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MAN'S APPEAL.—O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years.—Habakkuk 3:2.

AFTER THE RESERVE BOARD.

Senator Overman has taken out his weapons with which to assault the management of the Federal Reserve board, indicating that the somewhat popular denunciations of the management of these banks during the past 18 months have ascended into the high places.

On the other hand, the policy inaugurated by the board has many defenders among bankers as well as among business men. They contend that if the inflation had been allowed to continue, if nothing had been thrown in its way, the money values of the world would have gone into nothingness and the latter state of things financial would have been worse than the former.

Nevertheless, quite apart from the virtue or vice of deflation per se, the Federal Reserve Board can be commended for the manner in which it instituted this reform. Granting that it was right and economically sound and necessary, there was no occasion to shock the horses with one full jerk of the reins.

It seems to us, and always has, that this phase of the situation represented the larger blunder made by the board in its management of the financial interests of the country during that critical period succeeding the war, when the world needed to get back to terra firma and when it needed somebody to lead it back, but when, also, it was stunned and shocked by the suddenness with which the descent was ordered by the board.

It is a good thing that the holidays are on this week, otherwise there is no telling how long the Legislature might feel itself called upon to remain in session.

FORMER KAISER'S DISCLAMATION.

The former Kaiser is very much put out that anybody should suggest that he was responsible for the war and that anybody in Germany should have the blame for it laid upon their shoulders. If he had so desired, he could have brought on a war in 1905, he says, when England was busy elsewhere, or again during the Russo-Japanese engagement, but he was a sincere devotee of peace and was so ardently laboring for the peace of the world then and since that no such thought ever entered his mind.

The old man is going to have a lot of history to correct before he gets this statement of his accepted. There has been chronicled such a vast array of facts bearing upon the fact of the war's authorship that the responsibility for it is directly placed and history will see to it that through the succeeding generations, it will remain just where it is today.

COMING OF MR. DANIELS.

The Rotary club is to be favored Tuesday with a visit from former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and during his stay of a day here, he will also address the students of the Alexander Graham High School. Mr. Daniels is held in great favor in this community and his coming will be a delightful event with those who shall have the privilege of his companionship during the day and those also who will be fortunate enough to hear him.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Passing in the neighborhood of 500 bills, the Legislature for the past two weeks has come mighty near establishing a speed record. Called together for the consideration of two primary matters of legislation, the municipal finance bill and the school deficit, it went far afield and, while transacting no other business of State-wide importance, local bills by the score went into the hopper and came out trimmed and finished for the statute books.

The General Assembly is to be complimented for its effort, for the facility with which it transacted business, for the things it did not do, as well as for those which it did do. It was not inimical to any of the great movements which it set going at the January regular session, as some had intimated it might be. There was no interference with the programs of road construction and enlargement of the State's educational and charitable institutions. These two outstanding accomplishments of the regular session, calling for the expenditure of a sum of money which North Carolinians a few years ago would not have believed existed anywhere in the world, were not meddled with in the least, the Legislature passing them over as a part of its finished work.

The educational bill engaged more attention than any other issue arising, as might have been expected. Critics of Dr. Brooks seem to be rather generally scattered over the State. As in the case of any man who launches forth into the great deep, who institutes reforms, who takes the leadership in vital movements for the wellbeing of the masses, there are obstructionists to his program. They let him know during the meeting of the Legislature that they are none too friendly with all he has in mind in relation to the enlargement of the school system of the State, but it is a notable tribute to his vision as well as to the strength of his personality and leadership that, in the face of powerful pressure, he got through everything he sought at the hands of the General Assembly.

There are those who are disposed to contend that the plans of the present state superintendent of education are going to cost more money than the State can afford to spend for the education of its people.

Such criticism does not well lie in the mouths of those who have no suggestion that the State's appropriations for its institutions of higher learning are getting more than can be afforded. The truth is that the State ought to be primarily concerned with the education of its masses, with affording common school accommodations to the rank and file of its people, to the wiping out of the great wall of illiteracy which stands high in this commonwealth, and whatever it may take to accomplish this purpose may be considered well spent.

While we have no objection to the building up of a great University and other great institutions of higher learning in the State, that sort of an expansion of our educational program does not touch the most insistent need. Dr. Brooks is trying to bring about a more efficient teaching system, a more substantial type of school building, better rural schools, such as will be commensurate with the best in the larger towns and cities of the State, and we submit that while that program means a lot of money, the State will reap its dividends from whatever it may cost.

The crowds that are lining the streets and thronging around the counters these days indicate anything but that the financial condition of the country is bad. There is no sign of depression if one accurately judges by the interest being popularly taken in the purchasing of Christmas goods. Of course, this is a time of the year when people are apt to lose sight of their exact financial standing, and wait until the first of a New Year to figure up how prodigal they have been during Christmas, if really Christmas spending may be called prodigality.

THE NEW AGENT OF MORTALITY.

It is a matter of growing concern that the increasing mortality records being made in this country are due in such large measure to the increase of automobile accidents. The number of deaths in 1921 reported by life insurance companies, as originating from automobile accidents, was an increase of nearly 15 per cent over the mortality of 1920 from this cause.

In these times we are making much of the tiny microbe that is so insidiously destroying human life. Many untimely deaths are being caused by these minute micro-organisms that continue to elude science and baffle the skill of eminent practitioners and much of our time and money is being utilized in the quest for these lurking, hidden sources of death. We are trying to study, to catalogue and to isolate them for the promotion of longer life and for the reduction of deaths, but we seldom have any reference to the bacillus automobilis, as it might be medically termed, whose presence behind the wheel of his juggernaut can be discovered without microscope and whose homicides might be largely prevented by more of effectual policing of our public highways and by more severe punishment of those who are responsible for deaths and accidents of this character.

J. W. CANNON.

The South yields one of its great textile geniuses in the passing of J. W. Cannon of Concord, a man who has done more than his part in putting the textile industry to the front in this section of the world and one who had attained a place of foremost leadership in this industry in the United States. Mr. Cannon was one of those typical Southern men who, starting with nothing save tact, ingenuity, thrift and a persevering industry, arose to the peak in his pursuit and made his talents count for a maximum in the exercise to which they were applied.

MUNICIPAL MONARCHY.

The bill which is reported as having been passed by the Legislature purporting to give commissioners of public safety in those towns and cities having the commission form of government complete supervision and control over the fire and police departments is only another tendency toward that czarism which, at best, the commission form can hardly be kept from invoking. It already represents entirely a system and theory of government contrary to that ideal of representative government which a democracy makes mandatory. When there are only three men having joint supervision over all public departments it is about all that can be endured by the people who believe in the fundamentals of a democratic government, but when an effort is made to lift some certain department entirely out of the lap of the entire board of three men, elected by the people to have control over all public affairs, and serenely to place it in the lap of one man, we care not who he may be, it is a plunge heading into municipal monarchy of the most vicious type. We don't know who was responsible for the introduction of a measure of this sort, but the Legislature should have had its thinking cap adjusted before it allowed a bill of this sort to go through.

THE GOODFELLOWS PROGRAM.

The Goodfellows Club, at its annual Christmas meeting which falls this year on Wednesday, proposes to hang up a stocking for the poor and the destitute, for those to whom it is accustomed to minister through the efficient services of a number of nurses and through a clinician as well. The Goodfellows is an organization that has had a wonderful rise to popularity. There is no other just like it anywhere in the country, and the reason that it has multiplied so extensively and come to be so strong in its personnel is because it has a program that appeals to the average man with a human heart in him. No organization that seeks to reach down to the under-levels of life and there set in motion the process of alleviation and of recreation in health, in industry and in a contented domestic life, could fail to summon into its fold the citizenship of a community. It is doing a work that is guaranteed to perpetuate the organization and to make its services of enduring worth-willness.

INEVITABLE TENDENCY AMONG CITY CHURCHES.

The Baptists of the city have designed to build another strong church in the eastern suburbs which witnesses anew to the fact that, as Charlotte continues to grow and wax strong, the inevitable in church life will happen—the downtown churches must give way to the spread of the commercial lanes of the community. That has happened in all the greater cities of the country, many of the churches in the heart of these communities having entirely withdrawn to some suburban field, moving about to keep in the center of their clienteles. Charlotte is not so big as that yet and the day of the usefulness of the church in the heart of things here is unfinished, but the tendency to push out farther is already in evidence and it will become increasingly stronger as the city continues to multiply.

The American Legion has gone on record as being opposed to the pardon of Debs, the convicted Socialist, who is now in the Atlanta penitentiary and with whom the present Administration has been carrying on some very offensive flirtations. We don't believe that Debs or any other man who spent his time firing invisible bullets into the backs of American soldiers during the war is entitled to any merciful consideration, at the hands of the American people or the American government.

The Ivey Choral Club has come to be regarded as an institution that belongs not so much to this progressive store as to the community. It is a musical organization of such talent as would command respect in some of the largest cities of the country and the store proprietors, the efficient directors and the personnel of the club are to be sincerely complimented for the musical entertainments they are in the habit of affording the people of this and other communities.

It's a wonder to us that somebody doesn't get shot during the depredations committed upon the forests of the countryside during the holidays in the search for Christmas trees. People in the city seem to regard these trees as public property and think nothing of taking their axes and saws along with them to fell a fine cedar in some farmer's woods. The man who owns the trees ought at least to be consulted about the matter.

The community is to be complimented for the level-headedness it is displaying under the aggravation of the outrage on the Matthews road. There is a minimum of hot blood in evidence and hardly a suggestion is heard that the men who committed this deed shall suffer other than as the law, in its orderly fashion, shall decree. It is enough to feel good about.

JUDGE AS ATTORNEY IS AWARDED VERDICT

New York, Dec. 20.—Acting both as judge and attorney for the plaintiff, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Callaghan presided over a case in Brooklyn yesterday in which the jury awarded nine-year-old Eleanor Baur \$25,000 damages for being run over by an automobile. When the case was called the plaintiff's attorney asked a postponement, saying he had a case in another court. Justice Callaghan volunteered to act in his absence, explaining there was nothing irregular in the procedure because the defendant was likewise unrepresented by counsel. The little girl testified she had received permanent injuries when run over and dragged by a machine driven by Louis J. Grombert, a Long Island City garage owner.



Every time a hymn is sung old Hiram Hank will hold his tongue and only move his feeble lips and shake a shimmy with his hips. "I always keep my mouth shut tight," said he to me last Sunday night, "because each time I make a sound the congregation looks around. Now, I have got a splendid bass that can't be touched around the place—but every time I try it out the folks in church will look about. Everyone forgets the choir. One might think the church on fire. The children laugh, the ladies grin and old men stroke a wrinkled chin. Although I try to sing my best, the people think it is a jest. I have noticed that same thing when other folks attempt to sing. A tenor or good baritone had better let the hymn alone, for people in the pious pews will surely whisper round the news. A singer feels a mental-lack to see the folks in church look back, as if to say, 'Another note is bound to split the scoundrel's throat!' It's getting so that no one dares to try to sing the saintly airs. One sees little syncopation in the modern congregation." Hiram Hank is right for once. One might think himself a dunce to see the people look about because he helps the organ out. If you are one who looks around in church each time you hear a sound, lay off of this sinful whim when Hank attempts to sing a hymn. Really there is nothing wrong when some poor soul joins in the song. Grab your book and clear your throat and also try to hit the note.

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GENERAL MORRISON IS ON RETIRED LIST

Washington, Dec. 20.—Major General John P. Morrison was placed on the retired list today after more than 45 years of active military duty, having reached the statutory age of retirement. At his retirement, General Morrison commanded the fourth corps area at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga. He served in France during the World War, participated in the campaign against Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American war, and also in the Philippine insurrection. He was born in New York in 1858 and was graduated from the Military Academy in 1881.

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