

Alexander Kirss: Personal Research Archive

The following are archival materials that I have gathered for my personal research. Please contact me if they would be of use to you! I am happy to discuss individual items and share either digital copies or notes as appropriate. The archive centers around the American business community during World War I and World War II, with a particular emphasis on the agricultural and textile industries.

Boxes

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Textile World Journal

- 51, no. 5 (January 1, 1916)
- 51, no. 6 (January 8, 1916)
- 51, no. 8 (January 22, 1916) - 51, no. 41 (September 9, 1916)
- 51, no. 43 (September 23, 1916) - 51, no. 52 (November 25, 1916)
- 52, no. 1 (December 2, 1916) - 52, no. 5 (December 30, 1916)

Archive Box II

Textile World Journal

- 52, no. 6 (January 6, 1917)
- 52, no. 10 (February 3, 1917)
- 52, no. 11 (February 10, 1917)
- 52, no. 13 (February 24, 1917)
- 52, no. 18 (March 31, 1917) - 52, no. 23 (May 5, 1917)
- 52, no. 31 (June 30, 1917)
- 53, no. 6 (August 8, 1917) - 53, no. 15 (October 13, 1917)
- 53, no. 17 (October 27, 1917)
- 53, no. 18 (November 3, 1917)
- 53, no. 20 (November 17, 1917) - 53, no. 24 (December 15, 1917)
- 53, no. 26 (December 29, 1917)

Rural Life and Farm Journal

- 34, no. 1 (October 1914)
- 34, no. 2 (November 1914)

American Agriculturalist

- 101, no. 15 (April 13, 1918)
- 101, no. 16 (April 20, 1918)
- 101, no. 18 (May ??, 1918)
- 101, no. 23 (June ??, 1918)
- 101, no. 24 (June ??, 1918)

- 102, no. 10 (September 7, 1918)

Illinois Agriculturalist

- January 1939
- October 1939
- November 1939
- March 1940
- May 1940
- November 1940
- December 1940
- January 1941
- March 1941
- May 1941

The Literary Digest

- 49, no. 9 (August 29, 1914)

World War I Pamphlet Collection

- *The War Message and Facts Behind It: War Information Series No. 1* (Washington, D.C.: Committee on Public Information, 1917)
- Franklin K. Lane and Newton D. Baker, *The Nation in Arms: War Information Series No. 2* (Washington, D.C.: Committee on Public Information, 1917)
- Charles D. Hazen, *The Government of Germany: War Information Series No. 3* (Washington, D.C.: Committee on Public Information, 1917)
- Andrew C. McLaughlin, *The Great War, From Spectator to Participant: War Information Series No. 4* (Washington, D.C.: Committee on Public Information, 1917)
- Robert Lansing and Louis F. Post, *A War of Self-Defense: War Information Series No. 5* (Washington, D.C.: Committee on Public Information, 1917)
- *American Loyalty: War Information Series No. 6* (Washington, D.C.: Committee on Public Information, 1917)
- Evarts B. Greene, *American Interest in Popular Government Abroad: War Information Series No. 8* (Washington, D.C.: Committee on Public Information, 1917)
- Frederic Harrison, *The Meaning of the War: For Labour—Freedom—Country* (London, MacMillan and Co., 1914)
- Edward Cook, *Britain and Turkey: The Causes of the Rupture* (London, MacMillan and Co., 1914)
- Donald MacKenzie Wallace, *Our Russian Ally* (London, MacMillan and Co., 1914)
- Bhupendranath Basu, *Why India is Heart and Soul with Great Britain* (London, MacMillan and Co., 1914)
- Harold Cox, *The Economic Strength of Great Britain* (London, MacMillan and Co., 1914)
- E.B. Sargant and Marie Sargant, *The Country's Call: A Short Selection of Patriotic Verse* (London, MacMillan and Co., 1915)
- Edward Cook, *Why Britain is at War: The Causes and Issues* (London, MacMillan and Co., 1915)

- M. E. Sadler, *Modern Germany and the Modern World* (London, MacMillan and Co., 1915)
- Edward Cook, *Britain and the Small Nations: Her Principles and Her Policy*, Victoria League Leaflet No. 5 (London: Wyman & Sons, Ltd., n.d.)
- *Endure and Fight*, Victoria League Leaflet No. 7 (London: Wyman & Sons, Ltd., n.d.); two copies
- G. M. Trevelyan, *The Servians and Austria* Victoria League Leaflet No. 11 (London: Wyman & Sons, Ltd., n.d.); two copies
- E. W. M. Grigg, *Why the Dominions Came in: The Power of Liberty and Law*, Victoria League Leaflet No. 12 (London: Wyman & Sons, Ltd., n.d.)
- Clare Goslett, *To Girls in War Time*, Victoria League Leaflet No. 13 (London: Wyman & Sons, Ltd., n.d.)
- J. H. L. Ridley, *Why Britain is Fighting*, Victoria League Leaflet No. 14 (London: Wyman & Sons, Ltd., n.d.)
- W. J. Pincombe, *Britain, Belgium and the Small Nations*, Victoria League Leaflet No. 15 (London: Wyman & Sons, Ltd., n.d.); two copies
- J. M. Robertson, *Britain versus Germany* (London: T. Fisher Unwin Ltd., 1917)
- W. J. Ashley, *Germany's Food Supply* (London: Jas. Truscott & Son, Ltd., 1916)
- William Archer, *Six of One and Half-A-Dozen of the Other* (London: T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., 1917)
- *The Germans and the Small Nations: An Interview with Lord French* (London: J. J. Keliher & Co., Ltd., 1917)
- *British and German Ideals: The Meaning of the War* (London: Macmillan & Co., 1915)
- Lloyd George, *When Will the War End?* (London: Hayman, Christy & Lily, Ltd., 1917)
- Ramsey Muir, *The Character of the British Empire* (London: Constable and Company Limited, 1917)
- A. W. A. Leeper, *The Justice of Rumania's Cause* (New York: George H. Doran Company, 1917)
- *Germany's Move and Britain's Answer: Speech by the Right Hon. Earl Curzon of Kedleston* (London: Hayman, Christy & Lilly, Ltd., 1916)
- James Bryce, *The Attitude of Great Britain in the Present War* (London: Macmillan and Co., Limited, 1916)
- William Archer, *To Neutral Peace-Lovers: A Plea for Patience* (London: Sir Joseph Causton & Sons, Limited, 1916)
- Ramsay Muir, *Mare Liberum: The Freedom of the Seas* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1917)
- G. W. Prothero, *A Lasting Peace* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1917)
- Robert Cecil, *Black List and Blockade* (London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, Ltd., 1916)
- E. F. Davies, *The Finances of Great Britain and Germany* (London: T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., 1916?)
- H. M. Gwatkin, *Britain's Case Against Germany* (London: T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., 1917)
- Viscount Grey, *Why Britain is in the War and What She Hopes From the Future* (London: T. Fisher Unwin, Ltd., 1916)

- Alfred Noyes, *What is England Doing?* (London: Burrup, Mathieson & Sprauge, Ltd., 1916)
- William Archer, *Shirking the Issue* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1917)
- Arthur J. Balfour, *The Freedom of the Seas* (London: Sir Joseph Causton & Son, Limited, 1916)
- Arthur J. Balfour, *The Case of the Allies* (London: Hayman, Christy & Lilly, Ltd., 1917)
- J. W. Headlam, *The Starvation of Germany* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1917)
- Lloyd George, *The Great War* (London: Clerkenwell Press, Ltd., 1917)
- Gilbert Parker, *Is England Apathetic? A Reply* (London: Darling & Son, Limited, 1915)
- Viscount Milner, *Cotton Contraband* (London: Darling and Son, Limited, 1915)
- A. J. Balfour, *The Navy and the War* (London: Darling and Son, Limited, 1915)
- James Michael Cordray, *The Prophecy of the War* (United States of America, self-published, 1914)
- Arthur H. McOwen, *United America: Pan-American Hymn* (Philadelphia: Benjamin F. Emery, Co., 1917)
- "More 'Contemptibles'" (London: The Field and Queen, n.d.)
- "Those 'Gentlemen' of Germany" (n.d.)
- "Call for Second American Conference on Democracy and Terms of Peace" (United States of America, self-published, 1917)
- "The People's Council for Democracy and Peace" (United States of America, self-published, 1917)
- "War on the Wounded" (London: Joseph Causton & Sons, n.d.)
- "Murder Again!" (London: Joseph Causton & Sons, n.d.)
- "The Collapse of German Credit" (printed, folded sheet, n.d.)

Other Pamphlets

- Joseph E. Davies, *Our Soviet Ally In War and Peace* (New York: National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, 1944).
- Common Council for American Unity, "Divided We Fail" (United States of America, 1946?)

Other Items

- Frederick L. Schuman to Roger Harris, September 27, 1960
 - Signed letter from long-time Williams College professor of political science to an autograph collector discussing Schuman's love of teaching; purchased for \$35.50
- "Frederick L. Schuman: Dynamic Interpreter of Current World Affairs"
 - Signed photo sheet intended to advertise Schuman's lecturing; purchased for \$35.50
- Livestock Sales Ledger, Charles Tapping (sp?), Peoria, IL: 1914-1958
 - Detailed account book of livestock sales, including type, price, and weight
 - Incredible source of local livestock trade over nearly 50 years
- Daily Journal from Central Illinois: 1914-1915
 - Appears to be written by a middle-aged woman in Central Illinois
 - Chronicles daily life during early years of World War I
 - Unfortunately some pages are missing at the beginning of the book

Archival Purchase Receipts: Contemporary

- Assorted sale receipts and price information of personal archive acquisitions

Archive Box III

Textile World Journal

- 53, no. 27 (January 5, 1918)
- 53, no. 29 (January 19, 1918) – 53, no. 52 (June 29, 1918)
- 54, no. 1 (July 6, 1918) – 54, no. 7 (August 17, 1918)
- 54, no. 9 (August 31, 1918) – 54, no. 14 (October 5, 1918)
- 54, no. 16 (October 19, 1918) – 54, no. 26 (December 28, 1918)

Archive Box IV

The Farm Journal

- 37, no. 7 (July 1913)
- 37, no. 12 (December 1913); damaged, no cover
- 38, no. 1 (January 1914) – 38, no. 4 (April 1914); some damaged
- 38, no. 7 (July 1914) – 38, no. 11 (November 1914)
- 39, no. 2 (February 1915)
- 43, no. 1 (January 1919)
- 43, no. 2 (February 1919); damaged, no cover
- 43, no. 11 (November 1919) - 43, no. 12 (December 1919); damaged, no covers
- 44, no. 1 (January 1920) – 44, no 2 (February 1920); damaged, no covers

Pathfinder: A News Review of World Affairs

- September 5, 1936 – September 12, 1936
- September 26, 1936 – January 9, 1937
- January 23, 1937
- February 13, 1937 – March 13, 1937
- March 27, 1937
- April 10, 1937
- May 1, 1937 – May 15, 1937
- June 5, 1937 – July 3, 1937
- July 17 1937
- August 28, 1937 – September 8, 1937
- January 29, 1938
- April 9, 1938 – April 23, 1938
- October 1, 1938
- January 7, 1939
- January 21, 1939
- February 4, 1939
- February 18, 1939 – March 4, 1939

- April 1, 1939
- April 15, 1939
- May 20, 1939
- June 3, 1939
- July 8, 1939 – September 2, 1939
- September 23, 1939
- October 7, 1939 – October 28, 1939

PM

- June 14, 1940
- June 18, 1940 – June 20, 1940
- June 28, 1940
- July 5, 1940
- July 11, 1940
- July 15, 1940 – July 16, 1940
- July 18, 1940 – July 31, 1940
- August 1, 1940 – August 4, 1940 (Section two only)
- August 5, 1940 – August 12, 1940

Archive Box V

PM

- August 13, 1940 – August 30, 1940
- September 1, 1940 – September 30, 1940
- October 2, 1940 – October 15, 1940
- October 22, 1940 – October 31, 1940
- February 2, 1941 – February 9, 1941 (Section two only)
- February 10, 1941 – February 28, 1941
- July 3, 1941 – July 6, 1941 (Section two only)
- July 9, 1941
- July 13, 1941 (Section two only)
- July 18, 1941
- July 27, 1941
- August 8, 1941
- August 14 1941
- October 12, 1941 (Section two only)

The Southern Planter

- August 1938
- December 1939
- August 1940
- September 1940

- March 1941
- July 1941
- January 1944
- March 1944
- April 1944
- May 1944
- August 1944
- January 1945

Oversize Volumes

The Atlantic Monthly

- Vol. 158, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1936 – December 1936)
- Vol. 159, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1937 – June 1937)
- Vol. 160, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1937 – December 1937)
- Vol. 161, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1938 – June 1938)
- Vol. 162, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1938 – December 1938)
- Vol. 163, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1939 – June 1939)
- Vol. 164, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1939 – December 1939)
- Vol. 165, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1940 – June 1940)
- Vol. 166, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1940 – December 1940)
- Vol. 167, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1941 – June 1941)
- Vol. 168, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1941 – December 1941)
- Vol. 169, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1942 – June 1942)

- Vol. 171, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1943 – June 1943)
- Vol. 172, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1943 – December 1943)
- Vol. 173, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1944- June 1944)

Fortune Magazine

- Vol. 21, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1940 – June 1940)
- Vol. 22, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1940 – December 1940)
- Vol. 23, nos. 1 – 6 (January 1941 – June 1941)
- Vol. 23, nos. 4 – 6 (April 1941 – June 1941), *second copy*
- Vol. 24, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1941 – December 1941)
- Vol. 26, nos. 1 – 6 (July 1942 – December 1942)

National Geographic

- Vol. 76 (July 1939 – December 1939)
- Vol. 79 (January 1941 – June 1941)
- Vol. 80 (July 1941 – December 1941)