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From time to time, while putting new mirrors in old picture frames, Rovert Arthur of the Craven Glass Company comes across interesting items. One of the latest, resting temporarily on our desk, is the March 8, 1915, issue of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Headlines on the front page are a reminder that the world was having its troubles. Anarchy was reigning in Portugal, Turkish troops had slain 80 "non-believer" Christians, 15 English vessels had been sent to the bottom by German submarines, and the United States was demanding of General Carranza an improvement of conditions in Mexico City.

Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White in one of history's most celebrated cases, was facing trial for conspiracy to escape from New York's State Hospital For the Criminally Insane. He had been saved from execution because of his questioned sanity.

President Wilson, the Evening Bulletin announced, officially cancelled his visit to the San Francisco Exposition because of the pressure of his many duties. "I could not go away with a clear conscience," the nation's Chief Executive explained.

All was not gloom on March 8, 1915. A front page story said hundreds of Princeton undergraduates had been converted in Princeton's First Presbyterian church by Evangelist Billy Sunday, after two preachings of his "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" sermon. He immediately launched into a third sermon for the day, for those who could not get into the church for the first two services.

Gimbels, in a half page ad, was letting it be known that you could have a player-piano or an upright piano sent to your home with "not a penny asked in advance." It called attention to the fact that "The Great Caruso is Chief Endorser and Constant User of the Player-Piano."

Berg Brothers was having quite a sale. Women's 75 cents dresses had been reduced to 39 cents, and women's slippers from \$1 to 25 cents. Unbleached sheeting, usually selling for 10 cents, had been reduced to four cents, and family-size wash boards were now only a dime.

It paid to have little hands. Odds and ends of women's kid gloves, mostly small sizes, were selling for 15 cents, silk hosiery was 10 cents, boys knickerbocker pants were 27 cents, and men's and boys suits and overcoats that normally sold for \$8.50 and \$10 were only \$3.95.

Special corsets, medium bust with good supporters attached, were selling for 29 cents, and men's soft hats were 50 cents. Suspenders, usually priced at 50 cents were now 16 cents. Included were the heavy webbing type worn by firemen and policemen, and the light-web narrow ones.

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**DELVING FOR KNOWLEDGE**—Lois Brinson of New Bern and Howard Bryan of Kinston, president of the Student Government Association, concentrate on facts they'll be needing in class later. The scene is the Mount

Olive College campus, with other students relaxing in the background. New Bern hopes to land the college, while citizens in the Wayne town are determined to keep the institution in their own community.



**FAITHFUL PUBLIC SERVANTS**—Pictured here in a classroom, appropriately enough, are board members of the Vanceboro School District and District Principal Ed P. Blair. Seated, left to right, are Lathon Morris, Chairman; A. F. Wood and Eddie Haddock. Standing

left to right, are C. D. Newell, I. W. Toler, Secretary J. W. Buck, and Blair. Incidentally, there's good advice on the blackboard behind them.—Photo by John R. Baxter.