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Mr. Holloway Writes.

Mr. Holloway furnishes us with the following letter which we take pleasure in publishing:

The presence of three very desirable attributes make a strong impression upon visitors to the Democratic Headquarters at Raleigh. They are beauty, brains and business. This is a rare combination to find at a political headquarters.

A beautiful daughter of the beloved Governor Aycock greets you with a smile as you enter the office and on the other side of the room you see a lovely Grand Daughter of the illustrious Senator Bansom with a glad welcome shining from her pretty eyes. It is indeed a pleasure to find yourself in this pleasant atmosphere which the young ladies in possession of their distinguished ancestors have created. It makes a fellow glad that he is of the Democratic household of faith when he contemplates this picture. Every thing moves with precision and system and as their dainty fingers make the typewriters hum in the work of getting out letters and campaign material one feels that a big victory this Fall will surely result for the North Carolina Democratic voters. The fire and enthusiasm of their illustrious Fore-bears shines from their happy faces, and like a contagion it communicates itself to those who come under their influence.

Mr. Warren the Chairman looks as natural in the position he is so ably filling as if he had been in that position all his life. He has been using some very heavy Artillery lately in his assaults on the untenable Republican positions and the accuracy of his marksmanship has spread consternation in the enemy's ranks. He has been using a Fifty-two Centimeter weapon charged with shells loaded with terrible facts that simply annihilate the Republican Forts and throw whole divisions into disorder and confusion. Col. Pearsall is official range finder and at this writing not one of the shells has missed its mark. The enveloping movement that General Warren is making all along the line and especially on the enemies right and left wing is almost complete and by the first of November the route will resolve itself into a panic in the Republican ranks.

His first Lieutenant, Jim Collie whose name is spelled E-F-F-I-C-I-E-N-C-Y is an invaluable assistance and his services to the party are of very high order. It is said that Mr. Collie is the best Clerk in Washington and the affairs of his committee are kept in the best shape of any committee in Washington.

The writer has been in Wilmington, Lumberton and several other parts of Eastern Carolina, the past week and the party is in fine shape at all the places visited. The proposed Constitutional Amendments will apparently carry by a tremendous majority, Bailey and Bickett are doing fine work for them and a large amount of credit for their success will be due these two splendid speakers. Both of the above mentioned speakers are in great demand at this time and it is a physical impossibility for them to fill all of the appointments at places they are wanted. Bickett is making the campaign of his life and he is making votes by the thousands. If there is such a thing as an inspired political Orator Bickett's lips must have touched a live coal as the enthusiasm of the hearers is immense. He was unable to meet his appointment in Wilmington last week on account of missing a train connection and the disappointment of those who came out to hear him was very keen. With possibly the exception of Aycock, North Carolina has never produced a greater or more popular speaker than Bickett.

Some time ago Mr. Bickett made a speech in the Mountains and at its conclusion he was approached by a tall mountainer who said, "Look here mister, when you got up to speak I thought you was the shortest fellow I ever saw speak, but before you got through I didn't think you was ten feet tall. Mr. Bickett says that as the finest compliment he ever got as it evidently came from the man's heart. He is logical without being tedious and he is witty without being foolish. He can give you a fact loaded with convictions and you leave a whelp on the hearer's sensibilities which so many public speakers in their indiscreet use of ridicule and cheap sarcasm so often pro-

duce. Every man woman and child in North Carolina if it were possible for them to do so ought to hear Bickett speak. It would make them all more patriotic and Democratic principles would be given a great impetus thereby.

The Democratic party will have its usual large majority this fall without a doubt, but every Democrat should make a special effort to go to the polls this Fall and vote for the party nominees, as it is the first time in a long while that we have had the opportunity to cast a vote of confidence and encouragement for a National Democratic Administration and any Democrat who does not exercise this privilege ought to be broiled in Oil. It does no good to go around cursing the Republicans when they are in power, and as soon as the Democrats win to become apathetic and indifferent. The writer would not give up his happy privilege of casting a full Democratic vote this Fall for a thousand dollars. We have a right to feel cheery and proud over the splendid achievement of our party in both State and Nation because it has done more good things in two years than the Republicans did in thirty. Our duty to the party and the country is obvious so lets every Democrat perform his part.

AND IT SNOWED.

"Old Woman" Picks Goose in Raleigh in Face of "Impossibility."

While the weather bureau slept it snowed Monday night. That is Tuesday morning about 12:30 o'clock. It was an unusual occurrence at this time of year, and owing to the temperature register at the weather bureau station at the time it snowed, the weather man here, it is said, immediately reeled off that under such conditions it was an impossibility. Impossibility! that's smacks of the novice. Most people have learned that nothing is impossible, especially with the weather. The weather above all other things plays more freak tricks than any thing in nature. The weather man, of all men, should be chary of saying anything is impossible when the weather is constantly putting all kinds of kinks in his prognostications.

And it snowed "under an impossibility."

That it snowed in Raleigh as reported in The News and Observer, is beyond a shadow of doubt. It was seen by seven persons in front of The News and Observer.

This event recalls the phenomenon which occurred after the death of a distinguished North Carolinian, when in the room where his body rested in a casket, there was a fall of snow when cold air was admitted to the room which was at a moderate temperature.

Bud King Arrested

Deputy Sheriff W. O. Stone, of Cedar Rock townships was in Louisburg Wednesday with Bud King, whom he placed in jail to await the arrival of the Nash County Officers. King is the one charged with the attempt at assault on a little girl near Sandy Cross in Nash County the past week. He was arrested on the public Highway near Hickory Rock. He admitted that he was the man they were looking for, but that he was not guilty of the crime.

Sing a Song of Europe.

(Farm Life).
Sing a song of Europe,
Highly civilized,
Four and twenty nations,
Wholly hypnotized,
When the battles open
The bullets start to sing,
Isn't that a silly way
To act for any king?
The Kings are in the background
Issuing commands
The Queens are in the palace
Per Etiquette's demands,
The bankers in the counting house
Are busy multiplying
The common people at the front
Are doing all the dying.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C. not called for October 29th, 1914.
Mr. J. T. Britt, Mr. O. H. Rodin, Mr. Lewis Cammons, Mr. R. A. Fleming, Miss Mary Green, Miss Edna Harris, Miss Annie Harris, Mr. J. N. Johnson, Sarah J. Stedman, Royce Thomas, Mr. Julia Williams.
Parties calling for the above will please state that they saw this advertised.
R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

GERMANS DETERMINED TO PUSH BATTLE IN BELGIUM TO DECISIVE CONCLUSION

And Issue Another Call for Reinforcements in Vicinity of Dixmude Allies Still Able to Continue Offensive There and Around Nancy; Operations Elsewhere.

Paris, Oct. 28.—The issue of the battle in Belgium was apparently still far from determination today. That the Germans had made up their minds to reach a decision in this part of the theatre of war as indicated by the report that their general staff has issued a further call for troops from Belgium and Germany for concentration in the vicinity of Dixmude, where some of the most severe fighting in the battle of Flanders has occurred.

The gain of the allies in the region to the South of Dixmude as officially announced showed that they are able, despite of the German infantry, to take the offensive against the German contingents which previously had succeeded in crossing the Yser. This news was received with much satisfaction by the public here as was also the announcement by the French around Nancy.

As to the action in this vicinity the French recalled a recent remark by General Castelnau when in putting the public on its guard against possible bad news, he said:

"We will perhaps receive a blow in the stomach, but we are sure to return it."

More to the west in the progress of the allies toward the route from St. Mihiel to Metz it, is predicted, going soon to put in a difficult position the German forces which have tried, in crossing the Meuse, to work a junction with their forces fighting in Argonne.

Contest in the North.

Furthermore, the advance of the French and English between Ypres and Roulers also gave ground for hope here. As to when the contest in the north would be finished, there is no guess.

French military men said, however, that the prolongation of the battle gave no reason for losing patience.

Discussing the possibility of an attack on Verdun, General Pierre Cherfils today declared that its defense was unlimited since it was solidly attached to the allies' army of Argonne. The enemy he said, after testing the strength of Verdun, would gradually give up the hope of attempting to bring about its fall.

France according to the general, still has more than a million men in reserve to give battle to the Germans to say nothing of the large number of volunteers. These are so numerous in fact that many are being refused.

Bavarian Prince Commanding the Germans Wounded.

London, Oct. 28.—The correspondent of the Times in northern France sends the following regarding the fighting in Belgium under Tuesday's date:

"The British fire at Ypres, after a glorious stand for five days against overwhelming odds, drove the enemy back fifteen miles. The German forces were commanded by the Bavarian Crown Prince who, it is reported, has been wounded.

"The British forces captured Langemarck, five miles north-east of Ypres on Friday after inflicted enormous losses on the enemy and established entrenched positions beyond the village.

"At night after the roar of the cannon had ceased there was suddenly a shrill whistle and bushes soaked in petroleum broke into flames. Masses of men sprang up from the beet crops within a few hundred yards of our trenches and with bugle sound yell and song they came dashing forward into our position.

In the Trenches.

"Though taken by surprise our brave men were not unprepared. They took their places in the trenches and held them, pouring a terrific fire into the advancing hosts.

"Answering with rifle and machine gun, the enemy advanced, still with the bugle playing and amid shouts of 'hoch! hoch!' They were in dense masses and they fell by the hundreds. They got within thirty yards of the trenches when they recoiled.

"Then came three blasts of a whistle, sounding the retreat. Our men sprang out of the trenches and in among them terrible and there were many to hand encounters.

Pleading For Mercy.

"In the dim glare of the burning bushes some of the enemy threw down their arms and plead for mercy. No quarter, however, was given on either side. The work was to desperate for that. Bayonet and bullet did their work and the enemy was driven back on Roulers.

"A battery and several machine guns were captured and thousands of prisoners were taken, including a general and several other officers."

Fifty Dead in Big Mine Disaster.

Royalton, Ill., Oct. 28.—Forty-seven bodies had been recovered at 8:00 o'clock this morning from the mine of the Franklin Coal and Coke Company that was wrecked by a gas explosion yesterday. All but two or three of the miners who entered the workings yesterday morning have been definitely accounted for, and if these perished the death list will total about 50.

Twenty-nine bodies had been recovered from the mine and in two heaps of dead visible, but not accessible to the rescuers, it is estimated there are about 50 bodies.

A house to house canvas begun last night, may today disclose the exact number of missing men.

In an effort to alleviate the hysteria which has been general among the women and children, the coroner has barred all relatives of the dead from the two temporary morgues.

The state mine inspectors investigation into the cause and responsibility for the disaster will not begin until the last body has been removed from the mine, according to a statement of the superintendent of the Bureau of Mines.

The coroner's inquest was begun today.

Thirty-seven Bodies Recovered.

Royalton, Ill., Oct. 28.—Estimates this morning of the deaths in the explosion that wrecked the mine of the Franklin Coal and Coke Company near here yesterday placed the number at between fifty and sixty. The night shifts of rescue workers (Continued on page 12)

Tribute to Memory of Rev. George W. Coppedge.

In the death of Rev. Geo. Washington Coppedge Friday night, October 9th, 1914, at the home of his friends Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lamb, near Spring Hope, a life of remarkable usefulness and powerful influence has been removed from our midst.

Seventy years ago, in Nash county Mr. Coppedge first saw the light. In 1845, he was born again of the spirit and united with the Peachtree Baptist church. He was licensed to preach in 1876, and ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry in 1880.

His early education was sadly neglected. Not until middle life, when he felt called of God to enter the ministry, did he learn to read, and then only that he might read the word of God.

The story of his early struggles with his handicap, inability to read the Bible, and his triumph over it, is most pathetic and is enough to hearten and encourage any one who has difficulties to overcome, however insurmountable they may seem.

Though an unlettered man himself, he believed in education with all his soul. So, as children came into his home, he moved his family to Wakefield, where there was a good school. At this time, the Lord had laid His hands on him and called him to preach His everlasting Gospel, ignorant as he was. So he himself entered school with his children, and learned with them the alphabet. But their minds were young and alert and they soon outdistanced their father in the acquisition of knowledge. This fact, together with the slowness with which he was forced to plod in learning to read the word of God, were a source of great grief to him.

There is an old Bible in possession of the family now, which was used by Bro. Coppedge during this period of his life, which is marked through and through with tear stains wrung from the heart of a man who was eager to learn the will of God, but whose mind was bound by fetters of ignorance and could not.

But by and by, through prodigious and persistent effort, and with a life wholly consecrated to the service of God, he won the victory, and the rich fruitage of his after life will compare favorably with that of men who enjoyed far better advantages than he.

The following are some of the elements that made his life strong and beautiful and useful:

1. His abiding faith in God. There was never a day so dark that he did not believe that his heavenly Father loved him and would guide and take care of him. And this is the quality that won for him many victories, when otherwise he would have failed miserably.

2. He was a man of prayer, depending solely upon God for success in his efforts. Often times, while engaged in protracted meetings, he would go alone with God and spend much time in agonizing prayer until the blessing and the victory came.

3. Coupled with the foregoing elements was his deep humility. To hear him talk to his God was to realize that you were on holy ground, in His very presence, and that you, like him who was talking, were altogether unworthy to come before Him.

4. He was a man of strong convictions. When once convinced that a certain course was right, it mattered not who or how many opposed him, he maintained his position with calmness and determination.

5. Whatever he undertook he threw his whole soul into it, and with great earnestness he prosecuted it until it was finished. He was primarily a church builder. He rarely buff on other men's foundations. It was his mission to go out into destitute and unpromising fields, where the ordinary man would have failed, and to build up self supporting churches. He seemed to rather court difficult fields. His struggles in the early part of his ministry fitted him to a preeminent degree for this kind of work.

Perhaps no man ever accused the subject of this sketch of being a learned preacher, or a mighty, eloquent orator, and yet he knew the simple plan of salvation and could present it with as much clearness and force as the most scholarly man could. He made far better use of the talent he had than many a man who has five talents.

6. Another most striking characteristic of his life was his passion for souls. His chief concern and greatest joy was winning his friends to Jesus. He was a man of the people, who lived among them and who lived for them. He entered keenly into their sorrows as well as into their joys.

THREE BABIES SCORED PERFECT

After Babies Contest Big Success at State Fair.

The second annual Better Babies contest held at State Fair was in all respects a great success. The examinations showed three 100 per cent babies. Of the three babies scoring perfect, Joseph Samuel Wombie, of Warrington, age 24 months, was voted by the judges as the best baby—the State Champion Better Baby for 1914. To him was awarded the gold medal offered by the woman's Home Companion. The other champion, who received bronze medals, are, according to divisions:

Champion city girl, Annie Speed Coppedge, Raleigh, Score 100, Champion city boy, John Henry Vernon, Burlington, Score 99, Champion rural girl, Eleanor Randolph Miller, Oriental, Score 100.

Champion rural boy, Edward Joseph McCahill, Franklinton, Score 99

As gratifying as the contest as a whole proved to be the promoters they regard as of special value the following points in evidence. A keener and more assured interest on the part of the parents, a deeper appreciation of the meaning of the Better Baby movement, and a higher score of the average baby. As an example of this the prize-winning baby of this year scored only 98 last year, but the mother through the contest last year learned the standard for a perfect baby and returned home to give her baby the benefit of her knowledge. Another mother whose baby last year won a prize entered another prize-winning baby this year.

Let the spirit of the Better baby movement reach every mother in the State.

7. President Elliot's famous library consisting of books on only one shelf five feet long, had no charms for him for he was a man of only one book, and that book was the Bible. He was remarkably well acquainted with its contents, for one of his opportunities, and he stuck to it in his preaching and in his living.

How well the people loved him was attested on the day of his funeral, Sunday afternoon, at New Bethel Baptist church, when multiplied hundreds from various sections where he had wrought were present to pay a tribute of respect to his memory.

His life long friends and father-in-law, the Gospel, Rev. George M. Duke, who had meant more to his life than any other man, preached the funeral sermon from the appropriate and significant text, "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people was added unto the Lord" (Acts 11:24). The text fitted the occasion admirably, and Mr. Duke bestowed a worthy and beautiful tribute to the memory of his diseased son-in-law. Rev. George W. May, nephew of the deceased, also took part in the funeral service, after which the Masonic Order, of which he was an honored member, tenderly laid his remains to rest in the near-by cemetery.

Though living at Epsom, Mr. Coppedge held his church membership with the Ephesus church, which was the first church he ever organized many years ago, and at which the Tar River Association had just closed its 34th annual session when he was stricken down with paralysis on Wednesday, dying two days later.

The deceased had often expressed the desire to die in harness, which wish was literally fulfilled. At the time of his death he was pastor of the two new churches, Inez and Centerville, which were received into the Association at its recent session. During his ministry he had served 10 churches in Nash county, 8 in Wake, 5 in Franklin, 3 in Warren, 2 in Vance and 1 in Harnett. Thus he has many friends widely scattered throughout this section who will feel keenly the loss of their erstwhile faithful undershepherd.

Mr. Coppedge was devoted to his family, faithful in providing for their welfare, feeling that the best that he could give them was none too good. He leaves a devoted wife, three daughters, Mrs. George W. Bickett of Epsom; Mrs. J. E. Weather of Epsom; Mrs. Walter N. Johnson, of Wake Forest; and two sons, Mr. C. A. Coppedge of Sanford, and Mr. C. C. Coppedge of Washington, N. C. Henderson Gold Leaf and the Graphic will please copy.
George W. May,
Walter N. Johnson.