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**North Carolina Veterans.**

Veterans of the sixties are rapidly passing in North Carolina and the patriotic service they rendered in the long ago will soon be but a memory. In the breasts of those remaining the spark of patriotism kindled more than half a century ago is still burning brightly. It can only be extinguished with the going out of life itself. Although the weight of years bears heavily upon their enfeebled forms, the love of country has not diminished in the slightest and nearly every one of them would today line up in battle array before the Hindenburg lines, if their services were needed and their physical abilities permitted. Once they struggled for what they considered the freedom of Dixie. Today they are sending their sons to fight the battles of the greatest republic beneath the sun, and thus assist in bringing freedom to the world. Never have heavier men borne the banner or unsheathed the sword. Are not their spotless records on the fields of carnage, during a period which tried men's souls, enough to hearten the soldier boys called to the colors in the present conflict?

"First at Bethel, farthest to the front at Gettysburg, and last at Appomattox," is the inscription which emblazons the page of history dedicated to the North Carolina soldier of the sixties and the sons of these men may be depended upon to bravely tread the path of duty open to them in the present conflict for liberty and righteousness. They may safely be counted upon to give a splendid account of themselves at every turn of the way towards a lasting peace, and against the encroachments of the powers of despotism, crime and iniquity. Keep an eye on the North Carolina soldier.

**Concerning State Pensions.**

There are thirty five Confederate pensioners in North Carolina of the first class, who last year received \$2 each, or \$2,520; 138 of the second class, who drew \$60 each, or \$8,280; 756 of the third class, receiving \$1 apiece, or \$12,384, and 6,661 class number four, who were presented with \$32 each, or \$213,152, making a total of \$23,636 paid to the 7,692 soldiers, exclusive of the widows of deceased veterans, of which there are probably an equal number. This is a very small pittance in comparison to the service rendered, but helps mightily along about Christmas when pocket change is in demand.

The last legislature added \$75,000 to the previous annual appropriation for pensions which, it is believed, will enable the state auditor to allow pensioners of the first class \$85; second class, \$75; third class, \$65, and fourth class, \$45. Let us hope so. The state can well afford to render every possible assistance to those who defended its honor in the hour of need. There are around 13,000 soldiers and widows to be provided for this year.

**Is La Follette Guilty?**

A special committee of the United States senate is investigating the charges of treason registered against Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, because of some statements the senator made in a speech before the Non-Partisan League at St. Paul on the 20th of September. Starting an investigation did not deter Mr. La Follette from taking a parting shot at his critics on the last day of the session, when he availed himself of the opportunity to denounce those who have taken him to task for "seditious" utterances. He spent three hours in an attempted

defense of his course and declared his intention to follow it to the letter in the future. Notwithstanding his severe criticisms of the government's war policy, the senator insists that he is not guilty of treason. Evidently, his conception of the term is not very clear and this paragraph from a recent speech of former Senator Elihu Root should enlighten him:

"A nation which declares war and goes on discussing whether it ought to have declared war or not, is impotent. A democracy which cannot accept its own decisions, made in accordance with its own laws, but must keep on endlessly discussing the question already decided, has failed in the fundamental requirements of self-government, and if the decision is to make war, the failure to exhibit capacity for self-government by action will inevitably result in the loss of the right of self-government. But, after the decision in favor of the war, the country has ranged itself; and the only issue left for the individual citizen is whether he is for or against his country. From that time, on the arguments against the war in which the country is engaged are enemy arguments. Their spirit is the spirit of rebellion against the government and the laws of the United States."

If Mr. Root is correct in his conclusions Senator La Follette stands convicted of committing a grievous sin against the government he has sworn to protect and defend, by his own foolish and seditious utterances both in the senate and out of it. And, of course, Senator Root is everlastingly right—Hastler.

Investment in liberty loan bonds is not only patriotic, but wise. These bonds are non-taxable and the interest is payable semi-annually. Besides, you can "cash in" anytime after the price of the bond is fully paid. You cannot lose. Parents who have children to educate have in the chance to purchase these bonds a fine opportunity to fortify themselves against the day when actual cash for expenses will confront them. A word to the wise ought to be sufficient.

Senator La Follette now claims that he has been misquoted and presents to the senate committee investigating the "seditious" charges against him a copy of his St. Paul speech, with the request that he be given a hearing. His defiant attitude on the floor of the senate, on the day of adjournment of the recent session of congress, stamps Mr. La Follette as a faithless representative of a loyal constituency and fully warrants the committee in making a thorough investigation of the case. If not actually expelled he should be censured in unmistakable terms. The country will be satisfied with nothing less.

With all his pretensions to friendship for the United States to the very hour of departing from the country, subsequent disclosures show Count Bernstorff to have been an enemy of the worst type. He laid plans for the destruction of munition plants, railroads, and industrial concerns of various characters; sought to influence congress by the use of money and willingly put schemes into effect that his government proposed for the purpose of bringing the American people to the feet of the Kaiser. The wonder is that he succeeded in deceiving the Washington government as long as he did. He was an energetic, bold, bad man.

Once in awhile a remark drops out relative to loans made to the allies by the United States and home-folks are apparently inclined to the opinion that so much money should not be sent abroad because we may need it at home. No cause for alarm about needing the money this country loans to the allies, for the greater portion of it is spent right here in America for food, ammunition and war equipment generally. Very little of the big loans the United States has made to England, France, Russia, Belgium, or any other of our allies has ever gotten out of the country. The farmers and munition makers have been the recipients of a large part of it.

**FOR BETTER ROADS**

**PUT CONVICTS ON HIGHWAYS**

More Prisoners to Be Worked on Public Roads This Year Than Ever Done Before.

More prisoners will be worked on the road this year than ever before. Impetus has been given to the movement for convict road work through the publication by the United States department of agriculture of a bulletin, "Convict Labor for Road Work."

The national committee on prisons and prison labor has been interested



Good Road in North Carolina.

to note that the principles emphasized in this report as essential to the success of convict road work are the same as those the committee has considered imperative. These principles are that when county convicts are to be employed on the roads they should be turned over to the state convict road force, all convict road work being under state control.

The second principle is that there should be co-ordination between the state prison and the state highway departments in regard to convict road work. The prison department should select the prisoners for this work, and make all rules regarding their care and discipline. This department should also supervise the carrying out of these rules. The highway department should have full charge of all road operations, and be responsible for carrying out the rules and regulations made by the prison department.

The report takes up in detail the selection of camp officers, and the keeping of records and accounts, including suggestions for order slips and vouchers.

Other features of the report which will be specially valuable to authorities carrying on convict road work deal with the location of a camp site, water supply, camp sanitation, quarters and structures, health conditions and care of the sick and injured, clothing and rations. All are discussed scientifically and practical suggestions are made which can be followed out in any part of the country.

The department of agriculture has rendered service to prison and road authorities, while private citizens have now available standards by which to judge the convict camps in their vicinity. The year 1917 should be a record one for convict road work if local authorities use to good advantage the assistance afforded them by the department of agriculture through the office of public roads and rural engineering.

**IMMENSE COST OF BAD ROADS**

Farmers Allow \$300,000,000 to Escape Each Year Because of Poor and Unimproved Highways.

The farmers of the United States have been allowed \$200,000,000 in real money to escape from their pockets each year because of poor roads, according to the testimony of experts who made a survey of the effect of bad roads upon markets for the department of agriculture. Just when the farmer has the opportunity to market his crops at top prices, bad weather closes the roads to heavy hauling and he must wait until another season. To the loss of the farmers must be added an economic loss equally large suffered by the nation. If the rural roads could be used for traffic the year round, Uncle Sam would save more than half a billion dollars. This is a typical bad-road blockade which exists for weeks and often months in rural districts.—Scientific American.

**Duty of Every Farmer.**

Every farmer should feel his dependence upon good roads. Whether or not one lives on a public highway he should take an interest in the nearest one to his farm or the road he must use to market his farm, orchard and garden products.

**California's Highways.**

The state of California has voted \$15,000,000 to be spent in perfecting the state highway system and not a single county failed to give the empowering measure a majority.

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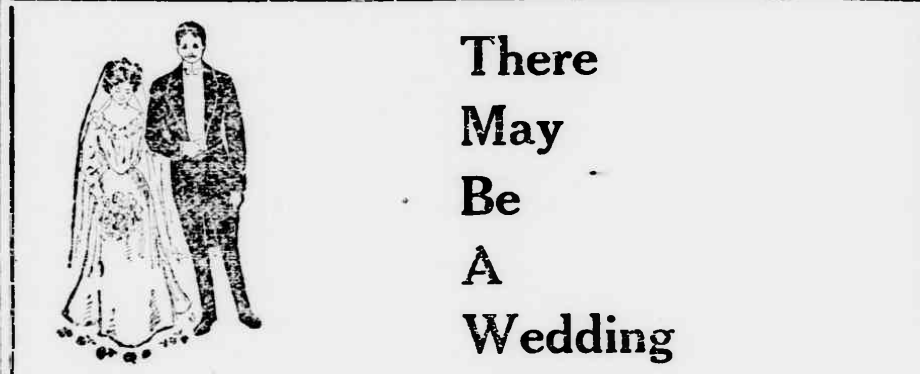
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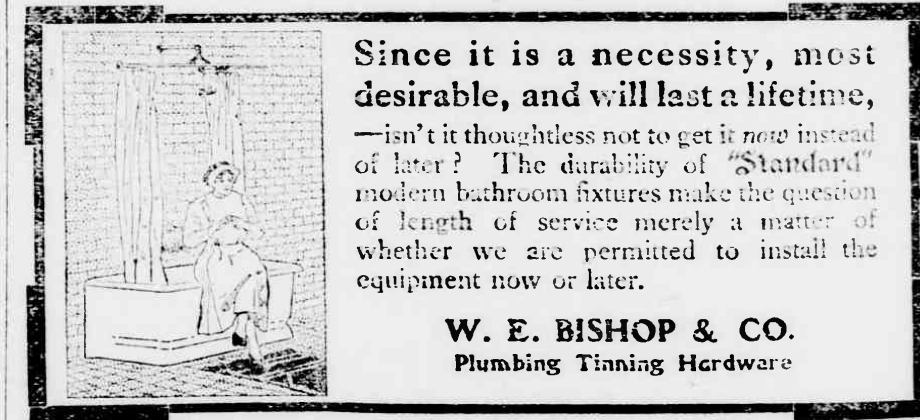
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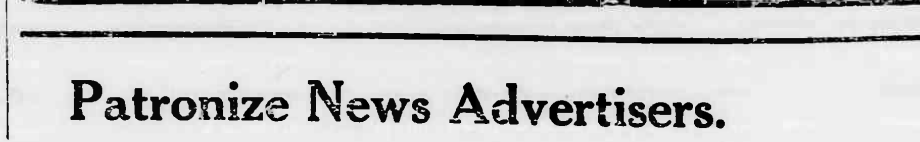


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