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And Right The Day Must Win, To Doubt Would be Disloyalty To Falter Would be Sin.

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THE PATRIOTIC DOLLAR

CONGRESS DECREES DOLLARS INDULGING IN LUXURIES MUST FIRST SALUTE THE FLAG.

War Revenue Tax of \$105,000,000 Levied—Beer Bears Brunt of Burden.

Congress has levied a war tax of \$105,000,000 to offset a similar amount of loss on import revenue due to the European disturbances and of this amount beer is the heaviest contributor, having been assessed approximately \$50,000,000; a stamp tax on negotiable instruments, it is estimated, will yield \$31,000,000; a tax on the capital stock of banks of \$4,300,000 and a tax on tobacco, perfumes, theater tickets, etc., makes the remainder.

Congress has decreed that the brewer, the banker and the investor must shoulder the musket and march to the front; that millady who would add to her beauty must first tip Uncle Sam, and a dollar that seeks pleasure must first salute the flag; that Pleasure and Profit—the twin heroes of many wars—shall fight the nation's battles and by an ingeniously arranged schedule of taxation congress has shifted the war budget from the shoulders of Necessity to those of Choice and Gain, touching in its various ramifications almost every line of business.

All hail the dollar that bleeds for its country; that pares its breast to the fortunes of war and risks its life to preserve the stability and integrity of the nation's credit.

The market place has always been a favorite stand for war revenue collectors. The trader is a great financial patriot. His dollar is the first to rally around the star-spangled banner and the last to hear the coo of the dove of peace. He is called upon to buy cannon; to feed and clothe the boys in blue and each month cheer their hearts with the coin of the realm. Men can neither be free nor brave without food and ammunition, and money is as important a factor in war as blood. Many monuments have been erected in honor of heroes slain in battles, poems have been written eulogizing their noble deeds and the nation honors its soldiers while they live and places a monument upon their graves when they die, but very little has been said of the dollar that bears the burdens of war.

Honor to the Dollar that Bears the Burdens of War. All honor to the dollar that answers the call to arms and, when the battle is over, bandages the wounds of stricken soldiers, lays a wreath upon the graves of fallen heroes and cares for the widows and orphans.

All honor to the industries that bend their backs under the burdens of war; lift the weight from the shoulders of the poor and build a bulwark around the nation's credit.

All honor to those who contribute to the necessities and administer to the comforts of the boys who are marching; cool the fever of afflicted soldiers and kneel with the cross beside dying heroes.

A dollar may fight its competitor in business, industries may struggle for supremacy in trade and occupations may vie each other with envy or suspicion, but when the bugle calls they bury strife and rally around the flag, companions and friends, mess mates and chums, all fighting for one flag, one cause and one country.

The luxuries in life have always been the great burden-bearers in government. We will mention a few of them giving the annual contributions to the nation's treasury: Liquor, \$250,000,000; tobacco, \$103,000,000; sugar, \$54,000,000; silks, \$15,500,000; diamonds, \$3,837,000; millinery, \$2,479,000; furs, \$2,024,000 and automobiles, \$870,000. We collect \$665,000,000 of internal and custom revenue annually and \$450,000,000 of this amount classifies as luxuries, and to this amount we should add the \$100,000,000 war tax now levied.

The war tax is immediately effective. Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! The industries are marching \$100,000,000 strong and beneath the starry flag they will fill the treasury again while they shout, "Hurrah for Uncle Sam!"

In every field of human activity the demand for more competent men and women is growing every day. Especially so in agriculture.

Home pride is a mighty valuable asset, and the farmer who has none is carrying a heavy handicap on the road to success.

Daily Thought.

"The greatest test of friendship, it seems to me, is the knowledge that one may tell the truth to a friend with the certainty that no offense will be taken."

CHANGES ARE FEW AT BATTLE FRONT

Fighting in Belgium on Christmas Day was Fiercest of Month

London, Dec. 28.—The battle lines in the east and west have undergone few changes in the past day. French and German reports agree that the Germans have captured a section of trenches near Hollebeke, south of Ypres. The French assert that the Germans gave up trenches on the first line, to the extent of about 800 or 900 yards in the Lens region, farther east, while unsuccessful demonstrations have been made from both sides at various points along the extended lines.

Fierce Fighting in Belgium. The reports of the numbers of wounded both armies are sending back from the lines in Belgium appear to show that the fighting on Christmas in that country was the fiercest of the past month. Correspondents in the rear say the Belgians, as a result of five days sapping, captured nearly 3,000 Germans with only small losses to themselves.

According to Russian reports, German attempts to capture Warsaw have failed, while the Berlin official statement says there is general confidence that the German and Austro-Hungarian forces are making progress along the great front.

French Newspapers Enthusiastic. French newspapers are enthusiastic over the raid by British cruisers and sea planes on Cuxhaven. They consider improbable the German statement that, although ships at Cuxhaven and the gas works were hit by bombs, no damage was done.

The naval writers speculate on the most remarkable engagement of twentieth century warfare. They conclude that the German ships feared to give battle to the British cruisers because of the uncertainty as to whether the British battleships were lurking behind them. The fact that the Zeppelins were driven off is taken by some as evidence that the Zeppelins really are untrustworthy craft. Others think it means that the Germans are hushbanded all their dirigibles for a grand raid on England. Some writers argue that if Cuxhaven can thus be attacked, why not Helgoland, Wilhelmshaven and even the Kiel canal.

Commander Hewlett Killed. The only damage the British expedition sustained was due the loss of several hydroplanes, while Commander Hewlett was the only person who lost his life.

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR VANCEBORO

Chancey Bright Killed By His Companion.

An accident which cast a gloom over two families occurred at Vanceboro yesterday morning a little before eleven o'clock, when a shot gun in the hands of Paul Jacobs was discharged into the body of Chancy Bright resulting in instant death.

The deceased was the son of J. L. Bright, a prominent merchant of that place and was about fifteen years of age. The Jacobs boy was only twelve years of age and is the son of W. J. Jacobs, a contractor who moved there from Kinston a few months ago. The boys had started hunting and were going across the campus of the Farm Life school when the Jacobs boy in crossing a ravine fell in such a manner as to discharge his gun. The entire load of shot entered Brights back and it is thought penetrated the heart.

Sheriff Lane was at once notified, the informer stating that it was purely an accident. As a result of this information the Sheriff stated that the family of the deceased desired that the coroner hold the inquest he would allow the body to be moved. Later he communicated with the father of the dead boy who stated that he was satisfied that the tragedy was the result of an accident.

LOST—Mackinew Coat, brown, lost at Station in Mebane. Suitable reward if returned to Leader Office.

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SEES ROUTE OF WHITE PLAGUE

Lies in Pasteurization of Milk and Children's Preventoria, Says Nathan Straus.

It is now possible to lift the curse of the great white plague," declared Nathan Straus of New York in a message received at the opening of the first North Atlantic Tuberculosis Conference here.

"What can be done in the way of prevention of tuberculosis," he wrote, "has been demonstrated along the two lines on which I have worked, namely, in the pasteurization of milk so as to cut off this source of infection and in the establishment of preventoria in which children taken from tuberculous environments can be fortified against the disease.

"My practical experience has convinced me that when these methods are more fully appreciated and more widely applied tuberculosis will become as rare as smallpox instead of holding humanity in its grip.

"I earnestly hope, therefore, that the North Atlantic conference will strongly reaffirm the position taken by the National association in 1911, when that body unanimously recognized milk from tuberculous cattle as 'the medium through which the transmission of bovine tuberculosis to human beings most commonly takes place, and recommended 'the efficient pasteurization of milk, as a safeguard against the transmission of bovine tuberculosis to mankind.

"I also hope that the conference will indorse and promulgate the idea embodied in the tuberculosis preventorium for children which I founded at Lakewood, N. J. in 1908, and which is now showing marvelous results in its permanent home at Farmingdale, N. J.—Charlotte Observer.

SHOW APPRECIATION OF FULL TIME WORK

Officers of White Furniture Company at Mebane Presented with Handsome Gifts.

When the White Furniture Company closed Wednesday evening for the Christmas holidays after running on full time six days a week for the past 12 months despite the business depression following the outbreak of war in Europe, a pleasant event occurred. Following the blowing of the whistle at 6 o'clock the men throughout the big plant gathered in the offices of the company and presented to each of the officers substantial gifts expressing their appreciation of the company's efforts to maintain full time despite unfavorable conditions in the market.

Mr. N. L. Walker was spokesman for the men and in a few well chosen words and happy vein presented the gifts assuring the management of the hearty co-operation of the men and of their appreciation of the fact that while many furniture factories and other manufacturing industries of the country have been forced to close entirely or curtail the White Furniture Company has maintained full time and six days a week. The incident this evening was an evidence of the spirit of good feeling that exists between the employees of the White Furniture Company and the employers.

Announcement Baptist.

The Social meeting and Sunday School treat will take place at the Baptist church Thursday afternoon, Dec. 31, at 2:30 o'clock. Be sure to come.

W. S. CRAWFORD, Supt., S. S.

The Leader Comes Out Under Difficulties.

Prof Dees, the Editor has been away this week. Mr. Crawford has been laid up sick since Sunday and Miss Scott having left Saturday, all the work, compositing and proof reading has fallen upon Mr. Proctor our Foreman. We wish to bespeak the interest and Patience of our readers, if in this rush the paper shows any credities. However we feel that he has reflected credit upon himself in getting it out at all.

ALAMANCE FIRST YOUNG WIFE COMMITS SUICIDE

Tomato Club Girls of Alamance Lead Counties of the State

The following report will show something of the work done.

Last January the County Board of Education and the County Commissioners each appropriated \$100.00 for carrying on the Tomato Club Work in the County. The State gave \$200.00, thus making \$400.00 available for the work. Nine Tomato Clubs were organized in the County with the following agents in charge, Miss Flora Patton, in charge of Clubs at Springfield Swopeville, salary \$150.00; Miss Eunice Homewood in charge of Clubs at Friendship and Oakdale, salary \$50.00; Miss Mabel Moore, in charge of Club at Saxapahaw, salary \$25.00; Miss Mary McVey, in charge of Club at Sylvan, salary \$25.00; Mrs. M. J. McFarland in charge of Club at Mebane, salary \$25.00; Miss Mary White in charge of Club at Hawfields, salary \$25.00; Mrs. J. D. Ross, in charge of Club at Maywood, salary \$25.00; Miss Edna Reinhardt, supervisor of all clubs, salary \$75.00.

In the nine Clubs 100 members were enrolled. Ninety per cent of the members enrolled have reported. These reports show cans and jars filled for market and home use to be as follows: Numbers containers filled 551.65; Vegetables sold fresh \$226.25; Money value \$7,039.65; Cost of cans and labor \$1778.25; Profits \$5,268.45.

The Champion Club of the entire State is the Maywood Club supervised by Mrs. J. D. Ross. This Club put up 10,632 No. 3 tin cans, 1,640 glass jars, 100 gallons of vinegar, and sold fresh \$25.00 worth of vegetables. These things represent \$1,563.00 in cash values.

Twenty five counties had exhibits in glass at the State Fair in Raleigh in October. Alamance Products won first honor on that exhibit. Twelve jars were taken by a representative of the Washington Department of Agriculture to be photographed for Bulletin No. 31 of the 12 jars, sent from Alamance.

The round-up meeting of the Tomato Club Girls was held in the Court House in Graham, Sat. Dec. 12th. At this meeting the county prizes were delivered as follows.

For largest yields, 1st gold bracelet won by Miss Bettie Van Tappscott; 2nd trio geese, won by Miss Mary McCulloch; 3rd, club pennant won by Miss Lola Smith; 4th club pennant won by Miss Julia McCulloch; 5th, box club stationery, Miss Georgia Isley; 6th box club stationery won by Miss Novella Isley; 7th, box club stationery won by Miss Lalah Williams; 8th box club stationery won by Miss Louise Book.

For the most profitable yield—1st gold brooch won by Mrs. Parks Moore, nee Miss Beaulah Morgan; 2nd club pennant won by Miss Vear McBane; 3rd box club stationery won by Miss Rosa Johnson.

For the best history and booklet, 1st gold locket, won by Miss Lutsy Isley; 2nd club pennant won by Miss Elizabeth Scott; 3rd box club stationery won by Miss Maud Ross.

For greatest amount canned product other than tomatoes, 1st, gold neck chain, won by Miss Margaret Hume-wood; 2nd club pennant won by Miss Ina Evans; 3rd box club stationery won by Miss Hattie Evans.

For best Daily Record Book, 1st \$1. won by Miss Vevia Lewis; 2nd club pennant won by Miss Swannie Craton; 3rd box club stationery, won by Miss Laura Marlette.

Every year Alamance County sends out of her borders \$1,200,000.00 for food products alone. When we can surpass others in quantity and quality why do we not all join the canning clubs. This \$1,200,000.00 belongs to the farmers of Alamance if they know how to claim it.

Japanese Woman Pearl Divers.

For centuries past one of the curious customs of Japan has been the employment of woman as divers in the pearl industry. Formerly whole families became divers, but later the prerogative became more and more that of the women until now fully ninety per cent of Japanese pearls are gathered by Japanese women divers. A movement begun several years ago to replace them with men has been opposed bitterly by the women.

Had It All Mapped Out.

"You'll have some explaining to do when you get home, won't you?" "No," replied the member of congress. "I'm not going to explain. I'm going to let my constituents argue matters out among themselves and then take the side that seems to have the most advocates."—Washington Star.

ALAMANCE FIRST YOUNG WIFE COMMITS SUICIDE

Shoots Herself IN the Heart With A Revolver

Washington, N. C., Dec. 23.

With a pistol lying beneath her body, Mrs. Jodie Harding was found dead yesterday afternoon near the home of Mr. Fred Von Eberstein at Chocowinity, N. C., about sunset by a colored man. The alarm was immediately given and her father, Mr. Simpson Talor, sent for. He arrived within a short while and carried the body to his home.

Upon examination it was found that she had shot herself in the heart and that death almost immediately followed. On her breast was pinned a note which stated that it was the desire of the deceased to be kept until Christmas eve, as she wanted her brother, who resides in Tennessee, to be present at the funeral. When she was shrouded another note was found pinned to her clothing. The contents of the second note has not as yet been divulged.

Mrs. Harding was the wife of Mr. Jodie Harding and before her marriage was Miss Fannie Taylor. Dr. Joshua Taylor, the county coroner, viewed the body. Why she should commit suicide has not been ascertained. Her married life was a happy and joyous one and nothing out of the ordinary has been noticed by her friends and relatives recently.

FRANKING MAIL MATTER.

At One Time Soldiers In This Country Enjoyed the Privilege.

The postoffice was first established for the principal and in some countries for the exclusive purpose of carrying official correspondence by mail. Later in France, Great Britain and the United States because of the great expansion and commercialization of the postal system the free carriage of mail matter came to be regarded as a privilege and this privilege was claimed by persons in official position.

In England the house of commons claimed the privilege as early as 1660. It was abolished in Great Britain, however, by the passage of Rowland's cheap postage measure in 1839. In the United States the first appearance of the franking privilege is traceable to the action of the Continental congress assuming control of the postoffice in January, 1776. It is interesting to learn that it was then granted to all private soldiers actually in service for all letters they might write or that might be written to them.

In the early years of the United States government the privilege was granted widely, but it soon became necessary to restrict it. An act of March 3, 1845, limited the privilege to the president, the vice president, members and delegates in congress, the third assistant postmaster general and all postmasters. Other offices were directed to keep quarterly accounts of postage.—Argonaut.

COSMOPOLITAN DAMASCUS.

The Oldest City on Earth, It Show All the World's Peoples.

At last we are set down in the midst of Damascus, a city that can claim life without a break from its founding back in the dim dawn of the world's history. When Abram crossed the desert from Haran 4,000 years ago this city was standing (Genesis xiv, 15, and xv, 2). She dates back to the time of the Pharaohs in Egypt. In fact, she was old when Greece and Rome were striplings in years. Rome may be termed the Eternal City, but Damascus is twice as old, and though her streets have run red with blood of battle and rapine many times, she has not been overthrown.

"Babylon is an heap in the desert, and Tyre a ruin on the shore," but Damascus remains.

Was there ever such a place to see the nations of the earth parading together? Here in the market place are motley crowds of Persians, Moors, Afghans, Indians, Egyptians, Sudanese, Jews, Bedouins, Druses, Turks, Europeans. The streets—so crooked, so narrow, so dirty, so full of life, with that strange spell of the desert upon them! The residences as seen from the street are ugly and disappointing enough, yet like old barns and tumbledown mills at home are fascinating and picturesque.—Christian Herald.

Careful Worker.

City Editor—"For a beginner, that new reporter seems very particular not to make any mistakes." Assistant—"Yes; I told him to write on one side of the paper, and he wanted to know which side!"—Judge.

Kangaroo's Voracious Appetite.

The kangaroo which is noted for its enormous appetite, is said to be able to eat as much grass as six sheep.

MYSTERIOUS MEKRAN.

A Desolate Land, Desiccated by Nature and Shunned by Man

"A mysterious veil has always hung over the land of Mekran," says the London Times. "Mekran is the name given to the long coastal region stretching almost from the Indus to the entrance to the Persian gulf. Sailors have coasted along its white shores from time immemorial, but few in modern days have ever penetrated the ranges of hills which lie beyond. The greater part of Mekran is desolate and forsaken, a land desiccated by nature and shunned by man. The few tribes which linger there are the jetsam of history, stray wreckage which has drifted into this obscure corner of the world in the backwash of great events. It is even believed that the Dravidians passed through Mekran on their way to southern India and left stragglers, whose descendants have dwelt there ever since. There are patches of Mongols from the days of Jenghiz Khan; colonels of half breed Arabs from the time when an Arab dynasty held Sind; unmistakable Rajputs, who were there before Alexander; African negroes; the offshoots of medieval slavery, and traces of still older peoples whose origins are lost in the mists of time.

"Yet Mekran cannot always have been either so dry or so deserted. Many of its hills are closely covered with little stone houses, mostly square at the base, narrowing upward like truncated pyramids, and with dome shaped interiors. They are tombs, and among the rubbish found within them are fragments of light green pottery of fine quality, which no one seems able to identify. Then there are vast masonry dams, obviously built to catch the water in the hills, just as engineers are making dams in the Indian ghats today.

"Sometimes the hills are terraced for cultivation, after the fashion of hills in southern Japan and elsewhere, only in Mekran the terraces are dry and bare, and not even a blade of grass remains. The crumbling ruins of whole cities, the very names of which are forgotten, lie concealed between the serrated ridges."

FEATHERED POLICE.

Birds Do a Wonderful Amount of Work for us Farmer.

Birds work more in conjunction with man to help him than does any other form of outdoor life, according to an article in Success Magazine. They police the earth and air, and without their services the farmer would be helpless. Larks, wrens and thrushes search the ground for grubs and insects. The food of the meadow lark consists of 75 per cent of injurious insects and 12 per cent of weed seed, showing it to be a bird of great economic value. Sparrows, finches and quail eat a large amount of weed seed.

Practically all the food of the tree sparrow consists of seed. Examinations by Professor F. E. L. Beal of the biological survey of the department of agriculture show that a single tree sparrow will eat a quarter of an ounce of weed seed daily. In a state the size of Iowa tree sparrows alone will consume more than 800 tons of weed seed annually. This, with the work of other seed eating birds, saves the farmer an immense amount of work.

Nuthatches and chickadees scan every part of the trunks and limbs of trees for insect eggs. In a day's time a chickadee has been known to eat hundreds of insect eggs and worms that are very harmful to our trees and vegetables. Warblers and vireos hunt the leaves and buds for moths and millers. Flycatchers, swallows and night hawks are busy day and night catching flies that bother man and beast. Hawks and owls are working silently in daylight and darkness to catch moles, mice, gophers and squirrels.

Insulted.

A traveler relates a story illustrative of life in Spain. Alighting at the door of an inn, a man extended his hand, and, naturally supposing him to be a porter, the traveler offered him his valise.

The man stepped back, tossed his head and frowned scornfully. "Do you take me for a porter?" he demanded. "I would have you understand that I am no porter." "Indeed!" said the traveler apologetically. "Then may I ask, senior, what you do?" "I am a beggar, sir, and asked you for alms!"

Making Sure.

An electric wire had fallen under its heavy weight of snow. The linemen found a crowd around the grounded copper and an inquisitive Irishman lifting one end from the ground. "Man, alive, don't you know what a risk you're taking? That might be a live wire!" he ejaculated. "Sure an' Oi thought of that meself, an' Oi fit of the wire good before Oi picked it up at all."—Everybody's.

When Friendship Falls.

The more friends a man thinks he has the greater will be his disappointment if he tries to prove it by putting them to the financial test.

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