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TOP OF THE MORNING.

The aim and purpose of every religious exercise are not that our hearts shall become tender, but that it shall, in its tenderness, go out in active energy. —John A. Hutton.

While Hoover is in Europe, somebody please pass some regular white bread.

In about six weeks we shall face the first year of world war reconstruction.

After the war Europe will continue to look to America for help; there will be no crops raised over-night.

Kaiser Karl of Austria has not fled but while he is cooped up in his palace we bet he wishes he had wings.

What shall the harvest be next year—cotton and tobacco as usual, or shall we have some bread on the side?

Private yachts taken over by the government for war purposes are soon to be restored to those of us who own them.

An author defines hope as a flatterer, but hope is a great deal better friend than despair, the state of abandoned hope.

Spain is liable most any day now to tell the allies that if they hadn't cleaned up the Huns she would have done it herself.

General von Hindenburg is helping the revolutionaries to straighten out the new government. He may yet be the Teddy Roosevelt of Germany.

Government operation of railroads during war times is no argument in favor of government ownership in the future. For the love of Mike, listen to reason.

This day a week ago, it seems that we heard some noise and saw some crowds. The news had come that the Germans had accepted the armistice terms of the allies.

The new German government has confiscated the Kaiser's property. We guess about all of it was wrong out of the pockets of the people during the last four hundred years.

Before making scraps of paper out of your obligations, sit down and consider that it may be a scrap of paper that will be pretty sure to get you in a scrap.

Listed among the down and outs in Germany is Heinrich of Reuse. Maybe you never heard of him before but the fact that he belonged to the gang is enough to know.

Well, of course, it stands to reason that people living on war eats for four years are not running around with great gobs of fat rolled up on the backs of their necks.

Don't start anything that will call for money unless the thing to be started is absolutely essential. We may have at least two more war drives, yet and it is these that we must take care of first.

Ebert, a saddler and the son of a saddler, is now the ruler of Germany. Of course, it depends on his wisdom and patriotism how long he can remain in the saddle. The south has been in the saddle sometime itself and knows.

Some one good at figures says if the great army President Wilson threw into Europe were to march as a whole past a given point, it would take fifty-one days to pass. Of course, that was not given out in time to give the colonel that attack of sciatica.

It is announced as a fact that pigmy elephants have been discovered in the mysterious depths of Africa. They scamper away at the sight of men, entirely unlike America's pigmy politicians who boldly plump men around by the nose in election times.

The Asheville Times comments: "Senator Simmons should be proud. Living away over yonder in the far east and yet leading the ticket in Buncombe county." The statesmen from the east seem to be popular with the people. Up in the Fifth district Johnny Kurfees took a fancy to Major Stedman's seat in congress but it reminded lots of republicans that they had better vote for a sure enough statesman. Representative Stedman's majority was approximately 5,000. That greatly increases the reputation of the Fifth district for its discriminating intelligence.

APPALLING COST OF THE WAR

A compilation of the cost of the war by a contributor to The State Journal figures it out like this: In reckoning the cost of the war, we may use the following items: Ten million soldiers killed. Twenty million disabled. One million, perhaps two million, Armenians and Syrians massacred by the Turks. One-half of Serbia's population exterminated. Nearly all of Belgium pillaged by German armies for four years. Ten thousand square miles of French territory devastated. Sufferings too great for words in territory of Belgium and France occupied by German troops. Seven million tons of the best vessels in the world with their cargoes and often with many of their crews and passengers sunk by submarines. The waste in the war industries of the great natural wealth of the world in coal, iron, copper, petroleum, and wood. The waste of labor for four years on war industries. The spending of the accumulated wealth of the world, and the piling up of huge war debts, perhaps three hundred billion dollars in all, to burden the peoples for a century to come. The excess of cruelty and hostility among German officials, sailors, and soldiers, as manifested in the murder of many Belgians, the sinking of passenger ships, the bombing of hospitals. The spread of Russian Bolshevism by the support of German autocracy, causing terror and murder throughout European Russia. After a record like this, fresh from the fields of carnage and outrage, loaded with loot of half a dozen nations; with her land intact insofar as destruction is concerned; with everything ready to resume business as soon as raw materials can be assembled, these Huns are howling to high heaven for softening of the armistice terms. They are making more noise than all the nations they have outraged, butchered and robbed have made; they fill the world with their yowls of anguish. Propaganda by wireless to stir sympathy in this country; appeals to the pope; appeals to the president, come daily. It is very noteworthy that they are not appealing to the French the Belgians and the English. They need not appeal to them. They need not appeal to America. They must stand at the bar of justice and pay the price, and any effort in this country to lighten the burden that absolute justice places on them should be smashed just as any pro-German war activity has been smashed during the war. We are far from the scene; we don't know what this war has meant to the people who suffered. Let them settle with the Hun.

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HAVE WE DONE OUR PART BY THE BOYS?

The greatest satisfaction we can have in what we have done individually during the world war must come from the knowledge that we had a sustaining hand in the work of the various relief organizations which had their workers in the war zones and on the battlefronts to act as ministering angels and ambassadors of mercy for those at home who supported them the boys who have won such glorious triumph for our country. Of course, those who have not so far contributed anything towards the support of the seven war relief organizations which have rendered self-sacrificing service to our soldiers can not experience that sense of satisfaction. However, those who have not contributed heretofore to previous funds or who wish to contribute to the present fund of \$170,500,000 for war relief purposes, should be sure to do so before the campaign ends Wednesday. That is the last day one can help the boys in this campaign in behalf of the personal interest of our heroes on the field and in the camps.

MEMORIAL TO NORTH CAROLINA'S HEROES.

No suggestion could possibly meet with more universal approval all over North Carolina than one for the people to erect a fitting memorial to the state's heroes who have given their lives in the world war for the world-wide cause of humanity. The Hon. D. E. Henderson advocates such a permanent memorial in the shape of a building fitting in its design and proportions as the tribute of a patriotic and grateful people who shall ever honor and revere the deeds of her sons in a foreign land. Some propose that the memorial shall be of the nature of an enduring monument, but memorial buildings, when of permanent structure, are regarded the world over as the best type of memorial. No building of a transient character would be fitting, and whether a memorial to our world war heroes and the state's martyr dead be an edifice or a monolith, we are sure that at the proper time the people of the whole state will profoundly support any memorial plan that may be adopted after mature consideration.

The Greensboro News says: "The senate elections committee is to meet soon and try to dispose of the charges against LaFollette. Too late now." In the meantime, the French tried Bolo Pasha and executed him before he could say Jack Robinson.

A Wilmingtonian who has been traveling around the state, says he found out that most anybody in North Carolina could tell Wilson, Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando exactly how to conclude peace and wind up the ball of yarn of the Huns.

Holland seems to have an idea that she also is liable to see "red" before all the trouble is over. Maybe those middle European countries had better adopt the initiative, the referendum and the recall.

SHIPPING SITUATION PUZZLING

The New York Maritime Register, in an interesting editorial, discusses the present shipping situation as puzzling to private owners of ships. Some day, maybe a year from now, the government will turn back to private owners the ships which were commandeered for the war, but the government itself now owns more than 400 ships and will be bound to put them to use in some way or other after war transportation is a thing of the past.

Private owners do not relish government competition in ocean carrying, hence they are at sea as to what preparations to make for the resumption of commerce when the government restores their vessels, if indeed it does so. At the same time, the matter of shipping and commerce is greatly interesting the maritime centers and ship owners and they are taking steps to be ready for whatever situation develops after reconstruction gets under way. Private ship owners already have decided to ask congress to repeal the LaFollette shipping act, which, it is claimed, will place American ships at a disadvantage in the matter of being compelled to operate ships with large crews and better paid crews than are carried on foreign ships.

The Philadelphia Bourse has already sent a strong petition to congress to repeal the LaFollette law, and also to pass shipping laws having for their purpose the encouragement and development of a privately owned and operated American merchant marine. The Maritime Register itself declares that the repeal of the Seaman's Act and also general revision of our navigation laws "should not be delayed if American shipping is to meet with success in general carrying trade when its conditions again become normal."

CURRENT COMMENT.

No doubt when those Porto Ricans headed for Camp Bragg, but turned back at Wilmington because of the armistice, get back to their native heath, their stay-at-home brothers will want to know where all that money is they were going to make. But the adventures can tell how they journeyed to the North Pole. When the ship got to Wilmington the Porto Ricans were clad in the thinnest of cotton and wearing life preservers to keep warm. —Greensboro News.

As the proposal to erect a statue of President Wilson in London to keep Washington and Lincoln company comes from the Anglo-American society, of which the Duke of Connaught, Viscount Bryce and former Premier Asquith are leading spirits, it will undoubtedly go through. It is unusual to honor personages of distinction in

Shall Hunland Go Unwhipped of Justice?

(R. H. Edmonds in Baltimore Sun. A similar article by the same author was printed on this page yesterday without proper credit.)

After four years of the greatest criminal record in human history Germany begs, like the cringing coward or the defeated bully, for an "honorable peace," and there are intimations in America that some people desire to give Germany "peace without humiliation," and without punishment or indemnities adequate to mete out justice to such a nation.

It is well to bear definitely in mind, and never to forget it, that this is unlike any other war of which we have any record. It is, indeed, not a war in the ordinary sense. It is a campaign of murder and looting undertaken by a nation after years of preparation. Through its entire educational system, through its military life as well as in its private life, Germany had for years been planning to bring on a war for the definite purpose of looting the world, absolutely without regard to the millions who might be murdered in the campaign.

Through its military teachings it was for years proclaiming that the frightfulness must be a part of war, and that to deter other nations from daring to risk its vengeance. In this murdering, marauding expedition Germany has wrought such havoc as the world has never known. Millions have died, millions have been blinded, maimed, torn and shattered in body and in mind, and hundreds of millions have suffered in agony as for four years they have seen their loved ones fighting against the forces of hell let loose on earth by Germany.

And shall we call such a struggle a war? It is, indeed, not war as we have known wars. Our allies and our soldiers are engaged in an effort to prevent a nation of murderers and outlaws and unscrupulous scoundrels, backed by the entire sentiment of their countries, from overrunning the world, destroying civilization and placing all mankind under the domination and the domination of German Kultur, the personal and national enrichment of the German people.

If we do not punish these criminals, then we should open wide the doors of every penitentiary and jail on earth and announce that no murderer, no outlaw and no other criminal shall ever again be punished.

The future of civilization demands that we shall punish criminal Germany; that we shall compel its armies and navies to surrender unconditionally, and that there shall then be meted out to the criminal leaders the same punishment on the gallows which is given to individual criminals. We shall be false to all civilization and show a moral feebleness which would through the centuries to come destroy the moral fiber of the world. We should require of Germany a full indemnity for every dollar expended by America and the Allies in preventing that murderous nation from destroying civilization. It is conceivable that after four years of agony we should permit Germany to go unpunished, and we and our allies carry the tremendous financial burden which rests upon us? Why should the people of America and England and France and Italy and Belgium and Serbia be forced for years to come to carry the enormous taxation that would be required to meet the indebtedness of the war and have Germany, the criminal nation, press its way to a costly profit, to go practically unpunished? If we should permit such a condition through any false sense of mercy, we

thus way before their death," though a statue of Queen Victoria was set up in India when she was proclaimed empress by Disraeli, and there is an equestrian statue of Lord Kitchener in the same country which was made and unveiled in his lifetime. One recent case there is of a conspicuous chief of state who wanted to honor himself. There was found in Paris, after the first battle of the Marne, a storage building filled with big statues of the Kaiser, the property of a German sculptor. These, it was discovered, had been prepared by imperial command so that they might take the place of the heads, symbolizing France in the public buildings. The German monstrosities were to be set up when the Prussians entered the capital in triumph. So many heads of nations, soldiers, sailors and statesmen will have to be honored for the part taken by them in the war that they will be nations and the United States will have to consider the desirability of taking down some of our old statues to make room for the new. We know the one that we should like to name as the first to go.—New York Herald.

The men who have been working on the war work jobs throughout the country, and naval bases, cantonments and the like have, of course, contributed their share to victory. The nation has not been backward in acknowledging what these men have done. They have not been unsung. In addition to getting good wages they have been regarded as highly patriotic and rightly so. Next to the actual soldiers, carrying rifles, have they been ranked. Patriotism and selfish greed are generally considered incompatible. But 5,000 men who went on a strike at Brooklyn apparently think not, or they regarded their patriotism to the rear. Like all strikers they have a grievance, of course. They are wrathful at an order attributed to the secretary of war, which abolishes Sunday overtime work. Many of them have been earning \$57 to \$60 a week; they see those figures reduced and the thought is too much to bear. As a result work on an army base is tied up and operations at a naval barracks and a naval fleet base are seriously affected. The men were not thrown out of employment. There was still plenty of work left for them to do six days in the week, at good wages, extremely good, for the sweat of the worker on government war contracts is not like the sweat of the ordinary worker, no matter how skilled the latter be; it is high priced sweat. But these strikers cannot expect the rest of the country to keep up a high pressure war basis program in peace time, to rush Sunday and overtime work at \$7 and \$60 a week for the high pressers. What is it to the rest of the country? Doesn't the government pay them? Yes, with myriads of 25-cent third stamps and \$50 bonds and high taxes. The war workers will have to get on a footing with other labor now. It may hurt their feelings to do it, but they will not starve, will be able to buy luxuries even. They need not go back to the old pre-war scale; few people expect such a thing; there is plenty of work for them right where they are; but other laborers, getting no bonus, are suffering, it will be an effort to pay them. Don't they know the war is over?—Greensboro News.

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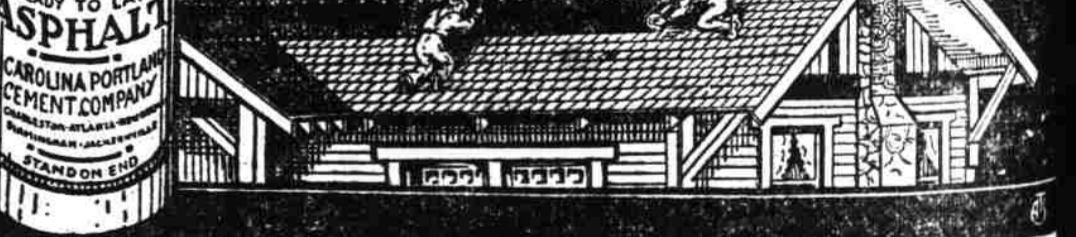
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