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TOP OF THE MORNING. Beautiful hands are those that do work that is noble, good and true.

How would you like to be mistaken for the Kaiser in disguise? The girls and boys can tell you who's coming three weeks from to-day.

All belligerents except the republicans have abandoned warlike movements. The Kaiser is less concerned about losing his imperial crown than about losing his head.

Things are in a tangle in Europe, and if the people in the various countries haven't got the wisdom to untangle them, any league of nations that might be created will have a mighty big job on its hands.

The evidences are accumulating that the world war is really at an end. A New York paper on Sunday contained nearly a quarter of a column about Harry Thaw. Maybe Villa will soon get another showing.

There will now be war books galore, including one by former Secretary of State William J. Bryan under the title of "Why I Left the Cabinet." Of course, the book will give the reason why he would not remain in the cabinet.

Perhaps the Bolsheviks in Russia can deny the charge that they have made a failure of their regime. They may be able to prove that their plans are succeeding—viz: To kill off all opposition so there won't be any at all.

Automobilists are to be warned by the weather bureau of approaching storms. Better furnish pedestrians some kind of warning of approaching automobiles, especially when they skim along too fast on the narrow streets of Wilmington at a speed that makes life dangerous.

The little nations which have come to life out of the European debacle should be warned to let each other's territory alone till the peace conference can make arrangements to have a survey made defining their territorial limits. The new nation of Poland isn't letting any grass grow under its feet in its claims on territory.

If republican contentions are right, Vice President Marshall would be president till the President Wilson gets back from Europe. The republicans are not making trouble for the sake of the vice president, but for the purpose of embarrassing the president. They are not a bit grateful for what President Wilson has done for America since our country got into the war nearly nineteen months ago.

Since we haven't got any need of having the biggest navy in the world, nobody will worry about Great Britain's insistence on naval supremacy, provided she makes as much use of it for civilization as she did during the past four years or more. Since we don't care to be mistress of the seas, the next best thing for us is to let John Bull be it.

In 16 sales days on the tobacco market at Greenville, N. C., \$2,539,416.30 was distributed among the tobacco growers of the Greenville section. The farmers marketed 5,313,200 pounds of leaf tobacco and received on an average of \$48.68 per hundred pounds. To November sales must be added the sales of previous months. No doubt we have witnessed the greatest yellow leaf tobacco year in the history of the industry in eastern North Carolina.

ABOUT SABBATH OBSERVANCE The question of relaxing in some degree the laws bearing on Sabbath observance in this city is up again and as usual there is much said and much that can be said on both sides.

But it is futile and foolish to attempt Puritanical-Sabbath observance in this day. It is equally foolish to think that certain classes by reason of the refinement of their recreations, made possible by wealth and position, can enjoy themselves without "breaking" the Sabbath, while certain other classes without means of "refined" Sunday pleasures, cannot indulge themselves in humble amusements and recreation without despoiling the Lord's day of its holy character.

If you ask us, we are prepared to say that it is no more of a violation of the Sabbath in morals or law, for a workman to take his brood and fare forth to a park with reasonable means of amusement and recreation, than it is for a well-to-do professional man to motor with his family to the beaches or chase the festive golf ball on the green.

THE SENATE LEFT ON THE SLOB JOB. The nose of the United States senate is out of joint, especially the republican part of its nose. President Wilson has gone off to Europe to attend the peace conference and America is to have only five delegates to participate in the work of arranging peace for the world.

The president has left the senate on the job at home, but the senate wanted to go to Paris, or at least wanted to be represented in the peace delegation. It has been said that it has been proposed for the whole senate to go over to Paris to supervise the peace conference but that has never been a joke. Nevertheless, it is no joke that Senator Cummins (republican) of Iowa, introduced a resolution proposing to send a committee of eight to Paris to keep the senate advised of the progress of the peace conference.

One republican senator proposes to take the functions and duties of the president away from him till he comes back, but Sherman proposes to get rid of President Wilson altogether by declaring his office vacant because the president felt that it is his solemn duty to attend the peace conference and aid in securing peace for the world. This shows that there are always plenty of fools who are ready to start something when the opportunity presents itself.

WARNING OF ADMINISTRATION DESIGNS. Why Judge Hughes' warning of government designs, seconded by the New York Herald, which ought to know better? The Herald reprints this extract from a speech recently made by Judge Charles E. Hughes in New York city:

"With the ending of the war we find ourselves with the familiar constitutional privileges and restrictions, and it behooves officers of the government to realize that to make a pretense of military exigency for ulterior purposes when military necessity has ceased is simply an abuse of power which will not be permitted to escape censure."

The government at Washington is too indifferent to such insinuations as that thrown out by Judge Hughes, instead of immediately giving the people to understand that there is no warrant for attributing ulterior purposes to the democratic administration. If there is a reasonable suspicion in the mind of Judge Hughes himself he also needs assurance himself that the government is not up to any such tricks that he ascribed to "ulterior purposes"—the equivalent of dark designs, against which the people need to be "warned" in speeches by such eminent men as former Associate Justice Hughes.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP AGAIN. The treaty-making powers of the government are given the president and the senate. The president is charged with the negotiations, the senate confirms his bargains, or rejects them.

It is intimated from London that to avoid unpleasantness over distribution all the surrendered German war vessels will be sunk. This seems like a scrap of good material, for, even as the ships would rot, they would be a cheap if it saves trouble between friendly nations.—Montreal Gazette.

THE RELEASE OF SOME SHIPPING ENABLES England to draw on Australia to supplement the supply she is producing from the United States. Australia has a surplus of wheat because while all the available acreage on the continent has been tied up tight in the shorter haul traffic during the war.

When President Wilson addressed congress on Monday and explained that he felt that it was his duty to attend the peace conference, the Democrats applauded him. The republicans remained in a quiescent state, "because they disapprove of the president's trip to Europe."

LOAN TO BELGIUM. Washington, Dec. 3.—Belgium was given another credit of \$12,000,000 by the treasury today, making her total loans from the United States \$210,120,000 and the total of all the allies loans \$2,196,376,666.

LAST OF BUIE TWINS DIED SATURDAY NIGHT Were Famous Confederate Soldiers and Noted For Their Age—Other Robeson News.

Lumberton, Dec. 3.—The last of the noted Buié twins has passed away. Duncan Calvin Buié died at his home, near Moss Neck, Saturday night, November 30, and the other, Duncan Alexander Buié, died October 3 last.

There were 45,213 bales of cotton ginned in Robeson prior to November 14, as compared with 37,761 bales to same date last year. Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, has resumed the free physical examination of Robeson citizens between the ages of 20 and 65 years. Many have already been examined.

AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST. Washington, Dec. 3.—The following casualties occurring before cessation of hostilities and reported by the American commander in France were given out today for publication:

Current Comment. "It is a war, not a prohibition measure," appears to sum up the opinion of brewing interests in regard to the agricultural bill, which became effective Monday, stopping the brewing of beer by prohibiting the use of foodstuffs in the process.

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GOODMAN'S The House of Fashion and Quality Ladies' Garments THE HIGHER TYPE ONLY A SHOWING OF HIGH-CLASS FURS. We have just received a Shipment of High-Class Furs. A call will be very Much Appreciated. Furs of the Higher Type at Prices Most Reasonable.

AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST. Killed in action 110, Died of wounds 220, Died of disease 14, Died of accident and other causes 14, Wounded severely 406, Wounded (degree undetermined) 405, Wounded slightly 119, Missing in action 208.

FORD AND ADVISERS SAID TO SEEK RE-COUNT OF VOTES. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 3.—Steps to obtain a recount of the ballots cast at the senatorial election last month are under contemplation by Henry Ford and his advisers.

War Contracts Cancelled. Washington, Dec. 3.—Cancellations of war contracts since the armistice was signed were estimated by Secretary Baker today to aggregate \$2,600,000,000.

YOUR DUTY TO BE ATTRACTIVE. Have Pretty Dark Hair. "La Creole" Hair Dressing is the original hair color restorer, and not dye.

NEW ARRIVALS. Walking and Street Boots. BROWN CALF. Combination of calf and Astor Buck and Black Russia. New military heels.

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