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SUMMING IT UP

Try as one may to find the link in the clouds that hang over Europe and the world, the hope is dim unless one believes that France and England are not in earnest in their desire to see the world rid of a military despotism which, if not broken, could dominate the whole world.

Nor have President Wilson's several notes to the belligerents altered this belief, nor the statement by Secretary Lansing, which seemed almost to be an afterthought of the Washington government. In a word, the United States wants to know what the belligerents are fighting for in order that this government might adopt its course to suit the occasion in future—it being remembered that as the foremost neutral the United States has been one of the greatest sufferers.

The allies will reply, as they have declared so many times, that they are fighting for the restoration of Belgium, Serbia and northern France, reparation for the past and guarantees against Prussian militarism in the future. Will the United States, with its frequent changes of presidents and its none too settled foreign policies, make the guarantee? The allies will not ask this question, but they will consider it nevertheless.

As much as we desire peace, for the sake of the men, women and children in Europe; as much as we desire it, for the sake of the whole world, and in the name of Him who taught brotherly love, we do not see how the entente governments can enter into a conference without assurance that the wrongs of the past will be atoned for as far as possible. That is their attitude. Germany and her allies have what they want and they can afford to talk terms, even as the German chancellor in addressing the world, speaks of the victorious armies ready to resume the struggle.

We do not say it disparagingly, but there is a feeling in Europe and in the United States that the American protests do not count, that we are in the note-writing business, and that, as Mr. Bryan intimated, he protests are not to be taken seriously. Certainly the pulse is not stirred by anything at Washington; there is a general feeling that nothing will be done.

We can appreciate the viewpoint of the president. This is not our war, and we have no right to be drawn into it. And it is not our war, either, however deeply individuals may sympathize with either set of belligerents.

If the entente allies are in earnest then they will inform the United

States of their oft-repeated declarations, and if Germany is willing to meet the demands, then we will have peace. Will Germany and her allies offer the guarantees for peace? The question, it seems, has been shifted to Berlin—because we know what the allies want.

ON HISTORIC GROUND

The British advance in Mesopotamia is carrying the troops of King George over ground made famous in legend and story. It is in the valley of the Tigris, on which General Townshend's little band surrendered in the summer, that Nimrod, the mighty hunter and conqueror, and Urrukh, the first builder of empires, gathered their hosts and set out on campaigns of conquest. As many centuries are looking down upon the British troops as paused to behold Napoleon's campaign in Egypt, for the two countries are not very dissimilar.

In the land of the Chaldeans, where the English troops are cutting their way towards Bagdad, written history may be said to have begun. The records are more or less clouded in the mysticism of the east, but historians believe that Nimrod, who is a household word in every land, lived about 26000 B. C., mention of him being made in the Bible as "the mighty hunter of the Lord." In Chaldea or Mesopotamia too religious ideals began to form and we can trace the steps of these primitive men to a higher plane. The huntsman was succeeded by builders and warriors; the first conquests were engineered from the Tigris, and those tendencies which have been followed by succeeding dynasties, which in turn have crumbled, were born in the valley from which cannon roar and machine guns spit their death today.

For the student the various campaigns in Europe and Asia are grippingly interesting, but in the valley of the Tigris this must be doubly so. Here 42 centuries ago or more we know that the armies have contested for the land, that dynasties built by the might of warriors have fallen into decay, and that the same process of conquest which was known to have begun with written history is now being repeated by first one power and then another. If the British soldier had time to pause, he might draw some lessons from the facts of history.

And what is your idea of the things Hickory should have in 1917? Why not write about them? The public would appreciate your views.

As if adding insults to injury the census bureau has gone right ahead and announced Raleigh's population again, in spite of the official census taken by the city authorities.

Charlotte almost has that 40,000 population claimed 10 years ago.

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EXECUTOR'S SALE

Having qualified as the executor of the estate of Mrs. A. S. Lawrence, deceased, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on Saturday, Jan. 13, 1917 all the household and kitchen furniture at the residence of the deceased in North Hickory, including: 3 wooden beds, 2 dressers, 1 range, 1 cook stove, 1 heater 1 dining table, 1 kitchen safe, chairs, canned fruit and vegetables, etc.
G. W. SHERRILL, Executor.
12 22 31 Friday.

TEXTUALLY ALLIED PHRASE REPLIES NOT IDENTICAL

London, Dec. 22.—While the replies of the various allied governments to Germany will be made simultaneously and probably before Christmas, as indicated last night, yet these replies will not be textually identical and will not take the form of a joint reply. The reason for this is that while all the entente allies of the reply, each came into the war under somewhat different statement.

For example the defense of small nationalities was one of the main causes bringing England into the war, in defence of Belgium, whereas Belgium and Serbia did not enter for that reason, but because their territory was invaded. Similar differences in the conditions exists as regards France, Rumania and other countries.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Fred T. Foard in the country, a fine boy.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN WEST HICKORY

Under and by virtue of the power and authority vested in the undersigned trustee by that certain deed of trust executed by Kelly, Mosteller and Maggie Mosteller, his wife, to secure a loan from the First Building and Loan Association of Hickory, the same bearing date of 26th day of January 1916, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Catawba county in Book 123, page 382, to which reference is hereby made, default having been made in complying with the terms and stipulations therein contained, I will sell at public auction, for cash, in front of the First National Bank of Hickory, in the city of Hickory, the place designated for such sale, at 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, the 6th day of January, 1917, the following lot of land to wit:

Situate near the R. P. Dakin residence property in the town of West Hickory, and being Lot No. 43 of a plat of town lots, West Hickory, property of H. F. Elliott and was conveyed by H. F. Elliott and wife to Kelly Mosteller by deed dated January 24th, 1916.

The said lot No. 43 has a frontage of 50 feet on Elliott avenue, a depth of 220 feet on the west side, width in rear of 127 feet, and has a depth on the east side of 205 feet. For a more particular description of said lot reference is hereby made to the aforesaid plat as the same appears on record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Catawba county in book of plats No. 1, page 15.

This 6th day of December, 1916.
G. R. WOOTEN, Trustee

BASCOM BLACKWELDER, Atty.
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Fraternal Directory

Hickory Lodge, No. 206, I. O. O. F.
Brother Odd Fellows invited.
Meets every Tuesday night, at 7:30 Degree work every meeting.
W. W. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Piedmont Council No. 43, Jr. O. U. A. M.

Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 P. M. All visiting brothers cordially invited.
J. W. BALLEW, Councilor
M. G. CROUCH, Rec. Sec'y.

Hickory Camp No. 80 W. O. W.

Meets every Friday night at 8:00. All members requested to attend.
Visiting Sovereigns Invited.
B. A. MILLER, Clerk

Hickory Lodge No. 343 A. F. & A. M.

Regular communication Wednesday, Dec. 27, 7:30.
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J. W. SHUFORD, W. M.
D. T. APPLIGATE, Sec'y.

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To new friends—
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HICKORY, N. C.

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