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Staying Out Of the League.

The Union Republican of Winston-Salem says this:

"After 14 years the League of Nations has failed to measure up to what was expected of it. It has now lost Germany and Japan and of the so-called great powers all that remain with it are Great Britain, France and Italy. As a guarantor of world peace the League has been shown to be impotent. The decision of the American people was to hold aloof from it and it is now demonstrated that the great scholar in Politics and Statesmanship Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, was right and the University Dreamer, Woodrow Wilson was wrong, for events have demonstrated that the course of Senator Lodge and his co-patriots was the part of Wisdom."

Another view of this much mooted question is taken by President Philip C. Nash, of the University of Toledo, O., who says that the United States, France, Japan and Germany are responsible for international insecurity.

President Nash, who is a director of the League of Nations Association, makes the following statement:

"Mankind, not wise enough to capitalize the victory of 15 years ago, is now apprehensive that another war ten times more horrible than the last is sure to come," President Nash asserted.

"The United States must bear a major responsibility for the tragedy because of its isolation policy," the educator said. "We had an opportunity to lead the world to permanent peace but we failed to grasp it."

"We refused to join the league of nations. We refused to adhere to the world court. We failed to ratify our arbitration treaties with Pan-America. We refused even to join the other nations in stopping the shipment of arms to an aggressor nation."

"We did take the lead in promulgating the Kellogg pact but our senators voted for it only when they were sure it was nothing but the pious aspiration which events have actually shown it to be."

The Danbury Reporter believes that the refusal of the United States to join the League of Nations is not only the reason for the impotence of the League, but is the cause of its steady disintegration.

That little bunch of "great scholars in politics and statesmanship" of which Senator Lodge was chief, and whose ingratitude, jealousy and malice were exercised against President Wilson in his hour of greatest need, prevented the United States from entering the League, otherwise we should doubtless be in the League today. The power and influence of America would not only have held the League intact, but would have insured its usefulness in preserving world peace.

We had a world war in 1914-1918, when America belonged to no League of Nations, but this did not keep us out of the war. Before 1914 there was another world war, when our policy was also aloofness on this side of the sea. Yet this did not keep us out of the war.

America is staying out of the League and sometime there will be another world war, and America will go in again.

Why? Because the interests of America are too big and far-reaching to stay out of world wars.

The only way in which we shall be able to stay out of any world war will be at the expense of our national honor, the property of our citizens and their lives.

Peace at such a price is too dear for the average red-blooded American.

We are informed by Sir Arthur Lodge, a British scientist, that the sun will cool off and allow the earth to freeze to death in 800 billion years instead of 500 billion, as had been reported. We are very glad to learn of this scientific error which is considerably in our favor.

Echoes From the Election.

The Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News says it is talked in Washington that the administration is fixing to get even with the North Carolina bootleggers by sending an army of enforcement officers into the State to break up their lucrative business.

This statement is made on the basis of the assumption that the election in North Carolina was carried by the bootleggers and the whiskey dealers who were afraid the repeal of the 18th amendment would ruin their traffic.

The Washington Evening News intimates in an editorial that the good people of North Carolina are not as dry as the returns in the repeal election would indicate.

The result of the election in North Carolina is attracting nation-wide attention, and our State is receiving many congratulations from dry people for its stand against repeal, when all other States who have yet voted except South Carolina, have recorded wet verdicts.

On the other hand the State is a target for a great deal of criticism for its stand in opposition to the wishes of the administration that there might be a unanimous verdict against prohibition.

The result in North Carolina proved a surprise to most everybody, including a majority of the drys themselves, who believed that the great wet wave which hove Bob Reynolds into office and implanted him on a pedestal of popularity, had not yet ebbed.

There are two main theories offered in explanation of the 150,000 dry majority which swamped the wets, and which turned amazed eyes this way from all over the country.

The hypotheses may be stated succinctly as follows:

THEORY NO. 1

That the masses have experienced a great change of heart since November of last year. They have become disgusted with the wholesale traffic in booze, and the unrestrained drinking of all classes, especially the young men and the young women, and there is a revolt and a recoil against the immorality and the lawlessness attendant upon drinking in high and low places. In other words, the people are reforming, and at the first opportunity they rose in their indignation and smote.

THEORY NO. 2

The repealists were caught napping. Lulled by the thought that the country was wet, as the result in other States had determined, and deceived by a fancied security emanating from the supposition that North Carolina was overwhelmingly wet, the repealists did not take the election seriously. They were indifferent, and not sufficiently interested to go to the polls and vote. The drys were well organized, and had the moral as well as the material backing of the Republicans, who were pleased at the opportunity not only to discredit the Washington administration, but to pose themselves as the dry party in North Carolina. Then with the assistance of practically all the bootleggers, a victory was easy.

The Reporter assures its readers that both and either of these recipes, numbered one and two, respectively, are free, and that everybody is at perfect liberty to adopt the one of his choice.

God's Masterpieces.

Somebody has written that the noblest work of the Almighty is an honest man.

Another masterpiece of the Creator is a truthful person.

How many men do you know who will tell you the truth, and who will not color, twist or distort the facts to placate their malice or ill feeling against some person or thing, or to gratify their own pride or envy in some way?

How many will give you the plain unvarnished truth if it hurts, rather than make a statement which trends to their own interest.

Now how many?

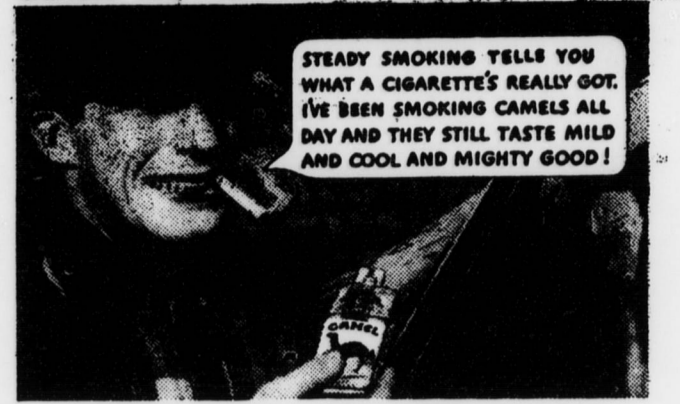
The State Magazine

The State is the name of a magazine recently launched at Raleigh by Carl Georch, and which comes regularly to our desk.

Mr. Georch is not only one of the best informed writers of the State, but he is a humorist and a philosopher, and his publication is delightful from cover to cover.

We value The State very highly and wish and predict for it a brilliant success.

CAMELS ARE BETTER FOR STEADY SMOKING



Camel's costlier Tobaccos never get on your Nerves...Never tire your Taste

The Peacock State of Inebriety.

We have always heard that the Danbury brand of hooch is exceeded in its heinousness only by the Walnut Cove vintage, and that either is of so atrocious a character that one or two drinks will encourage an old field rabbit to walk on its hindlegs and expectorate in a bull dog's face.

But we never knew before that to blend these two diabolical brews would produce in the consumer a condition of inebriety, known as the "peacock" state.

However, this interesting fact develops from Carl Joyce's version of the raid of the town of Walnut Cove the other night by a Danbury man and a Walnut Cove man, who, celebrating the election, pooled their liquid resources and then proceeded to run amuck. They sacked filling stations, untenanted cafes, and chased unoffending people, cussing out everybody who looked like they didn't like it. Mr. Joyce says very frankly that they were "drunk as peacocks."

The peacock state suggests pride, arrogance, swagger, bombast, imagined over-lordship, domineering hallucination, exaggerated ego, swash-buckle, etc.

I see.

"At First We Abhor Vice, Then Embrace It."

The destruction of life and property on the North Carolina highways continues unabated. While it has become appallingly monotonous, yet the accounts of the regulation week-end tragedies have almost ceased to give us a thrill, except when we hear the wail of the ambulance siren as some near-by catastrophe brings the thing home to us. So calloused have we become to danger when all the time we are in its presence.

But what is the remedy? Seems to be beyond everybody—how to cope with the steady and increasing horror of the situation.

It is a well known fact that few motorists make less than 45 miles, and that a great many of them travel at 50, 60 and 75. The law expressly allows 45, and tacitly permits the other speeds.

And it is, moreover, another well known fact that death rides with these drivers. When something breaks, the undertaker is always in demand.

We wonder what you are going to do about it?

Memories Of 'Teen Nineteen.

We all love to indulge pleasant memories, and so we owe a vote of thanks to A. Jack Brown of Moore's Springs for reviving delightful thoughts of the good old days when we all got rich—or at least, thought we did.

Mr. Brown last week made an average of around 60 cents for a load of tobacco, 200 pounds of which brought 93 cents per pound, and as far as we have seen this is the best average realized in North Carolina on 1933 crop.

Thank you again, Mr. Brown, for bringing back memories of Nineteen Nineteen, the radiant time when the gold tide set in toward our shores as never before or since, and then when it ebbed, left us sadder, but ah, how much wiser.

Americanism: Government spending money to irrigate new farm lands: paying farmers to plow up crops raised on the surplus lands we have already.

A woman driving struck a lamp post but she couldn't claim it was on the wrong side of the st.