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NATIONAL CHAUTAUQUA

The proposition to have congressmen when their work in Washington is finished make speeches over the several hundred districts in the United States is a good one, though unfortunately there are some men drawing pay for representing the American people who should be receiving their checks from German spies. Their number, however, is few.

Although the issues of this war are clear to every man or woman who has any intelligence or who has endeavored to keep track of events in the world, unfortunately there have been a large number of agitators busy all the time endeavoring to make the task of the government harder. Some of these persons have been in high places.

It is hard to make some people realize that a war 3,000 miles away concerns them, though these same people would be quick to grab a gun if their own country were attacked. The only reason it is not attacked, however, is because Germany lacks the power; if Mexico and Japan could have been induced to make war on the United States, those terrible conditions might have been experienced for a time.

No country was ever in greater danger than the United States. Long before congress declared the existence of a state of war, Americans were being murdered on the high seas and the rights of all neutrals were being ruthlessly disregarded by a military bureaucracy which has asserted that necessity knows no law. The power that admitted doing Belgium a grave wrong tried to cover the infamy with a stack of lies, and now desires to annex the country altogether.

From that bad start it kept moving. After Belgium came other neutrals, even those neutrals feeding the German people, and their property was destroyed in utter disregard of all law or treaties.

The United States went to war in 1812 for the freedom of the seas. England was not killing our seamen but merely impressing them into the British service against Napoleon.

Americans are proud of their fights for freedom. Not many of them have to be told what this war is about, but it is well to recall history and to point out dangers frequently.

The service at the Methodist church Wednesday night was thoroughly enjoyed by the soldiers. Mr. Stanford exercised tact in his selection of a text as well as in the music. It is no secret to say that the soldiers have a sort of dread of attending church in a body for fear things will be said and done that will make relatives and friends weep for them, and none of the boys consider themselves dead.

Several Hickory men who had gone off seeking government employment at big wages have returned sadder and wiser. On these big jobs an army of men is employed and they wade through a train load of material as a duck through mud. In an hour or two the material is exhausted, the men are laid off and pay stops. Expenses run on just the same and some men are lucky if they have railroad fare home.

Dr. Alexander's explanation was a little worse than his first offense. Since the senatorial campaign of 1912 Herr Doktor has had either a case of colic or distemper, and it may be that it was due to the fact that Mr. Simmons didn't have enough regulator to reach all the patriots. At any rate, men whose sons are in the army should make a point of letting Alexander know that it is time for him to shut up.

If it is decided that congressmen shall go into their districts and educate the people about the war, Mr. Webb doubtless will have a large class among those whom he is alleged to have attempted to mislead for so many months. But if our representative is thoroughly American now, we have as much right to rejoice over him as the shepherd over the return of the one little ram.

It is interesting to watch the work on the new bridge at Horseford. As yet the contractors have just begun, but a dinky engine is hoisting buckets, running them across the river on a cable and depositing cement in deep holes. It is slow work, building piers, but there is evidence that the new bridge will stand up in face of any freshet.

It is to be hoped that President Wilson will appoint E. L. Travis, chairman of the North Carolina corporation commission, a member of the interstate commerce commission. Chairman Travis is as able as any man in the country, is familiar with the rate business and would render excellent service.

When this war is over, as it will be some of these days, we will all be ready to take up other questions, such as improving roads, making better schools and better farms and homes in town and country. These things are important now, but when the world is in a cauldron, it is difficult to think of anything else.

Everybody thought the wheat crop in this section would be a failure last year, but it came across all right. Some farmers made fine yields and sold for large profits. Almost any kind of farming in North Carolina will yield profits if the soil is taken care of.

The aurora borealis is the wonder of the northland, but when it comes south and interferes with wire communication it ceases to be a thing to marvel at, but a worry. And yet many of us would be pleased to stop work a few hours for the purpose of watching the phenomenon which Jack London pictures in his Yukon stories.

President Wilson is now clothed with almost arbitrary powers, but the country is thankful he has them instead of men like Stone and Reed, two of the most unpatriotic opponents of war legislation.

Maine potato growers are needing men to remove the spuds and unless help comes in abundance many thousands of bushels may be lost. A call has been issued for even women and children to save the crop.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of an order of the superior court of Catawba county, made in a special proceeding therein pending entitled Mrs. Mary E. Starr, and others, against Grace Starr, and others, the undersigned commissioner will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in front of the First National Bank of Hickory, in Hickory, N. C., on Saturday, September 15th, 1917, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate for partition among the heirs at law of Jones Starr, deceased, described and bounded as follows: Beginning at a post oak, formerly W. P. Reinhardt's corner on the east side of his mill road and runs N. 64 E. 61 4-5 poles crossing a branch to a stone in Harris' line; then with his line N. 38 W. 34 2-5 poles to a stone in Reinhardt's and Harris' corner; then S. 54 1-2 W. 49 1-5 poles to a stone, Reinhardt's corner on east side of mill road; then S. 3 3-4 E. 26 1-5 poles to the beginning. Containing 10 acres, 2 rods and 16 poles, more or less. This August 10th, 1917.

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time as soon as he finishes this work of lining up the men for the second training camp and then he is under orders to report for service in New York state. Major Greig is most highly esteemed in North Carolina national guard circles, his services to the guard having been most beneficial.

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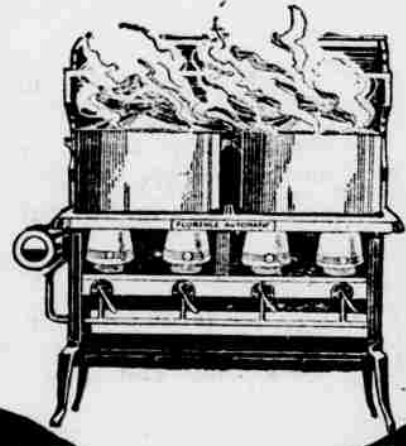
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