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LUXEMBURG

The little bit of territory marked "Luxemburg," confined within oval shaped lines between lower Belgium and Germany proved a source of considerable speculation by students of the war map.

HIGH SCHOOL QUANDARY

The High School building committee does not know whether to suggest an election on the proposition of purchasing the old Presbyterian College for remodeling; whether to go ahead and build on the plans long since drawn and adopted.

DAILY REMINDER

"IN THE DAY'S NEWS"

"Belgium will be restored. It stands before the entire world a nation of heroes." Four years ago these prophetic words were uttered by Cardinal Mercier, the heroic Belgian prelate.

LOOKING BACKWARD

Items of Interest Concerning People of Charlotte and the Carolinas, From The Observer of This Date, 1908 and 1898.

TEN YEARS AGO

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 20.—At the November dinner of the North Carolina Society of Baltimore, Mr. Charles L. Abernethy, of Beaufort, N. C., delivered a stirring address on North Carolina resources and progress.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The Missionary society of Tryon Street Methodist church will have a birthday sociable at the parsonage Tuesday week.

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EDITORIAL AND MAGAZINE PAGE

Convincing Facts Showing Charlotte's Growth and Resources.

Charlotte is the Capital of Mecklenburg County and center of the biggest hydro-electrical development in the United States. It has four railroads, sixty-two daily passenger trains, diverging in eight different directions.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1918.

THE HARVARD PLAN

What is known as the Harvard Plan of entertainment is being tried out in Charlotte this week, in connection with the gathering of the Conference delegates and visitors, and both church people and laity will be interested in the degree of satisfaction that may be established in the experiment.

Germany was "brash" enough in all conscience, but Austria seems to be going her one better. The Austrian idea is that the Allies should not only provide her people with food, but furnish coal wherever they may keep warm—as if the Allied troops had not given them warmth enough to last at least a year!

President Wilson is going over in one of the big ships confiscated from Germany, and one which performed such splendid service in carrying American soldiers across just one more way of "training" it.

KEY, THE SCHOOL TEACHER.

The press dispatches tell us that when General Petain entered the historic city of Metz, "he stood before the statue of Marshal Ney and reviewed the troops." Sure as fate, that incident is going to revive the Marshal Ney discussion in this part of the country.

A MISSING FIGURE.

A figure familiar to the annual gatherings at the Methodist Conference that will be missed in the Charlotte meeting this week is that of Rev. S. M. Davis, absent for the first time in 50 years. It was in 1868 that Brother Davis joined the Conference and next to his pride in that event is the fact that it was in the same year he cast his first Democratic vote.

AFTER-THE-WAR FIGHTING.

Information from Archangel intimates that the war is still going on in that far-off section of the country, where American and British detachments are yet facing the amiable bolsheviki, and incidentally bringing their military career to a finish. Conditions revealed somewhat resemble conditions in certain parts of the country after the surrender at Appomattox.

DRIVING BUSINESS AWAY.

In imagination one can yet hear the occasional growl against the old Southern Express Company in the matter of rates, and we are wondering what is going to happen when express patrons read of the increase just ordered in Uncle Sam's express business, whereby as much as \$20,000,000 in additional revenue will be created!

HON. THEODORE F. KLUTZ.

Mr. Theodore F. Klutz was one of the few surviving representatives of the fine old type of North Carolina citizenship—a citizenship founded upon principles of the chivalrous and finer perceptions of honor in the daily walks of life and of integrity in public and private service.

NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

The fact that the Huns, up to the very last, took advantage of every opportunity to kill, maim and torture the innocent and helpless makes it necessary to watch them with a suspicious eye. They can't be trusted even in peace.

NO OCCASION FOR QUIBLING.

There has been a good deal of discussion over the supposed fact that President Wilson could not leave this country because there is no constitutional authority for presidential absenteeism. Against this it might be argued that as there is no authority in the Constitution for the President to visit a foreign country, there is by the same token none to prohibit such absence.

OCCUPATION INCIDENTS.

One of the first acts of the people of Metz on gaining independence from German rule was to pull down the statues which had been daily reminders of their subjugation. Only the statue of Emperor Bill was left temporarily standing, but there was a reason. The people wanted to place whatever of measure of indignity it was possible to put on it, so the hands were bound with rope and the statue itself made to bear the bluish-producing placard: "St. Transit Gloria Mundi!"

THE OPEN FORUM

World-Wide Good Cheer. To the Editor of The Observer: These are days of peace and the promise of prosperity. All sides of this earthly life are bright, and triumphant righteousness is in sight.

NEWSPAPER SENTIMENT

POSEN. (From The Philadelphia Record.) With Polish soldiers in control of Posen and American troops marching toward the Rhine, Germany is now experiencing invasion from each side.

EXTERMINATION OF EMPERORS.

This war has been unfortunate for emperors. There were four of them when the fight began. There is not one left. Emperor Nicholas was put to death by the Russians. Emperor Francis Joseph and the Sultan of Turkey died. Emperor William is a refugee in Holland.

WHAT IDAHO DID.

In electing on the same day a Republican and Democrat to the United States Senate, the Idaho voters became the despair of the party politicians.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

- 1832—Caar of Russia issued an order abolishing the University of Moscow.
1840—Empress Frederick, daughter of Queen Victoria and mother of the last German emperor, born.
1863—Bishop Guy Ignatius Chabrat, of Kentucky, the first Catholic priest ordained in the west, died in France.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

- British army in Palestine advanced five miles northwest of Jerusalem.
House of Commons voted in favor of disfranchising conscientious objectors to war.
The Davison college football squad left yesterday morning for Athens, Ga., after spending the night at the Central hotel.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

- His Holiness Pope Benedict XV., born in the village of Pegli, near Genoa, 64 years ago today.
Sir Arthur T. Quiller-Couch, popular English novelist, born in Cornwall, 55 years ago today.

THE WILKES' MONUMENT.

Mr. I. C. Triplett, of Charlotte, offers \$25 toward a monument to Wilkes soldiers killed in battle, died in camp and who are in the army in the war that is now being fought.

BURLINGTON DOUBLES ITS QUOTA; ALAMANCE "OVER"

Special to The Observer. Burlington, Nov. 20.—This city, which went over its quota seven times in the Red Cross drive and considerably beyond its quota in Liberty bonds, now has something more to be proud of, the fact that the number of war work campaign the county of Alamance has gone 35 per cent over its quota of \$15,000 and the city of Burlington has gone 100 per cent over its quota of \$5,000.

BELIEVE CAMP BRAGG WILL BE PERMANENT

Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, Nov. 20.—The Camp Bragg is to be a permanent institution is the indubitable impression gained from an interview with Colonel Maxwell Murray, newly appointed commanding officer here.

13 ARRESTED FOR GAMBLING.

Bule, Nov. 20.—Thirteen men, some negroes and the rest Indians, were arrested near New Sunday evening by Rural Policeman W. A. Smith and others, on the charge of gambling, they were arrested while in the act, down near a swamp.

PRIVATE HARRIS CENTER OF INTEREST AT THE HILL

Students and Others Gather About Returned Soldier to Hear Stories From Front. Special to The Observer.

BRING THANKS FROM NEW YORK TO SPARTANBURG

Special to The Observer. Spartanburg, Nov. 20.—George T. Montgomery, W. G. "Phillip" Henry C. Somers and Oscar F. Treadwell, representing the grand jury of the state of New York, arrived in Spartanburg yesterday for what is probably the greatest event of the year in the fraternal world for this section.

NO INDICATION THAT CAMP BRAGG IS TO BE ABANDONED

Special to The Observer. Wilmington, Nov. 20.—District Attorney J. O. Carr states that the government has never intimated in its official correspondence with him that Camp Bragg at Fayetteville will be abandoned or even curtailed.

S. C. STATE POULTRY SHOW.

Clemson College, Nov. 20.—The executive board of the S. C. Poultry Breeders' association has decided to hold the state poultry show at Bishopville, November 26 to 30. The annual meeting and turkey banquet will be held Thursday evening. The low entry fees, liberal premiums and lots of cash specials are bringing entries which close November 26.

S. A. T. C. TO BE CONTINUED

Salem, Va., Nov. 20.—President Roosevelt has notified by war department that although peace has come, the S. A. T. C. unit at Roanoke college will be continued until next July. As the civil conditions had been very uncertain, it was thought that the unit would be disbanded by changed conditions, they have received the announcement with much satisfaction.