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I pledge allegiance to the FLAG and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

MORNING TONIC

(De Troqueville.) Man in this world is like a traveler who is always walking towards a colder region, and who is, therefore, obliged to be more active as he goes farther north.

UNCLE WALT MASON

HINDENBURG.

They told me Hindenburg was dead, that he had kicked the bucket. "This life is such a bore," he said, "I have resolved to chuck it."

The famous Prussian military machine evidently has seen its best days.

Most people doubtless find it difficult to get exercised over the condition of Nikolai Lenin.

The Allies will not be in Berlin by Christmas, but they will have made substantial gains in that direction.

Want to lend a hand to the boys who are fighting and dying in France? Then buy War Savings Stamps.

The crown prince says Americans don't know what they are fighting for. But he didn't say they don't know how to fight.

The crown prince of Prussia says all that Germany wants is to hold her own and not let herself be vanquished. But it really makes no difference what the crown prince says.

A million and six hundred American troops have embarked on this country for all fronts. All put over by a war machine that was said six or eight months ago to have broken down.

Prussian crown prince denies that he is a freater. He isn't now. He has had some mighty wholesome lessons since July 15. There is little danger that he will ever see a fire-ater again.

The person who doesn't buy War Savings stamps if he has the money to buy them with, is hereby saying that he won't stand behind the men who are fighting the battles of freedom on the fields of Picardy and Flanders.

Time already to join the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving at Christmas. No membership fees. No initiation. All you have to do is to make up your mind and stick to the resolution. It is one way of helping to win the war.

In a letter in today's paper Mr. Charles V. Webb presents evidence to show the falsity of the Abernethy claim that Mr. Webb "voted between 40 and 50 Republicans for Dorth" in the June primary.

The whole charge appears to be based on what somebody understood somebody else to say. Mr. Webb has traced the report to the gentlemen said to have been responsible for it and under oath they both say they saw Mr. Webb do nothing improper. Doubtless, when the truth is ascertained, all of Mr. Abernethy's evidence will be found to be the outcome of somebody's wild imagination.

THE WEEK'S WORK.

It looks as if this would be one of the most effective weeks in the history of the war. The British have broken through the Hindenburg line for several miles at the north, and back of that they have also broken through the Drocourt-Queant switch, a supporting line that was to afford a place to retire if the first line should be penetrated.

Farther down the line around Soissons the French are about to strike the German flank on the Chemin des Dames. Should that be successfully done, it means the Germans are chased beyond the Hindenburg line all the way from Ypres to Rheims, and that no defensive position is in sight until the Germans retire from France.

It is reasonably certain that Germany must catch a hold on something very shortly where she can stand and fight a successful defensive or she must finish the war on German territory.

THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY.

The lively interest that the Chamber of Commerce is taking in the Bankhead Highway and its extensions promises much for the city. It is perfectly plain that the more and the better roads there are entering into a city the better for it.

Being the capital of the State gives a city a prestige that, primary commercial considerations suggest, ought to be used to the utmost. Here is the seat of government. Here are the visible signs of the greatness and the genius of the State and its people.

The city of Raleigh is but making the most of its advantages to encourage the building of roads leading to it and the improvement of those which already have been built. The automobile, though the war at present is putting a crimp in its sway, is destined when conditions become normal again, to be more and more a factor in the life of the people.

The News and Observer feels, in this connection, that it is always in place to say a good word for the men who lead in these road movements. Col. Benehan Cameron, of this city, has done a work of immense value in the bringing of the Bankhead Highway by Raleigh. But for his persistent efforts and assuming that had he not interested himself in the undertaking nobody else would, Raleigh in all probability would not be on the Bankhead route, although Mr. W. L. Beasley as head of the good roads committee of the Chamber of Commerce was very helpful in organizing local sentiment.

Another man who has done a big work especially for his section and through that for the whole undertaking, is Senator Harry Stubbs, of Williamston. Williamston is thoroughly aroused over the advantages which will come to it as the result of an extension of the highway coming Williamston way and the proposed fine new bridge over the Roanoke, which is an accompanying feature.

WHO MUST REGISTER?

This inquiry comes to the News and Observer regarding the question of who are liable for registration under the recently enacted man-power act:

A man born on November 1, 1872, is now termed to be 45 years old although he has had 46 birthdays. I understand he will not have to register. Am I correct? A man born November 1, 1900, is now said to be 17 years old, but he has had 18 birthdays. Must he register?

A man who was born November 1, 1872, has not had 46 birthdays. Neither has the youth born November 1, 1900, had 18 birthdays. In common usage the day of birth is not a birthday. When a child is a year old his first birthday is celebrated, not his second. The word means the anniversary of birth.

SPAIN TIRES OF GERMAN WAYS.

It is one of the curiosities of human character that Germany can learn nothing from her bitter experiences. In the insanity of her egotism and hate, she uses no more horse sense than a caged wildcat.

Instead of passing Spanish ships and leaving them safe, Germany could not meet anything afloat with her submarine and not sink it. Spain has grown tired of the useless German arrogance and has been protesting against it. But still Germany cannot tame her insolent hate, and the warnings of Spain count for nothing.

It is possible Spain will go to a further extreme and that war may come with Germany. Certainly the seizure of German ships and the certainty that they will go into the ore and coal trade which exists between Spain and Great Britain will not soothe the German pride any, nor quiet that hate that Germany seems to feel for everything with which she comes in contact.

But it is Germany's affair. If she feels that she wants another contestant in the war nobody will raise any objections, although as far as can be seen at the present time it would seem that enough are on the list now to satisfy all of the German needs for a good full measure of what is coming to her within the next few months.

COTTON UNSATISFACTORY.

With cotton picking becoming general all over the belt, the anticipations of a decreased crop prove a reality. The effects of the dry weather are clearly seen and they are serious. The crop has been cut short, and the quality of the lint is affected.

The conditions are reflected in the futures and spot market both. Spot cotton is noted on some markets as high as 36 cents, the highest figure reached in many years, and the significance of the price is that it is commanded in September, a period of the crop year when ordinarily the prices are shading downward under the influences of the incoming crop.

At several points in this State the first bale is reported, showing that picking is starting on a fair range of territory, and that the crop is in such a stage of development that an estimate of production can be made. All dream of a big crop has gone. There is little expectation now in any circles of more than the average crop of the last two or three years, or somewhere in the neighborhood of eleven or twelve million bales.

With the increasing demands for war use, and the necessity of cotton coming to the relief of a short wool crop, the present cotton harvest is going to be unsatisfactory.

The truth is that the cotton situation is a problem. The planter does not know what to do, and the cotton buying world is no more able to compel a sufficient crop than the planter is to make it of his own volition. There are no signs of cotton going down to the old prices for many years, and no certainties about anything connected with any cotton crop now.

The progress of tremendous events on the battle front is being followed by almost breathless suspense by the whole British nation, says a dispatch from London. And the people of this country cannot be said to be indifferent to what is happening in the mighty conflict now going on.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

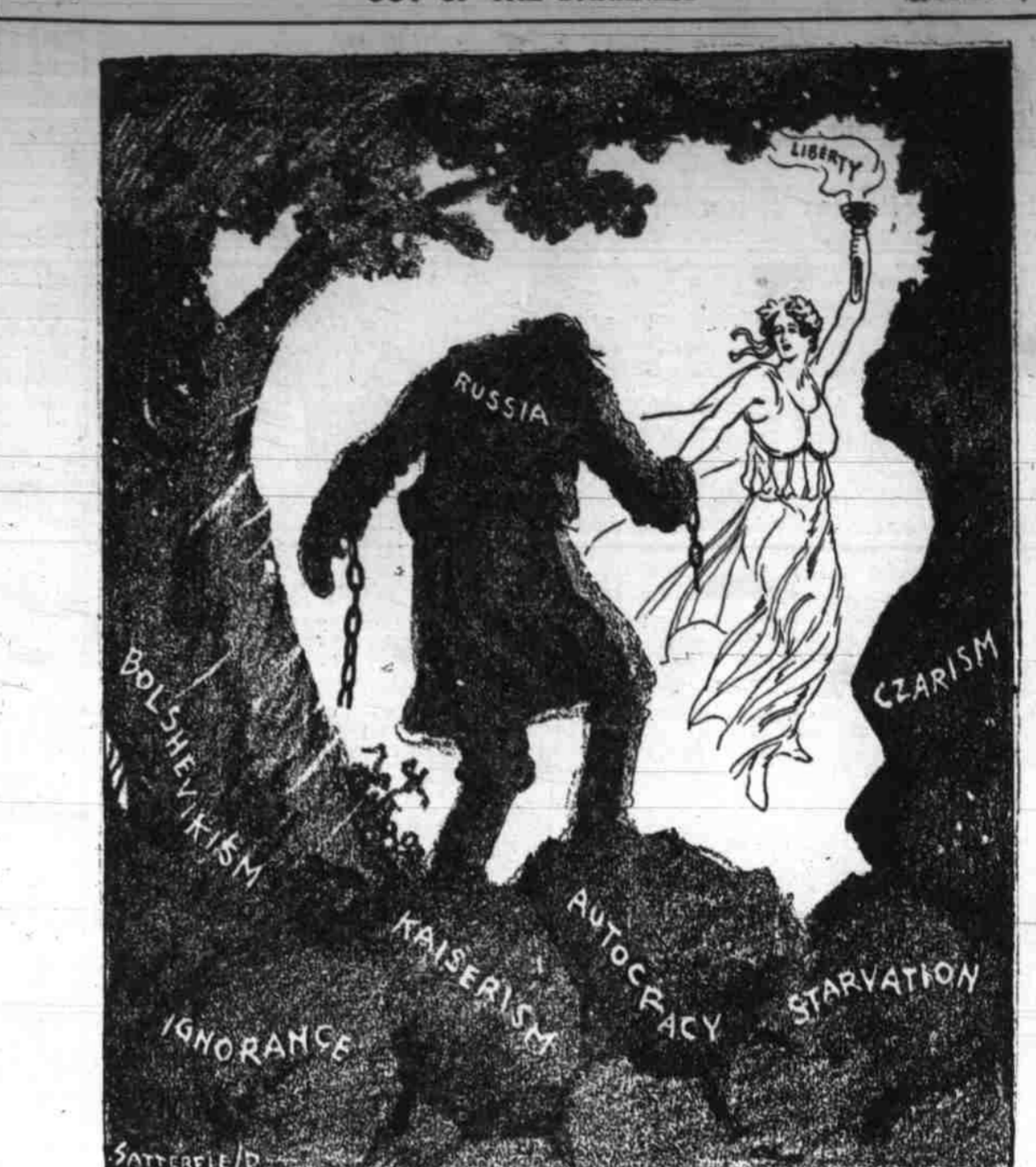
The Specific Case.

Reports come through Holland of Germans along the frontier who are so eager for peace that they do not care whether the Central Empires are defeated or not. This is partly the result of four years of unsuccessful war, but the specific cause of it is 45 consecutive days of defeat and retreat by the German army.

Despise Not the Small Things.

The recent appeal of the War Department that the people of the United States save fruit pits and seeds and nut shells for the purpose of increasing the source of supply of that form of charcoal necessary for the manufacture of gas masks, carries home to the nation another and an impressive lesson of the need for thrift.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS



SAYS WITNESS WASN'T REPORTED CORRECTLY

Mr. Crumpler Thinks News Story Was Unjust To Him; What the Record Shows

The News and Observer is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. H. I. Crumpler, city editor of the New Bern Sun-Journal:

"Realizing the facilities of newspaper men, in general and in particular, and knowing full well that mistakes sometimes occur and that occasionally facts are distorted in order to lend the necessary color, I am not surprised to find in your most excellent publication bearing the date of August 31st, 1918, the following paragraph, to wit:

"H. I. Crumpler, the Abernethy press agent, was ordered by the commissioner to produce his bank book today and it showed that he deposited about \$2,700 between February and August of this year. The bulk of this money, Crumpler testified, was his personal earnings as a newspaper man on the New Bern Sun-Journal and as correspondent for daily papers. Little of it, if any, was distributed to pay for Abernethy advertising. The cashier of the bank testified that his account had been previously inactive."

"The young man whom you sent down to New Bern to 'cover' the Abernethy expense investigation is a most estimable young chap and I greatly enjoyed the time which I was in his company. However, the latter part of the above paragraph is incorrect in every detail and I am requesting that you give this correction as much prominence as the misstatement of the facts was given."

"As far as I am concerned I care not for your explanation but the inference in your news story is that before taking up the press agency work for Mr. Abernethy, I had carried no money in that bank and then, all of a sudden, I had secured \$2,700 and deposited this sum when, as a matter of fact, taking conditions into consideration, a larger amount was deposited in the previous year than was deposited in the present year."

"You can readily see why I desire this explanation and why I desire that you make correction of the statement which you have made, a statement which is groundless for Cashier Henderson made no such statement, as the stenographer's record will show."

"In being dragged into the limelight of this inquiry it is a sort of case of taking in a disinterested party further than that I, as a newspaper man, was fitted to carry on this publicity work for Mr. Abernethy and I did so, as would any other newspaper man who had had the opportunity of securing the work. Therefore, you can see that I am interested in it only in that way."

"Knowing that the News and Observer is fair in its policy and believing that you are at all times ready to correct any error on your part, I am asking that you make due retraction of the part of your news story above referred to."

There is no retraction for the News and Observer to make. The stenographer's record on the question brought up by Mr. Crumpler is as follows:

Q. Mr. Henderson, have you the H. I. Crumpler account from the first of January up to the date the subpoena was served on you?

A. Yes, sir, or rather from the time it was reopened.

Q. Well, then, it was reopened the 15th of February?

A. Yes, sir, though I consider Mr. Crumpler always had an account with us.

It is, accordingly, literally true that

U. S. SHIPYARDS TURN OUT 66 SHIPS DURING AUGUST

Last Month's Deliveries Put Total Tonnage For Shipping Board Beyond 2,000,000

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 4.—Delivery of merchant ships by American shipyards in August exceeded all previous records for this country, Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, was advised today by Chas. M. Schwab, Director General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Sixty-six ships, aggregating 340,143 deadweight tons were turned out.

Forty-four of the ships of an aggregate deadweight tonnage of 280,643 were steel and the remaining 22 wood or composite.

August production of American yards was a world record, Shipping Board officials said. The previous monthly record of 295,911 deadweight tons having been made by British yards last June.

Completion of the sixty-six ships, it was said, will permit the return to the coastwise and South American trades of some fast vessels that recently were transferred to transatlantic service to meet war demands.

August deliveries put the total tonnage built for the Shipping Board beyond the 2,000,000 mark. The first million tons was delivered in May and the total production to September 1 was 2,019,474 deadweight tons. Increased deliveries by American yards added to these of the allied countries places new construction well ahead of destruction by submarines. For the first six months of this year the sinkings, allied and neutral totaled 2,082,393 gross tons while production was 2,115,591 gross tons.

Because of its effect on the general shipping situation the British drive in Flanders is being followed with particular interest by Shipping Board officials. Valuable French coal fields are being wrested from the Germans and it was said today that if these can be worked much of the tonnage now engaged in carrying coal from Wales to France can be directed to other purposes.

BYNUM TUDOR IS BOUND OVER TO COURT ON MURDER CHARGE

The Case Grew Out of Auto Accident in Which Young Woman Lost Life

(Special to The News and Observer.) Winston-Salem, Sept. 4.—Bynum Tudor, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Tudor, was arraigned in the municipal court this morning on the charge of murder and was bound over to court on a bond of \$3,000 for grand jury investigation. The case grew out of an automobile accident on the Country Club road on June 19, in which the car which he was driving was wrecked, injuring all the occupants. Miss Ruth Tyree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Tyree, was fatally injured, death resulting before she reached the hospital. A brother, George Tudor, also narrowly escaped death, remaining in the hospital in an unconscious state for several days.

The defendant waived examination this morning and the court fixed the bond, which was promptly given. No evidence was offered either by the prosecution or defense.

The Grocery Lyceum.

Kansas City Journal. "What's the argument at the grocery?" "Some say baseball salaries are too high."

"And the contrary-minded?" "Maintain that not all the money should go to movie stars."