

# GERMAN PEOPLE ON SHORT RATIONS

## Hardly Any Chance That Food Situation Can Become Any Better

### ALLOWANCES SCANTY

#### Life Found To Be Far From Pleasant; Labor and Fertilizer Scarce So That Complete Reliance Is Not Placed in Soil; Grumbling in Some Sections

(By the Associated Press)

Geneva, Switzerland, via London, Feb. 16.—The food situation in Germany may not grow worse, but it scarcely can become better. This is the outstanding feature of Germany's great problem.

The German people as yet are not starving and they still have provisions in adequate quantities to support life, while in the case of further decreases in available supplies there is still the institution of compulsory "soup kitchens" and the most economical method of making all foodstuffs go as far as possible to stand between Germany and any forced termination of the war through an absolute lack of food.

Life of the civilian population of Germany on the present scanty allowance of food, however, is far from pleasant, though the German newspapers are fond of referring to conditions this winter and last winter as exceptional. They also say that the short rations are due largely to bad harvests and like to intimate that normal crops of grain and potatoes in the coming summer may end the principal food difficulties.

Many agricultural experts believe that the central empire did quite as well in both years as could be expected and that the populations of Germany and Austria-Hungary must reconcile themselves to getting along during the coming harvest year on no greater allowance than in the past. The problem as frankly discussed in agricultural circles and as outlined in a recent circular of the Prussian ministry of agriculture is not one of more land for crops, but one of labor and fertilizer to cultivate the land already available advantageously.

Even the normal supply of potash—a fertilizing material indigenous to Germany in great quantities—will not be available the coming season owing to the labor shortage. The many factories producing nitrogen from the air will not be able to produce enough nitrates by far, in view of the ammunition requirements to replace the nitrates normally imported from Chile for agricultural purpose and other imported fertilizers.

The decidedly short supply of labor, even by working every available prisoner of war and the inhabitants of occupied districts is not enough for the intensive cultivation which made Germany a world leader in big crop farming.

Taking all these factors into consideration, it is highly improbable that there will be any increase in general crop production over 1916 and 1915. Weather conditions may, as in 1915, produce a bumper potato crop and a poor grain crop, or the reverse result as in 1915 but the general result probably will be about the same.

### Little Help From Outside.

Very little help, Adolph Von Batocki, president of the Food Regulation Board, stated in a recent address, can be expected from outside sources in the future. Neighboring countries, he said, being under the steadily increasing pressure of the British sea control, would have little or nothing available for export to Germany this year and the Germans must pull in their belts to notch tighter and reconcile themselves to holding out on present allowances. The food expert of New Cologne, one of the municipalities of greater Berlin, stated recently in fact that the current allowance of meat, fat, bread and potatoes was inadequate for workmen engaged in heavy labor and that men so employed required a supplementary allowance which, however, the factories managed usually to supply in order to maintain production.

So far the people of Germany are holding out well, though with a great deal of grumbling in urban and industrial regions, where conditions are worst. The German people are still well disciplined and for the present are not apt to give way to pressure and to abandon the war, in which they now feel they are standing with their backs to the wall, with no alternative except to fight out the struggle for national existence.

### Food Riots Inventions.

The government has had no trouble of moment in keeping citizens to the mark and "food riots" reported from time to time in the foreign press are either inventions or exaggerated accounts of unimportant demonstrations. As to actual conditions: Potato stocks, under the ration of five pounds weekly, to which the authorities plan to return as soon as turnips are offered as a winter substitute, will barely last until the advent of spring. Early summer vegetables and turnips have proved a very unsatisfactory substitute for potatoes, so the food authorities have been forced to augment the bread and flour rations to make up the disparity. As a result there will be no reserve stock of grain to carry over into the new crop year.

The meat ration may and probably will be increased from the present 250 grams, or half a pound to 350 grams weekly, though at the next year's prospective supply. There is no hope for an increase in the rations of milk and butter because, although with green pasturage available in the spring, the supply will be insufficient to meet the demand. There is, of course, a large quantity of food in the country which does not come into the governmental food distribution system. The country population and the inhabitants of small towns in the agricultural regions are far better off than residents of cities and industrial centers. The average estate

owner and small farmer, it is safe to say, has been able to supply his needs with virtually the same amount of food for family consumption as in peace times, and holds out enough from the tentacles of Von Batocki's food distribution scheme to supply his farm hands with normal rations of meat, bread, potatoes, milk and cheese, which they demand as a preliminary condition to working.

So, too, in the small towns and villages of east Prussia, Schleswig-Holstein and other predominantly agricultural regions and even in south Germany, cheese and eggs, which have disappeared entirely from the larger cities, are obtainable without difficulty. Bread and potatoes are supplied without much regard to the card system generally prescribed.

The food distribution department, which has tried vainly for two years to bring the entire supply of such articles within the food distribution scheme, has finally been forced to admit failure in this regard and to let Von Batocki recommend that municipalities go out and make direct contracts with producers for surplus supplies of various agricultural products.

Every urbanite who has "sources" or "connections"—words which have acquired a specific war-time significance—have used them without compunction to obtain required food supplies. Statements of amounts of food on hand in households have resulted in wholesale falsifications. Well-to-do or wealthy families spend large amounts to obtain surreptitiously and illegally the provisions required to keep up their normal before-the-war standard of life. Wide-awake members of the proletariat are recommending the country districts to induce farmers to join with them in breaking the laws and sell food to be smuggled back into towns.

The persons who suffer most under the existing conditions are urbanites of small income—teachers, petty officials and others who have neither "sources" nor "connections" and whose means do not permit them to pay the enormous prices demanded for supplies not distributed through the regular channels of the wartime machinery.

### COAST ARTILLERYMEN TO SEE INAUGURATION

The Wilmington Company of Coast Artillery will attend the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson according to announcement made from the office of the Adjutant General yesterday, upon the receipt of information that the Governor of Virginia has issued orders permitting the troops of North Carolina to pass through that State under arms.

Heavy overcoats and other equipment were shipped from Raleigh to the Wilmington Company yesterday in preparation for the event. The men will pay their own expenses and have been training for the drill on the event for months, it is said. They will leave Wilmington on March 3 and return on March 6.

### TRINITY TEAM GIVES GEORGETOWN DEFEAT

Washington, Feb. 16.—Trinity College of North Carolina gave the Georgetown University basketball team the first defeat it has suffered on its home floor this season tonight, 36 to 24. The Tar Heels coupled a long passing game with unusually accurate shooting that practically swept the local players off their feet. Georgetown was only able to stay in the running through the visitors' numerous infringements of the rules. Fees, of Georgetown, shooting 12 out of 16 from the foul line.

### A. AND M. DROPS ONE MORE NORTHERN GAME

Washington, Feb. 16.—North Carolina A. and M. was beaten at basketball here tonight by Catholic University, 25 to 21, in a game that was well played and close from start to finish. At the end of the first half Catholic University led two points to margin, 10 to 8 and time was the winning team more than five points to the good. O'Brien's ability to out-shoot Temple from the foul line was the deciding factor.

### SENATOR JUSTICE WILL ADDRESS Y. M. C. A.

Senator J. Foy Justice of Hendersonville N. C. will address the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon. "High Cost of Living vs. Cost of High Living" will be the subject of his address. Senator Justice is a prominent member of the State Senate and a well-known attorney he is a student of moral social and religious conditions and his address on this subject will be of special interest. The evening session begins at 8:30. Mr. J. F. Furman Betts will be the soloist and conduct the chorus songs. All men are cordially invited.

### TAKEN ILL ON TRAIN, DIES SHORTLY AFTER

Half an hour after he was removed from a Norfolk Southern train E. C. Kellogg, of Washington City, died at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Norfolk Southern freight depot. Death was due to apoplexy, it is believed of Coroner Separk.

The man became ill shortly after the train pulled out of the union station and he was taken off at the freight depot on Jones street. An ambulance was called to take him to a hospital, but he died about ten minutes afterwards. He had purchased a ticket for Greenville. Papers found on his person identified him as E. C. Kellogg and employed as salesman by a Winston-Salem concern. Inquiry from his employer gave the information that his home was in Washington City. The body was taken to Brown's undertaking establishment pending instructions from relatives.

### Mrs. E. C. Reavis Dead.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Henderson, Feb. 16.—Mrs. E. C. Reavis, the young wife of Mr. E. C. Reavis, of Warren county, died Wednesday at the Sarah Elizabeth Hospital, of Henderson. She was brought here very ill. Both of them are highly esteemed in the community, and much sympathy is felt for the young husband and relatives.

### Death of Infant.

Friends in this city of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Kirby will regret to learn of the death of their infant son Wednesday in Dallas, Texas. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kirby are well known in Raleigh.

# JUVENILE FIGHTERS ACCEPT PEACE TERMS SUBMITTED BY JUDGE

Peace among the kiddies of Northern Raleigh has been declared for good and for all. There will be no more juvenile wars and forts will be vacated at once. Air rifles will be discarded, rocks and brick-bats placed on the ban and the youngsters will now settle back into that happy life among playgrounds.

The peace agreement was accepted yesterday morning by nine youths after proposals were submitted by Judge Harris in city court. A number of the boys attempted to postpone final acceptance of peace terms but they will be forced to accept before the judge as soon as they are rounded up.

Bugs Manning, William Linehan, John Allen, William Ruth, Lester Smith, Korwood Mathews, Wilbur Ward, Hobson Gattis and Kennan Smith were in court yesterday but presented an appearance far from being warlike. On the other hand, they showed the results of the "battle" and seemed glad the fray was over. Others who will have to appear in court are Brown Shepherd, James Shepherd, John Cheek, William Wise Smith, Andrew Hinton, Thomas Stone, John Ward, Fred Barber, Dick Mason, Rowland Brizelle, Carl Mason, Warren Shelor, Hubert Pettus, James Creighton, Palmer Jermain, James Briggs, Joseph Berwanger, Edwin Crow, William Ball, William Harris, Charles Elmore and William Woodley.

### FINANCES MOBILIZED FOR ANY EMERGENCY

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 16.—The nation's finances are mobilized to meet any situation likely to be presented in the near future, in the opinion of the Federal Reserve Board, whose precautionary measures, undertaken upon the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, are believed to cover every contingency that may arise.

There are at present on deposit with federal reserve agents in the various reserve districts approximately \$300,000,000 in cash and the huge reserve of \$600,000,000 is available at Washington wherever needed. As a precautionary measure the board has requested the bureau of engraving and printing to engrave a large additional sum of reserve notes which will be ready for use in case the occasion may arise.

An estimate by George M. Reynolds of Chicago that the banks of the country are at present able to withstand a financial strain involving eight times the sum involved in the panic of 1907 is believed by officials to be a correct appraisal of the strength of the Federal Reserve system.

### MISS FLORENCE TELFAIR SUCCOMBS TO PNEUMONIA.

Following a short illness from pneumonia, Miss Florence Telfair died early yesterday morning at Rex hospital where she was taken last Saturday. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Alexander Telfair, of Smithfield, and had been a resident of Raleigh for the past twenty years. She was a musical instructor for a long time and was well known in this city. She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews, Mrs. Everard Baker, Miss Inez Horton, Mrs. Archie and Telfair Horton, of this city, and Mrs. L. N. Zealy, of Columbia, S. C.

The funeral services will be conducted at 10 o'clock this morning from the home of Mrs. Everard Baker on 118 West Edenton street by Dr. Milton A. Barber, rector of Christ church. The pallbearers will be Messrs. E. E. Britton, C. J. Clark, E. T. Hall, C. O. Abernathy, C. W. Ellington and B. H. Merritt.

### CALLS RACE SEGREGATION SATISFACTORY IN RICHMOND

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16.—City Attorney H. R. Pollard, of Richmond, today presented a brief to the Supreme Court commending race segregation ordinances of Richmond, Louisville, Baltimore and other cities as a means of promoting the interests of both negroes and white citizens.

The Louisville ordinance is before the court and if declared void similar measures in other cities will be affected. Photographs of negro residences, schools, churches, and banks in Richmond were incorporated in Mr. Pollard's brief as evidence that restriction upon intermingling of whites and blacks does not curb the negro development. As the ordinances also prohibit white persons from residing in negro residential sections, it was argued that there is no unconstitutional discrimination against the colored race.

### M'CORCKLE BLIND, PROBABLY NEW S. C. CONGRESSMAN.

(By the Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., Feb. 16.—Paul G. McCorkle, of Chester, who is blind, will probably represent the Fifth South Carolina district in Congress from February 21, when the election will be held, until March 4, following.

Early returns from the Democratic primary today gave McCorkle 4,583 votes for the short term nomination, and his nearest opponent 419. The election will be to name a successor for the late D. E. Finley.

For the long term W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw, and either T. B. Butler, of Gaffney, or Claude N. Sapp, of Lancaster, will run. The primary rules provide that if no candidate gets a majority of the total vote, the two leading candidates shall run in the general election.

Stevenson's vote, based on virtually complete returns, was 3,089; Butler 1,821, and Sapp 1,734. There were five Democratic candidates for this term and three for the unexpired term. No other party has offered a candidate for either term.

### New U. S. Wireless Plant.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16.—Construction of a new wireless station for the United States with its similar possessions, has been completed at Tutuila, placing the Samoan Islands in direct communication with the outside world. The station at Tutuila connects with Honolulu where a great plant communicates with San Diego, Calif.

### Texas House Rejects "Bone Dry."

(By the Associated Press.) Austin, Texas, Feb. 16.—A "bone dry" resolution failed to pass finally in the Texas House today by a vote of 98 to 41. Two more votes were needed.

# COBA SUBDUING ITS REVOLUTION

## At Least Officials Claim That Government Is Rapidly Getting Situation in Hand

(By The Associated Press.)

Havana, Feb. 16.—Official announcement was made tonight that quiet prevails in the provinces of Havana, Pinar del Rio, Matanzas and Santa Clara and that a large force of troops is in the province of Camaguey operating against the insurgents. Aurelio Hevia, secretary of government, departed today for Santa Clara province where he will direct all military operations.

The school ship Patria sailed today with 500 men on board. William E. Gonzalez, the American Minister, today issued a note in answer to many petitions for him to urge clemency for military prisoners who were likely to be shot. The note assured the petitioners that the Minister knew it was the intention of the government to "follow the usual legal course."

A sensational report was in circulation today that American marines had been landed at Santiago de Cuba. This was denied.

The statement issued at the Palace tonight says: "Quiet prevails at Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara. In this latter province several bands are still at large, but continue to be closely pursued by detachments of the army. "Troops numbering 800 landed early this morning on the southern coast of Camaguey and by noon were at Central Stewart some 8 or 10 miles from Ciego de Avila headquarters of the insurgents. Two other columns, numbering nearly 2,000 men are converging on the same point and fighting must be in progress at this moment, though, owing to the wires being cut, no official report has been received."

"Several eye-witnesses of the events at Ciego de Avila reached Havana today. They stated that Jose Miguel Gomez is at the head of the rebellion there. He has only about 100 deserters from the army and three or four hundred men hastily recruited from among the civilian element.

"Camaguey will be in the hands of the government before 24 hours have passed. "The eye-witnesses referred to above say that not a single sugar mill has stopped grinding, the rebels having given them five days in which to finish up the cane already cut. As this period of time expires on the 18th, and the government will be in full control by tomorrow the 17th, it is very probable that the mills in question will be able to keep going."

"Keep Agreements on Harbor Rights. Santiago de Cuba, Feb. 16.—Major Loret de Mola, the military governor of the province and Commander Knox, in command of the United States gunboat Petrel, have reached an agreement concerning the right of ships to enter the harbor here. The military governor wished to block the entrance to Santiago harbor but with Commander Knox signed the following agreement subject to the approval of the commander in chief of the American fleet:

"The commanding officer of the United States steamship Petrel guarantees to prevent the entrance of a Cuban gunboat provided that all ships now in the channel be removed and anchored north of Ratones Key in Santiago bay. "It is further agreed that the guarantee to prevent the entrance of gunboats is to continue in effect until 24 hours have elapsed after notification of the Admiral's decision has been made to the senior officer then present at Morro Castle.

"Simultaneously with the delivery of the above notice a similar notice will be sent by ships' radio to the shore radio station and by a boat furnished by Maj. Loret de Mola."

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The plaintiff contended that she was to great inconvenience in having to stay around the depot while anxious waiting for her father to show up, and that the experience reduced her to nervous state, necessitating the service of a doctor. The case was given to the jury in the Superior Court late yesterday afternoon.

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### The Sahara Floated.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16.—The Britle steamer Sahara, reported early today as ashore off Cuba's Island, was floated tonight by working tugs standing by and is proceeding to Hampton Road under her own steam. The vessel was not damaged.

### Patten Named New York's P. M.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Thomas G. Patten was nominated by President Wilson today as postmaster of New York City.

# SOCIETY

## Red Cross Ball.

Interest in the fancy dress ball to be given in the auditorium Tuesday night from 9 to 12 is increasing daily. It is hoped that the dancers will come in fancy costumes, but dancing privileges will not be denied to those simply in evening dress. Exhibition dances by local and out-of-town dancers and other attractions will be well worth seeing.

## Sedberry-Cook.

The following announcement has been received in the city: "Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Deming Sedberry announce the marriage of their daughter, May Hunter, to Mr. John H. Cook, on Wednesday, February fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, Fayetteville, North Carolina."

Miss Sedberry is well known in Raleigh social circles, having been a frequent visitor in the city.

## B. Y. P. U. Social.

The Senior B. Y. P. U., Section A, of the Tabernacle church gave a very unique social in the junior room of the Tabernacle Sunday school Friday evening. There were about 75 young people present, who gathered at 8 o'clock and were ushered into an old-fashioned school room. Mr. J. D. Berry was the schoolmaster, and he taught in a right and interesting manner classes in reading, writing and arithmetic. He had the "history stick" too.

At 9:30 recess was declared and the pupils took their lunch baskets and seated in groups to all parts of the room to enjoy sandwiches, pickles, cakes and stick candy.

During recess games of all kinds were played and enjoyed by all. The social was enjoyed in every way by all present, and the young people felt when they left for home that they knew each other better and that after all going to school could be a pleasure.

## B. F. STAINBACK

### Confederate Veteran Passed Away

(Special to The News and Observer.) Henderson, Feb. 16.—B. F. Stainback, one of the oldest citizens in Vance county, after an illness of two weeks died at his home near Epsom Thursday morning. He was nearly ninety years of age. He was highly respected in the community.

The funeral was conducted today by his pastor, Rev. William Mitchell, and the remains were interred in the cemetery at New Bethel Baptist church, which he was a devoted member for many years.

Mr. Stainback is survived by several sons, Messrs. P. J. and J. P. Stainback, Joseph and Augustus, and one daughter, Mrs. S. W. Duke, of Epsom; also Thomas Stainback, of Vance county, and Messrs. E. E. Stainback and June Stainback, of Northside. He leaves also many grand children and great grand-children among them Mr. J. B. Duke, an Miss Zola Duke and Misses Ufala and Floy Stainback, residents of Henderson.

## DISTRICT AGENT FREEMAN WILL ADDRESS BANKERS

(Special to The News and Observer.) Wilson, Feb. 16.—R. W. Freeman, of this city, District Agent of Farm Demonstration Work for the Eastern District of North Carolina, will address the bankers of Group 1 of Eastern North Carolina at Washington, N. C. on February 22.

His theme will be "What the Bankers and Farmers Have Done for Each Other." He will remind the bankers of the great help they have been the tillers of the soil in financing them to conduct their farms along the line that have caused them to get the best results. Also how the farmers have benefited by depositing with the banks of the State, materially increased the prosperity of North Carolina.

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# ORPHAN FUND NEARS THOUSAND DOLLARS

Funds for the relief of orphan children who suffered the loss of their clothing in recent fire at the Methodist Orphanage here and for the orphanage which has lost an important building, has now grown almost to the thousand-dollar mark. The amount received yesterday totaled \$580.75 which added to previous reports of \$405.50 makes \$986.25.

List of persons who have contributed to our orphanage since report on yesterday:

Miss Alice Johns	5.00
Mrs. B. R. Jolly	5.00
Mayor J. W. Allen, Warrenton	2.00
J. W. Morgan	1.00
T. B. Crowder	25.00
W. P. Woods	5.00
Miss Sadie Matthews, Sanford	2.00
Royal & Borden	25.00
E. M. Lockhart, Hillsboro	2.00
Lily Park Park	5.00
T. B. Upechurch, Raeford	100.00
Mrs. R. E. Woodard, Wilson	50.00
Kinston friends	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Best, Goldsboro	200.00
B. T. Barnes, Raleigh	5.00
Henry T. Hicks Co., Raleigh	20.00
R. S. Stephenson, Raleigh	3.00
M. L. Shipman, Raleigh	10.00
Harber & Towler, Raleigh	10.00
Volunteer Class Central S. S., Raleigh	5.00
Sunday School Central Church, Raleigh	40.75
I. M. Gardner, Warrenton	5.00
Haywood Dail	5.00
Mrs. J. E. Stevick, Raleigh	5.00
J. E. Suter, Garysburg	10.00

The following have contributed clothing: Clothes, hats and shoes from C. T. Johnson, of Benson. Clothes from friends in Raleigh. Clothes from Mrs. J. E. Stevick. Clothes from Mrs. Jarbee. Caps from Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Matthews.

## PANTS FROM MR. ARNOLD

Clothes from Craddock Thiem.

## ATLANTA INVESTIGATING SHIPMENTS OF LIQUOR

(By the Associated Press) Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 16.—Four additional indictments in connection with the investigation of liquor shipments to Atlanta were returned here today by the Fulton county grand jury. The Southern Express Company was charged with three indictments for violating the law and the fourth names the Southern Express Company and the Diamond Supply Company, of Chattanooga.

## Oxford's Debaters.

(Special to The News and Observer.) Oxford, Feb. 16.—In a preliminary contest at the high school auditorium, the following were chosen to represent the school in the State-wide Triangular debate to be held on March 30th at Chapel Hill: Affirmative, Miss Nina Cooper and Robert Farham. Negative, George Hunt and William Webb. This is the first time that a girl has been chosen to represent the Oxford school in any such contest.

## I. A. MANN, FORMERLY OF RALEIGH, KILLED IN ATLANTA

(Special to The News and Observer.) Monroe, Feb. 16.—J. A. Mann, machineist foreman in the Seaboard shops here for several years, was killed in the hops in Atlanta, this morning. He was a wife and five children. His home was in Richmond, and he was an nephew of former Governor Mann. He was a man of much influence in Monroe. He came here from Raleigh in 1914.

## Dillon Awarded Decision.

(By The Associated Press.) New Orleans, Feb. 16.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, was awarded the referee's decision over Gunboat Smith, of Boston, at the end of a 20 round bout here tonight. Dillon was the aggressor throughout and both heavy eighters were fighting furiously when the final gong rang.

In being nice to his wife's family a man knows that he is acquiring virtue in his wife's eyes.

## RALEIGH, N. C.

I read the daily "News and Observer" of Raleigh, N. C. That paper is an institution. It is read by something like seventy-five thousand people, two-fifths of whom live in the South, but what I have said is sufficient to illustrate its power for good. The paper makes and unmake Governors, Senators, Judges and lights of lesser magnitude. Politically it is mightier than all the politicians and bosses in the State, for the simple reason that it is backed by public opinion.

Ask any of our citizens why they read The News and Observer and the answer is always the same: "It publishes the news." That is literally the truth; nothing of real interest is suppressed. By "news" I do not mean the sickening stories of crime and domestic infidelity that fill the columns of most daily papers. I mean news of political importance or of significance to society in general. In other words, its matter is clean and healthy. In its editorials it reflects the best thought of the soundest thinkers in the country and especially of the South.

Another good reason for the influence wielded by this paper is its direct personal appeal. No one knows or cares who crosses its stock, but every line it publishes is universally regarded as the honest, sincere conviction of the editor. To illustrate this point: It is Democratic in politics, and whenever a Republican speaker or paper alludes to an editorial in The News and Observer they always refer to "Joe's" (Editor Josephus Daniels). That is "personal journalism" which might make even a Nelson or a Watterson take notice. No mortal man can measure the influence which this one paper exerts. It has fought and won many battles for better government in North Carolina and has done so successfully.

Much more might be said in commendation of this paper, which for many a year has come side by side with the progress of the South. It has been a