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EDITORIAL AND MAGAZINE PAGE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1918.

THE PRESIDENT IN FRANCE

The big event in the news of the day was the arrival in a foreign country of the President of the United States, the incident being one which has furnished the world with a supply of descriptive matter of an intensely entertaining nature.

THE MYSTERY SHIP.

The papers are carrying illustrations of the "British mystery ship," designed in the latter days of the war, and whose peculiar characteristic is the equipment of an upper deck on which airplanes can land and from which they can be launched from the ship at sea.

BACK McADOO.

The development of large traffic on the Mississippi was one of the best undertakings the Government ever launched, and now some of the busy bodies in Congress are calling for its abolishment.

The task of the big ships in the American Navy having been accomplished in European waters the fleet has been ordered home and according to a statement by Secretary Daniels will be in familiar ports before New Year's day.

FARMS FOR THE SOLDIERS

Secretary Lane of the Interior Department makes the returning soldier and "the new farm idea" the "center" to his annual report to Congress.

In advocating his "new farm idea," Secretary Lane stands firmly for the small acreage, well cultivated. The soldier should be given a farm which he is able to cultivate in its entirety.

GERMAN ACTIVITIES.

It was admitted in the investigation before Senator Overman's beer money committee that Hearst did not know his man Hale was also in the employ of the German Government.

AN EXCELLENT OUTLINE OF WORK.

The Southern Commercial Congress recently in session at Baltimore, formulated a program which would be a good thing to follow up.

BURLESON AND THE WIRES.

Chairman Moon of the House Postoffice Committee has introduced a bill looking to permanent ownership of the telegraph and telephone lines as auxiliary to the operation of the Postoffice Department.

PULL THE TEETH.

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IN GERMANLAND

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THE GLARING HEADLIGHT.

The Asheville Citizen has not been waiting for another accident to popularize public denunciation of the practice of automobilists in ignoring the law, and who might streak their blinding way through city street and country highway behind the glaring headlight.

THE NEW DAY FOR THE RAILROADS.

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The offer of the United States Government to smooth over the troubles between Chile and Peru is received with open welcome by the latter Government.

NEWSPAPER SENTIMENT

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THE FINE FORUM

OUR DIVORCED COUNTRIES.

People of Western Section Who Are Following the Trade Out of the State.

To the Editor of The Observer: As a citizen of North Carolina, living near that section of North Carolina lying west of the Blue Ridge and observing the efforts which have been made by the citizens of that section during the last 25 years, and knowing something of the history of the efforts made by past generations.

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LOOKING BACKWARD

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

TEN YEARS AGO TWENTY YEARS AGO

Paris.—Since the accident to the Gatun dam, part of which recently sank, the French critics who disagree with the American plan for the construction of the Panama canal have been actively predicting its complete failure.

Marion.—There is a movement on foot that assures Marion a new and up-to-date hotel for the accommodation of summer and winter visitors, as well as the traveling public.

Mr. W. J. Adams, of Moore, appointed by Governor Glenn to succeed Judge Walter H. Neal on the superior court bench, is a lawyer of fine ability and standing.

Rumors are afloat to the effect that there will be no death of D. As R. Chapman in the future.

Miss Ohla Brown, of Concord, is spending several days in the city with Miss Nancy Brown, at her home on East avenue.

Mr. J. M. House, of Greensboro, was registered among the guests at the Southern Manufacturers' club last evening.

Many friends here will regret to learn that Mrs. C. C. Coddington and Mr. Lee A. Coddington will move to Charlotte the last of January.

Mr. Shirley Montgomery, of Concord, is visiting his brother, Dr. J. C. Montgomery, on South Tryon street.

DAILY REMINDER

"IN THE DAY'S NEWS." David Lloyd George, whose political future is at stake in today's general elections in Great Britain, has just rounded out his second year in the premiership.

Though a little man, almost frail in physique, he has been such a successful fighter that he scarcely knows the meaning of defeat.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

1829—Commencement of civil war in Chile. 1835—Sir Richard Cartwright, for many years a leading statesman of Canada, born at Kingsport, Ont. Died there, September 24, 1912.

1842—George W. Gooborough, who wrote one of the first naval histories of the United States, died in Washington, D. C. Born at Cambridge, Md., April 18, 1779.

1861—Prince Albert, the husband of Queen Victoria, died at Windsor castle. Born near Coburg, Germany, August 26, 1819.

1868—United States Congress voted against any repudiation of the national debt.

1879—John B. Bronck, consecrated the first Roman Catholic bishop of Helena, Mont.

1914—Serbia reoccupied Belgrade, following its evacuation by the Austrians.

1915—British on 65-mile front from Yprek to river Somme poured destructive artillery fire on Germans.

1916—Germans and Austrian peace notes received in Washington.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

General Kaledine, leader of the Don Cossacks, reported to be under arrest.

House naval affairs committee at Washington ordered an investigation into the navy department's conduct of the war.

Secretary Daniels announced the forming of an allied naval council including representatives of England, France, the United States, Italy and Japan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

Prince Albert, second son of King George, born 23 years ago today.

Sir W. Cheyne, surgeon general of the British navy, born 66 years ago today.

Hon. Pierre-Eduard Blondin, postmaster general of Canada, born 44 years ago today.

Ashley H. Robertson, recently promoted to be rear admiral of the United States navy, born in Illinois, 51 years ago today.

Brig. Gen. Charles G. Long, of the United States Marine corps, born in Massachusetts, 49 years ago today.

Rt. Rev. Frank A. McElwain, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Minnesota, born at Warsaw, N. Y., 43 years ago today.

TAR HEEL PRINTS

The Watts Hospital. (From The Durham Herald.) No program of progress in Durham's history will reach nearer to the hearts of people in general than that announced yesterday by the board of trustees of the Watts hospital. The goal to which the program points will mean the bringing to pass

COUPLE ARRESTED IN SALISBURY HOSTELRY

Charged With Passing Bogus Checks—They Are Also Wanted in Concord.

FLU SERIOUS IN CHESTER.

Chester, S. C., Dec. 13.—Influenza is again serious in this city and in numerous sections of Chester county. The malady is decidedly milder in form than when it first appeared here, approximately five years ago. The epidemic has not yet reached a stage where it is thought necessary to close the schools.