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Asheville And Baseball
"Long threatened comes at last"
and the poor patronage which the people of Asheville have accorded league baseball for the last three years has resulted in the decision of this year's directors to make no fight against being dropped out at the wish of the four clubs that will remain in the league for the balance or for a part—probably for a part—of this season.

Year after year the local public, with remarkable persistency has allowed unselfish baseball enthusiasts to lose money, and they lost it in order that Asheville might remain in the North Carolina league. So that the only conclusion to be reached is that Asheville does not want baseball, and therefore should not have it.

But all this is beside the question in view of the fact that the directors of the Asheville baseball club were convinced that four clubs of the North Carolina league deemed it essential to their existence to have Asheville out of the league, in view of what they term her "isolated position," and the heavy expense which the trips to and from Asheville involved for the clubs in the middle and eastern sections of the state. The Asheville directors, although they knew that by remaining in the North Carolina league they would lose still more money than they have lost, were willing to "stick it out," but they were conscious that by so doing the entire league would have to suspend before the end of the season. Hence they raised no objection when the majority of clubs voted to drop Asheville overboard and The Citizen believes that the decision of President Hill was a wise one.

In any event, the outlook for baseball in North Carolina was none too encouraging in view of Governor Bickett's announced opposition to the continuance of professional baseball while the country is at war. Whether the governor was right or wrong matters little, in view of the fact that his utterances, officially delivered, will have great weight in many quarters.

The Children's Chorus
Lack of space yesterday prevented The Citizen from dwelling upon the merit of the school children's chorus, which added so materially to the enjoyment of the afternoon concert at the Damrosch music festival Saturday, but it is not too late now to express our warm commendation of the children's work. Their success on this occasion gives rise to the hope that the treat which they afforded to music lovers of Asheville was only a sample of others to come. As recently stated in these columns, Mr. Willis Cunningham, musical director of the Asheville public schools, spared no effort in the training of his pupils, and we have no doubt that the announced appearance of the school children's chorus aided materially in securing the big audience of Saturday afternoon. We are telling no tales out of school when we state here that one of the soloists with

Mr. Damrosch declared Saturday that the Asheville children's chorus, despite the comparatively short period of training, compared favorably with the big chorus of children which has always been a prominent feature at Spartanburg's annual festival. There were two hundred children of the Asheville public schools singing at this year's festival, and next year, we have been told, the chorus will be increased to six hundred voices. In that event we can reasonably sure that an annual music festival for Asheville will become an accomplished fact.

Notes and Comments
Colonel Roosevelt showed the right spirit when he publicly expressed gratification over the announcement that General Pershing would head the first expedition to France. If the colonel was disappointed he did not show it.

This Date in History
May 21.
1807—Danzig, East Prussia, surrendered to the French, with garrison of 9,000.
1830—Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, deposed the throne of Greece.
1849—Maria Edgeworth, famous authoress, died, aged eighty-two.
1851—First discovery of gold in Australia.
1864—First express train between New York and Buffalo.
1871—French government troops entered Paris; nine weeks' siege of the Communists in possession of the capital.
1874—Marriage of Nell Grant, daughter of President Grant, at the White House, to Algernon Sartoris of England.
1878—Glenn H. Curtiss, world-famous American aviator, born at Hammondsport, N. Y.
1889—King Humbert of Italy, visited the Kaiser in Berlin.
1905—Strike riots in Chicago.
1911—Madero, leader of the insurgents, signed a peace pact with the Mexican government at El Paso.
1911—The French army, under General Lyautoy (who recently resigned as minister of war), captured Fez, Morocco.
1912—The Massachusetts legislature adopted the constitutional amendment for the direct vote for senators, the first legislature to do so.
1914—The Hamburg-American Vandaliner arrived at New York on its first voyage across the Atlantic.
THE WAR:
1915—Great attack by the Turkish forces against British colonial forces, Australians and New Zealanders, repulsed, with terrible losses on both sides.
1916—French recover Haumont quarries, east of Meuse, Verdun; severe assaults by the Germans on Le Mort Homme and Hill 304, west of Meuse, made no gains; battles mark first day of third month of gigantic battle, which began February 21, 1916.
Germans launch great attack on British trenches at Vimy ridge.

Notable Birthdays
May 21.
Mabel Tallafiero, widely known actress and movie star, is twenty-nine years old today. Miss Tallafiero appeared on the stage as a child of three. In spite of her name, a famous southern one—pronounced, by the way, Tolliver—Miss Tallafiero is a native of New York. Edith Tallafiero, also a favorite of the American stage, is her sister. Both sisters have been for the past decade outstanding figures of the American theatrical world. Miss Mabel has scored successes in "Shore Acres," "Children of the Ghetto," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," "In the Bishop's Carriage," "Folly of the Circus" (written for her), "You Never Can Tell," "Springtime," and various other widely known productions in which she has toured in the United States, Canada and Australia. Of late she has still been widening her public by appearing in the popular photo plays. Governor Augustus Owsley Stanley of Kentucky, fifty years old today. Philip L. Hale, noted Boston artist, son of Edward Everett Hale, fifty-two years old today. Former United States Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota, who retired from the senate last March and one of the twelve "wild men" of the filibuster in the stormy closing sessions, sixty-six years old today. Gustav Lindenthal, famous engineer and architect, builder of the new Hell Gate bridge at New York, sixty-seven years old today. Glenn H. Curtiss, famous aviator and aircraft builder, thirty-nine years old today. Thomas Ewing, United States commissioner of patents, fifty-five years old today. William Cary Sanger, former assistant United States secretary of war, authority and writer on military affairs, sixty-four years old today. Dr. Edmund James James, noted educator, president of the University of Illinois, sixty-two years old today.

The Scissors Route
America at Work.
(Columbia State.)
In the new drive of the Italian army against Trieste, the defenses it is not difficult to see one of the very first results of the entrance of the United States into the world war. Poverty more than any other thing has been holding back the Italian armies, who, from the Italian viewpoint, that Cadorna always retain sufficient reserves of men and supplies to insure the country against a sudden and vicious assault by the Austro-Germans such as overwhelmed Roumania.

Children's Stories
EDGAR'S ROBIN.
Once upon a time Edgar was sitting on the back steps. It was warm and Edgar was wondering what he could do to amuse himself, when all at once he heard a faint twitter and as he looked up, he saw a robin hanging from the wire clothesline in the yard. In some way the robin had caught its wing in the wire and it couldn't get away. Edgar ran and tried to get the bird free but when he did he found that its wing was badly hurt. He took it into the house and fixed it up in a splint and then put the bird in a box.

Reinforcements From the East.
(Columbia State.)
That the Germans have been moving troops from the eastern front to support their hard pressed forces in the west has been generally predicted since the coming of the spring thaw barred the martial way to Petrograd and left open only the underground channels of Zimmerman diplomacy. With Russia temporarily paralyzed, the logic of events dictated the shifting of strategic reserves.

YE BALLADE OF YE BACKYARD GARDENER.
Canto One
It is a backyard gardener,
He cawleth and he sings
And poketh holes into the earth
And planteth seeds and things.

The Army Bill and the South.
(Savannah News.)
At last congress has finished with the army bill which provides, in its chief features, for the selective draft for army service of men from twenty-one to thirty years of age, inclusive, for increased pay for soldiers and for giving the president authority to enlist the Roosevelt "division" for service in France.

Wheat Holding Its Own.
(Florida Times-Union.)
The reported short crop of wheat is based upon an assumed shortage in winter wheat. Now winter wheat constitutes one-half the production of wheat in this country and the assumed shortage is based on the smaller area. But the acreage not planted in spring wheat has been planted to the spring planting; why anticipate hunger from this situation?

Don't Be Gloomy.
(Wilmington Dispatch.)
Amusement is necessary as a tonic for the activities of people so much so as exercise is necessary for the body. Therefore while the war situation is not to be regarded in light vein and to be given due consideration, yet to cloak one's self in an atmosphere of gloom and not indulge in any cheerful pleasures will be to make the burden of distress heavier and handicap the fighting forces of every mortal. This is no time to indulge in revelry of celebration as a toast to war, but neither is it time to huddle one's being with gloom and thus unfit mentally for the big battle. Either extreme is dangerous. The half way around is the thing.

With the Wags
The Germans.
(Washington Star.)
A congressman said at a Washington reception:
"The Germans can't be fair. Whatever they do is right—yes, if they sink a Lusitania it's right. Whatever we do is wrong—yes, for us to sell boots to France is simply heinous."
"The Germans remind me of an anecdote.
"'Look,' said an old lady, angrily—'look at that drunken brute raising a rumpus on the other side of the street. Where are the police?'
"'Oh, mamma,' said the old lady's daughter, bursting into tears, 'that is Brother Jim.'

Help.
(Pitt Panther.)
Delta—Why does Nutt call himself a female pugilist?
Kappa—Oh, he worked on his uncle's fruit farm, boxing peaches.

Rough Going in Kansas.
(Hutchinson News.)
Conductor Henry Slattery, who runs the one passenger train on the railroad between Scott City and Wichita, became sick from the motion of the train and had to go to the back platform for fresh air. A sudden jolt of the train, and the conductor was thrown overboard. The train was backed up to Keystone when it was learned what had happened but the conductor had been taken home in an automobile.

Tar-Heel Philosophy.
(Charlotte News.)
Tragic, but true, that even in the milk of human kindness there is very often the wild onion of selfishness.
"There is no blight in which some stars, a vast and hardy one does not have to have but one shoe these times.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES
Public school teachers in Chicago, by virtue of a recently enacted law now in effect, are under civil service so far as removal is concerned. Illinois is said to be the first state to write such a tenure of office provision for teachers into its statutes. Representatives of the school teachers say that the positions of the teachers are now much more secure than they were before. The situation viewed from the standpoint of the board of education is that the board has more power than it ever had before but must exercise it in the open. The school bill in general provides for a substantial overhauling of the Chicago system of public school control, which has been under discussion for some time. The duties of the board of education and the superintendent of schools, which have been in dispute, are defined, the term of the superintendent is extended from one year to four, and the school board is reduced to 11. Under the new regime, the appointments of teachers and principals become permanent after a satisfactory probationary period of three years, subject to removal for cause by the board of education under its rules concerning conduct and efficiency.

Dr. George E. Vincent, president of the University of Minnesota since 1911, severs his connection with that institution today to take up his new duties as the head of the Rockefeller Foundation, which are to date officially from May 15, 1917. Dr. Vincent, whose powerful personality has left a deep mark in the educational circles of the Middle West, succeeds John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as head of the Rockefeller Foundation and the suggestion of his appointment came from Mr. Rockefeller himself, who has long been an admirer of Dr. Vincent's powers as an orator and an organizer of rare executive ability. Through his connection with the Chautauqua Institution, which was founded by his father, Bishop John H. Vincent, and of which he was president from 1907 to 1915, Dr. Vincent is nationally known as a speaker. Before going to Minneapolis in 1911, he had been for nearly 20 years a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago, and from 1907 to 1911, dean of the faculties of arts, literature and science. Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton, president of Smith college since 1909, and who takes Dr. Vincent's place as head of the University of Minnesota, will take up his duties officially on July 1. So great, by the way, has been the exodus of male students enlisting for war duty of some sort, that Mr. Burton, the co-ed says, will find him the head of another college of girls when he comes to the University of Minnesota.

NOTICE
To J. P. Walsh, John Bean, Geo. W. Jenkins, C. M. Lineberry, G. W. Dougherty, Mrs. C. A. Hebard, J. T. Bledsoe, J. W. Baily, Calvary Baptist Church, Gwyn Edwards, J. D. Murphy, W. M. Johnson and all other persons interested in the report of the Jury filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the town of West Asheville, assessing benefits and damages on account of the grading of SWANNANOVA AVENUE, MICHIGAN AVENUE, HANOVER STREET AND LOUISIANA AVENUE in said town. You will take notice that said report has been filed according to law, and that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said town at their meeting to be held on Friday night May 21st, 1917, will consider said report and take such action as they may deem proper. You are therefore required to file your objection to said report, if such there be, in writing with the undersigned, within TEN DAYS from this date as required by law.
This May 19, 1917.
M. B. POSEY,
Town Clerk.

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