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THE HERRIN FARCE—

Organized miners have again proven their superiority over the courts of justice. This time it is Herrin, Ill.—the scene of a setto of barbarism, butchery, and mob spirit of the worst sort in the summer of 1922. Non-union mine workers seeking an honest livelihood were shot to the ground, their throats slashed, and then drug off to die a miserable death, simply because a bunch of organized coal diggers didn't want to see the coal mined, unless they dictated the terms and did the job themselves.

Brought into the courts and given a trial, every defendant among union workers was exonerated of all charges. Although they took part in one of the most heinous wholesale murders ever staged in this country, a jury composed of supposedly American citizens has given them a clean bill of health.

Like one of our contemporaries has set forth, this farcical court procedure and outcome shows even more conclusively that industrial rottenness cannot be remedied in the courts. There must be a campaign of education that the American folks may learn to inhibit the very inception of any industrial or social organization that is founded on principles akin to those actuating that bunch of hoodlums and cutthroats out in Herrin. Sympathizers sitting on juries to pass upon the guilt or innocence of those fellows or any other similar crowd can never provide a remedy nor give any sort of justice.

NOTHING TO GAIN—

What France hopes to gain by occupying the Ruhr coal regions is hard to ferret. If it is France's intention or hope to secure any revenue by invasion and seizure of the mines, such hopes appear to have little prospect of realization. She may be able to force Germany into submissiveness; but even that end is further off with every succeeding day's developments.

With coal strikers obeying implicitly the decrees of Germany and refusing to work under French surveillance, there is little chance for the invaders to secure a maximum production of coal. In fact, less coal will be mined, France and Belgium will get but little coal and Germany will be just that nearer starvation and less able to meet any indemnity, by reason of their ceasing coal operations.

France's allies are giving her but little encouragement. On the other hand, demands have been made by statesmen of their late allies urging that protests be lodged against the occupation by France of the Ruhr regions. As the situation stands now, France is not only failing to get any money or coal from Germany but she is antagonizing her enemy to the point where little can ever be expected from them.



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The CAT here and now enters a disclaimer to any offense suffered at the hands of Mr. T. E. Vann of Como. To disagree on matters of policy has nothing in common with offering personal offense.

In fact, it is real refreshing for the Maney Neck folks to be represented in the paper published in Ahoskie. The two Hertford county balliwicks are almost like foreign territories, so far removed are they by natural barriers, which include the Chowan river and highways that do not admit of much communication. Although in the same county, Maney Neck is much closer in both distance and trade with Virginia than with this section of the county.

Not in the sense of being actually 'lost', but meaning that it is lost to a large section of the County, Maney Neck affords a pretty close parallel to the "Lost Provinces" of North Carolina. The CAT is strongly in favor of reclaiming that portion of Hertford and making of it a stronger ally and closer friend to 'our end' of the county. Bridges across the Chowan and good highways will turn the trick.

Give me the small town for real life. Every day in the small town is filled with human interest elements that are totally lacking in the larger centers where the population is so cosmopolitan that one hardly ever speaks to or even knows his next door neighbor. Hanging around a small town naturally impresses one to a more or less degree of his own importance as a human being; it is not like being a cog in the wheel around the big town.

It is pretty hard to observe the oft repeated admonition of "leaving other people's business alone" in the smaller places; but, then, if you don't take an active, every-day interest in what the other fellow is doing, he will be disappointed and will even call you "stuck up."

Holding the job of sheriff of Hertford County would be a liability if he were required to run them down and take taxes away from the county taxpayers and tease them along as the tax collectors now have to do, thinks Sheriff Scull. The CAT knows \$3,500 would not be any salary for a sheriff if he were required to collect taxes in the same manner and by the same methods now employed. Were the system to be changed, it would be necessary to make a change in the method of tax collecting now in vogue in Hertford County.

Ahoskie may take the cake when it comes to producing high priced goats, but it is left to Murfreesboro canine owners to put a price on their dogs. Although listing only about a half dozen dogs, the average value put upon them is greater than the average horse, cow, or other animal in the same township. Six dogs in Murfreesboro township are worth \$505. Maney Neck and Winton townships do not list any dogs at all. Over in Harrellsville one honest colored man put his dog down as being worth \$2. There are no other dogs listed.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY
"You can't send your conscience to the laundry. Every man must wash his own soiled thoughts."

It takes more dough to buy a loaf of bread and less to make one now than it ever did before in the world.

AND A SHIRT-TEARING CONTEST

During Farm and Home Week at Manhattan at the agricultural college the horseshoe pitchers are to compete for prizes.

Why not let the women have a dish-washing contest says an exchange. Give a prize for the woman who can wash and break the most dishes.

And then have a burned steak contest by the hired girls' Union. Give the prize to the hired girl who can turn a 2-inch-thick steak into a scorched, rubber in the shortest time.

Cy Kology says the bill collector never has to chase the man who earns

his money before he spends it.

Among other pathetic failures must be listed the effort of a high-brow professor to act enthusiastic at a foot ball game.

Some people can call you a liar simply by smiling, growls, G. Howitt Hurts.

AUTO SUGGESTIONS

All's fair in love and the garage business.

Pride goeth before the blowout. Fool jay-walk where angels fear to tread.

Money makes the motor go. Ignorance of the law is no excuse (unless she happens to be pretty.)

A summons in the hand is worth five dollars (at least) in the traffic court.

Some are born fools; some achieve foolishness; and some do not stop, look, nor listen at grade crossings. Skidding cars gather a crowd.

A darn funny thing to us is how the man who chews tobacco expects to be kissed just as often as if he were fit to be kissed.

HERE'S ONE CONSCIENTIOUS CONSUMER ANYWAY

We owe some woman for a young chicken which we found in a slightly used egg.

Have you observed that it makes a liar just as mad to be called a liar as it does an honest man?

OBSERVATIONS

We have observed: That making mistakes seems to be a necessary part of a man's education.

That the harder you are to please the less your friends will try.

That more people will accept a man's cigars than his advice.

That a man cannot become popular unless he is willing to be bored occasionally.

That the fact that life is a grind is what sharpens many a man's wits.

That when a woman doesn't enjoy spending money she needs a tonic.

That it takes a born diplomat to disguise the interest one feels in oneself.

That every time a man does a charitable act some vinegar-visaged misanthrope says that he has an axe to grind.

SERVED HIM RIGHT

They stood close together on the edge of the precipice. The roar of the angry waters below them was softened to a love whisper—so high were they above its rushing course.

Standing, silhouetted against the moonlight of the sweet-scented night, oblivious to the beauty around them, they were conscious of only one thing: the ecstasy of the other's nearness.

She knew that she was going to be kissed, and trembled expectantly.

She slipped her arms around the great bulk of his shoulders, lifting her face, and closed her eyes. She knew that he was looking at her.

"Dear," he said.

"Dear," he continued, "your nose shines."

She kicked off her shoes and leaped into the abyss.

The whale gets into trouble only when he starts to blow.

The world may be going to the dogs as some old-timers say, but these same ones don't seem to be in any hurry to get out of it.

Pungent Paragraphs

Our fathers used to say that the master's eye was the best fertilizer. —Pliny the Elder.

Factors that build communities; the school, the church, the local paper, the home agent, the county agent.

Have you studied the possibilities of North Carolina as a horticultural state? If not write for the November 1922, bulletin of the State Department of Agriculture. It is free for the asking.

Farm prices are low, and the boll weevil is here, but the farmer who raises most of the food for his table is not worrying about his next meal.

Plan that garden now. Write for seed catalogues and work out a well balanced system of planting.

To help with the garden the extension service of the State College and Department of Agriculture has issued three circulars, 121, 122, and 123. You have one whether you have written for it or not.

Are you taking your home town paper? No one would know about

your community were it not for your paper. It needs your support.

Get the cotton land ready. Beat the boll weevil by better seed, better cultivation, and better fertilization. The early set bolls are hard to puncture.

FIDDO FIRST

While you were in Florida dearest said the doing and wealthy husband, "I added this wing to the house." "Well, you'll have to tear it down then. Fido buried a bone there before we left."

POOR DEAR

In the middle of a stupid party one of the guests spoke to a young man who was yawning.

"Awfully boring, isn't it? If it weren't so embarrassing, I'd go home. "Yes. Wish I could go, too; but, hang it all, I live here."

NOTICE

By virtue of the powers contained in a certain deed of trust, executed on the 1st day of January, 1914, by E. D. Hoggard and wife Dessie M. Hoggard, to Jno. E. Vann, Trustee, which deed of trust is duly recorded in the Register of deeds office for Hertford County, in Book 51 on page 28. The conditions contained in said deed of trust have not been complied with, the undersigned, Trustee will therefore, on the 5th day of February, 1923 offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court house door of Hertford County, the following described tract of land, situate in Winton Township, Hertford County, N. C., to-wit: That tract, beginning at a maple corner for the Etta Crocker land, and running the Crocker line straight to the public road leading from the Murfreesboro and Winton road to California; thence said road a Northerly course to a large marked white oak; thence to a marked white oak, a marked line near the corner of fence in Jack Vann's heirs line; thence along a line of marked trees to a Maple at a branch; thence a marked line of trees to large white oak, corner for the Weaver or Kiff land; thence to the first station, containing 130 acres more or less. Known as a part of the land formerly owned by Dr. J. P. Jordan. This the 30th day of December, 1922.

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