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TOP OF THE MORNING

Prophecy is become realization. Beams into new unity and fellowship, aware of its inter-dependence and reliance upon a spirit of good will, all the earth is flooded with Christmas rejoicings.

The only way to get what is coming to you is to get busy and go after it.

The old year has gone but we are going to have one better than it ever dared to be for most of us.

Lots of men don't care a darn how rough you make it for others just so you help to smooth out the rough places and make it easy for them.

After three days of grace, another year will be gone. Did you let it slip through your fingers without doing much for yourself or anybody else?

Most men can do something if they had something to do it with. If men are idle when they come home from the war, it will be because capital is a reconstruction slacker.

It is said that the postoffice department will establish an aerial mail route to Alaska. Better wait till it gets that one between New York and Chicago on a mail carrying basis.

It is now said that it will be June before peace can be declared. That means that it will be at least six months till you can get "sassy" and hand out slackjaw once more as usual.

The doctors say that "aggressive and impulsive people usually have black eyes." Anyhow, they may have blue eyes when they start something but they are pretty sure to wind up with black eyes.

"Republican opposition to President Wilson's program." How do they know what President Wilson's peace program is? Why don't they wait till he has a program before they engage in a song and dance?

Those European municipalities should wait till after peace to memorialize President Wilson for the establishment of water-works, sewerage, granolithic pavements and commission forms of government.

Yes, the world seems to have been made plannish for democracy, but it is not yet altogether safe for democracy. Some democracies need to be saved from themselves before they can consider themselves safe.

If water is all that we are going to be allowed to drink during the coming year, for the luvva Mike let it be the very best of water. The prohibitionists ought to see to it that some brands of water are prohibited, too.

The average man will snap you up and tell you he "wears no man's collar" but if you follow him through the meanderings of life you will see him wearing a yoke that he imagines is a rainbow tied on him with ropes of pearls.

It is said that the Bolsheviks have plenty to eat, but that only confirms our suspicions that all they had to do was to take all they wanted from other people in Russia. It is the other people and not the Bolsheviks who are grubless.

Help to make 1919 the city's best. There are city needs that each could suggest. Some of them agreed on could be put into program shape and be carried out by the whole team. Resolved, We will take a hand in any constructive game that Wilmington determines to play in 1919.

New Year's gifts will be in order next Wednesday. For that purpose there are no better gifts than war savings stamps and thrift stamps. They are investments drawing interest for those who get such welcome presents. To make presents of these little government securities is the equivalent of presenting one with a savings account at a bank. The fortunate ones in this world are those who are drawing interest instead of paying interest.

In a great many respects 1919 will be about the same as 1918, when a man went to another man's business place and was requested to perform a service for his friend. He performed the service for his friend and made no charge for \$2 worth of know how. In addition to that he paid his car fare both ways, treated himself to a 5 cents cigar, and all it cost him just to be obliging was only 15 cents. This shows that his friend knows more than he does about how to get something for nothing—and five brownies to boot. Of course, that same man will do that same thing in 1919 and will simply regard the new year as just one more year in which to get what is coming to him.

GREAT BRITAIN'S OVATION TO WILSON.

Who begrudges President Wilson his trip to Europe to be greeted by such tremendous enthusiasms as he has received in France and the United Kingdom? The president's reception in London on Thursday eclipsed anything that Londoners have ever seen in the way of welcoming a guest from an abroad. Millions of people lined the streets to greet the American president and all London was gay with decorations and clamorous with cheers for Wilson. No wonder President Wilson was deeply moved by such a welcome by our kinsmen beyond the sea.

King George was the first to greet the president as he descended from the train. "I am very glad to greet you to England," said the British monarch. "I am very happy to come," President Wilson responded. It was a great moment for President Wilson and for America. It was a great occasion for the United Kingdom and for the British people. The cordiality and enthusiasm of the welcome accorded to the president will cheer the American people from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The president made a brief speech but only a few could hear his words above the din of millions of people eager to see him and share in his welcome.

President Wilson's hearty reception in England is significant. It bespeaks the close union of the English speaking people on both sides of the ocean and all around the universe. It means everything to the world that this is so. The world's destiny is in the hands of people who speak the same language, who have the same human ideals and who have the same inspirations of liberty, freedom, justice, and justness.

CONSTRUCTIVE WORK FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT.

There is nothing in North Carolina greater than her undeveloped resources and there are no greater development opportunities than movements to utilize the rich resources in the four quarters of the state. Taking advantage of the opportunities to utilize those resources is a constructive work not equalled in magnitude in any other line of development. The movement to develop the livestock industry is a peculiarly constructive work and we are glad to hear through one of the animal husbandry experts that North Carolina is taking the lead of all southern states in that particular.

In many parts of the state the banks are taking the leading part in developing the livestock industry. That is the reason it is making rapid progress. One of the banks doing that constructive work is the First National Bank of Tarboro. That bank first started with a calf club and dairy cow promotion plan, and it proved to be an immense success. The initial efforts turned out with such splendid results that the bank's latest dairy cow finance scheme called for an appropriation of \$5,000 to aid boys and girls and farmers. Encouraged by its dairy cattle success, the Tarboro bank has now financed a sheep club. A few days ago the bank received and distributed 125 sheep bought from New Mexico under supervision of the office of beef cattle and sheep, of the North Carolina department of agriculture. The animals, which came through from New Mexico in good shape to their North Carolina homes, were bred ewes of the Rambouillet-Lincoln type, a combination wool and mutton sheep which the bank is introducing into Edgecombe county. The sheep were distributed among 15 farmers in the county, each getting from ten to twelve of the ewes.

That is great work, and no greater constructive undertaking could be entered into by bankers anywhere in the state. It is financing a state-wide industry which concerns every man, woman and child in the state of North Carolina. The Farmers and Merchants bank of Williamston is also engaging earnestly in this constructive promotion. It has bought a carload of bred ewes and will distribute them among the farmers of Martin county. Several carloads of ewes have also gone recently into western North Carolina.

Over here on the Atlantic Coast Line Mr. Guy A. Cardwell, agricultural and industrial agent of the A. C. L., is taking active interest in this work and is keeping in close touch with all promoters. He is co-operating with them in every way and is co-ordinating his efforts with the state agricultural department.

During 1919 every bank in the state ought to take a live part in this livestock promotion. It is worth millions of dollars to the state. North Carolina's increased hog production the past year is estimated at a value of some \$18,000,000. That is how constructive live promotion of the livestock industry is.

The main reason why people had to pay 65 cents a pound for Christmas turkey was because they were willing to pay the price. They didn't have to pay for turkey. So long as people are willing to pay high prices they will keep right on being high. Whenever consumers boycott outrageous prices they are bound to come down.

RAPID PACE FOR SECRETARY DANIELS.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels has been going a rapid pace since he has held the distinguished cabinet position that made him commander-in-chief of the second greatest navy in the world. During the war he has distinguished himself as America's naval head. Under him, the navy has done a heroic part in winning the war, and Secretary Daniels and his naval staff have had a work of tremendous importance to do. That work has been done with recognized ability and energy and with such efficiency that the record of the United States navy has world wide approval of its world war record. Once more The Star congratulates Secretary Daniels, the Tar Heel naval chief.

Secretary Daniels never commanded any navies before he was placed in charge of the United States navy, but he has been right on the job. For a while he commanded the navy on a peace footing, but a great deal of criticism was hurled in his direction. Nevertheless, he sturdily ignored all kickers and growlers. Then came the days when he had to prepare the navy for war and get in line for American victory, coordinated with the great British navy. That is where Secretary Daniels got away with all his ribald critics. Today the man who criticises the world war secretary of the navy is looked upon as an inveterate harbinger of stupidity.

Secretary Daniels is always showing them how. Commanding the navy in war has kept him on the skip and hop, but he has been right there all the time. Now he is getting the navy back to a peace footing, and he is doing it in great style. Possibly he never felt prouder than on Friday when he reviewed the greatest naval pageant ever held in America. The overseas naval contingent arrived in New York harbor after its historic participation in the European war program on the seas, and gathered in the great home waters around the American metropolitan port there was an imposing armada of twenty-one super-dreadnaughts, dreadnaughts, and various ships of the line, together with cruisers, destroyers and a host of small war craft of all types. Indeed, it was the mightiest American Armada ever assembled in the waters of the American continent—fit units of the now second greatest navy in the world.

The New York pageant was a proud day for the United States. It was a proud day for the navy. It was a proud day for New York. Certainly it was a proud day for the people of the United States of America, but as for Secretary Daniels we almost know it was the proudest and grandest day in all his life. It was his function to review the floating fortresses which came steaming into the home port after 18 months service overseas. They received an immense welcome in New York. The ships and the officers and the men and Secretary Daniels received a tremendous ovation. Secretary Daniels headed the naval host and received the honors of the people with Admiral Mayo and the navy's sturdy tars as they marched down Fifth avenue amid volumes of welcome and an incessant roar of plaudits.

The salutes fired by the navy's big guns were heard around New York and the American metropolis can count it as the big day when the nation's mightiest armada assembled in her harbor under such momentous auspices.

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If the victors are going to sink the German war ships because they can't agree about what to do with them, how can they agree on any peace arrangement that will assure peace? After all, the report that the ships are to be destroyed may be one of the many wild rumors that are flying around in Europe. A whole lot of reports that astonish us ain't so. Same way with a whole lot of things that make people mad when they hear them, without waiting to see whether they are true or not.

Manufacturing jewelers want the war tax reduced on all lines of jewelry. Since the jewelers add the tax to the cost of production, the tax ultimately falls on those who decorate themselves with jewelry. All war taxes find their way back to wearers and consumers. That tax on gasoline is finally paid by owners of chug-wagons. Any tax on production is a tax on consumers.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Responsibility of Two Men.

Whatever international significance may attach to London's reception to President Wilson, the momentous event of his visit to England must necessarily be his meeting with Lloyd-George and the discussion that followed. It may be doubted if any other two men ever shared so large a measure of personal responsibility as the president of the United States and the prime minister of England at this time. They are the two recognized spokesmen of a democracy that has overthrown autocracy, an absolutism, but unless they speak the same language and interpret the victory in the same way, the fruits of the triumph will have been largely wasted and mankind will have been cheated and defrauded in the house of its nominal protectors. Efforts have been made on the side of the Atlantic by American and British junkies to drive a wedge between the president and the prime minister, but this work of mischief will count for nothing unless Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lloyd-George aid and abet it themselves. They are not dealing with their private and personal affairs, but with the destiny of mankind, and there is no issue involved in the peace conference about which these two men are not capable of coming to an agreement if they set their minds and their hearts to that task. An agreement between them means an agreement between the American and British governments, with all that such an understanding implies to human liberty and human security for the future. There are no points of difference that are really important in comparison with the points on which these two great leaders of modern democracy must inevitably be in accord by reason of the principles and policies that each has long championed. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lloyd-George speak for the common man—the man who has borne the brunt of this terrible conflict. They represent jointly his ardent conviction that the sacrifice of things comes out of the war and his children and his children's children are guaranteed against a repetition of the tragedy that he has lived. Speaking for him, he is the solemn duty to make sure that their words are translated into action and made effective. They can do it, regardless of the political opposition which each must inevitably encounter in his own country. It is the confidence that would bring more confidence and inspiration to the mass of mankind than the assurance that on all the really vital questions of peace and reconstruction Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lloyd-George were acting as one man, with a single mind and a single purpose.—New York World.

A Tremendous Job.

Every day it is realized that the after-war period is too big to be understood. It is not to be compared with anything that has gone past. In the last few days concrete ships have been ordered to be built in this country. A tremendous job is ahead in supplying the shipping the world must have. It would take our country alone seven years to build the shortage, and in that seven years the losses that annually are being made in supplying the world's shipping would mean a big shortage still. The best that can be done it will take several years for the world to catch up with its ship-building, and that means just one thing: Germany and the world must be supplied with ships as permanent industries. With work ahead for several years, the business of building ships at Wilmington and New Bern will be just one thing: production of ships in this country as permanent industries. With work ahead for several years, the business of building ships at Wilmington and New Bern will be just one thing: production of ships in this country as permanent industries. With work ahead for several years, the business of building ships at Wilmington and New Bern will be just one thing: production of ships in this country as permanent industries.

MISS AMELIA GLOVER DEAD.

Fayetteville Woman Passes Away in Marion, S. C. (Special Star Correspondence.) Fayetteville, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Amelia Glover, wife of Weather Observer Frank Glover, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Evans, at Marion, S. C., Wednesday night. Mrs. Glover had been in failing health for some time, though the news of her death was nevertheless a shock to her many friends. She was visiting at the home of her mother when her condition began to change radically for the worse. Mrs. Glover leaves her husband and three children, these being Miss Kate Glover, C. Ashley Glover, of the 81st division, American expeditionary force, and Edna Glover. She was a daughter of the late Dr. Dixon Evans, of Marion, S. C., a widely known physician of his day and a native of this county. Her mother, who survives her, was the daughter of Gen. William Evans of South Carolina. Rear Admiral Victor Blue, U. S. N., and Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the U. S. Public Health service, are cousins on the maternal side of her family.

SANTA CLAUS DIDN'T FORGET THOSE AT CASWELL SCHOOL.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Kinston, Dec. 17.—Kris Kringle was at the state school for feeble minded here in big letters. The old gentleman was even more generous than usual. The influenza epidemic and the recent burning of a dormitory and consequent crowding of remaining buildings prevented the holding of exercises, and there was no tree. But there was an abundance of "Santa Claus" Nowhere else in North Carolina is Santa Claus so real. The "little girl" 80-odd years old who cherishes so affectionately a doll and the grown-up lad with the red rubber ball will testify to the certainty of his existence. Gifts came from all over the state—toys, garments, candy, fruit, books, etc. Every youngster and adult got something individually or something out of the big indiscriminate supply. True, there was the flu, which all save 15 inmates have had, and the fire, which robbed many of the girls of their home, and the death of a second little sufferer detracted from the occasion, but the hardships were not so keenly felt—though normal persons are seldom so deeply hurt as these over the loss of home or friends—because "Santa Claus" as one of the kiddies knows him, made such a liberal effort to smooth over things for a time.

HARDWARE STORE ROBBED

Sanford Firm is Short Some \$500—Working on Clues (Special Star Correspondence.) Sanford, Dec. 27.—The Lee hardware store is short at least \$500 in cash, besides notes and checks and goods, which can not be accurately determined as a result of a burglary by parties unknown up to the present writing, though some clues are being followed.

The back door of the store was found open with the signs apparent of a search, and the searchers had put the suspicion that some one had concealed himself in the store before it was closed the evening before. The safe combination was being put on the groundhog must be caught.—Raleigh News and Observer.

WOMEN AT 50 LOOK 25 AND RETAIN THE CHARM OF YOUTH.

Atlanta, Ga., says that women can improve their youthfulness and retain beauty 100 per cent in a few days by simply applying a little Cocoon Face Powder two or three times a day. It softens the skin, a natural velvet softness that radiates youth and beauty, so fine, so refreshing and daintily perfumed with a most exquisite French odor that is sure to please you. If your face will not supply you send 25c to the Cocoon Co., Atlanta, Ga., for a large box. For sale by Ahren's Bros. Drug Co., H. L. Pentress and the Payne Drug Co.—Adv.

AGED COUPLE MARRIED.

Bride and Groom Each 72 Years of Age. Groom's Niece by Marriage. (Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Mary Moody and John K. Moody were married recently in Trent township, Lenoir county. Each is 72 years of age. Magistrate J. G. Whitfield performed the ceremony. The bride was the widow of a nephew of the bridegroom. Mrs. Moody went to Texas 50 years ago. For a time he corresponded with her, but after a number of years his letters stopped coming and John K. Moody in his old age didn't know if he had a relation left in the world. Then Villa started something and the North Carolina troops went to the border along with the rest of the army. One day Mr. Moody showed up at the quarters of Company B, Second infantry. He had not "what you might call prospered," and "under seemed like he fitted in pretty easy-like with the boys." Having made himself acquainted with all hands, he became a sort of honorary member of the company. When the troops returned to Goldsboro Mr. Moody came with them. Just how he managed it probably cannot be explained by the railroad people. Members of Company B now know the goodly number of clinking dollars. Then the gray-haired repatriate tramped over many miles of country roads to find any that might be left of his family. By accident he finally located a sister, and through her others. He was a mighty happy old man. Romance came into his life and now, still hale, John K. Moody is the happiest celebrant of Christmas, he thinks, in all this section.

BOYS KILLED 4,012 RATS.

Rutherford County Youngsters Awarded \$45 in Cash Prizes. (Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—Despite the fact that the epidemic of influenza made it very hard to carry on a rat-killing contest in Rutherford county, C. C. Proffitt, county agent, reports that the boys and girls in his county did kill a total of 4,012 food eaters during the contest which he recently conducted. Authorities of the agricultural extension service at Raleigh figure that a single rat will destroy \$2 worth of food in a year. According to this, Rutherford county has saved \$8,024 worth of food by the simple elimination of 4,012 rats. According to Mr. Proffitt, a total of \$45 in prizes was awarded, with Wilton Price, of Rutherford, winning first prize of \$10, with a total of 234 rats, representing rats which he had killed. Raymond Harris, of Hollis, won second prize of \$8, with a total of 137 rats. Peil Shehan, of Rutherford, won third prize of \$6, with a total of 124 rats. Four prizes of \$5 each were won by other boys who averaged around 93 rats each.

At the close of the contest Walter Cole, of Forest City, sent in 157 rats, but these reached the office too late to be counted in the contest. Rutherford county is one of the first counties in the state to take hold of the rat-killing contest which was instituted in the fall by the extension service, and one of the few to push the matter to a successful conclusion, despite the epidemic of influenza. County Agent Proffitt expresses himself as very much pleased by the results, the few boys who did enter the contest carried forward their work. The fact that they won prize money is only a secondary consideration to the amount of food saved.

BRITISH WARSHIP CAPTURES TWO BOLSHEVİK DESTROYERS

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MILLION BALES IN N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture Believes State's Crop That Large. (Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, Dec. 27.—The prediction is made by Commissioner W. A. Graham that the final ginning reports on the 1918 cotton crop in North Carolina will put the figures for the total crop at at least a million bales, the biggest crop the state ever had, with the exception of the 1911 crop, when the crop rounded out a little more than a million bales. The reports already show around 800,000 bales as ginned, and there are lots of cotton not only yet to be ginned, but actually in the field yet uncked. He says it is most fortunate for the cotton in the last mentioned condition that the weather has been so mild and for the most part, dry, thus keeping the quality of the cotton exposed to the weather in much better condition.

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