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THE SCHOOL AND THE CHILD

It was but a few months ago that the town was torn this way and that by what became known as "the third ward school fight." It was a war in which women were at the front and when uneasy laid the head that wore the aldermanic crown.

Charlotte has been too slung with her school money. The day has come when the people must give as much attention to providing the children with a wealth of education as they have done to laying up gross wealth for themselves.

RETURN TO HEALTHY CONDITIONS. On the mere report that restrictions on cotton exportation are going to be removed the market showed signs of an immediate return to healthful conditions.

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RECONSTRUCTION

Some of the more candidly honest papers in the North are inclined to give the Republican party reminder of the dangers ahead of it through what might be called bullheadedness in the exercise of the power which has apparently come to it in the control of Congress.

The Philadelphia Record recalls the policies adopted by the Republican party in the reconstruction days and "the great and glittering failure" that resulted. Drawing on history, the Record reminds the Republicans that "Lincoln, a Kentuckian by birth and sympathetic to the Southern point of view in many ways, had worked out a plan of rehabilitation of the seceding States which only his untimely death prevented him from putting into execution.

A truthful narrative and a revelation of the causes that many Northern people do not even yet understand which yet hold the South "solid." Will the Republicans, in mere arrogance of power, make the same mistake now they made in 1865? They seem to be heading that way.

AN AMERICAN STATESMAN. In view of the fact that the name of Ellihu Root has been much discussed in connection with the United States' Mission to the Peace Conference, it will be interesting to learn the views this premier Republican and former Secretary of State takes of the outlook.

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The first batch of submarines having been drawn up under the white flag and surrendered to new ownership, the German battleships, and other war vessels composing the German Navy are now undergoing the same friendly process, and all is going "according to plans," but not of German making.

CHARLOTTE METHODISM

In connection with the meeting of Conference in Charlotte this week The North Carolina Christian Advocate submits a couple of columns of editorial matter of peculiar interest to Methodists in and out of the city.

What The Advocate refers to as "the family tree of Methodism in Charlotte," includes in addition to the original church, Calvary, with a membership last year, of 353, property value of \$16,500, salary \$1,300; Brevard Street, membership of 459, property value \$26,000, salary \$1,425; Trinity, membership 735, property value \$81,000, salary \$2,500; Dilworth, membership 315, property value \$16,500; salary \$1,100; Belmont Park, membership 448, property value \$20,000, salary \$1,200; Chadwick, membership 285, property value \$10,300, salary \$975; Severville, membership 403, property value \$3,500, salary \$1,040; Hawthorne Lane, membership 301, property value \$60,000, salary \$1,800; Spencer Memorial, membership 235, property value \$13,600, salary \$465.

The Advocate doubts "if the Methodists of any of our larger towns have planned more wisely than our brethren in Charlotte." It is in evidence to the establishment of good business tact on part of the Methodists that their congregations are located so as to touch every point of the compass, and there are few, even in remote suburban settlements, who cannot be cared for from these working centers.

It is for "perspicacity" and rations that Prince Lichnowsky now comes forward with an appeal. As the Allied Powers have an abundance of both they may be inclined to treat kindly with this new champion of leniency for the Germans, the "overwhelming majority" of whom, it now appears, "do not desire the war," and "earnestly wish for reconciliation." Reconciliation is going to come, all right, but the German Government, in behalf of the people who did not want war, is going to find that it will have to pay the price—and it will also find that Allied "reconciliation" comes high.

COULDN'T FILL THE ORDER. A German "bluff" had exposed through the Allied demands that 160 submarines be turned over and German objection to the specification, which was then altered to include "all" German submarines. It then developed that Germany had not more than 100 of these craft, the remainder having been sent to resting places on the bottom of the sea.

"The savings habit" having been inspired through the war stamps campaigns, the Government is now considering the admirable proposition of keeping the good work going. A fine result of the war would be the making of the Americans a Nation of savings bankers.

Governor Whitman is dying hard. He will not give it up until after there has been "a judicial review" of the rejected ballots in every county in the State. Whitman will not be satisfied until he finds out just what the average American thinks of the man who is not a good loser.

The proposition to contest the seat in the Senate of Newberry, the man who defeated Henry Ford, has been kicked out of court, and in that The Observer sees what it believes to be a wholesome precedent.

Since the signing of the armistice, contracts for as much as \$1,336,000,000 war materials have been cancelled by the War Department, which ought to mean that much reduction in taxes for the people.

Henry Ford is now to divert his warship plants to the building of canal boats, to the development of inland waterway commerce, and that is a great deal better than casting votes in the Senate.

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NEWSPAPER SENTIMENT

CAN'T FIND IT. (From The Detroit Free Press.) If there was anything Marshal Foch overlooked in his armistice terms we haven't been able to think of it.

GERMANY'S DEBT. (From The Springfield Herald.) One temptation into which Russian Socialists fell is much less strong in Germany, where the national debt is in such great part held by Germans that little would be gained by repudiating it.

AN ABSOLUTE FAILURE. (From The Savannah News.) William II was an infinitely worse failure than some of his predecessors in the world-dominion dream business. Napoleon, for example, lost his dream, but he never lost the devotion of his own people.

WILHELMINA. (From The Brooklyn Eagle.) Perhaps Wilhelmina is as sentimental as Congresswoman Rankin. The story that her representative had been at German headquarters a week before the Kaiser fled to Holland requires some investigation by the Allies.

WHY WE LOST. (From The Houston Post.) David Lawrence, of The New York Evening Post, writes columns to tell why the Democrats lost in the recent election. We refuse to read it. We have no patience with stuff like that. We lost because of the fendish voracity of Republicans who can never rest until they tear our offices from us. We summon all the hosts of Democracy to defend the heritage handed down to us by the fathers of the Republic.

COMFORT. (From The Winston-Salem Journal.) We should not overlook the fact that there is no located as to make possible the largest roller mill in North Carolina. The capital can be raised easily in the city, and all that is needed is an experienced mill man. The chamber of commerce of course is looking about, but nobody wants to let this matter rest.

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TO THE RESCUE



THE OPEN FORUM

THE INFLUENZA.

A Timely Reminder Against Forgetfulness and a Few Sensible Rules. To the Editor of The Observer:

Even at this late date, it may not be amiss to once more put in compact form the simplest yet most fundamental rules for the control of influenza—"lest we forget" and, as in one community known to your correspondent, suffer a recurrence of the epidemic worse than the "original outbreak." It is natural to "let up" on our precautions when we see the disease lessening in power but when we realize that there are still thousands of cases and that there are apt to be thousands more unless we exercise every care, let us fight this Hun germ until it is finally conquered. Therefore, may we:

- 1.—Do nothing to weaken vitality. This is most important.
2.—Avoid crowds.
3.—Cover up each cough and sneeze.
4.—If we show signs of a cold or feel feverish or "ache all over" or have unusually "break" and "sired" go home and go to bed. We may save life by so doing.
5.—Call a doctor and do as he says.
6.—Keep the air in our rooms fresh but warm. Keep out of drafts and well covered up.
7.—Be cheerful, even if sick. Business or housework will wait until we are well.
8.—If in bed even when sure of being well enough to get up. Many people now in their graves would be alive today had they obeyed this rule.
9.—A re-statement of rule 1. Do all in your power to increase your strength and vitality. Even if we are well, let us breathe fresh air, drink pure water, eat nourishing food, keep the bowels open, use common sense. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Many some life or lives be saved by following these simple suggestions.
M. G. DUNN.
Oneonta, New York, Nov. 18.

When the Page Was a Comfort. To the Editor of The Observer:

I have renewed my subscription, paid in advance for three months. I just can't be without the dear old Charlotte Observer, and I want to say a word of appreciation of your splendid editorials. In the dark days of the past, when the "headlines" were so discouraging, I would turn to the editorial page for encouragement; there I would find words of cheer words that I wanted to hear someone say. The editorial page has been a comfort to me.
Wishing you much success, I am,
MRS. J. M. BEVERLY,
Wadesboro, Nov. 20.

TAR HEEL PRINTS

A Hickory Suggestion. (From The Record.) Hickory is so located as to make possible the largest roller mill in North Carolina. The capital can be raised easily in the city, and all that is needed is an experienced mill man. The chamber of commerce of course is looking about, but nobody wants to let this matter rest.

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LOOKING BACKWARD

Items of Interest Concerning People of Charlotte and the Carolinas, From The Observer of This Date, 1908 and 1909.

TEN YEARS AGO

Washington, Nov. 21.—All the bids for the machinery of the battleship Florida have been rejected by Assistant Secretary Newberry, of the navy, and the machinery will be built by the government in the Brooklyn navy yard. This action will cause an expenditure on account of the machinery of the Florida of about \$1,000,000 at the New York navy yard.
Gaffney, S. C., Nov. 21.—The committee appointed by the Merchants and Planters' bank to decide who is entitled to the \$50 prize offered by it for the largest yield of corn from one acre of land in Cherokee county, awarded the prize to O. P. Hill, who raised 121 bushels. The total number of bushels raised by the 17 men who competed for this prize is 1,344 13-80, being an average of more than 80 bushels an acre.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 21.—A special to The News from Montgomery says: The Alabama house of representatives read and ratified today a joint resolution appropriating \$500,000 to buy a sword for Lieutenant Hobbs of Merrimac fame. The senate is expected to concur in the resolution.
Atlanta, Nov. 21.—The committee in charge of the Atlanta peace jubilee, for which December 14 and 15 have been set, has received a telegram from the President requesting them to change the name of the celebration from "peace jubilee" to "armistice day." The committee has accepted the President's suggestion and the jubilee will be known as "armistice day."
Mrs. R. C. Carson gave an elegant dining last night in honor of Mrs. M. Worth of Worthville. The table decorations were pink. The flow of the evening were pink carnations. Mrs. Carson is a famous hostess. She was never more charming than last evening, when she presided as gracefully at the head of her pretty table.
Mrs. M. A. Brady has rented the Coxie house on North Tryon street, and will open a boarding house as soon as she can get the house ready. Mrs. Brady will arrive here this morning.
Miss Sue Curtis of Tarboro, who has been visiting the Misses Nash, returned home yesterday. Her husband, Misses Elizabeth Clarkson, Laura Hammond and Alice Jones, has returned home from Columbia, S. C., where they attended the fair and state ball.
Mr. Alfred Brown, of Davidson college, has been at home for several days.
The receipts at the cotton platform yesterday were 348 bales. Two hundred bales were received after 5 o'clock, so they were left over to begin this morning.
Camp Onward, Savannah, Nov. 21.—It is understood here that Sergeant R. O. Patterson, of Company F, has been commissioned second lieutenant of that company. Private James C. Herring, of Company F, who was discharged a few days ago, is in second division hospital, suffering with meningitis, and is not expected to live through the night. His father is here. A new matron—Miss Holden, of Hartford, Conn.; is expected at St. Peter's hospital this week. Miss Holden was originally from Canada.

DAILY REMINDER

IN THE DAY'S NEWS. Baron Sidney Sonnino, who is expected to be one of the Italian spokesmen in the coming peace conference, is one of the greatest authorities in Europe on all economic questions, and the man to whom, more than to any other statesman, Italy is indebted for the revival of her prosperity and for the restoration of her credit. Baron Sonnino is a Jew by race and a Protestant by creed. He was born in Pisa and received his education at the celebrated university of that city. From 1867 to 1873 he was in the diplomatic service and in 1880 he entered the Italian parliament. Since 1893 he has held numerous cabinet positions and has been several times premier. At the present time he holds the important post of foreign minister. The mother of Baron Sonnino was an English woman, and he received a part of his education in England.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES. 1774.—Lord Clive, the hero of the rock and Plassey, committed suicide in London. Born September 29, 1732.
1838.—A court-martial convened at Kingston for the trial of Captain William B. Chatham, a rebel.
1852.—Napoleon III was elected emperor of the French.
1875.—Senator Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan, became acting Vice President of the United States.
1902.—The civil war in Colombia was ended by the signing of a treaty of peace between the government and the insurgents.
1910.—British suffragettes assaulted

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR. American war mission headed by Colonel House arrived in Paris. British government proposed war decorations for several American naval officers. The Lenin government in Russia proposed a general armistice to all belligerents.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS. Brig. Gen. Lytle Brown, U. S. A., member of the general staff corps, was born in Tennessee, 46 years ago today. Cyrus E. Dallin, celebrated sculptor, born at Springfield, Utah, 57 years ago today.

Frederick von Bernhard, author of "Germany and the Next War," born in Petrograd, 69 years ago today. Melbourne McDowell, widely celebrated as a tragedian, born at Washington, N. J., 54 years ago today. Dr. Edmund T. Shannon, dean of the Catholic university at Washington, born in Boston, 50 years ago today.

Etc., Etc. A London, England, clergyman has christened his son Luyph Ederallo Odin Neher Ebert Lyonel Fedmas Hugh Brehenwyss Aaron Ess Orms Cromwell Nevil Dyzart Plantagenet Toilemache-Tollemache.