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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1918.

TOP O' THE MORNING-

Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and 70 of the elders were not called to the same summit as Moses. The peaks of the mountain are less popular than its base. \* \* \* This is true in all departments and Panges of life. Each of us has some prince who leads our thought-ave, and who gives speech to our heart's dumb desire,-Joseph Parker.

Ease up on that grouch of yours.

War savings stamps will look good in those Christmas stockings.

Teddy once told the kaiser how to run his government. Maybe the kaiser took his advice.

Unless we go hand-in-hand with the spirit of progress, we won't have the ghost of a show.

It is quite apparent that nations powerful enough to conquer others can not conquer themselves.

Good roads and plenty of flivvers would 'make life worth living anywhere in eastern North Carolina.

jealousy among the men of all nations. According to Tolstoi, her name is Commerce.

FRANCE. President Wilson landed in France yesterday morning with his distinguished party on their way to Paris to attend the world peace conference which will assemble at Versailles at an plans are adhered to. The American president arrived at Brest and received

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an enthusiastic official reception at the hands of President Poincare and distinguished French statesmen and generals. General Pershing and Colonel \$ .60 House and distinguished Americans also met the president at Brest. From

the French people gathered by thousands, the chief of the world domocracy received a tremendous ovation. The

President left Brest last night by rail and will arrive in Paris this morning. There France will give the American

> president a momentous ovation that will speak for the great European republic.

> For the moment the world will forget about any possible differences the friendly belligerents may have at the ante-peace conference consultations. The present in France is President Wilson's. The morrow in the great peace conference of more than three hundred delegates and representatives of the nations will be another thing. Frankly, it is needless to expect any sensational features connected with the president's appearance at Versailles, even though he may be a figure at

the peace table. Indeed he may not actually sit at the table, but he will be

heard. The world will hear from him. The curious in America will hear what

they have been trying to nag him into saying but he just wouldn't. It is safe to say that President Wil-

son has not gone to Europe to participate in any joint debate. He is not

going to have a controversy, much less a dispute. Nevertheless, certain Ameri-

cans are expecting all sorts of things. Unfortunately, America has not gone to the peace conference united on any line of world policy. The idea has been

imparted to the Europeans they will find the peace conference on the opposite side of what he has to propose.

Even the British press seems to look There is a vampire which excites forward to something breezy for the president. In a Manchester Guardian editorial cabled to the New York World, the editor of that paper says:

"Let there be no mistake, he (Presi-"Threw away a small fortune." He have thrown away a 15-cent Chauvinism is not dead, imperialism soup bone after he had paid 40 cents is not dead in any of the great European countries, and selfish interest sons of Northern men and federal sol- \$600 a year for traveling expenses. for it. One way to make the republicans and a larger view of policy." nurse their chin in the palm of their The impression seems to be that right hand is to let them write the President Wilson has gone to Europe Blue," now the types of the new south. to start something or that somebody The World must have been partly mis- a big lot, with trees and shrubbery, Christmas is just 10 days off, but doubt President Wilson's busy Amerianless some people are careful about can enemies neve taken pains to make their curves Sandy Claus won't know Europe believe a whole lot of things they are expecting anything from him. about President Wilson's intentions-

Some time ago, the New York Sun contained some absurd references to the men of the Thirtieth division. While attempting to compliment the men from North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, because of their magnificent world war record, the Sun called them "mountaineers" used to feudal life and even said they were descendants of mountaineers who were Union men, deserters and bushwhackers during the civil war. In fact, the boys of the Carolinas are from all over the plains and the seacoast sections of the two states, and not a few of them are from the mountains, but they are descendants of the men who made the Confederate armies famous during our late unpleasantness. The Sun doubtless did not know any bet-

LANDS, IN NEW YORK HAS STRANGE IDEAS.

ter, but here goes the New York World probably received his wound on Noalso exploiting the "mountaineer" idea. Also paying tribute to our soldiers, the World says:

"Two American divisions fought under British command to the last, and they were composed of men from New York, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. The Southerners were mostly from the mountains, and it Eleventh infantry, Fifth division. Havwas especially fitting, though it was doubtless a chance, that they should have been with Haig, as they are, may- soon became ready for the front line. be, of purer British blood than any- In the ensuing conflicts, he handled body else in the world. People in the his men with such skill and intrepidi-British Isles have been affected in ty that he was promoted and receivthree centuries by the slow infiltra- ed a major's commission, and, as said ion of new blood, but the Southern- above, was severely wounded at the ers, in their secluded hills, intermarrying only among one another, have ing on the eastern side of the Meuse never changed. The original English on November 7. or Scotch stock is exactly the same. They are the true Elizabethans, the have a unique and pleasing experience diers. children of the men who beat back the in France. On July 4, 1918, the desen-Spanish Armada with Effingham or with Drake. They show it in their language, which is full of Elizabethan words long since forgotten in Britain. All through the mountains they sing the old English ballad "Barbary Al- Major, John F. Harris, Jr., command-Ten," though they know nothing of ing, was detailed to go forward and its origin, and "Sally in Our Alley" is another favorite. They still play the picture of this incident was printed and it was commended on every occasdulcimer, from which the piano evolved, but who in England plays it now? Whatever else they are, our mountaineers are racially pure. Did the stirs the imagination. British when they first broke through the Hindenburg line, and in all the fierce fighting around Cambrai, recognize the real Elizabethans who were fighting by their side?" What the World says is exceedingly

nteresting, and some of the facts are correctly stated as to the geneaology of some of the soldiers of the Thirtieth division, but the southeasterners are

not "mostly from the mountains" and but few of them are denizens of "secluded hills." Most of them were from

## THE MORNING STAR, WILMINGTON, N. C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1918. CRITICISM OF Y. M. C. A.

Letters To The Star

Brief communications from citi-

zens on matters of public interest

re welcomed for this column. In

every case articles must be signed

for publication by the real name

GALLANT MAJOR HARRIS.

To the Editor of The Star:

of the writer.

vember 7.

# IN FRANCE ANSWERED

Charges of Profiteering Explained by Conditions-Virginia State Chairman's Statement.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13 .- State Chairman T. M. Carrington of the Y. M. C. A., in answer to criticism made by returned soldiers and given prominence by Dr. Geo.' W. McDaniel, regarding prices charged soldiers in France for

I have just learned with profound tobacco, chocolate, etc., has issued the sorrow that one of our most gallant following statement:

young men, Major J. F. Harris, has been "At the request of General Pershseverely wounded. He was in command ing, the Y. M. C. A. undertook certain canteen work at a critical time in the of the first battalion, Eleventh infantry, history of the war, and the demand Fifth division, which thrilled the for tobacco, cigarettes and chocolates world by swimming the Meuse on Nowas so imperative that the organizavember 6 in the irresistible advance tion procured it the best way it could, of the American army, and it was in having to pay much advance in the pursuit of that action that he prices, excessive freight rates and charges on any articles through France. Since the boys left the This young gentleman has had a United States prices on many articles, notable career. At the first call he

especially tobacco, advanced in this came forward, entered the officers country nearly 50 per cent, to which training camp at Oglethorpe, Georgia, had to be added the charges noted and was so diligent and became so proabove, as this war canteen work is not ficient, that he was one of the few under the direction of the army and, who received a commission as captain; and was attached to Company D, ing been sent to France his unit went into the usual intensive training and Mott brought out the fact that not a hyperdermic were found. dollar had been made, but the assoactivities for the welfare of the sol- only other occupant of the white comhead of his troops in the severe fightdiers, to receive criticism for doing partment of the city jail when jones

It was Major Harris' happy lot to and thought for the benefit of the sol-

"We should stop and consider that under the leadership of J. R. Mott, ably dants of Marshal ' Rochambeau, the who singed the beard of King Philip able and distinguished leader of the assisted by many of the leading men French forces in our Revolutionary of this country, including John D. war, presented to the Eleventh infan-Rockefeller, Jr., George W. Perkins try, U. S. A., the national regimental and William Sloan, this great activity colors, and Company D, Captain, now played an important part in the views down, recognizing it as being a great escort the colors to their regiment. A factor in the efficiency of the army.

> in one of the French papers, and I ion. am the happy possessor of a copy of "Through the Y. M. C. A. it. That picture wakens memories and five million letters were written, many of which would never have been had We have sent across many\_gallant it not been for this agency, and in spirits, but none more worthy of honor many other ways looked after the welfare and comfort of the men. while giving aid and comfort to the boys in the front trenches, and the for our boys.

PROPOSES GOVERNMENT to by thousands of the men in this country and by our boys overseas, and simply because a mistake was made in helping out the army canteen work the adverse criticism became quite notorious. It is so easy to pull down, as compared with building up, and so natural, to find fault even when 90 per cent is good, that more Christian charity and intelligent

investigation should be exercised before condemnation is made."

Carl Jones Uses His Belt To End Life Two Hours After He Had Been Arrested.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Charlotte, Dec. 18 .--- Carl Jones. white, 30 years old, hanged himself in a cell in the city jail yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock. He reformed a loop about his neck, tied an end of the belt to the top of the cell his bunk. He was arrested two hours previous to the time he hanged himself

derstood by the men. This is the only sumably in search of morphine. When under an existing law, according to all

an agency, which initiated all of these others have attempted the act. The the government might purchase the

what was required of them and hanged himself was a prisoner so which they undertook in good faith drunk that he knew nothing of his surroundings.

**GUARD AGAINST INFLUENZA** 

**Duplin Teachers Instructed to Close** Schools On Appearance.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Kenansville, Dec. 13 .- Influenza has again appeared in several localities in of army officers from General Pershing Duplin county although in none has it assumed the proportions of an epidemic. Several schools, however, have been discontinued, much to the regret of the board of education and school officials.

Supt. M. H. Wooten of the county schools has instructed the public, es pecially the school teachers, that the schools are to be closed immediately on the appearance of a single case. Many of the secretaries were killed He warns them to be on their guard should a single case appear in the community, and to see to it that no thoughts by the best and most honest children are allowed to attend school minds have been centered in doing from a house where there is a case. The best way to fight influenza, he

OWNERSHIP OF WIRES Representative Moon Introduces Meas ure Drafted In Consultation With Burleson,

Washington, Dec. 13 .- Telephone and telegraph lines would become perma nent government owned utilities unde a resolution introduced in the hor

office committee. Mr. Moon said the measure had been drafted in consultion with Postmaster General Burla son, who had informed him that the legislation was approved by Preside Wilson

The resolution was referred to the postoffice committee which begin hearings on it. Discussion / the proposal in the house, however, will precede the committee report. Government control and operation of the telegraph and telephone lines limited by the existing resolution the period of the war, but under the measure offered today it would , tinue "until otherwise orderedby m

The right of the government to put chase the telegraph system is give ministration officials. This law, passe in 1866, was designed to give gover, ment aid in the construction of tel graph lines and provided that the priv ileges of operation given the compan-ies were non-transferable except the property.

**Best** for TAKE JUNIPE TAR Dore I hroat Mrs. David Martin, 307 S. Front Street, Nashville, Tenn.,

Writes: I had a very bad cold, some thing like "GRIF," and after us Juniper Tar I have entirely recovered Buy It Today, as Colds Lead to Gi 60 Doses. 30c

I feel sure that this whole community will join in earnest prayer for his GEORGE ROUNTREE.

"This great good has been attested points out, is by isolation.

therefore, charges had to be made. on suspicion that he had broken into These excessive charges were not un- a number of physicians' offices precriticism that has come, and investiga- ! searched at police headquarters when tion under the direction of Dr. J. R. arrested a bottle of morphine and a

The police said he is the third prisciation had spent many millions in oner to hang himself in the city jail merchandise. It does seem hard for in the last 15 years. A number of

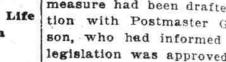
PRISONER HANGS SELF

## IN JAIL AT CHARLOTTE

moved his belt from his trousers, and, the police presumed, jumped from

gress."

today by Chairman Moon, of the post



When the December of life comes possibly some there would be cheer in being able to thought of in connection with world sit by the fireside and count liberty peace. It really seems that some of to poke fun at the unsophisticated maintain. But the information in rebonds, war savings stamps and thrift them have created in Europe the imstamps

If there are to be "wars and rumors of wars till the end of time," the tremendous sacrifice of life in the world war will leave Rachael weeping for her children.

Oh, that mine enemy might write a position. If the conference does not miles of the truth. They ought to rebook while every man is just as lia- agree with him, that won't be his fault. quire a year's residence in the south as ble as not to bite off the head of a 20- The conference will have to take the part of the qualifications of their edipenny nail. All audiences are fiable responsibility. It is safe to say that if torial writers-if they care anything

While gving credit to France, Great Britain, America, Belgium, Serbia, Italy blame and others for helping to win the war, don't let us ever forget that the women of Wilmington had a great deal to do with it.

of excitement on account of the parlia-The Raleigh News and Observer re- mentary elections in the United Kingmarks: "Secretary Lane showed the dom. However, the peace conference people around Wilmington the road to won't be held for about four or five not paid much attention to the berry tion it will be done. But the day must leads to great opportunities for us in- phere will not be so surcharged with not be in a position to supply as large wild expectations. If the world can't

In his speech the other day, Sir Edward Grey declared that England can trust the United States. That's all right so far as England is concerned, but what's worrying us is that the republicans over here won't trust us.

Mayor Hylan, of New York, has just signed an ordinance restricting automobile speed to eight miles an hour in the more congested districts. If the automobilists do not be careful they will live to see the day that they won't be allowed on certain streets of most cities.

It is a new sort of militarism when soldiers and workers councils take charge. People who don't know that militarism has been knocked into a Manufacturers Record of December 12 cocked hat don't deserve anything to its New Orleans correspondent gives eat unless they go to work for a out the statement that "the lumber in-

London, Dec. 13 .- Premier Lloydrespect, esteem and approbation from Virginia to Texas, a timber belt asks the administration some knotty George in a statement to Reuter's of your fellowmen? We, the stutheir berry fields during the balance dents of dress, realize and apprecomprising approximately 400,000,000,-Limited, tonight on the subject of questions based on allegations conof the winter. It can be safely predictclate the value of Clothes disconscription, said: 000 standing feet.' cerning Russian affairs. Would he ed that Carolina strawberries, the "On the eve of this important election tinction. And as specialists, have According to the Record's optimistic "very"'finest in the world, will not go mind telling who furnished the alleprovided for the Suit and Overwhich means so much to the country. correspondent, J. E. Rhodes, secretary- begging in the big markets next April doubt that I stand for the abolition of coat requirements of hundreds of gations with which he is fishing for an men of every age. If the probanswer? He had better take a trip lem of clothes satisfaction has conscript armies in all lands. Withto England and find out most of the tion at New Orleans, has received introubled you in the past we sugout that the peace conference would things he wants to know. formation showing that the export de-The flitting of four birdmen around be a failure and a sham. These great gest a visit here, where this submands next year will be multiplied by Wilmington for the last few days reject is given first consideration. military machines are responsible for The Fayetteville Observer makes in- four. Forty per cent. of all lumber conthe agony the world has passed through minds us that they are scouts in ad-Kuppenheimer Suits and Overand it would be a poor ending to any quiry: "What's the matter with this sumed is Southern pine. Two thousand vance of aerial mail service. During peace conference that allowed them to coats..... \$30, \$35, \$40 to \$55 year's buckwheat flour, that causes it Southern mills turn out 14,000,000,000 the coming week, Postmaster General continue. Any delegate that represents Our Own Make Suits and Overto look so white and taste so unbuck- board feet a year. The wholesale price Burleson will inaugurate the regular Great Britain at that conference must wheatish. Let the food experts get to the Government is now \$28 a thouslabor to the end I have stated." air mail service between New York busy." Well, that would interfere with and. Sixty per cent. of all this wealth and Chicago. The experimental trips Surpasses All Other Presents. some food pirate's process for making goes to labor. heretofore have taken about nine The most useful and enjoyable "buckwheat flour" out of everything Saw mills have been working short- hours, except when there were fread-Christmas present is the New Inter-M. SOLKY & COMPANY but buckwheat. The only buckwheat handed for the past six months and it, winds. While New York and Chicago national Encyclopedia - a life-time in it is on the label. Of course, it is predicted that the industry, there-will get the benefit of air mail service, educational and financial benefit. Sevisn't buckwheat flour any more than fore, will be an important factor in they will continue to hold Burleson re- eral- Wilmington people have already "oat meal" made out of wheat is oat meal. Did you ever buy nutmegs employment to a large number of the meal. Did you ever buy nutmegs employment to a large number of the coldiers released from army service. **9 NORTH FRONT STREET** soldiers released from army service. They may even try to prove it on him. Bidg., Atlanta, Ga.-adv. "made in Connecticut?"

ng he has never even ing that they are fine examples of ignorance and "provincialism" pression that it had better watch the Americans "from the sticks," these

president of the United States. President Wilson, it will be found, est booby rot, featured by dense ighas gone to Europe to endeavor to get norance of current or historical facts, a world peace agreement that the and none of them can write an edi-

before it ends its deliberations.

SOUTHERN LUMBER PROSPECTS

He will frankly and forcibly state his Dixon's line and get anywhere in forty to carry last year's eggs to the show. the world does not get a just and dur- about the truth when it concerns a able peace out of the Versialles con- great section of the American republic. ference, President Wilson won't be to

### STRAWBERRIES FOR CHRISTMAS

Europe seems to have been worked According to the Jacksonville Timesup into a nervous state in view of the Union, eastern North Carolina strawpending peace conference and because berry growers who have kept in the will look after their present needs and season when it opens four months from a demand as formerly. Nevertheless, get enduring peace from the Versialles Florida will ship a few strawberries conference, it will force the world to for Christmas, as the Times-Union hold a conference where its proceedings can be more deliberative. If the says

"Strawberries are moving,' is the in-Versailles conference balls up internateresting announcement made in the tional affairs as was done at The Plant City Courier. 'The first pony Hague convention the world won't have refrigerator was shipped last night. It any peace. The Versailles conference was a light freezer, containing only sixty-nine quarts, but formed a basis can be expected to the the wise thing try are ready for Folrida strawberries, and prosperity spreading over the land The South is the nation's greatest timber region, consequently it is graiare that there will not be a large crop of berries this season, but this cannot fying that the lumber manufacturers be helped. The growers, fearing that see fine prospects ahead for the imwith only a very small allowance of mense lumber manufacturing interests sugar, people might not buy strawberfrom North Carolina to Texas. In the ries as before, planted only a small acerage. The shipment made from

Plant City was full two

than last year.' The strawberry fields in the Wil-

This The Ledger properly c the coastal plains and the pledmont. ized as "ridiculous." Some of them from Wilmington were governor of North Carolina is \$6,500 diers who settled in Wilmington after More than that, he is given a resithe civil war. We know some of them dence free of rent and the state hires and pays for his servants. The governor's mansion at Raleigh is no mean led by the uninformed New York Sun. giving the whole the appearance of If the metropolitan papers are not some of the French chateaux of Euromore accurate and better informed, In fact, the pretensions of the goverhow can they be considered as a stannor's mansion was the main reason for dard for American journalism, grantan increase in the salary of the governor. The state felt called upon to make his salary 'in measure fit the American scholarship? Always ready style of the house he is expected to gard to South Carolina's, extravagant of notions in relation to the pay of its governor is of a character to cause big time papers often publish the veri- surprise. We imagine the remainder of the South Carolina state officers are paid on a scale in proportion; and if ever news comes that the Palmetto world can depend upon for the future. torial on anything south of Mason and people will understand that it "went state has gone into bankruptcy the broke" in paying extravagant salaries. -Charlotte Observer.

than this young man.

complete recevery.

City, Dec. 13, 1918.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Gaffney Ledger discloses the

fact that the salary of the Governor of

South Carolina is only \$3,000 a year.

As incoming ships discharge in increasing numbers their cargoes of wounded men we are made to realize more vividly how grievously the nations of Europe have suffered in more than four years of war. The sight of young fellows in uniform who have been crippled for life, who have lost arms or legs, can not fail to arouse sympathy wherever they go, They

will not lack for the best medical care game can look forward to a profitable keep watch over them in hospitals until they reach the maximum of recovsoon come when most of these men will return to their homes and seek opportunities to earn their living, as war. Verv in the days before many of them will never be able to begin where they left off or to resume their old occupations. They must start over again as best they may be able

for men of their honorable records will not be content to be other than selfsupporting. Allowances and annuities. graded according to their injuries, could never make up to them loss of pride or self-respect. It will be the for the start.' The people of the coun- right of all these wounded men to work, wherever they are able, and conthe finest small fruit in the world, and guer the disabilities they have incurwith the sugar ration raised and peace; red in the service of their country. In a special sense they will be entitled the Florida strawberry will find place not merely to the generous words and on many a holiday table. The prospects thoughts bestowed upon them today but to places where they can command wages and salaries like their old associates. The barest recognition of what they have done for others who staved behind should win for them more than equality in seeking employment, and assure them, after the excitement of weeks earier war-time is over, in the hearts of a grateful people unfailing admiration.

-New York World.



**TOU MIGHT go a long way in your** Christmas shopping and not do half so well as by coming at once to this

big men's store of Wilmington and selecting just what you want for "Him." He will be pleased and so will you, for we try to make everything mutually satisfactory here for all concerned.

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Neckties Handkerchiefs ... **Bath Robes Toilet Articles** Walking Canes Umbrellas Half Hose Suit Cases **Smoking Jackets** and a hundred and one other things too numerous to mention.

## Are You Satisfied With Your Clothes?

living. Just at the present time, mili- dustry of the South is entering upon tarism is a big stiff, laid out on its the greatest development in its hismington district look well where they Do your Suits and Overcoats FAVORS THE ABOLITION OF represent your taste, feeling or have been attended to, and in the light cooling board. CONSCRIPTION IN ALL LANDS knowledge of relative qualities? tory, more especially Southern pine, of a prospective small crop from Florida Do your clothes help you gain the the wood of many uses,' that is found Senator Hi Johnson, of California, it behooves our growers to look well to

