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THE COUNTRY CAN HELP.

Unfortunately the gentleman in charge of the Associated Charities in the city is ill in the hospital, but his secretary is handling the work, and in conjunction a committee composed of good men and women, has been appointed to search out the needy in the city.

Ten thousand dollars was raised recently to keep the work of the Associated Charities going. The work now before that association is great and will require the co-operation of all charitably inclined persons in Charlotte.

There are many men out of work in the city today. Those men are facing a most serious situation. There are many other poor families in need of coal and bread and meat.

The police department, the committee now investigating the needs of the city and all other agencies and individuals can do much service by informing the Associated Charities of all persons found, after investigation, to be actually in need of necessities of life.

Charlotte can and will take care of her needy but there must be system in the work.

The News is willing to do all in its power to help provide work for idle men and to help carry food and coal to the needy. It is willing to publish free of cost lists of names of idle workmen in the city who stand ready to do any sort of honorable work in order to secure funds with which to provide for their families.

If names and addresses of such workmen are sent in to us, with a brief statement as to trade or occupation followed, how long the writer has been out of work and in what condition he finds himself because of his enforced idleness, we will be glad to publish these names, in the hope of bringing the idle man in touch with some one who may have some contract he can let at this time.

In addition to this we want to make a direct appeal to our country friends to send in any kind of food supplies. We will see that same are turned over to the Associated Charities and are distributed where they are most needed.

The city people have endeavored in every way to rally to the aid of farmers through the buy-a-bale and other movements.

Just now the situation is reversed and there are many men out of work in Charlotte who are facing a far more serious situation than that in which the farmer, with low cotton finds himself.

The farmer has food and fuel, whereas many idle men in Charlotte have neither.

If our kind hearted country friends will send a chicken, as Mr. R. O. Alexander is urging, or a pound of butter, or a few dozen eggs, or a little meat or meal or flour—any such gifts would be carried to homes where hunger stalks and where children shiver and suffer.

In a time such as this we must all work together and try to bear one another's burdens.

And city people can help, too, by contributing a sack of flour or a ton of coal or some other necessities which may carry cheer to cheerless homes.

As the happiest season of the year approaches we would like to see those in position to do so both in country and city rally together and help make the hearts of all the needy glad.

What will our farmer friends do? A little boy anxiously inquired what Santa Claus leaves his things for the North Carolina folks in—Spartanburg Journal.

It is but natural that a South Carolina youngster should not know the real receptacle.

DARING NAVAL RAID.

One of the most spectacular exploits of the entire war so far recorded was the raid made by a fleet of fast going German cruisers on British coast towns yesterday.

Four cities lying along the coast of England were bombarded and a number of lives were destroyed, while immense property damage was done. That the German fleet could find its way through the North Sea, which was supposed to have been made immune from entry by the British fleet, makes the exploit all the more remarkable.

This was the first time in the history of the British empire when hostile battleships have fired upon British towns.

The cruisers came in under cover of cloud, did their work and returned to their base uninjured, according to early morning reports.

At any rate this is one of the altogether unexpected developments of the war to date.

THE CITY ACTS.

The city has appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars with which to buy coal for people in Charlotte out of fuel.

This is a commendable act upon the part of the city and one which will result in relieving suffering in many homes.

What the city has done many individuals can do on a smaller scale.

The total depravity of war is further exemplified in refusal of warring nations to recognize dear old Santa Claus.

Pou Frowns on Plan For Primary to Settle Raleigh Postmastership

Special to The News. Raleigh, Dec. 17.—The definite notice from Congressman Pou at Washington that Candidate C. H. Anderson's insistence that a primary be held here for endorsing one or another of the three candidates for postmaster of Raleigh is of no avail and that no such instrumentality for stirring up strife among the folks here, as Congressman Pou expresses it, will be put off on the community is having the effect of forcing all three candidates, Anderson, Edward E. Britton and Bart M. Gatling to systematic effort to secure individual endorsements of their respective candidacies. There is also now the definite information that it is the purpose of the authorities at Washington to take up the matter of the appointment of the postmaster right after the New Year. The term of Postmaster Briggs does not expire until February. And, furthermore, that Congressman Pou, Senators Simmons and Overman and Secretary of the Navy Daniels will confer and as nearly as possible agree upon who ever they are to recommend to Postmaster Burleson and President Wilson for the appointment. As the contest develops the impression grows hereabouts that of the three candidates Editor Britton of The News and Observer is the most likely candidate, although both Gatling and Anderson have very strong support. While there is no betting on the outcome, expert opinion is most freely given as believing Britton will land the place.

SMILE A FEW.

Here, you discontented knocker. Growlin' 'bout your country's ills, Chloroform your dismal talker; Take a dose of liver pills. Stop yer dura eternal howlin'. Chaw some sand and git some grit; Don't sit in the dumps growlin'. Smile a few, An' boost a bit.

Fall in while the band's aplayin', Ketch the step an' march along; 'Steard o' pessimistic brayin', Jine the halleluiahs song; Drop your hammer—do some rootin'. Grab a horn, you cuss, an' split Every echo with your tootin'.

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—The Editor and Publisher and Journalist.

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in the hash." Landlady—"Yes; I put it there. You've been complaining, I understand, about lack of change in your meals."—Washington Herald.

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION

Catarrh is as much a blood disease as scrofula or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the voice, deranges the digestion, and breaks down the general health. It weakens the delicate lung tissues and leads to consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla goes to the seat of the trouble, purifies the blood, and is so successful that it is known as the best remedy for catarrh. Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens and tones the whole system. It builds up. Ask your druggist for Hood's, and insist on having it. There is no real substitute.

F. D. A.

Why the baffling about of the CITY REPORT??

Why the various heads so anxious to re-hash its contents before the cruel eyes of the multitude feast upon the sacred instrument??

Why should a man because a POLICEMAN speed at hazardous rate without question—his CITY AUTO-MOBILE??

Under what law is a policeman immune against violations??

Attention Traffic-manager-VILKES. Do your impartial duty—General reduction in

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Alexanders F. D. THOS. L. Fire Insurance Rates.

The Passing Show

By The Looker-On.

Dr. Vines' Joke.

The Looker On reads with much interest and a consequent increase of knowledge the "As I was saying" column on the editorial page of the News and Observer and often sees items he would like to "cop" but knowing how these writers object to having their stuff copied he has heretofore refrained. But the following story concerning a Charlotte man is too good to let get away, therefore:

"Persons who attended the Baptist State Convention observed that the speaker before the convention who could best hold the attention of the body were those who injected a little humor now and then into their remarks. Refreshed by a telling anecdote the convention would better concentrate its attention on the more serious thought of the speaker. One of the anecdotes that pleased the convention was told by Rev. W. M. Vines, of Charlotte, in his address Thursday night on woman's work. The speaker told of a couple standing before the preacher waiting for the mystic words to be spoken making the twain one. It was noticed that the groom was very ill at ease. He turned and twisted and hemmed and hawed, according to the speaker, standing first on one foot and then on the other and giving other signs of extreme nervousness. Finally the attention of the best man was attracted to the groom's nervousness and the best man whispered, "What is the matter, have you lost the ring?" "No," was the reply, "I have the ring all right, but I have lost my enthusiasm."

"Don't Print My Name."

The Charlotte News tells of a man who has been convicted several times, and recently leaving the chingang after a year's sentence for running a blind tiger, asked that his name be kept out of the newspapers for fear that it would injure his reputation.

That is by no means a unique instance. The Charlotte News and every other paper has had plenty of experience along that line. They are all constantly begged to refrain from publication of the news of some man's departure from the paths of rectitude. And invariably the man who asks that favor seems wholly unable to realize that the real disgrace is in having done something wrong. Very rarely does the man seem to feel ashamed of what he has done. Is it real shame that only dreads publicity?—Greenville Piedmont.

Upon investigation of the case referred to by the Greenville Piedmont the Looker On learned that the man who asked that his name be withheld for fear that it would hurt his reputation, had just been released from the Mecklenburg county chain gang where he had served a year on a charge of selling liquor to three young boys, two of whom were made beastly drunk as a result.

Therefore the Greenville Piedmont's observations are the more applicable.

Coals of Fire.

"I see much in the newspapers about tramps these days," remarked Plain Clothes Officer Dan Bradley, of the Charlotte police force to the Looker On yesterday afternoon "and every time I see or hear of it I am reminded of a magazine story I read several years ago which made a deep impression on me.

"One story told of a man in the eastern part of the United States, who found on his front porch one night a ragged tramp, cold and hungry. The tramp asked for something to eat and in reply the householder drove him from the place with an admonition to go to work and make for himself a living so that he would not be forced to call upon his more fortunate fellow men. In fact, the householder proceeded to preach the tramp a sermon on the sinfulness of laziness and was not overly careful in the choice of his words.

"The tramp went away, still hungry and cold. "He went to work, later moved into the far West, became a prominent citizen and apparently forgot the bitter experience.

"One night as the wind was howling, and snow lay on the ground, a man knocked on his door and begged for something to eat. He was invited into the house, and to eat a good warm supper, but he explained that he was dirty and travel worn and that he would not intrude, saying a bite wrapped in a newspaper would be gratefully received.

"But the householder insisted, and the man came in, and ate a good hearty supper. As he was finishing the owner of the home asked if the visitor had ever seen him before, to which the reply was that he had not.

"But he had. He was the man who had years before driven a tramp from his door in the Eastern states and refused him food. But now it was the former tramp who was befriending the former householder, who had lost his home, his family, his position in life and had become a tramp.

"Now that is what I call heaping coals of fire on the head of an enemy," concluded the officer.

"I never see or hear of a tramp that I do not remember this story. Of course tramps can not be fed, else they soon become a nuisance, and infect the community. At the same time, there are men who are forced to tramp who later regain their self-respect and that of their fellow men."

GERMANS COLLECTING TAXES IN BELGIUM.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 2.—The German authorities in Belgium have begun to collect the taxes in Belgium in accordance with the provision of the Hague Convention respecting occupied hostile territory. The collection is made by the regular Belgian officials, who are under German supervision. No exceptions are made in the case of German goods; these pay the regular import duties like those from other countries. When the collection of duties began the authorities announced that goods already brought in would have to pay duties in arrears.

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OPERATING ROOM OBSERVATIONS ARE DISCUSSED

By Associated Press.

Asheville, Dec. 17.—Technical discussions of operating room observations and phenomena consumed the greater part of yesterday's sessions of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association now in session at this city. Speaking upon the invitation of the association, Dr. William Carpenter McCarty, of Rochester, Minn., explained some new facts about cancer and their clinical significance. Other speakers at today's sessions were Dr. Guy L. Hunter, of Baltimore; Dr. Bransford Lewis, of St. Louis; Dr. Louis Frank, of Louisville; Dr. E. P. Richardson, of Boston; Dr. Rudolph Matas, of New Orleans; Dr. J. Garland Sherrill, of Louisville; Dr. John Young Brown, of St. Louis; Dr. Randolph Winslow, of Baltimore; Dr. George W. Crile, of Cleveland; Dr. Reuben Peterson, of Ann Arbor; Dr. Thomas S. Cullen, of Baltimore; Dr. J. D. S. Davis, of Birmingham; Dr. Alexius McGlannan, of Baltimore; Dr. H. J. Boldt, of New York; Dr. S. M. D. Clark, of New Orleans.

The afternoon was given over to a sight-seeing trip, arrangements for which called for the abandonment of the afternoon scientific session.

The convention will come to a close tomorrow with the election of officers and the selection of the place of holding the next annual meeting. Six cities are asking for the 1915 convention.

OUR LIQUOR CONSUMPTION

To the Editor of The News: 4,800 gallons a month. 1,200 gallons a week.

The above is the estimated quantity of liquor coming into Charlotte through the express office daily, as taken from the express books giving the daily receipts, and this, too, before the Christmas rush orders and extra shipments are in. As great as these figures are they do not include what is shipped by freight in barrels and boxes.

Is any one surprised that Charlotte must raise ten thousand dollars for charity, when \$14,400 goes out of town every month for liquor. This is the cost of 4,800 gallons at the average price being paid for it per gallon. Cut out this hellfire poverty making and soul damning stuff and we won't need so much for charity. While town is asleep the devil, the clubs and the blind tigers are sending the young men of the city to hell and taking away the bread from wives and children. Let some of our preachers turn loose a broadside on the rich church members with their lockers in clubs to set better examples for the young men and Charlotte will not be debauched and corrupted as it is. One man with a breaking heart stopped me on the street and said can't something be done to save the young men of Charlotte. Few young men in my church have fallen into the drink habit.

Men and women of Charlotte, let us show our manhood and womanhood if we have got any. Cut out the liquor business from Charlotte. Let us clean up the clubs, and the shipment of liquor into our town, then we will not need to hunt work for men nor raise money for paupers. Come and hear Bob Glenn Sunday and put the ball in motion and proclaim a new era in the history of Charlotte.

S. F. CONRAD.

SCALE OF HIRE FOR GOV'T. CHARTERED VESSELS

London, Dec. 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The scale of hire for vessels chartered by the British government for use as armed cruisers, troop ships, hospital ships and other purposes has been drawn up by an admiralty sub-committee, and from these rates it is possible to make a rough calculation of the earnings in three months of some of the biggest vessels which are well-known in the Atlantic trade. They are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Vessel, Tons, Speed knots, Earnings in 3 mo. Includes Aquitania, Caronia, Carmania, Cedric, Tunisian, Emp. of Brit.

In addition the government is recommended to pay the cost of preparing for vessels for state purposes, for time lost between end of charter period till restoration of the vessel in normal work and for higher wages.

Dungeons. General—I see here's an article on "Revolution in the Mince Pie." Colonel—That's the kind of revolution you like to put down, I suppose, general?—Yonkers Statesman.

Brings It All Out. Irene—Don't you think that travel brings out all that is in one? Ira—Yes; especially ocean travel.—Judge.

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Advertisement for Stieff pianos featuring 'Her Dearest Wish—A Fine Player-Piano'. Includes an illustration of a piano and contact information for Stieff in Charlotte, N.C.

Advertisement for 'The Christmas Spirit' by C. F. Shuman, discussing roof leaks and chimney repairs.

Advertisement for Standard Ice & Fuel Company, featuring 'Miss M. Gouger' and contact information.

Advertisement for 'ROOFS' by R. S. GARMON & BRO., including contact information and a list of services.