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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1918.

TOP OF THE MORNING There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!

A well-filled stocking beats Christmas poetry.

We can't get sorry for people unless they get sorry first.

A profiteer is not without honor save in his own country.

Those who have been wisely thrifty will have reason to feel nifty.

Save the best for the boys who are coming home some of these days.

Several gentlemen seem to be anxious for their first name to be governor.

"Don't grieve over spilt milk," especially if its middle name is Blue John.

We will never do the best we can till we quit eating out of that other fellow's can.

Come on in with that dollar, so you can answer the Christmas roll call of the Red Cross.

Now is the joyous season that all of us may get full and brimming over—with good cheer.

What would a Christmas stocking look like without war savings and thrift stamps in it?

That proud feeling will come over all those who pay that dollar membership fee and will be able to answer the 1919 roll call of the Red Cross.

The manner in which so-called statesmen do some things shows that Solomon still stands in a class by himself and will never have to go foot.

After President Wilson says what he is going to say at the peace conference, somebody may try to reply to him but nobody will be able to answer him.

We move to turn over all those enemy warships to France and Belgium on account. No use to throw them away and then spend millions to build more.

The coming year is candidates' year. The woods will be full of them. Their other name will be candidate and their whole name will be legion. Let them avoid putting the ire in aspire.

It will be some time before a new map of Europe can be made. However, if you want to find out before hand what it's going to look like, take a squint at your checkerboard.

Two things that always have worried men and will keep on worrying them is that same old mote that the fellow with the beam in his eye sees though the periscope of his own submarine.

If the peace conference be made of statesmen, they won't throw away the chance to make a peace that will not only rid the world of Prussianism but universal chauvinism, not to mention bolshevism.

Farmers who made hay while the sun shined last summer have saved a lot of money. Otherwise, a mule can give 'em a good imitation of eating his head off between now and cotton planting time.

Everybody is making a noise as if they want to buy in the cheapest market and sell in the highest market. "Tis naught, 'tis naught, saith the buyer." It's all wool and a yard wide and fine as silk, says the seller.

"Praise Valor of North Carolinians." Oh, boy! All of us will have to stand back when you come home. You'll take the cake, and we are willing for you to have it. The balance of us will have to take a back seat and saw wood and say nothing.

About the best way we know of to keep out of trouble is to go all around the state of Virginia, coming and going. The way they are pulling men and suit cases off the trains in that state makes a total abstainer nervous about putting his foot on Virginia soil.

The world is full of orators, phrase makers, word slingers and hot air artists, but problem tacklers and solution discoverers are few. Men ask folk to turn out and hear them say something, but they forget all about asking folk to turn out and see them do something.

THE FARMER HAS TO WAVE HIS.

People who are paying 80 cents a pound for fair tub creamery butter have been wincing under the price and must also have been wondering what is the matter with butter. Down here in the south it is mainly because we have no farm dairy industry. We are butter eaters competing with all the butter consumers in the United States, especially in the big cities. Rural butter buyers are competing with New York butter buyers and thus in creating the demand and running up the price on themselves and everybody else. Metropolitan butter consumers can't help themselves but down here in North Carolina we can. We can go into the dairy farm business.

A few days ago The Star received some creamery dope explaining the high price of butter. This propaganda came from a western creamery and it made us suspicious, especially in the particular that it said that the main thing about the cost of butter was the high cost of butter fat supplied by the dairy farmers. It was stated that the farmers in Wisconsin are receiving 59 1-2 cents a pound for their butter fat at the creameries. The creameries manufacture it into butter, the jobbers and distributors, the freight carriers and the retail dealers divide up the other twenty cents among them. It seems that the farmer who produces the butter fat pockets three times more than all of the balance of them put together.

The dairy farmer is simply getting what is coming to him. In the first place, it cost more to buy and feed cattle and get them attended to during the war times. However, the biggest thing in favor of the butter fat producer is the immense demand. Dairy farmers are few and butter consumers count up into the millions. There are not enough dairy farmers to supply the immense demand, hence they are in a position to get a big price for their butter fat. A few North Carolina dairy farmers are sharing in the luck. There are several creameries in Western Carolina and some of them are paying as high as sixty cents a pound for butter fat. "On the ninth day of this month," says the Cleveland (N. C.) Star, "the Shelby Creamery company sent out checks to its cream patrons for butter fat received in November and paid 60 cents a pound, which is the highest price this creamery has ever paid by five cents a pound."

What we wonder is why Eastern Carolina farmers do not get in the dairy farming game and get some of that butter fat velvet. We saw a farmer in Wilmington the other day paying the price for western creamery butter. We have a well equipped creamery in Wilmington, but in spite of the fact that it has been ready for operation almost two years, it has stood idle all the while because there is not any farm dairy industry to supply it with the necessary butter fat. With a creamery here, the opportunity for dairy farming is all that any farmer could wish. The butter fat market is here, and the demands on the creameries are greater than they can supply. Won't we seize our farm dairy opportunities while they are better than ever before in the history of the whole nation?

THE OUTLOOK FOR COTTON.

In addition to taking off all restrictions on the cotton trade, made necessary for war purposes, the release of merchant ships for carrying merchandise ought to help the cotton trade as soon as charter arrangements can be gotten under way. The cotton exporters of the country are moving with more freedom than has been possible for two years. After the war board at Washington had removed all selling and export restrictions a few days ago, General Goethals, speaking of the export situation, informed the secretary of war that the army could release to the shipping board 100 vessels for use in the export trade. It was also stated that about a fourth of those ships will be assigned to cotton ports. This betterment of the cotton situation led Senator Smith of South Carolina, to give out this statement at Washington: "I consider the outlook based on supply and demand brighter for higher prices for cotton than it has been since the Civil War. The world, with Germany and her allies eliminated, is consuming 14 1-2 million bales of American cotton. When peace is declared and the enemy country is opened to cotton it will provide a market for something like 3,000,000 bales additional. About 800,000 tons of shipping have been released for export trade. There will probably be a demand for 15,000,000 or 16,000,000 bales of American cotton, with the supply totally inadequate to meet it."

There can be little doubt that Senator Smith has stated the statistical feature of the situation with accuracy. The industrial situation in the manufacturing countries alone remains an unknown quantity. No doubt, however, as soon as the new year sets in, foreign mills will begin to resume full operations. One of the first resorts of the accused is to prove an alibi. It requires the genius of a Philadelphia lawyer to sift profiteering to its source. In the broadest sense, the government seems to have the strongest suspicions. Profiteering is one crime that has always made war its excuse. At the same time, a consumer knows when he has been consumed, even if he doesn't know who hit Billy Patterson.

When a prospector comes to Eastern Carolina and is fed on canned goods from his own country it don't make him sick. It ought to make us sick, owing to the fact that it makes him think more of his country than he does of our country.

NEGLECTED PORT OPPORTUNITIES.

Loaded with soldiers and sailors, many of them wounded, the greatest steamship in the world arrived at the port of New York early in the week but the soldiers and sailors from overseas, longing to get home, were a whole day and night in sight of New York without being able to get ashore. As the New York World tells it: "Loaded with soldiers and sailors, many of them wounded, the greatest steamship in the world came to the gate of New York harbor on her first voyage after the armistice under the stars and stripes—and stopped! Eagerly as she was awaited, the distance of the narrow, tortuous channels, the tangle of harbor trams, kept her for 24 hours in the fog, waiting an opportunity to dock. New York acts as if there would never be another fog to delay ships or another ship to demand a berth. Toward New York—not without excuse in its own attitude—the government acts as if it were not the gateway of trade for the nation. Yet we are building ships with unexampled speed. Yet we are laying vast plans for retaining and developing our ocean commerce with the world, with our new economic power."

There we are. The port of New York is still congested and the port is inadequate for the traffic which the government continues to pour in there. The government is still depending on a few ports when it has many that it could utilize. Southern harbors and ports are idle, and some of that freight traffic, at least, could be diverted to southern ports where all is idle in the way of commerce. The World berates the government for neglecting the port of New York, making it impossible to handle all the traffic which it is trying to pass through that one port. It demands greater port and harbor facilities for New York. We wonder why the government still tries to get everything through just one port, or only a few at best.

IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN THERE?

The Americans at home who worked and saved and sacrificed and gave until it actually felt good during the war for human liberty and justice and decency and civilization, have been able to look upon the history-making achievements of our men abroad and say with pride and satisfaction, "I helped." It is a wonderful feeling of partnership that comes to a man who has really and truly done his bit. He is a full partner in the business with Pershing and the boys who have written "America" on the heavens and who have beaten diabolism back to hell.

And here, in this Christmas roll call of the Red Cross, there is another opportunity to renew the partnership papers and carry on the business of cleaning up the world and making it a decent place to live in. One can hardly allow the chance to pass without becoming a member of the firm for another year. It isn't treating oneself just not to do so. The Red Cross will never miss the dollar one might withhold, but we'd hate to run the risk of missing what one certainly must miss by not maintaining a connection with the world's greatest humanitarian movement—with the finest and best and most glorious thing in American life. Some three score thousand magnificent American boys, every one full of life and hope and love, with the spirit of vicarious sacrifice taught the world by Jesus Christ himself, laid down their lives for the same thing the rest of us at home can now support with our whole hearts and—one dollar!

DEMOCRATS SHOULD WORRY.

The next congress is republican and some great responsibilities rest upon them. Probably reconstruction will be getting under way good when the new congress has to take over the reins of legislation. Probably some of the most important reconstruction legislation will have to be attended to by that republican congress. That prospect worries National Chairman Will Hays, especially as the senate is close and the senate republicans have an insurgent faction to deal with. Four republican senators are threatening to give trouble. Something has to be done to get the old party in shape for its serious task. In the first place Chairman Hays sees the necessity of pulling the disagreeing elements together. He sees the crying necessity for peace and harmony before anything can be done in the way of functioning as a party. He has, therefore, called a love feast of all factions at Chicago on the 10th of January. An effort will be made to get the LaFollettes and the Poindexters and the Penroses, etc., together in a party gathering where all can kiss and make up. January 10 will be quite an interesting day.

HONORS FOR DEAD SON.

Congressman Pon Learns of the Burial of Ensign Pou. Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Pou of North Carolina, was notified today that his son, Ensign Edwin S. Pou, who was killed in a seaplane accident at Tudy, France, Oct. 28, was awarded posthumously the war cross by the French government. The citation accompanied the cross said that Ensign Pou a few days before his death attacked two submarines which were approaching allied convoys and on October 22 destroyed a mine placed in the route of convoys.

A letter received by Representative Pou from Capt. C. E. Sugden, U. S. coast guard, describes the impressive funeral ceremonies of Ensign Pou. Burial was on the Tudy cemetery on October 30 with full military honors. The cross de guerre was bestowed on the body by the senior French naval officer present. Captain De Corvette Vaschalde, commanding the air patrols of the Loire, speaking in the name of France, brought the last farewell. American and French naval forces and a French guard of honor participated. Photographs of the ceremonies were sent to Representative Pou.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Wilmington's Lake Resort. Wilmington has been having a big row over the question of keeping an amusement park open on Sunday. If Durham had a place like that open even for six days in the week she would be satisfied to let it close on Sunday.—Durham Herald.

The Profiteer. He is with us, and in his glory. Under cover of the necessities of war he can charge pretty much what he pleases, and the people are obliged to pay it. Eggs are 70 cents a dozen. There is no sense in such foolishness as that and the war is not the cause of it. Shoes are \$12.00 the pair. One tannery in North Carolina made one million dollars last year. That is not the war, it is simply the greed of the tanner. A cotton undergarment formerly cost 50 cents now brings \$1.00. Thirty cent cotton is not responsible for this ridiculous raise, but cotton mills are making more money every year than the capital invested in the plant. The war did raise the price of cotton, it is true, but the fabulous fortunes the mill men are making is what puts one hundred per cent on cotton goods. And so it is in many different lines. The war is simply making their millions out of the necessities of life. There ought to be some way of reaching the trouble. Mr. Hoover fixed the sugar men all right, and he also put his curb bit on the traders in our Wall, if he can control these two articles of commerce why cannot his power be extended to other lines? Nobody objects to paying a reasonable profit on his purchases, but everybody is entitled to protection from the corner-men who are fleecing the people of their hard earned money in broad open day time.—Charity and Children.

Charleston's Government Terminals. While there still prevails some uncertainty as to the nature of the use the government will make of the great port terminals at North Charleston, which are now well on the way toward completion, the news of the last few days makes it appear assured that the use will be of a magnitude to satisfy the hopes that have been entertained in Charleston since the immense project was originally announced. It has been stated that this port would be used for the debarkation of troops returning from Europe, although later it was said in Washington that, for certain reasons, this movement would be confined to New York and Newport News. It is not at all improbable, however, that long before the larger part of the army has been brought back, it will be found both necessary and feasible to send some through Charleston and to use the government terminals, which will, by then, have been fully completed. Later it was unofficially announced that New York, Baltimore and Charleston had been selected as ports from which to ship the quartermaster supplies to the armies abroad. This would mean far more to the port than the return of the troops through North Charleston, speaking from a business standpoint, although it is obvious that the two movements could very well go hand in hand, the ships that bring the boys being used to take back the cargoes. There is also to be remembered the efforts of Senator Smith to have troop ships that bring men to North Atlantic ports sent to Charleston for return cargoes. This is an admirable measure for relieving congestion at New York and New Port News this winter, and the advantages to be gained in the relief of those ports and the railroad system of the Middle Atlantic States would more than offset the loss of time suffered in the voyage. It is increasingly clear, however, that the government has no intention to permit this great plant, upon which it has expended \$25,000,000 to stand idle. Moreover, it is only reasonable to expect that some provision will be made for putting the terminals into employment permanently, whether under the government or private interests, and that the continuous stream of vessels up and down the Cooper river, which should soon be gladdening the hearts of those citizens who have, through the years, kept their faith in Charleston's future as a port will grow larger and larger with the passage of time. All present indications seem to warrant the belief that Charleston's greatness as a seaport is finally assured.—Charleston Post.

CRIPPLED SOLDIERS CAN GET EMPLOYMENT MAKING TOYS.

New York, Dec. 18.—Thousands of crippled soldiers will be offered employment making toys. It was announced today that the Toy Manufacturers of America. Materials with which toys may be made will be sent to crippled soldiers who are unable to leave their homes.

"IT MEASURES UP TO YOUR CLAIMS" SAYS SUMTER MAN

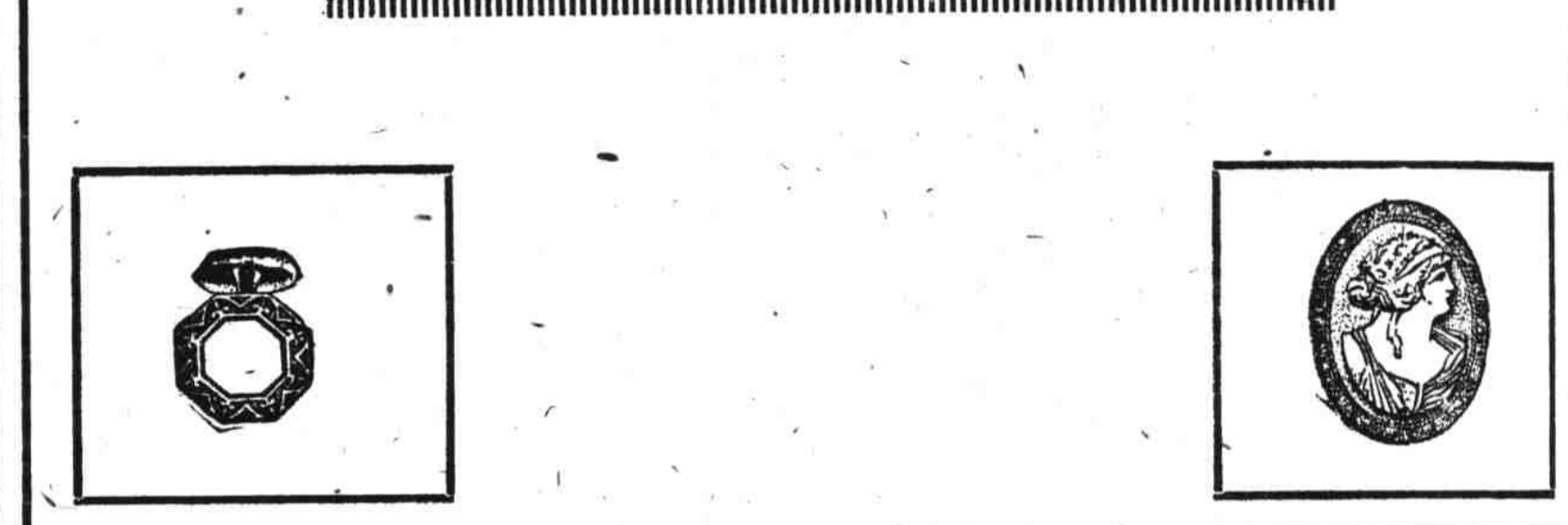
Has Suffered From Constipation For a Long Time, But Nothing Did For Him What Drego Has Done—Advises All to Try It. Constipation is at the bottom of many difficult ailments from which humanity suffers. Sometimes it is very hard to get as in the case of the man at Sumter, S. C., Mc J. R. Baird, the well known and popular traveling salesman. He says: "For a long time I have suffered from an obstinate case of constipation which nothing seemed to reach, even though I have tried many different medicines. One bottle of Drego has done me worlds of good and made me feel like a different person. I gladly recommend this splendid remedy."

CHARLES S. WALLACE OUT FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Charles S. Wallace of Morehead City, for lieutenant-governor, is the latest political development hereabouts and not only his intimate friends down east in his immediate "neck of the woods," but democratic leaders here and in numerous sections of the state are beginning to talk "Charlie Wallace" for second place on the state ticket in 1920.



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SHIP SUGAR FROM VA. CITIES TO CAROLINA

Actual Or Threatened Famine In Eastern North Carolina to be Averted by Outside Shipments. (Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, Dec. 19.—As a result of an actual or threatened sugar famine in a number of Eastern Carolina cities and towns, the food administration has authorized Virginia jobbers and brokers to supply their North Carolina customers with such sugar as they may have on hand. The Virginia dealers are to replace all sugar shipped into North Carolina by purchases of sugar from Louisiana from which territory all North Carolina merchants are required to secure their supplies of sugar.

TWO AIR PLANES REACH CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE ON TRIP

Are Flying From Camp Jackson to Langley Field—One Dropped Out. (Special Star Telegram.) Fayetteville, Dec. 18.—Two Curtiss airplanes in charge of army aviators landed here this afternoon, completing the second stage of a flight from Camp Jackson to Langley Field, Va., the purpose of which is the location of landing points for 20 DeHaviland planes later to traverse the same route. The machines made their landing in the northeastern outskirts of the city. Pilots and observers are spending the night here and will probably be here another day possibly doing some flying over the locality. The stops selected for the journey, generally about 100 miles apart, are Bennettsville, S. C., Fayetteville, Raleigh and Weldon.

THREE-CORNERED FIGHT FOR JUDGE WHEEDBE'S POSITION

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, Dec. 19.—There are three marked divisions in support of candidates for appointment of a successor to superior court Judge Wheedbe, resigned by Gov. Bickett. Pitt and Carter counties are supporting S. Everitt, of Pitt, who is also endorsed by the Durham county bar. One county is supporting J. P. Fritzel as the Craven bar is behind former Judge Guion for the appointment. Governor Bickett returns to Raleigh Friday and the appointment will be long delayed thereafter, it is believed.

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