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Annual pay-rolis of cotton milis alone, nearly \$2,000,000.

Annual pay-rolis of cotton mills alone, nearly \$1.005.000.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1918.

THE WOUNDS OF THE PEN

It might be said that President Wilson was becomingly inspired in his chapel address at the homeplace of his grandfather, Sunday. However reluctant he was to break precedents on that occasion, he proceeded in a manner which established justification for what his revered ancestor might have regarded as the commission of a rank imshould have been expected to establish some new "Wilson quotation," and this he did when he dephysical force in the accomplishment of the great about of this victory, "words have cut as deep as words President Wilson, himself, had, during va- cussion? rious stages of the diplomatic correspondence, addressed first to "the Emperor of the Imperial Government of Germany," and later on to the Swiss Ambassador for delivery to the head of "the present Government of Germany." Those were indeed words that cut like a sword. It was in the President's parting letter in which he plainly told the Kajser that he and his companion War Lords were lying and that "no confidence could be placed in any promise they might make"-that pressure of the moral force was most effectively exerted. Verily, in the diplomatic utterances of both Great, Britain and France, coupled with those of the American President, the public has had abundant evidence of the great part the pen played in the winning of the war.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

It seems that the public schools of the city have got under way again, a little bit slowly at the start, to be sure, but with indications of soon being again in full swing. The attendance at the resumption of business after the quarantine suspension averaged 60 per cent, and the prospect is that with the week's progress there will be a return to normal. The decision to continue the long-interrupted school work reflects the course of wisdom. Danger from influenza is about passed, and with no further outbreak the troubles recently experienced will be forgotten. The course of the school authorities from beginning to end has been one worthy of commendation. Interruption of the loss of time has not been immaterial, but the safety of the children has been established and the best interests of the schools have been conserved. Time lost may be made up; life lost could never be restored, and so well has the school systen been held in hand that smooth sailing is again at hand and none of the drawbacks that would have arisen from demoralized conditions is to be encountered.

IN FOR A FULL TERM

Information is wired The Observer from Raleigh ist, reports to the contrary, every State official ent one is bitterly opposed to any proposition minst interference with a regularly instituted and conducted business term, and points to the aportance of the legislation which should engage he attention of the General Assembly. It is evictation of entering upon a 60-days' term and in he well-feuoded understanding that it will be 60 ave before they get home, unless they break prece-

COTTON AND EGGS

Ordinarily a heading of that sort to an editorial would be productive of mirthful sensations, but he cotton bale and the hen nest long since became recognized by the public as somewhat of a combination of serious possibilities. The war has knocked them out of balance, and with cotton on the ground and the egg in the air the economic inditions of the country have been far from comfortable. The reversed order which has been maintained has operated to the distress of the Nation, for cheap cotton and high eggs is productive of influence that pervades every nook and corner of the country. When the cotton market is "out of whack," the commerce of the world is injuriousy affected. When eggs have reached the altitude attained in recent months, the Nation is made to mourn. Let us take up the egg first. It was not so long ago that 20 cents a dozen was regarded as a high price. At that time the popular week, "professionals," Pain and come mixture that they were duling in the age market at the watch they were duling in the age market at the watch they be the position of the price of the professional that they were duling the theory of the professional that the popular of the market may have boosted the age to 15 certas, at which price it has been statilized for weeks past and above price in the second price of the professional that the professional that the price of the professional that the profession as a high price. At that time the popular word,

ing of the probable amount that could be quickly gathered up for export. This indicates that the European markets are opening up, and when Europe is in readiness to resume spinning and comes into the American markets for supplies, the country is pretty sure to see the prices begin moving up. Not only that, but the home consumers are becoming interested in supplies, and The Observer knows of one order that was placed in Charlotte yesterday, by one of the big mills not far away, for 15,000 bales. It is of further encouragement, that the local markets opened at 30 cents, this giving evidence that cotton is about to begin the upward movement. Any authority who would suggest the probable price cotton may reach would be quite careless of his reputation, but it is safe to say that cotton is now on the way to figures much more satisfactory than those which have lately obtained. If precedents in the course of potton are followed, we may shortly hear of a restoration of the once popular figure of 35 cents. If, then, cotton should make a spurt for "thirtyseven-and-a-half," it is not improbable that the 40 cents notch will be cut on the scale.

Returning to the egg-that is not quite so complicated a matter. The holidays and the unavoidable demand created by the season, have passed, propriety. It was an occasion when the President and with it, market people say, the day of the profiteerer's egg. The people are simply going to quit buying the extravagant egg, because for the presclared that moral force claims a large share with ent they will not be obliged to buy. It is merely by lack of trade that the artificial condition of victory over Germany, and that in the bringing the egg market is to be broken. It may be some days before the egg gets down to the 30-cent swords." The American reader naturally will cast mark, but it is as surely headed that way as cotton about in his or her mind for the words the Presi- is now going upward to meet it in its descending dent might possibly have had in mind, and the flight. Who will now say that cotton and eggs most incisive they will be able to recall are the do not form a fitting subject for editorial dis-

UNBALANCED BY POLITICS.

Mr. Ford was not so anxious to be elected to the Senate that he was willing to spend a dollar to gain that end, but he appears to be so much concerned about his defeat that he is determined not to relinquish hopes. He bases these on the outcome of a contest in the Senate, which is still further evidence that Ford is no politician. He has not the slightest chance in the world in ousting Newberry, and he is going to find himself entirely without sympathy in his undertaking. Ford's candidacy for the Senate has unsettled his poise as a business man. This is manifested in two departures he has made-in the two new businesses he has gone into. He has become a newspaper publisher and a contester of elections. Ford has he is into it, however he may claim otherwise.

A HINDENBURG DELUSION.

The imperialistic faction in Germany which thinks it still survives, is organizing a movement whereby it hopes to clear the Kaiser of blame for the war. It is engaged in a hopeless underthe protection of the personal liberty and life of the Kaiser," and appropriately enough, Hindenburg is suggested as head of this league. It would be a fine spectacle, that of the Kalser's tool appearing before the Peace Conference in an effort to safely pass through its hand a brief for his deregular work has been of provoking duration and throned client. The better possibility is that Hindenburg will find himself in the council chamber, not in the capacity of attorney, but as defendant, Some of these former German War Lords still have queer ideas circulating through the craniums.

A DELUDED STATESMAN.

s under the impression that all such triffing mate or barracks, but that active service holds them ters as that of indemnities have been settled between Germany and the United States, because than grow stale. \ there was no such stipulation in the armistice by the American representatives. He argues that Germany is obligated to make good with the occupied territories of Belgium and France, but for a postponed or unduly shortened legislative that is as far as she is bound to go. He overlooks m. Governor Bickett, himself, is outspoken the fact that Great Britain was unrepresented by "stipulation" in the armistice, just as in the case of the United States. If he thinks the terms under of that character wins medals, we know a Houston which the armistice was established are to be taken as the terms upon which peace is to be dent that the members may go there in full ex- based, Mr. Erzberger is going to find himself a sadly deluded statesman.

Next thing we know the railroad telegraphers at and get through the legislative calendar ahead and station agents, will be chipping in with the it certain that there will be fewer women crowded St. Louis boys in the raising of Mac's salary.

CLEMENCEAU'S MISTAKE

much in accord with the views of President Wilson on the League of Nations' proposition as he has represented himself to be. If we have understood the Premier, he has favored a league composed of the victorious countries of the United States, Great Britain, Italy and France, to the exclusion of other Nations. Probably the President had this in mind when he made a declaration about the meaning of which there could be no possible mistake. The President declared, as plainly as he could find words in which so make the declaration, that he is in favor of a League of Nations in fact-a league in which all Nations, big and little, shall be partners. That, in fact, is what a League of Nations would mean. It could be organized on no other basis, and the understood contention of the Premier is one of the surprises of the day. But if he had misunderstood "profiteering," had not come into vogue, but that the position of President Wilson and of the Allied is what they were doing in the egg market at the representatives on the subject, that misunder-

French determination to "ask for no annexation."

The Department of Justice will be urged to deort the Germans who have been interned in this country as enemy aliens. This will be like sentencing them anew to prison. The larger part of this body of prisoners want to be given their liberty in this country, to live among us and participate in the fortunes of a free people, and the only way to send them back to their native land would be to drive them.

IN THE WORK TO A FINISH.

The President will round out his series of courtesy calls in Italy, this week, and after that he will be in position to give personal attention to the launching of the Peace Conference. His manifest expectation is to see the matters before that body so far advanced as to permit of his return home before the expiration of the six weeks originally allotted to the trip, but at the same time he has made no concealment of his determination to assist in the proper formulation of peace terms, even if his recall to Europe might become an involved necessity. The President has the matter of peace in hand with the intention to see it settled according to the promises he has given both Allied and neutral countries.

All that China seems to want is the return of the Province of Kio Chow, the same which was taken away from Germany early in the war by the Japanese Army. It might appear to be China's proper course to ask Japan to make this request in China's behalf, for Kio Chow is Japanese property, if there is any meaning to the rules of war.

Wilson's Manchester speech really appears to be the greatest he has yet delivered in Europe. Perhaps the democratic atmosphere of his surroundings placed him entirely at ease. At any rate, he spoke there as if he were standing on home soil and surrounded by home people.

It will be seen that detachments of the Northwestern boys are on the way home, but none is assigned to Camp Greene, whereat this community has ground for a righteous kick against the War Department

NEWSPAPER SENTIMENT

HARDEST NUT IN THE WORLD. (From The Christian Science Monitor.)

Before the war the cocone, which grows freely lost his balance, and all by going into politics, for in the Southern Americas, on large trees of the palm family, was literally such a hard nut to crack that its vegetable oil had no place in commerce, and the tree was known chiefly as a botheration to banana planters when they wisfied to enlarge their plantations. Eighteen hundred pounds' pressure is required to crack the cocone nut, and there was no machinery for doing it. Then Government experts said that nothing else taking. It is proposed to organize "a league for in the world would provide such good carbon for gas masks, as the cocone nut, and the United States financed the creation of machinery for cracking it, thus starting a new and important industry.

WHY SOLDIERS DESERT. (From The Toledo Blade.)

The nearer the soldier gets to the firing line, the less is his incentive to desert. An official report to Secretary Baker shows that convictions of enlisted men were fewer in 1918 than in 1917, although the Army had grown enormously in the interval. This makes good the contentions that Mr. Erzberger would have the people believe he soldiers desert to escape the monotony of camp in cheerful allegiance. They would rather be shot

publicly decorated with the congressional medal on Boston Common the other day. If straight talk Colonel who is apt to come back from France with

into the gutters in German cities.

LOOKING BACKWARD

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

TEN YEARS AGO

funeral was conducted yesterday at-ternoon by Dr. W. W. Bays at the grave in Elimwood cometery.

Miss Myrtle Drewry, of Griffin, Ga., and Mr. John Bachman Shirer, of Charlotte, were married at the home of the bride Wednesday afternoon. They will make their pame in Char-lotte.

"IN THE DAY'S NEWS."

Dr. James L. Barton, who is to sail from New York today at the head of the American committee for relief in the near east, is a veteran in the service of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions and one of the best informed men in the United States on conditions in Turkey and the Balkans. He is a Ver-monter, was educated at Middlebury college and at Hartford Theological seminary, and went to Turkey in 1885 as a missionary stationed at Harpoot. In the course of time he became a professor in the missionary college, and later its president. In 1894, because of his proved administrative ability, he was recalled to join the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the American board, which had its headquarters in Boston. He has traveled much, and has the international mind point of the secretarial staff of the secretari

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES,

1550-Henry of Lorraine, third duke

of Guise, the "King of Paris," born. Died December 23, 1588. 1738—Lord Cornwallis, the ablest of the American revolution, born in London. Died in India in 1805.

1852—Emperor Francis Joseph Austria reveked the constitution of 1849. 1877-Imperial Order of the Crown

held in one of the public parks of Madras. 19:4-Russians held the Carpathians from Bukowina to Uzsok Pass.

1915—Turks in Mesopotamia asked armistice from British to bury dead and save the wounded. 1916—Berlin claimed that British force operating near Kut-el-Amara was repused.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR. Cathedral in Padua seriously dam-

aged in a third air raid by the Ger-

United States war department took over the great plers and warehouses of the Bush terminal in New York

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY'S. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. A., re

tired, one of the American representatives in the coming peace conference, born at Lewisbrug, Pa., 65 years ago today. Albert Sevigny, former minister inland revenue of Canada, born

Quebec, 38 years ago today. Col. John T. Thompson, U. S. A., who rendered valuable services in the war as chief of the small arms divi-sion of the ordnance department, born

in Kentucky, 58 years ago today.

William Folger Nickie, M. P., who advocates the abolition of hereditary titles in Canada, born at Kingston, Ont., 49 years ago today.

Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, president of New Hampshire college, born at Mer-rill, Wis., 30 years ago today.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MISS PURSLEY'S BIRTH

Clover Woman Reaches Century Mark in Good Health and Entertains Friends.

Special to The Observer,
York S. C., Dec. 30.—An event of interest to hundreds of relatives and friends was the celebration today of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley, at her home nearly publicly decorated with the congressional medal of that character wins medals, we know a Houston Colonel who is apt to come back from France with a wheelbarrow full.

ONE RESULT.

(From The Rochester Herald.)
A total of 44.700 German officers killed makes it certain that there will be fewer women crowded into the gutters in German cities.

Special to The Observer.
York S. C., Dec. 30.—An event of interest to hundreds of relatives and friends was the celebration today of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley. At her home nearly contained to the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley. About 150 people gathered for the occasion, which was marked for the occasion, which was marked for the occasion, which was marked probable to find a photologist to think I am opposition today of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of Miss Susan Puraley of the one hundredth birthday of the data for whole and the exercises were held indoors Rev.

W. P. Grier presided and read an interesting history of Miss Pural

TWENTY YEARS AGO

shown one quarter of beef that was apparently untainted after an exposure of 50 hours to the sun. One thousand and five hundred pounds of the stuff was dumped overboard from the Panama. The beef looked well but had an odor like that of a dead human bedy after being injected with preservatives.

spiration to her guests, who were delighted to see the interest she takes in life. With her older friends she exchanged recollections of the long ago, though, of course, her memory went far beyond that of anyone pres-

Miss Puraley was born in northern York, and when five years old moved TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES, to the site of her present home. The navigator, who was the first greater part of a century is standing to explore the St. Lawrence a short distance from her present to explore the St. Lawrence a short distance from her present river, born at St. Malo. Died in residence. She lives with her nephew.

Miss Pursley is one of the oldest white residents of York county. Taking into consideration her present strength, cheerful disposition and calm temperament, her friends are hopeful that she will live to enjoy many more birthdays and that her life will be as tranquil in the future as it has been in the years that have gone by.

of India for women instituted. Three hundred persons perished in a fire at an annual fair. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

But Denies Positively That He Is Any Sort of Candidate

for Marshalship. BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 36.-Frank A. Hampton returned here from the state today. He denied the story to the effect that he is slated for the marshalship of the eastern district. He said he was not a candidate for the place.

It is believed here that Mr. Hampton will be a real candidate for lieutenant governor, as was predicted in The Observer weeks ago. As to the marshalship, Senator Simmons will give that his attention in a few days bill was out of the way. In a formal statement today Mr. Hampton said: "If I am slated for the marshalship, it is entirely without my knowledge Senator Simmons, so far as I know Senator Simmons, so far as I know. has never thought of me in connection with the marshalship. I know he has never mentioned such an idea to me, nor I, nor anyone for me, to my knowledge, to him. The fact is there is no slate. When the senator gets ready to take up the matter, he expects to carefully consider all the applications and endorsements that

beloved son, and while the marshalship is an attractive position, I censider the post of secretary to Senator
Simmons in his great career and work
here more important than the marshalship. I do not wish my good
friends who are candidates for the
marshalship to think I am opposing
them, and I shall be glad if you will
make my position clear."

As to the lieutenant governorship,
Mr. Hampton says the proposition
appeals to him, but that it is entirely
too early to announce a definite position respecting it.

TO JAIL FOR 60 DAYS

Florence Daniels, a young white woman who, the police said, has appeared in court on two previous occasions, was notified by Recorder H. C. Jones yesterday morning that if she is seen in Charlotte in the next two years she must serve a jail son-

Salvage Division Accomplishes Wonderful Work, Figures Show.

Capt, Darnell, at Camp Greene, Condemns only 9,337 of 130,-565 Articles of Clothing.

Statistics showing the value of the work of the reclamation division of the United States army were made public yesterday by Capt. D. B. Barnell, in charge of salvage work at Camp Greene, the figures being from the reports for the month of October not only for Camp Greene but for all army posts, camps and cantonments in the continental United States. These are the latest available figures.

Sitting by her cozy fire, Miss Prsley received her guests and chatted
pleasantly with them. Time has
dealt leniently with her, as despite
her 100 years she is mentally alert
and enjoys fairly good health. Wideawake and cheerful, she was an insurretton to her guests who were depounds per man) was collected, giv-ing a total of garbage of 303,818 pounds, or 653.3 pounds per man. The sales brought \$337.84. The total income from garbage sales for all camps, cantonments, posts and sta-tions in continental United States was

October of those in charge of salvage work throughout the United States army within continental United States contained the following: Total pieces of working stock, 12,911,177; total received during month, 9,109,507; returned to point of origin, 490,358; turned over to quartermaster for re-issue, 4,952,993; shipped for reclama-tion, 1,951,587; total found unfit for repair, 440,809; to go to organiza-tions, 1,758,968; to be turned over to quartermaster for re-issue, 12,425,459; repaired by government shops, 1,594,-297; repaired by contract, 290,586; dry cleaned and pressed, by govern-ment shop, 79,729; by contract, 366,-

This summary shows, regarding the This summary shows, regarding the more impertant items and those which, in the past, most frequently were scrapped, that the salvage division accomplished highly valuable work. The summary includes the following, as of all camps and stations: Working stock, 1,222,776; total received during October, 959,253; returned to point of origin, 202,455; turned over to quartermaster for research turned over to quartermaster for re-issue, 520,316; shipped for reclama-tion, 258,624; total found unfit for repairs, 60,461; to go to organizations, 158,146; to be turned over to quar-

158,146; to be turned over to quartermaster for re-issue, 982,127; remired, by government shop, 420,772; contract, 119,591. The figures remarking the disposition of the shoes which the soldiers turned in as unserviceable offer accurate estimation of the great value of the great value. of the great value of the salvage for all others of the 19 articles listed, and of those listed under the heading of "all others."

The summary, which was prepared The summary, which was prepared from reports from camps, cantonments, posts and stations, by the administrative hranch of this division of the war department, does not give the total value of all articles salvaged nor the value of the work of the division in dollars and cents. That amount, however, apparently should mount into the millions of dollars per month, which, prior to the establishment of this division, largely was a loss to the government.

CROWELL CLINIC HOLDS RECEPTION WEDNESDAY

The annual reception of the Crowell clinic will be given in the offices, 701-718 Realty building, Wednesday evening, from 8 to 11 o'clock. An opportunity will be given at this time expects to carefully consider all the applications and endorsements that have been filed, and then dispose of the matter.

"I am not a candidate for the marshalship, active, receptive or any other sort of candidate. I am sincere and candid in this statement. I like my position as secretary to North Carolina's great national leader and best beloved son, and while the marshalship is an attractive position, I consider the post of secretary to Senator

POSTOFFICE TO OBSERVE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

New Year's Day will be observed as a holiday by the employes of the postoffice. Office hours for that day were announced yesterday as follows: Stamp, general delivery and registry windows will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; the parcel post window from 5 p. m. to 7 p. m. The city carriers will make one delivery.

MEMBERS OF RED FEZ CLUB WILL GIVE DANCE TONIGHT

Members of the Red Fee club will celebrate the passing out of the old year by a dance at the club tonight. The dance will end with a watch party. All members of the Red Fee