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From time to time newspaper headlines announce that Senator Borah is "opposing" something or other. Now if they should announce that the Senator favored something that would be news sure enough.

Chinese mobs have been giving foreigners the mischief recently, paying special attention to the British. Americans have been abused some too but it is rather refreshing to see somebody else get a "cussin'" occasionally.

It begins to look like Beaufort's long deferred building campaign is about to get under way. This is very encouraging. The town needs more residences and more business houses and the only way to get them is for those who own land to build something on it.

A bill providing for a revision of North Carolina's election machinery has been introduced in the General Assembly. We do not know much about the bill but it provides for a secret ballot among other things. This is a highly important feature but there are other changes that should be made in both the primaries and election regulations. The method of registering voters is a matter of much importance and should be handled in a different manner from the way it is done now. We hope some kind of an improved election law will pass. North Carolina is far behind the times in this respect and it is time for a change.

ATLANTIC'S OPPORTUNITY

Carteret county has a number of good sites that are capable of being developed as pleasure resort towns. One of these is Atlantic. This place is well located on Core Sound and just a few miles from the ocean, is in fact in sight of it. The outlook there is beautiful and the climate is fine in Winter and Summer. Sportsmen who like to fish and hunt can have all the fun they want. The smooth waters of Core Sound furnish fine fishing and boating grounds and just a mile or so away one can take a dip in the surf or fish in it if he chooses. Atlantic is only thirty miles from Beaufort. There is a good road all the way and it takes only about an hour to drive there. The bus line makes two round trips a day and the mail boat from Ocracoke stops there going and coming. All Atlantic needs to make it a resort town is a nice little hotel with about twenty five rooms and modern conveniences.

FACTORIES NEED POWER.

One of the biggest factors in the growth of the piedmont sections of North and South Carolina has been the development of electric power. From a small beginning some twenty five or thirty years ago the electrical industry has grown to gigantic proportions. Great companies like the Southern Power Company and Carolina Light and Power Company have invested millions of dollars in hydro electric and steam plants and literally thousands of plants are buying power from them. This condition has caused manufacturing plants to spring up all over the piedmont area and has brought great prosperity to that region. Eastern Carolina has not had its share of this industrial development. In order to do so the east must have power and should welcome the day when

the transmission towers of one or more of the big electric power companies are strewn over the landscape. It takes power to run factories.

TAXES FOR ROADS.

Bills have been introduced in the Legislature which provide that the counties may get a part of the gasoline tax or that they may collect an additional tax. Under the present method the State collects the gasoline tax and builds and maintains highways with it. On the face of it the proposed method looks good for the counties but we doubt if it is the proper thing to do. The State Highway Commission is a more efficient body than the average board of county commissioners or county highway commission. It build its roads more efficiently than they do. Besides the State highways go into every county in the State and so the people get the benefit of the money spent on them. If the Highway Commission should be deprived of a part of its income it will be weakened to that extent. As we see it the best thing to do is to let the Commission keep on building roads until the State is covered with a network of them. If road building continues for the next ten years as it has done for the past decade there will not be much ground for complaint by anybody. A strong State system of roads is better than a lot of weak county ones.

MISPLACED CRITICISM.

In the United States the right of any citizen to criticize a public official from the President down is pretty well recognized and rather extensively practiced. This right though like many others can be abused. It should never be used unless there is good grounds for doing so.

President Coolidge has been criticised rather freely of late by some Congressmen and a good many newspaper editors, college professors, communists and pacifists because of the government's policy towards Mexico and Nicaragua. This criticism has been of the extreme, one sided sort. The critics have not been in possession of all of the facts in the case and have leaped at conclusions. Recent events have shown that the critics were hasty and that their judgment was wrong.

The statement made by Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg before the Senate Committee on Foreign relations last Wednesday showed the justice of the administration's policy towards Nicaragua. The United States is trying to protect the lives and property of American citizens in Nicaragua and is also defending our country from the attacks of Bolsheviks. The committee hearing was a secret one and no details of Secretary Kellogg's statement was made public except the memorandum of Bolshevik activities. Foreign relations are a rule, delicate matters and a certain amount of secrecy is necessary for the public good.

For several years now Russian Bolsheviks have been trying to foment trouble within the United States and to create bad feeling in Latin American countries against the United States. Their purpose, as they themselves have said, has been and is to overthrow the American form of Government and substitute for it the latest Russian style. If a majority of the people of the United States wish to abolish the plan of government as laid down by the founders of the Republic and set up a communistic form of government they have the right to do so. It is not the prerogative of foreigners though to decide what sort of government we shall have. The "All America Anti-Imperialist League" created by Russian reds for the purpose of organizing the countries to the south against the United States is not only a colossal piece of impudence but a violation of the spirit of friendliness that ought to exist between all countries. Many countries have gone to war for less reason and if the United States should declare war on Russia it would be well within its rights. It is not necessary to go to that extreme of course but talk of recognizing such a country is nonsensical and unpatriotic. It would not be amiss though to tell the Bolshevistic crowd just about how much longer our patience will endure. Russia borrowed one hundred million dollars from the United States which it has not repaid and probably has no intention of repaying. Now as debtors have done before, Russian agitators are going around abusing the creditor whom they

have robbed.

It appears from their own statements that the Bolsheviks have attempted to organize anti-American sentiment in Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Salvador, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippines and several other countries. They have used money, stolen from their own people as well as others to spread their false doctrines and to injure the United States. It is necessary that our Government shall take note of this propaganda and offset it as far as possible. The Latin-American countries, for the most part have been the hot-beds of riot and revolution for centuries. They are well suited for the propagation of Bolshevism. There is much ignorance in those countries and the people are easy prey for demagogues. Evil seeds sprout easily among them.

The Federal administration is doing its duty when it acts firmly with countries like Mexico and Nicaragua. They should be treated justly at all times but our own rights and interests should be safeguarded also. A policy of firmness is less likely to provoke war than one of supineness which is neither creditable nor beneficial. The people of the United States should support the administration in its policy which as events have shown is the best policy.

PRESS GLEANINGS

CLEANING THE ROADS.

The 700 miles of roads of this state highway district were clear of snow by late afternoon of the day following the beginning of the fall, in the night, except what came down behind the machines. Not so many years ago such a snow would have ruined the soil roads for weeks and soil roads were about all there were. It was a tremendous piece of work, the heaviest snow the maintenance forces have ever handled; but the public accepts such service as matter of course. It is even a shorter time since a snow like that would have isolated a large portion of Guilford county, before the county maintenance system, was organized. (Greensboro News)

TIME WILL TELL.

A prominent Elizabeth City minister has gone on record as saying that altho he has voted the Democratic ticket all his life, he will vote the Republican ticket if Al Smith is the next presidential nominee of the Democratic party. If everybody South of the Smith and Wesson line felt that way about it, then the South may as well prepare to swing in the Republican column, for Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York is the only hope of the Democratic party and if the party fails to embrace that hope the South will have no Democratic party to vote for and we'll all be voting the Republican ticket. I make that prediction confidently because the Democratic party must either win with Smith or go down in ignominious defeat to be succeeded by a new and radical party. The South is not ready to go into a liberal or radical party; the South is fundamentally conservative and the Republican party is going to be the conservative party in this country for a good many years to come. (Elizabeth City Independent.)

RESCUE WORKERS NOT SALVATION ARMY

The Volunteers of America, or American Rescue Workers, said to be canvassing many North Carolina communities for funds at this time, bear no relation whatever to the Salvation Army and should not be confused as such. Capt. Malcom Penney of the local S. A. post asserted yesterday.

Captain Penney said in a formal statement:

"I would like to say that there are people all over North Carolina collecting funds, known as the Volunteers of America or the American Rescue Workers. These people lead the public to believe that they are a branch of the Salvation Army.

"They are in no way connected with, nor do any of their funds go to the Salvation Army. They also tell the public that the Salvation Army is Strictly English. This is not true.

"The Salvation Army is a world-wide movement. In this country this movement is in charge of Commander Evangeline Booth, with headquarters at 120-130 West 14th street New York city. Commissioner William A. McIntyre is in charge of the Salvation Army in the South, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. The Salvation Army has posts established in sixty-eight countries and colonies, and preaches the gospel in twenty-six different languages. This paragraph is enough to show that the Salvation Army is really a world-wide movement.

"Friends who help the Salvation Army will recognize the uniform."
 —(The New Bernian.)

If you have a good opinion of yourself, and wish others to have it, keep it to yourself.—Atchison Globe.

A man 90 years old is out as a leader in Mexico. He evidently thinks the degenerate modern youth does not know how to rebel.—Toronto Star.

Engineers are told that in 1931 it will be possible to run an automobile fifty miles for five cents, provided, of course, that room can be found on the roads.—Boston Transcript.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our husband and father.

Mrs. Thos. Wade and Family.

Judge for yourself if Miss Katherine Seig is a worthy Aunt Julia Jan. 28.—Adv.

SEABREEZE THEATRE

PROGRAM

Week Beginning Jan. 24th

This is the biggest week's program that has ever been put on at the Seabreeze. Note the Stars and Dates.

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with Colleen Moore. Critics pronounce this her best.

TUESDAY WAR PAINT

Starring Tim McCoy.

WED. & THURSDAY Her Honor the Governor

with Pauline Frederick

FRIDAY Prince of Pilson

with Anita Stewart and George Sidney.

SATURDAY The Greater Glory

with Conway Tearle and Anna Q. Nilsson.

Our next Serial starts Feb. 5th
 THE ARCHER

Mother Always Remembers
 by O. Lawrence Hawthorne



I don't see how my Mother knows When everybuddy's birthday is. She does, though! But I'll bet my Dad Would never think of even his, Unless my Mother made a cake For him, jus' like she does for me. A mother never could forget A date, as far as I can see.

We know that every holiday There'll be a party for us boys, With decorations everywhere An' special kinds o' games an' toys. We know we'll have a Christmas tree; We know we'll always get a lot Of Easter eggs, an' Valentines— 'Cause Mother never has forgot!

Sometimes, I guess, my Dad would like It better if she did forget A anniversary or two— 'Cause he feels kinda cheap, I'll bet. When Mother gives him somethin' swell, An' he looks at the calendar An' finds out it's their weddin' day— An' he ain't got a thing for her!

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