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Our stock of Hardware is large and complete. See us before you buy. Prices right. F. L. Smith Hardware Co.

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ANOTHER car load of Chevrolet Automobiles have just arrived. These cars are the 1917 model. Newer lines and several other new features. Also one of the "Baby Grand" \$800 models. Marlon & Harrison, Mt. Airy, N. C.

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FULL line of Automobile tires and inner tubes for Ford and other makes at F. L. Smith Hardware Co.

Whipple Will Get \$15,000 for Investigating "Leak."

Washington, Feb. 26. Sherman L. Whipple, of Boston, will receive \$15,000 for the work of himself and assistants as counsel to the house rules committee in the peace note leak inquiry. The fee was unanimously approved today by the committee. Some commotion, including Chairman Henry thought the fee too small but Mr. Whipple insisted he had earned his work a public service.

The total cost of the money chairman Henry and today would not exceed \$50,000.

Lunacy Commission May Pass Upon Thaw.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26. A petition for the appointment of a lunacy commission to examine the sanity of Harry K. Thaw, confined in a hospital here as the result of a fractured skull when he was about to be arrested on a New York indictment charging him with assault on 19-year-old Frederick Gump, Jr., of Kansas City, Mo., was filed in common pleas court here today by counsel on behalf of Thaw's mother.

The proceedings, it was announced, included an effort to have Thaw adjudged insane and his person and estate brought under control of the judicial authorities of Pennsylvania. The petition is made returnable the first week in April.

"If Thaw's lunacy is settled anywhere, it will be in New York," according to District Attorney Swann, of New York, when informed of the latest move of Thaw's counsel.

"It is our intention to use every legal means to have Thaw taken to New York to answer the charges on which he has been indicted," he continued.

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The undersigned, an experienced and efficient PIANO TUNER and REPAIR MAN from Greensboro, will be in town for the next ten days. All work guaranteed. A tuner for the leading music teachers and colleges of Greensboro.

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DON D. FOLK.

REED AMENDMENT GREAT-EST BLOW PROHIBITION EVER FELT.

Regarded as a Joke it is Turn-into a Tragedy.

Washington, Feb. 22. Members of Congress who yesterday enthusiastically supported the drastic Reed amendment to the postoffice bill making "bone dry" all states where manufacturers of liquor for beverage purposes is prohibited, today were made to realize the near catastrophe precipitated by the scope of the measure, when they were greeted with a flood of frantic protests today. The protests poured in from corners of the country wet and dry alike. Today that which yesterday seemed a joke is a tragedy, for millions upon millions of dollars will be swept away when the bill is signed by the President.

That the bill will be signed by the President to the most optimistic is a feeling which is shared by the whole nation. It is the opinion of the majority of students, for the purpose, from the fact that the President, at a conference with the cabinet, has given the right of the federal government to force the prohibition of liquor in any state, for the purpose of the amendment, and that the amendment is a blow to the prohibition of the whole nation.

Today also gradually revealed the scope of the bill in the approval given the bill yesterday by those who had opposed it. There has been an enthusiastic in opposing even the suggestion of a measure approaching in the least degree any interference on the part of the Congress with the state rights. Today also revealed the fact that Senator James Reed, of Missouri, father of the bill, introduced the measure solely with a view to "passing the buck" to the fanatical "dry" advocates in the senate. The "buck" was swallowed without a gulp, but the fanatics are now beginning to feel the effects of the backfire, both from individuals in regard to the "bone dry" clause and also from firms and corporations in regard to the anti-liquor advertising clause.

The scope of the latter also began to be made plain today when a flood of telegrams began to pour in from drug manufacturers all over the country, for while under the amendment prohibiting liquor shipments states are allowed to receive wine, whisky and other alcoholics for medicinal purpose, the manufacturers are not allowed to advertise the price of these spirits, even to the drug trade. This will cost millions of dollars in printing for all catalogues for 1917 already have been printed.

The Reed amendment will compel either the destruction of every one of these millions of catalogues or necessitate their being gone over by a censor to eliminate these items. It is estimated that more than 50,000,000 catalogues already have been printed and contracts let for almost double that amount for a majority of the manufacturers put out three and sometimes as many as five and six catalogues a year. This also is true of many other trades.

The enthusiasm of many of the "wet" members insisting upon the passage of the amendment yesterday was explained today when they admitted that they had been a led to vote for it by promises and promises of "wet" states. While the lack of enthusiasm among the delegates from "dry" states was explained by the fact that they had been asked to oppose the measure on the grounds of its harmful after effects.

The Reed amendment is considered the greatest blow ever struck against prohibition.

George S. Randall, Prohibitionist of California, gave a striking illustration of the tremendous additional expense that will be thrown upon publishers by placing before the houses issues of one of the most well-known publications. The publication, which has both a national and international circulation, is now in fact placed under the necessity of getting out two editions of the same issue, one for "wet" territory and the other for "dry" territory, the issues for the "wet districts" being the regular edition while the issue for the "dry" districts are censored. Leading newspapers of the country will be compelled to adopt the same plan or refuse to accept liquor advertisements.

An illustration of this is seen in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, which, while of course a major portion of its approximately 300,000 daily circulation is in Missouri, it also has an enormously large circulation in Kansas, which is on the verge of joining the "drys" and in states where prohibition already is in effect.

The Reed anti-liquor amendment prohibits only the importation of alcoholics for beverage purposes, permitting its importation for scientific, sacramental, medicinal and mechanical purposes, but the anti-liquor advertising law prohibits the sending into "dry" states any letter, card, pamphlet, newspaper or publication containing

even a quotation of the prices for which the druggist, priest, scientist or mechanic may purchase his alcohol or wine even for the purpose for which he is permitted to use it by the state.

The Government Needs Men.

Those who are interested in preparedness can render no more effective service, at present, than by using their utmost influence to recruit the Regular Army to the strength authorized by law. Do not overlook the fact that the Regular Army, as well as a volunteer Army, is composed of volunteers, and that both form a part of the Army of the United States. The Regular Army is already organized but needs additional men now. A volunteer Army, in addition to the Regular Army, can be organized only under special authority of Congress and is not in existence at present. Unless the way is forced the conditions of service as to term of enlistment and opportunity for return to civil life after service with the colors are practically equal in the Regular Army and in the Volunteer Army.

The Regular Army serves three years with the colors and is then enlisted in the Regular Army and in the Volunteer Army. The Regular Army is a time of peace to be filled with the Reserve Army and the Regular Army is to be maintained by the Regular Army as a permanent and in service with the Regular Army. Thus, under normal conditions, the maximum service with the colors in the Regular Army, at the option of the soldier, is three years and the minimum service with the colors is one year. Under the law, the term of enlistment of the volunteer is three years, but these volunteers will be mustered out in less time if peace is restored or the menace of war ceases. It is unlikely that the minimum time of service with the colors will be less than one year. A man who enlists in the Regular Army is immediately placed in training under competent instructors and under officers who know how to care for him and how to teach him his military duties in the shortest possible time.

The First Regiment of Infantry was organized 128 years ago. The Second Infantry was organized March 3rd, 1791, The Seventh Infantry May 17, 1815; The Eighth July 5th 1829; The Ninth and Tenth Regiments of Infantry 1855; The Regiments of Infantry numbered from Eleven to Twenty-three, inclusive, were organized in May 1851. All those infantry Regiments, as well as those organized since the civil War, are organizations in which anyone may be proud to serve. Nearly all of them need 200 to 400 additional men.

All able-bodied male citizens under 35 years of age who desire to prepare themselves for military service in the National Defense, and who have no one depending upon them for support, may be safely advised to enlist at once in the Regular Army, the great military training school of the Nation and the "backbone" of the first line of our defense.

Should organizations which have been provisionally enrolled with the view to tendering their services for the National Defense desire to enlist as a body in the Infantry of the Regular Army, Recruiting Offices will be ready to accept, upon request, to the honor and pleasure of the organization to accept those who may be qualified, and all these men who desire to serve in the Regular Army will be assigned to the best existing vacancies in the Regular Army. All enlistments made in this manner must necessarily be individual and in the grade of private.

Young men under 18 years of age may enlist if they fully meet the requirements, but only with the written consent of their parents or guardians.

Application for enlistment may be made to any postmaster of the second, third or fourth class, or at any Recruiting Office.

Immediate assistance in obtaining the men now needed for the Regular Army can be given by any patriotic society or association. First, by encouraging qualified men to enlist at once. Second, by giving information to the nearest recruiting officer for the Army as to the names and addresses of qualified men who are likely to enlist.

Will Probably Retain Trains On Southern.

Raleigh, Feb. 26. —Just back from Washington where he conferred with Southern Railway officials, Judge Pell, of the corporation commission says there will probably be a readjustment of schedules so it will not be necessary to discontinue any of the passenger trains now operating between Greensboro and Wilkesboro and between Sanford and Mount Airy in consequence of petition pending asking the commission to permit discontinuance of certain of these trains as being operated at too great a loss.

LENT

By Rev. A. W. Taylor.

LENT—a familiar word, a very much abused word, oftentimes a lightly or jestingly spoken word, and yet a word of marvelously strong power to every earnest, honest man woman and child. Its lessons are lessons of devotion; its truths are truths of manhood; its plea is a plea for Reality triumphing over the Shams of life. There is a spirit underlying all its ways that make men better, nobler, braver, in their daily lives, in their daily duties—and that is what we want and need.

There is no time in life when blessings descend so richly upon the soul as in the quiet, meditative hours of self-examination, when alone with God the soul learns more of duty, and finds ways to fulfill it, of privileges and enters upon their enjoyment. In one of the larger cities, the day after Ash Wednesday, a noted singer was advertised to give a concert, after the concert a young lady who had attended entered a street car to return to her home, as she took her seat she noticed that he was next to the Rector of her Parish, where her father was the Junior Warden, as he had been one of the leading teachers in the Sunday School and she had entered the car directly in front of the theater she was fully aware that her Rector knew she was not keeping Lent.

During the conversation on the ride uptown the young lady remarked that being that the attraction had been one of such great merit for the town the great artist, she could not see there was any harm in her attending this one concert, had it been something lesser, the movies or something which could have been attended at any time she would not have gone, this was exceptional, meaning that it was exceptionally enjoyable.

Like many, she was willing to give up a little enjoyment for the sake of keeping this Holy season, but not a great deal of enjoyment. How many pause to think that it was not a little thing, but the Joy and Glory of Heaven itself that the Lord gave up for each of us. I imagine there are Archangels in Heaven who can sing far better than any of our noted artists, and yet Jesus Christ forsook their music and heard instead the jeers of the mob at Calvary because he cared for, loved us.

The great trouble with the modern young folks, they get half truth and imagine that it is the whole truth. A Lent for instance which consists of giving up things just for the sake of giving them up, would not please God, because it would be such a silly thing. And God does not like silliness, even holy silliness. Service is what Christ calls for from His flowers, and there is always something else which goes with service.

Last Summer we all recall the great activities at the Military Training camp at Plattsburg, hosts of the prominent young men of a great many cities spent their vacations there under the most rigid military discipline and that because it was necessary for the success of the training, because there was so much for the boys to learn about service to their country.

Did you ever hear of the Church being called, "The Church Militant?" You will know and have often heard "Onward Christian Soldiers" "The Son of God goes forth to war", "Fight the good fight", "Am I a Soldier of the Cross". Rightly looked at, Lent is an annual training camp for soldiers the soldiers of the Lord. These soldiers have to fight in the world all the time, and Lent is a time when they go apart for special discipline and extraordinary study and spiritual refreshment of their armor and replenishment of munitions of war so that during the rest of the year they can fight the better. Lent is a Plattsburg camp for Christian souls.

Now a man who goes into training for the army is not allowed to pick and choose which regulations of the training camp he will keep and which he will neglect. He gets his orders from those in charge of the army and he keeps them whether he likes them or not. If the orders say he shall eat army rations and nothing else, he eats army rations and nothing else even though he has a very great dislike for beans. If there is a lecture on tactics going on he is present, and if the Camp is supposed to be drilling he is at drill. If the greatest singer of the age gave a concert in Plattsburg and the soldiers are ordered to stay in camp he must stay in camp.

Especially this year it would seem that the Army of God ought to be glad to go into training. This year the whole world is under a great strain. The possible destruction of modern civilization is what we are facing. The need of the stern, virile training and determined Christianity is immensely great at this time. Considering our national situation, Lent comes at a particularly fortunate time.

Never before in the history of the world, not even in the days of the Prophet Joel, during the apostasy of the children of Israel, were the words of that prophet more searching than

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"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky. "It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

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at the present time. "Blow the trumpet in Zion, and let a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breast, let the bride-groom go forth out of his chamber and the bride out of her closet. Let the Priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the Altar, and let them say Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach." Nothing but the Almighty Providence of God can save this country now. A drought during the coming Spring months means death to every one of us. What would that mean to you? Death, or Life with Christ.

ALL THAT'S MORTAL OF FUNSTON LAID TO REST. Rank Called for Escort of 22,000 Only a Brigade Performed the Final Service.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—The body of Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, who died in San Antonio, Texas, last Monday night was interred in the national cemetery at the Presidio here today at 12:30 p. m. The services were read in a driving rain, but the sun flashed out for a moment from a rift in the clouds as the Presidio artillery boomed out a final salute of 13 guns.

Although the general's rank called for a military escort of 22,000 men, it included only a brigade of coast artillery and bluejackets. The remainder of the garrison usually assigned to forts around San Francisco bay is on the Mexican border. One major general, three brigadier-generals, and a rear admiral stood bareheaded beside the grave with the immediate family when the Rev. Wm. Kirk Guthrie, read the brief commitment service of the Presbyterian church.

Flags and banners of many semi-military organizations, crepe-bands, were massed in the near background, lined by bluejackets and artillerymen. Three volleys of rifle fire over the grave preceded taps. Then followed the rear of artillery, which was a signal for the cessation of all possible activities in the city for a period of two minutes.

The route of the funeral cortege today lay along Van Ness avenue, along one side of which General Funston's engineer dynamited the building during the fire of 1906 and checked the flames. His grave overlooks the camping grounds where slept thousands of refugees whom he fed, sheltered and clothed.

The casket was taken from the city hall rotunda at 10 o'clock. A cordon of mounted police preceded a guard bearing a major general's flag, two white stars on a red field. Gen. J. Franklin Bell and his aid, the third coast artillery band, two regiments of artillerymen and the sailors and their band preceded the casket. Directly after came the general's horse, shrouded in black. A pair of black riding boots with dangling spurs were reversed in the stirrups, mouners in automobiles followed, and companies from various military and patriotic organizations brought up the rear.

In the First Presbyterian church a single lamp burned high on the chancel. Coast artillerymen guarded the entrance. Here the general's immediate relatives awaited the casket, borne by eight enlisted men.

The services at the church were brief. Two of the general's favorite hymns were sung, Lead, Kindly Light, and Just for To-day.



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Portrait of Washington Sells for Six Thousand.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—A portrait of George Washington by Charles Wilson Peale, brought \$6,675 at a sale here yesterday of furniture, paintings and colonial relics. The leather trunk which Washington had throughout a great portion of the revolution was sold for \$400 and a portrait of James Monroe, painted by Rembrandt Peale, brought \$3,500.

Representatives of the society which cares for the relics of Washington and the home at Mount Vernon bought several of the relics which belonged to the former president.

WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

Mrs. Quinn's Experience Ought to Help You Over the Critical Period.

Lowell, Mass.—"For the last three years I have been troubled with the Change of Life and the bad feelings common at that time. I was in a very nervous condition, with headaches and pain a good deal of the time so I was unfit to do my work. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I did, and it has helped me in every way. I am not nearly so nervous, no headache or pain. I must say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best remedy any sick woman can take." —Mrs. MARGARET QUINN, R.R. 259 Worthen St., Lowell, Mass. Other warning symptoms are a sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, dread of impending evil, timidity, sounds in the ears, palpitation of the heart, sparks before the eyes, irregularities, constipation, variable appetite, weakness, inquietude, and dizziness. If you need special advice, write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass.