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The Lowden campaign probably will have the financial support of more individual contributors than any other drive for the White House. We note that a higher fare is going to be charged by the Pullman company.

Gustav Noske, the Ebert minister of defense, has tendered his resignation. Gustav probably would have resigned when the revolutionary drive first broke, but he was too much engrossed with the business of standing from under to take up his time with mere formalities.

If General Wood is still to be classed as a soldier, we would judge that he must be missing a great many formations nowadays.

Senator Reed insists that we have fully paid our debts to Europe. Whether that is the exact truth of the case or not, we know we haven't settled in full with the Senator himself yet.

We are not disposed to question the statistics disclosing a steady decrease in the population of Ireland, but recent reports from the Emerald Isle convince us that there are a good many Irishmen there yet.

The seven bandits who held up a New Jersey "crap" game and made off with something like $15,000 must be credited also with a sense of humor, as is reflected by the number of men in their gang.

Senator Borah wants to know where all of General Wood's campaign money is coming from. Colonel Proctor's soap factory hasn't closed down, has it?

Untimely, impolite and inconsiderate, we call it, for Senator Pittman to break in on Admiral Sims' little story with a demand for such a trifling and irrelevant matter as proof.

The Germans long ago proved by many lengthy documents and labored utterances that they never indulge in atrocities or wanton destruction, so we may expect the disturbance in the fatherland to run along strictly according to Hoyle, Queensberry, or such authority as may have been agreed upon.

### THE FARM BOARD'S QUESTIONNAIRE.

There is a special timeliness in the questionnaire that is being addressed to Presidential candidates by the National Board of Farm Organizations. There has not been a period in our history when the farm life and farm interests of the nation were pressed with so great insistence or propriety upon the attention of our statesmen by the country's vital needs. At a time when a veritable wave of city-madness sweeps the people and production of the things that are most necessary is lagging, a wise leadership will not fail to take account of the man whose hand is still at the plow, will not be unmindful of his long deferred claim to "a fair share in the wealth he creates."

It is not to be supposed that a system more favorable to the interests of the agriiultural worker will be less favorable to the consumer. An improved marketing and distributing plan would do much to make less precarious the path of the farmer and of the consumer as well. Whatever else may be done to advance the welfare of the farmer will react beneficently upon the public generally.

The man who tills the soil has grown weary of the shopworn demagogic sops tossed to him by the office-seeker, and desires now the friendly and intelligent co-operation of the government that represents him.

### PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS

(Special to The Star.)

Washington, March 23.—Representative Godwin today introduced three bills in the house providing for public buildings in North Carolina. One of these bills provides for the purchase of a site at not to exceed $15,000 and the construction of a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches for the postoffice and other offices of the government at Dunn, Harnett county, a similar building at Southport, with the same cost limit, and likewise one at Lumberton.

### ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Augustine, Texas, March 23.—Previous Texas court records involving the death penalty probably were broken here today when John Hood Price, a negro, was hanged for the murder of John Kennedy, a farmer, less than twenty-four hours after his arrest.

### WHAT NOW?

What is the President going to do? Will he send the Treaty back to the Senate? There s little likelihood of that, unless Mr. Wilson is willing to unbend a little, unless he grows more conciliatory and makes clear his willingness to accept some modifications, however galling and disagreeable. It is hardly conceivable that he will undergo the change of heart antecedent to such a change of front. Those papers which have been urging the President to be more moderate, to be less insistent on his own point of view, are deluding themselves if they have any hope of an altered attitude on his part. He is constancy itself, he does not know how to waver, he will never retreat. Mr. Wilson will not send the treaty back; that much is fairly certain.

Will he proceed to make a separate peace with Germany? This course is more probable, although it involves enormous difficulties. In the first place, it would mean that ours is the way of separatism, that we have definitely cut loose from our former allies, that only our feet shall take the path of peace which we have chosen. The President must initiate and negotiate this pact of severance. The Senate has merely the power to concur or not to concur. The objection to a separate peace is that it would remove us from our former associations and deprive us of the opportunity of participating in the benefits flowing from the various commissions and agencies which have been established for arranging the settlement with Germany. We would have to play a lone hand, and that is a dismal prospect, involving the most painful and burdensome probabilities.

What the President is likely to do is to arrange for a modus vivendi with Germany, a more or less informal rapprochement serving to bridge the gap which now exists until such time as the countries may enter into a more precise and final understanding. A modus vivendi makes possible the resumption of trade relations and sets free the economic forces which are now dammed up. The value of this method is that it will not bar us from joining with the powers at some later day in the peace and covenant which are already operative in Europe.

The country is eagerly awaiting the President's decision in the premises. One thing is clear: the present status can not be much prolonged. England and France are already, or soon will be, reaping a commercial harvest. American business can not suffer continued confinement or restriction. It must be emancipated, just as the American people must be emancipated from the shadow of war.

### THE HOMES THAT ARE NO MORE.

Are you a house-hunter? Have you been trying to find a shelter? Then woe is yours, and the infinite tribulation of one who, in spite of the fondest endeavor, never reaches the goal.

Have you held converse with tender-hearted real estate man, and have you, with a hopefulness barely stirring under the weight of constant denial, inquired if he had a house for rent? And shall your ever forget his fixed smile of sympathy as he tells you of this or the other charming place which is being held for sale at a surprisingly reasonable figure? Have you listened to his recital of its excellent points, its choice location, its fine architecture, and have you agonized through it all, knowing that not for you is this beautiful haven, that the gods of your household will never recline under this too, too perfect roof?

Ah, life in death, said Tennyson, the days that are no more. If you have suffered, if you are suffering, if, with all your striving, your lares and penates are still homeless and forlorn, your tears are not idle tears, as "wild with all regret," you ponder that other life in death, the homes that are no more.

## RALEIGH-WILMINGTON RAILROAD PROJECTED

### People Of Clinton And Sampson County Take Initiative.

(Special to The Star.)

Clinton, March 23.—An enthusiastic meeting of more than a hundred representative business men of Clinton and environs took initiative this evening toward promotion of the Raleigh and Wilmington railroad, every man present pledged his financial and moral support to the enterprise. C. C. Cashwell, representing the North Carolina Landowners' association, pledged the backing of that vigorous body to the limit. A committee of ten have been appointed to confer with various commercial bodies of Raleigh and Wilmington with a view to formulating plans of procedure. The determination to build is exceedingly strong and no grass will grow under the feet of Clinton and Sampson people. The building of this line means not only the development of an empire, but a main thoroughfare to the seaside and thence northward.

### CHARGES HUSBAND WITH MENTAL IRRESPONSIBILITY

San Francisco, March 23.—Mental irresponsibility as a result of being gassed in France was put forward in testimony by Mrs. E. V. McGinnis, of St. Louis, today, pleading for the acquittal of her husband, former army captain, charged with bringing Miss Esther Botts, his stenographer, to California in violation of the Mann act.

### THIS WILL HELP SOME

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 23.—Liquor may be removed by the owner from his home in West Virginia to his permanent residence in another state, according to a ruling handed down here today by Charles Lively, federal prohibition director.

## Haskin's Daily Letter

Clipping the Flapper's Wings.

New York, March 21.—The day of the overjoyed, overdressed dear young thing, full of sentiment and illusion, is drawing to a close. "Gladness" and glad rags are going out of fashion.

According to Miss Jane D. Rippin, national director of the Girl Scouts, within the next ten years women are going to abandon all creative attempts at illusion, and live a peaceful, thrifty existence, like men. They are going to wear plain business suits and severe hats, abjure high heels and cosmetics and exercise a restraining influence on their exuberant gladness, especially while at work. Miss Rippin herself is doing all that she can to bring this admirable reform about.

"Every day," she says, "we are teaching the girl that her body isn't a Christmas tree on which to hang a lot of ornaments. The young Scout becomes accustomed to the wearing of her own simple uniform and sees its value. Of course, she cannot wear it always, but she is taught that the next best thing is a plain one-piece dress with a belt. Her scout shoes are big and broad with low heels, and she knows the dangers of high heels. As for cosmetics, every one of our girls comes to know that girls who wear artificial things on their faces have artificial things in their characters."

By taking them while they are young this way, and inculcating in them a wholesome respect for grim and, even occasionally homely reality, it is hoped that the "too-glad" outlook can eventually be stamped out. Miss Rippin is aided and abetted in this useful campaign by various women's clubs, including the Wall Street club, the Irene Thrift club, an organization of chorus girls, and A. Mitchell Palmer, whose interest is in squelching not so much gladness as extravagance.

While the campaign is invading even our drawing rooms, with the idea of clothing them a little more fully and less fancifully, it is particularly directed at the modern working woman. Young women who wear distracting clothes to the office, whose gladness effervesces and spills over into the sober working hours, and who monopolize business telephones for protracted, mirthful conversations with their various acquaintances, and who insist upon joyfully vamping the boss when the poor man is anxious to get through the dictation and out to his golf, are not expected to occur in the future. The Wall Street club is taking these species of gladness under its wing in the hope of definitely saddening them.

Miss Elizabeth Sibley, president of the organization, has very decided views on the subject, which she confidently expected to impress upon thousands of young women employed in the Wall Street district, during the coming year.

"Not everything that it is necessary to know if one is to succeed in a business office is taught in preparatory schools or business courses," declares Miss Sibley. "There are questions of dress and deportment which are most important. Older women who have gone through the stage of office work, which these girls are just entering, can give them a word or two of advice, which we feel should be of some value."

As it is, conditions are so shocking, according to Miss Sibley, that one woman, the head of a large banking house, recently became so embarrassed at the diaphanous attire of the other feminine workers that she raised all the windows in the office and then tactfully suggested that the girls put on their coats so that they would not take cold.

At the recent convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women here, where the subject of dress reform received a great deal of discussion, Mrs. Christine R. Kefauver, supervising inspector of the bureau of industrial hygiene of the New York department of health, created a mild stir by her assertion that "many a wife becomes unduly suspicious of her husband if he has in his employ a girl who dolls up like a fashion model." In her opinion it was up to the modern business girl to suppress her glad appearance in order that the boss's wife might rest in peace and comfort. Mrs. Kefauver is not especially interested in the welfare of boss's wives, except in so far as they interfere with the success of business women.

"The business woman may not realize it, but it is not fair to herself to dress for the office in unsuitable clothes," she says. "The time has come when entering business with a woman does not mean merely the filling of gap between school and marriage. It means much today to a girl as it does to her brother. She must therefore avail herself of every opportunity to make it a success. What would we think of a man who wore a dress suit to the office in the morning? And yet women go into offices in gowns suitable for tea or dinner."

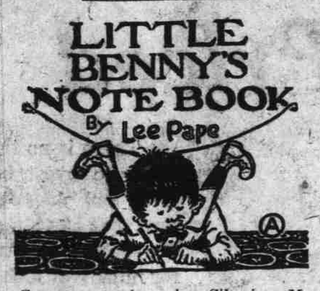
Mrs. Kefauver knows of one case where a young office worker, doubtless a victim of glad propaganda about the goodness of the human race (if you only look on the bright side of things,) lost her position through dressing a trifle too exuberantly for the role of clerk. Happily unconscious of the unfavorable impression she was making upon a cynical public, she went about the efficient performance of her duties until one day the wife of one of her employer's clients happened into the office and saw her. That lady immediately demanded that her husband take his legal business to some other office where the young women employees were less gorgeously attired, which so upset the young clerk's boss that he fired her.

If the present reform campaign were confined to the dress and manners of office workers, one would not attach so much importance to it, but even chorus girls have become infected by the desire to be sober-minded. It is not unusual to find whole companies of chorus ladies diligently knitting while waiting for the cues in the wings; while one company playing in New York has organzed the Irene Thrift club, which is an organization for promoting the wear of sensible, muslin lingerie. These girls have repudiated all frivolous apparel of this type, and have espoused the coarse, practical and economical garments of their grandmothers' days.

"Nowhere else in the world do wage-earning, or for that matter any other kind of women, wear such foolish and senseless underwear," declared the leader of the club, the other day, who is said to be the daughter of a British peer and only in the chorus because she has to earn her living. Whether the peer is bankrupt or not is not divulged by the young lady, but she is by no means reticent concerning other members of the British nobility, whose taste in underwear she describes in great detail. After announcing that the Duchess of Portland, the Duches of Devonshire and many other titled ladies on friendly terms with her grandmother, were partial to unbleached muslin, the organizer of Irene Thrift admitted that the present generation was inclined to favor silk, but that this frivolous taste is now being suppressed by a popular wave of reform.

As evidence that they are speaking nothing but the truth and the whole truth concerning the purpose of their club, the members will take you back to their dressing tables and show you their small portable sewing machines, costing five dollars apiece, whereon they manufacture lingerie between the acts. "Of course, you know, such practical garments cannot be bought," said the leader in exhibiting her specimens of thrift, "which shows how demoralize dthe public taste has become, and how frivolous!"

Thus, with even the stage developing an antipathy to frivolity, the future holds much hope for the extinction of gladness. With so many reforms under way and gathering furious momentum, there will soon be nothing left to be glad about. Yes; there would be much hope for the weary in the future were it not for one disquieting possibility. Suppose everybody went right on being glad, anyway?




Scene, snowing in Siberia. Man. (driving home in a sled with 6 pork chops in a paper bag). Giddup, giddup if I couldent run eny faster than you 2 horses Id get out and wawk.

Flock of wolfs in the distants. Grr. Grr.

Man Holey smoaks, Im being persoed by a flock of wolfs. Gillup, giddup, do you think youre going to a Wolfs. (closer) Grrr, Grrr.

Man. G, they're gaining on me. Giddup, giddup, if I was a wild animal trainer I wouldent care, but I aint, giddup, do you think youre goinng to a fewnrel?

Wolfs. (mutch closer) Grrr. Grrr.

Man. I know wat Ill do. Ill throw a cupple of these pork chops and hurry up keeping on going wile theyre stopping to eat them. (Wich he does.) Giddup, giddup, giddup, do you think giddup meens wo?

Wolfs. (close as enything) Grrrrr. Grrrrr.

Man. This is sumthing awfill. I gess Ill throw 2 more pork chops. (Wich he does.) Giddup, are you going to giddup or aint you?

Wolfs. (close as everything) Grrrrrr. Grrrrrr.

Man. Heer goes the last 2 pork chops. O way dident I buy a duggen like my wife told me to?

Wolfs. (jumping in the sled and licking the mans face) Grrrrrrr. Grrrrrrr.

Man. Well Ill be darned, theyre tame wolfs. (Terns erround and goes back for some more pork chops.)

The end.

## COUNTY AUTHORITIES MAY IMPEACH HAMME

### Criminal Case Against Attorney Has Been Postponed.

(Special to The Star.)

Kinston, March 23.—The Lenoir county authorities or any five citizens will be given opportunity to impeach J. L. Hamme, city solicitor, before the charge of aiding and abetting in immoral conduct in the segregated district of South Kinston is heard in court, Judge Allie Whitaker, of the recorder's court, having determined to continue the case against the prosecutor indefinitely.

Judge Whitaker holds that George C. Cowper, county attorney; James A. Powers, district solicitor, or any five citizens may impeach the accused lawyer. A judge of the superior court must hear the charges, according to the city judge. The city council has not the authority to remove Hamme.

## BATTLESHIP NAMED FOR NORTH CAROLINA MAN.

### Portrait Commander Parrott Will Be Presented to Vessel.

(Special to The Star.)

Kinston, March 23.—A large picture of the late Lieutenant Commander G. Fountain Parrott, U. S. N., a local officer who lost his life in the sinking of the destroyer Shaw during the war, has been presented the U. S. S. Parrott, a new destroyer named for the Kinston officer. The picture was provided by Philadelphia friends of Commander Parrott. A flag officer of the navy interested in the ship has suggested that a North Carolinian command the Parrott.

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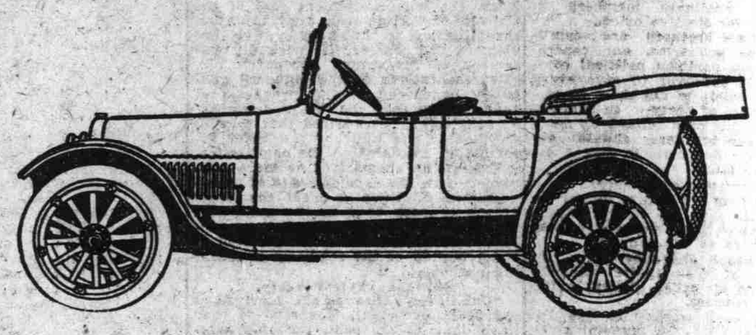

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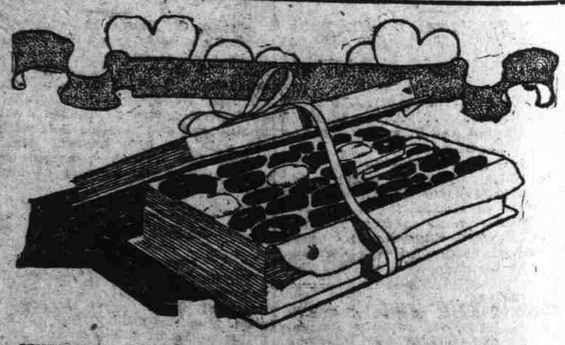

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