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Our resolution for this year: To make the BULLETIN better, brighter and newsmier than last year.

W. B. Cochran, editor, and W. D. Blue business manager, of the Montgomerian have retired. These gentlemen have made a good paper and their retirement is to be regretted. Mr. W. F. Hunsucker who assumes charge of the Montgomerian will no doubt, maintain the high standard established by the retiring management and we wish him much success.

Before reading the ebullitions in the last issue of our down town neighbor, we were of the opinion that "reconstruction days" had passed by some forty years ago. But we are now convinced that the morbid mind of the editor of that paper or his assistant is still haunted by hallucinations and dreams of an invasion of carpet baggers. However, we trust that when the holiday season is over his brain (if he possesses such an organ) will be clearer and his judgement more sober.

The General Assembly of North Carolina will convene at Raleigh next Wednesday. Besides electing a United States Senator, there is much needed legislation which that body of law makers could do, if it would. However, it is doubtful whether anything will be done except to entrench the democratic party a little more securely by changing the boundaries of certain districts or amending the election law. Everything will be done with an eye single to the glory and advancement of the democratic party.

Spencer Blackburn, in congress from this district, has written R. N. in which he is showing sensational

claim and shall support to the election of a corrupt agreement was made and entered into by and between yourself, Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, and the American Book Company you being at that time the attorney and representative of the said American Book Company, by which compact it was agreed that Governor Glenn was to recommend to the State board of adoption for the schools of North Carolina of the books of the American Book Company, in return for which service you were to use all of your influence particularly in the eighth congressional district, for the election of Governor Glenn, to the United States Senate, I claim and shall prove that, in conformity with the terms of that agreement, Governor Glenn did recommend to the State board and force the adoption of the school books of the said American Book Company, and this, in spite of the fact that a large majority of the teachers of North Carolina had repeatedly protested against the use of the books of the said company. And further, in carrying out the terms of this corrupt agreement, Governor Glenn was to and did throw the weight and influence of his office and patronage in favor of your candidacy for Congress and the said American Book Company was to and actually did contribute large sums of money as a corruption fund to bribe the voters of the eighth congressional district.

It is a well known fact that some shady work was carried out in the school book contract, and before Mr. Hackett is through with the contest which Mr. Blackburn has instituted against him we may expect developments which will show up some high state officials in a bad light.

A process of tempering gold, silver and copper, says the Scientific American, has been discovered by Mr. Z. F. Vaughn of Los Angeles. By his method, it is claimed that a cutting edge is obtained keener and more durable than that of steel, because of the microscopic fineness and smoothness imparted to it.

## OUR FOREIGN LETTER.

### Mr. Stack Writes His First Letter.

WHAT HE DID AND WHAT HE EXPECTS TO DO.

#### The Trip Across the Atlantic--He Lands at Bremen.

I have always thought that the lawyer asked our Savior a pertinent question when he inquired who was his neighbor. He did it, we are told, to justify himself. But, be that as it may, the question evoked an answer that is one of the priceless gems of the Christian religion and has been a blessing to many. And I for one favor giving that lawyer credit in this word for what he said, since the record is silent as to what became of him after death.

Since his time the secrets of nature have been divulged and her forces made the servants of man. The multiplied uses of these forces have removed the barriers of distance and time and drawn all peoples nearer together. The increase in travel, the extension of commerce and the spread of the gospel have brought all nations into closer relationship with each other. Along with these things has come an increased desire in our country to know more of our neighbors across the sea.

There has been, it is true, no lack of letters and books written by travellers on this side of the water--most of them devoted to natural scenery, works of art and ancient ruins. The real life of the people--how they live and how they make a living--has received scant attention. The reason of this is not so obvious to the readers as it is to the writers of the letters and books. It goes back to Babel when the Lord confused the tongues of those who attempted to enter heaven by the tower route. The punishment inflicted for that conduct was a keen one, and is still visited upon the descendants of those who took part in that folly. And while the ancestors of the English speaking people, in my opinion, had nothing to do with that tower affair, yet the moment we get among the real descendants of those old sinners we must share in the punishment. It is but natural, therefore, that English and American travellers should turn away from the confused jargon and jabber and write merely of what they see. To go under the surface for facts from and about people of a different tongue is no easy matter. It involves work, worry and money--and many ludicrous mistakes.

Those who have travelled abroad have learned that their friends at home often want information about the most common matters. Even the most learned acquaintances ask the most questions about the simple, every day life of the people over here, and especially in regard to the way an American gets along among people of whose language he is ignorant. The letters which I shall write will be in the form of a running narrative of incidents, observations and such facts as I may blunder upon. In all letters of travel reference to the writer is necessarily frequent, but the intelligent reader will know that such is not always the product of vanity but in order to give a concrete story of travel.

#### Equipment For Travel.

Naturally money is thought of first. But that should give no concern, as foreigners don't want our money. When I left New York I had only \$4.25 in my pocket--and the expenses of two must be paid in three continents. You see the lack of money need not cause Americans to deny themselves the pleasure of nice trips to the old countries. You might bring along a mint of cash and it would be no good--except at the banks where the yellow metal is "worth its weight in gold." But, while you need bring no money, you must bring "something equally as good." That you may do by buying a letter of credit at the larger banks, travellers checks of express companies or other forms of paper.

#### If you travel in Russia or Turkey, or their dependencies, a passport is necessary. None is required for a woman--she is not supposed to be an anarchist or bomb thrower. The passport must be approved by the Consul Generals for Russia and Turkey. Before getting a passport you must take and subscribe the oath of allegiance. And when you swear that you will be true to Uncle Sam, he engages on his part to be true to you. Behind that simple document is the

entire army and navy of the United States, and wherever I may ramble I shall know that that same army and navy are pledged for my safety and protection.

In the palmy days of Rome, when her dominion extended from the Atlantic to the Euphrates and from the Rhine and Danube to the African deserts, it was esteemed a great privilege to be able to boast, "I am a Roman." But prouder still, and meaning much more, is the right to say, "I am an American citizen." No other voucher is necessary in order to travel anywhere. But experience had taught me the need of something more. For this trip I was given a letter of introduction by the Governor, who also wrote Mr. Roosevelt in my behalf, and the President mailed him the following letter, which will be of great help to me:

"Department of State, Washington, Oct. 23, 1906.

"To the Diplomatic and Consular Officers of the United States:

"Gentlemen:--At the instances of the President, I take pleasure in introducing to you the Honorable A. M. Stack, of Monroe, North Carolina, who is about to proceed abroad, accompanied by his wife. I cordially bespeak for them such courtesies and assistance as you may be able to render, consistently with your official duties. I am, gentlemen,

"Your obedient servant,  
"ELIHU ROOT."

As we are to travel in countries under the civil control and religious influence of the Sultan of Turkey (who is the head of the great Mohammedan religion), a word from him would be of infinite advantage. Governor Glenn was kind enough to call with me at the State Department and request the Secretary to use his influence in trying to get for me a firman from Constantinople. The Secretary wrote a most cordial letter to our Ambassador there, Mr. Leishman, asking him to procure, if possible, a document that would so accredit me as to be able to talk with official and professional men in Turkey and her dependencies.

#### The Departure.

The Kaiser Wilhelm II. was scheduled to sail at 9 o'clock a. m., but was delayed some by reason of the larger quantity of mail and trunks, which are loaded on the ship by steam. For some time prior to starting the scene was an interesting one. Everything was motion and bustle. The search for passengers for their respective quarters and the jabber of nationalities made confusion worse confounded. All classes and conditions were hurrying on board, from Frank J. Gould with his valet and Mrs. Gould with her maid passing up one gang way, to the greasy Sheehey without a valet and his ugly wife doing the maid stunt for herself going up another to the steerage. The number of passengers on board amounted to some 1,200, of whom 800 were stored away in the steerage like sardines. The crew consisted of 600 men and a few women--in all over 1,800 persons. When all were on, the great engines began to move, the brass band played a lively air and hundreds of visitors on the pier waived hats, handkerchiefs and American flags at their departing friends.

Our vessel steamed down the Hudson, through the bay into the open sea, pointed its prow to the northeast and started on its long journey. Of course, every true American gazed at the receding land until it faded out of vision. And it is a solemn moment, indeed, when the land we love and that contains all that is near and dear to us on earth goes down behind the horizon. For whether we shall ever see it again is known only to Him who holds the seas in the hollow of his hand and who takes knowledge of even the sparrow's fall.

We next began to take our bearings and adjust ourselves to new surroundings. Just how soon we might make a lunch for some horrible monster under the water we didn't know. We remember Jonah--but we could not expect his good luck. We mentally debated our readiness to go--and which way.

#### Life on The Ocean Wave.

Our ship was German and nearly all of the passengers were Germans or German-Americans. They were not so approachable as the free, easy going native American, and acquaintances were not so readily made. National clannishness asserted itself and those of the same countries soon flocked together. All hands tried to deceive themselves into believing that they were having a good time. Every passenger engaged in some sort

of amusement. The principal pastimes were cards, dominoes and vomiting.

The fare was all that could be desired. The German considers the stomach the seat of happiness and he gives it special attention. The bell rang regularly four times a day for us to eat, and between meals they would bring around hot beef tea and sandwiches. My appetite had just reached the point where I was getting the worth of my money when, on the second day, we encountered a rough sea. The ship took both the lateral and forward dip. I saw men as trees walking. Everything was going the other way. If I attempted to enter my state room it would shiver away; if I reached for a hand railing it would dodge me; and when I would go down stairs they were coming up. I went to pieces--losing my appetite and all that I had eaten. Near me were two very large people, man and wife. He carried an enormous avoirdupois and had a fog horn voice. When ever old Neptune made a severe demand on him for tribute, the response suggested Vesuvius in eruption. His spouse was a woman of anomalous proportions. Her horizontal dimensions almost equaled her perpendicular, and whenever old Vesuvius would erupt, Aetna would answer him. The horrible fuss made by these two people would have disturbed a corpse. Near me were also some very noisy children who, much to my regret, did not get sick at all.

The German is very fond of drink. The steamer had three bars, one for each class of passengers, and they seemed to do a big business. On Sunday they had a circus-day trade. Sunday laws and grand juries have no terrors for these "blind tigers" on the high seas. The German is fond of music, and we had a brass band and an orchestra. The former played on deck in the day and the latter below in the evening. They played many Southern pieces, Dixie, Old Kentucky Home, Swanee River, etc. A collection is taken for the musicians. While the orchestra plays, most of the listeners drink beer, wine or champagne. The ladies--many of them, at least--make full scholars. Between times the players hide several "schooners" of the foaming lager. The services of a few boys are required to bring drinks to the "morally stunted."

Many German-Americans on board were returning to the Father-land on a visit. From appearances they had prospered in our country and were "flush" with money. They will remain over here from three to twelve months. Evidently they take no stock in Franklin's maxim "that fish and visitors smell in three days." One went to America in 1851 and has not been back since. He was sixty days in crossing the ocean fifty-five years ago, but, with the 40,000 horse-power of the Kaiser Wilhelm II., he came back in seven days. During those seven days he knew what was going on in other parts of the world. News from America and all over the world was received by wireless telegraphy and posted daily.

#### On The Other Side.

The distance from New York to Bremen is 3,582 miles. The chief scenery along the way is fog, water and sick folks. But you soon forget all that when you get on land again. The custom house officials will make you forget that and many other things. All baggage must be opened up and the contents exhibited. It took over two hours for the German officials to look at our socks and stockings. But the lover of fun is sure to be gratified on these occasions. One fellow had a bottle of liquor in his valise, but the tariff on it was so high that he declined to pay it. The officer smashed the bottle to pieces against the stone wall. It was apparent from the painful expression on the traveller's face that he believed in a low tariff.

The first night in Northern Germany furnished me a novel experience. When time to retire came, I started to turn down the cover. There wasn't any. Two feather beds and a huge pillow between them at one end were on the bedstead, and nothing more. I was about to read the riot act to my landlord when I was informed that the top feather bed was the cover. The idea of covering with a feather bed stunted me--but I tried it. When I retired I had so many feathers on me that I felt like a goose. Our German friends believe in giving information. One who understands their language

can't get lost. Everywhere arranged signs with hands or arrows pointing in the direction you should go. Some of these I could understand; most of them I could not. One read as follows: "Hell--Dunkel." Just under the word dunkel was an arrow pointing to the right; under the word hell was an arrow pointing to the left. I did not know what either word meant in German; but out of abundance of caution, I went to the right.

#### Reported His Own Wedding.

A Kansas editor got married and wrote the account of it for his own paper. He deftly hides the seriousness of the business behind the following picturesque description of the parties interested:

"The bride wore a beautiful dress of French lawn, at least that's what they said it was. "The groom (that means 'we') wore the customary black hand-me-down, and was about scared to death.

"There were no bridesmaid or best man because the groom did not think he could find a better man than himself."

With reference to the personal charms of the bride, he wrote: "Miss Randolph is a peach; most of her beauty is natural, and she looks good to us; she is one of our schoolmates and we know she can throw a brick with remarkable accuracy. A sample of her rare nerve is shown by her vowing to 'love' honor, etc."

And in conclusion he disposes of her husband in this fashion: "The other interested party is a joke; he came to Leona in the fall of '83 without clothes or money, and is now free from all financial debt. There are plenty of others just as bad and they are not in the penitentiary, either."

We are accustomed to "thornless cacti" and "seedless oranges," but here is a new one--"puckerless persimmons." They are the result of a cross between the Japanese and American varieties, and the fruit is guaranteed not to pucker the lips, at least Farrington says they ain't a bit "puckery," and what it says must be true.--Leader.

#### Plain Mince Meat.

Put two heaping cupfuls of finely-chopped meat into a large granite kettle, add eight cupfuls of chopped apple, two of sugar, one and one-half of molasses, one of butter, or a half cupful of melted suet, two cupfuls of boiling water and one cupful of the vinegar from sweet pickled peaches, one cupful of whole but seeded raisins, one-half nutmeg grated, two level tablespoonfuls of cinnamon, one-quarter level tablespoonful of cloves, one-half teaspoonful of allspice and three level teaspoonfuls of salt; add also the grated yellow rind and juice of one lemon; Mix all together, and simmer one hour. More salt and water may be needed.

#### The Right Name.

Mr. August Sherpe, the popular overseer of the poor, at Fort Madison, Ia., says: "Dr. King's New Life Pills are rightly named; they act more agreeably, do more good and make one feel better than any other laxative." Guaranteed to cure biliousness and constipation. 25c at Ashboro Drug Co. Standard Drug Co.

#### Pardon Granted.

Gov. Glenn grants a pardon to Bud Abernathy sent from Mecklenburg county for 9 years for stealing a jug of whiskey; to Tom Moody, of Surry county, sentenced 3 years for manslaughter. Charles Redwine, of Randolph county, serving 5 years for criminal assault; and S. J. Elliott, of Rowan county, serving 2 years for assault with deadly weapon. Eight other applications were turned down.

#### How to Cure Chillsains.

"To enjoy freedom from chillsains," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield, Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sores, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases. 25c at Standard Drug Co. Ashboro Drug Co.

#### Fought for Principle.

Meeting a newsboy whose face was scarred with scratches and looked like a map of some great railroad center, a reporter asked the youngster what the matter was. "Feller spoke disrespectful of my sister; said he'd bet she was cross eyed, and I sailed in."

"Is your sister cross eyed?" asked the reporter.

"Hain't got no sister," was the reply. "It was the principle of the thing what I got licked for."--North American.

#### Cured of Lung Trouble.

"It is now eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. O. Floyd, a leading business man of Kershaw, S. C. "I had run down in weight to 135 pounds, and coughing was constant, both by day and by night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and continued this for about six months, when my cough and lung trouble were entirely gone and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons are healed every year. Guaranteed at Ashboro Drug Co. and Standard Drug Co. 50c and 1.00. Trial bottle free.

## RESPECT FOR WOMEN IN AMERICA

The American people have some distinctive virtues, but not so many that they can afford to lose even one of them. Among those virtues respect for women is something to be especially cherished. In no other great country in the world are women so safe in the ordinary walks of life as in the United States; in no other country are they given the opportunities, the immunities and the protection they enjoy in this land of ours. They are well protected by the laws and the police, but primarily by a national chivalry that manifests itself spontaneously whenever there is serious danger or annoyance.

Yet it must not be forgotten that this virtue shines by contrast rather than by its own light. Certainly American men are not more chivalrous than they ought to be. Indeed, they are often less so than they should be. But they are so much more respectful to women than the men of other great countries--more especially the countries of continental Europe--that their codes shine by comparison. Under such circumstances it is not distasteful, but agreeable, to be charged with puritanical customs by certain critics of continental Europe in connection with the Caruso case. This particular case has little to do with the broad question of a proper regard for women, but it has served to raise this question.

But the men in this country should not glory too much in the exalted position they have achieved and maintained. There is danger that their good name may suffer from an increasing selfishness, which manifests itself more and more, particularly in the large cities, where the struggle is most intense. There may be no growing disposition to annoy women in public, but is there not a tendency to neglect them?--Kansas City Star.

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Mr. W. L. Thayer of Ophir and Miss Dora Leach of lower Randolph county were married on the 16th of December, 1906. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. K. Miller, at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Martin Leach. Mrs. Thayer is a popular young woman, well known in upper Montgomery, and has many friends throughout the county. Mr. Thayer is one of Montgomery's most successful teachers, and a promising man. He is at present teaching at Shiloh, and the young couple will make their home until the close of the term.--Montgomerian.

#### Wise Counsel From the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at Ashboro Drug Co. and Standard Drug Co. Price 50c.

#### It has been figured out that

a woman at sixteen is a blushing maiden, at thirty a spinster and at forty an old maid--at which time she takes to cats and pool-dogs.--Tar Heel.

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