

Our Nation's New Birth of Freedom

The league pact is dead. A new declaration has been written. Thanks and congratulations and felicitations. Thanks to God, who rules the affairs of people and directs the destinies of nations. Praise for, and congratulations to the Senators who have so ably, skillfully and victoriously fought the long and hard fight for the American people. Well done, good and faithful servants of the people. Felicitations to all of you, countrymen, who have watched and followed the long struggle with so much anxiety, which, at first, looked so dreadfully hopeless, but now so greatly crowned with triumph. These are indeed great days for our republic—glorious, splendid, wonderful days.

personal inclinations, and forcing them, from the highest sense of public duty, to oppose the league pact. Mr. Wilson, probably sincerely believes that a majority of the Senate and a majority of the people are wrong, and that he is right. But if he will turn back the pages of history a little, he will find that other Presidents and statesmen have made the same mistake, only to discover finally that the majority of the people were right and they themselves mistaken. Secretary of State John Hay, likewise firmly believed that he was right in negotiating the first Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the Panama Canal. That treaty, formulated by shrewd British diplomats, forbade the United States to build forts or any other permanent defenses for the canal. A majority of the people of this country opposed that treaty and said: "Better no canal than an undefended canal." They said that an Isthmian canal without impregnable fortresses would be seized by an enemy having naval forces superior to ours, and thus make concentration of our own fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific, or from the Pacific to the Atlantic utterly impossible. Secretary Hay regarded the defeat of his treaty, the work of two years negotiation, as encompassing his life failure as a statesman. He immediately tendered his resignation to President McKinley. But the collective wisdom of the Senate was more far-seeing even than the patriotic and beloved McKinley.

We utter the words here printed with a full heart and for the purpose of expressing our thanks for the victory only of Americanism. We seek no measure of personal applause, and shall certainly not exploit the little we have been able to do—although we feel proud of that little—in helping to hold up the hands of the men who have led the great fight which has terminated so victoriously for the freedom, liberty and independence of our people. This is a great and wonderful victory of the thinking and patriotic men and women of this great country of ours. A victory won against the forces of foreign propagandists and the betrayers of the glorious traditions, principles and institutions of American freedom and American individual sovereignty and independence among the nations of the earth. The longer the terms of the treaty and the provisions of the league pact were discussed, and the more they were analyzed and under stood, the more the American people became to distrust and fear them and condemn them. The wisdom of our great and never-to-be-forgotten dead, expressed in words and deeds, has united with the wisdom of the living to preserve our independence and our cherished institutions, thus justifying and emphasizing the striking declaration of Edmund Burke, that American civilization itself "is a tripple contract between the noble dead, and living and unborn."

The treaty was rejected and a year later was rewritten and ratified. This time it was an American treaty permitting the American fortification and the domination by this country of the canal. Mr. Thayer, biographer of John Hay, twelve years later, revealed for the first time, that Mr. Hay himself lived to realize his great mistake. The newspapers, which he had publicly denounced as "outrageous calumniate," he afterward admitted were right. He told his biographer, Mr. Thayer, that he was glad the first Hay-Pauncefote treaty was beaten. A great victory for genuine Americanism was won when the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was rejected. Another and still greater victory was won when the present treaty, with its infinitely more disastrous abandonment of American principles and surrender of American independence, was laid on the cooling board by the Senate last week. Fifty-six years ago on the 9th day of November, 1863, Abraham Lincoln, standing upon that holy ground, at Gettysburg's famous battlefield, where sleep tens of thousands of men who there died that this republic might live, spoke these memorable words: "It is, rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us than from these honored dead we take increasing devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that the government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

It is altogether fitting that the great victory in the Senate chamber last week, shall have occurred upon the exact anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's great and splendid declaration of the principles of American government and American liberty and independence. Upon the 19th day of this present month of November this nation, under God, has indeed had a new birth of freedom, has indeed most nobly affirmed to all people within its borders, at least, government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth. Another Gettysburg battle has been fought. Another Gettysburg battle has been won. Let us soberly thank the great God of hosts for the great courage and the unswerving steadfastness of those representatives of the people who have won in the Senate of the United States, against all their party and

FIRST LYCEUM ATTRACTION

On Friday, December 5th, at the city hall The DeMille Quartet will give the first attraction of the lyceum course. Canadians all, residents in Toronto, the musical center of the Dominion, where they have established an enviable reputation by their peerless ensemble work. Chautauqu and the lyceum do not boast of a quartet with a finer record. None is more fully equipped to please the connoisseur. Aside from the solo work of their accompanist, their offerings are purely vocal. Accessories are not needed to bolster up their work. Everything, including uniformity in dress, is kept at the highest notch of excellence. The repertoire of the quartet includes selections from the great orators and operas; the choicest of the English, Scotch and Irish melodies; standard and popular songs. Not alone as a quartet do they excel, but in concerts, recitals, oratorios and operas, each individual member stands distinct, having been accorded marked recognition because of his virtuosity. Each member of the quartet appears as a soloist, presenting the best that ancient and modern composers have produced. The accompanist is a distinct artist in her individual piano work, which is marked by unaccustomed brilliancy and power. Only 100 reservations can be made as over 450 tickets have already been sold.

BIRTHDAY PARTY
Miss Ruth Livingstone entertained a number of friends at the home of Mrs. Willie Pace's on Green River last Saturday night. The rooms were artistically and appropriately decorated for the occasion. There were a number of interesting games played and enjoyed by all who were present, after which refreshments were served. The following guests were present: Uless, Kehay, Lloyd, Robert, Sam, Samson and Lela Bayne, Amy, Leona, Forest, and Oliver Capps, Claud Bedingfield, Lillie, Lloyd, Lam and Lucian Pace, Hattie and Cora Livingstone, sisters of the hostess.

GREEN RIVER NEWS
The farmers of this place are having some big corn shuckings, which the young folks enjoy very much. J. D. Bane, whose health has been poorly for some time is still on the decline.

AUTO COLLISION
Last Saturday afternoon there was a collision of two autos on Depot street near the Presbyterian church. Mr. Greene was going toward the railroad station and a Mr. Strickland was going toward Depot street from King street. Strickland turned west swinging his car to the north side of Depot street, while Greene was on the south side of Depot street, going in opposite direction. The left front wheel of Greene's car struck the left rear wheel of Strickland's car, both wheels being completely demolished. None of the occupants of the car was hurt.

MORGAN-PICKLESIMER
M. H. Morgan and Miss Lillie Picklesimer, two well-known and highly respected young people of the Blantyre-Penrose section of Transylvania county were married here a few days ago in the office of the clerk of the superior court. Esquire J. Logan Pace performed the ceremony, in the presence of Solicitor J. E. Shipman, Judge Pace, A. B. Freeman and others.

HOLLY SPRINGS HONOR ROLL
Following is the honor roll for the Holly Springs school.
First grade: Harry Canans.
Third grade: Nannie Sutton.
Fifth grade: Pearl Hollingsworth.
Sixth grade: Belle Green Allison, Stella Fry Allison.
Seventh grade: Myrtle Orr.
W. E. McKinna, Teacher

NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN

Matters regarding the nation-wide campaign in the St. James parish are progressing most satisfactorily. The people have caught the spirit of the campaign and are doing what they can to further its aims. The prayer circles which have been meeting at various homes of parishioners will come to the church on Monday, Dec. 1st for a service of intercession. The week of November 30 is known as the "Intensive Week" of the campaign. In addition to the service mentioned above, there will be services of intercession at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lasting exactly twenty minutes. It is found by experience that a service at this hour suits the congregation, particularly the men, better than any other. On Sunday, December 7th the every-member canvass will take place. Every parishioner is asked to remain at home until after the visit of the canvassers has been made. The canvassers are to be served luncheon at the rectory immediately upon the conclusion of the mid-day service.

REAL ESTATE
Real estate here is lower now than it ever will be again, all authorities agree. It is almost certain that this land will jump in value, and that soon, for it is situated right in the heart of a fast growing town—and that is Hendersonville.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS LAST FOR DEMOCRATS
Two more Democratic members of the House have discovered that their private business has a more pressing demand upon their time than the duties to which they sought election at Washington. They are Congressmen Bell of Georgia and Ashbrook of Tennessee. The former has been given leave by the House for two weeks "on account of important business," and the latter's business associate died and he was granted indefinite leave of absence as a consequence.

GAME LAW
The law makes it a misdemeanor to kill quail, pheasant and wild turkey at any other time than between November 15 and January 15, and it is a violation of the law to sell game birds of any kind, or to ship same out of the county.

NO LOGICAL ANSWER
Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois is tireless in his search of all sources of information on the peace treaty. He is a constant student of the debates in the English Parliament, the French Chamber of Deputies, and the Canadian Parliament. Mr. McCormick quotes from the proceedings of the House of Commons of Canada to prove that our Senate is not alone in its contention against the inequality of giving Great Britain six votes to our one in the league assembly. Recently Mr. Fielding, a member of the Canadian House, spoke as follows: "I think the claim * * * has a large measure of logic in it, when they say it is unfair that they, a Nation of over 100,000,000 people, should have only one representative in the assembly of the league of nations, while the British empire has six. I do not see any logical answer to them."

NO PLACE FOR STRADDLERS
The politician who tries to dodge or straddle on the question of putting public welfare ahead of the interests of a few labor unions will find that the great majority of the voters have little use for a straddler.

Just before we went to press with this issue of the paper, news was received at this office that J. C. Drake, former sheriff of this county, was quite sick with pneumonia. Superintendent Honeycutt, Prof. T. W. Valentine, Miss Rosa Edwards, Mrs. Ethel Patterson and Miss Gussie DeJoon, teachers in the city school, are attending the state teacher's meeting in Raleigh this week.

Hendersonville's Building Program

RESIDENCE OF GEORGE KERSHAW TO BE SOLD

It is not often that two-acre garden farms are offered for sale within three blocks of a county courthouse, but just that is the case here—right here in Hendersonville. On December 6 the modern residence and grounds of George Kershaw, on South Third avenue, East, will be sold at public auction. R. C. Clarke, president of the First Bank & Trust Company, will be the auctioneer, and Smith, Jackson & Morris Company are the agents in the transaction.

Hendersonville is the county seat of Henderson county. It has an elevation of 2250 feet, and a resident population of more than 4,000. It is the resort of the mountains, 50,000 tourists having come here last season from the heated sections of the country, and 75,000 are expected next year. Hendersonville is surrounded by the most picturesque scenery east of the Rockies, and has the finest all-year-round climate in the world. It has an annual pay-roll on account of its hosiery mills and other industries of around \$300,000. Hendersonville is the gateway to the government Appalachian Park, and the beautiful Sapphire country. It has good water supply, paved streets, electric lights, and splendid educational advantages. Its graded schools are said to be the best of any town of its size in the state, and then there is Fassafern for Girls, Blue Ridge School for Boys, and the Carolina Military-Naval Academy for the training and education of boys. There are also a number of private schools here.

The surrounding grounds have been sub-divided into tracts of about two acres, and with highly desirable home sites on the surrounding streets offers to the man seeking to fight the high cost of living a real chance to do some effective fighting. The land is said to be the richest in Henderson county, the same character of soil, in fact, that makes the French Broad valley noted for its enormous crops. It is believed the crops will pay for the transaction in three years.

In fact Hendersonville is some town now, and is growing steadily. A number of business houses and residences are now in course of construction, and the erection of others in the future is in contemplation. Grey Hosiery Mill Company is constructing an addition to their mill, when completed, will double the capacity of that institution. Brownlow Jackson is erecting a three-story brick block on Third avenue opposite the postoffice. The lower floor of this building will be occupied by stores and shops, and the two upper stories will be fitted up for offices.

The Citizens National Bank is erecting a new banking house and office building at the corner of Main street and Fourth avenue East. This building will be constructed of native granite, Indiana sandstone and brick. William Lott is erecting a large brick building on his lot opposite the present Citizens National Bank building.

J. W. Lanning is erecting a business house on his lot which he recently purchased, and which adjoins the lot of Mr. Lott on Main street. F. H. Kincaid has commenced the erection of a brick store room on his lot opposite Baker's Art Gallery on Main street.

Mrs. A. E. Sample is having a modern residence erected on her lot just south of the Presbyterian church. J. D. Pullin is erecting a modern home on his lot on Fifth avenue West, a short distance East of the residence of Judge Pace. Sylvester Maxwell is placing material on the ground preparatory to the construction of an expensive bungalow on his lot on Fifth avenue. Capt. J. O. Bell, who recently bought the large boarding house which stood on the lot where Brownlow Jackson is now building a brick block, and moved it to his lot at the corner of Church street and Third avenue West, will remodel it, brick veneer it, and add to it, and make of it an up-to-date residence or boarding house property. And there are a number of other residences being erected in different parts of the city. But Hendersonville has no building boom—Just a steady, substantial growth, that's all.

FREE MAPS
The United States' administration has informed this paper that they have a limited number of railroad maps covering the Southern States, Cuba and the Bahamas. These maps are for free distribution. Should any of our readers wish a copy they can get same by writing to J. A. Wood, division passenger agent, Asheville, N. C.

Five thousand well-to-do British women are coming to America to look for husbands. A small committee of pretty American girls might be appointed to give them a hearty welcome but at the same time a sight of the American girl's faces probably would convince the English women that they would stand no chance in this country.

SUBSCRIBER'S LETTER
Margaretville, N. Y. Nov. 20, 1918.
Rector Publishing Co., Hendersonville, N. C.
Dear Sir: Please find enclosed \$1.00 in payment of bill. I have been away from Hendersonville several years, but I cannot do without my home paper. Please forward hereafter to the above address.

Yours respectfully,
MRS. ELLA J. CRAWFORD.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!
The United States railroad administration has sent out a supply of auto warning cards to be distributed among automobile owners all over the south, calling attention to the number of lives lost by accident at railroad crossings and asking more care in this particular. The administration is in the midst of a national railroad accident drive, asking automobilists to STOP, don't take a chance. LOOK, see if anything is coming. LISTEN, before you cross the track. THINK, of what may happen to you. REMEMBER 1,777 persons were killed and 4,350 were injured in one year crossing railroad tracks.