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WAR TAXES AND THE BOND

Secretary McAdoo's call on Congress for an additional war appropriation of \$5,000,000,000 again suggests resort to bond issues as a measure of relief from the system of direct taxation through which it had been proposed to largely finance the war.

THE CORN DODGER.

"How come" the name? Its origin is a matter over which The Observer had never bothered its mind, but by way of The Los Angeles Times there comes a bit of information that has excited its curiosity.

A VALUABLE RECRUIT.

Gen. Jule Carr, harboring no ambition to go to the Legislature, has entered the fight against the yellow cow dawk and in behalf of child education and sheep herding.

THE MOUNTAIN TARGET.

The proposition for the utilization of Spencer Mountain as a target for practice by the artillery section of Camp Greene is one that must prove interesting to the company which has been ballasting away the sides of the mountain for ballast, sand and brick-making material.

TAINTED "DOPE" FOR LONDONERS

Mr. Edward Marshall is writing a series of articles for The London Observer on "Men at the Helm in America." He is fair enough to say that he gets much of his information from Mr. Judson Welliver, "the brilliant correspondent of The New York Sun, than whom few are better informed in regard to American personalities."

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CHEESE OUTPUT COBBLED UP

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DAILY REMINDER.

"OUR FIGHTING MEN."

CHARLES W. KUTZ. Lieut. Col. Charles W. Kutz, U. S. A., who has been relieved of his duties as engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia and assigned to active duty with the engineer corps, probably in France, is known as one of the brightest engineer officers of the army.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

1775—Continental Congress established the postoffice service and placed Benjamin Franklin in charge.

1784—Charles Morris, a famous American naval officer of the War of 1812, born at Woodstock, Conn. Died in Washington, D. C. January 27, 1856.

1842—The famous sloop-of-war Saratoga was launched at Port Antonio, N. H.

1845—Sir John Franklin's expedition last seen by whaler.

1863—Gen. Sam Houston, the father of the state of Texas, died at Huntsville, Texas. Born in Virginia, March 2, 1793.

1864—Stephen M. Hurlbut, U. S. Senator from Georgia, died.

1867—Doctor Peters, of Hamilton college, discovered the ninety-second planet, which was named "Uranus."

1874—Allen T. Caperton, Confederate states senator from Virginia and United States senator from West Virginia, died in Washington, D. C. January 27, 1910.

1892—Rev. Charles R. Hale was consecrated bishop, coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of Springfield, Ill.

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Emmet D. Boyle, the present governor of Nevada, born at Virginia City, Nev., thirty-eight years ago today.

James K. Vardaman, United States senator from Mississippi, born in Jackson county, Texas, fifty-six years ago today.

Stephen O'Meara, former well known newspaper publisher, now publisher of Boston, born at Charlestown, E. I., sixty-three years ago today.

Edward House, who has been called "the Western Warwick," because of his position of intimate friend and adviser to President Wilson, born at Houston, Texas, fifty-eight years ago today.

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LOOKING BACKWARD

Items of Interest Concerning People of Charlotte and the Carolinas, From The Observer of This Date, 1907 and 1897.

TEN YEARS AGO

The first regiment of the South Carolina state guard, numbering perhaps five hundred men, was in Charlotte yesterday afternoon for a couple of hours, leaving for the Jamestown exposition, whether it was bound.

An interesting protracted meeting is in progress at Cook's Memorial Presbyterian church, which is located a few miles from Paw Creek. The pastor of the church is Rev. J. E. Berryhill who was installed only a few weeks ago, having come to Mecklenburg from Arkansas.

Col. William S. Pearson, of Morganton, is to establish at that place a free silver democratic paper, to be called "The Farmers' Friend."

Dr. C. L. Alexander and Archie Graham, the last of the Howerton family, returned to Charlotte on Friday night from Chapel Hill. The summer school this year, Professor Graham says, was one of the most interesting, educational, and socially of any ever held.

Miss Margaret Leathers, a half sister of Prof. Alexander Graham, died Friday morning at the home of her brother, Dr. Daniel Graham, in Duplin county. Deceased was seventy-one years of age.

The high school at Newells, which opened its fall session Monday last, closed the week with forty boarders in the enclosure at the home of her brother, Dr. Daniel Graham, in Duplin county.

The jolliest, largest swimming party of the season filled the pool yesterday. There were seventy-five people in the enclosure at the home of her brother, Dr. Daniel Graham, in Duplin county.

Concord, July 25.—In compliance with an order of the court to mobilize July 25, company L of the first regiment North Carolina national guard, assembled this morning in the armory here for roll call.

The company will have full strength of 150 men was passed some weeks ago, and since that time the recruiting officers have accepted only volunteers who have seen former service, or men who were annually well qualified as soldiers.

The "Cabarrus Black Boys" on their trip last summer to the Mexican border, had a number of soldiers from other states put into their ranks, and they too are ready to go to answer to their name at roll call.

Some of them are from Georgia, Alabama, and from Maryland. They were placed in this company in the equalization of the company since the last summer, and this is now their regular company. On the other hand, a number of Concord boys are now transferred to other companies.

As far as is known, the company will remain at the armory here for a week or two, until the camp at Greensville is ready to accommodate them.

CANNING CAMPAIGN

PROVING SUCCESSFUL

Lumberton, July 25.—Robeson county's canning campaign, now in its fifth week, is showing some progress. Over undertaken by any county in the United States, according to Mrs. Jane S. McKinnon, of the state department of agriculture.

Nearly forty public address demonstrations have been held in the county since the campaign was inaugurated four weeks ago and the interest manifested by the public has been very gratifying to the demonstration forces.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

What the Jones Bill Means to Islanders.

Maynard Owen Williams in The Christian Herald.

It was hardly necessary to ask the Filipinos who had worked hardest for the passage of the Jones bill whether they approved of it. They had approved the fraternal feeling between the two nations, but his reply, coming as it did the day before a public address, was of real interest.

"Five years ago," he said, "if America had become involved in war the best she could have expected of the Philippines was strict neutrality. But now, if America needs our aid, the Filipinos will flock to the colors ready to give their lives for the nation that has promised them their independence."

Others have testified to this change in attitude, and there are other illustrations to prove a change of feeling. Five years ago if a Filipino mentioned the word "independence" he was rebuffed. This year the bluest orator among the Filipinos, speaking before the graduating class of the University of the Philippines, gathered the large audience that had come to witness their commencement exercises, spoke of the coming independence and there was no response on the part of the audience.

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