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A Verdict On Baseball

Generally gratifying news is contained in the announcement, appearing elsewhere in this issue of The Star, of substantial progress in the direction of professional baseball for Wilmington.

The enterprising gentlemen who have undertaken to get something under way are naturally desirous of further instructions from Wilmington fans, now that the matter has been brought to a stage at which final arrangements may be made.

It is one thing to express a desire for baseball; it is quite another to translate the wish into concrete evidence of support.

The Problem of the Unemployed

That there are 3,500,000 workers in industrial fields now unemployed does not portend a general and tragic collapse of business nor a period of pauperism.

The non-existence of the latter means of distributing labor is the greatest handicap to the efficient handling of the problem.

The floating laborer and the unemployed have always been cause and result of both social and economic pressure, hence society's responsibility.

Consider the present situation. Michigan reports an 82 per cent reduction in employment; Ohio and Indiana 50 per cent, Illinois 44 per cent, Massachusetts 38 per cent, and so on.

It is probable that if the industrial depression has reached its lowest point, any federal machinery for relieving unemployment would hardly be in motion before the great emergency would be over.

Cameron Morrison may be described as one of The State's coming young men.

The Fee Bill Hearing

Yesterday's conference on the fee system must have revealed to Senator Burgwin what the community has known for some time: that the sole avowed support which his measure is receiving comes from a small professional group which is placing its own interest and convenience above every other consideration.

Among some fifty citizens who attended a hearing at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, including taxpayers, business men, and committee from the Kiwanis Club, the Central Trades Council, and the Woman's Democratic League, only one voice was raised in behalf of fees and the argument in this instance was based upon indicated cases of official negligence and upon the expectation of improvement when fees become the order of the day.

Senator Burgwin, who stated at the meeting that although he had introduced the fee bill at the request of the County Commissioners, he still possessed an open mind on the merits of the subject, and should now have little difficulty in deciding that the measure should not be pressed.

Lawyers and others having to do with the Courts and the County offices are clearly and honestly conscious of the need for more efficient service, but the defect in the position which they take is that intending to offer a remedy they present a poison.

Gregory Institute

For a long time the South has had working within its boundaries the representatives of various Northern or Eastern philanthropists or organizations, who wished to help solve the social problems faced by a section struggling to recoup its losses and build its future on a new basis.

The colored as well as the white population of the State is realizing its responsibility. The meeting to be held Monday night at Gregory Institute will mark the beginning of a change in the support of that school which is of great significance.

Free Seeds Are Safe

All over the land, when spring comes, the free seed will be planted and the amateur gardener who measures his beans before they are grown will be convinced that his congressman is on the job.

It might not be a bad idea to use surplus for the making of a survey to determine the actual value of all vegetables grown from congressional seed, when the cost of the government for transportation has been deducted.

Unless this is done, we fear the congressional sowing will bring scant harvest. This, of course, would not be true if we consider the security which comes to that congressman whose constituents are convinced that his free garden seeds are worth six hours of the representative's time.

A campaign which should enlist the heartiest support of every citizen of Wilmington is that to be started soon in behalf of the projected nurses' home at James Walker Memorial hospital.

The Germans now know what they will have to pay. The sum should not strike them as unduly high if they will compare it with the receipts which they took in 1914-18.

It is conceivable that the State may throw away money on its highways. This and other States have in the past wasted money on their public roads.

On the eve of his departure for Europe, Mr. Cox is said to have received from President Wilson directions as to some trustworthy sources of information over there. It is enough for most of us to know that there are some.

It is reported from Berlin that Grover C. Bergdoll is about to become a citizen of Germany. His record over here indicates that he was only visiting in the United States in the first place.

Contemporary Views

STATE MAINTENANCE PLAN THE BEST Winston-Salem Sentinel: The Sentinel feels that the advocates of the state plan of road maintenance have an argument that is decidedly better than that of the county maintenance advocates.

It is hard to imagine a uniform system of road maintenance under such a plan for naturally the more progressive and prosperous counties will pay more attention to highway upkeep than the others.

THE LAST RESOURCE

Durham Morning Herald: University trustees are to appeal to the legislature for appropriations sufficient to put the institution on a solid basis and enable it to care for the hundreds of boys and girls who are today denied the advantages offered by the state's colleges.

MORE THAN THEY CAN USE

Charlotte News: We have little doubt that Congressman Doughton will be able to show conclusively that there was neither fraud nor irregularity in his election to congress from the eighth district, but he will not need to rely entirely upon the truth to support his contentions.

ON THOSE WHO BENEFIT

Greensboro News: Neither good morals nor good sense will permit the settlement of bills for current expenses of the state by bond issues.

But, by the same token, if the greater part of the benefit of a certain expenditure must be enjoyed by the next generation, then the rule works just as strongly the other way.

The same reasoning applies to roads just to the degree in which the road construction contemplated is permanent. The building of mud pies that are certain to dissolve under the stress of the first hard winter that strikes them is not a permanent investment; but the building of a road that is certain to last ten years, and that, with reasonable care in maintenance, may be made to last 25 years or more, is altogether a different proposition.

GREENSBORO AND HIGH POINT

Asheville Citizen: The state of North Carolina may listen to the siren appeals of economy and neglect to deal generously with the needs of its educational institutions but the cities and towns of North Carolina are not permitting this milk-and-water argument to intrude between them and their duty to their school population.

"HONEST AND FAIR" ELECTION LAW

Raleigh Times: We see by the morning papers that last night's caucus of the minority members of the general assembly went on record as demanding an "honest and fair" election law.

After all, there's nothing inherently dishonest in the laws now governing the elections of North Carolina. The trouble lies in their non-enforcement.

Until both minority and majority in North Carolina come to look on the ballots of the voters as belonging to the voters rather than to party candidates we will continue to fall far short of an "honest and fair election law."

Daily Editorial Digest

Allied Neutrality Toward Russia

President Wilson's latest note on Armenia, involving as it does the whole Russian question, has given rise to a wide range of newspaper comment.

The main issue raised in the note, most of the writers agree, is the emphasis on a "hands off" policy toward Russia as a whole, not merely that part of it which affects Armenia.

The Albany Knickerbocker Press (Rep.) and the Carlisle News (Dem.) agree that the Reds come off too easy under Wilson's plan, for as the former puts it, "while the President is seeking assurance preface to his Armenian task, he might ask for some from Moscow."

The "honesty but convincing" principle that if the Bolsheviks are given enough rope they will hang themselves is the basis of the Memphis Commercial Appeal (Dem.)'s consideration of the President's suggestions.

European News and Views

Can the Hapsburgs Come Back?

Andre Cheradame, whose writings from France are familiar to the American public, discusses in the Paris Matin the question of the restoration of the House of Hapsburgs.

"Among the Hapsburgs there are four candidates for the Hungarian throne. The competition among them is sufficient to make an inventor's dream impossible, such as might be the case if there were only one.

"The ex-king of Hungary and Emperor of Austria, Charles, married to Princess Zita of Parma, is the candidate of the monarchist royalists. For Charles is still King of Hungary, on account of the following theory.

"Although Charles is living in Switzerland he is still in possession of the coronation ceremony conferred on him. This is the case because Charles never abdicated. When he left Austria in 1918 he signed a document which he regarded as his royal power and left the right of free decision to the Hungarian nation and this power was simply circulated among the King's personal friends.

"It is no abdication. The act of abdication to be of any value, according to Magyar law, ought to be recorded by the Magyar Premier and accepted by the Parliament, that is to say by the two Chambers. As these formalities did not take place, Charles remains to be King.

"The Otto plan," continues the writer, "is a makeshift held in reserve by the Hungarian legitimists in case a return of King Charles should be looked upon as impossible, Arch-Duke Otto is the son of ex-king Charles but as of the only child of the regency would be formed consisting of three members: Admiral Horthy, the Cardinal Primate of Hungary, known as a determined irredentist, and also a great magnate such as Count Andrássy or Count Apponyi.

"Arch-Duke Albert is the son of arch-duke Frederick, who was Commander in Chief of the army during the war, so that his memory is revered by all the Slavs and Latins who were subjects of the Hapsburgs. Archduke Albert is 23 years of age, and lives at Magyarovar. He is intelligent, well educated, but is known to staunch adherent of Prussian Militarism.

"Taken with its context this conveys the impression that Mr. Wilson is rather mixed in his ideas. He offers a curious conglomeration of the theory of waiting and the sacredness of the doctrine of the status quo as taught in Article X of the League.

"The 'digressions' from the question of Armenia itself, in the opinion of the Buffalo Express (Ind. Rep.), with regard to the Bolshevik and Turks 'are the circles within circles by which President Wilson's letter completes the whole round of futility.'

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"England, now free from German competition both on the sea and on land, must consequently with all the aid of a necessary element of the war, has resolved to press forward her economic interests before any other considerations.

the Hungarian people really think these different candidates and of public law.

A Boost for Czechoslovakia The Journal de Geneve summarizes the views of the Prunostovky Vestnik in Prague before his departure to the international labor bureau in Geneva to study the question of the relations of the Czechoslovak law introduced the eight hour day for agricultural laborers two years ago.

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