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SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1918.

The German urus is in ascendancy over the Russian capricious, which means Germany has got Russia's goat.

fuel as you can today if your wood and coal are running short. You will likely need a good deal the next two or three days.

No one in this country expected the address of President Wilson to please the German press. We would have thought there was something wrong about it if it had done so.

There is disappointment in store for those people who thought that as soon as the government took control of the railroads everything in the railway line would run as smoothly as greased lightning.

The quartermaster general told the Senate committee that there was great shortage of wood in this country. Whereupon some one was so unkind as to say the q. m. g. had been wool gathering.

Twenty minutes for lunch is the rule in this country. In France it is two hours, with just enough food to keep one busy only about two minutes, according to the American style of taking lunch in a hurry.

Look out for your water pipes tonight. If the weather man is not mistaken there is going to be a repetition of weather conditions of a short while back. Cutting of water and opening all the faucets is lots better than paying plumber bills.

We cannot see what harm could have been done had the censor of war news let the American people know what were the results of the first raid by our airmen behind the German lines. That certainly would not have been publishing information advantageous to the enemy.

You had better scrape up as much Winston Churchill sounds the keynote for the future conduct of the war: "Increase the pace." That's the way to do, Crowd in all the steam possible. Rush American troops to the front as fast as transports can take them there and make an end of the war by crushing the German armies on the Western front by a vigorous spring campaign.

Eight of the ten North Carolina Congressmen voted for the resolution submitting to the States the proposed woman suffrage amendment to the Constitution. Mr. Weaver, of the tenth district, voted against it and Mr. Hood, of the Third district, did not vote. We do not suppose the suffragists will accuse him of dodging the issue. We feel sure had good reason for not being present and voting.

Anybody who can tell from the press despatches from the East what is the political situation as to relations between Russia and Germany is due a handsome prize. No more conflicting statements were ever sent regarding a series of transactions. One despatch yesterday said peace negotiations were broken off because the Allies would not accept the terms proposed to Russia by the Central Powers, and another quoted the latter as saying that because their terms were not accepted by the Western powers the peace would be made a separate one with Russia, and that negotiations were to be concluded.

My Tuesdays are wheatless, My Wednesdays are meatless, I'm growing more eatless each day; My home it is heatless, My bed it is sheetless, They've been sent to the Y. M. C. A.; My friends they are treatless, My coffee is sweetless, Each day I grow poorer and wiser; My socks they are feetless, My trousers are seatless, My Lord, how I do hate the Kaiser.

The man who wrote the lines below is a true patriot. Were he not would not be able to take his trou so lightly as to feel like putting them into verse and he would also hate President Wilson and all Americans who favor the war as heartily as he does the Kaiser. We feel sorry for the poor fellow, for he seems to have more privations thrust upon him in aid of the nation in its war preparations than the average run of the people. Hear his piteous plaint:

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SILENCE THEM!

When it is desired to make a first class mess of important national affairs there is no agency so efficient as the small politician who has ridden into power on the coat tail of a popular issue. Many a man is placed in office by an electorate seeking to endorse an issue, delusioning themselves into thinking that by voting for any man who stands for that issue they are serving the best interests of themselves and their country. The majority of voters has not yet reached the point of giving due consideration to the proper selection of public servants, thereby nullifying the very purposes sought.

All of which leads up to the present time when there are persons seeking ways and means to investigate somebody or something in connection with the conduct of the war. Of course there have been mistakes, some of large proportions, and there will be others just so long as the war lasts. No matter which faction is in power or who is holding office. But we have little patience with the efforts of any person to belittle the work of those in authority when the agitator is far less capable of managing the affairs he so severely criticizes than the man who is laboring 18 or 20 hours a day to render his country faithful service. This war has been called a man-made war, but it would be more truthful to say it is a politician-made war, and that it has continued thus far is largely due to the tactics of the same tribe of two-by-fours.

Wytte Williams, Paris correspondent of The New York Times, in an article in the current issue of Corriere, effectively portrays what disaster the petty politicians of France brought to the Allied cause last year. He states the opinion, and backs it up with proof, that the war would probably have been brought to a successful conclusion for the Allies had not French politics come to the rescue of Germany. In the big drive last spring, the French and British troops were striking the Germans with terrible effect following well-laid plans of Haig and Nivelle, and according to Williams, the liberation of France and even Belgium from the invader was all but carried out, the actual accomplishment being thwarted through the work of politicians who sheered Nivelle of his power, and ordered a cessation of the drive just as the enemy was tottering on his last Western leg. Paris politics overrode the pleas of the best military leaders of France and England, ordered the offensive stopped, and virtually deposed their military commander. For this meddling on the part of those who knew nothing at all about military affairs, France has paid dearly in lives of her sons, and will expend much more blood that might have been saved.

Mr. Williams' story should be a lesson to the politicians of the world to keep hands off in matters military, leaving all such to the care of those who have qualified to discharge those duties. The idea of taking military operations from the hands of the regular heads and placing them in the hands of a congressional or parliamentary committee should be stamped out in its infancy. A man who is not capable of running his own little private affairs often sneaks into one of the important branches of the government, and in order to try to make the people back home think he is some pumpkin, he starts an attack on somebody in a higher position, a sort of a face-snapping-ata-mastiff business.

The story of France's mistake should put the rest of the Allies and America on their guard. The lesson in this fatal error will hardly be appreciated by the pinhead, but the people of the country who have to bear the great burden of the war, along with the burden of an overplus of politicians, should grasp the importance and see to it that the meddling is effectively silenced.

STATE NEWS.
Fairmont, Jan 9. — The annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Bank & Trust Co. of Fairmont was held Tuesday and the following officers were elected: president, D. C. Fussell; vice president, H. G. Stubbs; cashier, W. F. Bristol. The following board of directors was elected: D. C. Fussell, H. G. Stubbs, A. N. Mitchell. This bank is only 6 months old, but has enjoyed a splendid growth. Deposits now total \$92,000. The capital is \$10,000. The report of the cashier showed a net profit for the six months of \$672.76.—The Robesonian.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, and Dr. A. J. Ellington, of the State Board of Health, have been carrying on their campaign of free medical examination for all citizens of Robeson between the ages of 21 and 60 with great success, despite the unfavorable weather. Some people have conceived the idea that these examinations are connected in some way with military service, that the campaign is being carried on in order to find out who are fit for service. This is far from the real facts. This campaign would be carried on if there were no war. It has nothing whatever to do with military service. It is merely giving every man and woman the blessed opportunity of undergoing a free medical examination and finding out their physical status. It is an opportunity that every one should embrace.—The Robesonian.

The Board of Education of Richmond county asked the County Commissioners to increase the supplemental tax for public schools from five cents to ten cents on the hundred dollars, and the poll tax for the same object from fifteen to thirty cents. The Board of Commissioners agreed to the increase.—Hamlet Messenger.

The local chapter of the American Red Cross has made and sent forward to the proper authorities seven thousand pieces of war materials. This includes the various articles made by the ladies directly under the supervision of the Red Cross, in and out of the work rooms, but does not include many articles made in the homes independent of the Red Cross.—Sallysbury Post.

Here's sample of Falson's cold weather in a form of an icicle measuring 5 feet and 3 inches long, 12 inches round and 2 1/2 inches thick, weighing 8 1/2 pounds. This was found by Messrs. O. L. Taylor and C. P. Rogers on a telephone line leading to Mr. Taylor's store.—Mt. Oliver Tribune.

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DANIELS-BAGLEY.

The Daniels-Bagley family is well represented in the United States navy. There is Hon. Josephus Daniels, who all the world knows has been Secretary of the Navy from the beginning of President Wilson's first administration and would likely hold a third term as such official were not the unwritten law against a presidential third term in the way of Mr. Wilson being renominated and re-elected to the presidency again. Who knows but that Mr. Wilson's successor will insist on Mr. Daniels continuing to sit at the cabinet table as head of the Navy Department?

David Worth Bagley, a brother-in-law of the Secretary, is a lieutenant commander in the Navy. He was in command of the Jacob Jones when that destroyer was sunk by a German submarine. On that occasion Commander Bagley acted as was to be expected of a North Carolina naval officer.

Secretary Daniels' oldest son enlisted in the Marine Corps some time ago and is now a private in that crack branch of the naval service.

The second son of the Naval Secretary has just been appointed by Senator Overman as a cadet at the Naval Academy.

Ensign Jonathan Worth Bagley, who was killed in the Spanish-American war, was, as our readers know, a brother-in-law of Secretary Daniels. The Secretary has reason to feel proud of the representation his family has in the service of their country in this time of war. He should not fail to hang out a service flag with four stars from his residence in Washington City.

All reports as to social conditions in Germany say they are growing worse daily. The people are heartily tired of the war. Socialism is on the increase. The detronement of autocracy in Russia has had its influence among the masses in Germany. If the latter are disappointed in not having Russia turned from an enemy to a source of much needed supply of foodstuffs they will become still more disaffected with the evident determination of the military party to continue the war at all hazard. At such a time a decisive victory over the German Western army would have a telling effect on the internal affairs of that country and might be the cause of the people forcing the government to accept peace on the terms laid down by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd-George.

Greenville News.—North Carolina can pay its teachers decent salaries and it ought to do it. The State has cheerfully raised its allotments of war funds. If considerations of self-respect had not demanded that these funds be raised the people of the State would have felt that they could not do it. But they had to do it, for everybody knew that North Carolina was no going to law behind in patriotic work. It will be the same way with respect to teachers' salaries. The State owes teachers salaries on which they can live and save something. Unless it pays teachers salaries of that sort it is not going to hold the respect of commonwealths that do pay teachers fair wages.

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IN THE NEWS

The Duke of Devonshire, who is to be a guest of honor at the annual dinner of the New York State Bar Association at the Hotel Astor tonight, has been Governor-General of Canada since the autumn of 1916. His Excellency is 50 years old and succeeded to the title on the death of his uncle ten years ago. He made his political debut as Victor Cavendish in the House of Commons in 1892. He has been financial secretary to the treasury, and in 1915 was included in the Coalition government as Civil Lord of the Admiralty. The Duke is one of the wealthiest of the British peers. In 1892 he married a daughter of the Marquis of Lansdowne, who at one time served as Governor-General of Canada.

One Hundred Years Ago Today
1818—A company in Edinburgh undertook to light the streets with gas.

Seventy-Five Years Ago Today
1843—A serious riot of weavers occurred in Philadelphia.

Fifty Years Ago Today
1868—Gen. Frederick Steele, a noted soldier of the Mexican and Civil wars, died at San Mateo, Cal. Born at Hehli, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1819.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Today
1893—Governor Lewelling recognized the Populist control of the Kansas legislature.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.
Jan. 12, 1917.—Serbians made an unsuccessful attack near Lake Ochrida; Petrograd claimed that German offensive in Roumania had been halted on Sereth line. Severe weather caused Jull in activities on Eastern front.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY MARY
Our Jacques Joffre, Marshal of France and former generalissimo of the Allied armies, born in the south of France, 66 years ago today.

Howard G. Kelley, president of the Grand Trunk railway system, born in Philadelphia, 60 years ago today.

Robert Underwood Johnson, who has been unusually successful as a poet and man of letters, born in Washington, D. C., 35 years ago today.

Charles W. Gates, former Governor of Vermont, born at Franklin, Vt., 62 years ago today.

Dr. Edward D. Eaton, who served for 30 years as president of Beloit College, born at Lancaster, Wis., 67 years ago today.

Georges Carpentier, French boxing champion, who has been "doing his bit" as a member of the French aviation corps, born at Lens, France, 24 years ago today.

Mt. Olive Tribune.—Perhaps one of the best movements the Government has set on foot in connection with its prosecution of the war is the sale of thrift stamps, and it would be no bad idea to continue it after the war is over, in order that the habit of thrift may be more deeply instilled into our people. In our prosperity during the past few years and love of luxury and ease, we have become exceedingly wasteful and extravagant; and any movement that will help counteract this tendency (what if the war hasn't stopped) deserves the sympathy, encouragement and co-operation of every right-thinking man or woman.

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