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TOP O' THE MORNING.

Blessed is the simplicity which leaveth alone the difficult paths of questionings, and followeth the plain and firm steps of God's commandents. —A. Kempis.

If we work willingly we can win, but if the Germans win we will have to work, willy nilly.

A woman's war garden becomes the real thing when it is invaded by a pacifist neighbor's chickens.

Fight, help or work. If you can't fight, you can both work and help. Unless you do so, one of the things you are is N. G.

Why, of course, a woman lawyer can't petition for a mandamus, but then there's nothing doing in re womandamus.

A Wilmington girl says her fellow has her consent to get decorated in France but she denies him the right of getting infatuated "Over There."

Next Saturday is the first of June, so if you want to get a war stamp one cent cheaper you had better get it before the last day of May, next Friday.

A woman lecturer says "there is a way to preserve our men," but it's our idea that some of the rapscallions prefer to know of a way to get pickled.

Men could very easily keep out of trouble if they would not stop on the street and get into some other fellow's argument. Of course, they never think of that.

Colonel Roosevelt has butted in on Postmaster Burleson's job, but it's easy to observe that the Colonel recognizes President Wilson as the only innocent bystander.

Keep on being forward looking. Those who are interested in the past are not in it compared with those who are interested in the future and the possibilities in the days that are ahead.

The Columbia State remarks: "Teachers are complaining that cooks receive more than they do." That indicates the fact that we think more about our appetites than we do about our intellects.

In his Philadelphia speech more than a year ago, President Wilson said "there are times when people are too proud to fight," but some of us know what he meant when a lot of fatheads pretended not to understand him.

Says the Raleigh News and Observer: "When it comes to stretching the imagination, some people have got rubber backed off the map." However, when a man wants to cover up his tracks he certainly has to know how to stretch the blanket.

Some men think they could tell President Wilson all about how to run the government, but they have never butted in to tell Mr. McAdoo how to run the railroads. This shows, of course, that their imagination is strictly limited to governmental affairs.

The New York World observes: "'I could not be proud to fight for a selfish purpose,' says President Wilson, 'but I can be proud to fight for mankind.' This is a sentence that will be more difficult for enemies to distort than a previous one of somewhat similar import."

The Greenville Reflector says: "The farmers certainly have a big job before them to get rid of the grass." That's no joke, but the real joke on the farmers comes in when they buy hay under the impression that they can't grow hay where grass outgrows cotton, tobacco and corn.

THE DAY OF THE YOUNG MAN IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Many a time The Star has urged recognition of the young men of the State and we are glad that it is so now that no young North Carolinian has to go away from home to look for his place in the Sun. One of the latest to receive high recognition is Mr. James A. Gray, Jr., who a few days ago was elected president of the North Carolina Bankers Association. The Winston-Salem Journal declare that his election to such an eminent and honorable position "was a fitting recognition of the ability of one of the youngest but most progressive and promising bankers in the State." Mr. Gray is a Winston-Salem banker and the Journal in a congratulatory editorial says:

"Mr. Gray comes to this high and honorable position earlier in life than did any of his predecessors and we doubt whether there is another man of his age in the country at the head of such an organization. But while young in years, few men in the State much older than he have had larger experience in the financial world or been more successful in a large way in that great field of endeavor.

"Mr. Gray's career is an inspiration to young men and offers the best illustration we know of what the young man can do who early in life definitely and finally choses his life work and gets busy on the job. In his case there was no hesitation or wavering. Never for a moment was he handicapped by the indecision and doubt which is characteristic of so many young men. But for him it was a straight course to the goal. He knew exactly what he was going to do and went at it.

"Immediately upon completion of his course at the University of North Carolina he entered the banking business, first with the Wachovia National Bank of this city and then with the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, when the Wachovia Loan and Trust Company and the Wachovia National Bank were consolidated in 1914. He is now treasurer of that institution, which ranks with the largest and most progressive banks in the Southern States. The same energy and efficiency that caused his rise to high position of trust in this great institution won for him the right to the place of leadership he now occupies among the bankers of the whole State.

"Meanwhile Mr. Gray has not been too busy for public service. In this field he has won distinction in city, county and State affairs. As a member of the Senate of North Carolina from this district and as chairman of the most important committee of that body he gained State-wide recognition as an intelligent, conscientious and constructive legislator. Bearing eloquent testimony to the value and public approval of his work in that capacity is the absence this year of any opposition by men of either political party to Senator Gray's return in 1919 to his present seat in the State Senate."

Mr. Gray is an example of what a young North Carolinian can make of himself by remaining in North Carolina and impressing his ability and genius upon the State. The Star takes up this matter in order to encourage young men to stay right here and grow up with North Carolina. This grand old State is just beginning to grow. The greatest work that it is possible to do for the State is yet to be done,and it is the young men who will have to do it.

We honor North Carolinians who go away from home and become prominent, but we don't honor them half as much as we do those who have remained here and made the great State of North Carolina what it is. The opportunities here for young men are now simply immense. All that is required is the ability, the grasp and the vision in these days of great things for the State, and its young men.

They don't have to go anywhere. All they have to do is to come down here in eastern North Carolina as pioneers in a portion of the State with vast possibilities and tremendous opportunities for really constructive men.

THE LIGHTENING TRAINED YANKEES.

Evidently the Germans are surprised at the speed with which a huge American army is being trained and sent overseas in spite of their submarines. The only people who do not appreciate the significance of the constant flow of American troops to France appear to be certain American critics who do not seem to realize the wonder of it as strongly as the North German Gazette, a semi-official organ published at Berlin, which remarks concerning our expeditionary forces:

"Fresh reinforcements are meanwhile maturing in recruiting depots behind the front and we will wait and see whether the lightning trained Yankees will hold their own against the German lads who have had military training from their youth."

Well, our "lightning trained Yankees" are proving what they can do to those German lads who have had military training from their youth. The fact is, we are sending to France the best trained troops that the United States ever marshalled for any war in which it ever engaged. It has all been done in something like twelve months, a remarkable thing to real German militarists, but a subject of criticism for American political pikers and snipers.

Statistical records show that there are 400,000 feeble-minded persons in the United States, but in addition to them the Red Cross workers have run across many who are meandering around outside of the statistical limits. Some of the excuses rendered for not coming across for the Red Cross plainly indicate it.

Maybe you think you know a whole lot of married men but nobody actually knows them but their wives.

One of the first things to be affected by hard times was soft drinks.

American sailors last year deposited close to a million dollars in the branch bank maintained at the Brooklyn navy Y. M. C. A. building.

ONCE MORE A REPUBLICAN.

Colonel Rosevelt is once more a Republican and is again on speaking terms with former President Taft. At a Chicago hotel last Sunday the two former Presidents met in the dining room and for the first time since 1912 they held their first extended and apparently amicable conversation. They have casually met once or twice before but there was very little doing in the way of cordiality and nothing at all in the way of conversation.

The meeting in Chicago Sunday was in the dining room where the Colonel had taken his seat for dinner. Mr. Taft came in and went straightway to the Colonel's table. The associated press dispatch concerning the incident states that "the men gripped hands and smiled broadly, while the other diners rose and cheered." The two distinguished men then sat by each other and chatted in an aminated manner for at least a half hour. Perhaps Mr. Taft was congratulating the Colonel for landing back in the Republican party after having been a recalcitrant and more or less prodigal son. Anyhow, the Colonel is back in the Republican fold and the New York Evening Post notes it editorially as follows:

"Col. Roosevelt has now successfully passed through the last rite of conversion back to Republicanism. He has been reinstated in the Republican club. This is the crowning test of party orthodoxy, the final proof of being sound in the faith. Any man who after pursuing the false gods of the Progressives finds himself back in the Republican club may be assured that he has "found salvation." Without the tempests may roar, but he is safe within the fold. The Colonel accepts hes restoration to party regularity with due pleasure, and states that he will soon be around at the club. In that favorite resort of William Barnes, he will be able to discuss the high ideals of politics with the sage of Albany."

Colonel Roosevelt, two years or more ago, deserted the Progressive party which he organized in 1912, but now he has formally abandoned it by becoming a member of the famous Republican Club. That means the end of the Progressive party. Some of its members have joined the Democratic party, while others have again become Republicans.

WELCOME HOME, WILMINGTONIANS

The Star welcomes home those Wilmingtonians who are coming back to the home city because of the better opportunities here for them. Some of the home-comers arrived from up North yesterday and doubtless they will be coming in now in ever-increasing numbers. When the war boom struck the North, many left, but we knew that at the first opportunity they would return, for they know that Wilmington is the best place they can live.

Of course, new comers are constantly arriving and they also are welcomed, but there are no better people than the Wilmingtonians who are now on the home stretch. We ought to appreciate them more than ever. Wilmington needs them, and we are glad that shipbuilding, packing house, industrial Wilmington is rife with new and greater opportunities for them and all comers.

We regret that some of the colored people have been induced to leave for the North in the past few weeks. They have made a mistake. There are new opportunities here for them, too, and it is not wise for them to go away and leave at a time when they never had better chances in all their lives. They ought to come right back.

ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER KISSED BRAVE BOY SOLDIER

In Front of the Whole Bloomin' Army He Saluted Him Thus.

Headquarters talian Army, April 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Premier Orlando and General Sani were passing along the front of the famous Arditi, or Italian storm troops, the other day, when the premier singled out in the ranks a small boy carrying a rifle. The premier stopped and asked who this boy soldier could be, and General Sani related this story:

During the retreat last October the 21st battalion of Arditi passed westward through the village of Ospitale in the province of Belluno. It was a stirring event for the village ,and all the children were in the street to see the soldiers go by, including a pale-faced boy of 15, Davide Marcello, a farm helper for his father. At the sight of the marching men the lad simply threw away his farm tools and joined in the wake of the troods, doing odd jobs for them and being received as a little brother.

But Davide had other ideas, he did not intend to be a privileged little brother but wanted to get in the ranks and be a combatant. He took part in several assaults and developed remarkably expert ability in throwing hand grenades. As a specialist he was in the very forefront of these famous fighters.

"I tried to give him a regular status in the ranks as a soldier," said General Sani, "but there has been difficulty in accomplishing it thus far."

"Theer will be no more difficulty," said the premier, touched by the story of the boy's courage and ability. "I ask to to retain him in 21st assault battalion, as from this moment I adopt this boy as one of my sons."

And the long line of seasoned veterans saw the premier minister of Italy step forward and put his hand on the shoulder of the pale-faced boy.

"Davide," said the premier, "you are now as one of my sons. I expect a letpect a letter from you every month. Your position in the ranks is secure and I will see to your future. Meanwhile fight for Italy and be brave."

And again the seasoned ranks stood at attention as the prime minister of Italy bent over, and in the presence of the whole battalion kissed the boy soldier on the forehead, and then passed along.

MAJOR GENERAL WOOD WILL NOT SEE SERVICE IN FRANCE.

Washington, May 27.—Major General Leonard Wood will not accompany his division at Camp Funston, Kas., when it finally moves overseas, but, it was today stated, will go to command the department of the west, with headquarters at San Francisco.

AMERICA'S SACRIFICE

(Harold Begbie in London Chronicle.)

One of the finest moral actions in this war has been done by America. It is action on a gigantic scale, and yet of a directly personal character. Insufficient publicity, I think, has been given to this action.

Is it realized by the people of this country that America has already saved us from capitulating to the enemy? Either we should have been forced into this surrender (with our armies unbroken and our munitions of war unexhausted) or we should at this moment be struggling to live and work and fight on one-third of our present rations.

America is sending to these islands almost two-thirds of our food supplies. Sixty-five per cent of the essential food stuffs eaten by the British citizen come to him from the American continent. This in itself is something which calls for our lively gratitude. But there is a quality in the action of America which should intensify our gratitude. For these American supplies, essential to our health and safety, represent in very large measure the personal and voluntary self-sacrifice of the individual American citizen. They are not crumbs from the table of Dives. They are not the commandeered supplies of an autocratic government. They represent, rather, the kindly, difficult, and entirely willing self-sacrifice o fa whole nation, the vast majority of whom are working people.

There is only one altar for this act of sacrifice—it is the table of the American working classes. And the rite is performed by men, women and children, at every meal of the day, day after day, week after week.

This act of self-sacrifice, let us remember, is made in the midst of plenty. Well might the American housewife ask why she should deprive her children of food, why she should institute wheatless and meatless days, when all about here there is a visible superabundance of these things. Questions such as this are natural enough on the other side of the Atlantic, and on the othe rside of the American continent, though 5,000 miles away from the battlefields of France.

But the citizens of America do not ask such questions. With a cheerfulness and a courage which are as vigorous as their industry, and with a moral earnestness which is by far the greatest demonstration America has yet given to the world of American character, these people so far away from us on the othe rside of the Atlantic, have willingly and with no coercion by the state denied themselves for the sake of the entente. They are going short, they are going hungry, for our sakes. They are practicing an intimate self-sacrifice in order that we may hold our own till their sons come to fight at our side. All over America the individual American citizen is making this self-sacrifice, and making it without a murmur. He is feeding, by his personal self-sacrifice, not only these islands, but France, Italy, and many of the neutrals.

Thir great demonstration of character has had no other impetus than the simple declaration of the facts by Herbert Hoover, the man who fed Belgium. Hoover has told his countrymen how things stand. That is all. The winter of 1918, he declared to them, will prove to mankind whether or not the American nation "is capable of individual self-sacrifice to save the world." His propaganda has never descended to unworthy levels. He has appealed always to the conscience of his countrymen. He has spoken of "a personal obligation upon every one of us towards some individual abroad who will suffer privation to the extent of our own individual negligence."

America has answered this appeal in a manner which makes her out as one of the greatest moral forces in the world. It should be known out there, in the farm houses and cottages of the American continent, that the people of this country, tightening their belts and confronting the future with an indestructable confidence, are mindful of America's self-sacrifice, and are grateful to her men and women, and children for their self-sacrifice which will save the world.

FAILED TO PROPERLY SALUTE THEIR COMMANDING GENERAL

Petersburg, Va., May 27.—Both officers and men of headquarters troop of the 37th division, at Camp Lee, were ordered confined to their quarters for one week from today for failure propely to salute thei commanding general.

All the units of the 37th division save the artillery brigade have reached Camp Lee. The artillery units will not come to this camp.

The process of filling the division to war strength is progressing. Over 1,000 men were transferred from the depot brigade to the division today and 2,500 acently drafted Pennsylvanians will be transferred tomorrow.

CHARLES R. CAPPS WILL BE ASSISTANT TO MARKHAM.

Norfolk, Va., May 27.—Charles R. Capps, first vice president of the Seaboard Air Line, today severed his connection with that company and all of its subsidiaries and will go to Philadelphia as traffic assistant to C. H. Markham, regional director of the new Allegheny district.

Mr. Capps began his railway career thirty years ago as a messenger boy in the agent's office.

Y. M. C. A. war work secretarnes are teaching thousands of enlisted men the English language. These men in many cases do not even understand the commands.

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CURRENT COMMENT

Some of Col. Roosevelt's war speeches have almost as much about the war in them as about Col Roosevelt.—Charleston News and Courier.

Mr. Daniels says we'll draft everybody between the ages of eighteen and sixty if necessary to win the war. And Mr. Daniels used to be criticised by some people as a pacifist—Charleston News and Courier.

The Wilmington Star paragrapher lays at the feet of America's women this tribute: "Even if America did not have in her all the elements of greatness, she would still have hed women to make her the greatest country on earth."—Greensboro News.

In nearly every soldier camp there is a newspaper. In France the boys are publishing "the Stars and Stripes." But one of the most appealing names, one of the most beautifully American is "the Blue and Gray," from Camp McClellan. It's all one now—khaki—Columbia Record.

Men in public office should learn to use clear, terse English. A noted English critic says that the plain people who read the Bible and little else speak the best English. A high official in Washington overloads his outgivings with adverbs and arjectives that conceal his thoughts and leave his hearers in the dark. If President Wilson has any spare time he can use it profitably in teaching the rudiments of speech to some of those around him. This applies to our judges, at least, who should remember that Chief Justice Marshall's fame depends on his use of clear, terse English rather than on his profound knowledge of constitutional law. Let real English be spoken and written in congress, legislatures, courts and public offices. The war revenue bill is a horrible example of words that conceal thought which treasury officials are at a loss to construe.—New Yorw Commercial.

MRS. F. N. McDOWELL DIES IN HOSPITAL AT GOLDSBORO

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, May 27.—Mrs. Sara Wooten McDowell, wife of F. N. McDowell, farm demonstrator of Duplin county, died in a hospital at Goldsboro Tuesday. The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church at that place Wednesday, and interment made in a local cemetery, the floral offerings being abundant and beautiful. Her home was at Kenansville.

The deceased was characterized by her sweetness of disposition which had endeared her to a large circle of friends, who mourn with the bereaved husband and other relatives over the death of one just entering young womanhood.

Capt. Peirce in France.

Warsaw, May 27.—News has been received by relatives here of the safe arrival in France of Captain Wentworth Peirce, son of Mrs. T. B. Peirce, of this place. Captain Peirce, who resided formerly in Goldsboro, was a major in the National guard, and saw service on the Mexican border. At the time of our entrance into the present war, he accepted the captaincy of a machine gun company, and has been stationed at Camp Sevier for the eight months prior to his sailing.

Mrs. Luther H. Gulick, of Maine, director of the Camp Fire Girls of America, after spending ten days in an American hut in France, declared that American women would be serving hot chocolate to the soldiers in the front line trenches if the authorities would permit.

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I heard of Black-Draught and decided to try it. I found it just what I needed. It was an easy laxative, and not bad to swallow. My digestion soon improved. I got well of the sour stomach, my bowels soon seemed normal, no more griping, and I would take a dose now and then, and was in good shape.

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