

INTERESTING NEW YORK STATE PARAGRAPHS

Brockport's fire losses last year aggregated \$37,000.

Over 200 men enlisted in Rochester's home defense league.

Rochester's tax rate this year is \$18.85 per \$1,000 valuation.

Seven Ocean churches are preparing to hold a religious revival.

New York Central employees at Lyons erected a large flag at the roundhouse.

Buffalo common council has taken out explosion insurance on the city's waterworks.

Palmyra citizens held a patriotic meeting and wired a pledge of loyalty to President Wilson.

A number of Ocean teachers have protested against the salaries allotted them the coming year.

Workmen erected a seven-foot barbed wire fence around the city pumping station in Buffalo.

B. E. Harcourt has been appointed village attorney in Medina and J. S. Brainard, chief of police.

Niagara county supervisors adopted resolutions pledging loyalty to President Wilson, and Congress.

Charles F. Ratigan of Auburn was nominated by the president for customs collector at Rochester.

Plans are being made to introduce a course in military training at Niagara University, Niagara Falls.

Attorney H. H. Thompson has been appointed clerk of the village of Lima for the 40th consecutive year.

Methodists at Portland, Chautauque county, will celebrate their centennial during the week of April 8.

Medina people are raising money by subscription to buy a motor truck for their National Guard company.

Niagara Falls is to have a home defense guard to be commanded by Maurice Horton, a Spanish war veteran.

Medina's automobile club plans to organize an auxiliary organization to assist the government in mobilizing troops.

It is rumored in Seneca county that the New York Central intends to electrify its Auburn branch from Syracuse to Geneva.

Jobs were found for 546 men through the Buffalo federal employment bureau in March, but only 27 of them took work as farmhands.

The promotion of Road Foreman of Engines Patrick J. Hanifan of Avon to be trainmaster of the Rochester division of the Erie, is announced.

Albion's unit of the Red Cross has sent to the New York war relief clearing house a box containing about 15 articles for use in surgical work.

Wall street (New York) bankers, with the United States entered in the war, figured that \$415,000,000,000,000 would be pitted against Germany.

Retail milk dealers in Rochester connected with the State Dairywomen's league have advanced the price of pasteurized milk to 10 cents a quart.

The port of New York will hereafter be closed at 6 o'clock every night to all ships passing in or out, it was announced at the customs house.

Employees of the Eastman Kodak company in Rochester will receive nearly \$1,000,000 from the sixth wage dividend, to be distributed on July 1.

Plans are being made by the new chamber of commerce of the Tonawandas for a clean-up and paint-up campaign during the week of April 23.

Professor Dwight B. Williams, principal of the Waterloo Union and high schools, has resigned and will accept a position at Clifton Springs for next year.

Company E of the 3d Infantry at Niagara Falls, was presented a touring car by the Niagara Falls Power company. It already had a motor truck.

Employees of the Howes Manufacturing company of Silver Creek are to be given a nine-hour day with the same pay as they have been receiving for 10 hours.

Assemblyman Martin of Oneida has introduced a bill placing water works companies under the jurisdiction of the public service commission in the Second district.

Olean house painters and paper hangers have gone on strike. The former demand \$3.50 a day, the latter \$3.75. Up to the present both had been getting \$3.

E. W. Eberhardt of Albany, who has been appointed general supervisor of tracks of the Niagara Falls division of the New York Central, has opened his office in Tonawanda.

About 15,000 Russian and Jewish residents of Buffalo will celebrate the successful outcome of the Russian revolution at a meeting in the Broadway auditorium on April 14.

The conviction of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite of New York for the murder of his father-in-law, John Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich., was affirmed by the court of appeals in a decision handed down in Albany. Waite now is in Sing Sing prison awaiting execution.

Edward Rice, a farmer near Canandaigua, becoming violently insane, made his wife and child disrobe and accompany him 1 1/2 miles to the home of a neighbor. He was overpowered after a head fight.

The Wells bill, authorizing an increase from 2,000 to 4,500 in the number of naval militiamen and a \$6,000 salary for the commanding officer, Commodore Robert P. Forshey, was signed by Governor Whitman.

Three hundred students of Elmira College, the oldest women's college in the United States, have offered their services to the country in any way that they may be available.

The Maxim Munitions corporation, with plants in Watertown and at New London, Conn., announced that it had entered into a contract to supply the Italian government with 215,000,000 cartridges.

President Burns of the conference of mayors in Troy and other city officials of the state sent a letter to all mayors requesting them to use available yards and vacant lot space in their cities for vegetable gardens.

Adjutant General Stotesbury has accepted the offer of the New York State Woman's Suffrage party to help take the military census of the state, in conjunction with the Republican and Democratic state organizations.

State Agricultural Commissioner Wilson has raised the quarantine order on rabies on all towns in Wyoming, except Attira, Orangeville, Shelton and Bennington. The order has been in force since Jan. 24.

Cornell university has answered immediately the president's call to arms. After a conference with his military advisers President Schurman of the Ithaca university announced his plans for raising at once a Cornell unit of troops.

It is probable that before the end of the present school year the qualified electors of the Corning free academy district will be called upon to decide the question as to whether or not the district shall put up a new building at a cost of from \$200,000 to \$150,000.

The assembly committee on public education has reported adversely on the Slacer bill making Washington's birthday and Lincoln's birthday legal holidays to be observed as such in the public schools. The house accepted the report, thereby killing the bill.

Suffragists of New York state will help in taking the military census of the state, according to a telegram from New York city which was read at a meeting of the woman suffrage party of Monroe county, held in the Mercantile Building headquarters in Rochester.

Henry C. Phipps paid the state conservation commission \$15,000 in settlement of fines against him of illegally trapping wild ducks at his estate at Wantagh, L. I. State game protectors raided the estate Feb. 20, when 42 live and 24 dead wild ducks were seized.

The Meyer home defense bill was signed by Governor Whitman. The measure, which was passed under an emergency message from the executive, amends the military law so as to permit the enrollment of persons more than 45 years of age in the reserve militia.

Destruction of almost 11,000 trees by beavers along the shores of First and Second lakes of the Fulton chain caused a claim of \$52,000 damages to be filed before the state court of claims. The state released the beavers in 1907, and since has had a closed season on the animals.

The contract for building 20 Mikado type freight engines for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific was let to the Brooks plant of the American Locomotive company at Dunkirk. So many orders are on hand that the contract will not be executed before October and November.

There is a movement on foot at North Tonawanda to organize a company of home guards to be made up principally of men who saw service in the Spanish-American war for the purpose of assisting the police in quelling any disturbances that may break out here as the result of war with Germany.

Governor Whitman has signed the bill appropriating \$2,500,000 to purchase the land on Rockaway point for a fort. This means that the federal courts will vacate the injunction restraining the state authorities from entering upon these lands and turning them over at once to the federal government.

William F. Sheehan, one time lieutenant governor of New York state, who died on March 14, left an estate said to be worth more than \$500,000 to his wife, nephews, nieces and sisters by his will. Mrs. Blanche N. Sheehan of New York receives all household furniture, personal effects, automobiles and a life interest in the large residuary estate.

Governor Whitman has signed the bill introduced by Assemblyman Fancher of Chautauque amending the poor law by providing that the chairman of the relief committee of a Grand Army post, or camp of the Spanish-American war veterans may be allowed a reasonable sum for his services in connection with relief of soldiers, sailors and marines.

Professor Wilkinson of Cornell university came to Dundee to inspect the muck land on the flats below the village and reported the quality of the land to be almost without parallel in the state in that it had such a decided slope for drainage. Professor Wilkinson gave Mr. Shattuck, owner of this land, valuable suggestions as to the crops to raise for the year, in view of the war conditions.

When a merchant makes one of The News ads really pay its readers, he has assured a welcome for his next ad.

POLITICAL LEADERS FOR COMPULSION

New York, April 22.—Prominent Progressive and Republican party leaders issued a statement here to-night pledging their support of the administration's war plans and urging the adoption of measures which, they said, they believed to be "immediately necessary."

"To carry forward the war plans of our government with full success," the statement says, in part, "we believe that the following measures, are immediately necessary:

"Universal military service, to insure equality of sacrifice in the national defense.

"Universal industrial service of both men and property of the nation.

"An official guarantee that the government will buy at stated prices all agricultural products of the farm, so as to encourage the largest possible production on our farms.

"Government control of the price of the necessities of life, including rent, food and fuel, to stop undue increase of the cost of living.

Guarantees to Wage Earners

"Federal and state guarantees

to the wage earners of America that their rights shall not be lost, so that the sacrifices that are required of them in common with all other citizens during the war shall not continue after peace is restored.

"Government co-operation to maintain and develop the efficiency of law-abiding enterprises, thus preserving the foundations of our commercial prosperity.

"A graduated income tax, by which an increasing part of the larger incomes shall be conscripted for public purposes so that wealth may bear its fair share in the general sacrifice.

"A limit upon profits on American and Allied government orders, and a super tax on excess profits due to war conditions. To lend our Allies \$3,000,000,000 and then exact the return of much of it in extortionate profits would be indefensible.

Conservation of Grain

"Conservation of grain so far as possible for food purposes.

"The payment of as much of the cost of the war as can be met out of current revenues.

"National and state legislation granting women equal political rights with men, thus completing the establishment of democracy.

"The retention and control of all natural resources now held by the government so that the foundations of national efficiency and industrial strength may not be impaired.

"The workers of our country will make heavy sacrifices during

the war. With peace will come readjustment. A government commission should be organized how to prepare for the distribution of unemployed labor after the war and for government use of surplus labor.

"From common devotion to service to perpetuate and advance democracy there should be assurance of common benefit out of the sacrifice of war. America may achieve broader democracy in government, more equitable distribution of wealth, greater national efficiency raising the level of the general welfare."

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