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OUR STATE CAPITAL LETTER.

(By Llewaxm.)

Raleigh, May 21.—The "paramount issue" (as Colonel Wm. Jennings Bryan would say) this week is whether you have bought or will buy a "Liberty Loan War Bond." The banks and specially organized committees have enlisted as salesmen for Uncle Sam and are industrially exploiting the bonds as a most patriotic and safe investment. As they can be had in small denominations of \$100 or even \$50, one does not need to be a "plutocrat" to get in on the ground floor of this investment enterprise with its exemption and 3 1/2 per cent interest inducement. Besides, it is the duty of all who can to thus aid in placing this enormous loan, for obvious reasons, and your subscription is needed right now.

North Carolina is to have one, if not two, of the big army concentration camps. Several officers of the staff of Gen. Wood (who has charge of the selection) are looking over available sites. It appears that Hamlet has attracted favorable attention, both on account of its fine inland transportation facilities (which is a necessary condition) and the suitable stretch of level land for marches and drilling. But there are several other points that will bid for its concentration camps—a big thing wherever located.

Big Men at A. & E. College.

The "sweet girl graduate" is much in evidence here this week with the commencement exercises of two of the colleges for women—Peace and Meredith. The young men of the State College of Agriculture & Engraving will step into the spot-light in a few days. A big man, former Ambassador to Turkey, Henry Morgenthau, will deliver the A. & E. Commencement address.

Current News and Comment.

The home-coming of North Carolina's foremost private citizen, Gen. Julian S. Carr, from a four-months trip to China, Japan, and the Far East, is enlisting the interest of many of his friends and admirers all over North Carolina, and many of them will go to Durham to participate in the formal welcome which his home town is arranging in his honor. General Carr is one of the most venerable men of the country—in several respects for the last 35 or 40 years the most pronounced individual personality in the State and one of the best and most useful of all our citizens. No man living or dead has done

more in his way to honor and advance the interests of the State and to aid commendable and worthy enterprises (especially schools and churches and charitable organizations) and to help deserving people—and it is no wonder that such a large proportion of North Carolinians admire and love him.

On May 30th, the cavalry troops at Andrews, Cherokee County, formally becomes a unit in the National Guard, under the terms of the new act of Congress, and will be known as "Troop D, North Carolina Cavalry."

War conditions, supplemented by Gov. Bickett's recent verbal solar plexus, has knocked the stuffing out of baseball in Raleigh and the entire "professional" North Carolina League is expected to yield up the ghost in a short time.

The biggest crop of candidates for Congress ever is materializing in the Fifth District, to succeed Maj. Stedman who is to voluntarily retire. There were thirteen when the noses were counted last—with several precincts yet to hear from.

It is also hinted that some one will have the temerity to run against Ed. Pou (in the Raleigh District for 18 years), but the baby has not yet been named.

A Rockingham Gardener.

One of the sweetest women in Rockingham gets up at 6 o'clock every morning, takes a hoe and works in her garden. If a murderous cutworm has slain a bean, she replaces the bean; if there is a gap in the row of lettuce she drops "a hill" of corn, outside the track where the wheels run to barn or garage behold a row of peas. Onions are in the flower beds and mustard grows in sheets. She is going to can what she can, and what she can't she is going to desiccate, which is derived from two Latin words meaning to dry.—The Dispatch.

The college dean was delivering the final lecture of the term. He dwelt with much emphasis on the fact that each student should devote all the intervening time preparing for the final examination.

"The examination papers are now in the hands of the printer. Are there any questions to be asked?"

Silence prevailed. Suddenly a voice from the rear inquired: "Who's the printer?"

FRENCH MAKE FURTHER GAINS

Germans Driven Out After Violent But Unsuccessful Counter-Attacks.

With the French Armies on the French Front, From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press, May 21.—While the Germans were throwing masses of men against the French positions along the Chemin des Dames, only to suffer defeat with terrific losses, the French last night effected an attack in the Moronvilliers sector and drove the Germans from some of their strongest positions. The French plans were brilliantly conceived and executed without a hitch. Their objective was most difficult; a hilly range filled with deep caverns afforded shelter to hundreds of men and machine guns, but the French infantry stormed the heights of Casque and Teton, respectively 786 and 754 feet in height, and carried them with a rush, while other columns captured the trenches lining the northern slopes of Mount Carnilet.

The result of these operations gives the French a commanding view on their left. The value placed on the possession of these hills is shown by the violence of the German counter-attacks, in the course of the early morning, which everywhere broke down. They left more than 800 prisoners in the hands of the French, while hundreds of bodies of Germans strew the grounds and lie in the cavernous shelters.

Calling For Volunteers.

Governor Bickett has issued a proclamation calling for about five thousand volunteers to fill the ranks of the State National Guard. The War Department has ordered the North Carolina National Guard to be recruited to full war strength. To meet this the following recruits are necessary:

First Regiment—1,000.
Second Regiment—1,100.
Third Regiment—1,200.
Other Organizations—1,800.

Those who are opposed to the selective draft because they do not like the idea of being conscripted now have the opportunity of volunteering and get with the men and officers they know. There are many young men of Johnston County who will be called into service under the selective draft plan, who now have the opportunity to volunteer. The call of the country has come and it is up to the young men to respond.

Planting of More Corn Again Urged.

The most effective way to remedy the probable shortage in the wheat crop is to plant corn, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Ordinarily, the quantity of corn produced in the United States is from three to four times the quantity of wheat, but only a very small portion of the crop—from 5 to 10 per cent—has been used for human food. This amount may be estimated in normal times at about 200,000,000 bushels a year. Not over 5 per cent has been exported in peace-times. A relatively slight increase in the corn acreage, will place many millions of bushels more of human food at the disposal of the world without interfering in any way with the feed needed for the support of live stock.

In the past, with an abundance of grain of other kinds, corn has not been in great demand for human consumption. But with other grains no longer abundant, circumstances will compel more general recognition of the value of corn as human food. The Department is urging strongly the wider use of corn in the diet. It is the best substitute for wheat that we have and can be utilized in breads, mushes and a variety of other ways. We should make every effort to avail ourselves of it.

"Plant corn," then, should be the motto of every farmer in a section suited to the crop.—Dun's Review, May 19th.

Let the People Judge Between Them.

There are two men in this country upon whom the eyes of the nation have looked and marveled for twenty years.

Public opinion has differed as to the type and character and the quality of the statesmanship of each.

They have been more cursed and discussed in the public press than any other two statesmen in this country.

It is because each stands for something.

Each has individuality.
Each has a strong following.
The one is a warrior.
The other a man of peace.

During all of the past two years of trying times, pending the troubles with Germany the one has insisted that we should go to war, no less volens.

During the same period, the other has insisted that honorable peace was possible and honorable peace should be secured.

Since the declaration of congress of the existence of a state of war between this country and Germany, both of these notable men have offered their services to the country.

Of the tender of his services to his country of the man of peace, the Commercial Appeal makes this significant editorial mention:

"Mr. Bryan fought for peace until there was no peace. Now he offers his services to his country as a private soldier—not as a major-general."

The Jacksonville Times-Union puts it more directly, rather straight from the shoulder. It says:

"Colonel Bryan offers his services to his country to be used in any capacity that is deemed best. Colonel Roosevelt volunteers to be a major-general."—Montgomery, (Ala.) Herald.

Homes and Heroes.

The man who kindles the fire on the hearthstone of an honest and righteous home burns the best incense to liberty. He does not love mankind less who loves his home the most. The germ of the best patriotism is in the love a man has for the home he inhabits, for the soil he tills, for the trees that give him shade, and the hills that stand in his pathway.

The love of home, deep-rooted and abiding; that blurs the eyes of the dying soldier with the vision of the old homestead amid green fields and clustering trees; that follows the busy man through the clamoring world, persistent to put cares aside, and at last draws his tired feet from the highway and leads him through the shady lanes and well-remembered paths, until, amid the scenes of his boyhood, he gathers up the broken threads of his life and owns the soil his conqueror—this—this lodged in the heart of the citizen is the saving principle of our government.—Henry W. Grady.

The Rule of the People.

The people have a right to have what they want in government—this is the most fundamental principle in popular government. It ought to be taught to the youngest children in the public schools so that all, no matter how limited their education, would understand that it is treason to our institutions to try to substitute the interests or wishes of a minority for the will of the majority.—Bryan's Commoner.

Nitrate of Soda Kills a Cow.

Mr. A. C. Batten, of Wilders township, was here last week and told us of losing a milk cow recently because she got to some nitrate of soda. The soda was brought to his barn and placed inside. The door was blown open by a wind and the cow ate some of the soda and died.

Colors Have Significance.

The very colors (of our flag) have a language which was officially recognized by our fathers. White is for purity, red for valor, blue for justice; and all together—stripes, stars and colors, blazing in the sky—make the flag of our country, to be cherished by all our hearts, to be upheld by all our hands.—Charles Sumner.

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