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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1918.

There is one negro in the present Legislature of New York, and he is very proud of his position. We believe this is the first time such a thing has ever occurred in that State.  
Kinston is cutting out its street lights at nine o'clock. Burglars and sneak-thieves will think that a splendid arrangement.  
It is said to have cost seven thousand dollars to send out the President's recent message. It was worth it to the American people.

Von Tirpitz says German success is only a question of keeping cool. Those German soldiers snowed in on the Italian mountains will agree with the Admiral.

That Senate Committee on Military Affairs is going to make the country think it knows something about proper war preparations whether it does or not.

When Germany found she could not induce the Bolsheviks to give her control of the Russian wheat market for the next fifteen years she had no further desire to make peace terms with the Russians.

The ingratitude of the men now in authority in Russia is astonishing. It is hard to believe they indorse the attack of their organ on President Wilson.

Mr. Garfield seems to be inconsistent in his statements about the coal shortage. He speaks of the shortage of thirty-eight million tons this year over last. Then he says the present situation is due almost wholly to railroad congestion.

Kermitt Roosevelt, son of the Colonel, evidently has a clear insight into that gentleman's disposition. The Ladies Home Journal quotes him as saying of his father: "You know don't like to be top dog—the most prominent person wherever he is. If he is at a wedding he wants to be the bride and if he's at a funeral he wants to be the corpse."

Director General McAdoo does not mind whacking a passenger train off a schedule. He has reduced the passenger service on the Eastern railroads twenty per cent. and stands ready to reduce it still more if necessary for facilitating freight transportation.

The fuel situation in this country is about as changeable, according to recurring statements, as is the state of affairs in Russia over the peace negotiations with Germany. One day it is announced that the crisis has been passed and on the next it is declared that there will be no relief for sixty days. There is one thing about it that is certain. Coal is a scarce commodity almost everywhere.

The delegates of the proposed Polish Kingdom recently had the honor of listening to an address from the Kaiser. The address was principally a laudation of himself. The Emperor posed before the Poles as the champion of people's rights and their protector against would-be usurpers of power. It is hard to believe that even the Kaiser's great vanity would lead him to believe his hearers took him in earnest.

**BUSINESS PROBLEMS OF THE WAR.**  
"Business Problems of the War" is the title of a book by J. Ogden Armour. Rather it is a publication in book form of a number of articles written for the newspapers from time to time by that gentleman on the war. The book consists of nine articles of sixty-nine pages in all. They are on such subjects as "Food Conservation," "The Truth About the Price of Meat," "Our Diminishing Herds," "Food Shortage, an Appeal to Physicians," "Stabilizing Business," "Why the Bankers Showed Help to Increase Live Stock Production,"

In his Foreword the editor of the book says that entrance into the war brought this nation face to face with many grave problems. The American people and Congress sought advice and counsel from recognized leaders of thought and industry. Mr. Armour was one of these. He discussed the business problems of the war. His position in the business world made him an authority on the matters discussed by him. He laid his views before the public in signed articles in the leading newspapers of the country.

On the food shortage question Mr. Armour says that in his opinion there "will be nothing sensational or especially radical in the program that the Food Commission will finally adopt. The seat of the trouble is neither at the producing nor the consuming end of the nation, but with the distribution thereof. A common sense re-adjustment of the nation's distributing system is needed in order to assure a market at a profit for every thing perishable that the farmers can raise." It is necessary that we bring order one of the chaos which now rules the business of growing and distributing perishable food.

The article from which the above extract is taken was written in 1914 and may be looked upon somewhat as a prophecy as to government control of the railroads.

Mr. Armour advocates government encouragement of the building cold-storage plants and co-operation in filling them. That system, he says, a wonderful factor in evening up the distribution of foodstuffs and thereby tending to make stable the markets. That man, he says, who is engaged in storing up food from the days of plenty for the days when nature is not providing is benefiting the human race. He cites Joseph, of Bible, times as a man who had the right idea as to conserving food in times of plenty for the lean times that were to come.

We have not space to go fully into this book, which is a most interesting publication, especially so when we consider that many of the articles were written early in the European war and consist to much extent in suggestions as to how to avoid expected contingencies and also predictions as to future difficulties and means of avoiding them. On the whole it is a very readable book in the light of events which have occurred since most of the articles were written.

**FUEL PREPARATION.**

The one thing that has more than any other brought home to the American people the stern reality that the nation is at war is the fuel shortage. Of course there have been other inconveniences but they have not worked the hardships caused by lack of coal and wood.  
Should the war continue into the next winter, there is every prospect that unless the people take heroic measures to meet the threatened conditions there will be more suffering than was experienced this winter. Conditions created by war now demand one hundred million more tons than in normal times, and despite the efforts of the fuel administrators and savings methods adopted throughout the country, the shortage is something like fifty million tons. The demands as the months pass will more likely increase rather than decrease, and it is an absolute matter of preservation that the nation immediately begin preparations to meet this threat.  
In many sections of the country, the danger of suffering for the lack of coal may be counteracted by using wood, and this will be adopted wherever and whenever it is at all practicable. In North Carolina this should offer a solution of next winter's fuel problem. There is plenty of wood, and all that is necessary is to see that it is cut and made ready for the market and we can sit back and keep comfortable while coal goes to places where it is absolutely necessary. This is one means of preparation that even the pacifist will not likely oppose.  
But, there is danger in using our forests for firewood, while it may be not immediate, is close enough to demand immediate attention if we would not suffer later on. There is a right way

and a wrong way in cutting forests for firewood, just as there is in everything else. In the laying in of our supply of wood for fuel precaution should be exercised to prevent waste and useless deforestation. The Federal government has already realized this danger, and has sent an expert from the forestry department to North Carolina to work with the fuel administrators in increasing the use of wood and lessening the use of coal. He will demonstrate to farmers and other woodland owners methods of cutting by which firewood can be obtained with the best results to timber growth. The administration is working on plans for securing and distributing wood. It is hoped, it is said, to establish municipal woodyards at various places and to decide upon satisfactory methods for utilizing waste from sawmills and other wood-working plants.  
A special appeal is to be made for farmers to cut cordwood during this winter when other farm work is slack. There are on every farm trees that should be selected and cut and piled away against the next winter. By doing this, farmers will not only insure an ample supply for their own use, but will create a surplus to be sold, thereby affording relief from the coal shortage to the urban dwellers and at the same time afford a means for an income to the rural citizens during the winter months.  
If Germany did not have her hands so full looking after her affairs with other nations Switzerland would likely pay dear for her soldiers firing on a German boat on Lake Constance not long ago. Ordinarily such offence would be considered sufficient excuse by the Kaiser for annexing the little republic to his empire.  
The Wilkesboro Hustler quotes limbertwig apples as selling at a dollar a bushel in that town. Why can't such fruit be brought to this market and sold at a reasonable price? Such apples would cost three dollars or more a bushel here. The difference in price can't be attributed entirely to freight rates.

An election to fill a vacancy in the Wisconsin Senate was held recently. LaFollette was the issue and the successful candidate opposed the latter remaining in the Senate. After his election he sent the following telegram to Senator LaFollette: "I have repudiated you and condemned your un-American attitude, and the people of the district indorse my action. I can congratulate the American citizens of the district." It seems that the majorities are against LaFollette except the one in the United States Senate.

**SLINGS AND FLINGS**

By L. G.  
"There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip." What's 'the use in these bone dry days?"  
Negro stevedores have been in France for several months. By this time the French have a good idea of the harmony in American music. "Football killed twelve last year." Business as usual.  
"I am not afraid of any living man," shouted the enraged individual. Nowadays, nobody believes in ghosts.  
A coalless furnace and a woodless stove will be welcomed as popular war time inventions.  
Having acquired the railroads, the government will now proceed to take over the water powers. In either case the water will be under control.  
Anticipating the establishment of a convalescent camp here, many Wilmingtonians are already beginning to sit up and take notice.  
At any rate, the "getting shot through the coat tail" story will be told less frequently, if the shortage in army clothing continues.  
The Germans refuse to remove the peace conference to Stockholm. "Save me from my friends."  
"Freezing weather stops fighting at the front." Must have poor plumbing in the trenches.  
"Only single men will be taken in the selective draft." What's the government got against married men, anyway?  
The belligerents have each issued new peace terms. This spring's offensive will put them to the test.

**WITH THE EDITORS.**

Asheville Times.  
One of the interned Germans at Hot Springs did not obey orders. He is now at Fort Caswell. Maybe the others will understand that the internment camp is a place of detention and not a picnic ground.  
High Point Enterprise.  
Senator Hardwick would like to see the newspaper men in the front rank of the American army. Many Americans think that his proper place would be the front rank of the German army.  
Rocky Mount telegram.  
The hand of the government through the selective draft law appears to be soon to enter some of the trade ranks and take men for the government whose services are needed for a successful prosecution of the war, and since the supreme court has declared that men can be taken for army service there is no real reason why men of trades as necessary for the prosecution of the war cannot also be taken. And right here comes in the need of the house bill with a draft registration of 21 to 45 for there are men, thousands of them in the ranks of trades virtually essential to a successful termination of this nation's war aims, that are without dependents who are above the age of 31 years and who cannot be reached at this time with the present law. And, too, there is a grave danger of exhausting the list of eligibles in some trades before the government needs are supplied. We would like to see the powers that be give more attention to the word "selective" and not bend all to the word draft, and then make for the citizenship a unit for the prosecution of the war, and provide one man may be for the military, another for the shipbuilding, another in the mines, on the railroads and so on.

**HEMINGWAY SCHOOL**

Although the attendance at the Hemingway was very poor at the beginning of the new year, toward the end of the week it began to pick up, and we hope by the first of next week everything will be about normal again. On Thursday morning the December Honor Roll was read to the school by Mr. Blair and Mr. Hinnant commented on the work of the "student."  
The Hemingway announces with regret the loss of most of our beautiful ferns. The cold weather which visited us Xmas cut the beauty out of our school building when it took our ferns.

**Honor Roll, Fourth Month**

Third Grade (Miss Wiggins): Evelyn Einstein, Elsie Emett, Frances Shepherd, Hazel Campbell, Lavinia Veal, Boys, John Grainger, Joel Bretlow, Gerhard Whilden, Robt. Rives, Perfect in spelling: Joe Iretlow, Gerhard Whilden, John Grainger, Evelyn Einstein, Lavinia Veal.  
Third Grade (Miss Hill): Elizabeth Hutaft, Mildred Robbins, Tabitha Hutaft, Anita Shepard, Corinne Hughes, Thelma Boylan, Josephine Rehder, Nellie Costin, Eugenia Moore, Eloise King, Boys, Lawrence Allard, Kenneth Winstead, Dan Jones, Linwood Eason, John J. Hurt, Charles McNair, Eugene Keen, Jack Smith, Russell Foster.  
Fourth Grade (Miss McLeod): Jessie Rehder, Beatrice Savage, Emilia Schlippen, Elizabeth Mohr, Nancy Bowman, Josephine Dreher, Elizabeth Stewart, Rosalie Jacobi, Flora Roberts, Eleanor Kosch, Betty Boney, Maud Croom, Lois Cooper, Boys, Marsden Bellamy, James Shelly, Dirk Alberts, William Chandler, Frederick Shepard, James Smith.  
Fourth Grade (Miss Rhodes): Alpha Miller, Blanche Crocker, Boys, Fredrick Mohr, George Trask, George White, Charles Mohr, Frank King, Pearlie Mills.  
Fifth Grade (Miss Miller): Mary Catherine Bissinger, Ida Lee Crocker, Johanna Duls, Margaret Hale, Emilia

**IN THE NEWS**

**One Hundred Years Ago Today.**  
1818—Colder weather than had been known for many years prevailed throughout the eastern States and Canada.

**Seventy-five Years Ago Today.**  
1843—East Indian "Conquerer," now named "Boulogne," lost near Boulogne with all on board.

**Fifty Years Ago Today.**  
1868—United States senate refused to concur with the president in the removal of Secretary Stanton.

**Twenty-five Years Ago Today.**  
1893—A number of Russian Nihilists were expelled from France.  
**ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.**  
Jan. 13, 1917.—British attacks north of Anore pushed Germans back toward Sorro; Russian raiding squadron sank forty Turkish vessels off Anatolian coast of Black Sea.

**OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.**  
Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of Duke of Connaught, and first cousin of King George, born 35 years ago today.  
Major General William P. Duvall, one of the retired officers of the army, recalled to active service, born in St. Marys county, Md., 71 years ago today.

Sir Alfred Yarrow, who is known as England's greatest shipbuilder, born 76 years ago today.  
Duke of Aosta, one of the chief directors of Italian military operations, born at Genoa, 49 years ago today.  
Lord Balfour, of Bureleigh, veteran British statesman and administrator, born 69 years ago today.

William Henry Crocker, California banker and Republican leader, born at Sacramento, Cal., 57 years ago today.

Eve Jewett, Grace Althea Orten, Reston Pettaway, Boys, Stephen Allard, Rivers Lawther, Edward McEachern, Samuel Raines, Alex Shepard, Allen Thomas, Perfect in spelling: Ida Lee Crocker, Margaret Hale, Helen Wolf, Boys, Stephen Allard, Thomas Hawkins, Dallan O'Brien, Allen Thomas.  
Fifth Grade (Miss VonGlaban): Margaret Dixon, Elizabeth Sneed, Mamie Silvermann, Frances Law, Boys, John Brunjes, Perfect in spelling: Margaret Blake, Margaret Dixon, Joseph Stone, Henry Sternberger.  
Sixth Grade (Miss Sidney): Elizabeth Hart, Julia Harris, Perfect in spelling: Mary Benson, Elizabeth Hart, Annie McNair, Audrey Willford, Gertrude Lunwenberg.  
Sixth Grade (Miss Boney): Blanche Badon, Mary Lacy Boney, Ruth DeWitt, Reggie Donkle, Ray Johnson, Ella Mae King, Dorothy Oldham, Epile Plyler, Mary Sandlin, Mary Hester Vann, Wilmer Kuck, Boys, Frederick Clausen, James Croom, Jack McCarty, Edwin Metts, John Roberts, Junius Smith, Warren Smith, David Westbrook, Carl Wessell, Jessie Lee Thomas, Perfect in spelling: David Westbrook, Walter Penny, Graham McNair, Warren Smith, Fred Clausen, Robert Ruark, Robert Ruark, Robert Platt, George Heptinstall, Jack McCarty, Edwin Metts, Carl Wessell, John Roberts, James Croom, Reggie Donkle, Ray Johnson, Thelma McCracken, Mary Sandlin, Ella Mae King, Lucile Bradshaw, Blanche Capps, Mary Lack Boney, Hettie James Jordan, Blanche Badon, Lottie Britt, Edna North, Mabel Robeson, Earl Harker, Miriam Taylor.

Seventh Grade (Miss Lossen): Marguerite Bell, Marie Cain, Mary Cline, Lula Moore, Boys, Harvey McLean, Gordon Smith, Harold Sternberger, Perfect in spelling: Charles Stanland, Marie Cain, Marguerite Fettel.  
Seventh Grade (Mrs. Brock): Ruth Smith, Velma Spivey, Marion Stewart, Katherine Schnibben, Madeline Trask, Boys, Edward Davis, Harry Donkle, Kenneth Scott, Edward Allard, Will Harlee Bordeaux, Oliver Hutaft, Everett Huggins, Benjamin Sneed, Perfect in spelling: Alfred Brande, Frederick Bissinger, Alex Boone, Guy Cardwell, Donald Koonce, Sydney Kosch, Jack LeGrand, Roy Mills, Martin Peasall, Lawrence Schuster, Carl Schuster, Duval Williams, Edward Emett, John McEachern, George Conniken, James Robinson, Leonard Pyle.  
Eighth Grade (Mrs. Cardwell): Annie Barnhill, Hetty Beatty, Mary Bellamy Bagg, Ryda Butler, Onida Capps, Edith Cline, Annetta Detyens, Helen Land, Dorothy McNair, Ruth Marshall, Viola Murrell Lucille Page, Velva Polley, Pate Savage, Boys, Ditmore Harvey, LeRoy Plyler, Donald McRae, Samuel Ruark, Perfect in spelling: Hetty Beatty, Annie Barnhill, Ryda Butler, Onida Capps, Marie Costin, Annetta Detyens, Gladys Fickling, Helen Land, Ruth Marshall, Viola Murrell, Lucille Page, Pate Savage, Mary White, Carl Williams, Boys, Ditmore Harvey, LeRoy Plyler.  
Sixth Grade (Miss Garvey): Hanes Benton, Amber Bass, El. Matthews, Thomas Stansell, Perfect in spelling: Amber Bass, Ada Humphrey, Margaret Weathers, Mary Mohr, Clara Blaney, Mildred Boylan, Annie Spooner, Mary Austin Bell, Isabel Broderick, Alice Phelps, Mary Lee Rives, Mildred Turentine, Nell Goodlet, George Britt, Wilbur Davis, Hanes Benton, On the Honor Roll: Girls, 78; boys, 66.

**January Sale of White Goods Continues All The Week**

The special prices on desirable merchandise brought many people down the street Saturday and from the way they purchased they were evidently enthusiastic about the price attractions.  
The low prices will continue all this week, the only change being to limit the purchase of long cloths and nainsooks to one piece to a customer. This is done in preference to withdrawing them from the sale as new price quotations received yesterday show our specials as being considerably under the present market.

- White English long cloth, 36 inches wide, \$2.50 quality, a good value, at special .....\$2.19 a bolt
- White English long cloth, 36 inches wide, \$3.00 quality, a good value, at special .....\$2.39 a bolt
- White nainsook, 36 inches wide, \$3.00 quality, a good value, at special .....\$2.39 a bolt
- White nainsook, 40 inches wide, \$3.50 quality, good value .....\$2.98 a bolt

<b>Silk Underwear</b> A round 10 per cent reduction will be made on all silk underwear. This embraces Italian Silk, Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepe undergarments. Vests, bloomers, envelope chemise, camisoles and gowns are included. A stock replenished since Christmas awaits you.	<b>Table Linen Specials</b> 79c table damask, 72 inches wide, good quality, excellent designs, special at yard .....59c \$1.00 table damask, 72 in. wide, a special value at yard .....89c \$1.25 table damask, 72 in. wide, a special value at yard .....98c \$1.75 mercerized table napkins, 20x20, special at \$1.59 \$2.00 mercerized table napkins, 22x22, special at \$1.69	<b>Laces</b> We quote three prices on Val and Flet Laces which should be attractive to every economically inclined woman. One lot of val laces, numerous designs, priced at yard .....5c One lot of flet laces, 1-2 to 2 1-2 inches wide, a good value at yard .....6c One lot of val laces, many pretty designs, 1-2 to 1 1-2 inches wide, priced at yard .....7 1-2c
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