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**TOP OF THE MORNING-**  
Have you any old grudges you'd like to pay, Any wrong laid up from a by-gone day? Gather them all now, and lay them away When Christmas comes. —WILLIAM LYTLE.

It is a poor Santa Claus who can't be knocked down with a famine hint.

Another fellow who can cackle is the one who has laid in his winter wood.

The best sort of revenge is not to be like him who did the injury.—Marcus Aurelius.

Don't worry long about the clouds. There are more sunbeams than clouds for those who wait.

It takes an artist to picture his own vision in such eloquent words that they won't be mistaken for bull.

If you ever saw anybody speechless with indignation, that person was a man. Nobody but a man ever becomes speechless.

Those who annoy or worry others can give them something they will appreciate on Christmas. They can give them a rest.

"Bolsheviki invite trouble." Well, trouble has never been known to turn down an invitation. In fact, trouble makes it a regular habit to lie around where fools can put their foot in it.

Individual interest differs very widely. Three pretty girls stopped on the pavement and gazed at a \$100 cloak on a model. Three soldiers gazed at the girls and were not interested in the least in the cloak that interested the girls.

The Columbia Record is moved to say: "We are slowly being forced to the opinion that it will take something worse than starvation to kill the Bolsheviki." Possibly one disadvantage about starvation is that it is slower than molasses in icy weather.

Many a man who used to take a nip or two on Christmas will have to draw a different kind of breath this Christmas. It will be because he can't get a thing to drink, but after Christmas he will brag about what a wonderful control he has over his appetite.

This is taken from the Book of Old Wisdom: "Don't sell the skin till you have caught the bear." Then, again, never buy the skin of a bear that a fellow expects to catch. The bear might catch the fellow, and if he never skins the bear he is apt to skin you.

In order to place the government ownership of wire lines in a better light, Representative Moon, of Tennessee, has shed additional light on the subject, and what he says reflects the views of many who do not consider the proposition a mere matter of moonshine.

About this season of the year most any North Carolina woman would be tickled almost to death to receive a Christmas gift of furs, but there are at least a half dozen men who don't want a thing but judicial ermine as a Christmas offering from Governor Bickett.

What better Christmas spirit could any of us have than that which would animate us when we pay a dollar to get on the Christmas roll call of the Red Cross? Membership in that great humanitarian organization certainly will give us that Christmas feeling, because of the consciousness of having done something for humanity.

Santa Claus reminds us of Colonel F. H. Fries, of Winston-Salem, state chairman of the war savings campaign, who is now stirring heaven and earth to complete this month the per capita quota of war savings and thrift stamps assigned to North Carolina. Well, Santa Claus ought to take all the war savings stamps he can get, for he ought to know that there are no better investments or holiday presents than war savings stamps. If bought before December 31, 1918, they will pay the purchaser 4.55 per cent. They mature in four years—January 1, 1923—the first government security to do so, and will net the investor one-quarter per cent more than Liberty bonds. Moreover, the money derived from their sale is employed in bringing our boys back home from the seat of war, so that, in addition to making a safe investment, a patriotic turn is assured at the same time. As a Christmas present to the children, or to the grown-ups, what better gift than a book of war stamps?

## WILSON'S MISSION TO SAVE THE WORLD.

Europe will sooner or later get stuck on President Wilson's fourteen points, held out as a basis for a peace that will be salvaged for the healing of the nations. The people who have to fight the wars brought on by national greed and the ambition, chauvinism, blacksmithery, incompetence and unwisdom of men in high places in the world's governments, favor the Wilson principles. Governments under which civilization and Christianity itself is threatened may stand aloof but they'll sooner or later have to bend to the will of the real victims of the wars that result from a lamentable lack of real statesmanship. For them "Tis hard to kick against the pricks" held towards them by Wilson.

President Wilson has given them to understand that he is not after their naves. What he really is after is the Versailles peace treaty that will scrap their militarism and their navalism and their chauvinism. President Wilson is not opposed to say adequate, inevitable and reasonable punishment for the nations and people responsible for drenching the world with blood and broadcasting misery and woe throughout the world. They ought to be punished to the uttermost as an example—even as a horrible example for all nations and all peoples in the future. Just as guilty men have to suffer penalties, even to the death, so ought guilty nations be made to reap the whirlwinds they sow in their madness and fury. Nations which sow the dragon's teeth ought to be fed to the dragon for the good of humanity. Indeed, some of the world's most powerful nations have been blotted off the face of the earth for their wickedness and crimes and certainly the world has been better off without them.

President Wilson is too familiar with history not to know that. He is also perfectly familiar with the fact that history repeats itself—has only recently repeated itself more monstrously than ever. It has shocked the world. All nations and all races stand aghast at it. People of ordinarily good judgment and humaneness have been bereft of all the sound reason they ever had. They have been made mad. They are unreasonable and extreme and even ravenous in their opinions. Tolerance has been dethroned. Probably more than half the world is in such a distraught frame of mind that it is irreconcilably bitter and uncompromising. There are all sorts of reasons for it, however, and President Wilson knows it, but he is endeavoring to appeal to what sober judgment is left on earth. He hopes to arouse enough reason to save the world in the future from the havoc created by the hideous dragons among nations.

For that reason, the president of the United States is in Europe urging the establishment of a league of nations to enforce peace among nations sufficiently brutalized to again plunge their people and others into bloody wars. The people are the innocent bystanders when it comes to the sacrifice of blood and limb and life. No doubt there are yet men and nations capable of the monster acts that underlie in the world. They need a strong restraining hand to call them to halt. Lawless men make it necessary for civilized communities to have a sheriff. Lawless and godless nations make it necessary for the world to have an international sheriff about the size of a league of nations more concerned in civilization, humanity and human rights than they are in gaining wealth and power and glory by a holocaust of blood. They do not hesitate to sacrifice the average man to the Moloch of iniquity and commit national crimes that brutalize, debauch, demoralize and pauperize the world's people.

We have just been looking on at a monstrous example of it, and there are yet men and nations capable of it, either now or in the future. We see before our own eyes an execrable example of it. We behold a terrible wreck of empires—the far spreading empire of Russia, the powerful empire of Germany, the strong empire of Austria, and the abominable Turkish empire. There are survivors of the fittest, but they are burdened with woe and desolation, ravaged and bleeding, and groaning under monster debts.

The dragon nations responsible for it can hardly reap a penalty too severe to fit the crime. They brought retribution upon themselves. "Germany is ruined for generations, politically, industrially and economically," declares Dr. Walter Rathenau, one of the powerful captains of industry of the prostrate empire. No wonder! Hohenzollernism and militarism, seeking her "place in the sun," made a bed in hell for her. Of the dire result of more than four years of war against civilization, Dr. Rathenau, one of the largest employers of labor in Germany, says:

"It is the greatest calamity that has happened to any country in 2,000 years. If the indemnities are high we shall have nothing with which to expand our industries and there will be a great tide of emigration, probably to South America, the far East and certainly to Russia. The result will be the Balkanization of Europe."

It is too late for a league of nations to save the Teutonic empire. Its people have to work out their own redemption and pay a just tribute to a wounded and bleeding civilization. To prevent such another holocaust at Armageddon, President Wilson relies upon a league of nations to enforce peace. If that and a quickened Christianity won't do it, how long will it be till another deluge of blood and fire shall bring great nations to utter ruin?

## ITALY INSISTS ON TERRITORY.

Italy's desire to acquire territory conflicts with President Wilson's oft repeated contention for the self-determination of peoples. That is not a new idea, for it is only another way of re-asserting the principle that "all just government rests on the consent of the governed." All Americans who believe in a democratic-republican government believe in that fundamental principle. Otherwise they must believe in forms of government which ignore the consent or self-determination of the people.

Italy insists on retaining all the territory which she captured from Austria. That part of it inhabited by people of Italian blood wants to be attached to the mother country, but that portion containing a majority of Jugo-Slovaks wants to govern itself, independent of Italy. The people of those races desire to set up a republic and insist on self-determination, according to the American principle.

On the other hand, Italy very firmly insists on asserting sovereignty over those people without regard to their consent. She probably means to coerce them, as a Rome dispatch a few days ago stated that although the world war has practically exhausted Italy, she did not propose to demobilize her army till the question of annexations shall have been settled. Of course, Italy now has the military power to carry out her determination, but she may defer to the decision of her European allies concerning this matter. Otherwise, she will do violence to the principles for which the allies, including the United States, fought for—the liberty, the self-determination of peoples.

That is an American ideal, generally endorsed, it was believed, by all the allies, but it is not a matter that the United States would attempt to enforce on any of the European countries. We can insist on it at the peace conference and refuse to consent to forcible annexations, and then leave such purely European questions to Europe to handle or possibly to fight over. At the same time, we can urge in a friendly spirit full adherence to the self-determination principle wherever it is consistent.

As to all that, Europe will have to be her own judge, as we don't propose to run around all over the world setting up little republics among people who may be more bolshevik than democratic. Neither chauvinism or bolshevism in Europe has any semblance to the American democratic ideal.

## DECEMBER FARM INCOME.

With a packing house at Orangeburg offering a near-by market for all the hogs that can be raised in South Carolina, the farmers of the lower portion of that state are taking advantage of it to add considerable receipts to their farm income, their hog sales ranging all the way from \$500 to \$3,000 for shipments. This hog income follows that from cotton, tobacco and other farm crops so peculiar to this section, and it counts at a time of year when things are at a standstill on the average farm. A correspondent writes from Holly Hill that a few farmers of that section are setting a fine example that is worthy of emulation, especially as the advent of the cotton boll weevil is imminent in that quarter.

As to the farm income in hogs, it is stated that Mr. Jno. W. Hart recently shipped to the Orangeburg packing house seventy head of hogs, which netted him \$2,200. The larger portion of this lot were only eight months old. Another lot of twelve netted him \$500. Mr. John L. Wiggins shipped a lot of eighty hogs to the same place which netted him about \$3,000.

Messrs. Hart and Wiggins are not the only farmers of their section who have found time to raise hogs for the nearby packing house market. Numbers of other enterprising farmers have launched out on that progressive line. Mention is made of another farmer who raises both hogs and cattle.

Mr. M. E. Schuler is devoting his attention to cattle raising and finds profit in the livestock industry at a season when routine farming is at a standstill. He has a fine herd of Holsteins, and is shipping calves to different parts of South Carolina, North Carolina and other states.

Those prosperous South Carolina farmers unite in saying that the sooner the farmers generally get into livestock raising for farm income the better it will be for them and the state.

## TO DEEPEN THE CAPE FEAR BAR.

Representative John H. Small, chairman of the givers and harbors committee of the house of representatives, makes the gratifying announcement that the committee has retained in the new bill an appropriation of \$398,625 for navigation improvements on the Cape Fear waterway between Wilmington and Southport.

The recommendation of General William M. Black, chief of the engineer corps, United States army, specifies that \$308,625 of the appropriation shall be utilized in providing a thirty foot channel on the ocean bar at mean low water. The channel will be made 400 feet wide, and an annual appropriation of \$95,000 will be made for the maintenance of the channel from year to year.

This improvement has been needed for years for the commerce of the port, and the deeper channel can be easily maintained if a breakwater is constructed out from Bald Head. General W. H. Bixby, former chief engineer, said when here that a depth of 49 feet on the bar is easily maintainable as soon as the commerce of the port makes it necessary. The new ship-building industry alone ought to create that necessity.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

**Millions for Shipbuilding.**  
The government has spent \$63,800,000 on the shipyard at Hog Island, but it was Hog Island that threw the biggest scare into Germany and the investment was worth while. This is an honest southern comment, made with full knowledge of the bitterness of the sectional cry raised over the trading fact of the government's recklessness in spending a couple of thousand dollars on a shipyard at Wilmington.—Charlotte Observer.

**The New Congressman.**  
It cost Congressman-elect Samuel M. Brinson something like forty dollars to get the office. However, this should not be an incentive to all pedagogues to enter the race for office with such a small expense account. Mr. Brinson happened to enter the political field at a time when the office was seeking the man instead of the man seeking the office and hence the fact that he was not compelled to lay out a large sum of ready cash.

**Freedom of the Seas.**  
The United States went to war with Germany over the issue of the seas. That was the vital issue between the two nations. Had the Imperial German Government respected the rule of visit and search; had it refrained from employing its submarines in ruthless attacks on merchant ships, enemy and neutral alike; had it respected the rights of non-combatants to life and property, no legitimate cause of war would have existed. From the day that the Lusitania was sunk until the day that the president appeared before congress to urge a declaration of war against the Imperial German government, our controversies with the Junkes and the Roosevelts, the most influential of all British and foreign newspapers is more than willing to concede that the United States is not a British colony and that it has rights on the seas both in peace and in war which deserve consideration and respect.

The legal correspondent of the Times goes so far as to insist that "the law of the past has been the same in both countries. The most influential of all British and foreign newspapers is more than willing to concede that the United States is not a British colony and that it has rights on the seas both in peace and in war which deserve consideration and respect.

**BONUSES ALLOWED SEAMEN ARE TO BE DISCONTINUED.**  
Washington, Dec. 20.—Bonuses allowed seamen for entering the war submarine service will be discontinued after December 22, the shipping board announced today. Licensed deck and engineer officers, however, will receive the extra pay until January 1, 1919.

**MISS WILSON TO MAKE CONCERT TOUR AT THE FRONT.**  
Paris, Dec. 20.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, has left Paris for a concert tour of 30 days among the American troops in the vicinity of Chaumont, where American headquarters is located. She is planning to sing on Christmas day at Gondrecourt, in the Department of the Meuse, in the same region where the president will dine with the American soldiers on Christmas.

## MRS. CHARLOTTE F. WILEY

In the death yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Charlotte Fennell Wiley, wife of William A. Wiley and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fennell, No. 307 Market street, Wilmington loses one of its most attractive and most charming young women, her death being a very great shock to the devoted family and to hundreds of friends here and throughout this section of the state.

After a lingering illness of influenza which unfortunately developed into pneumonia a few days since, Mrs. Wiley passed away at the home of her parents at 4:15 o'clock, in spite of all that could be done by the most skilled medical attention and the tenderest nursing. Yesterday morning, after passing a more restful night, her condition seemed somewhat improved, but the rally was only temporary and after the afternoon wore on, she began sinking until the end came, all members of her immediate family being with her except Mr. Wiley, who is in the service of his country overseas and could not be informed even of Mrs. Wiley's critical illness. It was a great satisfaction, however, a few days before her death for Mrs. Wiley to learn that, although in the thick of the fighting during the closing days of the war, her husband came through without serious injury.

Mrs. Wiley was much loved and admired by a host of friends here and throughout this section of the state where she was well known during the past several months she had given her all to the various branches of war work, being exceedingly active in every good work that went on in the community. In fact, it may be said that during her work for the various charities in the city, she may have impaired her strength to such a degree that she fell the more easy victim to the dread malady with which she was afflicted just at the glorious fruition of all the good work that has been done by the good women of every community. A member of the First Baptist church, she was also active in the work of the Y. W. C. A. and during the recent most severe epidemic of influenza in Wilmington, she worked almost day and night in carrying forward the great relief work that so mitigated the fearful results of the disease here.

The death of Mrs. Wiley is even a greater hardship upon the family because of the fact that her sister, Miss Mamie James Fennell, has also been critically ill and threatened with pneumonia, though she was somewhat improved yesterday. Friends earnestly hope that the knowledge of her sister's death will have no untoward effect upon her general condition. Besides her parents, Mrs. Wiley is survived by the sister named; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fennell, and one brother, James G. Fennell. The tenderest sympathy of friends goes out to each and every one of them in the deep affliction which has come to them. The large number of callers at the saddened home yesterday afternoon and evening attested the high esteem in which Mrs. Wiley was held and the deep sympathy which many friends feel for the sorrowing ones.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been made last evening but the hour and place will be announced later upon advice from other relatives out of the city who will attend the services.

## CO-OPERATIVE TRUCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS.

Wilmington Organization Rounding Out Successful Year.  
(Carolina Fruit and Truckers Journal)

The Wilmington Co-operative Truck Growers' association is rounding out another year's successful operations and at the annual meeting of the board of directors at Wrightboro Monday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. O. Brown, president; E. VanBavel, vice-president; Chas. F. Sellers, Sr., treasurer; E. H. Freeman, secretary and manager.

On this occasion many matters in connection with the past year's operations were brought up for review and most satisfactorily handled. The organization is in fine shape, the officers being efficient, painstaking and active in the discharge of all of their duties, while the members are pleased with what is going on.

At the same time and place Manager Freeman reported that he was co-operating heartily with Senators Simmons and Overman for having the government sell the cargoes of nitrate of soda at present stored in Wilmington, sold to the farmers direct rather than to the highest bidder, which would enable the speculators to profiteer at the expense of the farmers. Reports from our two senators and Representative Godwin would indicate that our great work will win out. Notice was also given that the association would purchase potato grading machines early in the new year. Other matters were taken up and discussed and disposed of in the usual style, after which the meeting adjourned.

## NEGRO PAYS PENALTY PROTESTING INNOCENCE

**Young Napoleon Spencer Electrocuted For Murder of Mrs. Harvey Hester, at Winston-Salem.**

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Protesting his innocence to the last, Napoleon Spencer, 17-year-old negro, of Winston-Salem, was put to death by electrocution at the state penitentiary here this morning for the killing of Mrs. Harvey Hester, a white woman, last March. Spencer was convicted in Surry county and the North Carolina supreme court affirmed the judgment of the lower court. Governor Eckett declined to interfere with the execution.

Mrs. Hester and her husband were killed at their home near Winston-Salem last spring and Spencer was arrested, charged with the double killing. He was tried on a charge of killing Mrs. Hester. The evidence against him was circumstantial but in the opinion of the authorities was well connected and a jury found him guilty of her murder.

## FIVE ALLEGED VIOLATORS OF REED LAW NABBED ON TRAIN

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Kentucky and Tennessee agents of the department of justice, co-operating to prevent violation of the Reed bone-dry law, today made a haul on Louisville and Nashville train No. 33 between Lexington and Knoxville. Five men were arrested enroute here and tonight are in custody at the federal building awaiting a hearing tomorrow. The prisoners are J. R. Beavers, of Copper Hill, Tenn.; Cecil Eugene Webb, Atlanta; M. Judge, Macon, Ga.; W. P. Brown, of Asheville, and "Rock" Williams, of Knoxville.

Between 150 and 200 quarters were seized and also a number of traveling bags containing ardent spirits, but for which no owners could be found.

## Airplane Restrictions Canceled.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Wilson today authorized the revocation of the prohibition of and restrictions upon private airplane exhibitions contained in his proclamation of January 1, 1918.

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