

INTERESTING NEW YORK STATE PARAGRAPHS

Christian Scientists are preparing to erect a church in Tonawanda. Lockport's chapter of the Y. M. C. A. now has a membership of near 2,000. The amount to be raised by the state by direct taxation this year is \$12,843,380.

Batavia's common council has decided to prohibit the use of fireworks in Batavia on July 4.

Niagara Falls city councilmen have adopted a resolution prohibiting the sale of fireworks on July 4.

Efforts are being made by the chamber of commerce of the Tonawandas to consolidate the two cities.

The Presto-Lite company, with headquarters at Indianapolis, has decided to open a plant in the Tonawandas.

Of 840 men provided with jobs by the federal employment office in Buffalo during April only 55 went on farms.

Monroe county supervisors granted the request of the county home defense committee for an appropriation of \$15,000.

Bolivar's race track is to be plowed up, divided into 40 plots and offered to any 40 residents who will agree to raise farm produce.

State Commissioner of Education John H. Finley will start for France at once to study war-time methods in the French schools.

Miss Elsie V. Jones has been appointed by Governor Whitman a member of the board of managers of the Western House of Refuge in Albion.

Former Warden Benham of Auburn prison and E. E. Larkin of Plattsburgh have been appointed members of the state parole board by Governor Whitman.

Edward Stanton, aged 75, who "broke the bank" at Monte Carlo years ago, winning \$200,000 at a single sitting, was found starving in New York.

Mt. Morris people have contributed \$6,000 of the \$8,000 needed to induce the Robeson Cutlery company of Rochester to establish a factory there.

Jamestown manufacturers are considering the plan of closing their factories one day each week, in order that the employes may go on farms to work.

Wayne County Agricultural society directors have voted not to hold the fair at Lyons this year. Corn may be raised on a portion of the fair grounds.

The Niagara county farm bureau is arranging to bring 10 carloads of seed potatoes into Niagara county, to relieve the shortage, estimated at 20 carloads.

Major George Fletcher Chandler of Kingston has been named by Governor Whitman as head of the state police. The senate has confirmed the nomination.

The taking of the military census of Steuben county, which was to have started May 1, has been postponed until May 10 on account of the federal census.

Reports made to the Grand lodge of Free Masons, in session in New York, showed an increase of 6,233 members in the 861 lodges in the state during the past year.

George T. Hand has been appointed chief engineer of the Lehigh Valley railroad. Mr. Hand formerly was in engineering service with the Lehigh Valley railroad.

Hope of National Guardsmen who served on the Mexican border last summer to receive this year state pay in addition to their federal pay was dispensed in Albany.

Chautauqua county's Republican committee has recommended Luke Fay of Portland for appointment as election commissioner to succeed J. L. Campbell, resigned.

A total of 87 students, including 68 boys and 19 girls to date have left the Batavia high school and enlisted as farm cadets. In the senior class 23 members have left.

Governor Whitman has announced that he will sign the Newton-Adler bill, designed to relieve the congested calendar in the court of appeals by limiting the right to appeal.

Future dances and rifle drills among women were put under the ban by Chancellor Day of Syracuse university. He also demanded that smoking by the co-eds shall cease.

Twenty acres of land near Cold Spring, Putnam county, have been bought by the General Electric company as the site for a plant at which 1,000 people will be employed.

Because the young women wore the necks of their dresses too low and chewed gum the Yonkers board of education has refused the use of the school hall for the graduate dances.

Attorney General Merton E. Lewis announced the appointment of Sanford W. Smith of Chatham as first deputy attorney general and Alfred L. Becker of Buffalo as second deputy.

State authorities are alarmed at the activities of enemy aliens, a dozen members of the National Guard having been shot by snipers within a few weeks while guarding railroad property.

Miss Ambolena Hooker, daughter of the head of the Hooker Electro Chemical company, has been appointed a policeman in Niagara Falls where she has been prominent as a welfare worker.

A. H. Whitford, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Buffalo, has been elected to direct the raising of \$1,000,000 before June 1 by the war work council of the Y. M. C. A. in territorial committee.

The first National bank of Cuba has been advised that it is to be the agent of the patriotic farmers' fund for that district and that 4 1/2 per cent interest will be charged for funds for seed buying, labor and the like.

Quarantine against the importation of white pine trees into New York in order to check the spread of white pine blister rust was declared by G. D. Pratt, conservation commissioner. The order became effective immediately.

Cortland lodge, No. 748, B. P. O. of Cortland, will plant a field of potatoes to assist in the work of increasing the food supply of Cortland. The seed will be furnished by the lodge and the planting will be done by local Elks.

Frank P. Cullinan, the Genesee representative of the New York food supply commission, has finished the summary of the county farm census. It shows that Genesee county is utilizing 18,811 more acres of land for crops than in 1916.

Orders have been received at the Brooks plant at Dunkirk for 15 Savta Fe type freight engines for the Pere Marquette railroad, and two Mikado type freight engines for the Chicago & Illinois Midland railroad. Both orders are for delivery late this year.

An increase this year over last of from 20 to 25 per cent in the acreage of grain crops and potatoes in New York was indicated in a preliminary report from 189,602 farms in the 52 agricultural counties submitted to Governor Whitman by the state food supply commission.

Pleas for the closing of the quail season on Long Island for five years on the ground that this game has been virtually exterminated there by hunters who have disregarded bird life and the same laws were heard in New York by George D. Pratt, state conservation commissioner.

Niagara county farmers are short 4,000 hired hands. This is the summary of the agricultural census completed last week by an army of volunteer enumerators under the Niagara county farm bureau and in response to the request of President Wilson for mobilization of the farm forces of the nation.

Possession of a fire arms silencer renders the owner liable to five years' imprisonment, under the terms of an act signed by Governor Whitman. The measure, which was introduced in the legislature by Assemblyman Malone of Albany makes exceptions in the case of military and police officials.

William S. Mills, secretary of the Ontario County Agricultural society, received from the United States department of agriculture a communication signed by President Wilson urging that all persons residing in rural communities put forth every effort to raise a large amount of food products this season.

The Rt. Rev. William David Walker, D.D., D.C.L., bishop of the Episcopal church of Western New York, died last week Wednesday morning in the Episcopal residence, Buffalo. Angina pectoris from which the venerable prelate has been suffering for many months, was the cause of death. He was 78 years old.

Farmers of Western Orleans are organizing for a campaign of greater grain and food production and to arrange for the purchase of a car of Maine seed potatoes A-1 eating grade, for seed purposes. Farmers generally have expressed their purpose to till increased acreage this year if they can be assured sufficient help.

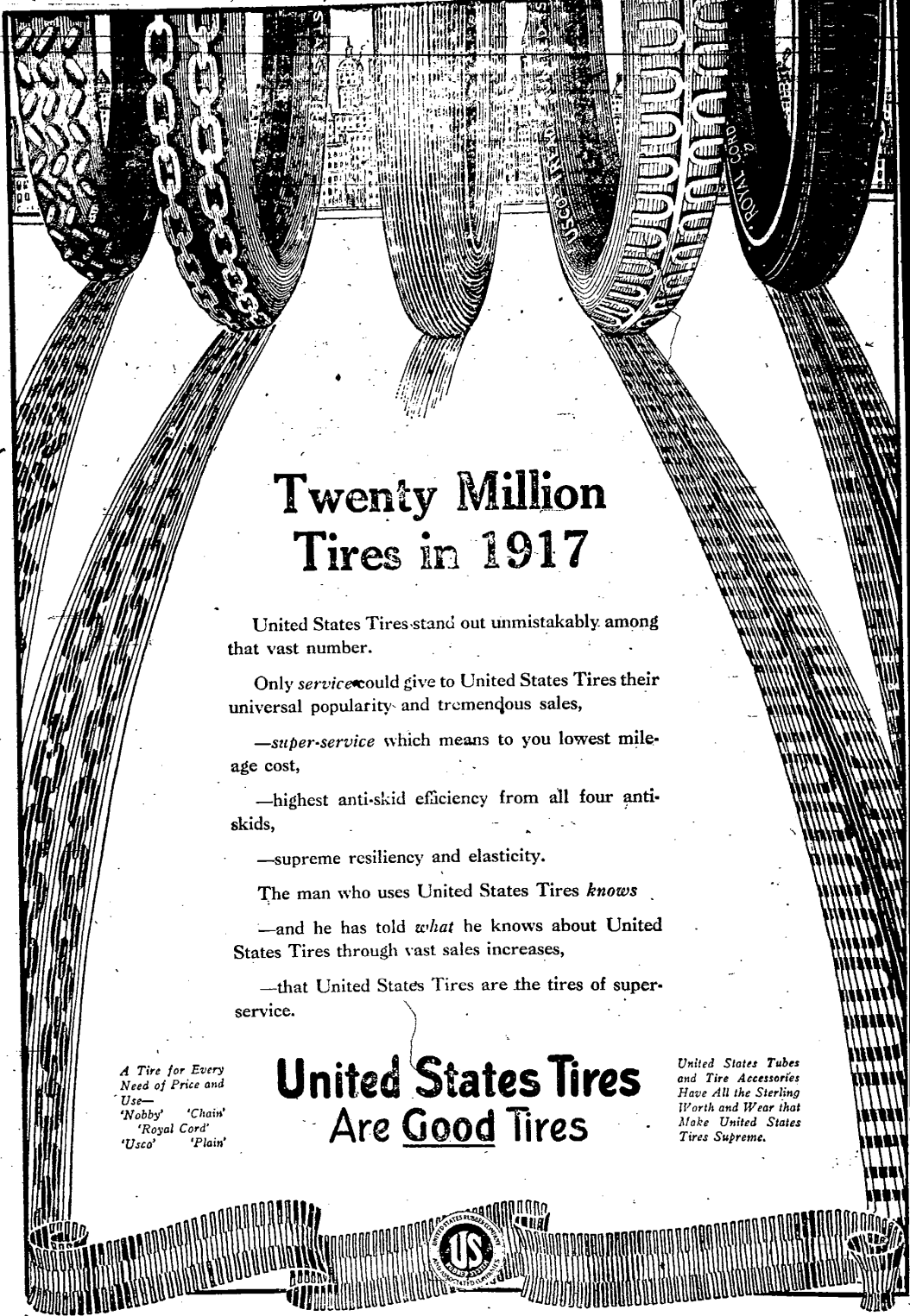
The State Exchange bank of Holley has been designated by the Chase National bank of New York city as an agent for placing the funds of the patriotic farmers' fund for the aid of farmers. Local farmers may secure money on notes approved by the local committee consisting of W. S. House, C. W. Smith and Harry S. Bliden.

To aid in increasing the production of foodstuffs, the managers of the Genesee county fair, meeting in Batavia, arranged for contests in potato raising, bean growing, stock judging, fruit and vegetable canning and poultry raising for boys and girls on the farm. The first prize in each contest will be \$25 and other prizes will be given.

Brigadier General George C. Fox of Buffalo was appointed as supervising officer of military training in the Western zone, at a meeting of the state military training commission. General Fox will receive \$3,000 a year. He will have charge of the work in the counties of Erie, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Orleans, Niagara, Genesee, Allegany and Wyoming.

The legislature has passed a bill striking out of the penal law the section making attempted suicide a crime. The bill has been urged for years by physicians, who have contended that the man or woman who commits suicide is suffering from a disease, the cure of which is only made more difficult by the prospect of criminal proceedings if the suicide is not successful.

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The Olean District Conference and Sunday School Institute of the M. E. Church will be held at Bradford from Wednesday to Friday of next week.

Following is the program:

Wednesday—

2:00 p. m. Devotions, G. R. Williamson.

2:20 p. m. Business Session. Appointment of Committees.

2:30 p. m. Presentation of the Permanent Fund.

(a) Relations between the Conference and the Fund, I. H. Crocker.

(b) Relation between the District and the Fund, Charles Collins.

(c) Methods for the Raising of the Fund, L. A. Wright.

7:30 p. m. Devotionals, O. C. Baker.

Thursday—

8:00 a. m. Address, Evangelism, C. E. Guthrie, D. D.

8:30 a. m. Devotionals, A. T. Abernethy.

9:00 a. m. Business Session.

10:00 a. m. Conference Course of Studies, W. W. Robinson.

10:15 a. m. The Pastor's Field, S. E. Idleman.

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