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TOP OF THE MORNING

Ed like to do the big and splendid things for you. To brush the gray from out your aches and leave them only behind.

Some live to learn, but how many of us learn to live?

Are you going to be on the Christmas roll call of the Red Cross?

Maybe 'taint you, but some of 'em just simply revel in a revelation.

You don't have to have Christmas in your bones. Have it in your heart.

Some men are never moved, even refusing to be moved by convictions.

Always get off at Wilmington, although you can't get "off" after you do get off.

Stay away from behind the barn on Christmas. Look somewhere else for Bandy Claus.

All a soldier has got to say in New York is that he belonged to the Thirtieth division.

Next year is next to next week. The old year is not waiting for you. The new year is.

'Taint up to you to celebrate Christmas any more. All you've got to do is observe Christmas.

Paris would be a poor place for a bird like Senator Sherman to indulge in one of his harrangues.

What we are going to do for Wilmington during the coming year has to be launched with a splash.

Many a man no doubt sits down and wonders how old man Bass' ale factory weathered the storm over in the mother country.

After having served as fuel administrator, poor Doc Garfield may as well burn his bridge behind him so far as running for president is concerned.

Stockings stuffed with war savings and thrift stamps will look good next Wednesday morning. Uncle Sam's baby securities make capital holiday presents.

You have got only four more days in which to buy war savings and thrift stamps for Christmas presents. After Christmas, you can buy more for New Year's gifts.

Many a fellow will admit that he can't get Christmas in his bones any more on account of the fact that for some years past his middle name has been Dry Bones.

New York's land sharks are giving more trouble than the metropolitan gunmen. They tell people if they follow them they will wear diamonds. Those who bite wear more rags than jewelry.

During the parliamentary campaign in England, Premier Lloyd George asked the women to stand by him with their votes. Well, a woman knows her duty and does it. Betcha they voted for the great war prime minister.

Says the Charleston News and Courier: "Men must respect honest differences of opinion, says Dr. Charles W. Elliott." He ought to show us how to do that by respecting at least one or two of President Wilson's honest opinions.

Maybe Tacitus was right when he said: "The fault lies with the spitefulness of mankind that we are always praising what is old and scorning what is new." Of course, woman-kind just naturally praises the new and scorns the old.

Oratory seems to be an art in France. The artfulness and expression of the French women come to us in the chick feminist fashions which they originate. The men of France espouse us with their tongues and quicken our imagination with their ornate phrases.

Many Americans claiming to be patriotic have taken great pains to make President Wilson thoroughly misunderstood in some circles in Europe. No wonder he decided to go over and speak the truth for himself. The Huns tried to accomplish some of their ends by lying propaganda. In that respect some American sympathizers are Huns.

SENATOR OVERMAN ON WILSON.

In an article in The Forum, Senator Lee-S. Overman, North Carolina's junior senator, expresses a clear estimate of President Wilson that is bound to be that which history ultimately will accord to the president. If Americans generally had such a view as that so logically expressed by the North Carolina senator, President Wilson would be better understood in Europe, where a somewhat different impression has been created through the pernicious activities of not a few prominent Americans. In his article Senator Overman says:

"When the unbiased historian of these times comes to weigh the causes leading to recent glorious developments, I verily believe he will give to Woodrow Wilson credit equal to that accorded Marshall Foch for bringing the war to a conclusion a year earlier than was expected by the best military experts. Foch undoubtedly exercised great military skill, but a power exceeding that of cannon was employed with great effect by our president. I believe that Wilson alone shortened the war at least a year, not solely by his vigorous promotion of our part of the fighting but by his splendid international diplomacy.

"Woodrow Wilson's greatest task is just at hand; the merit of his world leadership, heretofore necessary and unavoidable, will be put to the test. Now that the war is won and America's aid is no longer essential to success, will the Wilson idea prevail against the selfishness, hate, greed and desire for retribution which are inescapable following experiences so cruel as those which the war lords of the central powers imposed upon humanity? Will he see that full justice is done but its wounds not overlapped? Will he be able to force conflicting interests and passions to recognize as the choice fruits of victory things far more important and desirable than indemnities secured and re-venues accomplished? Can he prevent us and our associate nations from in some way catching the disease we have fought to destroy?"

"In those and other questions which might be asked lie problems far more difficult than was the making of successful war. But I believe that President Wilson's thought and voice will dominate in solving them.

"Out of the war will come the reign of democracy throughout most of the world, and the era in world history thus begun will reflect the ideals of Woodrow Wilson, who takes his place in the annals of time as our first great international leader and one of the renowned world figures of all time."

Had Americans stood behind their president as Senator Overman estimates him, his task in Europe would have been less difficult. As it is, it has cropped out very plainly that a wrong impression of President Wilson has been created in Europe by some busybodies in the United States. The speeches made during the parliamentary campaign in the United Kingdom show very plainly the effects of the American opposition to President Wilson. The idea had gained hold in the entente countries that President Wilson was liable to throw a monkey wrench into the peace conference machinery. Some of the entente had been made to dread the president's influence at the Versailles conference. During the past few days the London and Paris cablegrams in the New York papers point unmistakably to that.

Now that Paris has seen President Wilson and has given him the greatest ovation the ruler of any foreign nation ever received, the people there have begun to understand, especially after having heard the president speak. A cablegram to the New York World, under date of London, December 16, shows a great change in sentiment in England. The impression had been created there that President Wilson had designs on giving the British lion's tail a twist, but that kind of talk, evidently originated in America, is now all off. It is found that President Wilson, since his arrival in France, has expressed himself as very much in accord with the entente statesmen.

The allies now realize that the peace conference is a very serious affair for them, and that it is more to their interest to secure a just and lasting peace for all the world than it is for the United States. The situation throughout Europe is not at all reassuring, but it is for the allies, to make the most of the peace conference so Europe can settle down to peace at the earliest possible moment.

President Wilson has found out something himself since he has been in France, and he says he confidently expects to see a full agreement at Versailles. He believes harmony among the allies is assured. London is preparing to give him a rousing reception when he visits that great city. Our European friends had been given to understand that President Wilson does not represent the United States, but they are beginning to believe he very largely represents the allies. They see through his purpose in hoping to secure a peace agreement that will give the world a rest, especially Europe.

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says: "A southern contemporary tells us that the majority of the Russian people are for democracy, but so far, there has been nothing to indicate that the average Russian would recognize democracy even should he meet it face to face in the light of the noon-day sun." How far around the corner of politics would American democrats and republicans trust each other to act as the interpreters of democracy?

Upon returning home, the German soldiers were told that they were not conquered but overpowered. Where have we heard those words before? After a fellow has been licked nobody needn't try to make him believe he wasn't walloped. He knows.

"Never hit a man when he is down," unless he shows signs of being dissatisfied with the count and is not willing to abide by a truce.

HUGE WHEAT CROP FOR NEXT YEAR.

Well may the great metropolitan papers rejoice that the present prospect for a tremendous wheat crop next year is cheering. Indeed it is cheering to the whole of America, but, more than all, it will be cheering to the world. It will look to the United States for bread for several years till agriculture in Europe can get on its feet once more.

Accounts from the growing wheat crop out west are glowing. The stand is good and the condition is better than for several years at this time. Furthermore, the government reports show that the farmers of the United States have sown this fall 49,000,000 acres to winter wheat, exceeding the last winter's record by 2,000,000 acres, and promising a harvest next year of 765,000,000 bushels, or more than 200,000,000 bushels in excess of the 1918 harvest.

The government asked the farmers to increase their wheat acreage for next year's harvest and they have responded with a good will. The south joined in. North Carolina makes a good showing and it is said the wheat in this state has grown off in splendid shape. It is estimated that North Carolina can make her own bread next year and have some to spare. That is well. It will keep about \$20,000,000 in the state.

It will mean a flourishing milling industry in North Carolina. It will mean less fear of bread shortage, even at the high price. It will save freight from the west to North Carolina points. It will help to release western wheat for the feeding of the people of European nations which have to buy bread. We won't have to eat mixed flour next year. We can eat bread made of North Carolina flour.

ARE YOU ENROLLED FOR MERCY'S SAKE?

With the whole soul of patriotic women in the Red Cross, what's the matter with your dollar in it for a 1919 membership? You have just two weeks between now and New Years to enroll. When the day for roll call comes will your name be there as a member of the world's most humane organization? The Red Cross is the only organization that is mobilized and ready to answer immediately and go at once in response to the wails of humanity anywhere. Most of us preach it. The Red Cross does it.

In their delirium, tens of thousands of wounded soldiers called aloud for mother. With a heart quaking and almost fit to break, mother was three thousand miles away in America, but the angels of mercy were there to minister and relieve and watch. They were clad in snow-white and their caps bore that now beloved cross of red. They were the mothers' and sisters' substitutes, three thousands miles away from their own homes on a heroic mission, on errands of mercy.

Who sent them there? Did you help? Are you going to help? Are you ready during the next ten days to pay a membership fee of \$1 and be one of the enrolled members of the great organization which sends its representatives and yours to the danger zones of war and pestilence and famine? You now have a chance to answer the Christmas roll call of the Red Cross.

SEE THE PEOPLE FIRST.

Mr. P. R. Redwine, who was elected a member of the lower house of the state legislature from Union county, proposes to go to Raleigh as the representatives of the people. He has no axe to grind himself so he wants to know what the people of Union county want him to do. He has set three days, December 19, 20 and 21, for personal conferences with his constituents from all over the county. His idea is that in this way he can ascertain their views concerning legislation that is likely to come before the legislature. He especially desires to get their impression concerning legislation affecting the county and their interests as taxpayers. Mr. Redwine wants to represent the people and he considers it his duty to legislate in accordance with their wishes. He must believe in the people as firmly as Zeb Vance used to believe. He wants to take the people into his confidence, and the Monroe Journal says he is illustrating the original idea of representative government. This desire to get the views of the people, says the Journal, "and to take them into the confidence of the legislators, is worthy of the best traditions of the past in our country and is likewise responsive to the best thought of the present."

PRESIDENT SAVED SOLDIER'S LIFE.

Private Solomon Losofsky, a soldier at Camp Dix, New Jersey, owes his life to President Wilson. A general military court marshal had tried and convicted the soldier and he had been sentenced to be hanged for making disloyal utterances to fellow soldiers and for refusal to obey orders. He brought the sentence of death upon himself by violating the ninety-ninth article of war, which prescribes the death penalty. On the eve of leaving for Europe, President Wilson saved the soldier's life by commuting his terrible sentence to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement at hard labor for twenty years. The Atlantic branch, United States Disciplinary Barracks, at Fort Jay, N. Y., was designated as the place of confinement. Before being drafted into the army, Losofsky was a jeweler at Newark, N. J. Had the war continued, the probability is that the disloyal soldier would have been executed, and the fact would still be a part of the secret history of the army. How tragic may be some of that history.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Salaries of Judges.

The resignation of Superior Court Judge Whedbee because of the inadequacy of his salary recalls the fact that several other judges have resigned for the same reason. The position of superior court judge is not a very desirable one at best. The principle of "rotation" is by no means conducive to happiness and comfort. A good many men doubtless could accommodate themselves to the salary about as well as they could to the constant migration from place to place which is the fate of the rotating judge. But to get service these days paying the price is essential. The old law of supply and demand is generally operative. The supply of the best quality of judicial timber will not be plentiful enough to meet the demand unless attractive salaries are paid. And states as a whole as a rule will not be attractive for the sort of men needed unless they compare favorably with the incomes that can be earned in private practice. That there are several candidates for the place to be vacated by Judge Whedbee does not signify that there is not merit in his contention that judges should be paid more. Those who are asking for the place now may find a Judge Whedbee did that they cannot afford to hold it for long. The interests of justice will best be served by good men holding to the judgments the limit of their terms and by securing re-elections for as in everything else experience must contribute substantially to the efficiency of a judge.—News and Observer.

Will Wilson Succeed?

To say that the governments with which the president is now to deal personally are generally regarded as hostile to the kind of peace that he advocates is merely to state the common knowledge everywhere except in the United States. Perhaps the American people themselves are partly responsible for this situation. During the last four years so many of them have been ardently pro-French or pro-French or pro-Belgian or pro-German that they have forgotten about the vital necessity of being pro-American. Now that the test has come, the foreign sympathies are being turned against them in support of a peace which bears little relation to the ideals for which they have been sacrificing and fighting. There are optimists who believe that the appeals the president is making will inevitably have a powerful influence upon European governments. They may be right, but thus far the president has been able to say nothing that he could not have said with more telling effect at home. If the traditions of European diplomacy are overthrown and a peace based upon true liberty and justice is finally established, humanity will owe its debt of gratitude mainly to President Wilson, but it cannot be said that the present outlook is particularly bright. Popular applause is only empty sound unless it can change the course of governments that are more concerned about the immediate political value of the spoils of war than about the future peace and security of mankind.—New York World.

The Issue at Paris.

Signs multiply that there are sharp differences of opinion among the allies that will have to be settled at or before the peace conference. The strained relations between the Jugos Slavs and Italy, referred to in Mr. Mowrer's article in The Evening Sun yesterday, is one of them. The rather extravagant attitude on the question of British sea power is another. The strained relations between the Churchills and F. D. D. is another. Unreasonable statements as to the amount of indemnities which Germany will be called upon to pay to the allied nations are another. Because, in the first place, they entirely disregard Germany's ability to pay and, in the second place, because they disregard the position in this connection taken officially by the allied nations. The memorandum to the president of November 5—constitute a third. And there are others. It is becoming increasingly clear that the first question the peace delegates will have to decide is as to the nature of the peace that is to be made. Is it to be a jingo peace or a peace of justice? There is a sentiment in favor of the former and a sentiment in favor of the latter. The issue must be fought out before the conference can get down to details. President Wilson, in the view of the liberal peoples of all the European countries, is the foremost champion of "justice and brotherly love," as contrasted with chauvinism, imperialism and selfish interests. He will have their support in his efforts at Paris to bring about a just and a durable peace. Will he lack the support of his own country?—Baltimore Sun.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

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The Raleigh office will be in charge of the approaching session of the Legislature and, intended to give the closest possible attention to the public affairs of the State, he purposes to maintain his headquarters in Raleigh at all times. This policy, however, is subject to the exception, that he will stay in Washington during the several sessions of the Sixty-sixth Congress. He is clearly upon the threshold of the most pregnant period in the whole history of American politics, and whatever it may be worth to his readers, the undersigned will undertake to meet the unfolding developments from the best possible vantage-point. His entire time will be devoted to this work, and the Weekly will carry all his editorial correspondence, both from Raleigh and Washington.

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