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The pinch of poverty often makes a person black and blue.

Wall Street is for Hughes because Hughes is for Wall Street.

Fashion's way is always short measurement for hubby.

How 'bout applying a little fire prevention day stuff to fiery speech?

This may be the overcoat season, but it is Palm Beach suit weather.

Roosevelt makes sound like a blunderbuss and acts like a blundering "cuss."

May be Germany has found a way of stopping the shipment of munitions of war.

Lieutenant Rose is in charge of U-53. It would have been more appropriate, however, to have been Rosewater.

The most optimistic profession we know of for striking snags is that of the dentist.

Charles Evans Hughes starts on his third trip today. And he will trip and fall down, too.

If Bull Moose Parker is going to vote for Woodrow Wilson, according to previous announcement, he has a powerful poor way of showing it.

The auto does not endanger living so much in reckless handling as it does in alluring folks to buy who can't afford it.

"The mask is off," declared President Wilson. We have always contended that the Republican campaign was only a masquerade bawl.

The Florida courts have settled it by declaring Mr. Knott the nominee, but as Mr. Catts announces he will run anyhow, why it is still unsettled.

The American reader is having an exciting time today, dividing his attention between the German submarine and the world series ball game.

Lucky is the man who had a last winter's suit that soap and water can make appear respectable for this winter's appearance.

Another whack of vengeance is being taken at Wilson. Bill Sulzer has come out for Hughes. It may be so, however, that he is in hopes of getting hold of another dish of campaign funds.

As a matter of fact, there is little difference, both as to law and life, in masked men up North forcibly taking milk away from people and spilling it on the ground and a mob down South, with handkerchiefs around the faces of the members, storming a jail and stringing up a felon. The thrown-away milk means depriving babes of nourishment for health and, very often, life.

Some one has now twisted it around to read "as goes Ohio in the National election so goes the nation." As Maine disappointed the Democrats in this way, and Ohio hasn't voted that's not bad consolation dope for the Democrats.

Woe be the circus which has to run against the counter-attraction of a joint debate between Godwin and McCaskill.

Announcement of the names of those who will address the One-a-Month meetings, so thoughtfully and ably arranged by Rev. John Jeter Hurt, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, but bears out the happy predictions of The Dispatch when announcement that Dr. Hurt would inaugurate such a course in Wilmington was first made. The people of the entire city must appreciate the efforts of this Wilmington divine, who is contributing largely to the moral and intellectual welfare of Wilmington.

SUBMARINE WARFARE FAR FROM HOME.

There is nothing surprising in what the German naval submarine has done and may still do off the coast of New England, though it does again demonstrate the daring, initiative and resourcefulness of the Germans. The sensational incidents, almost within sight of American land, were some days ago robbed of the surprising feature. The surprising feature was the voyage of the Deutschland. After that it was only reasonable to suppose that what could be accomplished with a merchant ship, larger and requiring greater care in handling, could be done by a submarine of the fighting type. The work of the present submersible is not even unexpected, in that it was only logical to reach the conclusion that such would happen, after the visit of the German U-boat Saturday to an American port. The chance for destructive work by this boat was presented; it was golden, as British, French and Italian ships were ploughing the waves, confident that danger from man did not lurk near, and the Allies' patrol, for the same reason, was off its guard. There was never better chance for a submarine to accomplish so much and the commander of the U-53, if this be the one, lost no time in taking advantage of it. That he should have first made an American port is not strange. There is no mystery about it. To have made his presence known before entering an American port would have made danger of capture or destruction greater for the submarine and would have caused American ports to have been watched carefully by ships of the Allies. As part of the mission of the submarine was to deliver important messages to the German ambassador this risk could not be accepted. Having an unobstructed lane for entrance and the messages being important the commander fulfilled that part of his task, and thereby showed fine judgment. But having performed this duty he did not tarry; he did not loaf on the job, giving time for warning to be sounded, but put to sea again, and the result is now being written in news that thrill.

The success of this particular submarine naturally gives rise to the thought that it is not only possible to extend such a campaign, but very likely. Practically the only obstacles that stood in the way of operation of such warfare before were mastering the dangers of the deep and being able to carry sufficient stores so that the craft would not require a nearby base. These things appear to have been solved, and unless the enemy can find a way of stopping submersibles from leaving their home ports or man's ingenuity can devise a way of fighting undersea boats beneath the waves, or of locating their presence under the water so that there may be something definite about the hunt, a great new menace has arisen. The submarine is not a costly ship, in comparison with other naval craft, and it can be quickly constructed, and built without as much preparation. Therefore if a submarine can manage to destroy five or six vessels, perhaps, with valuable cargoes, and is then destroyed, it has accomplished something.

The submarine cannot be hunted and run down as easily as a merchant raider that rides the waves. This is the difficult and serious part of the problem for the enemy. Aside from the actual loss in the destruction of property there is apt to occur a loss by reason of confusion, of consternation in shipping circles.

The Allied navy patrol may succeed in destroying the U-53, but the source will have to be removed before the menace can be eradicated. As comes the U-53, why so can come other submarines; perhaps, others have come.

THE WILSON CAMPAIGN FUND.

The Democrats of New Hanover county once more set themselves the task of contributing splendidly to the Wilson campaign fund, as it is recognized that the money for running the expenses of the campaign must come from all the people. There are no moneyed interests to supply these sinews of war for re-election of Woodrow Wilson (however, none is sought, nor wanted) and therefore the burden is upon the masses of the people of this country, who desire to see their cause triumph in the November election. Calls for contributions are not issued because the election can be bought, nor because it is intended to make effort to influence the result with money, but because there are certain expenses, considered legitimate, that must be met. It takes money to meet them, and it is up to the masses to provide this money. It is their battle, as Wilson is only the representative of the great American people.

New Hanover will do its part, as it did before. Up to Saturday night, the Democrats of this county had contributed over \$2,200 and other contributions were made today. The campaign for funds is now in full swing. It is going to be brief, but successful.

NOT OFFICE AT COST OF HUMAN WOE.

The Republicans may try and attract attention from the war issue, while tossing strictures right and left on President Wilson for having peace, but unless the people are fools they must see the impending danger; unless their mind's eye is near-sighted, they must behold the upper and nether stones are gripped by the Republicans and would be crushed together should they get into power.

If Republican regime would not mean war, why criticize Mr. Wilson so severely for peace? Can it be doubted that there would be strife when Mr. Roosevelt is shouting for vengeance on Germany and declares that the old German submarine warfare, which he has denounced, was undoubtedly a sufficient casus belli, and Hughes is talking about intervention in Mexico? What escape is there from the conclusion that there would not be war if Hughes is elected President? If there is a loophole somewhere then the trade against Wilson for preserving the peace must admittedly be unjust.

The Republican twaddle about war and about Wilson playing politics hardly coincide. War with any country, intervention in Mexico just now would have assured re-election for Mr. Wilson. The country would not have turned down a war president, would not have allowed it to be said, for the danger it would have incurred, that it had repudiated his policies. It would have been so easy for Mr. Wilson to have trampled over bleeding bodies and turned a deaf ear to human anguish to have been guaranteed another term as President.

WILMINGTON DID ITS PART.

If other towns of the State observed Fire Prevention Day as did Wilmington, the event was really worth while in North Carolina, and the fruits will be seen in less fires, of both the brand that means big destruction to property and loss of life. The Wilmington graded schools, without exception, observed the day with a program appropriate to the occasion and marked by speech, which, in plain, logical way, impressed upon the pupils the significance of the day.

The impression made upon the minds of the children will be lasting, too. It will be a real preventive. Superintendent Blair and the school officials in general are to be congratulated upon the undoubted successful observance of the day.

MR. FERGUS COMES BACK.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 9, 1916. Dear Mr. Editor: I saw in yesterday's Dispatch that Mr. James B. Church, who is engaged in the catching of Menhaden for a factory down the river, replies to an article written by a reporter who, while his intention was good, muddled somewhat the information I gave him. If Mr. Church had wanted to have entered in a fair discussion of the fish industry, he would have replied to an article over my signature. One of the first questions he asked was by what magic I had learned anything about the fish industry. For his benefit, I will give a little history of the magic by which I learned something of the fish industry.

Up until the age of 21 I had been educated for and had followed a commercial life. My father becoming ill in health, the doctors advised him to live on the sound for a year or so. So we bought a place on Myrtle Grove Sound, finding a very fine fishery on the place. I bought a seine to fish for mullets and other fish in the sound and on the back of the beach. Also bought boats to fish outside for gray trout and all kinds of fish caught with hook and line, and for twenty-seven years I followed that kind of life and during that time I made it a rule to study the habit and movement of the different kinds of fish that inhabit our coast, from the sound shores to twelve miles at sea. Mr. Church speaks also of the perils of the sea that he has faced and the roughness of his hands that he has obtained during his experience of twenty-five years in fishing. I have also faced some of the perils of the sea by going to sea in small open boats and sometimes the sea would be so rough that I would be upset and had to swim for my life to the shore. I have also saved lives by going to crews that were upset on the reef and risking my own life to save theirs, and for the last ten years since coming back to town I have been engaged in the wholesale business of handling and shipping fish. So Mr. Church can see that my experience in the fish industry dated back twelve years before his began. I have also added to my personal knowledge of the fish industry by talking with fishermen who have fished from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico, also who have fished off the red snapper banks off the coast of Mexico, and when the government experts who make their rounds yearly of the fish section, I have gained all the information possible. I believe that I can learn Mr. Church about some of the habits of some of the fish that inhabit our coast, as he claims to have been asleep in a manner with the fish industry for twenty-five years, which, I suppose, he can afford to do, as he has never had more than himself and wife to work

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for. But myself, after having been married fifteen years, I had a wife and ten children to work for, and I couldn't afford to go to sleep with the fish industry, but I had to keep very much awake to make enough to take care of them.

So much for the magic by which I learned something of the fish industry. I would advise Mr. Church before he rushes into print to wake up long enough from that Rip Van Winkle sleep of twenty-five years to post himself on the fish laws that the Commissioners have created in regard to the mullet industry; if he is posted in any way upon what the purse seines are doing now and have been doing in the past he will find that the purse-seines of Cape Lookout, or in other words, the purse-seine owned by Morehead dealers and other dealers of that section who fish around Cape Lookout, have never quit catching mullets since they started years ago up to the present time, as the Commissioners have allowed them to catch mullets in Carteret county last season and this season within a thousand yards of the beach, which means that they have turned them loose on the entire mullet industry of North Carolina up to within a thousand yards of the beach. If he knows anything about the movement of mullets he knows that all the mullets that travel along the coast of North Carolina come through Carteret county.

He seems to lay a good deal of stress on what the reporter said about mullets passing off shore. In talking with the reporter I told him that nature had given the roe mullet a larger instinct than a smaller mullet of self-preservation, so as to try and preserve the seed of a future generation of mullets, and that they, as a rule, ran at a further distance back of the reef—that is, the bulk of them—than smaller mullets, and by doing so they were not as liable to be exterminated by seines stationed on the beach as they were by purse seines who could follow them up and catch them at sea anywhere they could find them. From my personal knowledge of the run of mullets, I would term them an inshore fish, as we find that they run on the inside of the sounds along the shores and also in the channel and on the ocean beach in the slue, which is inside the reef and back of the reef, possibly for a distance of two miles offshore, and it's a remarkable fact that when mullets are caught by purse-seiners who claim that they have caught them beyond the three-mile limit, in every case where there has been witnesses to be found who saw them catch them they have been convicted

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of catching them within the three-mile limit. As Mr. Church has pranced into the list armed with his lance of twenty-five years sleep, as it were, with the fish industry, and has made it a point to go out of his way and in a very sneering and contemptible manner alluded to me and my fish business, he has put himself up as a target to be shot at, and I propose to take a few shots at him. I have said very plainly in an article written by me not over a week ago that when I used the words "fish pirates" it only applied to men who use

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their purse-seine in violation of the law by catching edible fish. Now, if his guilty conscience puts him in that class he is welcome to do it. He seems to be so familiar with the Bible I will quote that old saying, "Be sure your sins will find you out." I wish to call Mr. Church's attention to a cargo of mullets that he brought up to Wilmington in the steamer Compton to Mr. Ed. Taylor, just before the law which prohibited the catching of mullets went into effect. I have been told that the capacity of the Compton by one of the owners was about 400,000 pounds, and it was judged by parties who saw them that he had her about half full or over of mullets that were too small to be used in any way for food. So he carried them back down the river to the factory. I want him to tell the

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public what he did with them. By a man who has in his article, in the past, would proclaim themselves better than some other folks, could not have allowed his conscience to be stifled and ground those mullets up for fertilizer. If he did or did not, and knows anything about the rapid growth of a mullet if they had been turned loose alive after he caught them and saw the size of them, twelve months, and then caught by him, doesn't he think if there were 200,000 pounds in that lot of little mullets he would have had about 10,000 barrels of salt mullets, worth at \$5 a barrel, \$50,000. Now I am going to ask him if that wasn't a criminal waste of valuable food? I will also ask him if the 70,000 pounds of roe mullets caught by the purse-seines of the Cape Fear bar last fall, after being sold to the dealers at Southport, and salted by them, wasn't found to be spoiled and unfit for food, and the parties who bought them refused to pay for them? There was a case of destruction by the purse-seines from the cradle to the grave. I have some other very important things that I will ask Mr. Church in my next article. Yours respectfully, D. J. FERGUS.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Eastern Department of the army, born at Winchester, N. H., 56 years ago today. Evelyn Mountstuart Grant Duff, British envoy to the Swiss Confederation, born 53 years ago today. Myron T. Herrick, former American ambassador to France and now the Republican nominee for senator from Ohio, born at Huntington, O., 61 years ago today. Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, Episcopal bishop of Bethlehem, Pa., born at Fayette, Mo., 68 years ago today. Wesley L. Jones, United States senator from Washington, born near Bethany, Ill., 53 years ago today. Henry L. Myers, recently renominated for United States senator from Montana, born in Cooper county, Mo., 31 years ago today. Miner Lee Bates, president of Hiram College, born at Fairfield, Mich., 47 years ago today.