

**Helms in Blunderland***(With apologies to Lewis Carroll.)*

"You are wise, Kaiser William," the journalist said,

"And there's little you cannot explain,  
So I wish you would tell me why Ger-  
many's dead

Lay so thick in the woods of Lor-  
raine."

"My son," said the Kaiser, "you're  
lacking in years

Or you'd know that was just as we  
willed;

Those corpses were merely some Kiel mu-  
tineers,

And we placed them in front to get  
killed."

"You are wise, Kaiser William, I say  
it again.

'Twas a corking strategical feat.

But why did the Yanks capture so many  
men

Since Hindenburg planned to retreat?"

"As to that," laughed the Kaiser,  
"those troops were the lame,

The halt and the blind and the sick.

Now France has to feed 'em—that was  
the game—

'Twas Ludendorff's cleverest trick."

"You are wise, Kaiser William," said  
the journalist. "Yea,

But over the billowy deep

Safely come thousands of Yankees each  
day—

Are the U-boat commanders asleep?"

"Young man," said the Kaiser, "it is  
really to laugh.

When the cost makes America crack

It's a prearranged plan of the General  
Staff

To let none of the beggars get back."

"You are old, Kaiser William—in wis-  
dom, not years—

And you know a retreat from a rout,  
Now I wouldn't presume to infer I have  
fears,

But—you feel we shall win without  
doubt?"

"I have answered three questions," the  
Kaiser replied,

"Pure silly, nonsensical rot.

But to please you again I'll say 'yes'—  
if I've lied

Put the blame not on me, but on Gott."

It may be all very well to admit Ger-  
many to membership in a League of Na-  
tions . . . but a Germany in which the  
Hohenzollerns and junker gangs have  
ceased to be the dominant factors.

**To the Good People of North Carolina**

Christmas is coming and will find a  
large number of soldiers in Camp  
Jackson, many of whom will be lonesome  
and unhappy. Now, it is my wish to  
do everything possible to give these men  
a taste of real Christmas joy. I am  
appealing to the good people of this State  
to send for them, through me, whatever  
they feel that they can contribute to the  
success of a happy Christmas Day.

I will be glad to have smokes, good  
things to eat, and money will be applied  
to the purchase of fresh fruits and other

delicacies.

In addition to these men in camp, we  
have between five and six hundred Red  
Cross nurses, the finest girls in the  
whole world, and I want to see that they  
have a happy Christmas, so I am making  
an appeal for them.

Whatever is sent by any friend of our  
great citizen army will be used for the  
benefit of the men and will contribute  
much towards giving them a joyous oc-  
casion.

Address all communications and pack-  
ages to Dr. John L. Webber, General  
Camp Secretary, Y.M.C.A., Camp Jack-  
son, S. C.

JOHN L. WEBBER,  
Gen'l Camp Sec'y, Y. M. C. A.

**Was Fifty Thousand Short**

It often happens. Absconding cash-  
iers are by no means a new invention,  
and so the manager of the Doughnut  
Bank thought he had better get a de-  
tective on the job, and make his cashier  
run for his money. Of course, the detec-  
tive wanted particulars.

"Will you furnish me with a descrip-  
tion of the missing cashier?" he said.

"For instance, how tall was he?"

"I don't know how tall he was," an-  
swered the manager testily. "What  
worries me is that he was fifty thousand  
dollars short."—*Chicago News.*

**Hold Your Liberty Bonds**

The American soldiers in France took  
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ple at home having taken Liberty Bonds  
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ers to the Liberty Loans. Liberty  
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the purchaser has supported his Govern-

**Oversubscribed**

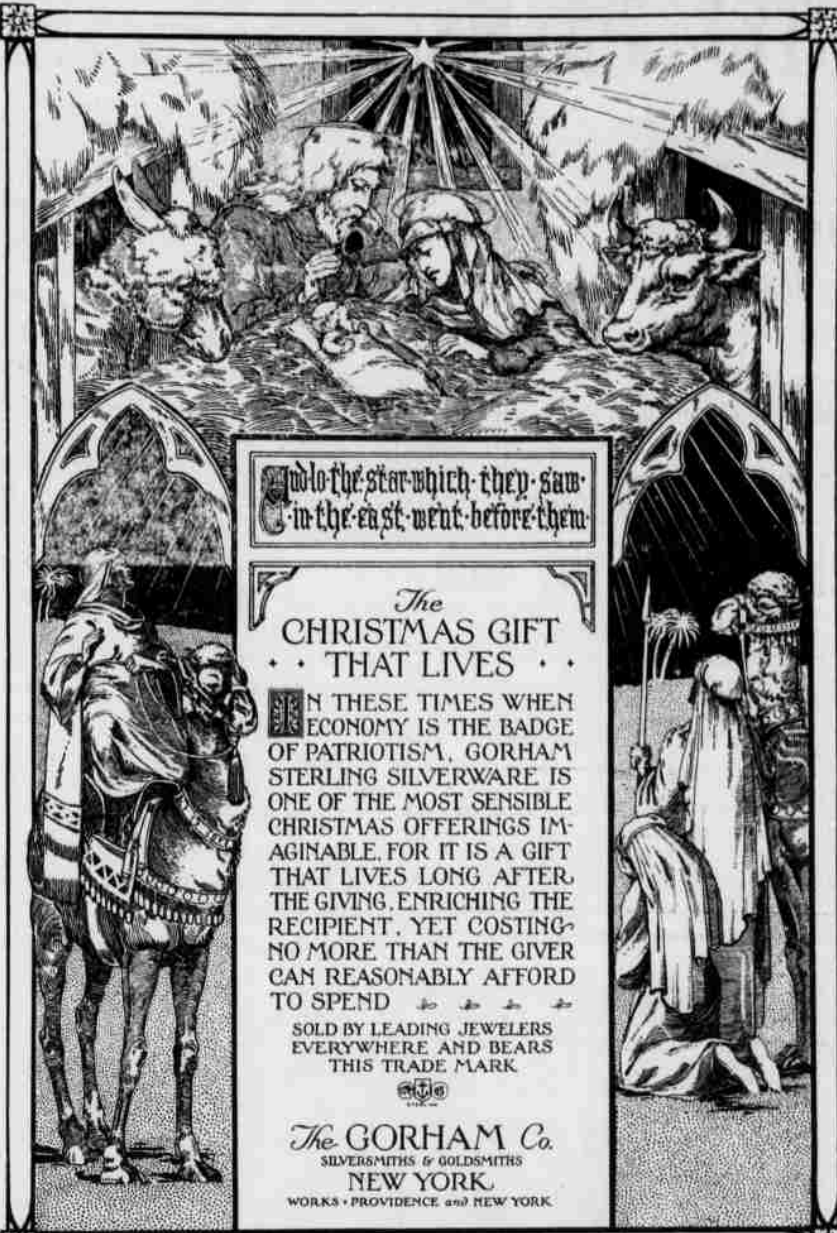
J. Alton McIver, chairman of the  
committees entrusted with the collection  
of the money due from Moore County in  
the National War Work Campaign, an-  
nounced that the county had responded  
to the call with the full quota of \$7,200,  
with some districts still to be heard  
from. Mrs. J. R. McQueen surpassed  
the Pinehurst allotment of \$1500 by a  
thousand or more.

Wasted food on this side means starv-  
ing, suffering and death on the other  
side.

Hold fast to that which is good. Keep  
your Liberty Bonds.

**Catholic Services**

Midnight Mass will be held at 12.05  
Christmas morning.



And to the star which they saw  
In the east went before them

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