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Labor and Food

While the American nation lies at the mercy of food gamblers and food pirates, congress continues to dawdle along, and a few conscientious individuals in the legislative body are deliberately blocking the Lever bill...

Voice of the People

ANOTHER VIEW OF "DRAFT"

Editor Citizen: Having heard that the people of the south are to a certain degree opposed to the new army bill, and being an Asheville man, myself, I wish to say a few words in regard to the army...

Concerning Reprisals

The Citizen is surprised to note that some of its friends, in reading recent editorials in this paper which discussed reprisals by the allies for German barbarities, have jumped to the conclusion that The Citizen would follow out the "eye for eye, and tooth for tooth" policy against Germany.

With the Wags

Change. Ruth is an alchemist I know. And so I'll have to drop her. For every time I'm out with her My silver turns to copper.

killing and wounding of non-combatants, and the murder of women and children. In this respect we are reminded of a recent statement by Hall Caine, the famous English novelist, who is one of the foremost advocates of the reprisal policy in England.

When The Citizen talks about reprisals and the necessity therefore it has in mind only the thought that reprisal by the allies should be confined to the bombardment from the air of German fortifications, German munitions plants and German naval bases.

In the death of James E. Norton, formerly of Asheville, and later of New York, the newspaper world has lost one of its brightest minded members, and his friends a companion whose kind heart never failed in consideration of them.

TOBACCO SMOKE

Tobacco smoke can soothe a man With care of life opposed. When after words of the day He'll smoke at night and rest; 'Tis then somehow in clouds of smoke His troubles fade away.

Notable Birthdays

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SAVOYARD'S VIEWS

WOMAN SUFFRAGE. Out of tune, certainly out of step, with the period, I am very much opposed to woman suffrage, because it is impossible for the woman to franchise to help her, and it is calculated to do her much injury.

And I'll try to tell you a story that is authentic history and illustrates how feminine is the sex. In the reign of Charles II the last heir of the great name of Percy—"I saw young Harry with his beaver on" was the report that set atiling all the hearts before, was named Harry in the reign of Charles II a young daughter of Northumberland was wedded in her childhood to young Lord Ogle, a brother of the duke of Albemarle, whose consort was one of the notorious "Cabals."

In that age there was a family of adventurous and brilliant scamps of the name of Kensington. One of the daughters was the mistress of Augustus the Strong king of Saxony, by whom she became the mother of the Field Marshal Maurice of Saxe, who subsequently died so much in glory to the arms of France.

The lady cared nothing for Kensington, though possibly she knew him. Certainly she had a horror of the murder. Subsequently she became the duchess of the duke of Somerset, who was an active partisan in all the vile and hell-fired politics of Queen Anne's reign.

And here comes my argument against woman suffrage. I have characterized the politics of that period as "hell-fired"; it was worse than that. Dean Swift, the partisan of Bolingbroke and the inveterate enemy of Marlborough, wrote a poem about as long as your finger that he styled "The Windsor prophecy"—and prophecy it proved, in political result—in which he accused the duchess of Somerset of being privy to the murder of her second husband, Tom-of-Ten-Thousand, and of the odious crime of having seduced him.

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The Scissors Route

The American Gunner. (Louisville Courier-Journal.) It is not to be expected that the German submarine will fail to make a score against American shipping, but the efficiency of American gunners may be counted upon as a factor in the fight.

The entire military theory upon which Germany has set out to smash through to Paris was the simple formula for victory which legend credits to an illustrious American officer. "Hit their fat with the mostest men."

The campaign which began in Belgium was an effort to overwhelm an unprepared enemy who could not bring into the field within two or three months sufficient numbers and sufficient equipment to resist the invasion. That the plan failed does not argue the singular efficiency of the Germans, especially when we consider the undoubted fact that they made an error in assuming the superiority of numbers on their side, or the superiority of their guns.

Hal's New Blow

(Charleston News-Courier.) The new British blow is the more interesting because it was delivered at a new point well outside of the effort had previously been confined. The Ypres salient lies nearly fifty miles to the north of the main battlefields of the Arras drive.

This Date in History

- 1826—Cornerstone of Bunker Hill monument laid with great ceremonies at Boston, Lafayette being in present.
- 1882—Sir William Crookes, famous English scientist, inventor of Crookes tube, born.
- 1883—William King, first governor of Maine after the separation of her as Massachusetts, died, aged eighty-four.
- 1888—Eben S. Draper, noted manufacturer, governor of Massachusetts, born; died April 9, 1914.
- 1860—Charles Frohman, famous American theatrical producer, born at Sandusky, O.; perished with sinking of Lusitania May 7, 1915.
- 1867—West Virginia university founded at Morgantown.
- 1872—International peace jubilee opened at Boston.
- 1892—Ulster convention at Belfast in opposition to home rule; 12,000 delegates present.
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