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BORROWED BRIEFS

The warring nations could learn a lesson from China regarding the influence of the flag of truce in bringing about peace, believes the Dodge City Globe. The Chinaman always lets his shirt tail hang outside his trousers—Kansas City Star.

Charles M. Schwab has retired and is only 60. If he starts in at this late date to spend that \$250,000.000 it will kill him.—Houston Post.

Mr. Edison says the college graduates dislike work. For that matter so do myriads of men who never saw a college.—Detroit News.

Abdul Mejid Effendi has been elected caliph, but we haven't seen a statement of his campaign expenses yet.—Dallas News.

Some people who are too fastidious to soil their hands with dirty work are not so careful about keeping their minds clean. P. S.—This is not aimed at anybody in particular.—Toledo Blade.

There are people who even brag about taking "barrels and barrels of medicine" in addition to all their operations.—Marion Star.

Honestly, sometimes people act as if they regard their religion as something not to effect their peace with God half so much as to stir up news with their neighbors.—Houston Post.

Europe now has its red shirts, its black shirts and its gray shirts, but what Europe particularly needs is to keep its shirt on.—Chicago News.

PARAGRAPHS

Christmas seals? The shopper, be he the late or early persuasion, still has time to buy some Christmas happiness, and Mrs. Sterne can show him how.

The shortest day of the year; and considering the sort of day it promises, as we proceed to press, to be, it is going to be quite long enough.

The conclusion reached by the President's conference about the serious situation with respect to Volstead law enforcement is that it is a serious situation.

When winter comes, as the w. k. poet observes in different words, it proves that it is not going to be long until spring. But if this keeps up it is going to seem long enough.

The problem of enforcing the prohibition amendment remains an admittedly difficult one; but there is encouragement in the circumstance that 13 governors out of 17 voted dry the other day.

How, Paragrapher, Sir: Permit me to inquire why it was not put thusly that as so many game killed in Stinking '4 bottoms, the odor of the offal was often awful? Yours for the uplift, NEOLITHIC.

Wednesday weather: Lots of weather. Raw northeast wind, clear, cold in the morning and colder as the day advanced; slightly less cold in the afternoon as a sleety drizzle set in. Streets becoming icy by nightfall.

We suppose that the great majority of the so-called actors who are portrayed by the films are steady, sober persons; but a general addiction of the industry to dope would furnish a fairly satisfactory explanation of much of the product.

Opportunity has not as yet been presented for critical examination of the 108-page edition of the Asheville Times, which it names the Greater Western North Carolina edition; but it has a great subject and looks to be a worthy presentation of it.

Supreme court sets its face more against the proposal to levy a double tax on corporation properties represented by shares of stock. Quite right, as all but a minority including the chief justice will agree; but how about double-taxing the citizen's mortgaged home?

Business men of North Carolina and neighboring states in looking after their business have come into frequent contact with Interstate Commerce Commissioner Eastman, looking after his; and it is familiar enough knowledge amongst the former that the latter knows his business. He has in his mind the whole fabric of a mass of testimony and argument relative to freight tariff business that affects the business of this territory and involves millions of dollars; and his removal from this commission at this time would for this reason be short of calamitous, no matter how good a man might be put in his place, or how adept in the mysteries of the freight business. For these reasons people of this section who are in position to know most of the matter are hopeful that the senate will speedily confirm Mr. Harding's appointment of Mr. Eastman to succeed himself.

ANOTHER HOLLYWOOD SCANDAL

Another scandal has broken out in Hollywood. A moving picture actor of national reputation has been ill, and through somebody's indiscretion it has become known that his illness is what used to be referred to in the old, unregenerate days, as "the jimnies." The fellow, in addition to patronizing what evidently must have been highly unreliable bootleggers, had been dithering with narcotic drugs; and they came within an ace of putting him underground.

That sort of thing is common enough. In fact, right here in Greensboro there are various institutions that have flourished for a long time on the business of furnishing pick-me-ups to citizens with particularly bad hangovers. If this man had been a realtor, or a traveling salesman, or an insurance agent, the world would have remarked casually, "Well, I understand John Doe's seeing 'em again," and proceeded to a discussion of the prospects of getting a new postoffice for Greensboro.

But it happens that he is a movie actor. Therefore his case is worth countless columns in the newspapers, and produces a flood of resolutions from religious and civic organizations the country over. Investigations are called for, and dark hints are thrown out regarding the menace that Hollywood holds over the morals of the American people. One drunken hop-head engages a greater share of the attention of the nation than the entire Lausanne conference.

It may be objected that what excites the public is not this particular case, but the fact that it is but the latest in a long series of spectacular and extraordinarily gross violations of the moral code by the inhabitants of Hollywood. There was the case of the woman who drank bichloride of mercury in Paris after cocaine had made her life unendurable; then the Arbuckle affair; then the shooting of the director; then the hammer murder; and now this case. Not only do the movie people seem to regard the moral code lightly, but their violations seem to involve always women, cocaine or liquor, if not all three. They are not only immoral—they are swinish.

But what could you expect? Think what is requisite to successful movie acting—a handsome face and figure, and muscles well under control. The director, who never appears in the picture, does the brain work. The actor has only to obey his commands, and the trick is turned. Yet these people, purely on account of their physical characteristics, draw immense sums of money and are subjected to the fearfully corrosive action of public adulation. Never having had occasion to develop their brain capacity, why should they have brains? But when brainless people are given huge sums of money, they always tend to drift into peculiarly gross and disgusting follies.

We venture to doubt that the inhabitants of Hollywood are essentially worse than the average for the country. They are simply cursed with wealth that they do not know how to use; and ignorant of the finer things of life, incapable of spiritual or intellectual pleasures, they seek the pleasures of the senses, which their money brings within their grasp.

Some day, perhaps, we shall have moving pictures that exact something from the actor, thereby drawing a higher type of intelligence into the business. That may not make the profession any more moral; but it will certainly make it more discreet.

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It has been an open secret for months that the Rockefeller foundation has some money that it might put into a medical and surgical clinical institution in North Carolina, and that Wats hospital at Durham had received some sort of proposition. Perhaps, but not certainly, the Rockefeller foundation people have especially in mind prophylactic education. The newer demand is for public sanitarians.

The University of North Carolina was sitting in a little game the day before yesterday when President Few, of the Methodists' Trinity college, appeared with four million dollars of Rockefeller money and four millions of Duke money, the equivalent of four acres. The University four-years' medical school and clinical hospital immediately went to sleep for the designated period of two years; and along with it went Charlotte's fond dream—if the metaphor be not too badly strained.

much chance there is that they will ever agree to the investment of North Carolina tax money on the Trinity campus. Rev. Dr. Charles E. Brewer at one time told the Raleigh News and Observer that the Baptist people were "against it in principle and would never agree to anything that smacked of a union of church and state," and that he spoke unofficially; nevertheless, Dr. Brewer, to give the term an expression of the extreme vernacular, said it.

It is disclosed that Dr. Few has been working for years toward the establishment at Durham of a great educational hospital. He had just got things in shape in time to explode a bombshell under the University plans. Charlotte had, so doubt, been hoping that James B. Duke as a Charlotte resident would some day do something handsome for the University medical school that Charlotte hoped to get; but B. M. Duke was ranged along with Dr. Few, and Benjamin urged J. R. to "give your money while you are here to see the good of it." Charlotte had really lost interest in the proceedings before the climax, for three of the five of the trustees' committee had voted for Chapel Hill against Charlotte. Our own notion is that whatever prevents the establishment of a full medical course at Chapel Hill saves the state from that which it would have cause to regret.

Dr. Few is sitting pretty, with eight million dollars with which to build a medical school, with a distinctive purpose. There are whole companies of citizens, lay and professional, who insist stoutly that a medical school in North Carolina is out of the question. The budget committee and the university trustees are in agreement that any effort on the part of the university will have to be postponed for two years, on account of other present educational demands. Trinity will go ahead, leaving the offer open. With eight million dollars for building, it is not clear where anything like a commensurate amount will come from for maintenance and operation. The proposal that the state should join in if seriously pressed will evoke a major conflict; but there will be two years for that to organize and develop. Which also, no doubt, is well.

TIMELY EXPRESSION OF NEIGHBORLY INTEREST.

It is recorded that the highway council of the Chamber of Commerce of Winston-Salem will use its influence for the construction of a pavement between that metropolitan city and Greensboro, the same being a portion of the Boone Trail highway, state highway route No. 60, from Wilmington to the Tennessee line near Boone; and the same influence to continue the construction from Winston-Salem on to Mount Airy. It is assumed that the sentiments of the highway council will be the sentiments of the chamber itself.

This manifestation of a desire for closer relations with Greensboro and this section of Guilford, commencing along with the season of peace and good will and neighborliness, can hardly fail of a happy effect in this vicinity, where the hope will be entertained that Winston-Salem interest in the eastern part of the route is genuine, and not merely incidental to its interest in the western end.

In a simpler and earlier day when communities were in possession of more initiative and charged with more responsibilities in such enterprises, Greensboro and Guilford gave every evidence of a hospitable disposition in this very respect. Our chamber of commerce resolved, with zeal and unction, and to more practical effect so did our county authorities, who offered to lend the state the money; and the Forsyth authorities at that time appeared to be equally anxious that the road be built with the least delay. Guilford's offer stood open month after month, and Greensboro continued to call for action. A silence had supervened at the other end of the line. The state highway commission began to be in possession of funds of its own. Commissioner Cox announced the High Point to Ashboro project. It required some little time for Greensboro to realize what had happened; that, and the High Point to Winston-Salem road. The latter project is now complete, and the construction of the former well advanced.

The revivification of this Route 60 enterprise is timely, and we trust the Forsyth brethren may continue to abide in that frame of mind, this time. The voice of counties, and of towns, even the biggest towns, is no longer so potent in these matters, since the state commission no longer needs to borrow money from localities to be benefited; but that body still lends an attentive and respectful ear to the petitions of the people. The Route 60 projects have no chance whatever under the 50 million dollar authorization; that was the other day stretched the better part of half a million dollars, and surely will not endure many more similar attenuations. But there is not in the state a more logical project for the supplemental authorization, than the Greensboro to Winston-Salem por-

tion of the Boone Trail line (what-ever may be said as to the rest of it).

It is not to be doubted that almost any organization in Greensboro would join in with the citizens of the metropolis in representations to the highway commission as to this route; with less confidence than before, necessarily; but with no less zeal. The bald fact is that while trying to play with Winston-Salem before, Greensboro was stung, whereas if Winston-Salem hadn't quit on us, we wouldn't have been.

PUBLIC PULSE

THE BATTLE GROUND ROAD. Editor of The Daily News: With your indulgence, I will give some views of my own, based on twenty-one years of what I trust is intelligent observation on the Battle Ground road. Its location and grades combine to make a freak, which, if continued, if called down by expensive paving, will constitute an economic crime.

From a point just beyond the Mack Airtight place it is a series of dangerous curves, usually in connection with heavy grades, hills and hollows, all unnecessary. I have seen a wreck at nearly every one. The road should never cross the tracks of the Southern railway between the city and the park. The tens of thousands who yearly travel this road from one time to a dozen, are not, like us residents, well acquainted with the train schedules, the crossings and the conditions. From a point just beyond the Mack Airtight place it is a series of dangerous curves, usually in connection with heavy grades, hills and hollows, all unnecessary. I have seen a wreck at nearly every one.

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A RENEWAL OF THE SPUGGERY IMPULSE.

Editor of The Daily News: Please reproduce in your columns the enclosed article by Dr. Alexander Irvine on the exchange of Christmas gifts, which is taken from the New York Journal. One could hardly expect to influence the Christmas shoppers, but the article is certainly timely and expresses, I believe, the sentiment of the vast majority of our population—all, in fact, with the exception of those who have commercialized the holiday spirit.

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on our rights as against the poor of the masses. This has to do with all day, but the picture is often given these girls find these "false smiles" frozen on their faces at the end of a long, tortuous day. I have seen girls quit out of these big stores on stretchers.

This part of the messiness of Merry Christmas? Yes, this is part of our surprise Christmas festival. Another part is the abnormal Christmas gorge. The big annual jass in the kitchen. In the Roman Catholic church there is a ceremony, very sacred, called the blessing of the stockings. Now, the farthest extreme from that is the festival in which a Scotch haggis is held aloft in the air by a sturdier and more muscular man than the host and he is marched around the banquet hall followed by the bagpipes! The major portion of our Christmas festivities is in between the host and the haggis, but nearer to the haggis than the host.

FOUR COURT JUSTICES RULE THAT THE STATE CANNOT LEVY ON STOCK

(Continued from Page One.) which the plaintiff attacks. It is as follows: "Individual stockholders in a corporation or company paying a tax on its capital stock will not be required to pay any tax on any stock held by them, if the corporation is legally holding capital stock in other corporations upon which the tax has been paid by the corporation issuing the same." The plaintiff's contention is that this is a violation of the constitution, and that the state cannot tax the stock of individuals who hold it in other corporations.

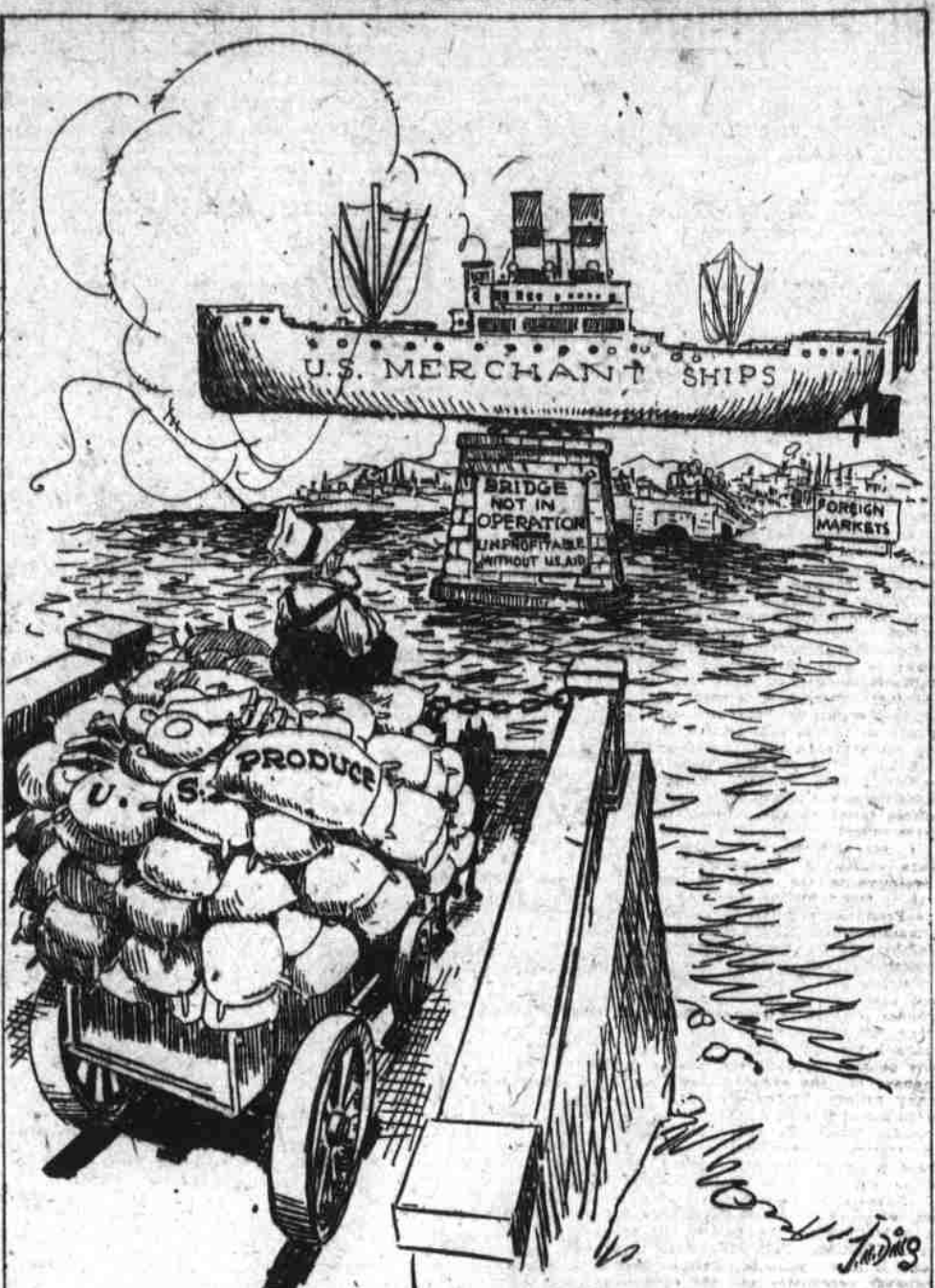
TWO MINERS NAMED BY HERRIN VICTIMS

Guard Talks of Seeing Union Men Shot Wounded As They Tried to Run. (By Associated Press.) Marion, Ill., Dec. 20.—Peter Hiller and Otis Clark, two of the five slain in the Herrin massacre, were named by the victims of the mob in court by two of the four survivors who took the witness stand today.

NEWS OF ASHBORO.

Capital, New Theater, is fittingly opened. Last funeral here. Ashboro, Dec. 20.—This week Ashboro is welcoming home for the Christmas holidays a large number of girls and boys of the town who have been away for the fall term at various colleges. Tuesday night marked the opening of Ashboro's new picture theater, the Capital. J. A. Spence, of the local bar, presented the theater to the town with a few fitting remarks concerning the growth of Ashboro during the past few years. Mayor J. D. Ross accepted the theater in behalf of the town in a few well chosen words. The building is a handsome one and well equipped in every detail, being one of the handsomest and most modern of its kind in this section of the state.

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DURHAM HEARS MANY EXTENSION SPEECHES

Morven Cotton Mills Begins Operation With Orders Enough to Run For Six Months. (Special to Daily News.) Durham, Dec. 20.—A good sized audience, attracted to the scene through the indications of an interesting meeting, was present last night for the Superior court room to hear the proposed extension of the city limits to take in East and West Durham. Those who attended were not disappointed; for plenty of arguments both for and against the extension were made.

SOUTHERN TO ANSWER STATION CASE AT ONCE

Road Granted 8 Days by Commission to Show Why It Shouldn't Build at Selma. (Special to Daily News.) Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Giving a blanket "ain't so" to everything that the Southern Railway has set up as exception to the corporation commission's order requiring it and the Atlantic Coast Line to build a union station at Selma, a mandate now eight years and three months old, the commission today smites the Southern one of the least of all the love-licks that it has received.

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BANDITS RAID BANK AND SECURE \$5,000

One of the Robbers, Dressed As a Woman, Mortally Wounded by Dyer, Ind., Man. (By Associated Press.) Dyer, Ind., Dec. 20.—Three bandits this afternoon held up the First National bank of Dyer, and escaped with \$5,000.

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