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Why don't the skippers fly a white flag when they are scared!

After the European war is over it will take a long time to satisfy the belligerents that they were neutral.

We are having a great deal of trouble on account of our efforts to get the belligerents to respect our flag as a neutral.

Every question has two sides to it, but each party tries to make out like their side is the front side and the other is the backside.

The Austrians are still holding on to the Carpathian passes just as firmly as some legislators hold on to their railroad passes in this part of the moral vineyard.

It is now charged that two women in Kentucky sold their votes in a school election. If it be true, we'll bet they were bought by men who traffic in votes by the wholesale.

Plautius remarked: "Man is wolf to man." Even centuries afterwards, a great poet wrote: "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands smile."

In times of peace the powers had international agreements but so-called diplomats and statesmen have never seemed to agree on anything that would indicate that they could see ahead.

Says a story writer: "Percy hurried up the steps to get out of a drenching rain, and Genevieve saw him trying to dry himself on the piazza." The probability is that the piazza was as wet as Percy.

An old friend of ours says he believes in early marriages for the reason that if he hadn't married early there would be no chance for him now, that his hair looks like a wig made of excelsior.

In New York a Public Service Commissioner caused an expense of nearly \$4,000 in riding around on pleasure jaunts in an automobile that belonged to the public. A man may be a public servant but he may act as if he's the public's boss.

Just at the present time there is no volcanic eruption anywhere in New York. But if the Republicans begin to talk seriously of letting the Hon. Bill Taft lead them again, phenomena of a loud and disturbing character will occur at Oyster Bay.

Patriotism is a sublime virtue. There is a strong and admirable element in a man who stands by his own country, whether it be right or wrong. How many men or women have any use for a man who has a streak of yellow, either visible or under veneer?

The groundhog acted like a calamity howler. He was afraid there would be six weeks more of winter and went back in his hole when he could have remained outside and enjoyed all this fine spring weather. The groundhog is a merely psychological myth.

Once a man saw a sign over a crack in the ice reading, "Danger! Thin Ice!" He knew what it meant and did not take a skate. Germany has put up the thin ice sign over her newly defined war zone, and she has left it to us whether we wish to carry on commerce where there is danger or whether we shall take our chances.

A man was raising a political howl about the increase in the price of bread. He was asked if he ate one loaf of bread each day, but he replied that he rarely ever ate half a loaf a day. He admitted that he spent 25 cents a day for cigars, and was surprised when he was shown that if he would cut out one 5-cent cigar a day, at the end of a year he would have \$14.60 more than the increase in the price of his bread would amount to, even if he were to eat a loaf a day at a cost of one cent a day more than the former price. Since figures do not lie, the politician could not dispute the statistician.

AUTOMOBILE FACTORY FOR CHARLOTTE

Charlotte is to be congratulated upon the apparently authoritative statement that the Ford Motor Company, of Detroit, will establish a branch factory in the North Carolina city and make Charlotte the company's distributing point for the South. It is said that \$200,000 will be invested in the factory plant and that it will give employment to 250 hands. Its yearly output is estimated at 10,000 petrol power machines for different purposes. The machines to be made in the North Carolina factory will include high class automobiles as well as other auto machines.

We are glad to hear it, and hope the report is true. In fact, it came to Sunday's Star in the shape of an announcement. We don't know but one other Southern city so eligibly situated for interior distribution as Charlotte. Besides that, Charlotte is so situated that the Ford people can take care of a large portion of their export business from the Charlotte Branch. If Charlotte is to become the center of a great automobile industry, machines can be exported from there by way of Wilmington to all parts of the world. This announcement by the Ford people is one more indication that capital is venturing forth for investment. The time for laying low has passed and there is something doing all along the line. Investments are being looked up, and at just such a time as this is the opportunity for Wilmington to get busy. We should never cease to emphasize the great advantages possessed by Wilmington for export manufacturing in particular and all sorts of manufacturing in general.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP MAY MEAN SELF-DEFENSE

Congressman Lewis wants to postalize the telephone system of this country. There is complaint that the telephone companies charge too much for the service. The New York Public Service Commission investigated telephone matters in the metropolis and found out that the New York Telephone Company earned \$27,884,218 last year, while its operating expenses were \$15,708,868. That shows a big profit on its face, but it is not stated what the capital stock of the company is. Mr. Edward W. Bemis, an expert, thinks the profits of the company could be scaled \$4,000,000 and then there would be a reasonable profit on the investment. He believes the rates should be reduced sufficiently to bring a diminution of profits.

On the contrary, the cause might be remedied to better advantage by requiring the company to increase its expenses by paying telephone girls enough to live on. A company whose receipts are nearly twice as much as its expenses ought to be able to provide the profits with its faithful and underpaid employees.

It is doing business on watered stocks and charging excessive profits to pay interest on overcapitalization that is making government ownership an unwelcome but inevitable result. Between government ownership and imposition and extortion, government ownership becomes the alternative, whether it be called paternalism or not.

Governor ownership hasn't got many friends in this country, but it will have if public service corporations do not give their patrons a square deal.

HELP IN TIME OF NEED

That was a touching appeal for the colored poor, made in Sunday's Star by the officers of the United Charities (colored). Lack of employment has brought distress and misery to even the willing workers, and those more fortunate, not in close touch with conditions, would be astonished at a situation so deplorable as that which the war depression has caused. The worthy colored population of Wilmington should not appeal in vain to the generous and able white people of our city.

The whole situation as to the unemployed among all classes of Wilmington's population should receive the earnest attention of those who are able to lend a helping hand in such an emergency as this. There are plenty of people who suffer deprivation in silence, only longing to help themselves by employment if they can get it. Even small pay is better than none till the present depression passes and brings normal relief to people who are the victims of present circumstances.

GOVERNOR CRAIG TO FOLLOW A BLAZED TRAIL

Governor Craig's reply to Representative Henry A. Page's appeal concerning the leasing of State convicts to railroad promoters, and taking more or less worthless stock in payment therefor, shows that the governor is too much of a believer in representative government to think of setting aside the will of the General Assembly. Governor Craig explains that he is not responsible for this policy on the part of the State, and since the General Assembly has twice declared itself in favor of a continuance of the policy of contributing convict labor to railroad construction, it is not for him to override the will and acts of the people's representatives.

The Governor is right, however much the General Assembly may be to blame. The Legislature is responsible, and since it represents the people it is for the people's representative body to be held responsible to the people. Mr. Page made a strong arraignment of the policy of using the revenues of the State to assist private corporations, but the Governor takes the position that it is not for him to decide after the Legislature has declared its will as the will of the people. The Governor's position is the correct Democratic view. He does not believe in the one man power which asserts itself over the will of a general Assembly responsible to the people.

Under two flags. That's how the British steamship Lusitania sails when it suits the captain. On her last trip to Liverpool she flew the British flag till she got to the Irish channel. Then it was that the American flag was thrown to the breeze by order of the captain. The master of the ship is Captain Danny Dow, and as the captain is an Irishman, it is safe to say that when he decided what to do he never called for any negative vote.

Association of live stock breeders will be able to further boost the movement to produce more beef and pork in the South, and this means greater independence and more money — Charlotte News.

SUBMARINES AND NEUTRALS

Interesting View From Leading New York Commercial Newspaper. (N. Y. Journal of Commerce.) Whether or not the display of a neutral flag on merchant vessels of a belligerent power in time of war, as a defense against an enemy within a dangerous area at sea, is entirely legitimate, under what is called international law or usage, is a technical question for the experts. As far as is yet made clear in the controversy about the action of the Lusitania on approaching Liverpool, it seems to have no ground in the law of nations. It is a question of cargo and passengers in which it had a greater interest than anybody else. Whether the display of the American flag was ordered or advised by the British authority, or whether there has been a secret order from the German admiralty has characterized as "the misuse of neutral flags" does not matter so much as the question of justification under the circumstances according to international law and custom. What particularly concerns the neutral nations is not the safety or peril of the merchant vessels of belligerents, but the security of their own rights and the commerce in which they are legitimately engaged.

The danger to their rights or the impairment of their obligations do not seem to be involved in this case, but the safety of their commerce is endangered by the use of their flag to save merchant vessels of any nationality, which may be carrying some of their goods or their subjects, from capture and seizure by any belligerent. What concerns them very much more is the assumption of the right by any belligerent power to define an area in the chief track of commerce as a "war zone" and to menace with destruction any merchant ship coming within it, by the use of submarine war vessels and torpedoes, sneaking out of sight for miles underneath the waves. That is a method of modern warfare which international authority has had nothing to say, because it is entirely novel. Let it be admitted that Great Britain had the right to warn shipping off from the north coast of the continent, to close of the continent on account of mines. Let it be conceded that Germany had a right to declare a war zone all around the British Islands, including the whole width of the English Channel, and to make it effective by recognized naval operations, if it could. All this does not touch the real question raised by the use that has been made, or threatened, of the submarine as an engine of war.

The German navy, with the exception of a few roaming cruisers, has been thus far effectively bottled up in German ports, except for an occasional "commerce-raider" vessel, which have hastened back to their hiding places. There is no means of maintaining a war zone outside except by the use of submarines with their formidable weapons, the torpedoes. This war zone cannot possibly be made effective, but it can be made the means of destroying an occasional vessel, as likely to be a neutral as that of an enemy, with no means of saving passengers or crew and no regard for the lives of those on board. Is there any rule or practice or any conceivable principle of civilized warfare, if war has any principle, by which this can be justified or its barbarity extenuated? It is acknowledged that a belligerent may destroy merchant vessels of its enemies. It may capture merchant vessels of a neutral nation believed or suspected to be carrying contraband, and may, after rendering them aid, but having seized them, it is bound to make out a case against them before destroying or confiscating them, and in no case is it entitled to sink them and give passengers and crews no chance of escape with their lives.

In view of these elementary considerations, what is to be said of the present attitude of the belligerents in regard to drawing a circle thirty miles wide around the British Islands and along the adjacent coasts of the continent, and threaten with destruction by submarine the only means at its command for merchant vessels to enter the "forbidden area"? The qualification as to neutrals means practically nothing. The submarine could hardly make any distinction in view of its limited opportunity for observation and the chance of any vessel carrying a neutral flag, whether its right to do so is conceded or not. It seems to be assumed that a German submarine would not make any distinction as to capture or seizure. It could take nothing into port for adjudication. It could only act as a deep-sea pirate intent on destruction. It could observe no rule or principle of international law. If it attempted it, the war zone operation would be an empty farce. What can Germany expect from announcing to the world the method of fighting against commerce under the pretense of crippling its own enemies? The crippling cannot be accomplished by any such means, and the exasperation will not be limited to Germany's enemies in this conflict. It is rather calculated to leave her without any friends and make harder the terms upon which peace can be restored in the day of reckoning.

CURRENT COMMENT

Judge Carter read his ultimatum to Solicitor Abernethy (and the court, and the world) and then it was the solicitor's move. Mr. Abernethy read his ultimatum to Judge Carter (and the court, and the world). Then everybody adjourned.—Greensboro News.

A New England exchange, noting the claim that the real American is only to be found in the South, bids us observe that the hyphenated Afro-American numbers ten millions now. But will not the esteemed Springfield Republican note in the same connection that the South is not responsible for the presence or existence of the Afro-American?—Jacksonville Times-Union.

A live stock association has been formed in this county and The News believes that it will be of great benefit to the movement among farmers all over the south to raise more hogs and live stock is gaining ground rapidly, and low cotton has had much to do with stimulating the movement. By co-operation a greater food can be accomplished. A live and energetic

A possible complication of the case of the Wilhelmina may arise from the fact that the cargo of the vessel was not taken at sea by naval captors, but was seized by customs officials in a port where the vessel had taken refuge from stress of weather. A violation of customs regulations cannot be put forward as a pretext for the seizure, for there was no intention on the part of the shipper to land his lading at Falmouth or any other British port. It has been claimed that the British Admiralty is empowered by an Imperial custom to commandeer any provisions found in the realm as naval stores; but the Wilhelmina's provisions were not in the realm—they were afloat and in transit for Hamburg. The right of belligerent capture is so narrowly defined that any legal technicalities would be properly employed to avoid it.—Philadelphia Record.

The agricultural forces of the State, as represented by the A. and M. College, the State Department of Agriculture and the Experiment Station are to be congratulated on their enterprise in enlarging their extension service by the publication of a weekly newspaper to be known as "Extension Farm News." The object of the publication is to furnish the other newspapers of the State with news of matters of special interest and value to the farming public. The new publication should have the effect of bringing the agricultural agencies working in the State into a closer and more intimate relation with the farmer. This is, of course, for every reason to be desired. The need is for more and better farming, and what it takes to give the State that the institutions here in Raleigh, aided by the national department and other forces can provide. The thing to be done is to get the facts before the people. The Farm News, appealing directly to the local newspapers, should supply the missing link.—Raleigh News and Observer.

BREATHE FRESH AIR NIGHT AND DAY

Breathe all the fresh air you can get, night and day. That's what fresh air is for. The fearsome legend about the baleful influences of "night air" is only another of the carefully nursed insidious bequests from our ancestors, according to Senior Surgeon Banks, of the United States Public Health Service. When this superstition arose may only be surmised. Perhaps it is a survival of the primeval cult of Sun worship, which led the ancients to classify anything outside the sun as "evil" or "infernal." Our forebears were wont to caution their offspring to "be careful about the night air" or children were ordered to "come in out of the night air," and the old wives' tales for the children living in the Arctic circle, where the nights are six months long, that the Esquimaux mothers do not entertain this crude notion about night air, class their progeny would spend the year indoors.

This idea is generally prevalent and even one of our well known flowers is loaded down with the horrible name of "Deadly Nightshade" as a sort of warning to the children not to pick or play with it. The old wives' tales for the children living in the Arctic circle, where the nights are six months long, that the Esquimaux mothers do not entertain this crude notion about night air, class their progeny would spend the year indoors.

The night air, minus the sun, is no different from the atmosphere of a sunless day. The atmospheric envelope of the earth does not change from day to night, but it is a different kind of envelope. From being a people immersed in hermetically sealed rooms at night, breathing our own bodily exhalations over and over again, a constantly increasing number of persons are sleeping in the open, or at least with open windows, summer and winter, to their great benefit. In the morning they are refreshed with the pure oxygen of the air breathed during sleep, instead of a stale atmosphere after eight hours spent in respiring and re-respiring second-hand and shop-worn air in a closed bedroom.

A story from the trenches in France is that a soldier wrote home to his wife to open her window at night as he had found that the night air "didn't hurt one-bit." That is the experience of all the advocates of this sensible custom—once tried the old custom of sleeping in a chamber with the window closed, never renewed. Diseases which involve the lungs can usually be traced to their beginning in poorly ventilated sleeping apartments, inside rooms that do not have a share of the atmosphere. Nothing can live well or long without oxygen in the air, and it was given to us for breathing, night and day, not to be taken in sparingly, as if we were anxious poisoners. Some people are actually afraid of ordinary, common air. The emancipated persons who open their windows at night will tell you, unambiguously, that they cannot sleep in a chamber unless the window is raised, their sense of comfort and vigor demands the life giving qualities of fresh air. No greater prophylactic advice can be promulgated than to breathe all the fresh atmospheric air you can get, night and day.

THE SANATORIUM'S POSITION

Why Every Charity Patient Can Not Be Treated Free. (Health Bulletin.) In view of the fact that the present plan, policy and capacity of the State Sanatorium for the Treatment of Tuberculosis does not seem to be fully understood throughout the State, we reproduce herewith a bit of recent correspondence relative to that institution from this office. We believe this will throw light on the facts as they are, and will explain the Sanatorium's position as to being able to receive charity patients.

"Some time ago I wrote the North Carolina Sanatorium for treatment of tuberculosis and asked them to admit

a young man that is dependent on charity parents dead and relatives very poor. My reply was they did not receive charity patients, but would admit the patient provided he could pay one dollar per day. It is impossible for him to pay anything, and he is unable to work and has no means of support. What are we going to do with this class of patients? I was under the impression the institution was endowed by the State of North Carolina and patients that were unable to pay, were cared for."

To this we were obliged to reply as follows: Your letter of December 15 is not received. The State Sanatorium is not a free institution any more than is the State University and other State institutions. The State does make it possible for a person to receive sanatorium treatment for about one-third the cost of this treatment elsewhere; that is, at one dollar per day or thirty dollars per month. The State does not necessarily expect all patients to pay the one dollar a day, but does expect the towns or counties of which the patients are citizens to assist their needy and deserving citizens. In many instances needy and deserving cases of consumption have been assisted by social clubs, by churches, and by fraternal orders of which they are members. "The State gives the institution only \$20,000 a year for maintenance and the indebtedness of the institution when the State board took it over was very great. There are thousands of people in North Carolina like the young man in whom you are interested dying simply for want of a little financial assistance from the State. Some in their town, their county, their church, their fraternal order or friends. It does seem a pity and the pity is all the greater when your people appear to have become so accustomed to the sort of thing as to take it as a matter of fact."

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