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MORNING TONIC

(Matthew 6: 33, 34.)

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

THE BLIMP.

(Baltimore American.)

Man swam like a fish in the ages gone by, and in ships he went down to the sea, and over the water in primitive times he established and held mastery.

Ludendorff says it is a foolish peace. It certainly is not the kind of a one he had in mind.

Three airplanes in Fayetteville at once. Old town might biggity these days even if Congress is talking about taking away her playthings.

Austria wants to enter the league. All heading that way except Borah and his bunch, and they will get lost in the crowd that is heading that way and pull in in the jam.

When Prince Henry announces that he was with the Kaiser prior to the beginning of the war and that he knows the Kaiser tried every way that he knew to prevent war, Prince Henry simply clinches for himself the certainty of being another Ananias.

The rebuilding of the hotel at Cleveland Springs, near Shelby, is of more than local interest in the State; for North Carolina needs all the cooling facilities it can provide.

When old Spartacus was pleading in the arena against slaying a fellow-gladator to make a Roman holiday he proposed that he would fight him to spare his one Thracian opponent, but Rome would not.

The News and Observer has received copies of a national illustrated monthly magazine entitled "American Heroes of the World War."

The fact that a comparatively small denomination like the Christian denomination in a few months should succeed in raising over three hundred thousand dollars for its denominational college, Elon, speaks volumes for the devotion of that denomination to worthy causes.

THE NEW ASSESSMENT.

The new assessment of taxes under the law by the last Legislature is now in process of beginning, and it is desirable that it be done intelligently and fairly.

Under the new law the true value is asked. Then the county assessor and a revising board will go over the lists in the hope of equalizing and correcting any values so fixed, the aim being to have values fairly comparative with each other for property in the same section.

Good advice on how to solve the problem is given in a letter which Governor Bickett has just made public. The Governor suggests two questions for the property owner to ask himself or herself: "If I did not own this property, but wanted to buy it, what would I be justified in paying for it?"

AIR NAVIGATION.

The R-34 goes back home. She made her voyage to America, nothing like so venturesome a voyage as Columbus made a little over four hundred years ago, but who shall say that it was any less prophetic or less of a pioneer effort?

Which leads to the supposition that the R-34 is another of the pioneers in its line. Already comes the announcement from England that building airships that will be real vessels is about to begin.

Size counts for nothing to this generation. If a dirigible a mile long should be the desirable size the British navy will issue orders for a ship of that dimension. Cost signifies no more than size.

Under the stress of necessity we can jump into the race and catch the clip with the rest. That is probably a foolish way to do, and it almost caught us in the war, but with the adaptability of the American nation and the ability of France and England to hold the line until we got there we made up for our lack of previous preparation.

THE LIMIT OF PUNK.

It is hard to imagine that Congress represents anything in this country when we see some of the short-sighted littleness that is allowed to make its way to the front and pass for seriousness.

Imagine a parallel. The President of the United States is the head of the biggest business institution in the world, for regardless of the lot of junk it carries in the shape of some of these rattle-headed representatives from the sockless belt the government is still a business institution.

his movements shall be, and if the president of the United States Steel Corporation finds that it is good business for him to be in Africa or Brazil or Norway he promptly goes there without asking permission or telling where he goes if he feels that way.

Possibly this government can thrive with all the fool restrictions that little politicians would hang on it, but that is no reason why it should. May be if Mr. Wilson had not gone to Europe he would not have become so prominent and so objectionable to the peanut opposition, but it is childish to vent the spleen of the affair now that it is over.

It is a pity that now when so many serious things are to be considered by the nation and by Congress so much energy is devoted to the nagging little nastiness that seems to pass with some men as statesmanship.

THE PRESIDENT AND DAYLIGHT SAVING.

The President's veto of the bill for the repeal of the daylight saving law will cause a great many people to give to the measure a degree of attention which they have never given it before.

The President's boldness in vetoing the repealing act is characteristic of him. Daylight saving is supposed to be particularly obnoxious to the farmers, especially those of the Middle West, and had the President been disposed to be polite he would have ignored the matter.

There may be many throughout the country who differ with the President as to the wisdom of his action, but no one can doubt his purpose to do everything that lies in his power to accomplish for the people of this country the things that he believes will make for the greatest good for the greatest number.

PROHIBITION AND INDIVIDUALISM.

The unsuspected strength of prohibition in the House in Congress removes all doubt that the country is tending decidedly against the encouragement of individualism.

Every argument the liquor men could put up, fair or unfair, and every expediency to which they could turn has been tried. The truth is that they have undertaken so many things that are not square that they have turned sentiment against them rather than profiting in any manner by what they have been doing.

It is the same way with the peace treaty. The voice from the voters has been heard and those refractory Senators who had thought they were opposed to everything have had to put their ears to the ground a number of times and then get up and modify their views.

The country is prohibition. Congress realized it a year or two ago. The country itself begins to realize it now. And we are realizing that it is not an individual, but as the country that we are compelling prohibition.

The kickers of the Senate are just as much opposed to the treaty when they know what it is as they were before they knew, for the whole purpose is to be opposed to it and not to care a continental what it is as long as it has a Democratic origin.

Sixty miles an hour on the return voyage is a strong argument to those who think Europe is a long way from America that modern air navigation has put the big end off of the trip.

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Germany's New Test.

Shvannah News. Having experienced considerable difficulty in finding somebody to sign the terms of the treaty it will now be a test of German efficiency to find several million Germans who will keep the terms.

Flying's Neglected Pioneer.

Portland (Ore.) Telegram. While the world is honoring the latest aeronautic heroes let it not forget the first man who designed the modern airplane—Professor Samuel Pierpont Langley, who died broken hearted because the government refused to vote more money for experiments after the first flight failed.

starting, and with a little more money he could easily have corrected the trifling fault.

Thill former German Crown Prince who is quoted as saying that the Allies can have only his dead body—is he the same Crown Prince who took such care to save his precious body from harm during the war?

The treaty doesn't satisfy everybody. Neither did the Constitution of the United States when it was drafted, but it has since gathered a respectable following.

All Hail, King Public Opinion

If you will take down and read James G. Blaine's "Twenty Years in Congress" the sentiment therein expressed that you are most apt to remember is something like this: "Nearly all that is excellent in government is the fruit of intelligent selfishness."

Our glorious Union is the child of that public opinion to which Jefferson appealed in the Declaration of Independence. The very aristocracy of public opinion in England, led by Chatham, Burke, Fox and others, the very cream of the political intellect of that day, sympathized with the American rebels, and their good will was a potent factor in the final outcome.

I know the ignorant tell you England sympathized with the South. Had that been true, the South would have been victorious, for England could have broken the blockade of the South and established a blockade of the North, and that would have done the work.

Today Germany is the vanquished of public opinion, the public opinion of the civilized world, for it was public opinion that united the Anglo-Saxon peoples against the empire Bismarck reared on a foundation of insincere diplomacy and military victory.

One day Charles Sumner, who, according to Matt Carpenter, carried an enormous deal of learning strapped to his back as a dromedary its hump, made a speech in the Senate in which he characterized the argument of a fellow-Senator as a "ridiculousness."

Nobody pretends that the League of Nations is perfect. The idea, however, is exalted and noble, and it means that intelligent and virtuous public opinion shall take the place so long held by the sword. For example: There is the case of China. Mr. Wilson was forced "to sacrifice a fly to catch a trout" in that instance, and Japan grabbed Shantung, but Japan will not hold Shantung very long in the face of world public opinion.

Nor is that all. Public opinion will force Great Britain to settle the Irish question, if it be settleable—and that is almighty doubtful—and accord to Ireland such Home Rule as Scotland and Canada enjoy.

Washington, July 10. I see the "President of the Irish Republic" is over here to sell some Irish bonds. I shall not subscribe. I advise you, my fellow-countryman, also to put your surplus cash in Liberty bonds or in your own. As for Great Britain, she has again and for the third time saved civil liberty in a world war. Perhaps she can stand the cushioning some of our scamps are giving her.

Ice Cream advertisement for Brantley's. Features 'The Supreme Achievement' and 'Ladies' White Kid Tongue Pumps' with a price of \$7.00.

Liberty Bread advertisement featuring an image of the Statue of Liberty and the text 'ask for-- Liberty Bread'.

Staudt's Bakery advertisement with the text 'Staudt's Bakery' and 'Established 1898: Both Phones'.

Movie Men advertisement featuring an image of a moving truck and the text 'Movie Men'.

Olive Transfer Co. advertisement with the text 'Olive Transfer Co.' and '415 S. PERSON STREET'.

WARREN'S TRANSFER advertisement with the text 'WARREN'S TRANSFER' and 'MOVING HAULING'.

Ladies' White Kid Tongue Pumps advertisement featuring an image of a shoe and the text 'Ladies' White Kid Tongue Pumps'.

The New MAZDA C-4 Lamp advertisement with the text 'The New MAZDA C-4 Lamp'.

WALKER ELECTRIC advertisement with the text 'WALKER ELECTRIC'.

FISHING TACKLE advertisement with the text 'FISHING TACKLE'.

ELLINGTON'S Art Store advertisement with the text 'ELLINGTON'S Art Store'.

Artificial Baits advertisement with the text 'Artificial Baits'.

Put your burdens on us advertisement with the text 'Put your burdens on us'.

Call 538 WARREN'S TRANSFER advertisement with the text 'Call 538 WARREN'S TRANSFER'.