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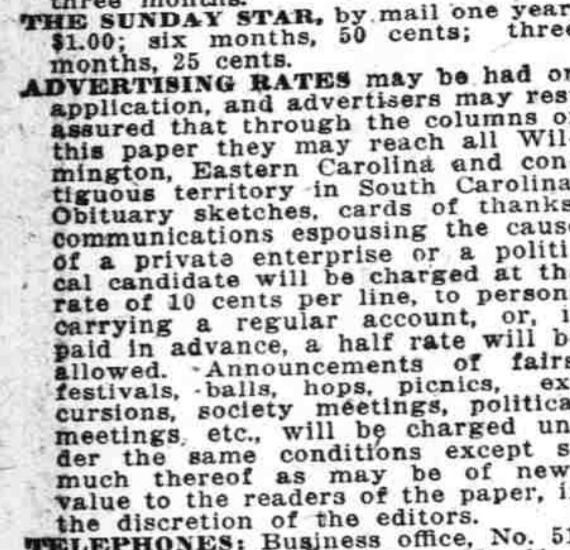
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TOP OF THE MORNING.

That which you would wish your friend were dead, is the very thing for you to say to the friend today for the friend who is alive today may be dead tomorrow. Today is the only accepted time for any duty that must be done at some time.

—TRUMBULL.

Beginning with today, two wheatless and two meatless days will be inaugurated by householders in New York. Lots of us are already worrying along with about two eatless days a week.

For some reason or other, the Charleston Post says: "In these days the fool has a still greater advantage over the wise man in the matter of asking questions." Especially when the wise men can't answer half the questions that a fool can ask.

Says the Asheville Times: "Asheville certainly did her bit in the Liberty Loan campaign. Publishing the names of the Liberty Loan bond buyers in Asheville is a good thought. It will discover the slackers." The honor roll will mutely tell the tale.

If you did not buy a Liberty bond, you'll be in hard luck if Uncle Sam should finally tax your money and get that much out of you instead of borrowing it on a bond and paying you interest on it. That is what is liable to be done before the war is over.

One of the things not to get lunny about is that you might have been born "on the wrong time of the moon." If you were, you couldn't help it, nor could the moon be blamed. Be thankful that you were born in North Carolina or "somewhere" in America.

Napoleon Bonaparte once acknowledged that he made a mistake. However, he could afford to do it. The average prude would not acknowledge any such thing, for fear it might be fatal to his idea that he knows it all and a lot of other things, that he keeps to himself.

Editorial discussion has come up about how long it takes a man to eat. Well, if Hoover's had any influence with the food manipulator of the household, a fellow would waste time if he took any longer than 5 minutes to make the plate look like the Gold Dust Twins had done the work.

"Little Willie" may be a joke, but Wilmington has one who is illustrating how some men acquire and accumulate wealth while others have hard luck. Willie's mother has three boys and twenty-four hens. She gives a movie ticket to the boy which brings in the most eggs a week. Willie never fails to get the ticket. He bounces up early in the morning while the others are asleep and get up too late to have a bit of luck. All that Willie does to achieve success is to beat the others to it. He would have hard luck too, if he wasn't on the job.

LOWER EXPORT RATES FOR CHARLESTON.

Commercial Charleston is rejoicing over the announcement just made by the railroads entering that port, together with connecting lines, that the rail carriers will put a lower export tariff into effect on and after next Thursday, November 1st. There has been a cut of from 20 per cent to more than one hundred per cent in different classes of freight commodities for export.

In fact, Charleston's export rates will be on a parity with those of Norfolk and other Virginia ports—a concession for which the business men of the port of Charleston have been striving for years. The meaning of this new deal for Charleston is thus explained by the News and Courier:

"There will be considerable interest on the part of the business community of Charleston in the announcement that, effective November 1, the railroads of this territory have issued a new export tariff carrying rates putting Charleston on a parity with Norfolk as regards export business. For a number of years the commercial interests of Charleston have been seeking to have this done. The reorganization of the Freight Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce several years ago had this as one of its main objects.

Under the new rates export traffic routed through Brunswick, Charleston, Fernandina, Jacksonville and Savannah will be given the same rates to shipside as the rates now govern in any case the rate to Charleston is lower than that to Norfolk proper the present rate will not be disturbed. For example, take grain in carload lots. At present the rate to Norfolk from Cincinnati and Louisville is 23 cents. Under the new tariff this rate will be 14.9 cents, including shipside delivery. On iron and steel articles including billets, blooms, pig iron, etc., the rate from Louisville and Cincinnati will be reduced from \$4.71 per gross ton to \$3.74 per gross ton. On packing house products the new rate, from Louisville and Cincinnati, will be 24.2 cents against 38 cents under the old schedule.

The illustrations we have given will afford some idea of how substantial are the reductions in the new export tariff. It is for the business interest of Charleston to demand that it be done as a result of these reductions. The railroad people have contended for years that export rates were of little value to a port unless it was prepared to build up an import trade along with its export business."

This ought to be a matter of great interest to Wilmington, though this port is not named as one of the ports which are to be given this new commercial opportunity. It will be noticed that the Norfolk parity in rates has not only been granted to Charleston but to Savannah, Brunswick, Jacksonville and Fernandina.

As it affects Charleston, the new export rate does not alter existing domestic rates to Charleston. The low export tariff just conceded affects Ohio and Mississippi river points. Among the interior towns enumerated in the published tariff are Alton, Cairo (proper and from beyond), Cincinnati, East St. Louis, Evansville, Henderson, Lexington, Louisville, Metropolis, Ill. (proper and from beyond), Memphis and Nashville. The new rates include delivery to shipside. Class rates and a large group of commodity rates are specified. Iron, meat, grain, grain products and a great variety of other goods are included.

For purposes of comparison, the following class rates are cited:

	Old	New
1.....	95	75 1-2
2.....	80	65 1-2
3.....	75	49
4.....	70	23 1-2
5.....	58	28 1-2
6.....	46	28

The old (present) rate, the News and Courier explains, was governed by the Southern classification, whereas the new rate is the official classification, the same as the Virginia ports.

A large group of commodity rates is included in the new tariff and the principal articles exported have been enumerated. The reduction in freight rates on commodities is in proportion to the reduction in class rates.

The new tariff applies from that territory north of the Ohio River where the rates published by the various lines to the north bank crossings are uniform and equalization is provided in connection with the rates through Ohio river crossings.

As the comparative table indicates, Charleston exporters are given equal opportunity with those of the Virginia ports, and the railroads have declared their hope that Charleston will avail itself of the lower rates and upbuild its shipping industry.

Mr. H. M. Cobb, general agent, executive department, Southern Railway, informs the News and Courier that the railroads are giving Charleston exactly the same rate, treatment that is given Norfolk and other Virginia ports, and that the railroads are prepared to do their part in getting goods through from points of origin to shipside in Charleston.

The News and Courier remarks: "The new tariff opens a great territory to Charleston, and with more bottoms available, Charleston will have the opportunity of getting freight for export on equal terms with competing ports north of Cape Hatteras. Charleston has for years been asking to be placed on a parity with the Virginia ports and the request has been granted."

Dr. George T. Winston is quoted as saying: "God has no use for a neutral and a slacker." Dr. Winston might be able to prove it, so nobody needn't bother about trying to dispute it.

There were days when "Jim Crack Corn" was just as funny to people as any of the ditties of today, but maybe "Jim Crack Corn" did not have to be so awfully funny to tickle the folks way back yonder.

NORTH CAROLINA WHEAT FOR HOGS.

It is unbelievable that any number of North Carolina farmers would feed wheat to their hogs, when the whole world is crying for bread. Neither do we believe that many such instances have occurred in North Carolina, yet the New Bern Sun-Journal says:

"The State Food Administrator sends us a letter in which he states that word has come to him that some of the farmers in North Carolina are feeding wheat to their hogs because they can't get for it the price that they desire. Wheat is just about one of the most precious grains grown now and the farmer who is wasting it by pouring it into the troughs in his pig sty is showing plainly that he doesn't give a rip about humanity but is looking out only for his own interests and is even going about that in a rather unusual way. There are so many varieties of food that will be more serviceable to the hogs and will doubtless be relished more by them, that it is a real shame to waste wheat on them, especially when it is so badly needed and gives promise of being needed more."

The wheat crop in the United States the past season is less than that of the year before and it is far short of the demands for consumption by our own people and the Entente Allies which are depending upon us to feed their armies. In consequence of this fact, an arrangement has been entered into between the food administrators of Canada and the United States for the free movement of Canadian wheat into the United States to be milled. Already under that arrangement, large supplies of wheat are moving from the Great Lakes in Canada to the flour mills in the Eastern part of the United States, where the mills are operating day and night. The wheat coming from the Canada centres has been purchased at the same price as that fixed for American wheat.

While our own wheat and flour will be largely exported to our allies, it is said that a movement is on foot to bring Chinese and Siberian wheat to the United States to supply the place of American wheat sent to the Allies. An Associated Press dispatch from Chang Chun, Manchuria, early in the season announced that Manchurian and Siberian wheat probably will be exported to America to replace American wheat shipped to the Entente Allies in Europe. Because of the lack of locomotives and cars, it is impossible to send the wheat surplus from eastern Asia into European Russia. "At scores of railway stations in Siberia and Manchuria sacks of wheat only slightly protected by temporary sheds were reported as rapidly deteriorating.

Agents of the United States government have been inspecting Manchurian wheat and soy beans which are awaiting transportation, and it is probable that the wheat and beans within reasonable distance of tidewater will be diverted to America.

There are many flour mills in Siberia and Manchuria, but European Russia lacks milling facilities. Plans are under consideration for the removal of some of the mills from western Siberia centers in southern Russia, where large quantities of wheat are available.

ROBBING A MAN ON HIS WAY TO THE TRENCHES.

People who overcharge soldiers are being scathingly denounced all over the country. It is said that the meanest man that ever was, stole two copper cents off the eyelids of his dead grandmother. At one time possibly he did hold the record as a punitarian profiteer, but in this day and time he would have to stand back for the pirate who would put up a pifer deal on a man wearing the uniform of his country and ready to brave terrific battles for our sake. No man could possibly be meaner than one who would rob a fellow American who has taken his life in his hand for the preservation of the liberty of every one of us. We have our opinion about a man who would over-charge a soldier in spite of this tragic emergency for the nation, but we have so much respect for the preachers and the ladies that we will conclude this without saying what we think along this line. Of course, nobody but a ghoulish would rob a soldier on the way to the trenches to risk his life for God's humanity.

ROCKY MT. BOY SCOUTS SOLD MANY THOUSANDS.

One Boy Took Subscriptions for \$60.-200 of Liberty Bonds.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, Oct. 28.—Two local Boy Scouts made remarkable records during the Liberty Loan campaign. They were Robert Russell Braswell, son of Mr. J. C. Braswell, president of the Planters National Bank, and R. L. Huffines, Jr., a son of Mr. R. L. Huffines, one of the city's foremost citizens. Young Braswell has sold \$60.-200 in bonds up to Thursday night, when the Scout campaign closed, having disposed of a total of forty five bonds. Young Huffines during the same period sold seventy three bonds for a total of \$48,500 in subscriptions. Another scout, Alton Bland, son of T. L. Bland, a hotel man known throughout the State, sold bonds to the amount of \$33,950. Many other scouts made splendid records. Rocky Mount and Nash county oversubscribed their allotment by 50 per cent.

JESSE MABES STILL AT LARGE.

Youth Who Shot Paul Jones Has Not Showed Up.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Oct. 22.—Jesse Mabes, charged with shooting and fatally wounding Paul Jones, his friend, at a resort here some days ago, is still at large. The shooting is believed to have been accidental, but the authorities are making every effort to locate the missing youth. Mabes, a country boy, is supposed to be badly frightened. He has been seen only once since the shooting. At that time a woman, accused by Jones in an attempt to shield Mabes, was under ball for the shooting and Mabes had not been suspected. He was named in a statement made by Jones a short time before his death, in which he exonerated the woman.

By The Wayside

When will the war end? It is the biggest question in the world today. Men pause as they walk about and ask it of each other. Nation asks it of nation. If the thought of the world could project a shadow, it would be in the form of a gigantic interrogation point. The world is weary of it, and those who are suffering most are agonizingly weary; and yet the democracies of the world, weary as they are, are doggedly determined to fight this thing out now. "Every generation of Frenchmen has its Boches," plaintively said an old Frenchman when the German invasion of France was at its height. France is determined that future generations of Frenchmen shall not have this menace. England and America, lulled into slumber in a fool's paradise, vainly imagining that war had become an impossibility, are determined to make it impossible. And yet, "when will it end?" is a question that is in the camps of the victors and in the homes of their people.

"I have an idea, based on intuition," says Dr. John Jeter Hurt, "that it will last three years longer. I am trying to explain why the ink won't scrub out of me to debate it." He offers an argument to support it. But I just feel that way about it. Leaders of the military feel that same way about it. The concentrated wisdom of America is planning the war to a strategic advantage. It will cost the world much, and set the clock of time backward—and forward, too! But whatever the cost, it will be worth the price. Democracy is the savior of the ages. It is the only part of the world that is salvaging—it is salvation on earth. And it must win. And this war, awful as it is, isn't any worse in this advanced age, than the wars of other ages. All the days when men used bows and arrows and hacked each other to pieces with swords, it was just as awful as it is today when men are "gassed" to death. We have made the error of trying to plan the war by the use of by-gone periods. Everything else has progressed, and methods of war have kept pace. This war is on a bigger scale—it is a bigger world we are living in. And the biggest stake ever was reached in the world—the stake of world democracy—liberty, not for one, but for all peoples.

James H. Fou of Raleigh has distinguished himself more than any other citizen as a war orator. Taking it for granted that he rested yesterday, which is perhaps rather hazardous, he begins this week with a record of 36 1/2 hot speeches delivered in various communities—he had scored that many times up to Saturday. There is no hint of cold storage about his talks. He doesn't believe there is a "No man's land" and a "No man's war" in the world. He is a loyal or a traitor. It is told of him that he was on a train recently and a stranger sat down beside him. They fell to discussing the war, and the stranger's sympathies were with the Allies. "You are a pro-German," he declared. "Then you get up out of here!" exclaimed Mr. Fou. "Do you mean it?" asked the other. "Yes, damn you! and I'll throw you through the window if you don't," declared the Raleigh grenadier. At this point in the story it is said that his traveling companion moved from that part of the car.

Aubrey Brooks of Greensboro, one of the Liberty bond speakers, went to Salisbury to put the climax on the Liberty bond campaign there. Although one of the best speakers in the South, he is a man who is not to be in the next senatorial combat in the West, he had barely half a hundred citizens out to hear him. A dispatch says that instead of a climax, the affair was an anti-climax. Mr. Brooks could help it and is not to be blamed. Rather, in view of the circumstances, he should be congratulated on securing an audience of fifty, for he had to "buck" as rival attractions a minstrel show, a carnival, a fair, and a prayer meeting in every church in town.

Col. Walter Murphy, affectionately known as "Pete," speaker of the last House, and Democratic warehouse of the country in these many years, is certainly going to try his hand in playing the congressional game in the Eighth district. He has been running more or less conspicuously for some time, and it is expected that he will be in the first line against Congressman Bob Doughton. A Murphy club has just been organized at Salisbury, and will be general staff headquarters. It has in addition to its president, a secretary, a treasurer, a gentleman who is entitled treasurer—if you know what that means. "The meeting was largely attended," says a report, "and Mr. Murphy's candidacy was given a big boost." Mr. Murphy is in the fight. Congressman Doughton is, too, and will, also. He has the advantage of being on the inside looking out, and his people are very well-pleased with the record he has made. It appears possible a battle in the Ninth district; one in the Third; and of course there will be something doing in the "Bloody Six."

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and it is not to be doubted that when the figures are all in they will be such as to cause a feeling of pride in the hearts of all North Carolinians. This paper has had good opportunity to observe, and takes this occasion to refer to the vigorous manner in which the State chairman, Mr. Joseph G. Browne, and Secretary Alan T. Bowler discharged their onerous duties. The result should be most gratifying to these gentlemen and all their assistants on the committee. In Raleigh the full allotment of \$1,600,000 was reached in a splendid showing in view of the fact that the quota for this city was a liberal one.—Raleigh News and Observer.

THE CHANGE IN THE CAR SERVICE.

To the Editor of The Star:

Conceding the necessity on the part of the Tidewater Power Company to conserve consumption of sawdust fuel by curtailing their car service, may I suggest that the convenience of their patrons may at the same time be considered by extending the Red Cross car service around and along Tenth street to the corner of Tenth and Princess streets, instead of stopping the car at the hospital? Connection could be made at that point with the Carolina and Winter Park cars.

In keeping with the conservation craze, there was never a more timely invitation for the improvement of their car service than by advising them to walk more and wait on street cars less.

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FATHER DENNEN REPLIES.

To the Editor of The Star:

In your issue of Oct. 8th, is an article titled "Out of the World to Heroes of Reformation."

I regret very much to be obliged to contradict the public effusions of a Christian minister. What a minister teaches in his church is no business of mine; that is something for his congregation. But when he uses the column of a newspaper, he assumes the office of a public teacher. In the capacity of public teacher, he should aim to teach truth. That the Rev. M. T. Plyler does not measure up to this quality is evident from his article. Whenever he refers to the Catholic Church, the only thing I can find true is—"Rome does not change." If this refers to the doctrine she received from Jesus Christ, it is true. "Thou shalt not bear false witness" is the command of God. And the Master says: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love," and "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John, chapter 15).

No wonder people lose interest in religion. They see so little love and so much of hate. The writer says: "Pope Leo X authorizes John Tetzel, a Dominican monk, to sell indulgences in Germany." That is a deliberate falsehood. The Catholic church never taught such stuff.

I have a Liberty bond of first series. If Rev. Mr. Plyler will put up the equivalent and prove the Catholic church taught the sale of indulgences at any time, he can have my Liberty bond. If he cannot establish this, then "Talk is cheap, but it takes money to buy bonds."

I will make the same offer in the doctrine of church and state. I do this because I do not wish to tire the public with such unprofitable discussions.

Now, let us see some specimens of the doctrine of Freedom by this great reformer. Luther himself says, on page 276, Vol. XV, Erlangen edition: "Remember that God has given the law and knows that nobody observes it. He has in addition instituted rod-masters, drivers and urgers. So the Scripture by a similitude calls the rulers. They must be like men who drive mules. One must urge them on with whips, or else they will not move ahead. So then are the rulers to drive, beat, choke, hang, burn, behead and break upon the wheel the vulgar masses." That is lovely freedom of conscience.

Nearer to Protestants says: "By Luther's principles, all oppressive domination of a State religion, and all tyranny over the conscience of men could be sanctioned. How would he be the same as those on which the Roman Emperors had acted in persecuting the Christians." Beautiful freedom that!

The Rev. Mr. Plyler gives the intimation that Luther gave the Bible in German to the people, and he knows that that fifteenth edition of the Bible in the German language from year 1466 to 1518 preceded Luther's work. The reverend gentleman takes great pride in Luther's boldness. It was a great act to nail the ninety-five theses on the door of the Church.

Does he take equal pride in the "Peasants' war" resultant? Let us see what Luther himself says: "I, Martin Luther, have during the rebellion slain all the peasants, for it was I who ordered them to be struck dead. All their blood is upon my head. But I put it on our Lord God; for He commanded me to speak thus."

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