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The Farrell-Hinton Mystery

It appears probable that the world will never know, fully and officially, why Lieutenant Farrell and Hinton of the naval balloon service engaged in a personal encounter. The august board of inquiry which has been charged with the duty of getting at the bottom of the affair had not at last accounts made appreciable headway.

The solemn hearing apparently will come to naught, and this is to be regretted. Next to a fight itself, there is hardly anything that so takes hold of the mind as the cause of a fight. In this case interest has been particularly high.

It must be admitted that there is a certain fascination in watching the figures chalked up in the hospital drive, but we must not permit this side-line engrossment to obscure our own obligation to make a personal addition to those figures.

Governor Morrison is placing county authorities on notice that he will expect the promptest possible report whenever there is even remote probability of a lawless outbreak, a lynching, for example.

One of the Republicans of the General Assembly is sponsor for the argument that North Carolina is too poor to build good roads. We are not informed as to the county or section in which the gentleman originated.

Correspondent Small reminds us again that the President-elect dislikes very much to hurt anybody's feelings. Apparently not pausing to consider that the effects of the very best anaesthetic must wear off sooner or later.

We hear that the Fordney emergency tariff bill has passed the Senate. The idea of Congress seems to be that the stable should be locked in order to prevent the horse from getting in again.

If the President should appear to be unable to give a satisfactory account of that \$150,000,000, we would beg Congress to consider that the French may have short-changed him.

The party (Democratic) can not run with water that has passed over the dam," according to Mr. Bryan. The party ought to know that pretty well after three trips over with W. J. B. himself.

The postmaster at Savannah has resigned to become chief of police. It's remarkable how men's tastes change with the varying aspects of affairs at the national capital.

To Build the Roads Not so much by skillful generalship, though that was in evidence, but chiefly by sheer force of sound argument and common sense, the advocates of a modern system of highways for North Carolina have scored a remarkably clean-cut victory in the Lower House of the General Assembly.

The overwhelming majority by which the Doughton-Connor bill passed in that body yesterday may be taken as foreshadowing the early completion of this measure's course through the channels of enactment. There is no apparent reason to fear that the proposal to establish a good roads system in the State will be received with less kindness in the Senate than its appearance has evoked in the House.

Without the permission of the author, we are reproducing in part a letter which drifted into our workshop yesterday afternoon. Joseph D. Garcia, pleasantly remembered by us as "Joe" Garcia of the composing room force, wrote the letter—and we don't blame him:

Will you please give me a write-up in the paper about my boy who was born Tuesday, February 15th, at Thompson's Hospital, Lumberton. We have an eight-pound boy, J. D. Jr. Mother and baby are doing fine.

We have read with interest of the audience granted by Mr. Harding to a "committee of the German-American Citizens' League." Our attention has been attracted especially by the presence of one George Sylvester Viereck at the head of this committee and by Mr. Viereck's announcement following the conference with the President-elect.

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Contemporary Views

THE TAIL TWISTERS

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she would sacrifice on balance approximately \$4,500,000,000. As her population and wealth are less than half our own, the individual Briton would give up something more than the individual American. So she does not invite us to practice a generosity she does not exemplify.

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THE NORTH DAKOTA BUBBLE New York Times: Fallen into hopeless smash is the new heaven of North Dakota. How hopeless may be judged from the fact that weary masters of the Non-Partisan League are forced to surrender to the bankers, that abhorrent class, inconceivable in the perfect Socialist State; and not a downtrodden farmer rises against these oppressors.

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Daily Editorial Digest

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When it comes to a debate in which one side is all for the airship and the other all for the battleship, the Dayton News (Dem.) thinks that "both sides are right and both are wrong."

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rights. The adoption of the same measure for the Red Army will in the future subordinate entirely to the will of Trotsky. The first order reads as follows: "Our Fatherland is in danger. The fact that the Army wrongly interprets its civic rights is steadily becoming a serious menace to the existence of the revolution. Posterity will despise us if we prove ourselves unable, in order to save our glorious cause of freedom, to compel those who are weak-spirited to submit to a people and only with I, your Red Chief, appointed by the Government and invested with the confidence of the people, demand complete faith from you. All my efforts are directed towards one single purpose: to lead our country out of its difficult position it is in and to save it from the threatening yoke of England and France. There is no place for discussions and babbling when a battle is being fought, and therefore I categorically order, on the part of meetings and general gatherings, army units called for political purposes shall be definitively forbidden, in case of attempts to organize such meetings or gatherings they must be considered as illegal gatherings and are to be dispersed immediately by armed force. The above-mentioned prohibition to be considered as an order issued on the battlefield, and is under no circumstances to be subject to discussion of any kind."

ANNA RIVES REPORTED AS HELD IN NEW YORK

NEW BERN, Feb. 17.—Anna Rives, pretty 12-year-old girl, said to be from Rocky Mount, and at one time in the employ of a local store here and known here, is being held in a grand "bar" or "lock-up" here, on the chief of police of Richmond, Va. She is charged with obtaining goods from Miller & Rhodes, of Richmond, through fraudulent means and giving checks amounting to over \$300 on a Rocky Mount bank which were returned with the mark "No funds."

MR. SMALL SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS FOR A LAST TIME

Small is "saying it with flowers" for a last time. Notwithstanding that he will not be a congressman after the March 8th election, he is sending out flowers to the women of his first district constituency as usual. The flowers are accompanied by letters couched in flowery language.

RED ARMY GAPPED

The Russian daily newspaper Borba, issued in Tiflis, publishes two "orders of the day" addressed by Trotsky to the Red armies, abolishing the right granted by the first Provisional Government in 1917 to all units of the army to hold meetings and gatherings for the discussion of political and other matters concerned with the welfare of such units.

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