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MONDAY, SEPT. 24, 1917  
 A GOOD POINT

Dr. Joyner in his address here Friday evening at the dedication of the new high school laid special emphasis on discipline in the home and school. Parents alone know how difficult it is to obtain obedience and sometimes it seems as if the effort were wasted.

But discipline is important. An unruly boy may come round later in life, after it is too late for him to secure an education, and he may make a good citizen, but the records show that a big proportion of unruly boys never amount to anything. It is important therefore that obedience to authority at home and at school be instilled in children if they are to derive the most benefit from their opportunities.

By helpful cooperation between teacher and parents, good results will be obtained. Parents want their children to make useful men and women; there is not a parent in North Carolina who does not want his children to have better opportunities than he himself had. That's mother and father nature.  
 At the beginning of this new school year, when so much is at stake, the Record would urge that teachers and parents become better acquainted, that the start made last year at the South school, where undoubtedly much helpfulness resulted, be continued, and that a similar association be formed in each of the other schools.  
 Let everybody work together for the benefit of the community.

**STILL ANOTHER**

Another piece of German treachery has been exposed by Secretary Lansing. This time the American legation at Bucharest in August, 1916, was imposed upon, but happily the outrage was discovered by Secretary Andrew of the American legation, and the horrible plot foiled.  
 The Germans had shipped to the legation bombs and dead microbes for the purpose of blowing up Rumania and poisoning the water and people. This was done under the protection of the United States, whose representatives had agreed to look after German interests in Rumania.  
 Mr. Lansing probably will have an exposure every day or two. Already he has shown what the German minister at Buenos Aires wanted to do to Argentine ships, using Sweden as the medium of sending the instructions; what von Eckhardt proposed in Mexico City; how Bernstorff was endeavoring to bribe congressmen to keep the United States from protecting its fundamental rights.  
 The American public is looking for the next.

**CANT BE TRUSTED**

Emperor William of Germany is a peace loving man, now that his armies are losing the booty which he thought they would win. He wasn't a peace loving man over three years ago when the Austrian government sent a 48-hour ultimatum to little Serbia, knowing that Russia would not suffer Austria to impose on this country. Emperor William, the records show, spent most of his reign in trickery or in rattling the sabre. If he had been a man of peace, he would have prevented the brutal Austrian ultimatum or at least he would have informed Austria that Germany would not fight its battles.  
 The Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs have committed the worst crimes that have ever darkened so-called civilization, and the world, as the president's reply to the pope says, can place no dependence on them.  
 They cannot be trusted—these wilful murderers of millions of men, women and children.

Chancellor Michaelis hand-picked a committee from the reichstag, and these gents are the German people to whom the Berlin peace note refers.

"Resting at the foot of the Blue Ridge," writes Dr. T. M. Jordan in the State Journal. It's Dobson, isn't it, Doc?

**IN LIGHT OF HISTORY**  
 Persons who are about to lose hope of Russia's doing anything in this war, especially since the resignation of General Alexieff as chief of staff, can find parallels in French history for almost anything that might happen in democratic Russia, including the dismissal of all officers of the old regime. It will be recalled that the French army was stripped of its commanders during the revolution, thousands of the nobility joining the enemy, and mere nonentities being placed in command. Well, good resulted after a time. Napoleon once asserted that every French private carried in his knapsack the baton of a marshal, and while this cannot be as literally true of the Russians, it is a fact that there are many men of intelligence and patriotism in the army who can command men. The Russian situation is not hopeless.

Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor of Centenary Methodist church at Greensboro, has been suspended on the charge of immoral conduct, and he has left that city after admitting his guilt to the officers of the church. He was regarded as one of the leading ministers in the Western conference, and his conduct is a source of sorrow to everybody in the state.

Kingdon Gould, son of George J. Gould, is now a member of the national army, the rich young man with a new wife being the first called. He put in a plea for exemption and newspapers everywhere discussed his case.

Congressman Heflin of Alabama intimates strongly that some of those pro-Germans in congress were not working for nothing, and they should be turned round so the public can inspect them, even if they haven't been guilty of a great crime.

The fair begins tomorrow, regardless. Let's be there.

Fare you well, fair.

Come to the fair.

**MAKING THE DRAFT SELECTIVE**

Springfield Republican.  
 There seems to be no ground for objecting to the proposal of the war department to proceed at once with the physical examination of the 7,000,000 registered men who have not been drafted, concerning which the opinion of the states has been asked. Such consultation is in itself eminently correct, since one of the things to be aimed at is the avoidance of friction, and when the procedure has once been established it is well not to change it without making sure that the change is acceptable.

Such a modification as is proposed would at all events have in its favor the fact that it is meant to emphasize the selective feature of the draft, of which the country has shown approval. No great objection has been made to the method first adopted, which practically amounted to fixing priority in service by lot. This was simple, intelligible and fair, and the country has been ready to abide by it, yet with a certain vague disappointment that more has not been made of the principle of intelligent selection. The case of the married men in particular at once revealed a weakness in the system. It was apparently the view of the war department that exemptions should be sparingly given so that the first quota could be filled out of the first batches of drafted men. But the country had supposed that the first army was to be made out of the fit men who could best go first, and that if the need continued those provisionally exempted could go later.

Such flexibility can more easily be given to the system if the examination of registered men proceed as is now proposed. The war department will know better where it stands when it has full figures of the number of men physically fit for service and simultaneously it will be possible to collect statistics of industry in order to calculate the exemptions necessary on economic grounds. With as many men under training as can be handled at present it will be possible to analyze the whole situation more deliberately and thus to work out tentative principles of selection which will mobilize the whole strength of the nation in the most orderly and efficient manner.

The essential first thing was to get an army organization started promptly with an adequate supply of recruits for a beginning, and this sufficient justifies the method thus far adopted, in which the chief stress is put on the draft number. But if this is the first word in selective conscription, it is by no means the last, and the plan for going on with the examinations point toward possible improvements. Incidentally it would have the considerable advantage of definitely eliminating those who cannot pass the physical tests and leaving them free to arrange their lives accordingly.

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Leave Newton	9:20 a. m.
Leave Newton	1:30 p. m.
Leave Newton	3:30 p. m.
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