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The Drug Habit

The Federal law regulating the sale of narcotics went into effect March 1. The effects of the deprivation resulting are just now coming into evidence. This is because of the fact that many years of drugs supplied themselves for as long a period as possible before the law went into operation. These stored up supplies have been about exhausted, and the misery of human wrecks is coming to public notice. Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt, who has for a long time been engaged in a fight for the suppression of the drug evil in New York City, makes report through her agent, Mr. Ernest K. Coulter, of alarming conditions now prevailing in the big city. In The Sun Mr. Coulter gives account of many people, made through deprivation of cocaine, heroin and other narcotics, "committing acts of violence and filling the city's prisons and hospitals to the crippling point." Mr. Coulter does not believe the people of New York realize the seriousness of the situation. "It must be understood," he says, "that these men who rob, assault and kill to get morphine or some similar drug are means. They are the most dangerous kind of lunatics when the craving comes over them. The drug means more to them than life, and they will never hesitate to sacrifice lives—others and their own—to get the stuff." "The city is up against a great problem. It is estimated that in order to deal with the drug cases New York will have to spend \$100,000 on its inebriety farm at Warwick and \$175,000 on its city prisons. The trouble in New York, as perhaps in other large cities, is that no provision was made to care for a situation bound to result from the enforcement of the law. Dependence was made solely on the hospitals, but these institutions proved to be totally inadequate to handle the vast numbers of drug habitues applying for relief. Meanwhile, a tremendous business has sprung up in the price of drugs is an interesting incidental. The sun reports an increase of as much as 1,000 per cent. Opium has gone from \$6 and \$10 for a six ounce can to \$35 and \$55. Cocaine is now bringing \$22 an ounce where formerly cost \$3. Heroin, or morphine diacetyl, costs six times its former price. The morphine now pays \$5 for a supply that formerly cost 25 cents.—Charlotte Observer.

Mule and Ford Not Mixed

It just had to come sooner or later. Ever since the automobiles began hopping about over the roads like grasshoppers a collision between a Ford and a mule has been inevitable. And as might have been expected, the heels of the mule came out victorious. It was Wednesday afternoon when Dr. G. B. Nance got a hurry call to somewhere below Carmel and jumped into his new automobile and started to answer it. The mule which he overtook some distance out wanted to back across the road. Dr. Nance tried to drive around him but the mule swung back on the bridle, the bridle broke, and the mule's rear parts struck against the radiator of the machine. Dr. Nance grabbed his medicine case and hit the road and went on to his patient. The radiator needed about \$20 worth of work, and the mule was not hurt. It is understood now that a Ford has learned the difference between a hog and a mule. —Garner Journal.

Blowing Back Brains

Mr. John Buff has given up clerking and taken up his trade of Carpentering, and on Saturdays only opening his repair shop for watches, clocks and such machinery out of order. Among our popular travelling salesmen on the mountain recently were Messrs. Nathan and Harris of North Wilkesboro. Quite a number of drummers come here year after year, some of them several times a year, until they are like our brothers, and they are in reality a connecting link between the outside world and this little world of our own. The old bank building used by his Honor, the Mayor, for a mayor's court and by the band boys as a practice room, is being enlarged, the roof being raised to accommodate a second story, which will be used for lodge and society meetings, while the lower floor will be for a town hall where political meetings, meetings of the Civic League, etc., will be held. Miss Eunice, accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Holshouser, who is among our most highly honored citizens and valued friends, has returned from college for her vacation at home and will be a welcome addition to the young people's society this coming season. We have a baby of attractive young girls in our little mountain town, most of them having gotten a fair education, and some of them, not satisfied with less than the best, going to college and fitting themselves for life's serious duties, to their credit be it said, for too many young women nowadays are spending their time reading trashy novels, unless fancy work is done, and their time peering into a mirror and the other half of the time senseless fashion. Some others are content to sit on the porch all day long, and the time passing to the music of the radio. We have a high aim and we have any nonsense except a high order, and there is a grade of nonsense, so-called, that "cheers the heart, opens the windows of the mind and lets the sunshine in."

Another—But Broken

My dear, my dear, short cut to the top of the mountain. I chanted. I blew a horn as you two years ago, and you refuse to go, or won't go, through town and count on me for my joy and pride. I loved thy gaudy, white tines so new, but you are down and out for true every way. To thee, old rattle for them I grieve. Badly thy top torn, frayed are thy seats and worn; the whooping cough effects thy horn, I do believe. Thy perfume swells the breeze while good folks choke and sneeze, as we pass by. I paid for thee a price 'twould buy a mansion twice now everybody's yelling "ice"—I wonder why? Thy motor has the pipe, even the skid chains slip, and woe is thine, I, too, have suffered chills, ague and kindred ills endeavoring to pay my bills, once thou wert mine. Gone is my bank roll now, no more 'twould choke a cow—as once before. Yet, if I had the moon, so help me John—amen, I'd buy myself a car again, and speed some more.—Ex.

It is said that T. B. Manahan's memory was so retentive that, after reading a book once, he could give all the salient points to it, and recite many long passages of it verbatim.

In the United States cities there was last year a bank for every 9,706 people.

The Attack on Dardanelles

After vicious fighting in which the Turks offered a stubborn resistance, British troops, according to an official statement issued Friday night, have established themselves on the Gallipoli Peninsula and advanced a considerable distance toward the Narrows of the Dardanelles, while the French have captured Cape Kum Kaleh, on the Asiatic side of the Straits of Dardanelles. This is the most and most serious attempt to force the Dardanelles has been launched. The Turks under German officers placed every obstacle in the way of the invaders but against the fire of the allied fleet and the galantry of the army they were forced to fall back. The British forces lost heavily in the operation. Six points were selected for the landings, which began at daylight of April 25. At five points they were successful immediately, but at the sixth near Seddul Bahi the troops were unable to advance until the evening. The Austrians and New Zealanders landed on the west coast of the Gallipoli Peninsula, directly across the country from the strongly fortified narrow. The other British troops disembarked at the extreme end of the peninsula and by the 28th, when it was decided to give the man a rest and time to enable the positions to be consolidated, they had reached Krithia, on the road which runs along the peninsula and over which they will join their comrades from the dominions and attack the forts guarding the Narrows in the rear. The French took possession of Cape Kum Kaleh after they had previously attacked toward Yeni Shehr to the south on the Asiatic coast. While this was proceeding the fleet, besides covering the landing of the troops, kept up a bombardment of the forts in the Dardanelles and prevented reinforcements from reaching Turkey from the sea. One Turkish ship was sunk by the Queen Mary, which is believed again to have fired her big guns across the straits, directed by airmen. The ship was sunk off of Maidos, a town on the Narrows, which later the battleship Triumph bombarded and set on fire. The official account of the landing of the allied troops does not bear out the over-enthusiastic reports from Greece, which have exceeded it and have mentioned thousands of men, and a large number of men given as having been cut off by the British.—London Dispatch.

The Long Battle Lines

According to a compilation by a Paris newspaper, the troops of the allies in Europe occupy battle fronts 1,656 miles long. In the west the lines extend nearly 600 miles—the French occupying 540 miles of trenches, the British 31 miles; and the Belgians 17 miles. In the east the lines of battle extend 1,088 miles. The Russians face a front 851 miles long, while the Serbians and Montenegrins are fighting along a line of 217 miles. And with the fighting that has been in progress for the past several months, neither side has been able to draw in its lines to any considerable extent.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

Aluminum can be rolled into sheets one two-thousandths of an inch in thickness that are as strong as tin foil.

Wants to Prove Us

When Germany proclaimed a war zone around the British Isles and told the balance of the world to look out, our government warned the Teutons that they would be held responsible for the loss of American lives. Some weeks ago an American, Leon C. Thresher, was drowned by the sinking of the British ship Falaba. An investigation of this incident has been completed but a report has not been made and it is not known what the government's course will be. In the meantime German aircraft dropped bombs on the American steamer Cushing, in the North sea. No lives were lost but Germany will probably be asked to explain about that. Now comes the report of the sinking of the American steamer Guilford by German submarines. The captain of the Guilford died of the shock and two members of the crew jumped overboard and were drowned. The multiplication of these incidents would indicate that Germany wants to provoke us.—Statesville Landmark.

Irvin Cobb is No Beauty Himself

When Irvin Cobb was a reporter in New York he interviewed Jack Johnson, soon after the last Jeffries fight, says the Kansas City Star. He handled the big cinder humorously. A few days later he received this letter of protest from a negro citizen of Brooklyn: "Mr Cobb, your slanderous statements in regards to our fellow Afro-American, Mr. John Arthur Johnson, Esq., has come under my attention. Personally I permit me to say that we take exception to any such attitude on the part of any newspaper or printed matter whatsoever. "You say certain unnice things as regards Mr. Johnson's personal appearance, especially his face, which you give us to understand is funny, and his general body, which you signify as being lumbering. All that is ridiculous, for Mr. Johnson was never a lumberer in his life. "As for you, Mr. Cobb, all I have to say is that I know who you are; and what you are, and what kind of a looking person you are and let me take this opportunity right here to say that you are no Lillian Russell."

BANK STATEMENT

Following is the report of the condition of the Watauga County Bank at Boone, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business May 1, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$180,179.90
Overdrafts	55.98
Banking house	2,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,000.00
Due from banks and bankers	21,235.93
Gold coin	3,019.50
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	1,752.56
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	2,446.00
Total	\$311,689.87
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$16,800.00
Surplus fund	13,440.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and tax paid	4,851.15
Bills payable	15,000.00
Time certificates of dep.	95,799.59
Deposits subject to check	64,194.38
Cashier's c'ks. outstanding	1,694.75
Total	\$311,689.87

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, ss: I, G. P. HAGAMAN, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

G. P. HAGAMAN, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
N. L. MAST,
L. A. GREENE,
B. B. JOUGHERTY } Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1915.

W. D. FARTHING, C. S. J.

Monotony Broken

The monotony of the talk about war orders placed in this country has been broken. During the past week two orders were placed that break all records in either peace or war. The American Locomotive Works secured an unchangeable order from the British Government for the manufacture of 5,000,000 shrapnel shells. The cost for some of these shells is \$14 each, while for the smaller shells the price is \$12.50. The whole of the contract amounts to \$68,250,000. The second contract was for rifles by the French Government and was given to the Westinghouse Company. The amount of this contract is \$50,000,000. It is believed that the contracting firms are good for a profit of 30 per cent, all of which money will be sent here to stay. Whether the war is soon concluded, or whether it lasts a long time, the contracts will be filled for, as stated, they cannot be cancelled. The rifles supplied the French Government are to cost \$27.50 each. The contracting firms will distribute the orders among other manufacturing companies in the North and New England.—Charlotte Observer.

Obituary

Jont. H. Brown, son of Richard and Polly Brown, was born December 11, 1844, and died November 15, 1914. He was the second son of six brothers and three sisters. He was married to Susan Norris, November 29th, 1865. To this union was born five children, three girls and two boys, four of which survive him. One son died in infancy. He joined Meat Camp Baptist church September 8, 1865, and lived a member of same until March 1st, 1884, when he moved to Three Forks church and remained a consistent member till the death angel came to bear his spirit to its eternal rest which remains for the people of God. Bro. Brown had lived so that his life was an epistle, and was known by all who knew him as a faithful Christian and a good citizen, neighbor, and devoted father. We feel we have lost a noble man, one who ever stood for the welfare of his home and church and his country, and while we feel this loss we hope he realizes the gain of his eternal crown.

L. A. WILSON,
J. H. GREENE,
E. J. NORRIS,
Committee.

All Made Clear

A woman missionary in China was taking tea with a mandarin's eight wives, says The Southern Woman's Magazine. The Chinese ladies examined her clothing, her hair, her teeth, and so on, but her feet especially amazed them. "Why," cried one, "you can walk and run as well as a man." "Yes, to be sure," said the missionary. "Can you ride a horse and swim too?" "Yes." "Then you must be as strong as a man!" "I am." "And you wouldn't let a man beat you—not even if he was your husband—would you?" "Indeed, I wouldn't," the missionary said. The mandarin's eight wives looked at one another, nodded their heads. Then the oldest said, softly: "Now I understand why the foreign devil never has more than one wife. He is afraid." Every 25 hours there is poured into the Harlem River 99,000,000 gallons of New York City's sewage; into the North River 132,000,000 gallons and into the East River 264,000,000 gallons.

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