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MORNING TONIC

(Matthew xi:29.)
 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

UNCLE WALT'S WAY

OL' MAN SANDY CLAUS.

(Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.)
 Ol' man Sandy Claus, ol', yit never
 ridin' in de col' wint', yit never
 feelin' col'; high up on de housetop, he
 hol' his steady place; comin' down de
 chimney, he never smut his face! Hi,
 Mister Sandy Claus! How, an' howdy
 do; you got a lot er chilluns, an' dey
 watchin' out fer you! Ol' man Sandy
 Claus, you ain't no make-believe; you
 des ez sho' ter git dar ez de Lawd sen'
 Christmas Eve! You s'ight de Christmas
 Station by de lantern what's a star, an'
 got a train dat's runnin' kin beat you
 gittin' dar! Hi, Mister Sandy Claus!
 You hez lots er fun! You got a heap er
 chilluns, but you loves 'em—ever' one!

This week's the time for taking stock
 of the stockings.

Five more shopping days, then Christmas.
 Wake up and get busy.

At least, if you have not done that
 Christmas shopping early, don't put it
 off till the last day.

Among the publications which we
 shall sorely miss during Christmas week
 is the Congressional Record.

Forecast for the hosiery market:
 Stockings will go up on December
 twenty-four.

A Detroit paper says that Henry Ford
 has no knowledge of history. But his
 lory may have to learn something about
 Henry Ford.

The Paragraphers Union should not
 fall at its next gathering to pass a
 unanimous vote of thanks to Henry
 Ford for the use of his name.

Keep an eye on the progress of the
 age. They are now being designated as
 poultry exhibits in place of chicken
 shows.

At least Yuan Shi Kai does not give
 any evidence that he believes in the
 old saw that "uneasy lies the head that
 wears a crown."

When you find that time hangs heavy
 ly on your hands you may be able to
 find that "juridically motivating" will
 live on affairs.

A Christmas gift package "all stock
 up" with Red Cross seals carries a real
 Christmas spirit with it. Are you using
 the seals? They help in a great cause.

We suppose that there's another
 "Clean up Week" in sink for Winston
 Salem, as the Twin City Daily Sentinel
 jokes out, "Wash the streets!"

The Toledo Blade has come into the
 possession of a wild rumor from Mexico.
 According to that paper it is that many
 of Villa's soldiers have expressed a de
 sire to go to work!

We trust that among the resolutions
 of the New Year there will be recorded
 one from the Panama Canal that it will
 never get full of mud—again, but will
 keep a steady place on the water wagon.

Taking note of the fact that the Re
 publicans are wavering between Root
 and Hughes, the Philadelphia Record is
 moved to say: "They would rob the
 grave of the Supreme Court."

Democracy, true to its pledges, is at
 work on its plan to extend the measure
 of self-government in the Philippines.
 It is the party which parallels promises
 with action.

The Greenville Reflector having
 reached its twenty-first birthday an
 anniversary, there is very properly a
 shower of bouquets at it. It is a
 truly and bright afternoon paper, and
 can hardly think of it as having
 reached the age of forty—and to have
 congratulated Greenville on having
 such a clever ally, for it is a big help
 in adding that live town in the progress
 of the State.

The record of the Irish for bravery,
 during, ranks with the most brilliant
 fighting told of in the annals of the
 world. And so there was no surprise
 the other day to read that it was two
 Irishmen which had saved the
 British Army in the Balkan
 campaign had proved by the Bal
 can. It was the Irishman, John
 Conroy, who had been back for
 the British Army, but at a terrible cost
 of his own life.

"ALL THE WORLD"

This morning the felicitations of all the people of the United States go out to the President and the "First Lady of the Land."

NORTH CAROLINA LEADERSHIP.

In the Senate and the House of Representatives there was in the closing days of last week given full evidence of the leadership of North Carolina in the affairs of the nation.

This was in the debate in both Houses of Congress on the extension of the emergency war tax law, and in the re-enactment for one year of that law, made necessary by the reduction of the revenues of this country caused by the war in Europe.

In both the House and the Senate the measure was piloted through by North Carolinians, Congressman Claude Kitchin in the House, Senator F. M. Simmons in the Senate. Under the leadership of these two men whom North Carolina has given to the nation the assaults of the Republicans were met and repelled, their adverse criticisms upon the measure being successfully answered and demolished by the two North Carolinians.

Such an occurrence, under such leadership, is probably unprecedented in this country, for in the House Congressman Kitchin is the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Democratic leader, and in the Senate the chairman of the Finance Committee is Senator Simmons. That two men holding these positions of the highest place in Congress at the same time are citizens of the same State is a new thing in the history of this country.

In both bodies the two North Carolinians demonstrated their fitness as leaders, the two occupying positions which give primary to this State in the national halls of legislation.

PLAYING TO THE GALLERIES.

There is no one who is going to declare that he is enthusiastic about paying taxes, yet there must be taxes that there be a government to protect and care for the interests of the people. And in the lives of nations there comes times when it is necessary to increase taxes in order to meet expenses which are absolutely necessary.

In periods of war this necessity is one which is self-evident. It requires no argument in proof of this. But the financial hardships of war are not confined by belligerent nations. In the great conflict in Europe note the case of one neutral power—it is only a case in point as applying to other neutral nations, in the direct taxes now imposed in Holland in order to meet expenses brought upon it by the war.

The United States, like other neutral nations, feels the effect of the war in the loss of revenues which would ordinarily come to it. Our imports have fallen and hence the revenues of the government have decreased. It has been an absolute necessity to levy emergency taxes to set our needs. The most simple-minded can see this. Yet the Republicans, in and out of Congress, play to the galleries against such taxes, a bit of partisan politics paraded by Republicans in order to attempt to deceive the people into voting back into power their party. If its leaders would be honest in the matter they would agree that if the Republicans were in power today they would have to provide for emergency taxes.

Among the Republicans in Congress who are playing to the galleries is Congressman J. J. Britt, of the Tenth North Carolina District. His play is against the means of raising the needed revenue. As to this he said in Congress on Thursday of last week: "Of all the modes of levying public taxes yet devised by statesmen and economists, that of payment by small adhesive tax stamps on goods and wares, checks and drafts, and instruments and documents is the most unjust, the most inequitable, and the most vexatious." This indictment might as well have been continued to a denunciation of buying postage stamps and attaching them to letters and packages.

Congressman Britt's purpose was of course to say to the people that the Democratic party is doing things of the venal kind, but the gallery play in this is that he fails to say that the adhesive tax stamps plan is the same, though in a lesser amount—as that of the Republicans at the time of the Spanish-American War. In that day there were also adhesive tax stamps on all checks. But that was done by Republicans and was therefore the correct thing, according to the Britt party view. The Democrats, in using adhesive stamps, are all wrong, according to the Republican view. It is all a play to the galleries, and it is meant as a coxer to mislead the people and get votes next year. But the people will see the humbuggery of the entire Republican position, and will show it at the ballot box.

AT ITS OWN DOOR.

Some short time ago, when there occurred in Georgia a lynching which was deplored and denounced in the South as much as it would have been done in any section of the country, the Chicago Tribune took opportunity to read a lecture to the people of the entire South, a lecture couched in language so bitter as to go beyond the bounds of reasonable criticism.

In its editorial upon the subject of the Frank lynching the Tribune took as note of the fact that almost to a paper the publications of the South denounced the act of the mob which plotted and laughed at the law. It forgot that in the South there live some officers of the law who defend mobs and risk their lives in defense of the man

held as prisoner. His criticisms in the harshest of language was of the South in its entirety, of its people as barbarians and lacking in the qualities of civilization.

It mattered not that answer might have been made that there had been deeds committed by men with unbridled passions in Illinois, that Chicago had a record of crime of appalling dimensions, for while such things might be said, still responsible people know that it is the criminal class which does such things, that there are as good people in Chicago and in Illinois, as in other parts of the country. And the papers of the South condemn no section in its entirety because there live in it people who commit crimes.

And no matter what the South might have said in reply to the Tribune it could not have been an indictment in as severe and direct terms as those used by Mayor Thompson of Chicago concerning the crime and criminals in that city, with the added declaration that the police department of Chicago was winking at such things, was in partnership with it. What says the Chicago Tribune of the report sent out by the Associated Press yesterday that "Evidenced by a recent wave of crime which has resulted in several murders and numerous robberies and hold-ups Mayor William Hale Thompson charged the Chicago police department with shielding criminals, grafters, and contributing to the orgy of crime!" And here are the direct words of Mayor Thompson:

I know the police department is absolutely rotten. It is honey-combed with grafters. I know criminals, hold up men, murderers, pickpockets and thieves of all description known to the police are walking the streets every day and are not arrested. This is a terrible thing to say, but I would not be surprised to learn that in the department are men who have planned murder.

IN SERVICE OF WORTH.

In the papers of Alamance county we find hearty commendation of the work of Dr. Thomas M. Jordan, our fellow citizen of Raleigh, who as the representative of the State Board of Health is making a medical inspection of the school children of that county and devoting additional time to a campaign against preventable diseases, teaching hygiene and sanitation to the school children first hand, and to the grown ups who have been in attendance on the schools on Health Day.

Dr. Jordan's long time devotion to the cause of public health is a matter well known in this city, and hence there is no surprise that the people of Alamance county "consider themselves fortunate" in having Dr. Jordan conduct a campaign for better health conditions. In season and out of season he has been contending that to accomplish the best results for the prevention of contagious and infectious diseases children should be taught these matters at the same time that they are given other educational opportunities.

As the Superintendent of Health in Raleigh some years ago Dr. Jordan aroused great interest in the matter of sanitation by the publication of a City Health Bulletin, and the lessons that it taught are still bearing fruit. Not only the people of Alamance, but likewise the State Board of Health, are to be congratulated upon such a representative, and upon the service which there is no doubt Dr. Jordan is rendering the people of Alamance.

THE SALT OF THE EARTH.

By Rev. F. J. Baum, St. Thomas' English Lutheran Church, Bronx, New York Herald.

Salt, therefore, is good; but if indeed the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is fit neither for the land nor the dunghill; men cast it out.

Luke xiv:34-35.

The Great Teacher said that those who accept the Truth, the Word of God, are the salt of the earth. In the life of the world they are what salt is to material substances. He also said that if we did not intend to be genuine followers of the Lord our God, then we should not profess a partial, insincere allegiance to Him and His Truth. For, like salt that had lost its savor, we would be fit for nothing but to be cast out.

First, then, "Ye are the salt of the earth." We all know what salt is for and what it does. It cures, purifies; it seasons and it preserves. That is the use of those whose hearts acknowledge the true and eternal, who are Godly. They are to cleanse and purify the world through the Truth of His Word. As favor and season it argnt with goodness to preserve it good by a strong allegiance to Him and His Truth.

And, again, we are told what the peculiar property of character is that constitutes the saltiness that makes the salt valuable. "Blessed," says He, "are the poor in spirit," who recognize that we come short and need God. How shall the self-satisfied, the self-conceited, the worldly minded, the sin-blinded exalt the world or save it? Godliness alone truly exalts a people. "Blessed are they that mourn," as you contemplate the folly and wickedness of the world, and are led to true repentance and Godly sorrow for sin. "Blessed are the meek." The proud and haughty shall be brought low. The truly meek shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness," whose ruling purpose and desire are for the good and the right and who are not satisfied without it. "Blessed are the merciful," the pure in heart, the peace-makers," expressing traits of character that are constructive, powerful and indispensable to the uplifting of humanity. And then, "Blessed are those that are persecuted for righteousness sake," those who are ill-treated because they will not forsake duty, the rights and God. These are the traits of character that Jesus says constitute "saltiness."

And lastly, this is the saltiness that must be found in those who would purify, favor and preserve the world, who are its salt. But if we have lost

our "saltiness," if we lack those traits of character, of what use are we? It matters not what other excellencies we may possess or use we may serve, we are unprofitable in the real sense if we have not this "saltiness." It is not because salt is crystalline, or white, or soft that it is of such value to us. Its savor—the saltness—is its virtue. And so with human life—and with the nation. Here is the true "preparedness," both for the battle of life and the enemies of the nation. The first necessity to prepare for both cases is the true Godliness of which Jesus spoke.

Mrs. D. R. Troy Dies.
 (Special to The News and Observer.)
 Greensboro, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Duella Bumpass Troy died here today after a week's illness. The funeral will be held tomorrow. She was the widow of Rev. R. P. Troy, of the North Carolina M. E. Conference, and a daughter of Mrs. Frances M. Bumpass and seventy years of age. Seven children survive. Two sons live in London and a daughter is a missionary to China.

Students Going Home.
 (Special to The News and Observer.)
 Greenville, Dec. 18.—The students of the East Carolina Teachers' Training School are leaving for their homes on every train. The fall term closes this week and as fast as the students finished up with their examinations they were allowed to leave for home. The Christmas vacation will be for two weeks.

Judge Daniels Ill.
 (Special to The News and Observer.)
 Goldsboro, Dec. 18.—Judge F. A. Daniels, while holding court in Wilmington this week, was taken sick and had to be removed to his home in this city where he is now confined, and his condition is somewhat improved today.

Graded School Closes.
 (Special to The News and Observer.)
 Greenville, Dec. 18.—The Greenville graded school closed down Friday and will take two weeks holiday for Christmas.

MY FAMILY

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