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Em, beware of the gentle paragon!

At least, Bryan can help make white flags.

"Appreciate competition when it helps you." We do.

Poor little Montenegro. It had to give in when it gave out.

Now, to these lines there is no grace. They simply help fill up space.

A Box Factory, headlines the Greensboro News. Yes, send 'em down and we'll fill 'em up for you.

Atrocities—"I want \$50,000 for a smashed heart." "You stole my heart away from me." Mexico.

Seems the crop of brides and glooms at this season is almost as good as it was last June.

Horrible thought No. 41121. We wonder if W. J. B.'s mother sings: "Oh, Where is my Willie Tonight?"

Anyway, if Uncle Sam's navy keeps on blowing itself up there won't be enough left for a foreign power to get a whack at.

Those European countries, spending millions a day, would have nothing on us if we were in position to do the same.

No use. We simply can't make Mexico behave without resorting to powder and lead, and then you know, we might kill somebody. Parish the thought!

We see by the papers where this here sheriff of Wayne county says he is going to say something about Governor Craig and a nigger's sortie. Out with it.

Woe unto the Ford peace prophets. They are marooned at The Hague and we know what that vast expanse of mud between The Hague and Rotterdam looks like.

The Atlanta American has just discovered that women are the superiors of men. Why, a number of our married men have been knowing that for lo these many years.

Adventure must have been taken out of the American youths. We don't hear many requests being made to the State Department now by anxious parents whose sons have cast their lot with the allies.

No, Geraldine. The guy isn't exactly demented, but he thinks he is advertising his business with that megaphone he is yelling in. If he would try newspaper advertising he might get results.

The Columbia State yells out that the Legislature has made it so nothing can get lit up at night except the State House. Yes, and probably a few of the officers in it.

MOVIE CENSORSHIP.

There is a well directed attempt on the part of some of the higher ups to create a rigid censorship of moving picture films. The ends to which this act would carry the censorship of the movies will but make them seem ludicrous.

We have it straight that they want to abolish the kiss in the movies; prevent the exposure of arms; do away with murder scenes; all scenes of crime and portray nothing on the screen except Biblical subjects!

Verily, we say, that would be SOME censorship.

Now here's where the rub comes in: This additional censorship will cost one dollar more per film. The exhibitors will have to pay more for their films and the movie public will have to pay more admission. Besides this, all the pep and inspiration, which makes the genuine artist of the movie actor, will be taken away. We shall see our great movie actors, who have thrilled the world, with their stunts, posing Biblical parts, while another of our famous actresses sings "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem."

This affair is scheduled to come up in the House in a short while. A whole night will be given to its discussion, and unless our senators are a lot of feather-legs, without any red blood, this insane idea will be killed, smashed in the head as 'twere.

The people do not want censorship. They want pictures that have pep and a thrill to them. That has been proven right here, because Manager Lambert, of the Dixie, had to taite off a certain kind of film because there wasn't enough pep in it and he couldn't get a crowd.

If Congress must deliberate on this subject, here's the sensible way to do it: Put the exhibitor and the producer of the films under a guarantee to give nothing but moral plays and then if this rule is violated, prosecute them.

That is the only sensible way to censor moving pictures, and the public knows it, and we do not believe it will stand for such a censorship as is being proposed.

WAYNE COULD AID.

If we are to take the expressions, which have come to the press from the citizens of Wayne county because the press has seen fit to criticize the act of the lynchers, then Wayne county does not regret the act of that hot-headed band of men.

We had hoped that the citizens of Wayne county would be only too willing to aid out the law in making an investigation of this act which has placed a blot on the whole State. We had hoped that the Wayne folks would still have enough pride of ancestry left in them to help clear up this lynching bee and to at least take one blot off the State of North Carolina, but it seems that Wayne is not going to do any such thing.

If we are able to understand the views and expressions of the prominent lawyer of Goldsboro, who yesterday gave a letter to the News and Observer, he attributes the lynching to the fact that in former years some murderers in Wayne county have not been given the full penalty of the law. That is about as flimsy an excuse as anyone could devise.

Two wrongs fail to make one right. That is the trouble with the citizens of Wayne county. They are trying to make one right out of two wrongs and they have found it impossible.

If the law had not been carried out on former occasions in Wayne county, why hadn't the citizens of Wayne protested to the powers that be? Why had Wayne waited until a chance came its way, and then sneaking out grabbed a "nigger" from the jail and lynched him to get even with the "law." Those Wayne county folks must have a poor conception of what the law is, and for what the law is intended.

IS GERMANY WINNING?

The subject of an article in Collier's Weekly is the above. Undoubtedly, Germany seems to be winning at this time. She is winning all the important battles and having notable successes at sea.

We find by consulting references

that the same thing occurred during our own Civil War. The South won most of the great battles and did the best fighting but lost.

The South was starved out, and Germany, it seems, will lose in the same way.

TIMES ARE GOOD.

With a howl of hard times everywhere the past year, the News is today printing elsewhere in this paper a statement made by Mr. R. G. Bullard, who has been in this section collecting guano accounts.

As will be seen from Mr. Bullard's statement, he made a clean sheet of all the accounts he held.

That doesn't look like hard times. On the other hand, it is even better than it was in 1912 or 1913. Times are good if the people only knew it.

CURRENT OPINION

Logic.

(Greensboro News.)
We don't know that senators are included within the scope of the child-labor bill, but the fact that no such measure is on the statute books is liable to make Senator Overman work himself to death in a single-barreled filibuster.

Yea.

(Greensboro News.)
The law of Solon may be very well invoked in the case of General Huerta. It forbids men to speak evil of the dead, and under that restriction, a conscientious obituary must be confined to few words.

Hardly.

(Durham Herald.)
We did not think in the beginning that Carranza could establish a government that would suit the Americans down there.

Stop.

(News and Observer.)
Now here goes the Greensboro Record calling the Quart-Every-Fifteen Days an "incolate law." Have a heart, and quit calling it names!

Maybe.

(Greensboro News.)
The sheriff of Wayne county lets it be known that as between the sort of law that he is supposed to represent, and mob law, he has no strong preferences. The sheriff of Wayne should resign—but will he?

A Presidential Audience.

(Charlotte Observer.)
The North Carolina delegation in Congress will be given an audience by the President Monday, at which the claims of Judge Allen for promotion to the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench will be formally presented. The fact that President Wilson has delayed the appointment beyond a time ordinarily expected and the further fact that he has decided to hear what the friends of Judge Allen may have to say, invests the matter with an encouraging look. From the day it became known that the President's mind was open—that he would inspect the field and make the selection on merits developed—the friends of the North Carolina jurist have had reasonable ground for hope. The Observer would view Judge Allen's appointment as a strengthening of the personnel of the Supreme Court, and in that way as much an honor to the nation as to the State.

LYCEUM ATTRACTION AT SCHOOL BUILDING TONIGHT

Lyceum attraction at Graded School tonight. Colangelo's Orchestra and Band. Twelve people in the company. Biggest musical treat Fayetteville will have this winter. See below the fine program the company is giving this season:

- March "Abla" (Verdi)—Band.
- Overture, "William Tell" (Rossini)—Orchestra.
- March, "Stars and Stripes" (Souza)—Orchestra.
- Overture, "Norma" (Bellini)—Orchestra.
- Cornet Duet (Selected)—Colangelo Brothers.
- Soprano Solo—Signoria Elliott.
- Selection, "Lucia di Lammermoor" (Donizetti)—Orchestra.
- Vocal Selection, "Carmen" (Bizet)—Intermission.
- Acceonion Solo (Selected)—P. Colangelo.
- Vocal Duet, "Traviata" (Verdi)—Accompanied by Stringed Instruments.
- Neapolitan Serenade—With vocal Chorus.
- Trio from "Attila" (Verdi)—Cornets and Trombone.
- Mantasia "Bull Fight" (E. Isenman)—Orchestra.
- American National Airs (Arr. by Tolani)—Entire Company.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED IN MEXICO

AN AUTHORITYATIVE DISPATCH SAYS HAMMOND AND SIMMONS KILLED.

(By International News Service.)
El Paso, Jan. 17.—Alfred Simmons, of Los Angeles, and Hammond, of Chicago, were murdered at Pedricini, Mexico, by Villa bandits, according to a dispatch from Juarez today.

The report of the killing of the two Americans came through the Carranza officials. They declared the Americans were killed by men of the Arco brothers. The men were miners.

OVERMAN WOULD EXTEND WHITE SLAVE ACT

(By International News Service.)
Washington, Jan. 17.—Senator Overman, of North Carolina, introduced a bill into the Senate today extending the application of the Mann white slave act to Alaska, and all other possessions.

It also would amend the act to make wives competent witnesses against husbands in white slave cases.

20,000 CARRANZA MEN TO EXTERMINATE VILLASTAS

(By International News Service.)
Mexico City, Jan. 17.—Twenty thousand troops from the northern section are being massed here for a campaign to exterminate Villastas, Acting Minister of War Pesqueria announced today.

WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE WAS PLAY FOR SOUTH

Acting Was Short of That Speedy Spice so Well known in Most of Musical Comedies.

A fair-sized audience was present at the presentation of "When Dreams Come True" last night at the LaFayette Theatre, and the most of them were pleased, too.

"When Dreams Come True" was a good deal different from most musical comedies. There was not so much of the spicy acting as is usually seen in the musical comedy, and, on the whole, it was a play for the South.

The acting of each character was perfect and Mr. James H. Crowley, as Hercules Strong, the detective, created many a laugh.

Miss Cannie Mack, as Matilda with a "black on white," was clever. Perhaps next to Matilda, Miss Edna Temple as Beth, and Mr. Wm. Pruett, Jr., as Kean Hedges, ranked the highest.

HOUSE'S MISSION

HE HAS HAD A CONFERENCE WITH LLOYD GEORGE AND OTHERS THROUGH

(By International News Service.)
London, Jan. 17.—Col. E. M. House has succeeded in maintaining the veil of mystery which has surrounded him since it was announced that he had come to Europe on a special mission for President Wilson. Officially, Col. House is not recognized here, but that he has talked with a number of the leading men of the country cannot be denied. Among these is David Lloyd George, with whom it is understood he had a very pleasant interview.

At the Movies

AT THE LYRIC
"Life's Pitfall." Here's what the Moving Picture World says:
"It tells the story of a man, rich in the love of a good woman and blessed with health and fortune, who allows himself to become entangled in a clandestine affair with his wife's maid. The girl is beautiful, passionate and madly in love with her employer. She does not hesitate to attempt the life of her employer's wife, and matters are brought to a tragic climax. This variant of 'the eternal triangle' is admirably set forth in the three reels devoted to the photoplay in question, Miriam Nesbitt playing the mistress, Harold Meltzer the master, and Sally Crute the maid. "Pincus at the Bat." Charlie Chaplin's imitation two reel roaring comedy. Don't miss it.

W. S. HART AND RHEA MITCHELL AT THE DIXIE TODAY

"Tools of Providence." A two-reel western number, featuring W. S. Hart and Rhea Mitchell. The former appears as a saloon owner and she as the laughter of a minister. She goes to wait on the bar five minutes and will attend church next day. He goes, and becomes a convert. Later she saves her from the advances of a gambler. The closing scenes are quite dramatic and exciting. This is a strongly-acted film.
"The Masquaders" is a Keystone comedy, featuring Charlie Chaplin, and as the Dixie has not thrown one of these famous comedians it's a sure thing that it will be welcomed.
"The Motor-boat Bandits" is a majestic comedy crook story, featuring that favorite, Helen Hunt.
Tomorrow: Wm. Fox present Betty Nansen in "The Celebrated Scandal."

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One lot fine coats, broadcloths, Scotch mixtures, pile velvets, etc., that are \$17.50 to \$25 values; take your choice at \$11.25.

Now is your greatest opportunity to buy a warm coat, coat suit or dress at less than 1-2 price.

ALL WINTER GARMENTS MUST BE SOLD AT SOME PRICE. COME, GET YOURS NOW.

Frank Thornton

At The **LYRIC**

"Life's Pitfalls"

THREE REEL EDISON FEATURE

It tells a story with a tragic climax with

Marian Nesbitt, Harold Meltzer

—and— Sally Crute

IN THE LEAD.

PINCUS AT THE BAT Charlie Chaplin Imitator.

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Can They Keep It Up?

WE WISH to thank our friends for their liberal patronage during the year 1915 and ask them for a continuance of the same through the New Year.

We are in better shape to serve you this year than ever before. Come and take a look at our line.

Thanking you for past favors and wishing each and all a prosperous and happy New Year, we are yours for good service,

EVANS FURNITURE COMPANY

PERSON STREET. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Announcement

I have bought from Mr. A. B. McMillan the store house in McMillan Block, occupied by Mr. J. J. Powers as a grocery store, and leased the adjoining store now occupied by Messrs. Averitt & Co. as a grocery store. I will move my furniture business there the first of February, where I will be better prepared than ever to serve my customers. Remember the removal and give me a call.

H. E. SHEETZ

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