

IS CHILD CROSS, FEVERISH, SICK

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sours, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well child again. Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Adv.

The Race.

"I shouldn't be surprised," said Mr. Chuggins, "if my being arrested for speeding was spite work."

"How can that be?"

"The man got jealous because my liver was beating his motorcycle."

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

The Reason.

"The cynical poet says a man's wife is a little dearer than his horse. Now, that isn't true."

"Of course, it isn't true. She is a great deal dearer. A man doesn't have to buy his horse a new outfit every half year."

SWAMP-ROOT FOR KIDNEY DISEASES

There is only one medicine that really stands out pre-eminent as a remedy for diseases of the kidneys, liver and bladder.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root stands the highest for the reason that it has proven to be just the remedy needed in thousands upon thousands of cases of the most distressing cases. Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription for special diseases, makes friends quickly because its mild and immediate effect is soon realized in most cases. It is a gentle, healing vegetable compound.

Start treatment at once. Sold at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes—fifty cents and one dollar.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation, send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper. Adv.

Married Life.

Billy was about to be married, and his friends—married friends—were giving him good advice, the burden of which was "Forget it."

But Billy was not to be dissuaded. "Oh, I don't know," he replied. "Marriage is all right if you take it in the right way. Now all this talk about matrimonial quarrels, arguments, and so on, is all nonsense. Surely you can accept one another's point of view! And, anyway, there's always an answer to every argument."

"Oh, is there?" growled the old married man. "I tell you, my boy, there's one argument in married life that you'll never be able to answer."

"Really! And what's that?"

"Why, when your wife says: 'If the Browns can afford it, we can!' You try to find an answer to that!"

History Fails to Repeat.

"Well, dad," remarked the modern prodigal, as he was about to shove his pedal extremities under the old man's mahogany, "is the obese calf ready for the slaughter?"

"Gosh, yes!" exclaimed the old granger. "I calkrate it air; but, plague take it all, I feel kind' sorry fer yew, so I reckon I'll let yew live annuther week."

Very Poor.

"Is he so very poor?"

"Gracious, yes! He's so poor that merely to live is an extravagance!"

Rich veins of zinc are said to exist in all parts of Japan.

Before starting the youngsters to school give them a piping hot cup of

Instant Postum

School teachers, doctors and food experts agree on two points—that the child needs a hot drink, and that the drink shouldn't be coffee.

Postum fills the need admirably and its very extensive use among thoughtful parents, coupled with the child's fondness for this flavory, nourishing food-drink, show how completely it meets the requirement.

"There's a Reason"

No change in price, quality, or size of package.

THE WEEK'S EVENTS

Important News of the State, Nation, and World Told in a Few Lines for Your Convenience.

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

A Condensed Record of Happenings of Interest From All Points of the World.

Washington

The two salient phases of the Mexican problem on which interest now centers are the disposition of the more than 50,000 militia still on the border and the sending of Ambassador Fletcher to his post at Mexico City. It is stated that at least a part of the remaining Guardsmen are expected to be ordered home as soon as the 25,000 now leaving have been moved out of the way and Pershing's regulars have been redistributed to provide adequate protection for the border, perhaps in three weeks' time. Pershing's withdrawal will enable a much smaller force to guard the border.

The last American soldiers are expected to be out of Mexico within a week.

A dispatch from Madrid says that an attempt was made to wreck a train on which King Alfonso was a passenger. The royal train was preceded by a freight train, the engineer of which saw an obstacle on the track and removed it.

A London dispatch announces that it is no secret that the United Kingdom will soon be placed on a ration basis.

It is reported that American marines have captured the bandit Evangelista in the Haitian interior near Macoris and scattered his band.

Enlargement of the national forest reserves by 23,700 acres acquired through purchase in the Southern Appalachian and White mountains is announced by the reservation commission. This brings the total up to 1,373,131 acres.

The Supreme court has been asked to decide whether the federal government shall pay \$68,000,000 to former slaves and their heirs for cotton picked in slavery times after the famous emancipation declaration.

An amendment to the federal reserve act, proposed by the reserve board, to make immediately effective the provision requiring all reserves of member banks to be kept in federal reserve banks, has been approved by the house banking and currency committee.

Contracts were awarded Hadfields, Limited (England), for \$3,141,000 worth of 14-inch and 16-inch armor-piercing shells at about \$200 apiece less than the lowest American bid. Secretary Daniels has not received official notice that the British government has declined to permit the Hadfields to fill its contract. "I will wait until I get official announcement," he said, when asked what alternative presented itself.

The amount of whiskey consumed by the American people in 1916 apparently was greater than in any previous year since 1909, according to tax returns to the treasury department. The amount of revenue collected by the government on whiskey, beer and cigarettes during the year was the greatest on record.

Consumption of cigarettes in 1916, which reached the highest mark in the history of the country, is attributable to the large number of women who have become devotees of the weed.

Frank P. Glass of Birmingham, Ala., vice president of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, voiced his objection to restrictions upon newspaper publishers in the Owen corrupt practices bill, before a senate subcommittee.

President Wilson has under consideration the making of a speechmaking tour in different parts of the country in a campaign of education concerning the ideas expressed by him in his recent convention-smashing speech to the senate.

Domestic

The bodies of four children were found in a bed at Hacomia, Wash., after a fire in the home of S. A. Hewlett had been extinguished. The father has been placed under arrest. Hewlett was taken to Seattle after a mob threatened violence.

Detectives summoned from several cities are in Lakeland, Fla., seeking clues to the identity of the thief or thieves who robbed the residence of C. G. Memminger, a wealthy phosphate operator, of \$20,000 in jewels and \$75 in cash.

It is stated that the loaning capacity of the federal reserve banks will be increased by \$800,000,000 by next November.

The United States ship Ausable left Norfolk December 28 with \$2,000,000 in gold to be delivered to German agents at Buenos Aires, but nothing has been heard of her.

Three persons were killed and more than a score injured, probably two fatally, when a St. Louis-Southwestern railroad engine collided with the rear car of a Rock Island passenger train, eastbound from Little Rock, Ark., to Memphis, Tenn., in a dense fog at Mount, Ark., near Memphis.

A New York dispatch says that the American commission for relief of Belgium is preparing for at least another year's work and the necessity of raising approximately \$150,000,000 more will be discussed by the commission in New York.

Prevent Roup.

During the winter and early spring season there is entirely too much trouble in our poultry flocks from colds, roup and similar respiratory diseases. These are largely a result of drafts in the houses.

Route These Fellows Out.

Deep winter plowing will destroy many insects. This is especially true of the cutworms, potato beetles, white grubs and wire worms which are now hibernating in the soil.

A tract of eight thousand acres on Mount Mitchell, N. C., has been purchased by the federal reservation commission.

The federal reservation commission announces that it has purchased forty-five hundred acres of land in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. It is stated that on the collateral deposited by the allied nations of Europe, they are entitled to a loan of seven billion two hundred million dollars.

Small Woman, former wife of Sitting Bull, who annihilated Custer and his command in Little Big Horn in 1876 and who himself was slain in battle fifteen years later at Wounded Knee, is dead at the North Dakota Fort Bennett Indian reservation. She died from injuries sustained in the burning of her cabin, from which she escaped uninjured, but returned for an old shawl which she prized highly, and it was then that her clothing took fire with disastrous results.

The president of the American Newspaper Publishers' association says that prohibition against printing news of election betting, which is contained in a section of the Owens corrupt practices bill, might become a stepping stone toward further restrictions.

Mexican

The final act in the entrance into Mexico of twelve thousand United States soldiers as a result of the Villa massacre at Columbus, N. M., on March 9, 1916, was written with official announcement by the United States war department that General Pershing had been ordered and actually had started to bring his troops back to the United States.

There is no official information as to whether Villa or Carranza troops will occupy the territory left vacant by the departing Americans, but the belief is strong in some circles that the bandit, who is credited with having killed at least 8,000 well armed men and who is not at least four times as strong as when the American troops went across the border, will make a desperate effort to take the territory, particularly for its moral effect.

With the last American soldier out of Mexico, the Mexican problem can be viewed in a new light. From now on, it will not be possible for Carranza to meet American demands with counter demands for the withdrawal of the troops.

European War

Russian forces, after artillery preparation, assumed the offensive against the Austro-German fortified positions on both sides of the Kimpf-lung-Jacobeni road, near the northwestern frontier of Moldavia, and after stubborn fighting broke through the Teutonic lines along a front of nearly two miles.

The British auxiliary cruiser, Laurentic, of 14,892 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine or as a result of striking a mine. Twelve officers and 109 men were saved. The catastrophe occurred off the Irish coast.

Spirited fighting has taken place northwest of Verdun on the front of France. Attacking on a front of sixteen hundred meters against Hill 301 northwest of Verdun, Teuton soldiers stormed French trenches and took 500 prisoners.

The German troops have gained considerable ground on Le Mort Homme and Avocourt.

West of Riga, in the Tirul swamp region and along the River Aa, the Germans and Russians continue heavy fighting. Germans claimed to have taken 500 prisoners and gained some ground.

The Turkish first line trenches on a front of 1,100 yards were gained by the British in their attacks southwest of Kut-el-Amara.

There is no great activity in Roumania.

On the northern portion of the French front, the British have carried out successful raids.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the London City and Midland bank, Sir Edward Holden, managing director of the bank, said that 232,000,000 pounds of gold which had flowed into America up to the end of 1916, about \$12,000,000,000, represented the amount contributed by the entente allies to form the basis of loans.

The British government has refused permission to the Hadfields, Limited, to proceed with work on the contract for shells for the American navy "so long as the exigencies of war continue."

London reports from Ymuiden say that German torpedo boats attempted at night to leave Zeebrugge to avoid the ice, which was very thick, and were immediately attacked by a large British squadron. The action opened at short range and early in the fight the bridge of the German destroyer V-69 was swept away by a direct hit, the commander and two other officers being killed.

In Volhynia, the Russians admit, the Germans successfully carried out trench raids.

German airplanes have dropped bombs on Montdidier, France, with more or less damage.

A Ymuiden, Holland, dispatch says that an encounter occurred in the North sea between fourteen German torpedo boat destroyers and a British flotilla. Sixteen severely wounded Germans have been landed at that place by a Dutch steam trawler which took them off the badly damaged German torpedo boat V-69. That boat was afterwards towed into Ymuiden with twenty dead aboard.

Capture by German forces of 1,500 Russian prisoners, as well as considerable ground near the River Aa, at the northern end of the Russo-German front, is announced.

Stakes for Tomatoes.

If tomatoes are tied to stakes, the plants will take up much less room and the fruit will ripen more evenly.

Exercise for Horses.

Do not keep the horses confined in the stable upon full feed. Give them some exercise every day.

Neglected Orchard.

If you can't cure an orchard, don't put it out. It hurts your neighbor who does.

ADMINISTRATION BILLS TAKE SHAPE

DEFENSE BUDGET TOTALING \$800,000,000 IS NOW GETTING ATTENTION.

BIG FORTIFICATION BUDGET

Naval Bill is Ready With a Total of \$351,000,000.—Army Bill Will Be Reported Next Week.—Third Element on Program.

Washington.—The Administration's \$800,000,000 defense budget began to take final shape in Congress when the House passed the fortifications bill carrying a total of more than \$51,000,000 for coast defenses, and the House Naval Committee completed its 1918 naval appropriation bill with a total of more than \$351,000,000.

The Army appropriation bill, the third element of the program, still is in the House Military Committee, which is expected to complete it next week. Estimates for the Army reach a total of more than \$360,000,000, exclusive of numerous deficiency measures resulting from the border mobilization and the rising cost of war materials.

The only other military legislation pending is the universal military training bill before a Senate subcommittee which will conclude its hearing this week, when Major General Scott and Wood are to be recalled for cross-examination.

The navy bill carries a total of \$351,433,240. It provides for the construction of three 42,000-ton battleships at a total cost of \$28,178,592 each; one battle-cruiser at a cost of \$26,684,496; three scout cruisers at \$6,746,145 each; 15 destroyers at \$1,748,612 each; one destroyer tender at \$2,808,000; one submarine tender at \$2,199,400 and eighteen 800-ton type submarines at \$1,434,093 each. The program is that recommended by the Department and represents one-half of the remaining portion of the three-year program approved last year.

PREESIDENT WILSON VETOES THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

Literacy Test Provision is Reason Assigned.

Washington.—President Wilson vetoed the immigration bill passed recently by Congress, because of its literacy test provision.

It was the second time that President Wilson had vetoed an immigration bill because of the literacy test and for the same reason similar measures were given vetoes by Presidents Taft and Cleveland.

The President's veto message to the House, in which the bill originated, follows:

"I very much regret to return this bill without my signature.

"In most of the provisions of the bill I should be very glad to concur, but I cannot rid myself of the conviction that the literacy test constitutes a radical change in the policy of the Nation which is not justified in principle. It is not a test of character, of quality, or of personal fitness, but would operate in most cases merely as a penalty for lack of opportunity in the country from which aliens seeking admission came.

The opportunities sought by the immigrant in coming to the United States and our experience in the past has not been that the illiterate immigrant is as such an undesirable immigrant. Tests of quality and of purpose cannot be objected to on principle but tests of opportunity surely may be."

BIG FIRE AT BOSTON WITH \$350,000 LOSS.

Boston.—Engines from residential districts were called in to assist the downtown firemen in their hardest fight in many months. The fire destroyed a five-story brick building at Chauncy street and Exeter Place. The loss was estimated at \$350,000, of which about two-thirds fell on the occupants, Thomas Kelley & Co., blanket manufacturers.

REPORT CONFIRMED THAT VILLA OCCUPIES EL VALLE.

Juarez, Mexico.—Confirmation of the occupation of El Valle by Villa forces was received here from Casas Grandes. It was said the Villa troops moved up from Nampulpa, where they had been awaiting the departure of the American punitive expedition before occupying the town. Villa followers also were reported to have been seen in the vicinity of Santa Sofia, on the Mexico Northwestern Railroad.

PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE SOLDIERS ALONG BORDER.

San Antonio, Texas.—Plans for distributing the American expeditionary force after its withdrawal from Mexico so that the border country made turbulent by bandit forays will be protected adequately against a repetition of the Columbus, N. M., raid, were announced by the Southern Department of the United States Army. Major General Pershing, in command of the force of 12,000, will establish headquarters at El Paso.

ARMY REFUGEES FOLLOWING PERSHING.

El Paso, Texas.—More than 1,500 refugees carrying such of their personal possessions as could be transported, followed the American expeditionary force when the troops began the march out of Mexico it was said by a cattleman arriving from the interior. Stretched out for more than five miles behind General Pershing's column, enveloped in a great cloud of dust, they are proceeding on foot in prairie schooners.

SOME IMPORTANT ROAD MEASURES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS SEVERAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE STATE ROADS.

WITH THE STATE LAWMAKERS

Resume of the Doings of the General Assembly During the Past Week Told in a Brief and Interesting Way. For Our Many Readers.

Raleigh.

There were most important bills affecting road building in the state in both houses of the Legislature. Senator Cameron, who is a member of the State Highway Commission, introduced a bill to provide that the State Highway Commission handle the automobile license tax fund so that the commission shall expend 70 per cent of the fund in the counties in which the licenses are taken out for good maintenance and that the remaining 30 per cent be used in the expense of collection with the residue, which will be considerable, to be expended in the weaker counties. The special purposes of the bill is to enable the state to get the federal fund for road building which in process of multiplication will in a few years grow to as much as \$2,000,000.

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NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

Governor Bickett is being urged to attend the meeting of the U. S. Good Roads Association at Birmingham April 17 to 21.

J. A. Taylor, foreman on the big dam at Badin, was killed when a work train ran over him last week.

A modern ferry is soon to be constructed at Bluff Mills.

A film company is soon to stage and re-fight the battle of Kings Mountain and make a picture of the famous Revolutionary battle.

Indications now are that the crop of Irish potatoes which will be grown in Craven county during the coming season, will be the largest in the history and thousands of barrels of them will be grown in each section of the county.

The First North Carolina Infantry is expected to be at home by February 10th.

Wilson is soon to have a \$30,000 opera house.

The Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk Southern railroads have been ordered by the Corporation Commission to build a union station at Kinston.

Contract for the erection of a bridge across the Catawba River, between Charlotte and Rock Hill, S. C., was awarded the Virginia Bridge & Iron Co., of Roanoke and Charlotte, by York county, S. C. The contract price for the structure is \$42,000.

Farmers of Scotland county will not increase their cotton acreage any this year.

The North Carolina Builders' Exchange in session in Raleigh, voted in favor of the compensation bill before the legislature.

There is a movement on foot in Caldwell county to get the farmers to stock their farms with a few head of sheep. A quarter of a century ago sheep raising in this section was profitable until the dogs, worthless as the most of them are, destroyed the sheep industry in Caldwell and adjoining counties.

Kill Old Hoss Bill.

The Senate killed the House bill to prohibit "old hoss" sales by express companies after a long debate led by Senator Brantner, in advocacy of the measure, and Senator Gough, of Robeson, leading the opposition.

In the House the Hoyle bill to allow verdicts of guilty of capital offenses with recommendations of mercy, permitting the judge to impose life imprisonment instead of death in his discretion, came from the committee with favorable report, as did a bill to regulate artificially bleached hair.

NO CHANGE IN LEAGUE

All Teams Board Base Ball Band Wagon For 1917 Season in the North Carolina League.

Greensboro.—With four of the six clubs represented and the remaining pair expressing their intention through proxy of boarding the band wagon, the 1917 season of the North Carolina League became a surety at the annual directors' meeting, held in this city. Although the time limit for the posting of the \$1,000 forfeit checks was extended to February 15, positive assurance was forthcoming from each city of the league that the respective organizations would be ready to start the season on schedule time. Those present at the annual gathering were, in addition to President W. G. Bramham, of Durham; Dr. R. O. Apple and K. E. Shore, of Winston-Salem; Chas. Woodall, of Raleigh; J. E. McIlwaine, and George W. Wearn, of Charlotte, and L. G. Brandt and John Rees, of Greensboro. Durham and Asheville were not represented by officials, President Bramham presenting the proxies of these clubs at the opening of the meeting.

The most drastic change effected by the assembled moguls was the elimination of the Class "C" ruling, adopted last year, which provided that only three men would be permitted on each club, exclusive of the manager, who has participated in 15 or more games in a league higher than "D," the classification of the North Carolina League. According to the terms of the agreement reached at today's meeting, each team may be composed in its entirety of higher class players, provided that it remains within the salary limit, which was retained at its former figure.

With the necessity of cutting expenses urged by various delegates, it was agreed that the roster limit of each club be placed at 12, inclusive of the manager, instead of 13, as was the case last season. Since with the possible exception of Winston, where Charley Clancy may be returned, there will be only actively performing players in the circuit, this new ruling is not expected to weaken the various line-ups. At the opening of the 1916 season, there were but two playing managers in the circuit.

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