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MORNING TONIC

All of us poor devils clothed in the garb of mortality are but babes in the wood.

UNCLE WALT MASON

IN THE WOODS.

I wandered today in the wonderful woods, a forest majestic and grand, where solitude, silence, and similar goods are spread with a liberal hand.

The weather man says the deficiency in rainfall since January 1 was three inches.

It is not much of a river these days that cannot show a stage of twenty to forty feet of water.

The government predicts a peanut crop of 55,000,000 bushels in the United States this year.

A Philadelphia man says a scarcity of chemicals is what licked Fritz.

Charlotte has a beggar who has saved \$300 since March and the city is telling him to move on.

The folks who are alarmed about the spread of dry habits over the United States might see that too much wetness also has its drawbacks.

The San Francisco Chronicle in announcing the name of Hiram Johnson for president of the United States says he is the man the nation needs.

The race trouble in Washington must throw a chill in to the souls of some of those who assume that all such things should take place as far south of the Potomac as possible.

The activity of real estate all over the State should suggest to those who have no land and have a possible future need of land that the time to buy never gets better by waiting.

Great Britain is facing a serious labor crisis, and it is a question just what is to be the outcome.

The rain check is the principal feature in the ball game these days.

SENATOR REED.

Senator Reed, a Missouri Democrat, is making a tour of the State to argue against the League of Nations.

Senator Reed comes to the State at a time when the nations of the earth are trying to recover from war, and have agreed on a method.

Senator Reed comes as an apostle of opposition. He has nothing to offer, but he opposes the adoption of the one thing that is recommended.

Senator Reed may not like the administration. Senator Borah and Knox and Poindexter and Lodge may not like the administration.

AN UNSUSPECTED RESOURCE.

The continued rains all over the State have brought to light an unsuspected new asset in the hilly country.

Another result will follow. Instead of the floods hurrying away from the vicinity where the water falls, a body of water will be held here and there all over the hill country.

LIGHT WINES.

The light wine bunch is one of the dimmest affairs ever presented to Congress for a discussion.

As far as the worker making a fuss about light wine is concerned he is infinitely more likely to kick about the quality of his chewing gum or his toothpicks.

As far as a light wine goes, if there is such a thing, it probably is intended to be wine with little alcohol.

PLACING THE SOLDIERS.

The Charlotte Observer has been suggesting that the returning soldiers could be placed to advantage in the cotton mills of the State.

The cotton mill is going to be a much bigger factor in North Carolina industry than it is, and it will need all the highly trained men it can get to push along its ultimate development.

And when this principle is applied to cotton mills it should also be applied to the sawmill, the furniture factory, and to every industrial establishment.

The proposition to put soldiers in the mills can be carried to an endless limit and with many variations.

That Philadelphia cashier who got away with \$900,000 was no hog.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Wilmington Star.

A South Carolina lady who started in with a small farm now owns three big ones and goes from one to the other in a big automobile.

Need More State Boosting.

One of the principal reasons why so many North Carolina people think about and talk about things outside of the State is because we do not push things of interest and value in the State as much as we should.

Show Lack of Manners.

Why should Henry Cabot Lodge go to the trouble to issue a statement, backed up by precedents from Federalist days, that a committee of Congress has no right to summon the President of the United States to appear before it?

They Do Not Represent State.

Exercising the right of a free American citizen it is the privilege of Dr. H. Q. Alexander to assail the League of Nations to his heart's content.

Attracting Wide Attention.

Announcement of Winston-Salem's proposed high school plant on grounds large enough to run from all over the United States regarding the plan in detail.

Mr. H. E. Fries has received a letter from Dr. Charles William Dabney, president of the University of Cincinnati, which says:

"I do, indeed, congratulate you and your people most heartily on the proposed splendid addition to your educational and playground facilities.

In Cincinnati? If not, I am going to ask the superintendent's office to send you something about it.

Some History Recalled.

The New York Sun, being the unrelenting foe of the peace treaty, with or without the League of Nations, is of course deeply impressed, through its Washington correspondent, with the profound study given to the peace treaty by Senator Norris.

Promise and Performance

By SAVOYARD.

If you will search diligently and prayerfully you will find this passage in Holy Writ:

"Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off."

After the election last autumn, the G. O. P. girded on its harness and boasted mightily of the noble and majestic and august beneficence it was going to translate into the law of the land.

It was going to establish the "budget system" that makes for honesty and frugality in public expenditure; it was going to deal with the railroad problem in a way that would put joy in all our hearts.

Well, this blessed Congress has convened. It has plunged into its hostile criticism of the war and the victory and it has practically abolished the air service of the War Department.

It is reported that Senator Cummins has undertaken to draft a measure that will settle the railroad question to the satisfaction and advantage of capital, labor and all our citizens affected by it.

As for the tariff, Mr. Fordney, of Michigan, has been chosen to boss that in the House of Representatives, and Mr. Penrose, of Pennsylvania, in the Senate.

Just think of it! A Chicago banker named Reynolds—the man who forced the present Senate to appoint his selection secretary of that body—Reynolds is the most liberal contributor to Republican campaign funds in the Union.

No, there will be no tariff legislation this Congress, except in pursuance of President Wilson's recommendation about dyestuffs and a few other things and there will be no party division on that.

Just Folks By Edgar A. Guest

TALK AMERICA. Talk nothing but America henceforth and evermore.

Let's seek the truth beneath the flag for which our sons have died, No greater happiness for man can alien flags provide.

What more can mortal man desire on earth the while he lives Than Freedom's opportunity and that our country gives.

Talk nothing but America, united let us stand Against the alien who would spread vile doctrines through our land!

Why President Wilson Went to Europe. To the Editor: Many of the acts of President Wilson have been criticised by his political opponents in this country.

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Kwiz

Answers to Yesterday's KWIZ. 1. A tribe living in southwestern sections of the United States, notable for beautiful basketry.

2. A figure made to represent a human being. 3. A vessel, usually of tin, as a container for food and liquid.

4. In the flowering days of the Roman Empire, spectators at gladiatorial contests placed their thumbs down on the railings of the arena as a sign that a victorious fighter should put his fallen antagonist to death; a sign the antithesis of mercy.

5. Because of the shallow waterway, the paddles going but a short dip into the water. 6. It was said that everything he touched turned to gold.

7. The practice of charging an unfair rate of interest on a loan. 8. The air-brake; the application of compressed air to wheels of a railroad train.

9. Republic. 10. A medical awarded by Great Britain for unusual bravery and gallantry in the service of the government; usually a war honor.

New Questions. 1. Why does the United States maintain marines in Haiti? 2. Who was Booker T. Washington? 3. What is lava? 4. What is lava? 5. What is a numismatist? 6. Considered alphabetically what given name comes first? 7. Who is Robert E. Peary? 8. What is a blubber? 9. What is a gau? 10. What is tympant?

EDISON, THE PHONOGRAPH, AND PRACTICE OF THRIFT (New York Herald)

"Try another record—a waltz tune this time!" Tun-to-tum; off they go. No fun like dancing for young folks, is there? I really delight in the phonograph, which is always ready to furnish the requisite music!

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