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It's peace on the eastern battle line and not in Russia that Germany is after.

If Russia doesn't look out she will have the little Japs pouncing down on her again.

If Villa is so anxious for a real fight why doesn't he go over and tackle the Hindenburg line? He can get all he wants there.

If Villa would pattern after the Germans, and "dig in" and stick to his trenches there would be some chance of catching him.

If Lenin is to be bought the Allies should buy him, says a German newspaper. But the Germans did not give them a chance.

Uncle Sam saw to it that his boys over the water had a real Thanksgiving dinner if President Wilson did have to eat a Hooverized one.

The Ohio Pros. say they are going to keep on hammering at it till they get the State so dry you will have to soak a lump of ice in a bucket of water over night to make it fit to put in a glass of lemonade in the dog days.

The German soldiers who invaded Belgium and France never had any morals, and now comes a German admiral who says the entrance of America into the war is disadvantageous to their morale. That leaves them with few qualities worth having.

We note that The Duplin Record, of Warsaw, has changed ownership. Mr. Ernest M. Hale has bought the plant from Mr. R. S. Taylor. The Record has been a clean paper and a factor in local progress and development.

"The German-American owes it to himself to become at once and forever an American. When he feels that he cannot do this, he should have the decency to take his person from a country to which he can not give his heart and his whole allegiance," says The Greenville News.

The latest Hooverized desserts are pumpkinless pumpkin pies and ginger-less ginger-bread. As for the former we don't care how much the genuine article is camouflaged; but when we eat ginger-bread we want it to be a real stuff. The new recipe calls for leaving out ginger, molasses, eggs, butter and milk.

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CONDITIONS AT CAMP WHEELER.

The people have to thank General Gorgas for his candid report on the conditions at Camp Wheeler. He tells the public exactly what is the matter there; why there have been so many cases of pneumonia among the soldiers in camp and why so many deaths from that disease have occurred.

It is rather surprising, considering the nature of his report and where he lays the blame, that the Washington government has allowed it to be made public. The surgeon general states that at the time of his recent visit of inspection there were at Camp Wheeler, which is near Macon, Ga., three hundred cases of pneumonia and there had been sixty deaths from that disease in the previous month.

General Gorgas did not hesitate to say that in his opinion the prevalence of pneumonia and the many deaths therefrom were due to the fact that the soldiers there were not properly clothed; that they were still wearing summer clothing during the cold weather of the past month; also that the soldiers were too crowded in their quarters.

It is true, as he says, the camp is well situated and is generally in good condition; but that cannot be expected to make up for clothing soldiers in summer wear at this time of the year or compelling as many as nine men to occupy quarters large enough for only five.

General Gorgas' report of conditions and the explanations thereof need no comment. The facts speak for themselves.

A TAR HEEL TO THE FRONT.

It gives us pleasure to reproduce the following complimentary notice of a young North Carolinian, which we take from The Wadesboro Ansonian:

Many warm friends in Anson will be pleased to learn that military authorities have discovered the superior legal talents of James A. Lockhart, a member of the Bickett Battery, now at Camp Jackson. It is likely that he will be placed in the legal department of the military organization. We are afraid this will not meet with Mr. Lockhart's approval as we are under the impression that he volunteered and joined the battery for the sake of being one of the "boys" willing to go and do his part just as he was ordered.

Mr. Lockhart is a member of the Wadesboro bar. He has won an enviable reputation as an eloquent speaker and most capable lawyer. His reputation extends beyond the confines of his own county. His many friends throughout the State will be glad to hear of his success as a soldier. He gave up a lucrative practice to enter the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe. After serving his time he was appointed second lieutenant and now this advancement as reward of merit is opened to him.

CENTRALIZATION.

Many people are wondering what will be the relations of the government toward the people after the close of the war. Already tremendous trides have been made along the roads of paternalism and centralization of Federal power. It has almost gone to an extent never dreamed of until the necessities of present conditions demanded radical changes.

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People used to poke fun at Chatham county and her rabbits. Still they were glad to buy them at ten cents a piece. Now they are abusing the people of that county because they have put the price up to forty cents.

The Anson county canning club girls are coming to the front in a way which will make them famous, and put money in their pockets. They have just filled an order for seven hundred gallon cans of beans, tomatoes and blackberry jam for the State A. & E. College, and another order for fig preserves and soup mixture has just been received from a catering company in New York.

WITH THE EDITORS.

Greensboro News.—In a message of the German hierarchy, promulgated near Nauen, the bishops "reject the sovereignty of the people, which only brings other forms of inequality and servitude and constraint of which the world war affords many examples."

Fayetteville Observer.—This demand for action on the wood matter is no cry of the alarmist, as anyone who is in need of wood can testify. It is next to impossible to get it. It is foolishness to contend that municipalities should not establish wood yards for the benefit of the people in a time of need.

Durham Herald.—The burley beast of war, known as the tank, is an English development and adaptation of the American tractor, which was ingeniously devised for peaceful service in the grain fields of the United States.

Charlotte Observer.—Manifestly, in the comparatively fine state of health that prevails at Camp Greene, this community and that portion of the army interested, have abundant cause for congratulation. Reports from camps at other places indicate much concern over the prevalence of measles and pneumonia, while news comes from Greenville that not only Camp Sevier, but the town of Paris, has been placed under indefinite quarantine, by reason of an epidemic of measles aggravated by a few cases of meningitis.

Asheville Times.—With the American boys fighting and falling in the trenches of the western front, it is but due that the every "slacker" be sought out and his identity be made known. Some of the men who have been canvassing for contributions to the "war fund" of the Young Men's Christian Association have had experiences. In some instances, a few, a very few, but nevertheless, in some instances there have been remarks made by those approached, that indicate a "slacker" spirit.

Asheville Times.—Of Russia, The New York Sun remarks, "Russia is staggering like a small boy who has been running around a post, dizzy without getting anywhere. In the whirl she has had various so-called leaders" surrounded by all sorts of men, each pretending to represent some sort of following.

STATE NEWS.

Information has been received here by relatives and friends of the young men who left Greenville for Camp Oglethorpe the latter part of August to the effect that each one of them has received the commission of either first or second lieutenant. The boys are expected home on furlough tonight or tomorrow.—Greenville Reformer.

The Maxton Red Cross Chapter sent 35 packages of Christmas presents to our soldiers in France; and they shipped to Atlanta headquarters seven dozen hospital shirts and four dozen pajamas. They will send a shipment of sweaters in a few days.—Scottish Chief.

The Philathea Class of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist church here has remembered the boys who are now in the different training camps by sending to each boy, who before leaving Greenville, was a member of the Methodist church, a box for Thanksgiving. Two boxes were sent to France to the two boys who are now in the trenches from Greenville.—Greenville News.

The gin of Mr. M. C. Braswell, on the Nash county road between Rocky Mount and Battleboro, was destroyed by fire Monday night, together with 40 bales of cotton and cotton seed from 140 bales, entailing a loss of approximately \$12,000, partially covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is undetermined. The loss in cotton is estimated at \$5,000, the cotton seed at \$3,500 and the gin and fixtures bring the total up to \$11,000 or \$12,000.—Rocky Mount Telegram.

Sergeant Roy Black, in charge of the local recruiting station, has been designated as military director of the Hickory high school cadets; and the sergeant is expecting his orders any day. When the corps first was organized, Superintendent McIntosh asked Sergeant Black to instruct the lads, but the local officer had to receive permission from the army. The boys will be drilled three afternoons a week an hour at a time, unless arrangements are made for drilling in the armory at night.—Hickory Record.

Little Archie, the fourteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sanders, met a tragic death last week. Mrs. Sanders was making starch. She had left a vessel containing starch and a cloth on a table while she stepped only a few feet away to get blueing. And in this short interval of time the little fellow, who was standing not far away, walked over to the table and taking hold of the cloth pulled the vessel of starch over on him, badly burning his face, mouth and breast. Later pneumonia developed and death relieved his sufferings Saturday night.—Siler City Grit.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

Lieutenant-General Sir Julian Hedworth George Byng, who has had immediate charge of the recent great "drive" into the German lines, has had a long and distinguished career in the British military service. He began by joining the Tenth Royal Hussars in 1883 and has led an active life in the army ever since—in the Sudan, Egypt, in South Africa and since this war broke out with the British forces facing the Germans.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

One Hundred Years Ago Today. 1817—Prof. Theodor Mommsen, one of the greatest of German historians, born in Schleswig-Holstein. Died at Charlottenburg, November 1, 1903. Seventy-Five Years Ago Today. 1842—The famous Fleet and Marshal-sea prisons in London were permanently closed. Fifty Years Ago Today. 1867—Thomas Clark, eminent Scotch chemist, died in Glasgow. Born at Ayr, March 31, 1801. Twenty-Five Years Ago Today. 1892—Nicaragua Canal convention opened in New Orleans, with delegates present from every State and territory.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, noted prohibition worker and assistant president of the National Endeavor Societies, born at Portland, Ore., 33 years ago today. William L. LaFollette, Representative in Congress from the Fourth Washington district, born in Boone county, Indiana, 57 years ago today. Rt. Hoz. Winston Spencer Churchill, eminent British statesman and cabinet member, born 43 years ago today. Dr. David N. Beach, president of Bangor Theological Seminary, born at Orange, N. J., 69 years ago today. Rt. Rev. Denis O'Donoghue, Catholic bishop of Louisville, born in Delevic county, Indiana, 69 years ago today. Ralph D. Cole, former Ohio Congressman, born in Hancock county, Ohio, 44 years ago today.



Begin Your Christmas Shopping Early

Thanksgiving is gone, and now is the time to start in and make your selection of gifts. This store has been preparing for the big event, and we are in shape to serve you every want in the way of Gift things. Give us an early call, look over the line we are showing and we advise you to make an early choice.

- In The Novelty Line: Jewelry Boxes and Pin Cushion Combinations... 35c, 50c and \$1.00. Knitting Needles, pair... 75c and \$1.25. Sweet Grass Basket Sets... 85c. Jumping Ropes, each... 35c.

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ARE GERMAN-AMERICANS LOYAL? HATED IN GERMAN-AMERICAN. (By Iredell Meares). The fact that a citizen, man or woman, who is of German birth, but naturalized, or of German descent, does not make him the less loyal in thought, service or devotion to this country, at this time of war, than the citizen, man or woman, born of native American parents.

There are German-Americans throughout the nation, like the great New York banker, Otto H. Kahn, Henry Weisman, president of the German-American Alliance of the State of New York; Hon. Julius Kahn, member of Congress from California; Henry Morgenthau, ex-American Ambassador to Turkey, and other prominent citizens of German origin, the eloquence of whose words and the evidence of whose deeds give assurance of the loyalty of countless thousands for whom they speak.

Mr. Weisman has said, in a published statement, this: "The war with Germany is a great touchstone of our ability to think and act as a great nation. The part of German-Americans in this war must, and I know will, be as fruitful of willing sacrifice, heroic deed, and patriotic devotion as that of any citizen who points to the Pilgrims as his ancestors."

The Prime Minister of Germany, Zimmermann, said to Ambassador Gerard, as related in "My Four Years in Germany," that "The United States does not dare to do anything against Germany because we have five hundred thousand German reservists in America who will rise in arms against your government if your government should dare to take any action against Germany."

Mr. Gerard also says: "I believe that today all the bitterness of the hate formerly concentrated on Great Britain has now been concentrated on the United States. The German-American are hated worse than the native Americans. They have deeply disappointed the Germans; first, because, although German-Americans contributed enormously towards German war charities the fact of this contribution was not known to the Germans in Germany. Secondly, the German-Americans did not go, as they might have done, to Germany through neutral countries, with American passports, and enter the German army; and, thirdly, the most bitter disappointment of all, the German-Americans have not yet risked their property and their necks, their children's future and their own tranquility, by taking arms against the government of America in the interest of the Hohenzollerns."



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