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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY.

Every yesterday is talking to, instructing today. . . . We live in, and because of, yesterdays. Their life enters into ours. Not only yesterday speaks today, but what yesterday says decides what today is. He lives well and wisely who has the speech of each day as it goes, who hears and heeds the voice it utters.—Ware.

We seldom meet with joy and delight by appointment, but unexpectedly they smile on us their sudden welcome round some old corner of life.—Palmer.

At dawn everything is fresh, light, simple. Spiritual truth, like the atmosphere, is more transparent and our organs, like the young leaves, drink in life more eagerly. If night and the starry sky speak to the meditative soul of God, of eternity and the infinite, the dawn is the time for projects, for resolutions, for the birth of action.—Amiel.

CLOSING OF CAMP GREENE.

"Finitis" is the word written over against the career of Camp Greene. By an order promulgated by the War Department, the camp is to pass into dissolution with the exception of the base hospital which is to be retained to assist in the great national undertaking of rehabilitating those wounded in the war.

The abandonment of the camp by no means unexpected now that there is no real need for it brings with it more than passing regrets. It has been a distinct virtue in some senses to have had the camp located here and to have enabled the citizenry of this community to make contact with such a large number of the soldiers of the American army. There have probably been as many as an aggregate of 150,000 soldiers who have passed in and out of Camp Greene, many of whom came to be known personally by somebody in Charlotte. The social relationships, therefore, developed have contributed to a material broadening of acquaintanceship for the people here and by that process their horizon has been broadened.

It is pertinent to speak of the character of the soldiers who have been at the camp, as to their behavior, their general deportment and the sort of manhood represented. And particularly noteworthy is the fact that during the entire career of the camp there has arisen no organized unpleasantness between the soldiers and civilians, no widespread feelings other than those of the closest cordiality have existed. The men have depicted themselves as gentlemen with singular uniformity and the civilians' estimate of the character of the new American army has been greatly strengthened because of their knowledge of the men at Camp Greene. Those soldiers have come here from far and near, many were not American citizens, some of them living in sections remote by thousands of miles from the South, and yet they have aptly taken up with the ways of the South and mingled as "entlemen with the people of the South."

It is a source of regret, therefore, that these cordial relationships are to be interfered with by the abandonment of the camp, even though it was taken for granted that its dissolution would come sooner or later. The people of Charlotte have liked the soldiers and the soldiers have liked them. They have been entertained in the best of local homes and have been invited to help themselves to anything they might see. The freedom of the city has been theirs to enjoy and it is a high tribute to the character of the multitude of men passing in and out of the camp that these generous offers were not taken—advantage of or abused. The soldiers that the city has bidden good-bye to in the past and those whose farewells remain to be said have been gentlemen whose conduct has been marked by an unusual courtliness and Charlotte dislikes to part company with that sort of folks.

THE WHIRLWIND ON THE WILHELMSTRASSE.

There is a school of philosophy not yet persuaded that the war ended aright when the German armies agreed to put down their arms hundreds of miles from home and yet stood upon territory they had devastated and spoiled. Even to generous-minded, there seems a sense in which the empire that perpetrated the greatest crime of the ages has been allowed to go unpunished. Justice has not been properly applied. It has miscarried. The crime Germany committed has incurred no like penalty. The law of retribution has not held the mastery in awarding the final compensation.

Serious events in Berlin now set us to wondering if these are not the vehicles in which stern justice is riding! May it not be that the reign of terror there now is the actual Nemesis of Germany's hideous evil-doings in the past, punishment in kind for the sort of punishment that empire thrust upon an unoffending world! There is the ancient doctrine that Justice is attended by the Furies who see to it that no unrighteousness is allowed immunity and that no crime goes unchastised. Justice can not go blind; the Furies lend her clear vision. Justice can not grow callous; the Furies keep her plastic and sensitive. Justice can not become partial; the Furies relentlessly attend to demand an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. The law of compensation which the Furies teach is not a fable, but an eternal verity. It is as powerful in ethics as it is in physics, among states as out in Nature, in the life of commonwealths as in the character of the man. It is inescapable. Conduct is like the punch-bag. It carries its own rebound and the harder it is struck against the wall, the harder it will hit you back in the face. History is alive with illustrations. Haman built the gallows for Mordecai and Haman himself was hanged thereupon. Ajax gave Hector a belt and by the belt Ajax himself was dragged over the fields at the wheels of the car of Achilles; and the sword which Hector gave Ajax was the sword upon the point of which Hector himself fell. There is a law of retributive justice which makes no mistakes nor allows exceptions. It sees to it that he who punishes is himself punished, that he who steals is himself stolen from, that the traps men set for their fellows are the traps into which they are snared, that they who live by the sword shall perish by the sword!

This inevitable process of chastisement has seemed inoperative in the case of Germany who criminally offended. Germany burned the cities of innocent people, robbed their banks, killed their cattle, looted their treasures, plundered their possessions, stole their merchandise, poisoned their wells, enslaved their aged, outraged their women, bayoneted their babes and just as their enemies became positioned to give them like for like in the name of Right and Justice, Germany abjectly quit, surrendering her levisthans of the deep but keeping her lands inviolate, gave up guns and locomotives and material wealth, but saved her people from the sort of punishment which her people had gloated in when suffered by others as innocent as they. Has grim Justice stood a witness to this transaction, silent and unmoved until, whipped into action by the Furies, she is now returning to do what the Allies refused to do—to avenge with dragon's teeth? When Belgium was bleeding, Germany was in revelry. When France lay torn and lacerated, Germany was in an orgy of rejoicing. The Hun sowed the fields of the world in tears and the inescapable law of evening-up is returning to the Hun a harvest of blood in the streets of Berlin. Has Justice refused to admit the notable generosity of spirit among the Allies to pass at its exchequer and is she now come to levy her tribute against that wrong-doing people by spurring them to the throats of one another, arraying neighbor against neighbor and inspiring brother to spill the blood of brother? Erring judgment of men may misinterpret Right but Right itself has a way of rebelling against the verdict of men and refusing to be misread. Human judiciaries may silence the guns of Justice out of a mistaken notion of chivalrous mercy, but Justice can take the sword from her own scabbard and fling it flaming through those who ignore her mastery. "What will you have? quoth the Gods: Pay for it and take it!" is a proverb of the ancients. Germany's investment has been heavily in innocent blood. She must take the dividends in like currency—the dividends are inevitable if the law of the proverb is right. "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" is more than a proverb; it is the immutable law of God. Germany sowed the winds; she must reap the whirlwinds, no matter what counter activity of penance may be offered nor what spirit of generosity may remain in the fields where the seed of the winds were scattered. It is changeless, relentless laws! So in the scenes on the Wilhelmstrasse and in the bloody carnival of the Unter den Linden, we are witnessing Justice not only with her train of vigilant and merciless Furies, but witnessing, too, the majestic operation of a divine law as old as breath and as grim as death.

SOLID BASIS FOR AGRICULTURE.

Agriculturally the war has benefited America. It has demanded that first attention be given the soil. It has required initiative and energy in the application of scientific knowledge to the business of farming, so that the real advantages accruing have been both intensive and extensive both for the present and permanently. In an address at Baltimore the other day Secretary Houston enlarged upon this point and took it as an argument for yet greater things that can and must be accomplished by the American producers. Because of a shorter actual participation in the war and its freedom from such devastation, as in Europe, the Secretary said that America's relative position, industrially, financially, socially, and governmentally, is stronger than it was five years ago. He quoted estimates showing that the European belligerents, exclusive of the Balkan States and Turkey, lost more than 7,000,000 men killed and 14,000,000 wounded, many of them permanently incapacitated. The Secretary also stated that the war debt of all the belligerents will range from 175 to 200 billion dollars, of which the share of the United States may be 20 billions, only 11 per cent of its wealth, and \$200 a person.

"It is incredible," the Secretary said, "that any thinking man can gain satisfaction from the impairment of the capacity of any part of the world to contribute to the world's national dividend of goods and services. Our thought should be how in the period of recovery we may properly assist the desperately stricken people of Europe, rather than how we can take advantage of them in their present plight."

"A league of nations," the Secretary said, "seems to me to be prerequisite to disarmament in the necessary degree, to the interchange of commodities among nations under rational and equitable conditions, to the freedom of the seas, and to development of the proper attitude and practice in reference to the backward territories of the world."

Every possible assistance, said Mr. Houston, will be given to returning soldiers and others who may wish "to begin life anew in the difficult business of farming." He spoke in favor of hastening the process from tenancy to farm ownership; the improvement of rural finance; establishment of State systems of personal credit unions; immediate resumption of road construction under the Federal Aid Road Act; proper regulation

of the stockyards and packing houses; reduction of diseases and provision of adequate medical facilities in rural communities; continuation of the enlarged activities of the agricultural extension forces; the Department of Agriculture's farm-labor work, and its enlarged market news services; Federal and State co-operation to assure reliable information on the cost of farm production; and legislation to enable State departments of agriculture to co-operate with the Federal Department in regulatory activities in the same way that the agricultural colleges are now able to co-operate in research and experimental work.

CLEARANCE SALE OF ALL OUR MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERCOATS



Men's high class Overcoats, made by the very best manufacturers such as Schloss, Hamburger, etc., reduced to \$16.95, \$19.95, \$22.50, \$24.95, \$29.50 and \$34.95.

Men's heavy weight Overcoats in medium and long lengths at less than today's manufacturers cost, sale prices \$7.95, \$8.95, \$9.95, \$12.95 and \$14.95.

School boys' Overcoats, sizes 8 to 17, reduced to \$3.95, \$6.95, \$8.95 and \$12.95.

Little boys' sizes 2 1-2 to 8 reduced to \$2.98, \$3.95, \$4.48, \$6.95, \$8.95.

All men's and boys' Mackinaw Coats at special prices.

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Schloss and Hamburger suits made of all wool fabrics, conservative and young men's models at \$25.00, \$27.50, \$29.50, \$35.00 and \$39.50.

Belk Suits, made of all wool fabrics, conservative and young men's models including the new skirt model at \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.50, \$22.50, \$25.00 and \$29.50.

Boys' Clothing Department

Be sure and visit our boys' clothing department on balcony.

We are showing a great line of boys' school suits as well as suits for the little boys, from 2 1-2 to 8 at prices ranging from \$2.98 to \$16.50.

Boys' hats, 25c, 50c, 75c, 98c and \$1.50.

Boys' wash Suits, \$1.50 to \$2.98.

UNDERWEAR AND SWEATER DEPARTMENT

Big reduction on all army Sweaters, sale price \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95 and \$4.95.

Men's and boys' civilian Sweaters, 98c to \$7.50.

Just received several cases men's and boys' underwear which should have been delivered last August. These go in sale at old prices. Splendid values in shirts and drawers at 98c.

Union suits, \$1.95.

Boys' union suits, 98c and \$1.25.

SHIRTS

100 dozen men's \$1.50 Percale Shirts, sale price, 98c.

100 dozen men's \$2.00 Percale and Madras Shirts, our leader, \$1.50.

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Men's Flannel Shirts at \$1.50 to \$4.95.

Men's wool and cashmere spx, 50c and 98c.

Men's wool and cashmere Gloves, 25c, 50c and 98c.

Lion Collars, 20c, \$2.25 Per Dozen.

Belk Bros.

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All Military Goods Special Prices

WILL ORR TELLS OF EXPERIENCE

Tells How He Spent Thanksgiving Day—He is a Member of the 81st Division.

Mrs. Grover S. Hawkins, of 311 South Mint street, whose husband is in the Thirtieth division in France and whose brother, Private William L. Orr is in the Eighty-first division, has received a letter from her brother telling something how he spent Thanksgiving day. He was employed at the Jarrell Machine shop here before entering the service. In part it reads:

"Thought we were going to go to town for Thanksgiving services but in our ward some of the boys discovered 'cootles' (now shiver if you know what they are and I expect you have heard about them) the day before, so it was take a bath and discard our clothes and back in pajamas for us and we had to spend Thanksgiving in pajamas. Guess you all can have a big laugh over it, so go ahead."

F. D. A.

Be ye ready. Stand prepared against that day. FIRE INSURANCE that carries you safely "over the top" in that awful day when flame tested your valuables are swept away—It's the part of wisdom—General or specific information—rates—etc.—promptly—freely—furnished by

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or sluggish all the other vital organs of your body are affected—you have stomach and bowel troubles, your head aches, your skin loses its clearness, and you have "the blues." Take Hood's Pills—gentle and thorough. Do not irritate nor gripe. Price 25c. of all druggists or C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

FOR FEEBLE OLD PEOPLE

John Devitt recommends Vinol to Great Strength and Vitality. Marlon, N. J.—"I am 89 years of age and after a severe sickness, was in a weak, run-down condition. Vinol has built me up and made me strong, so how I feel real well again, and I can recommend it to others for such conditions."—John M. Devitt.

The reason Vinol was so successful in Mr. Devitt's case, is because it contains beef and cod liver oil, peptones, iron and manganese peptonates and glycerophosphates, the very elements needed to build up a weakened, run-down system. It is rich, red, blood and creates strength. It is perfectly wonderful what it does for old people. Liggett's-Jordan Drug Store, R. R. Beatty's 3 stores and druggists everywhere.

TWO PHYSICIANS ARRESTED HERE

Dr. H. M. Wilder and Dr. W. W. Pharr Bonded for Next Federal Court.

Dr. H. M. Wilder and Dr. W. W. Pharr, prominent physicians of the city, were arrested yesterday by Deputy U. S. Marshal E. S. Williams upon grand jury warrants, returned at the recent term of United States district court, charged with violating the Harrison anti-narcotic law.

A. A. KNEE IS HEAD OF AUTO DEALERS

A. A. Knee, automobile dealer of this city, has been named to head the association of automobile dealers of this city, announcement of his election being made by Secretary T. J. Mitchell.

Mr. Knee succeeds J. T. Madden, president of the local dealers, other officials being A. H. Burwell, vice-president and A. A. Knee, directors of the association.

The selection of Mr. Knee to the presidency of the association, has proven highly acceptable to the local dealers. The Charlotte organization includes dealers in automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles, and all lines of motor vehicles.

CHILDREN FREE TO SHOW.

School children will be admitted free this afternoon and evening to the poultry show now being exhibited at the Alexander garage on the corner of Fourth and Poplar streets.

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Mothers for over half a century have used with the utmost regularity the time-honored preparation, Mother's Friend, before the arrival of baby. Here is a truly wonderful penetrating application for the abdomen and breasts. It softens and makes elastic the muscles, rendering them pliant to readily yield to nature's demand for expansion. By its use the anxious months of pregnancy are made comfortable. The usual wrenching strain, bearing-down and stretching pains are counteracted. The system is prepared for the coming event, and the use of Mother's Friend brings peaceful nights and happy anticipation, for the nerves are not drawn upon with the usual strain.

By its regular application the muscles expand easily when baby arrives; the time is less at the crisis and naturally the pain and danger is less. Every drug store is on sale at only a few cents. It is for external use only, is absolutely safe and wonderfully effective.

Write the Bradford Regulator Company, Dept. C, Lamar Building, Atlanta, Georgia, for their interesting Mother's Friend Book, free to users of Mother's Friend, and obtain a bottle of Mother's Friend from the drug store and begin this grateful treatment.