility of such a peace has ever yet shown itself."

Geneva, June 18—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Vienna newspapers deny that Berlin ordered the Italian offensive. They declare that the Austrian staff displayed great foresight in its preparations for the drive and should have the entire credit.

The newspapers revealed that Austrian headquarters is located just north of Asiago plateau.

Rome, June 18—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Austria's entire effective military strength already has been thrown into the Italian drive, according to a semi-official statement today.

Of Austria's total of 92 divisions

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Terre Haute, Friday, June 21, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., F. P. Winslow, agent.

Evansville, Saturday, June 22, Coliseum Bldg., (City Library) Miss Ethel McKay, agent.

New Albany, Monday, June 24, Elby Bldg., Chamber of Commerce.

George Stevens, agent.

Recruits for tank service must pass a very rigid examination both as to their physical and mental qualifications. Only men of a very high type of efficiency are accepted. They are promised immediate assignment to a course of intensive instruction, followed by transfer to active duty in France. The development of tank fighting and the improvements of the American tanks, have combined to make this service as fascinating, for many, as aviation.

Ivan Baker, of Newport News, is at home for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Tom Baker.

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Every penny you withhold, that you are able to give, extends aid and comfort to the enemy.

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