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Morning Tonic

GOD will not suffer men to have the knowledge of things to come; for if he had prescience of his prosperity he would be careless, and understanding of his adversity he would be senseless.

Uncle Walt Mason

THERE used to be a foolish rumor that women have no sense of humor, and can't inspire a smile; but Mrs. Rinehart's joyous stories, among their other charms and graces, have wit that's worth the while.

MARY ROBERTS RINEHART, his debts; and all the cheerful books I treasure, of all which give me endless pleasure, her novels are my pets. The fiction fans, in countless legions, throughout all sane, enlightened regions, entranced, enraptured look, when busy publishers are hinting that they are now engaged in printing another Rinehart book.

The Triple Entente looks better to Italy just now than the Triple Alliance.

The Interstate Commerce Commission appears to have given the railroads a half a loaf and the shippers a half.

Little Italy is appearing in better light than any of them. It has had the courage to declare its neutrality.

And France may not be so averse to a little brush with Germany. Maybe the time has come to get even for the rape of Alsace and Lorraine.

A son of the Kaiser was married Friday, but the Emperor's way of celebrating the wedding is not to be commended.

The Councilman who banishes growing roosters from the city limits, says the Norfolk Ledger Dispatch, "will make a name for himself." Yes, but he could never get back on Council.

The European war will mean, among other things, that the men who know the ropes will clean up some good sized profits. The cotton mill men of the South have a big chance to make a killing, it is said.

The Kaiser will try to find several places on which he can dump the blame, but those who have kept up with the progress of events will find it difficult to believe otherwise than that the Kaiser had more to do with it than anybody else.

The people who live in Europe, especially in countries other than France and England are to be pitied. There can be no wonder in the light of recent developments that swarms of men, women and children have come into this country. Comparatively speaking, it is indeed the home of the free.

An exchange inquires as to whether war in Europe will bring more immigration to the United States or have the opposite result. For a long time it will mean more immigrants for this country where hundreds of thousands do not have to fight because a single man happens to be in a truce-like mood.

Thirty million dollars to double apple gold coins was shipped from the Philadelphia mint to the sub-treasury in New York Saturday. Twenty million had been sent a few days before and another twenty million will go forward today. Little news notes like that are calculated to make a citizen of the United States feel fairly comfortable despite the wars and rumors of wars of Europe. This is the country.

In Saturday's News and Observer there was carried the announcement that the Wake County Board of Education had made an appropriation for a night school at the Royal Cotton Mill village at Wake Forest. The local committee to make an appropriation also. It was one of the most significant items in that particular issue of the paper. In the same issue there was the statement that the South was leading the North in effacing illiteracy. The action as to the night school for the Wake Forest mill indicates the strength of the sentiment for education in North Carolina and the South.

All of the departments of the national government have been exceptionally busy and effective since they were reorganized with the advent of the Wilson administration. The Department of Agriculture has kept pace with the rest. It progresses always. Frequently it has taken some forward step to show that it is on the alert to take good care of the farming interests. One of these forward moves is told of in the announcement that plans have been made to form home classes for the study of agriculture and domestic science. This is extension work of the utmost importance. The operation of the plan will be watched with the keenest interest.

AN INDICTMENT OF CIVILIZATION.

That there should be such a terrific outburst in Europe, with nations flying at the throats of nations is an indictment of the civilization of the age about which the world has of late been so proudly pluming itself. And civilization stands indicted at the bar of the world because there are three men whose power is so immense that they can rush millions into war at the nod of their heads.

The world, all of humanity, may indeed stand aghast at the present occurrences in Europe and at the threat which they give to the rest of the world. What is to come of it all no man can say today, but every man who has reason and who will use this without the bias of nationality and partisanship will agree that no issue so momentous as that which now envelops Europe should be dependent upon the whim, or the desire of any three men. Reviewing this condition, deprecating it, and declaring in emphatic terms that it should not be possible, the New York World, in an editorial on Saturday under the caption of "An Indictment of Civilization," takes a position which will be recognized as the correct one, its additional, which will forcibly appeal to every man who reads it.

In Vienna there is a doddering old man, the offspring of a tainted house, who sits on the throne of the dual empire.

In St. Petersburg there is a weak, well-meaning neurotic who by the accident of birth happens to be the Czar of All the Russias.

In Berlin there is a brilliant, talented, ambitious manipulator of politics who is German Emperor by grace of the genius of Bismarck, Molike and Roos.

Of these three men, only the one in Berlin has more than mediocre abilities; yet the three are permitted to play with the lives of millions of men, with property worth thousands of millions of dollars, with the commerce and industry and prosperity and laws and institutions not merely of empires and kingdoms but of continents. It is left to them to determine whether the world is to witness the most deadly and devastating war of all history.

The thing would be laughable, ridiculous, if it were not so ghastly.

War of itself may be wise or unwise, just or unjust; but that the issue of a world-wide war should rest in the hands of three men—any three men—and that the hundreds of millions who will bear the burden and be afflicted in every relation of life by the outcome of such a war should passively leave the decision to these three men is an indictment of civilization itself.

Human progress is slow indeed when a whole continent is still ready to fight for anything except the right to life, liberty and self-government.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WAR.

One of the great hours in human history has struck.

Yesterday's events were probably the most serious in all the annals of Time.

The long-dreaded European conflagration is at hand. When it is over it may be six months, it may be ten years—the world will not be what it is.

The map of Europe will be changed. Germany may become a province. Great Britain may suffer her death blow. Russia may dominate Europe. Some Napoleon may arise out of France. Or Emperor Wilhelm may fulfil the dreams that have slumbered since St. Helena.

The nations of Europe have entered upon the greatest war of all time. They have been preparing for it thirty years. In every premier's mind it has been inevitable, and it was this fact that has made Europe an armed camp.

Germany will throw 3,000,000 trained and equipped soldiers into the struggle within ten days! Russia can raise 4,000,000 but it will take more time. France appears to be as ready as Germany is. Great Britain cannot at once supply so many men but she is ready with as many battleships as any other two nations.

Under the burden of maintaining these war footings, all Europe has groaned for decades. But the hour has come at last. The war is on. The Hour of Destiny draws near.

What the event in Europe will be it is not safe to predict. One great fear is that the balance of power will be destroyed and that there will arise some overlord of the Continent who will make trouble throughout the earth. Either this or there will be no settlement of the substantial and lasting sort.

It is reasonably safe to say that after the smoke of battle has lifted the continent of Europe will be directed either from Russia or Germany. It is difficult to see how Great Britain can gain by the crisis, and there is every prospect that it will hasten her decadence—evidence of which has been at hand for a decade.

But what of the United States?

First, the country will not be involved. Thanks to recent experiences we know that President Wilson can be trusted to guide us by the dangers of war.

But our people will suffer, and we fear the South will suffer most.

At the present moment money is hard to get. Credit has been practically suspended on the big centers. Trade with Europe is paralyzed.

Food producers will likely see in value. But the market for manufactured goods, cotton above all will be cut off. People exercise economy first in clothes. We are likely, therefore, to find the market for our Southern money crop dull for a time.

On the other hand, the war will give us new markets. Europe has always outstripped the United States in Oriental and South American trade. It has not been six weeks since the British press was boasting that the Panama canal would mean more to her than to us. But with Britain, Germany and France engaged in war, we may proceed to develop a commerce in the Far East and in South America that will far more than compensate the losses we must suffer at first. The canal opens not an hour too soon.

impooverished circulation of currency; and the President proceeded to lay plans with the great captains of finance to prevent a panic. It was wonderfully well done. And we must remark that Mr. Wilson seems equal to every occasion and emergency. In 1907 incomparably lesser causes prostrated our finances. Today we are steady in the most terrible of storms.

The United States, however, well we may argue that the war may bring her good rather than evil, will take no pleasure in the horrible events that are now inevitable. On the other hand, she will be first to offer her offices in behalf of peace; and her people—her Southern people with the fellow-feeling of kindred experiences—will suffer with the millions now to be offered upon the red altars of battle.

"SUZANNE" THE FASCINATING.

Did you read about "Suzanne" in yesterday's News and Observer? And did you enjoy the illustrations which set out her "Adventures" and the genius which she showed in bringing across to her way of thinking her husband? It was just delightful and if you have not looked at the "Suzanne" page you are missing something.

There will be more about "Suzanne" next Sunday, and this will have to do with that fascinating young matron and the cause of "votes for women." What she does and how she does it will be told, and also the role played in that "Adventure" by her husband. We are certain that "Suzanne" will entertain you, so do not fail to take notice that she will have a whole page of the News and Observer next Sunday.

Spirit of the Press

In Solon's Time.

Christian Herald: During the time of Solon, the famous lawmaker, he secured the passage of a statute compelling every able-bodied adult man in the nation to give proof once a year that he was earning a decent living and was self-supporting. Somebody has written to us suggesting that this would not be a bad example for Uncle Sam to follow, since the class of those who have secured to live gracefully in idleness is constantly on the increase.

An American Opportunity.

New York Herald: Not since American shipping lost its prestige during the Civil War has there been such an opportunity to regain standing in the maritime world as is offered at the present moment. Vessels flying the American flag are the only ones on which the marine insurance brokers will accept risks, and these are pitifully few in number.

Companies operating coastwise vessels of respectable tonnage, long held in restraint by the weight of English and German competition, have already signified their intention of withdrawing their vessels from the regular trade with the view of sending them to European ports. In this move alone may be seen the reawakening of an American merchant marine that needs but little stimulus in order to assume its rightful position among the traders of the world.

Inconsistencies of the Season.

Franklin Peck: The season of the year is now at hand when the average boy, that is too poorly to chop an arm load of wood or spade a small patch of ground in the garden, thinks nothing of turning upside down all the ground in the back yard in search of worms for fish bait and walking five miles to go fishing and thinks it fun. The young lady that can walk up and down the streets for early morning ball evening, calling on friends and gossiping about the neighbors and her beaux while her mother does the cooking and washing, at home is just as smart as the average boy and no better. Both are at par with the man who spends his time idling around the stores, talking politics because his wife is cleaning house, all three, however, are necessary nuances and have to be tolerated.

The Conservation of Human Life

By ALBERT S. GRAY, M. D.

DECEPTIVE GUARANTIES.

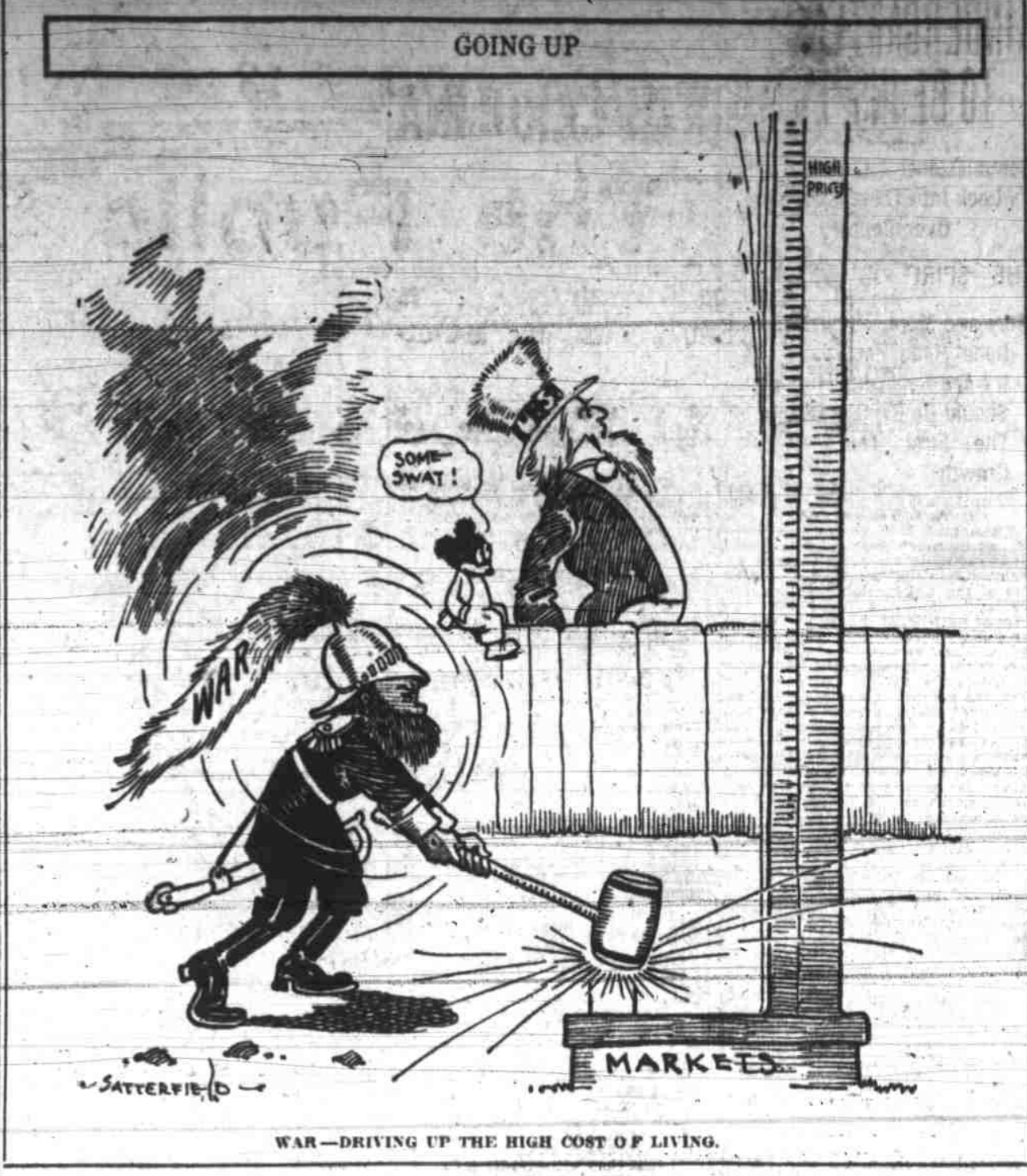
SINCE the life of the average individual is so full of interesting events and pleasant reflections and his time so fully occupied in accomplishing the daily tasks and enjoying the many diverting pleasures of existence, few ever reflect that all one's activities are dependent on the oxidation of the food consumed at breakfast, dinner and supper, and that the instant one ceases to produce heat by reason of this internal combustion, that instant one becomes a cold, inert body.

Our primitive ancestors in their unceasing and omnivorous search for everything that would satisfy hunger undoubtedly bit off, chewed and endeavored to digest every berry, plant, root or leaf that looked good to them growing out of doors within the range of their physical ability to cover in the region in which they habitually lived and under stress of famine they were forced to wide excursions.

Without any thought as to our actual physical needs, and with no consideration given to the suitability of the food to the conditions we consume to select foods with our eyes rather than with our brains; hence the enormous consumption of animal and other dye stuff in prepared foods to make them approximate the normal color standards.

The United States Department of Agriculture, through its official weekly news letter of May 30, 1914, gives notice of a decision signed May 5, 1914, by the Secretaries of the Treasury, Agriculture and Commerce, prohibiting the use of the legend, "Guaranteed under the food and drug act," on any label or package.

The date of the new regulation will not take effect until May 1, 1916, in order to give manufacturers an opportunity to use up their present stocks of labels. The reasons for this action are, quoting the official letter: "It has been determined that the legend, 'Guaranteed under the food and drug act, June 30, 1906,' and 'guaranteed by name of guarantor' under the food and drug act, June 30, 1908, borne on the labels or packages of food and drugs accompanied by serial numbers given by the Secretary of Agriculture are each misleading and deceptive, in that the public is induced by such legends and serial numbers to believe that the articles to which they relate have been examined and approved by the government, and that the government guarantees that they comply with the law. The use of either legend or any similar legend, on labels or packages should be discontinued."



Racy of the Soil

Familio's Best Crop Year.

Goldboro Headlight: Our good friend Mr. Ben Casey, one of New Hope's most prosperous and progressive farmers, has just returned home from a visit to relatives and friends in Pamlico county, and he says that the crops in that county are the best that he has ever seen, and he has been making regular annual visits to the above county for the past forty-nine years.

Crops Good Around Inez.

Norlina Headlight: There was a stalk of cotton on exhibition at Norlina July 2nd, that was waist high to an average man. The stalk was pulled from the farm of Mr. Charlie King, of the Inez section. The statement was also made that Mr. King has about thirty acres of cotton like the sample above. The crops generally are good in the Inez section.

A Trip To The Sound.

Newport Correspondence Beaufort News: Quite a number of our folks enjoyed another one of those trips to the sound last Friday. Soon after our arrival we were busy preparing the dinner, some wading about in the water catching clams and crabs, while others on the shore cooked the good things, which when meal time arrived, all did ample justice to.

New News of Yesterday

(By E. J. Edwards.)

THE SECRET OF A CABINET MINISTER'S LEISURE.

ALTHOUGH in the earlier years of the professional life of William M. Everts he was thought to be one of the most industrious of the lawyers of the New York Bar, yet in the later years of his life he gained the reputation of having learned the high art of taking things easily and not overburdening himself with work.

Some of his professional associates attributed this disposition to relax somewhat to the fact that Mr. Everts had accumulated a vast store of legal learning and incidentally, a really marvelous knowledge of the political history of the United States, not meaning by that the history of partisan politics, although of that Mr. Everts had a masterly understanding which reached back as far as the presidential campaign of 1840.

I had heard when in Washington in the early eighties that Mr. Everts, when Secretary of State in the administration of President Rutherford B. Hayes, had resigned himself to a condition of delightful leisure and contemplation and that he had committed the chief work of the department to his subordinates, and especially to his chief clerk of the State Department.

John Bassett Moore, who is beyond compare the highest authority upon State Department matters, having served in three different administrations in responsible posts in that department and having examined almost all of the archives, explained to me a year or two ago why it happened that William M. Everts, when Secretary of State, was thought to take things with remarkably easy composure, never permitting himself to be overworked.

Go I Was A-Sayin'

"Crops, both tobacco and cotton, in my section are fine, in fact, the finest we have ever had," said Mr. Mally Griffin, of Wendell, who was in the city Friday on business.

"They are suffering now a little from the recent drought, but the prospects are fine," Continuing, he said: "Our tobacco market is doubling its facilities for handling the crop grown in our section. We have recently built one of the largest tobacco warehouses in the State. This is of brick and is 58200 feet. The other warehouse, a wooden one, has doubled its capacity.

"Our electric light system, operated by water power and owned by the town, is giving perfect satisfaction.

"I haven't been to Raleigh before in several days. I find the political pot boiling in Raleigh, but our people are so very busy with business affairs that they haven't taken much stock in politics up to this time, but mark you, when we do get started there will be something doing. Mark's Creek township has the biggest Democratic crop of the South and the falling off the way Mark's Creek goes, so goes Wake county."

Col. Wilson G. Lamb, who is here to attend a meeting of the State Board of Elections of which he is chairman, says that business is good in the eastern part of the State. He travels that section for a dry goods and notions house and is in a position to know how things are going. His house in June of this year did thirty-three and a third per cent more business than it did in June, 1913.

"The crops are splendid," said Col. Lamb, "and tobacco are the two big crops and the outlook is that there will be an abundant yield of both of these products.

"My idea is that the war in Europe will be good for this country except for the growers of cotton. Cotton will go lower even than it is now, in my opinion. This will be because the demand for it in Europe will fall off. The hands in the foreign factories will have to go to war and the manufacturing business in those countries will lag. And then with shipping demoralized, there will be little chance to get cotton into European countries even if it could be manufactured after it got there. This country normally requires only about forty per cent of the cotton crop of the South and the falling off of foreign trade in cotton will of course cause cotton to be low in this country.

"But it will be a rare chance for the cotton manufacturers of the United States. They can go into the markets now occupied by the European mills and once there they will probably be able to hold them."

"What's the news politically from the Tenth Congressional district," was asked of a resident of that section, in Raleigh yesterday. "Everything is remarkably quiet," replied the politician from that district, "and both Reynolds and Gidger seem to be resting contentedly on their oars but both are making a quiet determined canvass and of course both expect to win out in the primary to be held later in the month. Both men have their partisans and while the excitement over the approaching primary is not as great as it was before the first primary and I look to see things warm up in the course of the next few days and the welkin ring with oratory about the claims of the two men for a seat in the next Congress. The Republicans are very quiet and seem to be waiting for their man but in this time of the Democratic primaries will be before making a move. They hope that there will be some wounds left in the contest that will be hard to put over their man but in this they will be badly fooled. Whether Gidger or Reynolds wins the losing man will accept defeat gracefully and there will be no sulking. I see no reason why the next delegation in Congress from North Carolina shall not remain Democratic as it is now constituted. The only hope the opposition has is in capturing the tenth district and they may as well give that up for the next Congressman from the tenth district will be a Democrat. Of that I am absolutely certain."

SMILE AND BE HAPPY

A DISAGREEMENT RIGHT AWAY.

This is a delightful place to spend our honeymoon, isn't it? Not another man in sight. That's the only objection I have to it.

SOME LETTER.

"I wrote my husband a ten-page letter last night." "Needed a check, eh?"

SOMETHING TO SHOW.

The Martyr: "When this is tough work but I gotta get it done, eh? I make folks think I been away to the seashore!"

WELL-ACQUAINTED.

The Sumner Man: Excuse me! Ain't I met you before? The Ditto Girl: Sure! You're de fresh guy whose head I bounced a brick off' back home in Mulligan's Alley!