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HOW OUR ENTRY INTO THE GERMANY

Germany no doubt weighed carefully the advantages and disadvantages to come from our entry into the war before she dispatched the last note to our government-and there can be no doubt that she decided that 000,000 daily to keep the European our entry into the war could only be of benefit to her.

Germany knows that our army in the present conflict would be a mere handful of men compared with the millions already arrayed against her and could add little to the fighting strength of the Allies. She also knows that the fleets of the Allies do not need our fleet, for the combined fleet of all the other powers can never go into the Kiel Canal. Germany an ass". This homely proverb is of knows that American supplies have Spanish origin, we believe. It is been feeding her enemies and that finding application in the scant at-American shells and ammunition have tention which Republicans are paying been furnished them in enormous to the lamentations of George W quantities. Germany also knew that Perkins because the Republicans Natas long as she obeyed the pledges in ional Committee has shown a purpose the Sussex not of May, 4, 1916 that to attend to its own business without we would continue to aid the Allies. first securing an approved programme She knows that if she can prevent from him. It is hard to tell whether American ammunition and supplies Perkins is more surprised or pained of Ellen Barringer, Decd. vs. Joe M from reaching the allies that her at this. To be sure, he chose an in- Sills and Eliza Cannon, the same bechance for winning the war are im- opportune moment for boiling over; ing No - upon the Special proceed-

condition which reserved—and that condition was that our government compel England to adhere to the rules of international law with respect to the trade of neutrals. Germany's recent action tells us in so many words that we have failed to compel England to respect our rights as neutrals and that she will no longer pay any res-

LOOKS LIKE A DECLARATION OF WAR MAY BE EXPECTED

Developments have come with star tling rapidity between the United States and Germany within the past few days.

The note of Germany to our government and the other neutral nations on the last day of the month advising them that the German government would at once proceed to indiscriminate use of the submarine came as a great surprise to President Wilson and his cabinet on Saturday the President advised Congress that passports had been delivered to the German Ambassador and that Ambassador Gerard had been advised to ask the Berlin government for his

This probably means a declaration of war within the next few days. The consensus of opinion in Washington circles seems to be that a declaration of war will not follow until some overt act shall have been committed. by the German submarine. Hardly the President ceasing addressing a joint session of the Senate and House when news was received that an American vessel had been sunk. If the facts in connection with the sinking of this vessel are in line with the threats of the last German note, the Washington government can do nothing less than declare war on Germany if it would preserve the honor and dignity of this nation.

EQUALITY DESIRABLE

Apologists for the present electoral college method of electing a presiden say that it has worked no injury to either party. But it has worked an injury to the country. Under the present system a plurality of the vote cast in a state carries the entire electoral vote of the state. No one oustide the state, therefore, pays much atention to the means taken to prevent a fair eleciont. But if the ciety. Capital punishment is believed vote were dicrect for presidential in by man. We have always been opcandidates, a vote from Louisiana posed to it. We have ever insisted Fuz h to information, from Indiana and no more, and every ciety. We hope the Allen bill will be nearest Southern Railway agent or Republican in Indiana would insist come a law. Perhaps not this timethat every Republican in Louisiana but gradually we are going to it. should have a chance to vote and have his vote honestly counted. A full vote and a fair count would have .. left Everything. Woodrow Wilson several hundred been far better off.

and a "respectfully submitted".

s year in advance.

GREAT BRITAIN AN ACTIVE COMPETITION Every

Secretaries McAdoo and Radfield. have for months been trying to con-1916. T The Board reports that the principal export increases were in manufactured articles, including gain of over \$155,000,000 in cotton textiles. Exports. Exports of cot-PRESENT WAR WILL EFFECT ton goods to Central and South America increased over 8,000,000 yards, and to the United States 2,600,000 yards. The chief import increases were in foodstuffs and raw materials, including cotton to the value of \$140,000,000 And yet Great Britain has 6,000,000 men under arms, and is pungling \$28. cauldron boiling. What John Bull will do to us after the war, if the Wilson-Underwood tariff fetters are not struck off, is a plenty. Our imports from the United Kingdom during the first 11 months of 1916 increased \$59,000,-000, and Great Britain sends us manufactured goods.

NO DICTATION FROM OUTSIDERS

"It is a waste of leather to shave inasmuch as that other shining light ing Docket of said Court, the under-In the Eussex not there was one of high finance. Tom Lawson, was signed commissioner will, on Saturthen monopolizing the front page. In day, the 24th day of February, 1917 addition he had little of intrisic merit at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House, in his contention. His complaint was door in Concord. North Carolina, offer that the Republican party, of which for sale to the highest bidder for cash he is not a member, would not do as that certain lot of land: he wished; that he would not deal are of more consequence.

GETTING TO BE MORE HUMANE Everything.

Senator Allen, of Wayne county has introduced a bill which would ab olish capital punishment in this state except in cases of criminal assault, and then there must be two or more witnesses against the defendant.

We hope this bill will become a law. Capital punishment belongs to another age. To the age when men did murder because it was a sport To the age when Rraco wrote his laws in blood. To the age when Tammerlane butchered people and called himself the great general. To many people there is something abhorrent about these udicial murders. We noted in Guilford recently that many men when asked question if they were opposed to capital punishment said they were. It has been ascertained by men who make a study of such things that the electric chair does not decrease crime. It has been found guilty of crime escape at together because juries will not find first degree murder which means

To put a man up for life. To take away from his forever his liberty To make him work for the state his full allotted time, is better business than hanging him or cooking him to death with electricity. The hangman has been a long time on the screen. Human beings do not fear death if they are frenzied and have murdered in their heart. When the French revolution was on the headsman had as many as fifty victims a day-the blood stained axe of the gulliotine didn't stop people from doing what they wanted to do. There will always be criminals in the world There will be vicious ones-but they can be restrained. Steel cages and iron bars and guards will protect Sowould count for as much as a vote that a life sentence was better for So- pullman reservation, etc., consult

DOESN'T GET FAR.

The "trade at home" slogan doesn't thousand votes behind in the recent get far, it seems. Sears, Roebuck & election. And the country would have Co., the big Chicago mail order house has just declared a twenty-five per President Wilson has laid the re- cent stock dividend increasing the enport of the American section of the tire capital to seventy-five million Joint Mexican-American international dollars. All but eight million is conference before his cabinet. We common stock and the dividend rate opine that it contained a date line, a was increased on that from seven to "Mr. President", a large 'goose-egg', eight per cent. Think of the enormous profits this one concern has made, and then wonder if it is pos-Subscribe For The Chronicle \$1.00 sible to get people to trade at home. Seems not.

The deficit still climbs up and thos Secretaries MoAdoo and Redfield, who figure on the future say it will and Doctor Pratt of the Bureau of be much larger than now estimated. Foreign and Domestic Commerce, And the only way to raise the kale seed is to tax men who have it. vince us that industrially the Allies American people submit to this proare dead ones, and we need never- cess. When the republicans were in more fear competition from them. The power they laid a protective tariff British Board of Trade reports that the treasury was always full; and during the calendar year 1916, Great when Grover Cleveland gave us free Britain increased her exports over trade he gave us a bond issue in time 1915 over \$590,000,000, or from \$1,- of peace. Again the republicans cord, North Carolina, under the Act 867,000,000 in 1915 to \$2,457,000,000 in came into power. McKinley and protection was the slogan. The full dinner pail came to succeed the empty one and we soon had more money than we knew what to do with. The Spanish war came on and we turned to the adhersive stamp to help out, but we didn't need to carry that far. The revenues were so great that we stopped using stamps on our checks before the time limit. There was no deficit. There was no selling bonds. There was no income tax-which Thomas Jefferson said was iniquious and we all sailed along smoothly. The democrats wanted to give the laboring man a cheap coat, and they took the tariff off wool, and the laboring man pays more for his coat than ever. And so on down the list. Not only has the laboring man been stung but the rich man has been stung. Then why not a protective tari? Why go broke on a theory that doesn't pan out? Why not protect the home industries Why not levy a tariff on importations and have money to burn? The only reason is it is a republican policy, and the democrats insist that free trade is quite the thing. We do not believe it.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an order the Superior Court of Cobarrus County, made in the Special proceeding entitled, H. B. Wilkerson, Admr.

Situate in Ward No. 1 of the City with sub-committee; and that he wan, of Concord, on the South side of Gold ted to go before a full committee Street and bounded as follows: Bewhich had shown no inclination to ginning at a Stone on the R. W. Allisten to him. The people just now lison line in the lane leading to the have other things to think of which Allison (now Cannon) Mill, and runs No. 60 W. 3 poles to a Stone on said line; thence S. 27 W. 10 poles and 10 links to a Stone on old W. A. Smith line; thence S. 60 E. 3 poles to a Stone; then N. 27 E. 10 poles and 10 links to the beginning, containing 31 perches or a fraction over 1-5 of an acre. Said lot is now between the M. C. Walter lot ond the lot owned by Emaline Blackwelder

This January 20th. 1917. L. A. WEDDINGTON Commissioner

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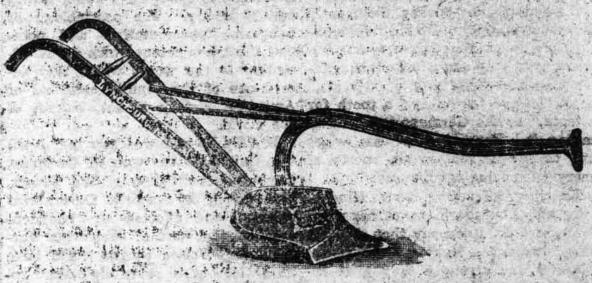
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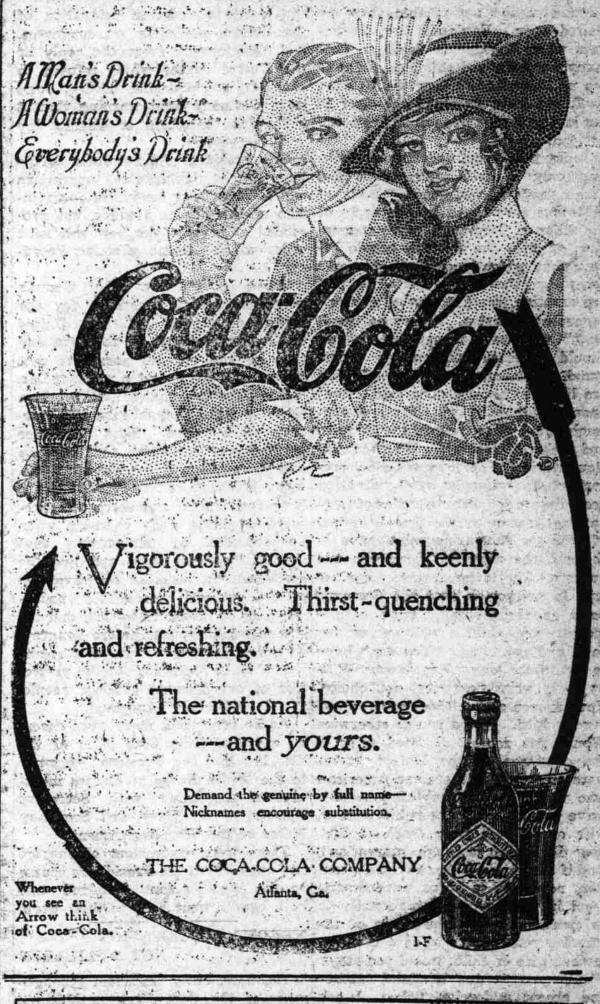
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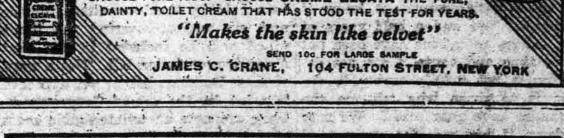
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