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THERE ARE MORE INDIANS

A dispatch from Washington says that despite popular belief that the civilization forced upon him by the white man means his ultimate extinction, the North American Indian, reviving from a long period of decadence, has shown such substantial increases in population in recent years that he probably is scarcely less numerous today than when Columbus discovered America.

Startling as this assertion may be to those who have pictured American forests in the discoverer's time as swarming with red men, it is freely advanced by experts of the government's Indian bureau, who maintain that the Indian necessarily formed an exceedingly scant population which probably at no period materially exceeded the total of 333,702 Indians reported by the bureau for last year.

"The Indian no longer is to be thought of a dying race, declared Dr. Lawrence W. White, an Indian authority of the bureau. "In support of that statement it is necessary in the first place, to disabuse the mind of tradition handed down by discoverers and early colonists that American forests in their day swarmed with the dusky figure of the red men. As the Indian neglected agriculture almost completely, it is highly improbable that his country, considering its latitude, could have supported more than several hundred thousand of his race."

On the other hand Dr. White continued, the Indian in the present day, after periods of sharp decrease following as a natural reaction to sudden contact with the civilization of the white man, is seen to be making subsequent gains in population.

"While many estimates or guesses of the Indian population were made during the past century," said Dr. White, "ranging from less than 100,000 to 400,000, the first reliable census was made by the Indian bureau in 1870, when the population was placed at 313,712. So figures demonstrate that in the past 50 years the Indian population has made a substantial net gain.

Pointing to statistics which show an excess of births over deaths of 1,522 in 1916 and almost as great an excess in 1917, normal years which were not affected by the epidemic of influenza, Dr. White declared these figures "fully reflected the generosity of a government that has increased its Indian health appropriation alone from \$40,000 in 1911 to \$350,000 in 1917 and subsequent years. They demonstrate, he said that with the schools, hospitals, and other advantages now provided for him, the Indian, be he tribesman or freedman, is not a dying race but rather a flourishing one. Had he been treated as other nations have treated savage tribes, Dr. White concluded, there probably would not be a "vestige of the race within our republic today."

TO COMPLETE E. & A. TO JEFFERSON.

Plans are on foot to organize a company to take over the Elkin & Alleghany railroad and complete it to Jefferson a distance of 75 miles. About 16 miles of the road are in operation, while about twenty more have been graded. It will be recalled that last fall the road and its equipment was sold at a receiver's sale and was bid in by H. G. Chatham and associates who have secured a charter with \$2,000,000 authorized capital. This is regarded now as one of the best railroad propositions in the State.

WILHELM OFFERS SELF AS SACRIFICE.

President Wilson has received a personal cablegram from Frederick Wilhelm, former crown prince of Germany, suggesting "if the allied and associated governments want a victim let them take me instead of the 900 Germans who have committed no other offense than that of serving their country in the war."

Whataction the president might take on the message presumably was identical with that reported in Amsterdam dispatches as sent to the rulers and presidents of other powers opposed to Germany in the war, was not disclosed. There was a suggestion at the white house that he might reply.

In some quarters, however the opinion prevailed that he would not even acknowledge the receipt of it since, it was pointed out, the United States is not a party to the treaty or a member of the league of nations and has no voice legally in any proceedings as to extradition of German officials or officers for trial.

TO ALL READERS OF THE DEMOCRAT

While the people are staying at home more than usual, it is a good time to read the Bible and pray. Some may follow all the suggestions I am making; others may follow some of them.

1. Read the book of Matthew.
2. Read on through the New Testament.
3. Read Proverbs.
4. Study the Sunday school lessons.

5. Pray for a revival in your Sunday school, church, community, state, nation, world. Pray for yourself, family, neighbors, friends, enemies, and all the hundreds of millions in the world. Pray for the people in need of the gospel, in need of schools, and in need of food and clothing.

"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting." See First Timothy, chapter 2.

J. R. WALKER.

NORTH CAROLINA CASUALTY FIGURES.

The adjutant general announces the following final figures, showing North Carolina's casualties in the world war:

Killed in action, 40 officers, 644 men; died of wounds, 10 officers, 228 men; died of disease, 6 officers, 595 men; died of wounds, 7 officers, 36 men; drowned, 3 men; suicide, 2 men; murder or homicide, 5 men; execution, general court martial, 1 man; other causes, 10 men; cause undetermined, 18 men; presumed dead, 5 men. Total officers, 63; men 1,547.

The figures also show the following in regard to prisoners of war and wounded:

Total prisoners, 7 officers and 53 men, all repatriated except one man, unaccounted for.

Slightly wounded, 81 officers, 1,507 men; severely wounded, 58 officers, 1,709 men; degree undetermined, 34 officers, 739 men. Total wounded, 173 officers and 3,955 men.

In its record for bravery and combat North Carolina stands prominently among other states, population considered.

New York had a death list of 254 officers and 4,528 men; Pennsylvania, 158 officers, 3,796 men; with corresponding figures, as a rule, for other populous states. South Carolina's death list was 25 officers and 308 men; Virginia, 43 officers and 637 men; Georgia 43 officers and 308 men.

Figures by states are put out in answer to inquiries asking for an analysis of casualty figures, figures having been given previously by divisions.

CLOTHING WILL BE HIGHER THIS FALL.

The continued increase in the cost of materials used in making suits, overcoats, etc., indicates that all woolen apparel will be about sixty-five per cent higher next fall, than in the fall of 1919. Manufacturers say that not only have the woolen fabrics advanced, but that linings have advanced, together with labor, about 35 per cent.

This increased cost of material and labor means that suits that sold for fifty dollars last fall will have to be sold for \$82.50 this fall and that an overcoat which sold for \$100 last winter, will be marked \$162.50.

This increase will not be due to profiteering on the part of the local merchants, as they will really make less money than when a suit could be bought for \$20 and sold for \$25. It will work a considerable hardship on the merchants to carry as large a stock as they usually carry, as the money necessary to purchase a large stock of clothing would be equal to a small fortune. Furthermore, the retailer is met with the proposition of paying his clerks higher wages, rents are higher, freight rates have increased, and so with every other item of expense.

IMPROVED AIR SERVICE

Construction of the two biggest airplanes in the world is planned by the navy department, the House naval affairs committee was told by Capt. T. T. Craven, director of naval aviation who submitted a program calling for \$12,890,000 for the fiscal year 1920.

The two giant seaplanes, twice the size of the trans-Atlantic NC-4 would cost \$636,000, he says.

The machines would have a capacity of 30 tons, a wing spread of 140 feet and would be capable of weathering high seas if forced to land on the water.

Capt. Craven also asked that Congress provide \$10,000,000 for new air stations; \$7,600,000 for maintenance of existing stations and \$7,000,000 for experiments.

EGYPT'S WEALTH

A correspondent of the London Daily Express in Cairo says, "Egypt is bursting with wealth."

"Illiterate natives living in mud huts have made 20,000 pounds sterling out of cotton deals," he continues.

"Some have made £100,000. They are buying land at inflated prices and paying off mortgages which are regarded as family heirlooms. One British official says that the country has made at least 100,000,000 pounds. Naturally there is an influx of new millionaires in Cairo with a huge demand for automobiles, jewelry, new houses and all kinds of luxuries, but in the provinces many of the newly-rich have not changed their standard of living at all."

ONE CENT

(Omaha News.)

An ingenious professor of mathematics has figured out that one cent invested at the beginning of the Christian era (1,919 years ago) at a rate of interest equal to the government Liberty bonds—that is, 4 1/2 per cent.—with interest compounded to date, would make 100,000 globes of solid gold, each the weight of the earth.

The earth weighs six and twenty-one ciphers tons, but the one cent with its accumulations, reduced to a minimum weight in gold, at the rate of 620 in the ounce, would he says, make 100,000 planets of the earth's weight.

The moral is: Save the pennies!

Stockholders of Brushy Fork Cheese Factory Meet

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Brushy Fork Cheese Co. the following men were elected on the Board of Directors for the ensuing year: J. W. Ward, Jesse Green, Andy Greer, G. H. Hayes and D. L. Fox.

The stockholders discussed the question of establishing a branch milk receiving station at or near Hodges Gap for the purpose of operating a milk route from that locality. Another meeting of the directors will be held later at Brushy Fork to take action on this plan.

The total sales of cheese from this factory exceeded by \$2000 the sales of 1918, and conditions point to an increased business the coming year.

The Duty of Every Christian Every Day

I ought to obey God rather than man.—Acts 5:29. Which one am I obeying, in my desires, in my deeds, in my preaching?

I ought always to pray and not faint. Luke 18:1. Prayer brings things to light; prayer keeps the minister right; prayer does away with the spirit of fight. Am I praying—really praying unto God always?

I ought to love others; 1 John 4:11. For he that loveth his brother abideth in the light and he that loveth not his brother is not of God, and abideth in death, 1 John 2:10; 3:10, 14.

I ought to walk and please God, 1 Thes. 4:1.

I ought to give earnest heed to what I have heard. Heb. 2:1.

H. H. CASSADY.

Same Pastor Weds Twelve in One Family

According to a dispatch, Miss Grace Brinck, a girl of Winters, Cal., was the twelfth member of her family to be married by the Rev. H. C. Culton, when she became the wife of H. H. McGarry. 29 years ago her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Augusta Brinck were married by Mr. Culton.

INFLUENZA WEAKENS THE BLOOD

BREAKS YOUR VITALITY—LEAVES YOU HELPLESS WHEN EXPOSED TO OTHER GERMS

THESE ARE DANGEROUS DAYS

IF IN DOUBT ABOUT YOUR BLOOD TAKE PEPTO-MANGAN, FAMOUS RED BLOOD BUILDER

If you are just recovering from a fight with the "flu," it will be weeks before you're really out of danger.

Your blood has exhausted its strength—it is in no condition to fight off other disease germs it may be exposed to. That is why doctors advise staying away from crowds as long as possible.

You can help your blood get back its strength—its stability to fight off disease—by taking that splendid tonic Pepto-Mangan.

The famous blood builder will supply the iron and other properties your blood lacks and help you regain your old time vigor and enthusiasm.

Get Pepto-Mangan today. It may be had at any drug store in either liquid or tablet form. Make your own choice as to liquid or tablet. They are exactly the same in medicinal value. Take whichever ever you prefer.

But be sure you get the genuine Pepto-Mangan. Ask for Gude's and be sure that the name is on the package. —Adv.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Larkin M. Hodges, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of January, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement. This Jaunry 17, 1920.

H. C. HODGES,

Administrator of L. M. Hodges, deceased.

A BARGAIN TO CLOSE ESTATE.

Good two-story 8 room dwelling with barn and out-buildings, also good store building, about three acres land. Located in village of Friendship 5 miles south of Glade Springs Good store stand. Price, for quick sale \$4500.00. Dwelling could not be built for this money. Write Dr. R. R. Preston, Glade Spring, Va. 4t-c

HOLSTEIN CALVES FOR SALE.

From one to two years old. Well grown. From purebred high producing cows. Valle Crucis Industrial School, E. J. Höffner, Dairy Manager, Valle Crucis, N. C. 4t-c

FOR SALE—Team mules, wagon and Harness, buggy and driving harness; car, Metzroadster Babcock surry, yoke oxen, two cows.

J. N. Clawson, Horton, N. C. 3t-p

You can do some things next week, but some you cannot.

So don't wait, act now! Insure your house before it burns.

Insure your health before you get sick. Insure your life before you die for then it is everlastingly too late.

I sell the best policies at universal rates. GEC. F. BLAIR, Blowing Rock, N. C.

FOR SALE

at par \$150.00 stock in the Three Forks Co-operative Cheese Co. Inc. offered by persons leaving the community and needing money, also \$100 unsubscribed stock. This stock is issued in \$10 shares and is paying 8 per cent annually Apply to H. Neal Blair, Manager, Boone, N. C. 4t

GOOD STOCK FOR SALE.

Heavy pair horses, 8 years old; One good three year old yoke of steers, and one good 3 year old bay horse; gray mare, 5 years old, weighs 950 pounds; good saddle horse, 8 years old, weighs 1060 pounds; One bay mare, 10 years old, weighs 1100. Will sell on time or swap for anything you have that don't suit you.

Come and look my stuff over and if I haven't got what you want, I'll get it for you.

R. L. Honeycut.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonial, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

48,000 Drug Stores Sell It. Five million people use it to KILL COLDS. HILL'S CASCARA QUININE BROMIDE. Standard cold remedy for 20 years—in tablet form—safe, sure, no opiates—breaks up a cold in 24 hours—relieves grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. The genuine box has a Red top with Mr. Hill's picture. At All Drug Stores.

Entry Notice No. 2543

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, office of entry taker for said county.

Joseph Presnell locates and enters the following described piece of land, lying and being in the county of Watauga, Watauga township and bounded as follows: Beginning on a chestnut, Billy Mast's corner, and runs east with Mast's line 60 poles to Noah Earp line, then north with Earp's line 40 poles to a white oak, corner of the 10 acre Jim Teaster tract, thence west with the line of said tract to the line of the 50 acre tract, thence with said line to the beginning containing 15 acres more or less. Entered Feb 12, 1920 H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Entry Notice No. 2546

State of North Carolina, Watauga county; office of entry taker for said county.

N. H. Earp locates and enters 50 acres of land more or less, on the waters of Baird's Creek, in Watauga township beginning on a black gum N H Earp corner, running north with said Earp line to a white oak corner, to a 10 acre tract belonging to the J. F. Testers heirs, thence west with line of said 10 acre tract to a stake in Rachel Tester line thence south with said line to W. H. Mast's line thence various courses to the beginning. Entered Feb 12, 1920 H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Entry Notice No. 2548

State of North Carolina, Watauga county, office of entry taker for said county.

H. W. Presnell locates and enters 3 acres of land, more or less, on the waters of Laurel Creek, in Laurel Creek township. Beginning on the E. H. E. Presnell Grant corner and runs east 40 poles to a stake, thence south with a branch 25 poles to a stake, thence west 30 poles to a stake, thence north to the beginning. Entered February 11, 1920. H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Entry Notice No. 2545

State of North Carolina, county of Watauga. Office of Entry taker for said county.

T. D. Wards locates and enters 10 acres of land, more or less, on the waters of Beech Creek, in Laurel Creek Township. Beginning on a stake in the mouth of Buckeye Creek, and running east with T. D. Ward's line to J. B. Hicks' line to Charlie Hicks' lines, various courses to the beginning. Entered February 2, 1920. H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

Entry Notice No. 2547

North Carolina, Watauga county. Office of entry taker for said county.

E. E. Earp locates and enters 15 acres of land on the waters of Watauga River in Watauga township. Beginning on a white oak tree, L. C. Earp's corner, thence running with said Earp's line to a chestnut oak, his corner, then with his line to Ed Shipley's line, then to Preston Moody's line. Then with Moody's line to the beginning for compliment. Entered February 2, 1920. H. J. HARDIN, Entry Taker.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Watauga county, in the superior court, Thomas D. Gragg vs Manda Gragg.

To the above named defendant: You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga County as above entitled and that summons has been issued therein and been returned by the officer, not served and that order of publication in said summons has been duly obtained against you requiring you to appear at the clerk's office in Boone, Watauga county, at the court house on the 20th day of February, 1920, when and where you are required to answer the complaint of the plaintiff which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, or the relief therein prayed for will be granted; said action being for the purpose of dissolving the bonds of matrimony between yourself and the plaintiff. This the 20th day of January 1920.

O. L. COFFEY, Clerk of the Superior court for Watauga County.

NOTICE

The heirs-at-law of Avery Penley, names and residences unknown, will take notice that a proceeding has been instituted by the Elk Creek Lumber Company and others against the heirs at law of Avery Penley dead, names unknown, before the Clerk of the Superior court of Watauga county, the purpose thereof of being for the sale for partition of certain lands in said county described in deed registered in book 4, page 294, in the Register's office of said county. Said defendants will also take notice that the proceeding is returnable, and that unless they appear before said clerk at his office at Boone, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of February 1920, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon that the relief demanded by the petitioners will be granted. This 30th day of January 1920.

O. L. COFFEY, Clerk Superior Court.