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A spender is never able to be a lender.

No, a cold snap is not good for snap beans.

Austria doubtless wants a more discerning foreign minister.

Just two more months until the beach season opens. Oh, Boy!

Now that the order against killing hens is to be lifted, it would be just like the contrary old hens to quit laying.

Just because you have three more weeks in which to buy Liberty Bonds is no reason for waiting until the last day.

Carolina may not always be such a big noise in the football world, but in baseball she knows how to take the measure of Virginia.

Clemenceau has nominated Czernin for membership in the champion fishing club.

We are selling only a part of our wheat to the Allies, but should the Kaiser win the war we would have to give it all to Germany.

Those British troops seem to have backed themselves up against a powerfully strong wall. Their response to Haig's appeal was magnificent.

The Turks have pulled off some successful military operations recently in the Palestine, and they are feeling proud of it: They have succeeded fairly well in keeping ahead of Allenby's advancing army.

Czernin has resigned, but Clemenceau is still on the job. The Austrians will have a hard time now convincing the world that the famous peace offer "lie" doesn't rest somewhere in his neighborhood.

Some people are inclined to laugh now at Sherman's definition of war. But, you should consider that Sherman was laboring under a handicap of not knowing what the Kaiser could do.

Durham today has Senator James Hamilton Lewis as the attraction at the opening of the Liberty Bond campaign. Jim Ham may not be quite as widely known as Charlie Chaplin, but he is a better speaker.

The Greensboro News utters the following kind words: "If it is true that, coming events cast their shadows before them, we confidently look to see Wilmington soon become the Newport News of North Carolina."

The government proposes to make the Wilmington plant the model concrete shipbuilding yard for the country. It took the officials a long time to see this city's advantages, but since their eyes have been opened they are seeing with a clear vision.

America has stowed away in a "dark and gloomy cellar" the statue of Frederick the Great which stood before the United States Army War College. The next step in the good work is to tuck His Imperial Majesty, William of Hohenzollern, away in some safe and secluded prison.

1776-1918.

The descendants of the compatriots of Washington and Paul Jones are fighting once again side by side with the descendants of the compatriots of LaFayette and Rochambeau. The time and opportunity have come for a nation to pay a great debt of gratitude for service rendered in great national need and America is paying France the debt she long has owed.

In the Revolutionary War for the freedom of America the French fought on American soil under the command of an American. Today in the war for the freedom of France and for the preservation of liberty to America, and indeed to all the world, Americans fight on French soil under the supreme command of a Frenchman. The honors are even and the honors are great.

No true American who knows the history of his country and loves the honor of his country but thrills at the thought of the American Army in France. The invincible Americans will turn the tide of war; they will bring to France and her allies a victory for liberty such as France assisted us to win, and repay with interest a debt to liberty and to France long owing and honorably acknowledged.

SENATOR STONE.

In the death of Senator William J. Stone, United States Senator from Missouri, the country loses one of its most prominent and able figures in public life. Senator Stone was one of the leaders in his party in the upper house of Congress, and was chairman of the important foreign relations committee, which has had so much vital legislation to handle prior to and following the declaration of war with Germany. He was a man of strong personality and stronger convictions, and when he once outlined what he considered his path of duty, nothing could swerve him from it. He was a hard fighter, and did not let fear or desire for favor interfere with his public actions. During the pre-war debates, Senator Stone was one of the most pronounced opponents of taking any action tending to plunge this country into the struggle, and his attitude called down upon him a denunciation that was nation-wide. He stood by his convictions through the storm,

and when he was hopelessly defeated on every turn, he took his medicine with good grace. After the declaration of war and this country was into it with a determination to win, Senator Stone showed his patriotism by thrusting aside whatever personal feelings and convictions he might have had on the subject, and there was no more stronger advocate of bending every energy to defeat the Hun than the Missourian.

His death removes one of the leading men of the generation, and no matter what may have been his faults in the past, his loyalty and courage of convictions were bright spots in his closing days.

WASTE IN BRIDGE BUILDING.

The vast majority of the bridges of the State are unsafe and insufficient in size and capacity, according to Mr. W. S. Fallis, State Highway Engineer, who addressed the North Carolina Club at the University and reported in the University News Letter. Mr. Fallis urged that for the sake of economy and safety great care be taken to secure adequate designs made by independent and skilled engineers—those not connected with any bridge company or any contractors proposing to build the bridge, and that careful supervision of bridge construction by competent men be taken in every case.

Great care must be taken in constructing bridge foundations, and in selecting materials for building—depending largely on local conditions, costs, etc. Selection of the design is an important factor. Bridge design is almost an exact science. Many, if not all, of the State Highway Departments have developed standard plans for bridges to be built under the supervision of the State Departments, and to be used by the counties of the State for the purpose of securing a better class of construction than is usually sold by bridge companies. When the character of the foundation has been determined it is a job for the bridge engineer to determine the design of the piers. Failure in properly determining the character of the foundation often results in destruction of the bridge by a flood which it would otherwise have stood against. The failure to do this explains why many bridges across the Catawba and Yadkin rivers were

washed out by the floods of 1916.

One of the greatest crimes committed against the taxpaying public by county authorities, he continued, lies in their failure to maintain bridges properly after they are built, by neglecting to keep the bridges painted and the floors in smooth and safe condition. Steel bridges should never go more than three years without being thoroughly cleaned and painted, he said. Preferably two years should be the limit in repainting the average steel bridge.

Mr. Fallis emphasized the importance of county supervision in bridge building: Those in authority in the county should see to it that proper care be taken to have the job supervised by competent bridge engineers. The State Highway Commission furnishes designing, constructing, and supervising engineers to the counties on payment of their expenses, and each county should take advantage of this fact. Our counties are spending about a half million dollars a year in bridge construction, and the county authorities need the help of the State Highway to save needless waste of public money.

The Collinsville people doubtless reached the conclusion that if the disloyalists can't be interned they can be interred.

ENTERS METROPOLITAN FIELD.

(The Morning Star.)
After a decade of faithful and capable work as a newspaperman in Wilmington, Mr. W. E. Lawson, for the last two years general manager and treasurer of the Wilmington Dispatch of this city, has resigned to enter the metropolitan field and leaves this week to take a position with the New York Herald, one of the world's great dailies. This announcement will be of interest not only to hundreds of friends in this city, but to a wide circle of acquaintances throughout North Carolina.

Coming to Wilmington after several years of service with papers in Greensboro and Winston-Salem, Mr. Lawson was for five years city editor of The Morning Star, resigning to accept a similar position with The Evening Dispatch, then owned by Mr. R. P. McClammy. A stock company was formed in January of 1916 to take over the interest of the paper, and Mr. Lawson was made general manager with full authority to direct its affairs. Since the new organization took over the paper he has had a one-third interest, which it is understood he will retain.

Mr. Lawson is a born newspaperman, and happily found his vocation

in his boyhood days when he aided in the publication of a weekly, and later had the opportunity of serving his apprenticeship under some of the ablest men in the game in this State. He has a keen nose for news, knows how to present it clearly and succinctly and at all times is industrious and painstaking, finding his chief joy in his chosen work. His 15 years of work in the newspaper field in North Carolina has given him the requisite experience, combined with natural talents, to enable him to "make good" in a bigger sphere, and his numerous friends throughout the State have no doubt but that he will do so.

During his management of our contemporary, many improvements have been made, including the putting on of full Associated Press service and the enlargement of the physical equipment, while its circulation has been more than doubled and its advertising patronage largely increased. He leaves behind the basis for continued increased usefulness and the paper will no doubt continue to grow.

Mr. Lawson has been intimately in touch with affairs in Wilmington during a decade of continued progress and development and naturally it is with considerable regret that he leaves the scenes that have become so familiar, and friends whom he has come to know so well. The regret is softened by the knowledge that in wider fields he may develop his talents to greater advantage and will have the opportunity to make other friends. This realization will make the parting less sad for his many friends and acquaintances here and their best wishes will follow him with the hope that his future career may be the duplication on a larger scale of that of the past.

At a meeting of the directors of the Dispatch company yesterday afternoon Mr. Lawson's resignation was accepted and Mr. W. B. Cooper, who has been president of the company since its organization, was elected as acting general manager.

IN THE NEWS.

John H. Bankhead, who will preside over the annual convention of the United States Good Roads Association, which is to meet today at Little Rock, is a United States Senator from Alabama and a noted advocate of road and waterway improvements. The Senator was born in Alabama in 1842 and was educated in the public schools of his native county. On the outbreak of the War Between the States he entered the Confederate army as first lieutenant and served until the close of the conflict. He began his public career in 1865 as a member of the Alabama Legislature. In 1887 he was elected to the National House of Representatives and served continuously in that body for six terms. In 1906 he was de-

feated in the primaries by Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson. Five months later he was sent to the United States Senate by the Democrats of his State.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

One Hundred Years Ago Today. 1818—General Jackson prepared to attack the Indian town of Sawnee, where he hoped to capture Billy Bowlegs and his band of Seminoles.

Seventy-five Years Ago Today. 1843—Henry James, famous author, born in New York city. Died in London, February 28, 1916.

Fifty Years Ago Today. 1868—A memorial and statue of Lincoln were unveiled in the Capitol at Washington.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today. 1893—The Duke de Veragua, a lineal descendant of Columbus, arrived in New York to attend the World's Columbian Exposition.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN WAR.

April 15, 1917.—Colonel Roosevelt asked permission to raise an army division for service in Europe; American steamer Missourian torpedoed without warning near Genoa; United States gunboat Scorpion interned at Constantinople by the Turks.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

General Horace Porter, famous soldier, diplomat and author, born at Huntington, Pa., 81 years ago today.

Major William Barclay Parsons, builder of the New York subway and one of the first engineer officers sent to France, born in New York City, 53 years ago today.

Prof. Wilbur H. Bender, Iowa State director of vocational education, born in Williams county, Ohio, 58 years ago today.

Rt. Rev. Patrick J. Donahue, Catholic bishop of Wheeling, born in England, 69 years ago today.

R. Livingston Beekman, Governor of Rhode Island, born in New York city, 52 years ago today.

Wallace Reid, a celebrated actor in motion pictures, born in St. Louis, 23 years ago today.

James J. Jeffries, former champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, born at Carroll, O., 43 years ago today.

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Bon Marche's Semi-Annual Sale of
Silk Dresses

Begins Wednesday Morning at 9 A.M.

Twice each year we feature this big event. Through the co-operation of one of the largest makers of high grade dresses, we are enabled to offer stylish gaments of quality at minimum prices.

Last season's sale will be outdone in values and number of dresses included.

More than two hundred and fifty dresses, in styles more recent than we have yet shown will be placed on racks for your viewing Wednesday morning at 9 a. m. Sale to continue one week.

A few of the new dresses will be shown in our three windows, beginning tomorrow. No dresses will be sold or put aside for anyone.

A small charge will be made for alterations. None of these dresses sent on approval or received for credit or exchange.

Materials---

Foulard
Silk Gingham
Georgette
Taffeta
Crepe Meteor
Taffeta and Georgette
Combinations
Crepe de chine
Charmeuse

Styles That Are New and Smart

Sport styles are shown as well as models for afternoon, street or dinner. Nothing in elaborate evening gowns, but many attractive frocks for general wear.

Colors---

Navy Blue
Pelin Blue
Copenhagen Blue
Sand
Army Brown
Rose
Light Gray
White
Black

Prices That Permit Large Savings

Values to \$25.00, in one lot, priced at	\$14.95
Values to 35.00, in one lot, priced at	18.95
Values to 40.00, in one lot, priced at	22.95
Values to 45.00, in one lot, priced at	25.95
Values to 50.00, in one lot, priced at	29.95

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