

## A Statement By The Publisher

In conformity with my preliminary statement of last week, I most regretfully announce that this is the last issue of The Times for the duration of the war. I have had a newspaper for the past 30 years during which time I have never missed an issue, this notwithstanding the other war in which I served in the Army in 1918.

I appreciate the many solicitations and earnest pleas from people of the community that the paper be kept going. As much as these expressions help my feelings, they do not help in finding trained workmen and the work necessary for them to do to make a continuation of the paper possible.

To those who have subscriptions paid in advance I offer either of the following plans of settlement of my financial obligation to you:

(1) If you desire cash refund for your unexpired time. I will give it to you. I will be ready to do this in a few days, when I have had time to go over my records and make the necessary calculations.

(2) By special arrangement with the *Shelby County Democrat* I will, if you choose, transfer your subscription to that paper and you will get it for the balance of the time your subscription to The Times is paid up.

(3) The Times subscription list will be kept as is and all who do not otherwise instruct will be kept on the list to have their time finished out when publication is resumed.

As stated last week, our printing plant will continue in operation. We will print *The Alabamian*, the college newspaper, and other jobs which we customarily do for the college and our patrons in general.

I hope to be able after the war to reassemble some of my scattered force and resume publication of The Times. The following men, former employees of The Times are now serving in the armed forces of our country somewhere:

Stewart Armstrong  
Tom Gentry  
Francis Killingsworth  
Ralph Lemley  
Carlos Wyatt  
Jim Alex Wyatt

Goodbye and good luck. We will be with you again after the war – we hope. And let us not forget that in order to do this and many other things we would like to do, we must first win the war. The future, not only of our newspapers but of every other cherished institution and ideal depends upon our winning this gigantic world struggle.

W. M. WYATT,  
Publisher.