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The Right of Free Speech. Bayonets, rifles, pistols and knives are not the weapons of peaceful agitation which seeks to change or reform government.

Senator France, of Maryland, a patriotic citizen who is as far as possible from being a revolutionist, speaks for a considerable minority when he says that the government is multiplying radicals by prosecution.

Senator France gives useful warning against the tyranny which a democracy may fall into in fighting radicalism. There were last year several demonstrations by citizens against enthusiasts who were guilty of nothing more than unorthodoxy.

Doctrines no matter how wild or foolish must be opposed by the Jeffersonian and Miltonian antidote of reason and truth. But this plotting to shoot, burn and bomb the republic to pieces is a form of revolution which was unknown in America of Jefferson's day.

An Unknown Quantity. Discouraging on Russia, Frank Simonds, who is temperamentally pessimistic, recalls Napoleon's prophecy that Europe would be all republican or all Cossack within a century.

The French revolution ended after Napoleon had diverted the French energy from self-destruction to conquest, and after the Corsican was himself conquered. Will the bolsheviks find a leader who can throw them successfully for even a while against Western Europe, plunging the war weary peoples into another catastrophe?

By Motor to Mt. Mitchell. James W. Dillingham, of Dillingham in the Big Ivy country of north Buncombe, desires to interest this end of the state in an automobile line through Ivy to Mount Mitchell.

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are trying to devise means to keep those Perley and Crockett locomotives, built for Mountain climbing, busy every day throughout summer carrying passengers to within half mile of the peak.

Cherokee Ought to Prosper.

There must needs be meetings political, and there will be many of them this year. But a meeting called at Murphy this morning is of more importance to the people of Cherokee county than the name and politics of the next governor of North Carolina.

Cherokee is well endowed by nature as a grazing country. To the trained farmer good pasture lands mean not only plenty of cattle but hogs; for the swine fattened largely on forage enables his owner to overcome the excessive cost of total reliance on grain feeding.

The valleys of Cherokee, protected from extreme cold by the ranges of the Nantahala and other lofty ranges, are not less well adapted to winter pasture than Haywood county where the Springdale farm experiments have made winter grazing of cattle a demonstrated success.

Shipping Board Votes Dry.

The decision of the United States Shipping board banning alcohol beverages from its passenger ships plying between North and South American ports is viewed with dismay by some observers who looked forward to development of the merchant marine. It is argued by those who hoped drinks would be available outside the three-mile limit that American ships will be unable to compete with vessels whose victualing for voyage includes liberal supplies of wine, beer and stronger potations.

The decision prepares the way for an interesting experiment. One is reminded of the prophecies unverified that used to be made in local resort days that the drying up of certain resort cities would turn the stream of travel definitely to urban cases. It may well turn out that Americans, schooled by necessity to endure thirst at home, will not look with horror on a dry voyage. And it is also probable that the shipping board will not attempt to prevent Americans or foreigners from carrying a flask for medicinal purposes.

Intensive Use of Schools.

The city commissioners and Superintendent Weber are taking commendable action in opening night schools for instruction in carpentry and auto-mechanics. With state and federal aid the cost to the city will be negligible and the results should mean much to many a youthful worker who finds himself nearing manhood without technical knowledge or skill as a bread winner.

School buildings are plants so valuable that every effort must be made to operate them at their capacity for turning out trained minds and cunning hands. Through the manual training and domestic science departments, through night schools and community forums, youth as well as men and women of the city may be given the knowledge that will increase their earning power and make them better citizens.

The schoolhouse of the future will be a community center as well as a training ground for boys and girls. With recreation and study varied so as to avoid weariness to the flesh from much study, the class rooms will be open twelve months in the year. Those backward in academic work will be classified for trade instruction. In the evenings mothers and fathers will gather to discuss community questions and give body to civic opinion. Night schools will enroll almost as many as the day shifts. Those who have talents, time and money for university careers will receive the careful attention that is given them today, but the schools will more nearly meet the needs of all classes and will better deserve the name of public education.

It would seem that Jess Willard had had enough trouble without being prosecuted as a profiteer in selling wood from his farm. The court found that Jess had given away several cords and that he had offered wood to the Topeka commissioners at their own price. Let him saw wood in peace.

The United States Shipping board holds that prohibition follows the flag. Water, water everywhere and nothing but water to drink.

Clemenceau, so far from having been ready for chloroform at 60, is preparing for matrimony at 78.

A WAY TO FAME.

Fame is very easily acquired. All you have to do is to be in the right place at the right time and do the right thing in the right way—and then advertise it widely.—Kansas City Star.

WASTED TIME.

Another useless expenditure of time is telling the salesman how much less you could have bought the same article a few years ago.—Washington Star.

A STRANGER TO HIM.

Groom—Who is that quiet little man in the corner who gazes at me so earnestly? Bride—That—Oh I'll introduce him after lunch! That's father.—London Answers.

A COMMON COMPLAINT.

Physician—Lo you ever have any trouble with your stomach? Patient—Yes, doctor, getting it comfortably full.—Boston Transcript.

THE SCISSORS ROUTE

SETTING NAVY HONORS CONTROVERSY. (New York Times) As congress would have authority to change honor awards to naval officers the order of Secretary Daniels to reconvene the board of awards "to reconsider the whole subject" is the best course to pursue.

Such a letter as Admiral Sims wrote to the secretary is inhuman in the services. Evidently it was prompted by a sense of duty and reflected the opinion of other officers of high rank. Admiral Mayo, who commanded the Atlantic fleet, and Admiral Wilson, who commanded the American squadron in French waters with headquarters at Brest, have also complained in letters to Secretary Daniels that their recommendations had not received proper consideration, and this in spite of the fact that it is the business of the board alone to make awards, subject, however, to the secretary's approval.

The admirals properly consider Secretary Daniels the awarder of honors. The board is his medium of information, and he leans upon it for advice; but it is his decision that is authoritative. The board is not a creation of the statute law. An appeal may be to the President as commander in chief, but he might not care to overrule the secretary. If there is an impression that Mr. Daniels alone disapproved of recommendations by Admiral Knight and his associates did not agree with Admiral Sims as to thirteen out of his nineteen recommendations, all of which related to officers on his staff, it is not surprising if other admirals in London, and, in one instance, to naval operations at Washington. But the admiral did not rest his case upon his personal recommendations; he took issue with awards to officers "who were defeated in action, or whose ships were sunk or seriously damaged" by the enemy.

VOICE OF PEOPLE.

MR. BUCKNERS LETTER. The Key to State Development. To the Editor of The Star: The Editor of your issue of the 15th instant has just called to my attention and strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of the people of Western North Carolina.

Good roads is the key to a successful community in education, fine buildings, agriculture, churches and in fact every line of endeavor. "Build Good Roads and the People Will Come to Your Community" is absolutely true, it has been proven in Asheville, Buncombe county, and Western North Carolina. It has been proven true in Wilmington and New Haven. It has been proven throughout California and the northwest, where there are stretches of 100 to 200 miles of concrete high ways.

During August of this year the railroads handled 150,000 tons of freight and at least 80 per cent more came in automobiles. There is a greater percentage of visitors every year coming to Asheville in automobiles.

In the early period of development of good roads in macadam, now an obsolete type of road, was considered the best road construction, a popular phrase used by good road enthusiasts was "township and county lines have been eliminated by good roads." This has since been surpassed by "state lines have now long since been eliminated by good roads." With the improvement in automobile construction, there is hardly a county in the state but that 30 or 40 minutes is all that is required to travel into the next county by automobile. Fifteen years ago the business of America was conducted by horse-drawn vehicles at from four to eight miles an hour and now it is 20 to 40 miles an hour, due to improved methods of transportation or automobiles and good roads.

With paved roads from Wilmington, the shipyards and port of which North Carolina is justly proud, the traffic between these two great cities of the state will be greater than that of enjoyed by the Lincoln highway from east to west. The Dixie highway passes through Buncombe county for a distance of 25 miles from the Madison county line north the Henderson county line south. It is paved all the way, with the exception of three miles of heavy sand gravel, and real estate along the entire stretch has increased 200 to 600 per cent and the people are prosperous, progressive and content.

We congratulate Onslow county in securing the investment of one of our Asheville citizens, F. M. Weaver, former president of the board of trade for three years. He must have recognized wonderful possibilities down there, because greater possibilities, the writer believes, exist here in "The Land of the Sky" than anywhere else in all the wide, wide world.

Anyways here's hoping that the counties in Eastern and Central North Carolina will build paved roads to connect the coast with the mountains. We feel that Wilmington and Eastern North Carolina have just pride in the great mountain wealth of their own state. "The Land of the Sky" with nearly all of the high mountain peaks of Eastern America, and the climax of altitude east of the Rockies in Mt. Mitchell, whose topmost glory may be enjoyed over the wonderful Mt. Mitchell railroad.

BOTH MISTAKEN.

(New Haven Register) Wick—Back to town again? I thought you were a farmer. Hek—You made the same mistake I did.

A SEX DIFFERENCE.

"I don't want to criticize women. I know they're all right." "But you'll never see a man buy a wire frame for a hat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE USUAL WAY.

When a person favors compulsory military training, it is usually the other fellow's training.—Buffalo Courier.

WHERE HE FAILED.

"I hear you were out late with Curlycue, the famous inventor." "Yep, I took him home with me too." "Well?" "But he couldn't invent an excuse that would pass muster with my wife."—Louisville Courier Journal.

PERFECT BLISS.

Our idea of a happy life would be to live beyond our income and not have anything happen.—Ohio State Journal.

Daily Reminder

"IN THE DAY'S NEWS." J. Hampton Moore, who today becomes Mayor of Philadelphia, was until recently the representative of the Third Pennsylvania district in congress. In days gone by Mr. Moore has been nationally prominent in a variety of capacities. Thus for a time he was chief of the bureau of manufacturers of the department of commerce and labor. For two terms he was president of the national republican league. More recently he has been president of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways association, and as such he has visited many of the cities of the United States in advocacy of the desired national legislation.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

- 1796—Samuel Huntington, a Connecticut signer of the Declaration of Independence, died at Norwich, Conn. Born at Windham, Conn., July 3, 1771. 1814—British ships Bacchante and Saracen captured the fortress of Cattaro after a cannonade of ten days. 1838—The Canadian insurgents made an unsuccessful attack on Toronto. 1840—The Chinese emperor issued an interdiction against intercourse with England forever. 1858—The English and French entered Canton, China, after several days' bombardment. 1891—Emma Abbott, one of the most popular American opera singers of her day, died. Born in Chicago, December 5, 1856. 1893—Japan refused an armistice in the war with China. 1916—Premier Asquith introduced a compulsory service bill in the house of commons.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

Six transports reached New York with 7,000 troops. Death of Count von Hertling, former German imperial chancellor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

Rev. Olympia Brown, reformer and equal suffrage advocate, born at Prairie Ronde, Mich., 35 years ago today. Maj. Gen. Adelbert Cronkhite, U. S. A., who commanded the 13th division in France, born in New York, 59 years ago today. Isaac Bacharach, representative in congress of the Second New Jersey district, born in Philadelphia, 59 years ago today. William R. Wood, representative in congress of the Tenth Indiana district born at Oxford, Ind., 59 years ago today.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

The United States congress reconvenes today after its holiday recess. Italy today will launch a campaign for subscription to the victory loan. Decision in the so-called beer cases is expected from the Supreme court of the United States today when it reconvenes after a two weeks' recess. J. Hampton Moore, late representative in congress, will be formally installed in office today as mayor of Philadelphia.

Today has been fixed as the date for beginning the trial of I. W. W. members accused of murder growing out of the Armistice day massacre at Centralia, Wash. A special convention of the United Mine Workers of America meets at Columbus today to approve or disapprove the recent action of the policies board in calling off the coal strike.

Following his holiday visit in Lincoln, Neb., General Pershing is scheduled to resume his tour today with a visit of inspection to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. The Kansas legislature meets in special session today to consider a bill to provide for an industrial court and various other measures calculated to lessen the differences between capital and labor. Pursuant to a call issued by Chairman A. T. Hert the committee on arrangements for the republican national convention next June is to hold its first meeting today in Chicago.

Secretary Daniels has ordered the navy department's board of awards to reconvene today to revise the recent recommendations as to naval awards, which have been a source of controversy between the secretary and certain high officers in the navy.

TODAY'S CALENDAR OF SPORTS.

- Racing. Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey club, at Havana. Opening of 15-day meeting at Ascot Park, Los Angeles. Baseball. Annual meeting of the national commission, at Cincinnati. Meeting of Virginia league, at Newport News. Billiards. Indiana three-cushion championship tournament opens at Indianapolis. Wrestling. William Demetrol vs. Jim Londas, at New York. Boxing. Jack Sharkey vs. Fatsy Wallace, 6 rounds, at Philadelphia. Matt Brock vs. Frankie Brown, 10 rounds, at Cleveland. Kid Norfolk vs. Gorilla Jones, 13 rounds, at New Orleans. Kid Regan vs. Dutch Brandt, 5 rounds, St. Louis. Joe Leonard vs. Phil Logan, 12 rounds, at Westfield, Mass.

REGULATION TO CHECK SPECULATION IN LAND.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Regulations to check the creation of speculative land values and land speculation generally, have been placed in effect by the federal farm loan board in all farm loan banks. The board's annual report, made public tonight, reveals, farm loan banks have been instructed "to loan without regret" applications for loans which do not protect amply the banks and their bond buyers.

In furtherance of the policy to keep down "unwarranted" land values, the banks have been ordered not to enter into competition with private loan agencies where the latter have offered larger loans than the board's appraisers believe to be justified.

The Time to Save is now, while money is plentiful and wages are high. At no time in the history of this Nation has a finer opportunity been presented to save money than the present. But extravagance must be guarded against. We need to study our expenditures carefully, and to realize the fact that we can't spend our substance and have it, too. We shall be well on the way to becoming a thrifty people when we learn that our savings—not our pay checks—are our profits, and that the process of accumulating savings is substantially the same as getting profits out of business.

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