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Asheville's Census Hopes.

As the work of taking the fourteenth census nears completion it would be well for Asheville people to prepare themselves for possible disappointment in the figures for this city.

In 1910 the federal census found 18,000 people in Asheville. Since that time there has been wonderful growth, and it has been predicted that the 1920 figures would reach 35,000 to 40,000.

But unfortunately for Asheville's census mark, Biltmore, South Biltmore, Kenilworth, Woolsey, Grace, are outside the city boundary lines.

Until very recent times there has been a prejudice against census taking. The New York Herald falls into error forgetting Numbers, in referring to enumeration by King David of Israel and Judah as the first census on record.

In 1712, the Herald notes that Governor Hunter was forced to give up plans for a census of New York state. But this aversion to being counted has practically disappeared.

Belittling a Great Record. In a cartoon in the New York World Rollin Kirby represents Admiral Sims shooting full of holes the record of the United States navy during the war.

Secretary Daniels asserts, and one paragraph of the admiral's letter bears out the statement, that there were frequent clashes between Sims and the navy department over the question of disposition of the American anti-submarine vessels.

Washington comment on the admiral's criticisms recalls that long before the great war was threatened President Taft rebuked Admiral Sims for an indiscreet address delivered in London.

Admiral Sims has stirred up controversies with various naval officers before he attacked the general policy of the navy. Sims asserted in substance that the British navy was chiefly responsible for the safe transportation of American soldiers to France.

When Admiral Sims returned from his war duty he gave an account of the American navy's part in winning the war that thrilled the country.

Brevard Railroad Project.

In an editorial which until now has escaped our notice the Brevard News says:

The Asheville Citizen of last Sunday in an editorial intimated that what Brevard ought to have is good roads instead of a railroad. Of course we want good roads but there are few farmers who own a motor truck to ship their produce to the market and the voters of Transylvania realize that until we get on a main line there is practically little use in piling up bonds upon the taxpayers and demonstrated that opinion by the enormous land slide against the road bond issue of two years ago.

What the Citizen undertook to say was that if the proposed railroad which would give Brevard through railway connections should turn out to be impracticable, a motor highway from Brevard to Greenville would be an enterprise well worth while.

If the plans for the railroad are promising, by all means let them be pushed to completion. This paper realizes that whatever develops the resources of Transylvania county will stimulate the development of every section of Western North Carolina.

The advertising campaign which Asheville has carried on in the principal centers of population of America has, we believe, helped materially to make all Western Carolina better known to the world.

Attacking Representative Government.

If the accusers of the five New York socialists have any evidence that these men are guilty of disloyalty or have pledged themselves to the acts of violence they have not produced it.

Judge Hughes' knowledge of the law and his unquestioned ability to interpret legal forms in terms of justice and fair play give his arguments great weight. He cited in his speech before the Bar association the Kentucky cases of 1867.

If the assembly errs, it is better to lean toward freedom than despotism. Unless the authors of the resolution of suspension have facts which they have so far withheld from the public they cannot in the name of representative government unseat men merely suspected of sedition.

Prohibition's Allies. Police Justice R. M. Wells, of Asheville, does not claim to be a prophet, but his remarks on prohibition prospects delivered some weeks ago are meeting the confirmation of events.

Wood alcohol epidemics have brought out unexpected testimony to substantiate the Judge's theory. And if the truth were known the public would gasp over the destruction that freshly distilled, unaged blockades is working in the vital human machinery.

Assistant Chief Prohibition Commissioner Gaylord says that in six years America will be a real Sahara. But if the illicit product is not retailed in purer form than is current now the people will adopt total abstinence before all the bootleggers and blockaders are run down.

To Improve Assembly Grounds. The campaign to raise \$200,000 for improvement of the Presbyterian assembly grounds at Montreat is a cause which should appeal to others than members of the Presbyterian church.

This appeal was made by the Montreat association to the church and in the turn the church has made an appeal for Montreat. No doubt this fund will be oversubscribed as it is a great cause especially for the young people of the church.

Senator Lodge's Specialty. As a republican leader in the senate, Senator Lodge is coming to be recognized as an expert at leading himself around in circles.

THE SCISSORS ROUTE

WHAT THE SENATE IS FIGHTING.

(New York World.) With the treaty of peace in full force since last Saturday and the league of nations holding its first session yesterday in Paris, it is permissible to remind the United States senate of a few things which seem to have escaped its notice.

Article XVII of the covenant provides that in the event of a dispute between a member of the league and a state which is not a member, or between states not members of the league, the parties shall be invited to accept the obligations of membership for the purpose of such dispute, subject to the rules governing the league.

That article places such a state in the position of a covenant breaker which is deemed ipso facto to have committed an act of war against all the other members of the league.

Thus the allied powers are irrevocably committed to the document as filed in the French foreign office and they cannot erase or add a syllable, even if they could. If the United States senate amends the treaty with the President's approval, it will have to go to Germany alone for sanction.

HERBERT HOOVER.

(New York Tribune.) An outstanding feature of the candidacy of Herbert Hoover is the fact that he has a political friend who lately suggested his hat for the ring was forcibly and definitely thrust out at the door.

Even more striking is the fact that Mr. Hoover is a man without a party. The most Mr. Barnes has been with the republicans. But the progressive republicans are no more as an organization; and Mr. Barnes further deepened the uncertainty when he stated that if the republican party were to "adopt a non-progressive platform," and otherwise line up with the old guard, it was "conceivable" that Mr. Hoover might have a separate ticket.

The fact remains that Mr. Hoover is thus far the most interesting Presidential possibility with the exception of Leonard Wood. The two characters are, in fact, similar. The brilliant success of General Wood's administration in Cuba, which won world-wide celebrity in its day, stands on an even footing with the Hoover food administration.

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TREASURES OF SEAS A SPUR TO DIVERS

Ingenuous Mechanisms to Explore Ship Wrecks.

Inventor Explains Device Enabling Him to Work Under Great Pressure.

Before the Germans sank a single vessel in the late war, it was estimated that there were shown almost the floors of the seven seas, \$7,000,000,000 worth of ships and cargoes, and records indicated that a large part of these were recoverable.

Naturally nations now vie with one another for the recovery of choice morsels of this treasure trove, and including inventors are devising ingenious and enterprising methods of salvaging devices ranging in size from the one-man diving-suit to complicated mechanisms so large that they dwarf the seagoing vessels of which they are integral parts.

Incidentally, Mr. Leavitt protests most emphatically against the assumption of world-record honors for any other diving armor than his own. He backs his protest in these statements: "I not only hold the record for deep-sea diving, but for deep-sea salvage."

Leavitt's Diving-Armor. Here he reassembled the armor to show how it worked. The legs and arms, which are very flexible, are made of hard-rolled copper tubing, guaranteed to stand 700 pounds of pressure to the square inch.

These hinged strut-rods down both sides of the armor, said Mr. Leavitt, "take the pressure from the wrist to casting manganese bronze and has a ball-bearing which allows the man within to move his arms, which would not be possible without ball or roller bearings."

Here Mr. Leavitt whirled the arm around freely to illustrate his point. "At a submergence of 361 feet there is 6,664 pounds pressure here. He called attention to the fact that the cable attached to the top of the helmet has a guaranteed lifting strength of 20,000 pounds. In the center of the cable is the telephone wire, connected directly with a small complete telephone in the top of the helmet, which is connected simply with dictaphone ear pieces. The helmet is also equipped with glasses which are triple and non-shatterable.

The top of Mr. Leavitt's desk boasts a miscellaneous assortment of ornaments. Here is a piece of hard wood brought up from a wreck. The wood had been fifty-two years beneath Lake Huron, Mich., but shows no ill-effect from its long submergence. Less pleasant, if more interesting, is a strange old black shoe with wide square toe.

"A piece of the foot of the girl who had been wearing it slipped out of the shoe after we'd had it here a while," said Mr. Leavitt. He wears a strange old ring fished up during his salvaging operations. This was found in connection with the 250 tons of copper which went down in the Pewabic in Lake Huron, in 1865.

The copper was salvaged from a depth of 180 feet. Mr. Leavitt says other salvagers had tried to get it and failed, and no less than seven divers in rubber suits had lost their lives in vain attempts.

It is not possible to do salvaging work in water, except in southern waters. Winter is the off season, said Mr. Leavitt. "But next summer, along about June, we propose to go after the Merida, which went down 775 miles off Cape Charles. She was carrying \$1,800,000 in silver bars alone. Silver then was worth only about 49 cents an ounce, and it had gone up a lot since. Besides that, there is \$100,000 in money in the safe in the purser's office."

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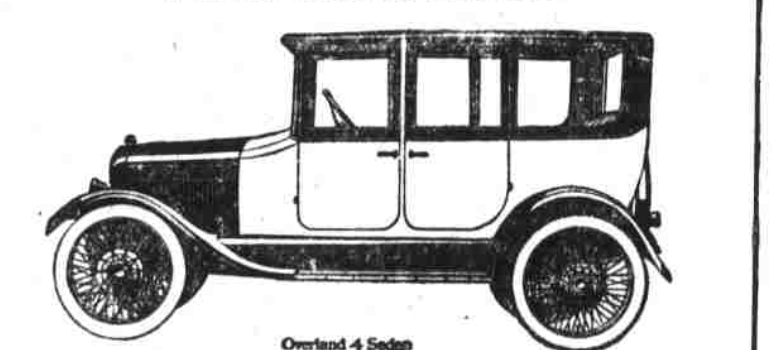


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having surplus materials for sale. The largest total for the week was \$3,551,000.00 which represented the receipts from the sale of the smokeless powder plant at Vitro, W. Va.

Leather sales for the week totaled \$1,003,280.73, textile sales amounted to \$763,574.79, and sales of clothing and equipment amounted to \$191,832.20. Total sales from January 1, 1919 to January 9, 1920, total \$545,596.374 representing a recovery by the government of approximately 68 per cent of the original cost of the materials sold.

Two women are shot in Macon, Ga. MAcon, Ga., Jan. 20.—Mrs. M. E. Marsh, 48, and her daughter, Mrs. Martha Phillips, 18, were shot while they were seated in an automobile in the downtown district today.

Officials inspect two big war plants. FLORENCE, Ala., Jan. 20.—Two big war plants, costing nearly one hundred million dollars, and now idle, were inspected from top to bottom today by a congressional committee which will try to report on how they may best serve the government in peace times.

Paish calls at the white house. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Sir George Paish, British financial expert, called at the white house today to inquire as to President Wilson's health.

War department sales reported by. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—Total sales made by the war department for the week ended January 9, 1920, amounted to \$12,847,818.95, according to reports submitted to the director of sales by the various bureaus.