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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1918.

"Doing good is a luxury," says an exchange. "But there are lost of folks who do not enjoy it."

Doesn't this weather make you feel like getting out in the garden and digging in the ground?

Senator Penrose need not think he is a discredited Colonel House before American people by referring to him as a "former Texas lobbyist."

The spokesman of civilization against Prussianism—an apt definition of President Wilson's position by the secretary of the All-Russian convention held in New York.

The Charlotte News editor "rises to mark, and his language is plain." "It is not at all essential in these times to be a fool in order to get soon tired with your money."

The Germans in the trenches opposite the American soldiers have already learned to respect the ability of the latter to shoot accurately with the rapid-fire gun and cannon.

"City gasless until tomorrow," was the head-line of a Richmond, Va., newspaper. What a blessing it would be if such announcement were made but the Senate—only with the time it considerably extended.

That American aviator who "got the machine" the first time he ever manipulated a rapid-fire gun from an airplane shows how quickly our soldiers catch on to the new modes of warfare.

All public men in Great Britain, those of the government and of Opposition, are enthusiastic over the address of President Wilson made to the Congress last Monday. President is today pre-eminently the leader of the nations combined to annihilate Prussianism. His public addresses are accorded closer attention and given greater consideration in those of any other man in all world.

The new movement by President Wilson to hold frequent conferences with important public questions with members of Congress of both political parties will strike the country as a very sensible one. It is well for the head of the executive department, who also has much influence in shaping legislation, to be in close touch with the legislative body. To it will increase the President's influence with members of that body and will tend to decrease captious criticism in Congress of his action.

It was announced several days ago that General Hindenburg and Ludendorff had established headquarters in Belgium. Now comes the news that Kaiser has moved his headquarters to Spa in the same section of country, under the pretense that his health requires that he drink the waters of that famous health resort for life. There is most likely something behind these movements that is not being told the public, but will be made manifest when the spring campaign opens.

While Colonel Roosevelt has greatly improved, which the whole nation is glad to know, his physicians tell him he will have to "keep quiet" while. They don't tell him though that he cannot write political editorials for The Kansas City Star. The Colonel will be able to relieve heavy brain pressure that way while under ban against speaking.

GERMANY AND AMERICA.

We have read quite a number of editorial comments on Germany's action in sinking the Tuscania, but we think the following, which is from Henry Clews & Co's. weekly letter, one of the best that have come under our eye:

The first real blow of the war has been received by the United States in the sinking of the Tuscania and the loss of about seventy-five American soldiers. This was the first positive reminder of what war is; it will carry sorrow to many homes; and it will immensely strengthen the nation in its determination to crush such ruthless militarism. America has been the least bitter of all of Germany's enemies, and might have been useful to Germany at the peace table; but Germany's ruthlessness has foolishly destroyed any spirit of consideration that once might have been of advantage to her, and has accomplished nothing but solidifying the bonds between us and our Allies and confirming the resolution for victory.

During the year or more previous to April 6th last, when President Wilson was doing all he could to prevent a rupture between this country and Germany and the imperial authorities seemed to be determined that such break should come, many persons thought Germany's intention was to force the United States into the war in order that when the time for settling peace terms came she would have at the conference the representative of a government which would be less inimical to her than were France and England. If that were her purpose she has lost all chance of such condition, as is declared so forcefully in the above extract.

On the peace outbreak and the probable lengthy continuation of the war the writer above quoted says:

Aside from this event there has been a subsidence of peace rumors this week and a consequent decline of optimism. That distress and internal discontent are widespread in Germany, hastening the termination of the war, is well known over here; but it is unwise to underrate the endurance of Germany's military machine, which has a firm grip upon the home situation and will suppress all uprisings with a relentless hand. What with an unbroken military government on the one hand, and the characteristic ready submission of the German people to authority and system at all times, the immediate outlook for any internal uprising that would quickly terminate the war, is not overencouraging. It is true that political dissensions in Germany are growing very rapidly, and that conditions in Russia and Austria are highly confusing; but it must be remembered that in Germany the people have no means of expressing their will, such as exists in the United States, France or England. For all practical purposes the political power of Germany is entirely in the hands of the Emperor and his military advisers, who have nothing to gain by peace, unless on their own terms, which as every nation but Germany knows are impossible.

From these circumstances and conditions the writer here quoted draws the conclusion that the war must be one of exhaustion or attrition, victory coming only to the side which can do the greatest killing. Such, he says, is the horrible, yet logical outcome of the crime of militarism.

All this means that the United States has a desperate and bloody conflict ahead, to gain which every possible exertion will have to be made.

The correspondence between the Kaiser and Carranza on the occasion of the former's birthday shows that the two worthies are on mighty close relations. There can be no question that much of the trouble on the Mexican border was of German instigation. It was one of their many schemes to hinder war preparations in this country. There is evidently a complete understanding between the rulers of the two countries.

Durham's reputation for manufacture of fine smoking tobacco started with the closing days of the war between the States. After Johnson's surrender nearby Confederate and Federal soldiers, scattering to their homes all over the country, North and South, carried some of the Durham tobacco with them. This gave the city—village it was then—a nationwide reputation at once. Now Durham is sending its tobacco by the many carloads to the American soldiers in France, where no doubt much of it will fall into the hands of the soldiers of England and France and Belgium and—we are sorry to say—some of it even possibly into the possession of a German soldier now and then. So war again is instrumental in spreading the fame of Durham tobacco. Is it also an omen that this war is in its closing stages?

EASY SPYING.

The Tuscania disaster has forcibly brought to the attention of the Federal authorities that among the residents on Staten Island are several hundred German alien enemies. Many of these are in position to note the departure of every transport that leaves New York harbor. It is suggested that some of these people would have no difficulty in making a perfect record of the arrival and departure of all trans-Atlantic steamships and of course they could find a way to make this information known to German agents to be sent across the waters by some means.

It is likely that among the several hundred alien enemies who have registered there are a number in the pay of the German secret service. It is plain enough that no German alien should be allowed access to the water front or to any position which would enable him to make a record of the arrival and departure of steamships. As long as such is permitted we may expect Germany to keep posted on the sailing of American transports and vessels loaded with war materials or foodstuffs.

NEW GENERAL STAFF PLAN.

By a general order Secretary Baker has divided the General Staff into five divisions each division to be under a director who is to be an assistant to the Chief of Staff, General March. They are: An executive division and divisions on war plans, on purchase and supply, on storage and traffic, and on army operations. The chiefs of all bureaus and agencies connected with the army are to report to the head of the staff division having jurisdiction over that particular branch of the service.

In this way the War Department can do away with a great deal of the red tape process of conducting the business of the department. It is hoped the plan will result in expediting matters and doing away with much of the confusion that seems now to exist.

WITH THE EDITORS.

Durham Herald: The appeal which the Durham merchants are issuing to the people of Durham for a reduction in the number of deliveries daily is not only a just one, but it is patriotic and should receive the most considerate attention of every housekeeper. Not a small part of the high cost of living today is the result of the elaborate and whimsical service the purchaser demands from the grocer or other merchant.

The Robesonian: That Governor Bickett had reasons which to him appeared sufficient to warrant him in pardoning the four negroes who beat up a Robeson county rural policeman we doubt not at all, but many people of the section where the crime was committed fail to find any justification for the pardon. It would be rather remarkable if a Governor who has the onerous duty of deciding every pardon issue presented to him should make no mistakes, and there are plenty of people who believe that it is better to err on the side of mercy than on the side of stern justice, but mercy to a prisoner may be at the expense of the peace of the community upon which those who receive executive clemency are turned loose. That side of the matter is too often lost sight of because usually only one side of the matter is presented when a petition for pardon is presented.

Greensboro News: Is Mr. Hearst going to get in bad about Bolo? We suppose not, but there is some indication that the mysterious Frenchman is going to rise up, periodically, to plague the New York editor.

Fayetteville Observer: It is claimed now that there has been found documentary proof that Lenin, Trotzky and other leading Bolsheviks are paid agents of Germany, and as such are responsible for the torn and disrupted state of affairs in Russia. This announcement does not come as a surprise to many, but the trouble is that the rioting, bloodshed and suffering avail nothing to set Russia free. They only tend to plunge it deeper into the depths.

Asheville Times: The polite courtiers from Wall Street find the White House gates closed. The best they can do is travel down to the other end of Pennsylvania avenue, hunt up some Senator filled with adjustable patriotism, and persuade him that it is his duty to attack the President.—Washington Times. And those attacks are well understood by the people.

Asheville Times: The need is great and it is not merely a duty—it is important from the standpoint of self-preservation—money must be provided in order that men and munitions can be sent to the front. Germany must be defeated and the quicker the better. The thrift stamp together with the war-savings stamp is the great opportunity of the people—it helps the government clothe and feed the men and it provides money for munitions. Buy thrift stamps every day.

Polly Moran and Ben Turpin Unique Stars in Sennett Comedies



A FUNNY PAIR OF DARE-DEVILS. Polly Moran and Ben Turpin do more stunts and thrills than any other pair in screenland in the making of Mack Sennett Comedies.

Being a comedian is not such a cinch as it looks. If you don't think so, ask Polly Moran and Ben Turpin of the Mack Sennett Comedies. They are the stage lovers in the famous "Esheriff Neil" pictures. Polly doesn't have to do anything strenuous except ride her saddle horse over chasms, jump down from roofs onto her saddle or leap, as in a recent picture, from a balcony down on top of a mob of fighting men.

But Polly's work is mild compared with Ben's. More than once Ben has begun a comedy in the studio and ended it in a hospital.

IN THE NEWS

Ernest M. Hopkins, who is to have charge of the industrial relations of the Quartermaster-General's Department of the United States Army, is best known to the general public as an educator, holding the position of president of Dartmouth College. Unlike most men of his position, however, Dr. Hopkins is not without a wide and practical experience in the business world. Prior to his selection as head of Dartmouth in 1916 he had been in the service of one of the largest publishing houses of the country, and also had organized and administered the executive departments of several great commercial and industrial concerns. He is the son of a New Hampshire Baptist clergyman, and was graduated from Dartmouth in 1901, and served for some years as secretary of the college.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY. One Hundred Years Ago Today. 1818—General George Rogers Clark, famous soldier and pioneer, died near Louisville, Ky. Born in Albemarle county, Va., Nov. 19, 1752.

Seventy-five Years Ago Today. 1843—Commodore Isaac Hull, who commanded the famous "Constitution" in the War of 1812, died in Philadelphia. Born at Derby, Ct., March 9, 1773.

Fifty Years Ago Today. 1868—Settlement of boundary dispute between Italy and Switzerland.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today. 1893—Mr. Gladstone introduced the Home Rule bill in the House of Commons.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN WAR. February 13, 1917.—The German ambassador, von Bernstorff, left Washington en route for home; Norway, Sweden and Denmark presented an identical note to Germany, refusing to recognize the submarine blockade as legal.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY. C. E. Borchgrevink, celebrated scientist and Antarctic explorer, born in Christiania, 54 years ago today. Victor Rosewater, Omaha newspaper publisher and editor, born in Omaha, 47 years ago today. Brigadier General James Allen, U. S. A., retired, former chief signal officer of the army, born at Laporte, Ind., 69 years ago today. Joseph G. Lincoln, well known writer of Cape Cod stories, born at Brewster, Mass., 48 years ago today. Hal Chase, first baseman of the Cincinnati National League baseball team, born at Los Gatos, Cal., 35 years ago today. Edward C. Foster, third baseman of the Washington American League baseball team, born in Chicago, 30 years ago today.

STATE NEWS. Miss Elizabeth Dexter, teacher of the first section of the first grade, is very sick and will leave this afternoon for her home, Elizabeth City, to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Her grade will be closed for a few days at least, as the work in her department is of such nature a special teacher for the work will have to be employed if her case is of such a serious nature that she cannot return this spring.—The Robesonian.

Effective February 15 the physicians of Lumberton will raise the charge for their service. The advanced prices of the things a doctor has to buy is responsible for the raise. After February 15 the doctors

will charge \$2 for day town calls instead of \$1.50, and \$3 for night calls instead of \$2. Charges for country calls will be raised in proportion to those in town.—The Robesonian.

Mr. J. W. Carter, Jr., returned Sunday from Washington, where he was detained several days with the grippe. While in the Capital City, having had his discharge from the army on account of a defect in one foot from contracted leader, he enlisted as yeoman in the navy to enter training at Key West, when called. This increases Maxton's naval contingent, which was already large.—Maxton Scottish Chief.

The retail merchants of the city held a meeting yesterday and decided to reduce delivery expenses in accordance with the request of the Council of Defense. They will make two deliveries per day at 9 in the morning and 4 in the afternoon. They will advertise a regular delivery system Monday.—Wilson Times.

The farmers of this section of the county ordered about 420 tons of nitrate of soda recently bought in Chili by the United States government by special enactment. The total ordered in the county amounted to 3,101 tons, the orders ranging from two bags to 40 tons. Those who ordered will get the proportion their order is to the total amount available.—Scottish Chief.

People are taking notice of the gravel on North Main street in Troy. It is standing the test as nothing else ever has stood it. It is white flint, or quartz, combined with top soil as it is dug altogether from the surface.

SALTS FINE FOR ACHING KIDNEYS

We eat too much meat which clogs Kidneys, then the Back hurts

Most folks forget that the kidneys like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders. You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice; combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders. Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications. A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.—Adv.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold Metallic Boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take one after every meal. For 31 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

ADAMS Pure Chewing Gum

to no. a Stick a day keeps a Cough away

BLACK JACK

The town and township road authorities will doubtless make use of their opportunity to surface all the roads within reach of this excellent material. There is another good road material that is standing the test. That is the brown or chocolate gravel and soil combined found in spots over the county.—Troy Montgomerian.

J. Coleman Ramsey appeared before the board of county commissioners last Monday and asked the board to consider releasing all soldiers who may be serving in the army on May 1 of their poll taxes.—Marshall News-Record.

HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Opens Air Passages Right Up. Instant relief—no waiting. Your clogged nostrils open right up; the air passages of your head clear and you can breathe freely. No more yawning, snuffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh disappears. Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly. It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed up with a cold or nasty catarrh.—Adv.

TO CUT SHORT A COLD TAKE A CALOTAB

The New Calomet Tablet That Is Entirely Purified of Nauseating and Dangerous Qualities.

Of all the medicines in the world the doctors prize Calomet most highly to break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, sore throat or a deep-seated cough and possibly to prevent pneumonia. Now that all of its unpleasant and dangerous qualities have been removed, the new kind of Calomet called "Calotabs" is the doctors' ideal treatment for colds, etc. One Calotab on the tongue at bed time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea, no slightest interference with your eating, your work or pleasures. Next morning your cold has vanished and your whole system is purified and refreshed. Calotabs is sold only in original sealed packages; price thirty-five cents. Your druggist recommends and guarantees Calotabs by refunding the price if you are not delighted.—Adv.

THIS IS THE DAY OF THE MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN WHO LOOKS YOUNG

Her experience, her ripened judgment, enable her to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities for women which the war has created. But to succeed she must appear young. Gray, streaked with gray, or faded hair gives the look of age and keeps many women from the success they deserve. If gray hair is your handicap you can easily overcome it with Q-ban Hair Color Restorer just as have thousands of other women. It will gradually bring back all the natural color and gloss and take years from your looks. Q-ban is not a dye, but a delightful toilet preparation—stands the value of keeping young. It will not stain the scalp, wash or rub off or interfere with washing or brushing the hair. Also removes dandruff, keeps the hair healthy and is easily applied by simply combing it where on money-back guarantee. Price 75c.—Adv.

CARRANZA'S MESSAGE PUT IN THE RECORD

Washington, Feb. 13.—The recently published birthday telegram said to have been sent by President Carranza to Kaiser Wilhelm was placed in the Congressional Record by Senator Horace Sherman, Republican of Illinois, who declared he was "moved to wish to do more than practice watchful waiting in view of the felicitations exchanged between those distinguished worthies." The Kaiser, Senator Sherman observed, in making acknowledgment "referred feelingly to the intimate re-