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WASHINGTON AND THE WORLD COURT.

It is significant that at the approach of the birthday of George Washington the Senate of the United States should decide to participate in the World Court. One hundred and thirty-three years ago Washington issued his famous Proclamation of Neutrality, which declared that the United States should not enter into the quarrels of the European nations. It did not say we could not enter into movements for peace, but that we must keep out of entanglements of war.

If there is anything in diplomacy—if there is anything in the proposition that a great civilized nation such as ours can direct its good offices for international tranquility—then we ought not shun our duty. America can match her resources, her institutions and her form of government with any other power on the face of the earth. Why, then, does anyone doubt the wisdom of her statesmen and diplomats to keep free from mortgaging her peace and to dutifully promote harmony in world affairs? Any lesser view borders closely to an admission of our inferiority to cope with international situations. Beyond the reservations attached to the entry of the United States by Senate action, there are the reservations of more than 110,000,000 people who will not permit of anything short of justice nor stop at anything short of finding out if, after all, there is anything in this "peace business."

HOW'S BUSINESS IN TRYON?

How's business?

As a rule, commercial business is conceded to be the necessary element in progress and prosperity, and without a good volume of business all the rest would fail or have difficulty in weathering the storms of adversity. But there is other "business" to look after in order to have a well-rounded community life. Let us see just how good is business.

There is the business of bringing up and educating our children, and this business falls to the home and school and community.

There is the business of local government which devolves upon our elective and appointive officers, but who need co-operation from the citizenship at large.

There is the business of being a good citizen—the business of "shooting square" with the other fellow.

There is the "Father's business" spoken of in the Holy Book, and which calls for unswerving faith and devotion in matters of the spirit.

Then there is "everybody's business" which is said to be nobody's business, but it is the business of all of us to transact it in the light of conscience and duty.

Every effort for good put forth by the humblest citizen adds to the general prosperity and culture of all the rest.

So far as we know, business is good in Tryon.

"EXPOSING" GREAT MEN OF HISTORY.

Many fictitious narratives have sought places in the biography of Abraham Lincoln. No life so full of important events as his could well escape this. Fortunately, these exaggerations are favorable and consistent with his nobility of character and greatness of purpose. But of late the country has had its famous men of history come in for a share of criticism. It has been intimated that there is a "real truth about Washington" which, if generally published, would affect the public as the child when it is told there is no Santa Claus.

This is all wrong. We cannot imagine any true-loving citizen who would wish his idealistic notions changed in respect to such great Americans as Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Lee. The fact that they had imperfections (if, indeed, they had), does not detract from their fame nor lessen the value of their achievements. It is enough that they served humanity as they did.

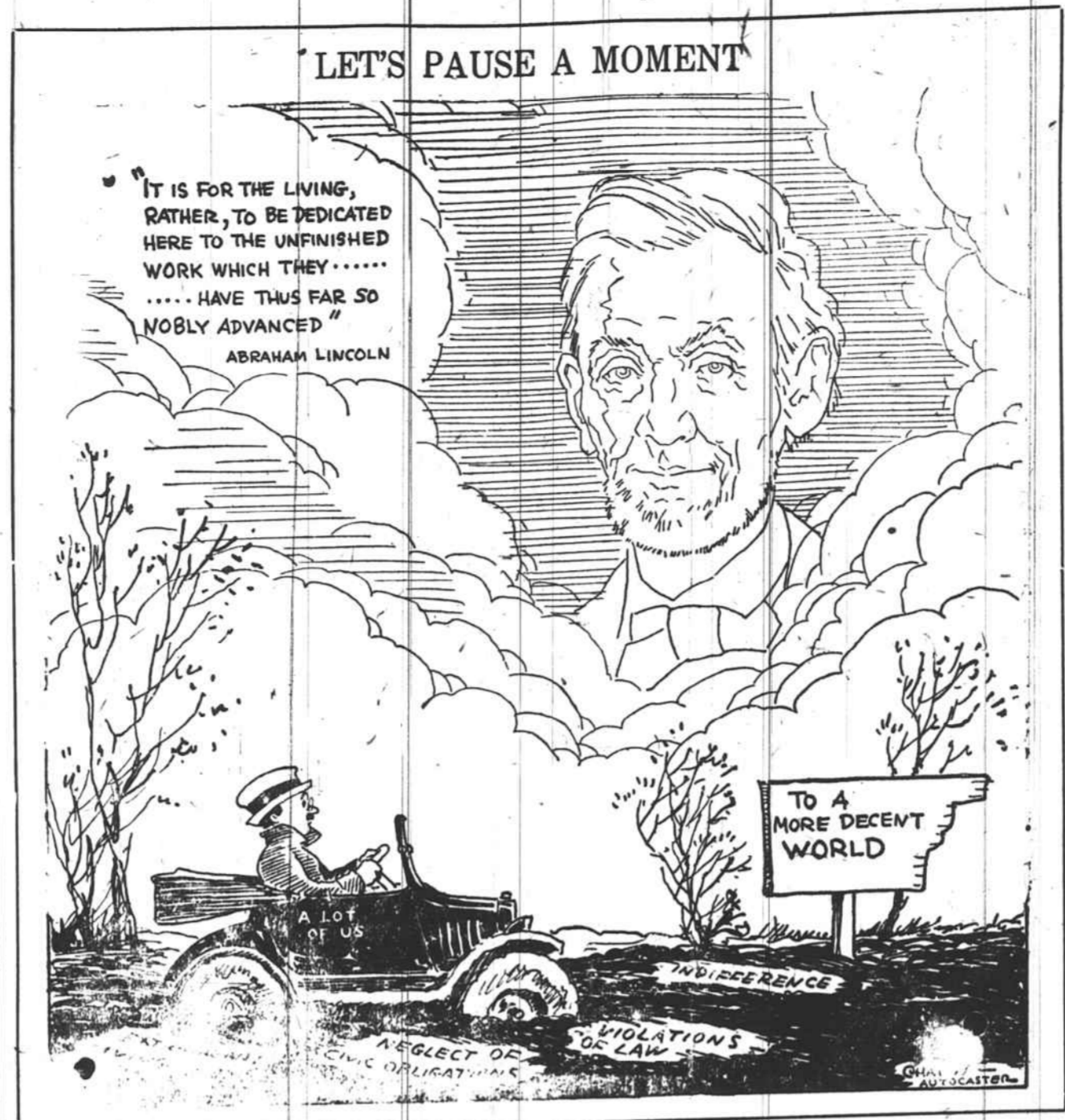
It is enough that George Washington "fathered" this grand and glorious country of ours, and that he led the forces that founded the American Republic.

It is enough that Lincoln's great heart remoulded a stricken nation to realization of its strength in unity; that he began as a splitter of rails and ended as the head of a sovereign nation; and that his policies have since remained as foundation stones in the preservation of a republican form of government.

It is enough that Thomas Jefferson's mighty pen wrote into history the documental clauses that have stood as bulwarks against tyranny and oppression and that have helped give this nation its heritage of democracy.

It is enough that Robert E. Lee, though averse to secession, accepted the verdict and fought indomitably for the cause to which his own state of Virginia had dedicated herself; that with surpassing ability his influence so dominated the struggle that friends and foes were actuated to pay respect to a man so purposeful in motive, so Christian in character, and so loyal to the public welfare; and that he who, though commander-in-chief of the Confederate Armies, was at the close so solicitous in urging

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his own people to accept the new conditions and re-attach their fealty to the United States of America.

Let us hear no more about "exposing great men!" True greatness needs no exposure, nor is it capable of it. There are enough disturbing elements in the world today to which constructive measures of reform should be directed, without shattering the monuments built with shed blood and sacrifice that we might live and glorify ourselves as an enlightened posterity.

It will do no one harm, but manifest good, to keep right on believing that the great men and women of the world deserved the credit of an approach to immortality; that Shakespeare wrote "Shakespeare's Works" and not Francis Bacon; that little George cut down the cherry tree and told his father all about it; that there is a Santa Claus as actual in spirit as real in imagination; and that the good are the great and the great are the good. We should no more seek to suppress the classics of fiction than to shut out the lessons of accomplishments which time and tradition have rendered real.

Senator Nye has introduced a resolution calling for a national referendum on the world court issue. Congress has been haggling over the question for a good long time, and if our statesmen don't know exactly what they want how do they expect the rest of us to know what is best?

The path of least resistance is the road to most arrests.

A stable government is one where everybody stays in the harness.

The more checks we get the less check we make on our expenditures.

If the "United States of Europe" ever comes, like as not Italy will want to be Florida.

Leave your footprints on the sands of time, but be careful where you leave your finger-prints.

They didn't de-Nye his seat in the Senate.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Spirits and Ghosts.

Editor Polk County News:

A few comments, please, on that recent article in your columns entitled "Old John's Spirit Still Haunts Us."

Statement 1. "It is quite a debatable question how far the present Congress will be lined up on the side of modification of the Volstead act."

Ans. The first test vote in the House came on certain appropriations for fuller enforcement. It stood 139 drys for, to 17 wets against. Careful canvass of both Houses reveals a stronger dry majority than ever. Nearly three to one.

2. "Fifty-eight wet members have been conducting their own investigation into the operation of the prohibition law."

Ans. An honest investigation into their own operations to nullify the law would be more appropriate, and much more enlightening.

3. "They will doubtless present to the legislature a bill of alterations."

Ans. A bill? Why, they have already nearly a carload of wet wine and beer modification bills into the legislative hopper; not that they expect a single one to pass, but purely for propaganda purposes.

4. "The country is taking a very practical view of the liquor situation."

Ans. It is. And one of the most practical views is that life would be safer on the most deadly battlefield than with drunken drivers at the wheels of half the 17 million automobiles which crowd our streets, most

of which have come since the saloons were banished.

5. "Many prohibitionists believe their goal would have been reached more quickly had it been approached through the door of TEMPERANCE."

Ans. The sort of "temperance" here referred to had a long and fair trial. It utterly failed; only feeding the fires of intemperance. The label proved deceptive, and prohibition had to be adopted if the saloon was ever to be abolished. False labels no longer deceive, whether pasted on the liquor advocates themselves, or on their wet propositions.

6. "The rampant lawlessness exhibited by the wets is eating into the very vitals of respect for government."

Ans. The deep sense of pain and shame and sorrow this deplorable condition awakens in the advocates of wine and beer would indeed be pathetic, if we didn't happen to know that these are the very chaps who are purposely inciting this "rampant lawlessness" while attempting to saddle it upon the law. Their deeds speak louder than their words.

7. "The financial resources of the nation are being taxed to enforce this prohibition law."

Ans. But the fines, confiscated autos, boats and other equipment captured from the violators of the law are putting the costs largely where they properly belong, and the inestimable saving to the country which prohibition has brought makes us the envy of every nation on the earth. Lloyd George says: "Americans are

Flying Death



Lester P. Barlow of Stamford, Conn., is in Washington demonstrating his amazing inventions. He is shown here with his marine and aerial torpedoes, the latter capable of 1000 miles automatically.

Enough tobacco seed to plant 22,000 acres have been cleaned by County Agent R. B. Reeves of Pitt county. Most of it has also been treated for disease.

A farm woman's exchange in Catawba county has netted the participants over \$1,000, states Miss Anna Rowe, the home agent.



SCIENTISTS SAY THE HAIR CAN TURN GRAY OVER-NIGHT—Mebbe NOT BUT I'VE SEEN EM TURN BLONDE.

A Good Reason. Little playmate calling upstairs to his buddy: "Come on down an' play, it ain't dark yet." "I can't come, no more, I can't, 'cause I'm asleep."

He Should Know Better. Handy Man—Ah's sorry, boss, absolute, but a mule done kicked me. Boss—You should have been here an hour ago, anyway. Handy Man—Mebbe ah wudda have been den, only dis here long-eared critter dun kicked me in de deeder direction.

Not Much Longer.irate Customer (to Waiter)—Say, I've been waiting an hour. I'll be starved to death if I wait much longer. Waiter—Please be patient. We close up soon.

Good Bad News. "What's the matter, Dorothy, you look so happy?" "Oh, you know that Mrs. Van Ripper that lives next door? Well, I just heard something terrible about her."

Never Again. Farmer—How did you come to break that axe handle? Blind Hand—Well, I didn't mean to; I accidentally started to split some wood.

About This Time o' Year. Husband is driving and wife, who has a bad cold is riding in back seat. Wife has jst blown her nose. Continue with story: Husband—I wish you'd stop that infernal honking. I keep thinking there's a car behind us.

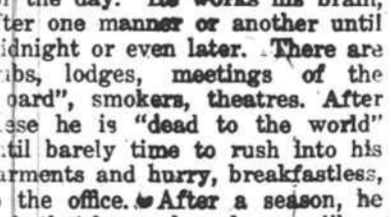
Now It's Different. "The nearer it gets to my wedding day, the more nervous I get." "Shucks, before I was married I didn't know what fear was."

Barber shaving customer: "What will you have on your face when I'm through?" "Nothing much, I guess."

An optimist is the traffic policeman who thinks he can stop a runaway by simply holding up his hand.

About Your Health

Things You Should Know



Physiologists know that repairs on only during sleep, that is, the transformation of inert matter (food) into living, active tissue. Physicians know that if sleep is interfered with in an intemperate manner, the human machine will run down in exact proportion to the violations indulged.

But, man is by nature, has ever been, will ever be—a rebel. He does not like to bow the knee, even though longer and healthier life is the reward for so doing. He eats his heaviest meal at the onset of evening, when digestion is retiring on the day. He works his brain, after one manner or another until midnight or even later. There are clubs, lodges, meetings of the board, smokers, theatres. After he is "dead to the world" he barely time to rush into his garments and hurry, breakfastless, to the office. After a season, he finds that he awakens less readily—he buys an alarm-clock. This raucous device literally jerks him out of bed, more tired than when he went to sleep. He becomes stupid in the office, gets "dizzy spells" and finally consults the doctor. Yes, he has high blood-pressure, far above normal! The diagnosis, overwork!

The warning that an out-door vacation is imperative, else the crash will come. Reluctantly the ten-day country life is undertaken—the result—he gets better, and goes directly back to the violations of night living that made him sick! Too often he pays the penalty with his life, before the age of sixty!

Then we say he died of overwork. The facts are, that work intelligently followed out, is tonic, healthful, and never harmful. The perversion of night into day is a violation of the law of nature, and that is sure to draw its penalty with unerring exactness.



Dr. George W. Davis of Ottawa, Kas., has worked out a "Calendar of Nations" which has 13 months of 28 days each, the new month "Luna" being placed between June and July. It has been submitted and is being considered by the League of Nations.



This Week

SAVAGE EVOLUTION. ELECTRICITY'S BABY. POOR OLD BEEZEBUB. A BOOMING NATION.

Some African savages believe that gorillas and chimpanzees talk, but hide their knowledge, so they be put to work. Other savages have an evolutionary theory of their own. The Bantu Congo natives, tell the Rev. E. C. Graham that monkeys are descended from men that have been disgraced.

"We are better and more practical black men," therefore we are them." Samuel Inault tells the world that electricity is only beginning its work. We are a little way, not far, from the savage that is down and worshipped an unknown malignant devil when the lightning flashed.

Railroads will soon change from steam to electric power, and will call for twenty-four billion more hours of kilowatt energy, says Mr. Inault. Farms will be "wired" for electric light and power.

Most encouraging is the prediction of Elmer Schlesinger, Louis Levy's intellectual and dashing young law partner. Elmer Schlesinger says electricity, in this century, will do for the world's troubles and debts what steam did for the world in the century after Waterloo. Europe's wars were called the "great war." In proportion to the greater than the "great war" came and went, the greatest war is bankruptcy. Europe

"Polygamy is legalized, getting a divorce is as easy as legging," says Mr. H. H. of New York's Legislature. He wants easy divorces from Reno made illegal. Divorce and bootlegging, so easy, simply prove that you try to regulate human nature you invite trouble. "The cat mew and the dog will have a day."

Milwaukee supplies an account of miraculous exorcism, believed by many, deeply religious, to have been the actual driving out of a devil from the body of an unfortunate insane woman.

The account of the miracle runs as follows: A woman whose mind had become unbalanced, carried to the Chapel of St. Joseph's Hospital, where an "exorcism ritual" was performed in Latin, not understood by the patient. The question "Who are you?" was answered, apparently by the throat of the woman in a masculine voice, "BEEZEBUB." Asked why he had taken possession of the woman, Beelzebub replied, "BECAUSE OF MALLEATION."

The fiend promised to leave the woman at 2 o'clock that afternoon, but did not actually leave until half-past 5, which is about what you would expect of a demonic woman then relaxed and is going better.

This miracle, not as yet verified by church authorities, was a everyday occurrence in the old days, when demons were active, numerous and more than at present.

It is romantic, refreshing, interesting to have one of the resuming business at the end of these days of radio, automobiles, and newspapers. However, the voice of waukee's Beelzebub, in his irritation and a feeling that he are not what they were in the good old days.

Our population increases more than two per cent, or about 200,000 a year. Business and prosperity increase twice as fast as population. We should be full.

William Noon of Bulkington, England, 82 years old and having more than 100 descendants, has been pointed official town rat catcher.