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INTERESTING SUGGESTION

The suggestion that President Wilson
reform his cabinet to include mem-
bers of the Republican and Progress-
ive parties has real merit, through
we have no complaint against
Messrs. Lansing and Baker, the two
officers who would give way to Elihu
Rood and another man, probab-
ly Colonel Roosevelt. The Satur-
day Evening Post a week ago con-
tained the suggestion in a vigorous
editorial, asserting that of all times
partisan politics should be thrown
overboard during the war. The
Washington correspondent of the
Greensboro News brought the mat-
ter out forcibly to the attention of
North Carolinians and so far as we
have heard there is no objection
from anybody to the suggestion.
What Democrats and Republicans
want to do now is to win the war.
If it could be won quicker with Re-
publicans in the cabinet, then the
public, which is not interested in
the politics of the situation, is for
that combination.

Here of late obstructionists of
the type of Reed, Stone, Vardaman
and others, all claiming to be Dem-
ocrats, have been doing the utmost
to destroy American lives, and lead-
ing Republicans, though somewhat
bitter in their criticisms of the ad-
ministration at times, generally have
placed country above party. A non-par-
tizan reorganization of the cabinet
probably would serve a good pur-
pose, and a reorganization of the
congress with the group of wilful
men eliminated would be next in
order.

BAD CONDUCT

Probably a great many people
have told the soldiers that they
will never return home, but in spite
of this doleful stuff, the young men
remain cheerful. The probabilities
are that none of the men being made
ready for service in France now will
never be in the trenches, will never
make an attack and will never be
in great danger of their lives.

When the great losses of this war
occurred the allies were without ar-
tillery; now there is a big gun for
every 26 feet on the western front,
and warfare has been developed to
such an extent that the trench
fighter is less in danger than the
open fighter of other wars. The
allied commanders are careful on
their men.

Fortunately, the soldiers pay no
attention to the doleful words ut-
tered in their ears by persons who
sometimes are not as well meaning
as they would have one believe.

J. J. ALL RIGHT

John J. Parker of Monroe, a young
man for whom we have more than
mere kindly regards, is receiving com-
mandation these days for the fine
part he took last Saturday in what was
expected to be a meeting of objectors
to the draft law. A crowd had gath-
ered in the town from the country in
the hope of hearing Cole Blease of
South Carolina, but the former gov-
ernor had "other business" on his
hands and did not show up. Mr.
Parker was called upon and he de-
livered an address that, from news-
paper accounts, turned the meeting
into a patriotic rally. This young
Republican lawyer had it in his pow-
er to injure his country, but he played
an honorable roll, as he always
played and always will.

The News and Observer issued
its annual educational edition last
week and it was better than the 16
that beat it to press. It showed
much thorough work, lots of good
advertisements and plenty of mat-
ter valuable to parents whose sons
and daughters are planning to at-
tend college, to say nothing of the
well-prepared articles on education-
al subjects.

The people of the Killian school
district will meet Friday night at
the school building for the purpose
of making plans for a community
fair. This is one of the finest agri-
cultural and dairy sections in the
south and the district is able to pro-
vide a real exhibit of its own. The
rest of the county will watch Kil-
lians with interest.

BELIEVE KITCHIN IS
AFTER SENATORSHIP

H. E. C. Bryant in News and Ob-
server.
Washington, Aug. 8.—A number
of the associates of Representative
Claude Kitchin believe that he is
trimming his sails to enter the race
for the senate against Senator Sim-
mons.

Members of the house—not North
Carolina members—but New York-
ers and others who are experts in
noosing out political winds think
that Mr. Kitchin has already open-
ed his campaign. The statement
on the senate draft of the war re-
venue measure is looked upon as the
"give" that the doughty leader of
the house has thrown down to the
gallant chairman of the finance com-
mittee.

When asked if he had heard that
Mr. Kitchin would run for the
senate, Senator Simmons chuckled
and then chuckled some more but
did not give utterance to any further
fight made on the house revenue bill
first, and then the senate bill by
North Carolina cotton manufac-
turers and others has brought
about a strange but interesting sit-
uation in the state.

A few of Senator Simmons' old
warriors will drift into the Kitchin
camp and some of the Kitchin
lieutenants of former campaigns
will go to the Simmons' party.

It is believed that Mr. Kitchin
will try to capitalize the differences
between Senator Simmons and the
cotton and other manufacturers who
disagree with him on the war re-
venue bill. The outlook for lively
times in North Carolina in the near
future is brightening.

An important angle to the Sim-
mons contest over the revenue bill
is Cameron Morrison of Charlotte,
who represents the cotton mill peo-
ple. Mr. Morrison has been of the
Simmons camp for years. It is un-
derstood that he will run for gov-
ernor. If the alleged Kitchin
movement gets under way where will
Mr. Morrison be? That is an absorb-
ing question here.

Others talked of for candidates for
governor are O. Max Gardner of
Shelby; Robert N. Page of Biscoe,
and A. W. McLean of Lumberton.
The Gardner campaign is rapidly
taking running shape. An argu-
ment used for one North Carolin-
ian who may be in the governor's
contest to Washington friends not
long ago said:

"The war will be over by the
time the campaign is on and the
issue will be the draft law. The draft
law will prove so unpopular that any
man who opposes it will be popular
in the state."

That is a nebulous sort of
argument but it was actually used.
The next campaign may be quite
different from others in the state,
but no candidate for any office will
get anywhere by trying to repudiate
the president. A small handful of
"chronic kickers" or "near-do-wells"
may preach against the Washington
administration, but the votes will be
the other way. Most of the people
are with the president.



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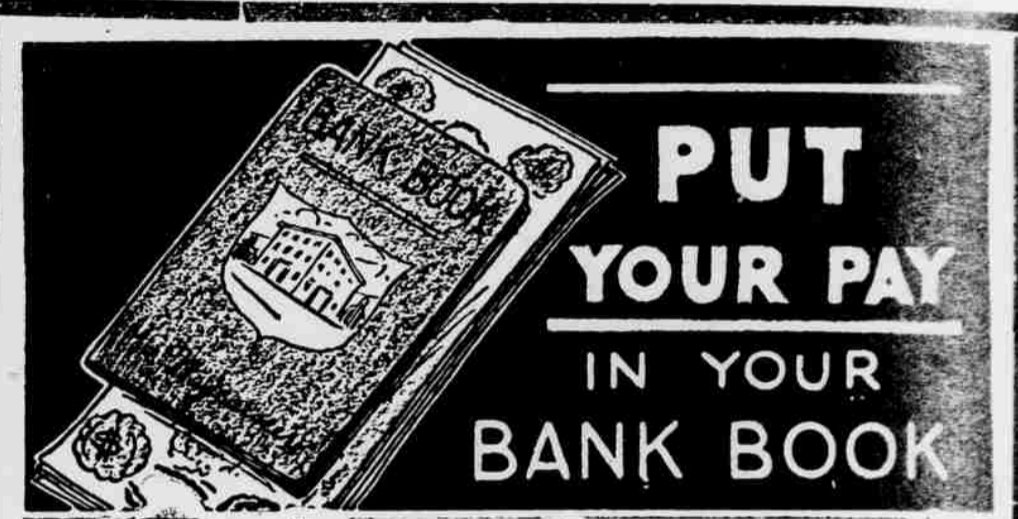
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