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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.—Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.—Gal. 5:22, 23.

A POSTER CAMPAIGN. Under the auspices of the International Rotary Clubs, a poster campaign has been instituted for the promotion of a loftier business mental state just now when people are in the dumps and when the outlook is not as rosy as men would like for it to be.

These messages will emphasize "the gospel of team work as the one best thing that can be encouraged and practiced to relieve the present troubles, both fancied and real".

Of course, it is not to be presumed that the present-day troubles can be totally cured by such an appeal. Today's ills are not entirely psychological and, therefore, psychic remedies will altogether fail to bring things around to normal adjustment.

The mere suggestion sometimes of a disaster brings on the disaster whether there is any other source from which it might arise or not.

We seldom appreciate the power of a suggestion as it relates to our everyday affairs and that is the reason that men can make times harder by standing around and repeating what they have heard of some specific instance of calamity.

The poster campaign instituted by the Rotary clubs of the world is aimed to counteract such impressions by getting the people to thinking about other things, more hopeful things, more encouraging things.

The contracts have been let for the building of the great power stations of the Southern Power Company on the Catawba, one at Mountain Island in this county and the other at Great Falls, S. C.

THE WAR'S EFFECT UPON THE FAR EAST.

It is manifest that the gravest problems which have arisen in connection with what is now known as the Far Eastern question have come out of the World War. Whatever of confusion there may have been in China prior to that time and whatever may have been the complications of Japan's intrigue to rope China in and utilize its vast dominions and resources for its own gain, these have been amplified by the results of the war and Japan's standing, particularly, today as one of the five greatest powers is due almost entirely to the contributions which the war made to that country.

From the standpoint of power, Japan became the predominant nation of the Far East and the Pacific Ocean. Japan saw her opportunity to play a masterful role in China, because of the turmoil, preoccupation and inevitable post-war weakness of Europe.

Then America entered the war (April, 1917) and, reluctantly, China (September, 1917). While the Allies and America were completely absorbed in the great struggle, Japan was busy consolidating her position and her interests in the Far East. Her tradesmen and her merchant ships displaced all others. By large loans to China, made with corrupt Chinese officials, Japan secured a powerful grip on China's internal administration and natural resources.

The collapse of Russia and the presence in Siberia of scores of thousands of Russia's prisoners, German and others, created a new factor of fear in the Occident and led to the Allied military expedition to Siberia (1918). Japan took the lead, but the policies of Japan's General Staff and the character of diplomacy caused serious friction between America and Japanese troops and officers in Siberia.

Of course, if France is allowed to have ten capital ships, then Italy must have equally as many. Italy won't stand for its neighbor having a better or bigger navy and thus will be opened up another race for naval supremacy among the bantamweight class.

FRANCE'S NAVAL DEMANDS.

France has thrown a monkey-wrench into the machinery of the conference at Washington which in these last few days, seemed to have been going along very smoothly. France is now specifically and emphatically demanding a navy of the strength of Japan's although there is no genuine reason why France should insist upon a sizeable navy.

The probable truth of the situation is that France is not much interested in the issue of disarmament. She would like to increase rather than decrease her military strength for the reason, we take it, that the World War brought to bear such terrible lessons to that country in respect to its dangers from outside aggression that France would like to become strong enough of itself for defensive purposes without having to rely so exclusively upon outside aid.

Those who want to do a kind, generous Christian act during the holidays may find their opportunity by a perusal of the letters to Santa Claus as they are appearing from day to day in 'The News'. Some of these letters indicate need and destitution in homes where there are either no mothers or no fathers and homes so obscurely situated that Santa Claus may not find his way there unless some kindly-hearted, thoughtful man or woman shows him the way.

ENVIABLENESS OF OUR POSITION.

North Carolina is undoubtedly one of the most favored States in the whole country just at this time, if not consistently so. Men who travel about a great deal and who are interested, in a business way, with the industrial developments of other parts of the country, tell us that so far as having come out of the gloom and perils of the depression is concerned, they found no other State comparable with this.

You don't hear much of such a status as this in North Carolina. It is a fact, of course, that conditions could be much better than they are, but there is plenty of money in the State; farmers are still up and doing business; merchants are finding their stores well filled with customers; industrial plants are running every day and throughout the whole atmosphere of business and trade and industry, there is sign of life and wholesome activity.

There are two or three reasons for such a fortunate condition. One of them is that North Carolina, as a State, has a diversity of sources from which it can draw its wealth. The Western people are dependent upon an entirely different activity than those of the East for their livelihood, and in the whole commonwealth there is a variety of industries from which the people are able to derive their wealth.

Another reason for North Carolina's prosperity as compared with that of other States, particularly in the South, is that cotton, the basis of a majority of the wealth created in the State, has not yet been destroyed by the boll weevil as is the case in many other sections, notably in parts of South Carolina and in all of Georgia. One may take the cotton census figures and see what a plight Georgia is in, for instance. A State that has a capacity to produce more than 2,500,000 bales of cotton, as it has done in other years, is this year making only a few hundred thousand bales.

North Carolina ought to feel singularly grateful for the favors of Providence which it is enjoying. There is no other State in the South and very few in the country over, if, indeed, any at all, that are comparable with it just now in industrial attainments, in a widely diffused prosperity and in the sort of hopefulness that crowns the portals of the future.

KELLY SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PEN

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—C. J. Kelly, Sanford automobile dealer, was sentenced to five years in the Atlanta penitentiary and fined \$5,000 in United States district court Friday for interstate traffic in stolen automobiles, when the jury, after four hours' deliberation, brought in a verdict of guilty against Kelly and A. W. Hoffman, major in the New York National Guard, and Harry Craig, of Germantown, Pa., who were tried jointly with him. George Scott, suspended member of the New York automobile squad, and Frank Moran, of New York, other defendants in the case, were acquitted. District Attorney Aydtel reserved power for judgment against Hoffman and Craig.

FRYING PAN REAL MATRIMONIAL PROP., ASSERTS ADMIRAL



Admiral Asai Ting-Kau, senior adviser to the Chinese arms conference delegation, handed out some sage advice on matrimony in a recent address in Boston on women's emancipation. "Never permit your husband to learn to cook or mend his clothes. It makes him independent of you and that is fatal," was one of the admiral's hints.

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VETERANS MEET IN CONFERENCE

Second Annual Session Inter-Allied Federation; McNider Sends Message.

Paris, Dec. 17.—In a message to the Inter-Allied Veterans' Federation which opened its second annual conference here today, Hanford McNider, national commander of the American Legion, declared the Federation "will be a stronger factor toward the prevention of future war than any limitation of armaments conference or any international agreements."

The Federation is a union of veterans' societies which are made up of men who fought in the armies and navies of seven of the Allied countries during the World War. Delegates are present from the United States, the British Empire, including overseas dominions, France, Belgium, Italy, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

Commander McNider's message was presented by William B. Follett, of Eugene, Ore., former national vice-commander of the Legion, and chairman of the American delegation of five. Mr. Follett also extended an invitation on behalf of the American Legion to the Federation to hold its next world meeting in New Orleans in October, 1922, in connection with the fourth national convention of the American Legion.

McNIDER'S MESSAGE. Commander McNider's message follows: "The American Legion sends you greetings with the earnest hope that this meeting and the year ahead may be filled with great achievements for the cause of all ex-service men, for the countries for which we fought and for the civilized world.

BAPTISTS SHOW IMMENSE GAINS

Church in North Carolina and South Has Had Remarkable Growth.

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—There are a total of 533,732 Baptists in the State of North Carolina according to a survey that has just been completed by Dr. E. P. Aldredge, secretary of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

In 1921 there were only 204 Baptist churches in the State with 141 ministers and 11,395 members, this survey reveals. These churches reported a total of 1,051 baptisms that year. By 1921, however, the number of white churches had increased to 2,192 with 33,732 members, and they reported for the past year 15,274 baptisms.

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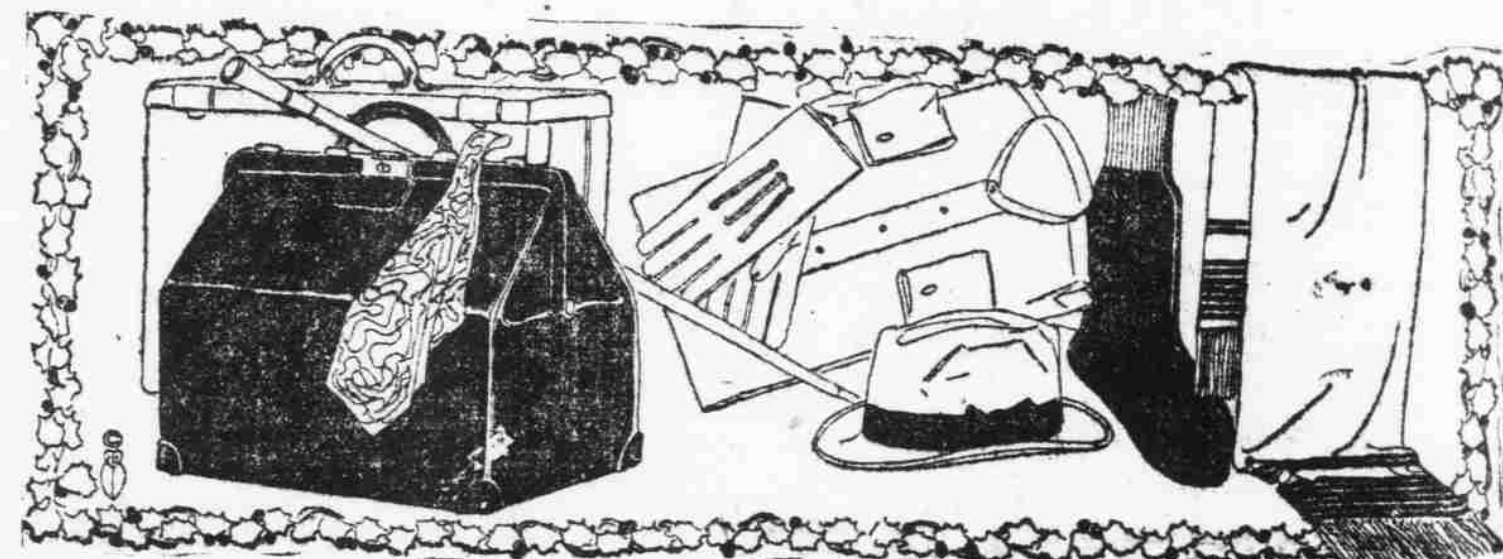
Men's and Young Men's Suits, made of All Wool Serge, Blue and Brown Mixtures. Made of the new models, single and double-breasted—\$14.95, \$19.95, \$25.00, \$29.50.

OVERCOATS

Big lot new Overcoats made of the new materials and models—\$9.95, \$12.50, \$14.95, \$19.95, \$25.00, \$29.50, \$35.00

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A new Hat makes a nice Christmas gift for father or brother; our stock is complete All new shapes and colors—\$1.95, \$2.50, \$3.95, \$4.95, \$7.00.



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Men's Dress Pants of Serge and Fancy Mixtures. Sizes 28 to 54s—\$2.98, \$3.95, \$4.95, \$6.95, \$8.95.

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Men's Dress Shirts, made of fine Percale and Madras; plain and fancy patterns—\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.

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MEN'S TIES

Men's new Silk Ties, new shapes and styles—25c, 50c, 75c, 98c, \$1.50

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Phoenix and Cheney and other standard makes of Men's fine Silk Hose, at 50c, 75c, 98c.

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1 lot Men's 10c Cotton Handkerchiefs, per dozen 75c.

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Men's All Pure Linen Handkerchiefs—25c, 50c, 98c.

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MEN'S GLOVES

1 Special lot Men's Kid Gloves, values up to \$4.00. Special \$2.50

Men's Auto Driving Gloves—\$1.50, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$5.95, \$6.95, \$8.95.

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