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"Long May It Wave."

An officer in a talk in Asheville recently said "appreciation of women was the result of war." All good things come high.

It is quite evident that we have a prohibition America. Congress flatly refuses to entertain the idea of light wines and beers in the war-time prohibition bill.

The very, very good are always happy, except when they are envying the wicked.—Asheville Times. We thought the "very, very good" always died young.

The human stomach is made to withstand almost anything except worrying about its condition.—Asheville Times. Yes, or Polk county "moonshine."

The ex-Kaiser's fourth son enters a bank in Berlin, so we are told. That's better than dad did. He said he was going to enter one in Paris, but to date has failed to make good his claim.

A congressman boasting of his temperance proclivities claimed he had one whiskey bottle in his possession for twenty years. But he neglected to inform the public how many times it had been refilled during that time.

It may console the kaiser to reflect that he will leave behind him hoof-marks on the sands of time. Asheville Times. From the speed of his get-away from Germany to Holland we should say the tire-marks of an automobile.

The University of North Carolina has just issued a table showing savings bank accounts by counties, in North Carolina. Some very astonishing things are shown. Seven counties—Clay, Dare, Jackson, Macon, Stokes, Swain and Tyrrell—with banks but no savings deposits or time certificates. Three counties—Camden, Currituck and Graham have no banks. Polk county stands 47th, with a total savings of \$124,787, a per capita of \$15.

We are just in receipt of a handsome booklet entitled "Farm Advertising," compiled by Mr. F. H. Jeter, of the Agricultural Extension Service. Mr. Jeter has the right idea, and is a young man of good, sound reason. He is devoting his entire time to the uplift and advancement of the North Carolina farmer, and some time ago found out that the farmer should advertise, the same as any other business man. Every farmer in North Carolina should send and get a copy of this bulletin, which will be sent you free of charge.

E. M. Stalter operates four famous hotels, one of which is the largest in the world. He has lately discussed in print his ideas as to what effects prohibition would have on the public. Here is a summary of his views, made from a general and close acquaintance with all conditions of peoples. Prohibition will increase the soft drink business, it will increase the expenditures for food in public restaurants, it will increase enormously the consumption of sweets, likewise, there'll be more smoking, but less taxicab business and the hotel business will suffer temporarily, men will live more outdoors buy more autos, take out their families more often, and more moonshine will be made for a time.

The Senate Agricultural Committee will shortly report a bill which effects every citizen of the United States and that very deeply. It will be a measure to curb the monopoly on food stuffs, both to the consumer and producer now exercised by the packing houses of this country. Recent investigation shows that these five concerns are interested in over 700 companies in which the production of foodstuffs is the main output. These concerns are trying by every means in their power to control not only the output of food, but the consumption as well. Every citizen should take it upon himself to write his United States Senator and ask him to support this measure. The greed of these concerns must be controlled, or it will not be long until the United States will be the scene of food riots, like those of Italy.

PRaises ITALIAN ARMY IN ALBANIA

General Scriven Says It Earned World's Gratitude for Services in Balkans.

SAVED COUNTRY FROM FOE

Transformed Fishing Hamlet into Thriving Seaport—Built Roads Throughout Nation—Country Open to Industry and Travel.

New York.—Brig. Gen. George P. Scriven, formerly chief of the signal corps of the United States army, who was for several months attached as American military observer to the Italian forces in the field, and who recently returned from Rome, speaks enthusiastically of what he saw in Valona, or Avlona, as it is sometimes called, the chief port of Albania, which the secret treaty of London, in April, 1915, allotted to Italy. Valona, he said, is regarded by the Italians as one of the keys to the Adriatic, and their occupation since December, 1914, when troops were landed because of internal disorder, has transformed it from a squalid fishing village to a seaport that is on its way to attain an importance it has not enjoyed since the days of the Roman Empire. Docks have been built, buildings have been erected, and military roads, unsurpassed anywhere, have been constructed from Valona throughout Albania by Italian engineers, he said.

The general described how the Prince of Wied, placed on the Albanian throne by the powers, was overthrown, and a republic set up with Essad Pasha as president. He, too, was forced out, and the little country was left a prey to Austrian intrigue from the north and the machinations of the pro-German King Constantine of Greece from the south. On Christmas day, 1914, the Italian government, fearing possible developments in Albania, sent the 10th regiment of bersaglieri to occupy the little fishing hamlet of Valona.

Saved Albania for Allies.
 "By so doing," said General Scriven, "Italy saved at least the greater part of southern Albania from the horrors of Austrian and probably Bulgarian occupation, and, in addition, became the deciding factor in the great ultimate success of the Balkan campaign, which now appears to have been the loose stone in the arch that upheld the German power. Doubtless some day it will be recorded that the world owes much to the brilliant stroke of military foresight that sent this little force to occupy an unheeded portion of the Balkan coast, there to perform the duty of watchful waiting during the trying months that held the old Triple Alliance in doubt."

"By this peaceful occupation a military position was secured that later became an important naval station for the allies, as well as a strategic and tactical base of such importance that had it fallen into the hands of the enemy, the great military romance of the Balkans, if played at all, would have occupied a far more narrow stage, and the whole of western Albania would have been thrown open to the Germans. For this and for the later treatment of the country and its people, I believe Albania and the world owe a debt of gratitude to Italy."

"With the entrance of the Italians into the war, military activity in the Balkans increased. Additional forces were sent to Valona, from which as a base Italian control was extended over all southern Albania. The Italian troops, without violence, and, indeed, at the request of the inhabitants themselves, occupied the interior towns, or the ruins, as some of them then were, of Tepeleni, Argiro-Castro, Premati, Lascoviki, Santa Quaranta, and Porto Palermo."

Made Modern City of Hamlet.
 "When the Italians landed, Valona offered only the picture of a fishing village lying asleep in slith on the picturesque shores of what is a really beautiful bay."

"With the arrival of the Italians the town awoke as if by magic. Italy went to work to make Valona not only habitable but prosperous. Government buildings rose almost in the night. Docks were constructed, electric lights were installed. Sanitation was not neglected."

"To my mind the greatest accomplishment of the Italians in Valona, and elsewhere in Albania, lies in the splendid military roads they have constructed."

"Another benefit conferred by the Italians in Albania has been the enlightening of the inhabitants. Formerly there were no stopping places of a civilized kind for the stranger. The natives were so suspicious and often hostile to travelers that Albania has been shunned almost as much as Africa or Tibet. Italy made friends with the people. For once the torch of war dissipated distrust and ignorance, and the country now is opened to the enterprise and curiosity of patrons from everywhere."

General Scriven has just been informed by the Italian Embassy at Washington that for his service with the Italian armies the Grand Cross of the Crown of Italy has been conferred upon him.

A Hanson (Mass.) cat has adopted six chicks in place of a lost kitten.

Henderson county has no county agent, and the newspapers there are endeavoring to shame the county commissioners into employing one. As is too many times the case in North Carolina, politics plays an important part in it. Some of the commissioners say they will employ an agent if he "be a republican." We do not know whether there are any republican farm agents or not, but if not there should be. The republicans of North Carolina are tax payers the same as the democrats, and are entitled to representation in all departments of the State. But that is a very poor reason for not employing an agent in Henderson county. The advancement of the agricultural interests of Henderson county is worth more than the advancement of either the republican or democratic parties.

Physicians' Oath.
 A part of the Hippocratic oath is as follows: "Whatever, in connection with my professional practice, or not in connection with it, I may see or hear in the lives of men which ought not to be spoken abroad, I will not divulge, as reckoning that all such should be kept secret." This oath is respected by every court in the world, and rarely indeed has it ever been broken by a reputable physician.

Common Gain.
 The cause of freedom is identified with the destinies of humanity, and in whatever part of the world it gains ground by and by, it will be a common gain to all those who desire it.—Kossuth.

Moroccan Charm.
 Moroccan wives have a recipe for winning back affection. The suspicious wife draws a line of honey from forehead to chin and collects the drippings. Then she rubs the tip of her tongue with a fig leaf till it bleeds and soaks seven grains of salt in the blood. This she mixes with the honey and puts the dose in the erring husband's food.

On Life's Journey.
 I do not say we ought to be happier as we grow older, but we ought to be calmer, knowing better what life is, and looking forward to another, which we believe to be a reality though we cannot tell what it means.—Exchange.

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