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To Pave Biltmore Avenue

Few announcements of intended improvements have meant more to this city than the statement that the city commissioners will pave Biltmore avenue next spring, as early as the weather will permit. To the citizen's way of thinking never has a public thoroughfare—an important one without—so badly needed repairing as Biltmore avenue needs it at the present time. When the average citizen considers the fact that the present Biltmore avenue paving has done duty for twenty-seven years, he will readily agree that this thoroughfare owes nothing to the city, but has paid for its initial laying and subsequent upkeep many times over. We doubt if there are any instances in this country where street paving can show a like record. That the job was well done goes without saying, and it is worthy of note that the man who laid the pavement nearly thirty years ago, Mr. J. R. Oates, still lives in this city to look back upon the excellence of his work.

But, as previously intimated, the Biltmore avenue paving has outlived its usefulness, and has now reached the stage where it is almost worse than not paving at all. There is a story going the rounds to the effect that a well-known resident of Columbia, S. C., who comes to Asheville every summer, last year declared that the roughest part of the trip between Columbia and Asheville was the stretch of road between Victoria and the Swannanoa hotel. One of our own leading citizens was recently heard to say that the particular stretch of road under discussion was harder on automobiles than ten or twenty miles of ordinary country travel. It is true that Biltmore avenue has been patched here and there from time to time, and that some of the yawning holes have been occasionally filled up, but the road as a whole is so far removed from the type of paving for which Asheville is famous that it should be taken up at the earliest opportunity. It is only fair to say, however, that but for the building restrictions imposed by the war, our city commissioners would have made this improvement a year or so ago.

Now that the Asheville-Hendersonville concrete highway is an accomplished fact, it is more imperative than ever that the last link of the road to the heart of our city should be in keeping with the entire undertaking. Otherwise the enthusiasm which the new concrete highway will create may be deadened on the last lap of a day's journey. Nothing, we feel sure, that our city commissioners could undertake in the way of civic improvements will meet with heartier approval than the repaving of Biltmore avenue.

Wasted Chivalry

A writer in one of the great New York dailies declared the other day that the allies in peace conference assembled could well afford to be generous to their vanquished foes. "Chivalry has always taught the victor," he mouthed, "to approach the fallen in justice and mercy rather than in anger and revenge."

There you have the professional pacifist and German propagandist still at work. Why speak of chivalry in connection with anything German? The quality of mercy would be wasted indeed on a nation whose brutalities and savagery will never be forgotten. What chivalry prompted General Von Jarosky when in demanding the handing over of \$30,000,000 from the city of Brussels in less than forty-eight hours he shouted: "All Belgians are dogs, and we are going to make an example of them. We are going to make of Louvain a desert. We shall wipe it out so that it will be hard to find where Louvain used to stand. For generations people will come here to see what we have done, and it will teach them to fear and respect Germany and to think twice before they resist her. We shall not

leave one stone on another, I tell you—not a single stone."

What do such swine know of chivalry? Why speak of "generosity" to the heartless hordes who abused the Red Cross flag, burned hospitals, buried wounded civilians alive, imprisoned and persecuted nurses, murdered women and children in cold blood, and trampled under foot every known code of warfare? While the Hun was in the saddle he believed implicitly in the teachings of his paginated professors that the German purpose is superior to every other purpose, and justifies at all times a servile obedience and a ruthless dictatorship. The German military system that would now whine for chivalry and generosity would grind to atoms every vestige of civilization and would revile all that Christianity holds dear. And it was such a system that the German people approved with loud "hechs" and hurrahs. They laughed with unholy glee when they read of the women and children of the Lusitania struggling in the waters of death; they thrilled with patriotic pride when they were told how the fires of hell rained on London and Paris; they grimly smiled and talked about the fortunes of war when they heard how German soldiers bayoneted little babies that ran out to greet them, and they all but applauded when the story of the foul murder of Edith Cavell shocked the rest of the world. Shall we prate of chivalry for such as these? They who talk along such lines are still doing Germany's dirty work. The Hun can never be anything but the sworn enemy of mankind.

Notes and Comments

"Buy War Savings stamps: buy them today."

Having knowledge of Burleson's peculiar ambitions, it is not surprising that he favors government ownership of everything.

We suppose that the surrendering ships of Germany's fleet were also manned by "vanquished victors."

And there will come a time when visitors will no more "bump the bumps" on Biltmore avenue.

"Grip" may come, and colds may go, but the "flu" stays on forever.

COMING HOME

Hail! Our conquering heroes come! Fame unblemished; victory won! Wreaths and nations safe once more From the deadly cannon's roar! From the savage lust and hate, From the fangs of savage fate! Went they forth to help, to save France and England—Belgium brave, Went they forth when hope seemed lost. They have won! 'Tis great the cost! Hail, all hail! give homage due To our boys in brown and blue! To our heroes! to our Yanks! Heroes of the trench and tank! Heroes of the air and sea, Heroes who have made man free! Heroes of immortal fame! Led by Perahing! hail the name! Give them welcome! give them cheer! Give them care and comforts dear! Give them love and give them joy, Give them praise—our soldier boys! They have given blood and life In the deadly zones of strife! Some have left an arm behind, Some are lame and some are blind! Give them gratitude and love, Give them blessings from above! Hail our heroes of the fight—Victors for the true, the right! They, Old Glory have unfurled O'er the fens of the world. MARY A. GIELLOW (In N. Y. Times)

HOW THE PROBATION LAW WORKS

The case of Sophie Donelson is an illustration of the workings of the Probation Law as described by Zoe Beckley in The People's Home Journal in an article on "The Court of Mercy." Sophie Donelson, a country girl, stole some silk stockings in a department store and was taken before Judge Edwin L. Garvin in the Court of Special Sessions in Brooklyn. Judge Garvin paroled Sophie to Mary Bland, a probation officer, who got her a position, watched over her and finally saw her a successful and trusted department head in his store. "All over the land," says Judge Garvin, "are women who are just as mad for beautiful clothes and good times as was little Sophie Donelson. The only difference is that fate or chance gives these others the things they crave. Some father or husband buys happiness for them. No one bought it for Sophie. So Sophie, having no resources, tried to take it for herself. "Thirty or forty years ago," continues Judge Garvin, "the law would have sent Sophie to jail or to a reformatory and she would have emerged worse than she went in. There was no probation, then, no system whereby society through the courts, supervises, disciplines, and punishes those who have broken the law without committing them to a penal or reformatory institution—which is the actual definition of probation."

CLOCKS SET BACK

AMERICAN ARMY IN OCCUPATION, Monday, Dec. 16.—(By The Associated Press.) By decree of the American military authorities the clocks at Coblenz, Treves and elsewhere in the occupied areas were set back an hour on Sunday. The change from the German time was made so that the clock in the occupied areas would correspond with the time used by the American forces. In accordance with the terms of the armistice, the German Sunday motor trucks, about 500 of these have been assembled at Coblenz. As rapidly as possible the former German army trucks are being manned by Americans and used to bring up supplies. German built trucks, driven by Americans, rumbled through the streets of Coblenz on Sunday but they did not attract much attention.

PLATTEAU DID IT

"You seem able-bodied and healthy, you ought to be strong enough to work," she remarked scornfully. "Yes, ma'am, I know, and you seem beautiful enough to be on the stage, but evidently you prefer the simple life." He got a meal without any further reference to work.—From The People's Home Journal

America's Honor List

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Force: Killed in action 243 Died of wounds 119 Died of accident and other causes 19 Died of airplane accident 2 Died from disease 271 Wounded severely 1,137 Wounded (degree undetermined) 851 Wounded slightly 154 Missing in action 537 Total 3,153

North Carolina's representation in the foregoing figures is as follows: Killed in Action.

Private Charles A. Collins, Kipling, Greer, Wm., Morrisville, Chiles R. Gavin, Warsaw, Preston B. Loftin, Grifton, Vaughan E. Smith, Wilmington.

Died From Accident. Private Clifton Irby, Winston-Salem.

Died of Wounds. Mechanic John T. Adams, Wilson; Private Lee Weaver, Durham.

Died of Disease. Lieutenant Austin J. Howard, Sealeburg; Sergeant Algernon S. Neal, McIver; Private Hall J. Smith, Concord; Will Bowdin, Magan, Adeline H. Locke, Pembroke, Dudley King, Laurensburg; Henry Kinton, Currie; Rufus Lee, Leesburg; John T. Lisenby, Albemarle; Lonnie W. Smith, Calhoun; Cuthbert C. Ward, Ryland; Frank Barnes, Wilson; Charles D. Beazer, Apex.

Wounded Severely. Corporal William H. Honeycutt, Holly Springs; James Baskerville, Henderson; Fred M. Baugus, State Road; Louis W. Misset, Williamston; Claude M. Parker, Alexandria; Charles A. Wade, Cid Bugler Ernest M. Cuthbertson, Neco; Private Thomas Harris, Carthage; Edward A. Story, Norwood; Neil T. Melroy, Dalton; Eula Price, Ashland; James H. Watkins, Arden; James R. Cuttle, Rockingham; William Farris, Madison; William Hassell, Williamston; Rufus R. Sante, Faison; McKinley R. P. Speed, Pylon; Winwood Wilson, Rufus Hayes, Elrod; Robert J. Steele, Selma; Bernice C. Olive, Holly Springs; Charles M. Ewell, Charles; Thomas E. Robertson, Zebulon; William A. Bishop, Scotland; Leonard Gregory, Joe; Clarence Baxter, Mooresville; Evan-der Lee, Ashboro; Dan May, Walstonburg; Jerome Wright, Goldsboro; James Carroll Lucas, Ayden.

Wounded (Degree Undetermined). Private Jesse Burroughs, Ether; Clarence W. James, Swepsonville; Levi Fulcher, Newbern.

Wounded Slightly. Sergeant Lewis G. G. Powelson, Wake; James Westley, Boyd, Senora; Clifton G. Penn, Henderson; Corporal Leo T. Brinson, Kinston; Private Gus Griffin, Marshville; Claud J. Needham, Old Tryon.

Missing in Action. Corporal Clarence Burleson, Bakersville; Wade Hampton Johnson; Hayne; George W. Rhyme, Castoria; Charles R. Ewell, Lenoir; H. L. Martin, Harris; HERBERT C. MURRAY, ASHEVILLE, R. F. D. 4.)

SECTION 2

Killed in action 105 Died of wounds 187 Died of accident and other causes 2

Died of disease 32 Wounded severely 927 Wounded (degree undetermined) 445 Wounded slightly 732 Missing in action 109 Total 2,870

Wounded Severely. Sergeant Hubard Bray, Wooddale; Orlan D. Freeman, Franklinton; William E. Jordan, Lenoir; Corporal Obie K. Jones, Hendersonville; Elder E. Heath, Bolivia; Jesse C. Hyman, Hobgood; Ivey R. Stroup, Dallas; Perry A. Wilson, Lenoir; Benjamin F. White, Hendersonville; Homer Lester, Newsom; George E. Clark, Newton; Ernest Etheridge, Winston-Salem; June J. Lester, New River; William Pendergrass, Henderson; Franklin Kayle Quinn, Candler; Richard L. Hendricks, Herford; Otto T. Mangum, Stem; Clyde A. Register, Dover; Ernest B. Hudson, Elkin; Robert L. Hicks, Gastonia; Joseph R. Phelps, Lenoir.

Wounded (Degree Undetermined). Private Arthur Frederick Brignon, Canton; Horace Clark, Elm City; John W. Tucker, Star, McElroy; Waynesville; Mark Whiteside, Bryson City.

Wounded Slightly. Surgeon William O. Sperkman, Durham; Sergeant Luther A. Jackson, Middleburg; Corporal Larry C. Wilkerson, Roxboro; John W. Bentley, Kannapolis; William K. Parker, Windsor; Elisha Stanfield, Senora; Julian F. Woodson, Stantonburg; James J. Hillard, Faison; Nathan E. Williams, Rocky Mount; Mechanics Will Tucker, Roxboro; James G. Mabie, Madison; Carrol Beck, Raleigh; Frank L. Green, Whittier; Archie B. Knight, Hendersonville; C. Davidson, Gastonia; Emmett Stanley, Henderson; James McRay, Laurel Hill; Dewitt Norris, Gilky; Carlin Council, Newsom; Lee Farmer, Elm City; GARRETT FRADY, Lenoir; George D. Tyndall, Newburn; Robert L. Ross, Gibson.

NO MORE NAVAL CREWS ON VESSELS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Crews of merchant sailors instead of naval men will be placed aboard all ships of the United States merchant marine engaged in the transportation of troops. This decision the shipping board announced tonight. In consequence of the elimination of the submarine danger, with the attendant discomfiture of the crews and other naval regulations which governed the movements of cargo vessels during the war, it is understood that no changes will be made for the present in the naval crews of merchant vessels already in service.

In making this announcement, Bainbridge Colby, acting chairman of the shipping board, said the board had been "guided by the necessity of restoring the usual commercial conditions of the government's merchant vessels as rapidly as possible in order to enable the ordinary competitive conditions to be met."

NEW PRESIDENT CHOSEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Santos Fernandez, representative of the Portuguese shipping board here, declared today that the new president of Portugal, Admiral Canto E. Castro, undoubtedly had been chosen by parliament "to conciliate all factions." Lacking complete information he said he believed Castro was now provisional head of the republic and subject to a future popular election.

President Castro is about fifty-five years old and was born in Lisbon. During the war, and until he became minister of marine, he was in command of the Portuguese naval patrol and coast defense.

A safe toy gun for children that has been invented and a wire ring with such a spin that it returns to the shooter.

The Scissors Route

No Time to Lose (Norfolk Virginian-Pilot) The Houston Post complains that Texas spends only ten thousand dollars a year for preservation of the twenty-five million acres of forests which represent "a very considerable proportion of the wealth of the state." The case of Virginia is practically as bad. While the old Dominion has, of course, no such area of forests as has the Lone Star commonwealth, its neglect in the matter of adequate conservation is none the less short sighted or culpable. It has, it is true, a forestry bureau, which is doing good work within the limits of the facilities and means of its command, but neither the facilities nor the means are a tithe of what the manifest necessities of the case demand. Leaving out of consideration the almost insupportable destruction, due to failure to protect the wooded mountains in which the rivers and streams which water the commonwealth take their rise, of natural resources of various kinds, it is within the mark to say that forest fires, in the case of the state, are a majority of instances, are alone costing the state several times the amount which would suffice to bring the forestry bureau up to something at least adequate to the present emergency and keep it so. The matter is one whose importance could not well be over-estimated, though general assembly in practically ignoring it. The time to lock the stable door is while the horse is still within. Unless forest conservation in Virginia shall soon be given the measure of consideration to which it is so obviously entitled, it can and will not be so very long before Virginia will have no forests left to conserve.

That Alibi

(Louisville Courier-Journal) If when thieves fall out honest men get their dues, it may be that when liars fall out truth crushed to earth is ready to rise and then to hurry back to its former position. The falling out of the former German emperor and his ministers is a case in point. It has long been pretty well established that when William II. and his low conspirators determined to precipitate war in the summer of 1914, they had a careful plan for pleading "alibi" in order to support a denial of any charge of responsibility for the war. The plan was for the kaiser to absent himself from the country during the period when Austria's ultimatum to force war was to be sprung and then to hurry back for the ostensible purpose of preventing war. How faithfully that plan was carried out is now history; but it is only since his flight to Holland that William, frightened by the demands of entente leaders for his personal punishment, has made a plea of the alibi.

But in the doing so he has overstepped the agreement and "peached" on his former pals, Bethmann-Hollweg and von Jagow. These twain were in with him in cooking up the alibi, but the scheme of the alibi was that Bethmann-Hollweg and von Jagow should be responsible for the war, but also his government, including Bethmann-Hollweg and von Jagow. William now, however, in his anxiety to clear himself does not hesitate to incriminate Bethmann-Hollweg and von Jagow. They, he declares, uncoined him. They shipped him off to Norway because they believed these fateful weeks of the war might be able to frustrate the war. They got him away, he declares, in order to be able to put the conspiracy through. In this manner, to prove his own innocence, he acknowledges that he has lied for four years in insisting that he and his entire government were innocent.

But the proof is ample that he is lying now, as he lied for four years. The famous Potsdam conference at which it was arranged to use the assassination of Ferdinand as a pretext for war was held on July 5. On July 6 the kaiser, who was a leader in that conference, at which he promised to stand by Austria, "through thick and thin," left according to schedule for Norway, thus beginning the first of the pre-arranged alibi. On July 23 the Austria ultimatum was sent to Berlin. On the 28th the Austrian minister left Belgrade. On the 27th the kaiser returned to Berlin. And the "alibi" was complete.

There is ample official evidence, some of which was suppressed in the German "White Book," to show that the kaiser and his government were determined on war and successfully plotted to give Russia to mobilize and prevent any delay of action which would give Serbia time to secure the assistance of Russia and France, to accept in full the humiliating terms of Austria.

The former partner of God, by his latest utterances, has simply proved that he was an ex-kaiser, no less than he was as a kaiser, he is in full partnership with the Father of Lies.

Low Cost Menus

Breakfast. Oranges Rice and Salmon Hash Muffins Coffee

Luncheon. Tomato Soup Reheated Muffins Molasses Cookies Tea

Dinner. Baked Peas Brown Bread Celery Apple Custard Coffee

Breakfast. Rice and Salmon Hash—Chop all of the rice and peas. Add a little more boiled Rice, half a cup of moistened bread crumbs and one cold boiled potato chopped fine. Fry brown in butter on both sides.

Luncheon. Molasses Cookies—Mix one cup of molasses, a quarter of a cup of shortening, half a cup of boiling water with a teaspoon of soda dissolved in it and a teaspoon of ginger. Add just enough flour to roll well. Bake in a moderate oven.

Dinner. Baked Peas—Soak overnight two cups of dried peas in cold water. In the morning put them in a heavy pan with half a pound of fat salt pork and a pinch of soda. Add a little molasses and cover with boiling water. Bake two hours in a hot oven.

Apple Custard—Peas and quarter four large apples. Stew until quite soft but still whole. Grate over a little nutmeg and pour over a boiled custard made by heating one egg with a teaspoon of cornstarch and pouring over hot milk. About a cup and a half.

WILL REACH PARIS SUNDAY

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Havras)—David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, will arrive in Paris next Sunday. After a short stay in the capital he will proceed to the Riviera for a few days' rest.

A New Jersey inventor has patented a simple holder for hot eggs.

OFFICERS ARRIVE AT SWITZERLAND EN ROUTE FROM HUN PRISON CAMPS

Aviation Men Tell of Experiences During the War

RUSSIANS STARVING

BERNE, Dec. 17.—Lieutenant James Duke of Washington, Lieutenant Cassius Styles of Williston, N. Y., and Lieutenant Robert Raymond of Newton Center, Mass., have arrived in Switzerland, from a German prison camp on their way to France. These officers are attached to the American aviation service.

Lieutenant Styles told the Red Cross that his pilot, Lieutenant Walter Morris, had been killed. Although dying and unable to see, Morris said to him: "You there, Styles? It was my fault that we smashed. Hope you are not hurt. Goodbye." The Americans informed the Red Cross that the Russians at Rastatt, Germany, were dying at the rate of about six or eight daily from starvation. The Americans were given rifles by the German guards to protect their food stores from the Russians, who threatened to raid the American compound, they said.

The American cemetery at Rastatt now has nine graves. Lieutenant Styles left the gates of the camp open for the Americans to escape but an American sergeant posted American guards around the compound and compelled the prisoners to await the arrival of the Red Cross and American military trains from Switzerland.

Herbert Jones, of the 119th Infantry, declared to the American Red Cross that a German sergeant-major at Langensalza camp, struck American prisoners on the face with the flat of his sword without reason after lining them up for roll call. Jones himself was kicked by a guard until the lower part of his body was temporarily paralyzed.

Langensalza is the German prison camp where a considerable number of French prisoners were killed or wounded by guards several days after the signing of the armistice.

In a new English fireproofing process for timber chemicals are used which do not discolor wood but permit it to be nailed, glued, painted or polished as though it had not been treated.

A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends in Asheville for the many deeds of kindness bestowed upon my husband and myself during our stay in your town; also for the interest manifested at the time of his death. May God's richest blessings be yours. MRS. G. E. UNDERWOOD, Rokeoke Rapids, N. C. Dec. 16, 1918.

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