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Spotlights On Wilson.
Charlotte Observer.
President Wilson's Charlotte speech is the subject of quite general comment by the papers of the country. In the main the criticism is cast in a pleasant vein, though there is a natural disposition on part of some papers to differ with him. The New York World, says "perhaps so," to the President's assumption that a dead-lock exists in Europe and that peace negotiations may be possible. "Of Mr. Wilson's desire to be of service to the warring powers," says The World, "there can be no doubt, but he can do little on his own motion. Unless it can carry out the purpose for which it brought on this conflict, Germany seems to be the Nation which must take counsel. In such peace hints have come from Berlin, concession rather than counsel is contemplated." The New Orleans Times-Picayune sees in the President's speech "a beautiful vision," but the dream, "as old as society, has never yet come true, and there is too much reason to fear that the present war may bring others quite as terrible in its train. The Charleston Post thinks the speech "significantly in harmony with the murmurings of peace that are heard above the awful crash of war." The address, The Post thinks, "is certain to attract attention to Europe and is doubtless being studied in the chancelleries. It may furnish the material for a platform upon which real discussion of peace may begin." The Birmingham Age-Herald sees no encouragement for peace calling the suggestion of the President in that direction "a vain hope." The war will go on, that paper says, "and the last chapter will be sadder than the first." The Philadelphia Ledger was mainly struck with that portion of the speech that touched upon the racial aspects of the United States and it regards it fortunate that "Woodrow Wilson is no longer in the possession of Portean citizenship." Mr. Wilson's tribute to the citizenship of Pennsylvania, The Ledger declares, "will go far toward making up for the slur about our Declaration and at the same time fixes him as a Middle States man. It is for the future to say if he is a middling statesman." His just about the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia," The Ledger says "betrayed a touch of the 'professional Southerner.'" The Asheville Citizen comes to the conclusion that the oftener you read President Wilson's speech in Charlotte the more you see in it." In the opinion of the Birmingham News, the speech, though brief, was an exalted appeal to the very highest and noblest aspirations of the hour." His words "were touched with the solemnity of the times, and are of deep significance," when peace rumors appear likewhite threads through some of the red warp of news from the war zones." The New York Sun contents itself with criticizing the President's grammatical style and suggesting a less frequent use of adjectives and an insistence upon his own earnestness. The Philadelphia Record illuminated its first page with Charlotte pictures, but evidently had no quarrel with the President over the "minor" Declaration.

The best summary, in our opinion, was that given by the Birmingham paper last quoted from to the effect that "commemorating the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration, the President left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that the United States is a Nation of peace, and that it has no wish to enter this war, as some fire-eating hyphenates hinted just now.

Shulls Mills May be Great Railroad Center for Mountain Section.
The village of Shulls Mills, out some eight miles beyond Blowing Rock, is agog over the prospects of being a railroad center for that section of the State. The Whiting Lumber Company is already building their road into the village. This is a certainty. They are working on their big lumber plant and will have it going in the near future. The depot will be built just below the Shulls Mills Mercantile Company's store.

It is not the fact the Whiting Lumber Company's road is being built into the town at the present time that is causing the excitement. This has been assured for some months. The biggest thing that is causing talk is the speculations on a visit of Mr. H. C. Landon of the Watauga & Yadkin River Railroad, and Mr. Fletcher, of the Carolina & North Western Railroad. These gentlemen, says a man from Shulls Mills, spent several days in that section and it was freely talked that the object of their visit was Shulls Mills as an objective point for their railroads.

It is a well known fact that the Watauga & Yadkin River Railroad is pushing their line on through the mountains as fast as they possibly can, and no one knows just what or where their objective point is. It is also a fact that the Ritter Lumber Company furnishes the Carolina & North Western with a greater per cent of the business than the railroad from the Edgemont section, and since this lumber company will soon finish cutting their standing timber on this side of the divide, the railroad company will have to look into a new field. This must mean that their line will be pushed on across the mountain, through Coffey's Gap says the Shulls Mills report.

This whole matter is being very freely talked in the section around Shulls Mills and Valle Crucis and the people of that section look for something to materialize at an early date.—Lenoir News.

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Has your education given sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them?
Has it made you public-spirited?
Has it made you a brother to the weak?
Have you learned how to make friends and keep them?
Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself?
Can you look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye?
Do you see anything to love in a little child?
Will a lonely dog follow you in the street?
Can you be high-minded and happy in the meaner drudgeries of life?
Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn just as compatible with high thinking as piano playing or golf?
Are you good for anything to yourself?
Can you be happy, alone?
Can you look out on the world and see anything except dollars and cents?
Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see anything in the puddle but mud?
Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars?
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The peace between Italy and Germany is a peace that passeth all understanding.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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The Future Of The South Bright.
Lexington Dispatch.
A few days ago a very eminent artist who visited Lexington made this remark. "I have been through every country in Europe and I lived for fifteen months in the northern part of the United States. I have only been in the South for a few months, but I have seen enough of its wonderful climate, its matchless beauty and the gentility of its people to make me love this section more than any place in the world. There is so much hope in the faces and hearts of your people. You have lost the stolidity that characterized the fifty years following the war between the states. You have set your faces now toward the future, without forgetting any of the finer things of the old South. The average Southerner has a whole lot of art in his being, and I am sure that the best field in the world for the musicians is here in the South. Your people should religiously cultivate and guard all the beautiful sentiment and by all means avoid becoming commercialized. Do not let a dollar get between you and your love for the beautiful and make your souls small and your ideals narrow."

Just a year ago Dr. Walter Damrosch said in Raleigh: "I am sure that the hour has come when America shall take the same commanding lead in art that she has in business and finance over the nations of Europe, and I regard the South as the best field for music in this nation." Since then Dr. Damrosch has shown his faith in his prediction by connecting himself with the largest musical enterprise in America to be located at Black Mountain. Many other noted musicians are each year coming to the South to make their homes. The great stars are beginning to visit this section. Just a few weeks ago Raleigh paid \$10,000 to opera singers and the venture was a success. People from all sections of North Carolina went there. The new day that we are entering upon ought to be indeed glorious.

Peace-Making Under Difficulties.
People who think it is the President's official and religious duty to approach the European belligerents every day or two on the subject of peace should note the fate of the remnant of the Ford expedition. It has now reorganized as a Neutral Conference for Continuous Mediation, and its latest achievement has been the employment of George Brandes to write an essay.
Mediation is not undertaken except at the request or the intimation of a power at war. This need not be public but it must be unmistakable. To interfere without invitation would be to speak for none of the parties in interest and to subject the Government so acting to grave suspicions. The conflict in Europe is nearing a deadlock involving sacrifices that are worse than useless. If that is the case a hint from one of the nations concerned would justify the President in extending his good offices. So long as no move in this direction is made, he must assume that interference on his part would be unwelcome. In some circumstances it might be regarded as a menace.—N. Y. World.

Insomnia.
Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper, with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper, and see if you do not rest much better. Obtainable everywhere.

Always Making Over.
What interests my thought more than anything else about the United States is that it has always been in process of being made over ever since that little beginning and there have always been the same elements in the process. At the outset there was at the heart of the men who led the movement for independence a very high and handsome passion for human liberty and free institutions. And yet there lay before them a great continent which it was necessary to subdue to the uses of civilization if they were going to build upon it a great state among the family of nations. I heard a preacher once point out the very interesting circumstance that our Lord's prayer begins with the petition for "Our daily bread" from which he drew the inference that it is very difficult to worship God on an empty stomach, and that the material foundations of our life are the first foundations. What I want to call your attention to is that this country ever since that time has devoted practically all of its attention, perhaps too much of its attention, to the material foundations of its life; to subduing this continent to the uses of the nation and the building up of a great body of wealth and material power. I find some men who when they think of America do not think of anything else but that. But, my friends, there have been other nations just as rich and just as powerful in comparison with the other nations of the world as the United States is, and it is a great deal more important that we are going to do with our power than that we possess it.—President Wilson in Charlotte Address.

The Dignity of Labor.
In the home there must be discipline, training, ideals, ambition and intelligent activity. When the family must leave home to find occupation or recreation, there can be no genuine happiness and no healthful growth. To prove the essentials for industry and happiness requires at least a reasonable degree of financial independence. There must be at least one bread-winner able to make the modest expenditures for home equipment, and who has the spirit of sacrifices in order to induce him to do so.
The habit of industry and love of work are essential for success in any vocation to make a well-rounded life. Unfortunate is the boy or girl who has been reared in luxury and idleness, and who has not been impressed with the dignity of labor. I think it was President Eliot of Harvard University who stated in a notable address, that it was necessary for every child to have performed in youth a certain proportion of manual labor. They must have experienced the weariness of toil and thrill which comes from the completion of a physical task well performed. Such children receive not only the training, but they acquire a sympathetic interest in the man whose daily life is one of toil. Besides, there is a harmonious connection between the brain and the body, so that intelligent labor makes easy the mental task. Fortunate are the grown men and women who under wise discipline have learned to labor with their hands. They are better fortified against the enervating temptations of life and better equipped for their vocation.—Hon. John H. Small in Elizabeth City Independent.

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