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### Each Puts Blame on Others

Just what caused the war, and whi is to blame for it, are questions still in dispute. No nation dares to confess responsibility for this inhuman couffiet. Each puts the blame on some other. Each protests that it wishes for pense and least to war only in sof-defense, after being attacked or threatened.

### The Immediate Causes

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If we consider nothing that is further back than the events of last Jury and August, there seems to be no record for could that Austria began is and in doing so was supported by Germany. The Germans, however, claim that the real causes of the walls further back, and that Russia was the real aggressor. Russia according to the German view, had for some time been urging Servia to provoke Austria to war, with the understanding that Servia would be supported by the Caur's armies.

If this were really Servia's purpose site meaned it as well that she excared hinner, for the most part, the neutral nations. Whatever me have been beneath the surface of events, it certainly appeared on a surface that Austria had forced spon Servia.

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After the Austrian cream-prints had been assessmated, late in Jane Austria charged Servia with cremeniability for the crime. Servia death all the theory of the crime. Servia death all the theory sent an ultimated in Servia making entitled to ten derivable for a pusionment of the nasassina and printingment of the nasassina and printingment of the nasassina and printing speech of verticas on the nasassina servia servia servia for the printing of the printing demands except one. That on Servia concludered inconsistent with her independence. Austria had a manded to oversee the trial in the Servia courts. Servia did not refus this demand, but asked time for the discussion of it.

Bussia Comes to Servia's Aid

## Russia Comes to Servia's Aid

The Czar of Russia announced tim-he "could not see a friendly Star-sinte (Servia) croshed," and reques-ed the German Emperor to use influence with his sity, Austria, give Servia further time. But Aus-ria memediately declared war again-Servia. Next day the flussian Mi-tes of Fereign Affairs warned of foreign Authorization and the country of the

Sermany desired Austria and I he ability. In the mount me, cover, Russia was moving its too toward the America (control for

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## War Clouds Gather

This was in the last days of July Two days inter the Kaiser announced to the Crair that the safety of the German Empire compelled him to prepare for the national defense. It produced martial law in his own

France, it was well known had a treaty of alliance with Russia. The German Minister at Paris had been urgently asking the French government what it would do in case of war between Russia, and Germany, France replied that in any case threpublic would have to safeguard own interests. By this time a general war seemed certain, and the French army was called out. Angust 4, th German Ambassador at Paris announced that his country was at war will France.

Alliance Quickly Formed

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1914

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As soon as this war was began Germany demanded of Belgium permission to march across lieigian territory into France. When Belgium refused and tried to defend her territory there was terrible slaughter, and the German army soon had the whole of that small country in a conquered statistical belgians however, made a strong resistance. German progress ire-France was delayed long enough to enable the French to prepare to meet it. Since August Belgium and it mythern part of France have been a battleground on which fighting havever ceased. The German plan for a quick capture of Paris failed largely because of the unexpected resistant effered by the Belgiums.

ed by the Belgians. How Other Nations Came In How Other Nations Came in Montenegro came into the war an ally of Servia; Japan and Portugas allies of Great Britain. Great Britain also brought in her dependencies. Canada, Australia, India, etc. In November, Turkey joined the war on the side of Germany and Austria.

### Progress of the War

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There have been naval fights in various parts of the world, and land hattles in Africa and Asia as well as in Europe. Great Britain now has pravically complete control of the serial though one or the German warships are still at large.

On land the two sides to the conflict have been so evenly matched to neither can claim any decided advantage after five months of almost constant fighting many millions of unbeing engaged.

### The Neutral Countries.

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## Germany Isolated

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By the cutting of the ocean catalogumany is practically cut off from communication with the rest of it world, except by wireless telegraph. Little German news reaches three-country except such as comes throughout the countries. Never was censorship so severe: the newspapers can are little news that is reliable. Even the official reports cannot be depended upon for truth. "Vellow" journaise draw upon their imagination for page of their "news."

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Japanese: and in Nouth Africa. Noval hattles have been fought in various parts of the world, but have been comparatively unimportant.

# Our Intervention in Mexico

The year was a tragic one for Mexi-co, too, the "reign of terror" has con-tinued. Little if any improvement can be seen.

Early in the year great pressure.

German Empire compelled him to present for the national defense. It wised. Little if any improvement greatened martial law in his own country and sent an ultimatum to the Cart. demanding that all military sreparations is Russia simuld instancy by cease. He gave the Cart tweet, hours to comply to this demand the Cart made no maswer. When to time limit expired. August 1, the German Emperor declared war again. France Drawn in as Ally

France, it was well known had a treaty of alliance with Russia. The German Minister at Paris had been urgently asking the French government martied to do so. Gen. Victoriano Huera, who had been made Provisional President to with fermany. France replied that in any case through the first sample of the murder of President war seemed certain, and the French was increased, while on a lawful errand to demand the Germany was seemed certain, and the French arms was called out. August 4, th German Ambassador at Paris announced that his country was at war will france.

so far decessful that Gen. Hierta been overthrown and banished: General been overthrown and banished: General matter of the matter of the matter was installed in his place. Herico City, and it was bound good order would follow. These for word disappointed. After the bars of our troops the resolution by Gens, Villa and Zapata control, directed now against Carra. At the close of the year the poof the natter seems critishing.

### Good Results of Intervention

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Intervention by the United Stathas done this much good: it has
thought all Moxion factions that they
must respect the rights of American
and other foreigners. Although treign of terror continues as fa
Mexicans are concerned, there has
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eigners were a select. This takes
away our Government's reason for the
terring. The Administration, while
deploring the outrages in Mexico, the
not feel called upon to interfere
long as it is an affair between Mexican.

Another good result of our intervention is that it has brought about more friendly feeling on the part the South American Republics. The mists of the troubles Argentia Brazil and Chile—known as the "A" countries—offered their services to reconcile the United States and Acico. Envoys from those countries met envoys from the United and Mexico and tried for many weeks with allesuccess, to bring matters to agree ment. Although the conference was a failure it convinced South America that the intentions of the United States were friendly and not selfish. We had plenty of excuse for invadic Mexico and selving her territory if Mexico and seizing her territory if had wished to do so but refrained.

### What Congress Accomplished

The session of Congress was the longest on record—from December 1, 1913 to October 24, 1914. It passed many important bills which are on lieved to be for the benefit of the country. Chief among thom was "Federal Reserve hanking act, which provides an elastic currency and the expected to make this country proof against sudden immedial pames. An other important menaure authorizes the President to build a railroad in Alasky, at a cast of \$40,000,000 are another provided for the lease, no calc of Alaska cual lands. The increasing Amorieum constwice to see from pairing tolls when gotterough the Pamara Canal was repealed, it being held to conflict vieur treaty obligations. Speaker Checken and "disagariling." Soveral laws were passed for hetter control of railroomed trusts. The session of Congress was th passed for and trusts.

The war in Europe cost the Unites States heavily. Revenues from customs duties fell off, because occasionmerce was almost destroyed. Congress at the request of the Presider passed a bill intended to raise \$100,000,000 by new taxes, chiefly upoliquors, tobacco, amusements arbanks.

banks.

A permanent civil government we established in the Canal Zone, and Goorge W. Goethals, the chief builder the Canal, was appointed the new control of the Canal of the governor. In the Courts

The U. S. Courts were bosy vitt suits to break up railread combination and other "trusts." The Suprem Court decided that ripe lines a "common carriers" and must court ail at rates to be fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Anest I, that commission refused to a trust of the commission refused to a fixed that is the fixed in the commission of the combination of the commission of th

## The November Disching.

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## World Events

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Events in foreign lands includes a revolution in Hait; the establishment of the confucian religion in transport of the confucian religion in transport of the confucian religion in transport of the Church of England in Wales; a pence treaty in March between Turkey and Servic which countries are now again at were a new constitution for China; a revolution in the Kingdom of in, by which the German King William of Weld, was driven out and to crown offered to a Turk, a son of the late Sultan Abial Hamid II. Before the could take the throng the government was soized by Ersad Pasha, when ment was soized by Essad Pasha, wh seems to have the support of the pe ple.

## A New Pope

Enrly in August Pope Pins X died suddenly. One of the younger Cardi-nals, Giacomo della Chicsa, was elected to succeed him, and took the title of Benedict XV.

## Science and Invention

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# TWO MEN ARE KILLED BY FALL AT CLINTON

irady Mendenhall and Owen Taylor Brop Ninety Feet to Their Death

Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the umplies station of the municion was proved in Climan there happened no of the most deplorable accidents the history of that town, when the in the distory of that form, where the ity Menalman, whose home is two miles out from Tormawille, and a local negro, Owen Taylor by on a were killed. The new were at wa, on the tower for the watre tank we leet from the ground. They wer putting in the bottom of the tank, and were working on a platform sup-ported at each end by temporally purisontal wooden scantlings. One or he scantlings was spitced in the mile, and this splice gave away dropthe scantlings was spined in the module, and this splice gave away dropping the platform and the men on it to the ground. The negro was hit by some of the falling timbers, it is thought. At any rate he died instantly. Mr. Mondenhall was horriby broken up, suffering a fractured jaw in several places. His wonderful visibity kept him alive till 8:06 Friday night.

night.

Mr. Mendenhall was in the employ of R. D. Cole and company, of Newman, Ga., who were awarded the contract for creeting the tank and tower. On the job with him, D. F. Brewster, of Newman, Ga., who, being on the ground at the time of the accidentescaped unburt. Mr. Brewster was foreman of the crew erecting the tar-H. H. Griffin, of Columbus, Ga., was also at work on the tank, but he was above the fatal platform, on the tower, and was consequently unburt.

### LONGLEAF PINE FOR KRAFT PAPERS

Kraft paper is a kind of brownish paper used for wrapping. It has berfound recently that longleaf pine treated by the sulphate process and properly handled will give excellent kraft pulps and papers. This discovery is of special importance at this time because war has cut off the Cteman supply to this country. This resuse for longleaf nine furnishes a means of utilizing the waste in alubesigings, trinmings, etc., from tesouthern mills.

inent. Former President Roosever tinent. Former President Rosaveir returned from exploring the equatorial regions of South America. An Italian priest named Argentier investeds pocket wireless telegraph apparatus receiving messages over 1,000 miles. Orville Wright exhibited a self-balancing acroplane. A German aviator broke the record by remaining in air 16½ hours and traveling over 1,000 miles. Another German broke the altitude record by going un to 20,000 feet, or more than five miles.

Two great labor strikes were set-tied, at least for the present—a cop-per mine strike in Michigan and the coal mine strike in Colorado. In both strikes there had been much violence and bloodshed. Federal troops had to be sent to Colorado.

Disaster

Main building of Wellesley Collège was destroyed by fire. Business part of Salen, Mass, was burned. Edison's works at West Orange, N. J., was nearly destroyed by fire.

The steamer Empress of Ireland sank in the St. Lawrence River in May, with more than a thousand passengers and crew. This was the worst steamship disuster, next to the loss of the Titude a few years ago. A raise explosion at Ecoles, W. Va., Ellind 150 minurs. Another in Alberta. Canada, ecos 200 lives. Stefanson's A scale explosion at steamer, the Karladiana after howing them criabled by the Tartherica in Turkey, in Catalog, Parthering of the Parthering

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NORTH CAROLINA'S CROPS IN 1914

\$12,834,000 Left State For Food Stuffs—Cotton Crop Decreases in Value \$16,350,300 While Corn Increases

The Agricultural Outlook, the organ of the Department of Agriculture, just issued, gives interesting North Carolina figures. It shows that a cetton crop of last year amounted to 550,000 bales at \$31,248,000, which is \$16,360,000 bales at \$31,248,000, which is \$16,360,000 bales at \$31,248,000, which is \$16,360,000 less than the 795,000 bules of 1913 brought. The yield per acre last year was 293 pounds against 29 in 1913.

The North Carolina apple crop lart year was 9,000,000 bushels against 3,000,000 the year before, but the price per bushel in 1914 was 49 cents against 70 cents in 1913. The 1914 crop brought \$4,320,000 and that of 1913, 2,700,000.

North Carolina is the second tobuctor State in the Union, Kentucky being first. The North Carolina crop last year was 172,250,000 pounds at \$19,869,000, against 167,500,000 pounds in 1913, at 30,988,999, making a difference of \$11,079,000 in few.

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The corn crop of 1914 is worth
more by \$845,000 than that of 1913
was to North Carolina and the wheat
crop \$175,000 more.

The Outlook calls attention to the
fact that North Carolina bought outside of her borders lagt year the folowing quantities of food stuffs:
Wheat, \$2,234,000 tushels, for \$5,810,000;
corn, 5,234,000 tushels, for \$5,810,000;
cots, 1814,000, at \$1,125,000; hay,
100,000 tons, at \$1,520,000. This
makes t total of \$12,834,000 that left
the State for food crops last year.

# FACTS ABOUT MR. LENDO COX'S

A friend of Mr. Lendo Cox, who was killed in California several weeks ago, writes The Courier from Cedar Falls and asks that the following correct statement of the young man's death be published. The letter follows: "The Courier stated a few weeks ago that Mr. Lendo Cox, son of the late O. R. Cox, was killed late of the late O. R. Cox, was killed at Lendo Cox, son of the late O. R. Cox, was killed at Lendo Cox, son of the late O. R. Cox, was killed at Mr. Lendo Cox, son at North Yokima, Washington.

"On December 23, I received a letter from Mrs. H. E. Baze, of North Yokima, Washington, which read as folfollows: Your friend, D. O. Cox, was killed at Easton, Washington, by a engine. One arm and one leg were entrolf. The wiper on the engine said he saw something lying on the track and gave the signal to stop but it was too late to save him. Everything points to his being knocked on the head are thrown on the track as head jugone to the bank in North Yokima and withdrew at large sum of money. After he was picked up only ten dollarwas found on his person. Mr. Ca had just been in a nearby store at 30 minutes before he was killed."

## HANS AND TOMMY

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The Kansas City Star imagines a conversation between a German and a British soldier.

Imagine blue-cycd, blonde Hans and a Canadian Tommy meeting each other between the trenches. After shaking hands a conversation something like this takes place:

"Can you lend me a pipe of tobacco?" asks Tommy.

"Sure." Hans fumbles in his blouse, gets it, hands it over, and waile Tommy lills his pipe Hans asks:

"Where are you from?"

"Where are you from?"

"Where they grow so much wheat I've read of the big farms out theer, test times as big as my father's farm, and we think in our country that his is a large farm."

"When are you from?"

"Fact mere Danzist."

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"Well, me are a part of the Banks, Empire, and know, and you Germans are trying to vipe us out of existen so Now why do you want to do that ""

"Then why are you fighting us?" "Because your British Empire is taying to push Germany off the spith."

AR DEATH

BY SMOTHERING

American Boy.

When a German soldier falls in bartle lie is identified by a little metal disc which he carries. This due bears traphed to Berlin. There the soldiers are phed to Berlin. The phed to Berlin. There the soldiers are phed to be sold to sold to the sold the sold to the sold the sold

# IF MEALS HIT BACK AND STOMACH SOURS

"Pape's Diapepsin" Ends Stomach Misery, Indigestion in Five minutes.

If what you just ate is souring on

Misery, indigestion in five minutes. If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies tike a lump or lead, refusing to digest, or you belch gas and cructate aour, undigested food, or have a feeling or diziniess, heartburn, fullness, nausea, bad inste in mouth and stomach headache, you can get blessed relief in five minutes. Ask your pharmacist to show you the formula, plainly printed on ther-fifty-cent cases of Pape's Diapepsin, then you will understand why dyspeptic troubles of all kinds must and why they relieve sour, out-of-order stomacha or indigestion in five minutes. Pape's Diapepsin' is harmless; tastes like candy, though each dose will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all the food you eat; besides, it makes you go to the table with a healthy appetite; but what will please you most is that you will feel that your stomach and intertines are clean and fresh, and you will not need to resort to laxatives or liver pills for billiousness or constinution. This city will have many "Pape's Diapepsin" cranks as some people will call them, but you will be enthusiantic about this splendid stomach preparation, too, if if you ever take it findigestion, gases, hearthurn, accuments, dyspepsia, or any stomach mis-erry.

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NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS AHEAD OF ALL OTHERS

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Preliminary of the study of rural living conditions in several states a mounced Jan.2, by the Department of Agriculture showed that in the vality unedr observations in North Carolina, the farm's yielded 82.3 pecent of the food used each year by the farm's family, while the ave in New York locality was only 50.4. The survey was made on largenumber of farms in North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and Vermont. It showed that 63 per cent of the food consumed by the farm family was supplied by the farm. The proportions varied in vasveral section, but was greatest in the North Carolina locality. The Department pointed to that as demonstrating how Southern farms made self-sustaining.

During Governor Blease's reign as Governor of South Carolina, he pardoned more than one criminal for each day of his term. His last par-doning episode brought his list up to 1614.

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The Bank of Ramseur, at Ramseur in
the State of North Carolina, at the
Close of Business Dec. 31st, 1914.
Loans and discounts \$110,134.36
Overdrafts secured 22
Banking houses; furniture and
fixtures 4,000.00
Demand loans 44,000.00
Due from Banks and Bankers
16,780.54
Cash Items 31,76
Gold coin 3,555,60
Silver coin, including all minor

Cash Items 31.76 Gold coin 3,555.60 Silver coin, including all minor coin currency 1,736.40 National bank notes and other U. S. Notes 4,282.60

Total Liabilities 184,520.8% Capital stock paid is 12,000,00 Surplus fund Deposits subject to check 9,000 EG 40,138.13

Savings deposits 110.001/8 Carborris checks outstanding 2.00.00 Accrued inter-st due depositors 125.0.

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Finite of North Caralina, county of Randolph, as:

1.1. F. Crarren, Cashier of the above rationant is true to the above rationant is true to best of my knowledge and bolist.

1. F. CRAVEN, Cashier Correct—Attest;

W. H. Watkins,
E. R. Leonard,
A. H. Thomas.

Directwe-

Subscribed and sworn to be January, 1915. Director me, this 7 day of January, 1 H. B. MOORE,