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GO TO THE BOTTOM

That Representative Tom Heflin of Alabama spoke in too some haste the other day in connection with the Bernstorff exposures, even his friends will concede, but the congressman made a good point when he insisted that congress should be more concerned in determining whether there was a Bernstorff "slush fund" used in congress than in making the Alabama man produce the proof.

The country is interested in Mr. Heflin's charges. What he was bold enough to say probably millions of Americans had thought; there was entirely too much sympathy with German frightfulnesss in both branches of congresss, and Mr. Heflin, while not justified under the rules of the house, felt justified in his own mind.

The fact is that several members of congress had conducted themselves in a manner to exasperate the public, and a question mark was placed after their Americanism.

Then came Secretary Lansing's exposure of the Bernstorff plot to bribe members of congress. He had told Berlin he had been spending money and asked for authority to use $50,000 more. Why was he using it? Who was getting it?

These are the questions the rules committees of both houses should consider. Let them probe deeply and if it be found that no members of that august body are in German pay, then they should thank Congressman Heflin for his charges. Otherwise, honest men might go to their graves under a cloud of the worst sort of suspicion.

Back Mr. Heflin up, gentlemen, in an investigation as to whether Bernstoriff bribed any of your honorable members. Don't try to make a scape goat out of Heflin.

CONCERNING FREEDOM

The very fact that in ordinary times Americans and aliens are given so many liberties in the United States is all the more reason why those who cannot agree with the government in time of war should be silent. There might be a dozen honest protestors, and a hundred thousand paid agents of Germany doing all the devilment possible. LaFollette may be sincere, for example, but what of the thousands of aliens and poorly-balanced Americans who lack the immunity of office to save them when they deliver themselves of questionable sentiments?

The demand for freedom of speech usually is made by somebody who believes that he is IT, that he is the greatest THING that ever existed—or else the demand is a part of the propoganda that would urge workmen to strike, criminals to blow up ships and foreign agents to bribe congressmen.

These are some of the reasons why Americans are seemingly intolerant. They do not fear those persons who honestly believe differently from themselves; but they have a real fear of those who would shoot their soldiers from ambush.

The rain of course turned away several hundred dollars from the fair, but we should be thankful that it did not occur the first of the week. In arranging for a fair, it might be a good point to determine the chances of an equinoctial storm approaching in the midst of festivities. We had a narrow escape this time, and luck was all that saved us—though the fair management had nothing to do with the rain.

The New York Times prints extracts from German newspapers published in 1848 at a time when the German people were striving for independence. The domination of Prussia was feared, and it was Prussian bayonets that deprived Germans of their freedom and caused the world war.

The arrest of alien enemies in New York came none too soon. They were ready for their devilment.

A BRUTAL CRIME

The running over of the small Harris child here Thursday afternoon was one of the worst instances of brutality that have ever come under our observation. Assuming that Dave Little did not deliberately guide his automobile to one side of the street so that it would down the small boy on his bicycle, the undisputable facts are that the crowd which gathered pleaded with the fellow to carry the lad to the hospital. Little instead lifted the child from under the automobile, placed him in the street, and made off without seeing that his passenger was in the machine. Little acted like a savage. The law should deal with him not savagely, but vigorously, and if he is shown wilfully to have run down the little boy, the full penalty of his crime should be invoked.

We hope that congress will be more interested in determining whether Bernstorff spent any money in that vicinity than in making Tom Heflin a goat.

UNIVERSITY HAS OVER THOUSAND ENROLLED

Chapel Hill, Sept. 28.—At the end of its second week of work, the University of North Carolina already has 1,030 students registered in the various courses. There has been only a very slight falling off in the academic courses, the largest decline in attendance coming as might be expected, in the law, pharmacy and graduate departments, where the men are all older. The medical department has enrolled nearly as many men as last year. The number of students this year who are planning to go into medicine is also large.

GASTONIA SECURES SHOWS FOR BIG COUNTY FAIR

Gastonia, Sept. 28.—There will be a full line of amusements at the Gaston county fair, which will be held on October 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1917. Many of the fairs in the south have been unable to secure shows for their fairs. This is due to the embargo placed on such attractions by the Southern Railway. Several of the county fairs are cancelling their dates.

Fortunately Gastonia can be reached by the Seaboard through the Piedmont and Northern road. Secretary Holland received yesterday a telegram from the Smith Greater Shows that will furnish the amusements, that all plans had been completed, and that they had two routes that they could get in.

The line of attractions that will be seen at the fair will be second to none. There will be fourteen shows, three rides, and forty clean concessions. There positively will be no shows on the ground that a lady cannot attend.

The leading show will be a wild animal show, consisting of trained lions, tigers, leopards, bears, dogs and elephant and kicking monkey. There are but few shows on the road of this high character, and the fair was very fortunate in securing this.

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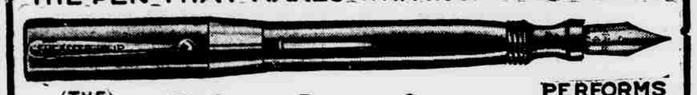

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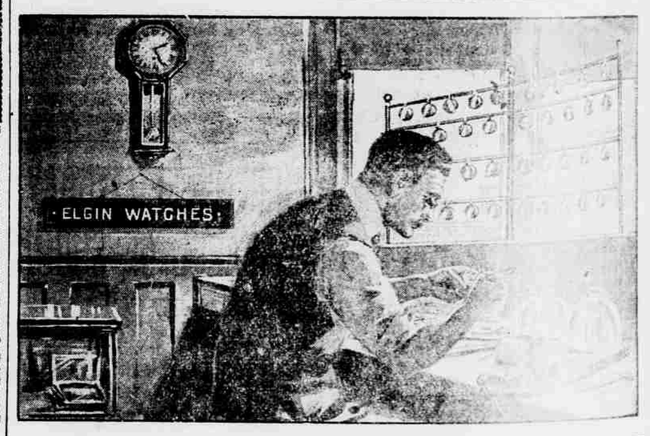

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