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TOP OF THE MORNING.

It is from ignorance that most suffer. If once they could know God as He is, and realize the love and joy and peace of friendship with Him...

The real Big Noise was at Brest on Friday afternoon.

The tug of war didn't tow John Bull's navy anywhere.

You can expect to see things get on the move early after New Years.

Remember that this week you should buy war savings and thrift stamps for holiday gifts.

Those who think they can rock the boat are just as apt to drift up Salt Creek without a paddle.

The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.

President Wilson's voyage agreed with him and improved his health. At the same time, it made a lot of republican senators sick.

Has Uncle Sam been running the railroads or have regular railroad men been running them for him and making him believe he has been running them?

The curtain ought to rise on Wilmington's program as soon as the New Year holidays are at an end and we once more turn our attention to business as usual.

The Durham Sun goes and says: "If marriage doesn't take the conceit out of a man, nothing else will."

If at any time you spill your milk, wipe up the floor and forget all about it. When you drop your candy, don't lose your nerve.

The former Kaiser is said to employ most of his time writing his autobiography. Maybe after he finishes it, his book can be filed as Exhibit 1 of the international evidence for the prosecution.

When the National Security League impugns the loyalty of Representative E. W. POU, of North Carolina, it shows that the security of a patriot's reputation is not secure in the keeping of the Security League.

A slick politician is not an electrician because he wires in and wires out. He wires in and wires out to keep somebody from getting his goat.

Of course, plotters may plot, critics may criticize, naggers may nag, and they may be wild and woolly and wily, yet they may be switched off onto a track that will get them nowhere.

The latest report concerning Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievich, several times reported as slain by the bolsheviks, is that he is in southern Russia in command of a Cossack force fighting the reds.

The parliamentary elections in the United Kingdom were held yesterday. We anticipate that the coalition cabinet, headed by Lloyd-George, will sweep the country.

Lawsy, they are now saying that by reason of the world war "women have become self-opinionated, self-assertive, self-reliant and marvelously developed in initiative."

GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO SHOULDER ITS LOSS.

The Government can not afford to put an embargo on the importation of nitrate of soda in order to protect its holdings of nitrates imported at high cost during the war.

To protect the government by an embargo would be applying the doctrine of protection to the government. An embargo on nitrates would be a means of unloading the government's high priced nitrates on the farmers.

Of course, the government could save money by means of an embargo, but it would be equivalent to putting an embargo tax of \$20 a ton on the consumers of nitrates.

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THE LAST HOURS' FIGHTING.

Far be it from us to sit in judgment upon the wisdom of the orders of our military scientists some three thousand miles away—but that last bloody fighting right up to the minute November 11 is a hard nut for our civilian mind to crack.

Our barrage lifted at 6 o'clock and about 6:30 we started after the Hun and we ran him until about 10 o'clock, when we found ourselves in a trap.

All along the front the same bloody business went right on until 11 o'clock, November 11. If Marshal Foch ended the war when in a week's more time he could have smashed the whole German machine, in order to save precious lives, why was it necessary to drive on that fateful morning of November 11, when the armistice fixed so that hostilities would end at 11 o'clock?

Many an American got one "with his name on it" that morning; for many a brave boy the armistice came too late. We, as we said at the start, wouldn't presume to criticize the military leaders who ordered the last hours' fighting, but we would like to know their reasons for it.

In some of the large cities revival of the custom of putting lighted candles in the windows all over the house on Christmas eve is being urged. It is a very pretty custom but numerous Christmas fires and homeless families on Christmas morning discount the beauty and sentiment involved in illuminating homes with lighted candles.

PRESIDENT WILSON IN EUROPE

That was a roaring welcome given to President Wilson upon his arrival in France on Friday afternoon. It ought to thrill all American hearts that the president of the United States has received such a tremendous ovation everywhere.

President Wilson and party reached Paris yesterday morning from the port of Brest where he landed from the steamship George Washington, ever to be famous as the ship which carried the president of the United States on the greatest mission ever undertaken by an American president.

Already the people of Europe and the world know that the president has gone to Europe for the sake of world peace. Within a day after he arrived in France events have occurred with apparent rapidity.

From the first, the thought of the people of the United States turned towards something more than the mere winning of this war. It turned to the establishment of the eternal principles of right and justice.

Evidently the president favors penalization of the war devil in addition to a world peace treaty that shall safeguard the world from such another brutal and destructive war on the part of any nation.

THE ROLL CALL.

The idea of giving every American an opportunity of sharing in the great work of the Red Cross is the inspiration of genius, and our people ought to feel grateful for the chance to get their names on the roll call.

The Red Cross merits the solid backing of the American people if for no other reason whatever than the fact that it saved Italy from collapse.

However, there are many phases of the work, here at home, right in this city; and in countries the world over, particularly in the war zones, that should so appeal to us all that every man, woman and almost every little boy and girl, should be members of the greatest humanitarian movement; the world has ever organized.

The boys are coming from over the seas, and already some of our Wilmington boys are coming home from the interior cantonments. We are glad to see our heroes—nevertheless heroes, although they did not get overseas to go after the Hun.

Colonel Roosevelt states that as to some matters he has changed his mind. This shows that the colonel will listen to reason. The man who won't change his mind when he finds out that he is mistaken is not a man who can be relied upon for fairness.

Over 500 different types of husked rice or paddy were under examination last year at one of the government agricultural farms in Burma, and over 200 types of sassafras were grown at another.

Letters To The Star

Brief communications from citizens on matters of public interest are welcomed for this column. Every contributor must be signed for publication by the real name of the writer.

FACTS ABOUT 'Y' IN FRANCE

To the Editor of The Star: As you very correctly stated in your fair-minded editorial of Thursday, the Y. M. C. A. record in this war must stand or fall by the estimate which the soldiers overseas form of its services.

But relative to Dr. McDaniel's criticism, based on the testimony of a few returned soldiers, there are some extenuating circumstances which perhaps it would be well for me to restate at this time.

In the first days of our participation in the war General Pershing, observing the thoroughness of the work being done by the Y. M. C. A. in France, asked the organization to operate as many of the canteens as possible.

Any soldier who would have taken pains to examine into the conduct of these canteens would have discovered that they were being run absolutely at cost. But herein was the grievance.

When the soldier had to pay one cent more for a sack of tobacco in a "Y" canteen than he did in a government shop he at once jumped to the conclusion that this organization was making money.

In the front lines trenches the Y. M. C. A. secretaries gave away tobacco, chocolate, and such things, just as the Salvation Army people gave away food, and it is the hope and expectation that the suggestion will be adopted all over the land.

But after the whole story has been told, Mr. Editor, I believe that always the people will be glad that they gave such cordial support to the Y. M. C. A. The whole army will render a verdict that will satisfy even Dr. McDaniel.

THEODORE PARTRICK, JR., Southport, N. C. Dec. 13, 1918.

A CARPENTER DISSENTS.

To the Editor of The Star: I was greatly surprised at a resolution purporting to have been the expression of Local 477, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, relative to the proposed Sunday, December 15, issue of The Star.

The "Song of Pershing's Men," written early in the summer when thousands of boys were coming weekly to France, may still be of interest in the hour when the joy of victory is tempered by the memory of the list of the heroic dead.

We are sailing, O great mother! Hear the waves surge round our keel! See the star-flash of our banner! Hear the shout of our love we feel!

VISITED IN WILMINGTON.

Sir Joseph Macleay, British Shipments Head, Was Here Once. A few days ago in the published report of Lloyd-George's great speech at Leeds, he referred to the dramatic appeal by the government to President Wilson for re-enforcements from America in which the allies saw their only hope.

Saying the right thing at the right time is equivalent to keeping your mouth shut when you have nothing to say.

Judging from the size of our gas bill, the gas-meter must make both ends meet.

CURRENT COMMENT.

At least two of our churches, the First of Wilmington and the Tabernacle of Raleigh held their Thanksgiving service in the early morning. This innovation was established by Dr. Hurl of the Wilmington church, and it strikes us as being very sensible and practical.

It is reported from time to time that some members of organized labor who have for many months been working overtime for war emergency output, are being reduced to the scientific and humane 8-hour principle and in some cases are actually threatening strike for overtime.

As announced in the news columns of this issue, Asheville has a chance to secure a valuable relic—as well as a tribute to the prowess of Buncombe county's soldiers—in the shape of a captured German gun, something on the order of the famous French "seventy-fives" it was taken in a hot engagement by the members of company I, 32nd Infantry, Eighteenth division.

The Park Department of New York City has begun the enterprise of planting trees in memory of soldiers who have given their lives for their country.

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