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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY.

Promises retain men better than services. For them hope is a chain and gratitude a thread.—Talleyrand. Life was made for happiness and fair play and the way to receive the best in existence is first to give it.—Hannicut Sloane.

I have no pleasure in any man who despises music. It is no invention of ours; it is the gift of God. I place it next to religion. Satan hates music; he knows it drives the evil out of us.—Martin Luther.

CHARGES AGAINST Y. M. C. A.

No outsider has any business forming conclusions yet as to the charges which have been made against the Young Men's Christian Association in its war work. We are informed that the complaints against it are mainly with regard to overcharges for things sold to the soldiers, inefficiency in the distribution of supplies, the congestion of "secretaries" in the cities, the noticeable lack of workers at certain parts of the front, failure of broad sympathy which alienated the soldiers, and a grudging service on the part of some secretaries and a disposition to loaf rather than work.

We take it that none of the protagonists of the Young Men's Christian Association claim perfection for it. It is a human organization and, therefore, subject to the frailties of erring flesh, but it is impossible to blast the splendid reputation of this organization by reason of any isolated deficiencies of which it might be guilty in its war work. Doubtless, it has made mistakes abundantly, committed grave blunders, been guilty of rather gross neglect or seeming inertia, fallen down on some of the many-sided jobs given it to undertake, but over against all the records of error which might be written against it could be stacked, mountain-high, a list of commendations and words of appreciation which would certainly show its virtues to be superior to its vices.

GUARDING PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

The wisdom of the suggestion being made to the county commissioners, by some gentlemen interested in the project that the dangerous places on the public roads of the county be marked with large signs and the high embankments raised admits of no discussion except such as would commend it to the speedy acceptance of the board. Here is an instance of where the county by the expenditure of a small amount of money may be able to save both property and life. In other sections of the country such a suggestion as is being made has been carried out, the sharp curves or dangerous crossings on the public highways are properly sign'd out and marked in letters large enough to attract the eye of the automobilists. Where there are high embankments there are railings sufficiently strong to protect the public from the dangers of running off, or being forced off the road. This is a matter that should receive the sort of attention its worthiness demands and speedily looked after.

INSURANCE STABILITY.

The fact that the insurance companies of the United States have been able to tide over the crisis of the influenza wave is more than we can understand. They have been paying out insurance claims in the hundreds of millions because of the deaths from influenza during the past three months and none of them seem to be any worse for their experience. Certainly it is a wonderful tribute to their inherent strength and to the management of the insurance companies that none of them have fallen by the wayside during this fearful scourge and its consequent loss in life.

GLUTTED WITH ABUSE.

The meeting of the national committee of the Republican party yesterday was an instructive event. It was entirely true to form and in keeping with the spirit of the constituents of that party generally, a spirit of backbiting and complaining, of criticism and bitterness without a cause. But for the fact that there arose an opportunity for the delegates to make laudatory speeches about Colonel Roosevelt, the day's program of abuse would have been unbroken. The Republicans did not discuss an issue for the simple reason that they have none to discuss. They did not agree on the best man to name for a Presidential candidate because there is no best man to name. They denounced bolshevism, socialism and Mr. McAdoo. All things democratic came within the scope of their vituperation, not excepting the South from which no good thing can come according to these rampant G. O. P. leaders who have forgotten that there was a war once that obliterated the sectional lines of this great republic, and that there no longer exist, except in the minds of purblind partisans, such divisional boundaries as the North and the South, or the East and the West.

We should judge it possible to get an accurate insight from the temper of the meeting of the committee of the sort of campaign ahead of this country preceding the next election. The Republicans are not only divided in their own councils, but they are hopelessly adrift when it comes to pivoting their campaign upon a great national issue. Hence they will be forced to resort to abuse and vituperation against the officials of the Democratic party. They will endeavour to cover up all the accomplishments of this Administration by some isolated defects and mistakes, forgetting that the people have already put down in their little books all these things themselves, carefully setting the good over against the evil, and the achievements over against the mistakes. And the leaders of the G. O. P. are going to have a hard time convincing the multitude that they could have done half so well in the management of the greatest enterprise that ever presented itself to the thought of American statesmanship.

THE GAME LAWS.

The close of the open season in Mecklenburg county permits the hearty endorsement of the present law relating both to the hunting of game and the sale thereof on the open markets. Since the law was passed prohibiting the sale of quail there has been a notable decrease in that class of hunting which is done for revenue only, and that is the class that devastates the birds. The occasional sportsman doesn't hurt the birds much. He may go out fairly often and bag a dozen or so, but in the end, his damage is not material as compared with that of the man who makes it a business to hunt for the markets. It begins to look now as if the present efficient law will have to be amended, but only in the direction of stringency. The way the rabbits have been killed out this season would indicate that the ban would have to be put on their sale also in the interest of their propagation. We have heard of no movement to interfere with the existing game laws of the county and it is sincerely to be hoped that there will be no agitation in that direction.

UTILIZING THE CAMP.

We are expecting every day to hear of enterprising men of Charlotte making plans to utilize Camp Greene and the many improvements in the way of water, sewerage, lights, street car lines, etc., that await the genius of some initiatory men of affairs here. The site becomes ideal for the starting of a business suburb that would eclipse any of its sort around the city. It is splendidly located, directly between both the Southern and Seaboard lines and the interurban splits the estate in half. All of the modern conveniences are already installed, as we have remarked, and the salvage available would constitute a fine start for the building of a splendid settlement.

Henry Ford's profits out of war contracts run up to the modest little sum of four millions. Now Henry is able to give thanks that his peace expedition to Europe some years ago "to get the boys out of the trenches before Christmas" would have knocked him out of a sizable fortune had it gone through successfully.

The Poles are said in a report to have gone into ecstasy when they saw their magnificent Paderewsky again in the flesh. Paderewsky would appear to be somewhat of an artist when it comes to playing on the feeling of his people as well as on the piano.

The restaurant prices went up because there was a war and they are probably staying up now because there is none.

The best way to strangle the bolshevist movement is to strangle the bolshevists whether they be here or yonder.

The Kaiser says he hasn't enough room where he is. The place he is headed for, however, is not crowded yet.

The republican party is now not only without a great leader but without any who may develop into such.

QUOTING THE PUBLIC

McCall Doesn't Know About It. "I do not know about this suggestion of issuing more bonds to fill out the sum that is wanted now for a high school building," said J. D. McCall, former chairman of the city school board. "The building, in my opinion, ought to have been erected right after the bonds were voted in April, 1916. I would hesitate before endorsing a call for an additional issue of bonds for a high school now."

Can't Drown Babies There. "China has some peculiar customs and ideas," said Dr. E. C. Register. "When I was in that country, some years ago, at Canton, my guide one day took me out, and passing a river, we noticed a Chinese sign. Of course it was unintelligible to me but the guide told me that it read this way: 'Girl Babies not allowed to be drowned in this river at this point.'"

Indians Submit to Execution. "I had often wondered about that story in Indian lore to the effect that an Indian sentenced to death would submit voluntarily to execution," said E. B. Laurave. "I have a chance to verify it once in the Saskatchewan Country in Canada. You know, it is said, the Indian tribunals that condemn to death one of their tribesmen for any offense never think of keeping him in custody after condemning him to death, but give him liberty to bid his friends good-bye, no matter how far distant they live. In Saskatchewan one day about noon an Indian who had come in from the swamps with a lot of fish and game was distributing it among his white friends, who offered him a drink of liquor as compensation. 'No, he said, 'Indian must die at sundown.' Investigation proved that he had been condemned to death by a tribunal of his tribe and that he was getting ready to go back and accept the penalty."

He Takes All Kinds of Weather. "I am used to all kinds of climate now," said Lafayette Irwin. "The cold blasts of the Nebraska plains or the frigid winter temperature of certain parts of Oregon have no terrors for me. Having been born and reared in this section and spent a number of years in Oregon and Nebraska before entering the service as a soldier I can stand almost any kind of weather. It is sometimes 115 degrees in the summer and sometimes 38 below in Nebraska, but its just weather to me."

Another Praises "Sugarfoot." "Did you hear of that atrocity committed by 'Sugarfoot' Gaffney at the Auditorium theatre the other evening?" asked Norman Lynch. "He said that Santa Claus did not come down the chimney the past Christmas because he was afraid of the 'fu.' I think everybody enjoyed the comedian. He is growing more popular year by year."

Soldier-Travelers Must Stand. "As I came up from Savannah yesterday I found the trains everywhere crowded with discharged soldiers," said Arthur Whitelaw, a vaudeville actor. "The seats were crowded, the aisles were crowded and every available space on the train was crowded. It seems to me that the government, which controls the railroads, ought to be able to provide more comfortable traveling facilities."

He's Going Back to Georgia. "I expect to be out of the army pretty soon," said Sergeant Maxey. "Then I am going back to my home in Georgia and take up my duties where I left them off before coming to Camp Greene nearly a year ago. Now that the war is over, I want to get back into citizens clothes again."

ROLL OF HONOR

SECTION ONE.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces: Died from accident and other causes... 6, Died of disease... 80, Wounded severely... 21, Total... 107, Died of Disease... 107.

Privates: Wells, Isaac, 301 Thistle street, High Point, N. C.; Aklin, Christian, Castle street, Knoxville, S. C.; Bond, Lynn, R. F. D. 1, box 8, Edenton, N. C.; Chambers, John, general delivery, Dadesboro, N. C.

SECTION TWO.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces: Killed in action... 30, Died of wounds... 38, Missing in action... 46, Total... 114, Killed in Action... 114.

Private: McKinney, William, R. F. D. 3, Gannett, S. C.; Died of Wounds: Chapman, James, Taylorsville, N. C.; Mayes, Ivan S., R. F. D. 6, Oxford, N. C.; Swinson, James, Magnolia, N. C.; Missing in Action.

Private: Ham, Henry B., R. F. D. 1, Georgetown, S. C.; Wounded Slightly, Previously Reported Missing in Action. Private: Dowd, Horace, Carleton, N. C.; Nixon, George F., Fairfax, S. C.; Returned to Duty, Previously Reported Missing in Action.

Private: Ellshire, Alonzo, Rockingham, N. C.; The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces: Died of wounds... 102, Died in aeroplane accident... 3, Wounded severely... 75, Missing in action... 9, Total... 186, Died of Wounds... 186.

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

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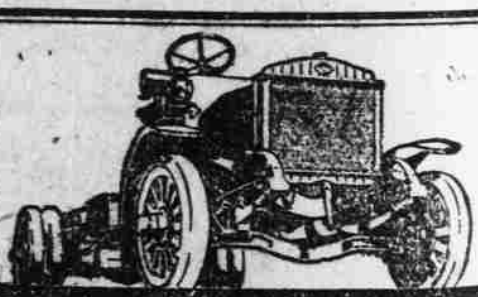
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