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Saturday, May 26, 1917.

#### Should BeSettled Now

If the Irish home rule question is ever to be settled at all, surely it should be near settlement now when it has been placed in the hands of the people most concerned thereinthe Irish people. That there is a strong sentiment on this side of the water, as well as in Great Britain, to the effect that the British government should dispose of the home rule question, if it would obtain the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the United States as an ally in this war. The vast majority of the American people rightly believes that it sits with ill grace for the allies to claim that they are fighting for the "rights of small nations to govern themselves," while that right is denied to Ireland, an entirely separate country and a separate people. Whether or not the Irish people will be able to govern themselves with a fair measure of peace, matters not in view of the vicinity of the roads would bear a indisputable justice of their claim to freedom from the rule of Dublin castle.

The English naiton as a whole does not feel that Ireland should be retained by the English government, and certainly the greater part of the British press has reiterated the right of Ireland to be self-governed. Only recently The London Daily Chronicle, urging the speedy passage of home rule legislation, said: "Leading Irishmen in the United States recognize, as Mr. Redmond does here, that we are engaged in a just struggle; and they would be no less ready than he would be to close a long account of Anglo-Irish bitterness, and shake hands over a settlement on the home rule basis. We know and feel that we will constantly and heavily hampered in our efforts to obtain the common goal so long as we keep Ireland under British rule. Surely there can be all the cows, pigs and chickens "I wish I could have some chickens all the cows, pigs and chickens all the cows, pigs all the cows, pigs and chickens all the cows, pigs all t none so blind as to fail to see that rule settled without more delay, and give our Irish friends a fair chance. But for the wrecking folly of Lord Middleton and Lord Beresford this would have been done ten months BEO."

Since the foregoing was first printbd the British government has moved in the direction indicated, and it appears that if Irishmen can agree among themselves the long desired goal of home rule is now in sight. Barring the possible refusal of Ulster to participate in the deliberations, this thorn bids fair to be extracted. In that day, it may be assumed, the heritage of hate against England, which has been handed down through wiped out.

### Flies and Screens

The fly season may be said to be at hand, and with it come the annual warnings from press and rostrum as to the danger from the fly, with the germ-carrying proclivities, and the simple precautions which we should take to ward off this menace. For the highest scientific and medical authorities have agreed that there is no greater disseminator of disease on the face of the earth than our ancient the simplest precautions which every health board in the country now

Strange and incredible as it may seem, there are to be found in this day members of the medical profession who are not too enthusiastic about the anti-fly campaigns; certainly they do not enlarge on the subject, and some there are who have not yet reached the stage where they believe in the effleacy of fly screens for their own comfort and the comfort of their patients. The writer remembers passing a well-known sanitarium in the pastern part of the state one day last

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN summer. It was a building with many windows and long porches, the majority of which were without screens of any description. Rows of patients Published Every Morning sat in reclining chairs making heroto efforts to keep off the swarms of flies, yet their distress could have been easily avoided had the windows and porches been equipped with mosquito

Here in Asheville the greater part of the medical profession knows and appreciates the value, and the com-Business Office ..... fo fort to be derived from fly screens, of even the cheapest variety. For a very small outlay any home, sanitarlum or other building can be effectively equipped with fly screens. It is all very well to preach the gospel of "swatting the fly," but there would fore known. be far less need to swat, after infection has been carried in and out, were the use of screens more general Asheville is noted for its cleanliness and for the high efficiency of its sanitary departments, and we should see to it that the advantages of window and porch screening are brought She is canning pork and beans. North home to the rank and file.

#### Notes and Comments

"Buy a bond for the baby" is one of the best suggestions so far advanced. It comes from The Knoxville

In view of the fact that the Liberty bonds are non-taxable, none should hesitate about investing, where in-vestors are not moved by patriotic

Considering the services which the British and French commissions have rendered the United States, none can doubt that their visit to this country was well worth while.

Another son of the secretary of the navy, Josephus Daniels, Jr., has set a spiendid example by enlisting as a private in the Marine corps. The onion conspiracy which has been unearthed at Boston literally

amells to the skies." June 5 will witness the transformation of the American nation, a day when new history will be written.

### Voice of the People THE ROAD QUESTION.

Editor The Citizen: I thank you for the publication today in your paper of my views on

roads, but see a mistake which I ask you to please correct. Where it reads 285 miles, the correct distance is 666 2-3 miles, and if the citizens living along and in the part of the expense of surfacing, and the citizens of Candler did on our fine road, say one third, \$1,000,000 would surface 1,000 miles of miles of Buncombe country! Buncombe countys' roads with gravel and sand at \$1,500 per mile and that would be better by far than the sur-facing of 66 2-3 miles with concrete at a cost of \$15,000 per mile, totaling \$1,000,000, with a large part of the money going to another state for concrete. I say use our own gravel and sand free, and get 933 1-3 miles more

road surface. J. P. LOWRY. Candler, N. C.

### Children's Stories

BOB'S CHICKENS.

Once upon a time Bob went early in the summer to stay with his grand-parents. They lived in the country on a very large farm and Bob had been wishing his mother would tell to go and was de-

the path of wisdom is to get home but you can, answered his grandfather, but you must look out for old Sarah, the mother hen, and feed her and

are for the chickens when they are hatched.
"I will if I can only have the chickens," said Bob. So his grandfather gave him thirteen fine brown eggs and showed him where to make a nest. Bob said he had heard that thirteen was an unlucky number and asked for one more egg, which his grandfather gave him with a laugh

grandfather gave him with a laugh at his superstition and told him he should expect to see thirteen chickens hatched just the same.

Bob made a fine nest and old Sarah hopped on it as though she was very glad to sit down. Each day Bob brought a dish of dainty things for his key and she seemed to enjoy the his hen and she seemed to enjoy the extra attention she was getting. At last, one day Bob went to the nest and there were thirteen of the cutest, fluffirst little chicks as much as to say: Sarah was looking as much as to say: "Look, aren't they pretty?

successive generations in Ireland since the time of Cromwell, will be chicks and put them in a nice house under the trees. When grandfather took up the first chick he looked at it quite awhile and then burst out laughing. Bob asked what he was laughing at "Hs, ha, I will tell you." he answered, "your chickens are ducks." "Well I guess thirteen is an unlucky number after all," said Bob.

### Notable Birthdays

May 26.

Harry A. Wheeler, president of the Citizen's War Board of Chicago and former president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, is 52 years old today. Mr. Wheeler is a banker of national prominence, who has served in important positions calling for high commissions ability in May 26, friend, "musca domestica," and yet there are thousands of people in the United States who even at this day cannot see the necessity of employing a special study of the transportation. second-class mail matter. He declined President Wilson's appointment on the Federal Reserve board in 1914 but is now serving as chairman of permanent commission on rela tions botween the United States and Uruguay. In 1912 he was chosen president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, and served two years. Mr. Wheeler is a native of Brooklyn, who went to Chicago as a lad and began his career in a smal

position in a credit house.

May Futrelle, popular novelist and short story writer, whose husband, Jacques Futrelle, perished in the Lusitania disaster, 40 years old today.

Francis Vielle-Griffin, American-born writer who is one of the most famous writer who is one of the most famous posts of contemporary France, 54

years old today. Queen Mary of England, 50 years old today. Dr. Elijah A. Hanley, who recently resigned as president of Franklin col-lere of Indiana, 46 years old today.

### The Scissors Route

Coming to the Mountains, (Charlotte Observer.)

The Asheville Citizen seems to have had satisfactory evidence that "West-ern North Carolina will experience the greatest tourist patronage in its his-tory the coming summer." There is no reason why it should not. The Eu-ropean travel has been cut off for three seasons, and the great body of these tourist Americans having se-cured for the first time an idea of the vastness of their own country and the tourist assets which it holds, have got into the habit of touring America. and of course they are learning that Western North Carolina is the greatest part of this great country. people who travel have an abundance of money this year, and they are go-ing to spend more of it in the moun-tains of North Carolina than ever be-

Baltimore Saw It First.

(Wilmington Star.) Opportunities cast their shadows before, but it is often the case that neither the opportunities nor their hadows are seep. Baitimore saw an opportunity in a North Carolina product and she seized it and converted it into an industrial proposition Carolina produces the beans and also furnishes a large amount of the pork, for we have kept track of several large shipments of North Caroline hogs, sold to packing houses in the Maryland city.

the demand is larger than the supply. Eastern North Carolina leads all the states in the production of soy beans, and practically every bit of the soil in Eastern North Carolina is peculiarly adapted to the production of that most valuable farm product. Baltimore saw a canning opportunity in it and she get busy. She can sell tons of the canned product to the United States army alone, but for two years she has been doing her bit towards supplying the European armies with pork and

Yet, we hear sensible people of Wilmington say that we don't need a can-ning establishment here, "because there is nothing to can." As a matter of fact. Fallimore found out that we had beans to can and other cities have found out that we had strawberries and huckleberries to can. We have millions of bushels of sweet potatoes to can, and if we haven't got vegetables to can it is because we have no cannery.

It is about time for us to come off the perch and quit letting Baltimore and other cities see opportunies first and draw upon North Carolina for their canning products.

Room for Roosevelt.

(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.)
It is intimated from Washington that some way will be found of utilizing Colonel Roosevelt's zeal and en-ergy in the service of the country. The sincerity of our hope that this may be done is not at all incompati-ble with the objections previously raised with entrusting to him at the outset a military command to which he could bring neither theoretical proficiency nor the capacity to be drawn from ripe experience in modern warfare. To say that the colonel has no demonstrated ability for the leadership of a large body of troops is only to state an incontestible fact, and that statement should be conclusive of the proposition for sendcorps or a division. But to deny him opportunity to prove his mettle m a post of secondary rank and respon-sibility, in which the door for promotion would stand open to proved desert, is quite another question.
Stripped of a vaulting ambition for immediate high preferment, his ardent desire for a part in the struggle is commendable, and within the limits of prudence and reason should be placed to have it gratified. Bonaparte said that "every French soldier carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack." The men now in highest commands in the French and British armies served long appren-ticeships before being called up higher. The American who shall go the war with a regiment at his b will not lack chances to achieve fame and rank if he has in him the of which real generals are made. After all the glory that lies in golden spurs is in the winning of them, not the mere wearing.

### This Date in History

May 26. 1781—Congress resolved to establish
the Bank of North American,
the first regularly established
bank in the United States.
1798—Great defeat of the United
Irishmen by the British at Battle of Tars -Bavaria became a constitution-

al monarchy. 1864—Montana was organized as a Gen. Kirby Smith, last of the Confederate commanders, sur-rendered; cessation of all hosti-

rendered; cessation of all hostilities in civil war.

-Princess Victoria Mary of Teck,
Queen Mary of England, born,
the first Queen Consort of England in 400 years, since the
reign of Henry VIII, to have
been born in the kingdom and
heavest up to England as an

brought up in England as an Englishwoman. Fenian raid from the United States into Canada repelled by

the militia.

Convention regarding Greek frontier signed by Turkey and the powers. Coronation of Cear Nicholas II

and Czarina Alexandra of Rus. eta (dethroned last March), at Kremlin Moseow.

-United States Supreme court decided that government has no

right to lake front in Chicago.

-Mrs. William McKinley (born
Ida Saxton of Canton, O.,)
widow of President McKinley, widow of President McKinley, died.

1911—Mobile, Ala., celebrated its 200th anniversary; Springfield, Mass., its 275th anniversary.

1916—Died, Dr. Timothy Dwight, president of Yale university from 1886 to 1899; born Nov. 16, 1828.

1915—THE WAR:
English battleship Triumph

Finglish battleship Triumph sunk at the Dardanelles. Italy declared blockade of Aus-

train ports.

Zeppelin raid on Southend-onSea, England, killed three
women. Bulgarian troops entered Greece down the Struma and took possession of several Greek forts with the permission of King Constantine but with opposition on the part of the garrisons.
The Rockefeller Foundation appropriated \$1,000,000 for the relief of war sufferers in Poland, Serbia, Montenegro and

LAUREL, RHODODENDRON AND THE WILD FLOWERS OF THE MOUNTAINS IN BLOCM, THE WORLD'S GREATEST MOUNTAIN TRIP MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK.

### OFFICIALS PUZZLED AT WITHDRAWAL OF GOLD BY JAPAN FROM AMERICA

ords in Amount Withdrawn.

REASON A MYSTERY.

WASHINGTON, May 25 .- Treasury officials engrossed in the far-reachng program of international financing upon which the country lately has enered, today turned their chief attention to the unexpected and somewhat disconcerting discovery that for the past month Japan has been with-drawing gold from the United States at the rate of \$150,000,000 to \$200,-600,000 a year.

Gold exports to Japan within the past three or four weeks, it was stated, have been between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000. Since January 1 they have totalled \$35,000,000. With-Maryland city.

Baltimore canneries are canning soy beans and pork in large quantities and the demand is larger than the supply. Shipments are being made by bank-ng interests with the full knowledge of the Japanese government. In at least one instance, the Japanese gov-ernment has approached this government with a view to facilitating the trans-Pacific movement. Officials here cannot account for

the seemingly large movement on the ground that it is to restore the bal-ance in trade and investigators are checking the foreign commerce statis-tics to ascertain if the big shipments are due to economic laws.

The mystery is more economic than The mystery is more economic than political, it is said, and there is nowhere apparent any disposition to question the motives of the government or citizens of Japan in withdrawing all the gold to which they are At the same time entitled. realized that heavy exports of gold from this country are highly undesirable.

The British officials, including Lord Cunliffe, governor of the Bank of England, have noted with surprise the tendency of American gold to flow westward and have discussed the situation with treasury officials. The British agree that it is to the interest of all concerned that the United States conserve its supply of gold, al-though it is at present the largest store ever held within a single nation's boundaries and greatly in excess of actual requirements.

SPRING RAIN.

(Sara Teasdale in the Century Maga zine.)
I thought I had forgotten,

But it al. came back again Tonight with the first spring thunder In a rush of rain.

remembered a darkened doorway Where we stood while the storm swept by,
Thunder gripping the earth
And lightning scrawled on the sky.

The passing motor buses swaved For the street was a river of rain. Lashed into little golden waves

In the lamplight's stain. With the wild spring rain and thun der My heart was wild and gay;

our eyes said more to me that night Than your lips would ever say. thought I had forgotten, But it all came back again Conight with the first spring thunder

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North Carolina state	00,000.00
bonds	10,000.00
All other stocks, bonds and	20,000.00
mortgages	None
Premium on bonds	None
Banking houses	
Furniture and fixtures	5,000.00
All other real estate owned	None
Demand loans	32,278.11
Ote from national banks.	9,436.39
Due from state banks and	
bankers	43,123.61
Cash items	16,734.58
fold coin	1,710.90
Bilver coin, including all	-,,,,-
minor coin currency	1,392.59
Vational bank notes and	2,002.00
other U. S. notes	11,771.00
Crust investments	None
ruse myestments	None
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Total \_\_\_\_.\$790,304.76 Linbilities.

Capital stock paid in ...\$100,000.00 Surplus fund ........... None Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes 5,629.55 None None

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WM. F. DUNCAN,

Notary Public.

My commission expires Feb. 23, 1918. Correct-Attest: EDWIN L. RAY, S. LIPINSKY, W. R. WHITSON,

### AGRARIAN DISORDERS IN RUSSIA ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE SERIOUS

Japanese Breaking All Rec. Martial Law Proclaimed in Some Districts to Curb Rioters.

ANARCHISTS BUSY.

PETROGRAD, Thursday, May 24. (Via London, May 25.)-The agrarian disorders, wholesale confiscation of property, incendiarism and other dangerous symptoms of anarchy which followed the overthrow of the old authority in many important industrial centers and agricultural districts of Central and Southern Russia are becoming more serious, according to dispatches from various points in

Bessarabia and Siberia.

In many cities the soldiers' committees, by taking prompt action have succeeded in anticipating revolts and in restraining the impulse of the population toward indiscriminate confiscation and all kinds of lawlessness. In others, however, the peasants de-In others, however, the peasants, defying restraint, have burned or sacked and appropriated government and private properties and a general state of anarchy prevails.

Yeneisek, in Central Siberia, reports that during the last three weeks, thirty houses were burned and that the population is in a condition of panic. Men of various foreign na-tionalities, headed by anarchist leaders and escaped criminals, have over-run the district, the advices state. The deputies declared martial law and silders!

deputies declared martial law and all
public institutions and officials are under the orders of a military dicta-

According to a dispatch from Tsar-itysh, in the government of Saratory, all authority has been overthrown in the city which is completely in the hands of the peasants. The soldiers hands of the peasants. The soldiers levied a contribution of 1,500,000 rubles for the increase of their pay and confiscated ships on the Volga. A farm belonging to Madame Bekmarmareaba, in the Orei government, was overrun by a mob of 20,000 who wrecked the place. The mills also were demolished.

The latest reports from the Minsk government state that the agrarian disorders have reached such a point that they threaten to complete ruin of agriculture there. In one district all the wine cellars were sacked and the militia found itself powerless to pre-

vent drunken riots.

Public organizations and committees are striving to stem the tide of anarchy which is sweeping many districts of Bessarabia. The Kishinev peasants have driven their cattle onto fields where grain was being reserved.

fields where grain was being reserved. Food conditions are particularly serious in this part of Russia.

The Pskov district committee has decided that all agricultural lands may be taken free of charge and this has resulted in a general confiscation. Proclamations are being issued by the various local governments in an effort to prevent the state of anarchy spreading to the thus-far law-abiding districts.

Judge William Le Baron Putman, presiding justice of the United States Circuit court of New England, one of the oldest federal judges in the country, 82 years old today.

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