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Maybe the best way to attain that blessed state of disarmament would be to let all of the quarrelling nations scrap. Scrapped navies might result.

This 5-5-3 program of naval armament reads like a fertilizer analysis. It seems to be good for raising Japanese.

Flash Bluebeard who murdered some ten or twenty of his brides smiles when he is sentenced to be beheaded. Always knew that a fellow who married so often had some courage somewhere about him.

Next week will be clean up week in Dunn. Clean up.

If you do not know all about that electric light and power problem which you are to face December 13, get your information now.

Are you satisfied with the service and charges of the municipal electric plant?

Diversity or adversity? The boll weevil will bring us one or the other. Choose now.

Be sure to attend that mass meeting to be called soon in the interests of the town by those who desire to sell the electric light and power plant. Every question you can ask about the matter will be answered there. Do not stay ignorant. Be interested in your town's welfare and get the knowledge you must have to vote intelligently.

Riddle says "Katcha-Koo" made him katcha-hoo. But his fund for the playground was swelled by close to \$100, which isn't had at all.

Japan evidently desires a navy big enough to lick anything we can get to Manila or Honolulu in a hurry.

Charley Mow was not very favorably impressed by Atlanta. As soon as somebody threatened to leave his shipping activities investigated by the government, he left the country. Charley was a guest of Uncle Sam in Atlanta for several months and was pardoned when it was discovered by able physicians that he could not live more than a week. Since then he has traveled again the old road that leads to Atlanta.

Efficiency And Economy

These are fine reports that the various committees sent by the board of commissioners to investigate electrical conditions in these towns served by the Carolina Power and Light are bringing back to Dunn. Everywhere the committees have found that the company serves well—that it serves efficiently and economically. In every town visited it was found that industries had been attracted to them by reason of the Carolina service.

The time when we are to ratify or reject the contract through which Dunn would sell its electric plant to this company is close at hand. Tuesday, December 13, is the day we are to vote on the matter. To accept the contract we must poll a majority of the entire town vote. More than fifty per cent of the entire voting strength of the town must be on the side of the sale. If you are for the sale, see registered and fall to vote, your vote will count against the sale.

This is a matter in which all dwellers in the town are deeply concerned. The municipal plant, always inadequate to the requirements of the town, is about ready for the scrap heap. It has been operated at large loss to the town for the last several years. In addition to this loss to the town government, which all of the citizens pay, the consumers of current lose approximately \$10,000 a year through the excessive charge the town is obliged to make for its service.

The fear has been expressed in some quarters that the company might not treat its consumers fairly after it came to town. That this fear is baseless is shown by the commendation given the company by all of its patrons in all of the towns it serves. Wherever the company's services have supplanted service given by municipally owned plants, there is a strong sentiment in favor of the company. Users say they have gotten better and more continuous service at a much lower cost.

Another argument in favor of the sale of the company, as we see it, is this:

Dunn supplies service to a small clientele. Its resources are limited. It cannot afford to employ high-salaried experts to solve the many problems which come to every electric light and power producer. Consequently its patrons are compelled to get along with what it is able to offer.

The Carolina Power and Light Company serves scores of towns and thousands of homes and industries.

It is a great and growing concern. It must and does employ high-priced experts to solve the problems which daily come before its customers. These experts would be at the command of Dunn customers in the event the plant is sold.

With adequate electric current Dunn's present industries could save much money and worry incident to the use of steam by substituting motors. Adequate current for power would attract other industries. Dunn would be the beneficiary in every way, as we see it.

If any of you are in doubt about the advantages to be gained through selling the plant, talk with the men who visited other towns this week for the purpose of studying light and power conditions. They can give you some valuable information.

And remember, if we don't sell the plant, we'll have to rebuild it very soon.

Town Taxes Paid Due

The sixty days allowed poll and personal property tax payers to pay their town taxes, has expired. Those who have not paid had better see me before it is too late.

U. S. PAGE, Town Tax Collector, Dec. 2, 1921.

Pay Your Debts

The merchants of Charlotte are conducting an educational campaign designed to educate the public generally on the subject of paying its debts. "This," says the News, "ought not to be necessary, but the human race has been stubborn from its swaddling days about some things and debt-paying is one of them. And that part of it which is not outright stupidity, but a matter of indifference and carelessness. It accepts the privilege of credit as a just inheritance and doesn't much like to be reminded of the fact that a debt is due. With a great many people who delay the duty of liquidating their debts, it is a case only of sheer carelessness and not of outright dishonesty. Men expect to pay their debts some day, of course—the average, normal men of any community do. They always wait for the more convenient season and that season, in the debt-paying business, has never yet come. They have a little surplus money today perhaps, and they are reminded of some new thing they need right away. They buy it with their ready cash and the merchant still waits for his so long due. And thus it goes, the paying of a debt being put off from day to day and week to week, and in some cases from year to year, if the patience of the merchant is not overtaken by the prolongation."

This section has been through a strain to carry accounts. It has been hard for everybody. Now that better times have come every person should do his very best to square every debt possible. Credit is an asset but the man who abuses it will sooner or later lose it. A debt paying community. Pay as quickly as possible.

Looking

New York World. It is a pretty quarrel between France and Great Britain which M. Briand and Lord Curzon have staged, but fortunately it means nothing to the American people. We are isolated. We have nothing to do with Europe.

Mr. Harding's plurality of 7,000,000 proved that we had heeded the impassioned appeal of Henry Cabot Lodge—the appeal that we must not when he boasted that "we have stopped Mr. Wilson's treaty."

Let us stand fast by the principles of Washington and Monroe and against—utterly against—those of Mr. Wilson. We must be now and ever for Americanism and nationalism, and against internationalism.

What is going on in Europe is internationalism, and we are against it. It is no affair of ours if the French throw a monkey-wrench into the machinery of the conference for the limitation of armaments. The French are Europeans. It is no affair of ours if the Germans should be devising a new method of chemical warfare which would enable them to overrun France and exact the full measure of revenge for the treaty of Versailles. It is no affair of ours if French chauvinism should succeed in making a complete wreck of Europe with its plans for the political and economic suffocation of Germany. It is no affair of ours if the French prepare a submarine program with which to threaten Great Britain and the British, through Lord Curzon, menace the French with political and diplomatic isolation. We are now and ever for Americanism and nationalism, and against internationalism, and down with all those unparliamentary policies of Woodrow Wilson which made the United States a stabilizing and mediating influence in a shell-shocked world.

From lofty summits of our sublime isolation we are set apart from this turmoil, thanks to the Lodge and the Hardings and the Hiram Johnsons and all those valiant defenders of the republic from the contaminating affairs of Europe. In the circumstances it is difficult to understand the anxiety manifested in certain administration circles over the effect of the curzon speech. Even though the Anglo-French controversy should impair the results of the armament conference, we still retain our isolation. We still retain the privilege of paying war taxes. We still retain the satisfaction of seeing our foreign trade vanish in the disintegration of Europe and the thrill of watching the manœuvres of any army of 6,000,000 unemployed. We have repudiated the treaty of Versailles. We have repudiated the League of Nations. We have repudiated the Anglo-American-French guarantees which were accepted by Mr. Wilson, and nothing can harm us, nothing can disturb the serenity of our detached and impregnable virtue.

Investors Losing Millions Washington Post. Millions of dollars are lost each year by the small investors of the country, who are made victims of unscrupulous persons flooding the nation with worthless stocks and bonds, according to William F. Delane, of Chicago, in the Washington Post.

"A friend of mine in the advertising business recently queried banks in the middle west and northwestern parts of the country for the purpose of finding out how many of these institutions were interested in the promotion and sale of investment securities. When the returns were all in it was found that only about 30 per cent of those canvassed paid any attention whatsoever to these investments.

The small investor, therefore, is misled that protection. Unless he puts his money in the bank and draws the nominal rate of interest which savings accounts demand he is left the victim of the promotion sharks. The banks seemingly are not interested in his welfare.

To my way of thinking that is all wrong. For their own sake and for the sake of the small investor the banks of the nation should take an active interest in the promotion of and sales of stocks and bonds—investment securities. It might be argued that by doing this the banks would be instrumental in hurting their own business; that if investors were educated to buying investment securities they would not place their money in savings banks.

"On the contrary, I believe the banking business would be doing itself a great good if it took more active interest in helping the small investors to place their money where they could command better returns than banks are able to give.

"The banks might lose some of their savings accounts, but the loss would be comparatively small, as there will always be folks afraid to put their money in the open market. To make up for what loss they might suffer on this score, the banks would have added many new accounts for checking purposes only, thus giving them an offset worth while."

The Escape of Tom Clayton Fayetteville Observer. The expected has happened. Tom Clayton, a desperate criminal who several months ago shot and killed a deputy sheriff of Cumberland county and badly wounded another, has escaped from the state prison, where he was sentenced for twenty years after pleading guilty of second degree murder. There was some maudlin sentimentality over Clayton while he was being tried in Superior court here, notwithstanding the fact that the evidence showed him up to be a bad man, one dangerous to a community in which he might cast his lot. And now he is at large again to be a menace unless the authorities succeed in capturing him.

The authorities of the state prison are being talked about considerably on account of the number of prisoners who have escaped from the institution within the past few years. The doing away with capital punishment is being agitated just now, but the critics of the plan authorities say that unless there is a more rigid system inaugurated, to prevent the escape of prisoners, the State, with capital punishment abolished, might soon be filled with criminals who had walked out of prison. We are not prepared to speak definitely as to this, but it does look as if there is not strict enough vigilance kept at the penitentiary.

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BUSINESS LOCAL

HOGS FOUND.—A SOW AND 5 shoats have taken up at my home. Been here about 16 days. Owner can get them by seeing me. Mack Kirby, Dunn, No. 4. 29 St pd.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

On account of the condition of my health I have decided to retire from business and will offer my stock of groceries for sale to the highest bidder at auction on—

Wednesday, December 14

Or if you are interested in the purchase of it I will sell at a private sale any time before above date. The purchaser will get the benefit of my lease on the building I now occupy on North Clinton Avenue.

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