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CHOOSE RIGHT TIME

The Record is mindful of the feeling in many quarters that President Wilson waited too long to ask congress to declare a state of war existing between the United States and Germany. The Record believes that after the Lusitania blowing up, Americans were aroused as they have not been aroused since, even by the publication of the German intrigue to induce Mexico and Japan to declare war on a country that was then at peace with the imperial German government.

Among these considerations were preparedness and pacifism. The United States is a pacific nation. Its history is proof of this. It does not like war—no modern republic or democracy does.

It was difficult to arouse the country to the seriousness of the situation. The war was far off, and in his efforts to keep the country out of it, the president and his associates seemingly used contradictory methods. Mr. Wilson undoubtedly knew that the American people needed more lessons than the Lusitania, the Sussex and Arabic cases furnished. He knew human nature, and, knowing it, strove with all his might to keep this country at peace with a government which he later has denounced in words that will live as long as time, Shakespeare and the Bible.

If the president could have swung the American people to his side with a declaration of war when the Lusitania went down, the situation would have been better for the world. Of that there is no doubt. But there are millions of sincere pacifists supporting the government now who would not have supported it until they were convinced that war was the only recourse left. Germany's promises—which later have been declared by German agents not to have been promises at all—held the United States back until the crowd in Berlin was ready to throw off the mask and proceed with the submarine campaign against all men and all countries alike.

The Record does not claim to have as much sense as some people or to be as well informed, but it has weighed every consideration that has been presented since the world war began, it has considered all the elements in our population, and it is convinced that President Wilson took the fateful step at the time when the American people as a whole were ready to back the country with their men and money. And any war in which the people are not in favor of must be waged by an autocratic government, like Austria-Hungary or Germany or Turkey.

METHODIST CONFERENCE

Hickory extends a welcome to the fifty-ninth session of the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which is meeting with Hartzel Memorial church here this week. The colored people without regard to denominations will receive the delegation into their homes and the whole population, white and colored, will wish for the spiritual guidance of Bishop Hughes and those who will receive their inspiration from him. The colored ministers are doing an invaluable work among their people, and the conference here will be of inestimable help to them in overcoming the difficulties that confront all leaders of Christianity.

McCLURE TABOO

James H. Pou and Governor Bickett deserve thanks for putting President Graham of the university wise to the fact that S. S. McClure, once noted publicist, is not the sort of American to deliver lectures at that institution, and a contract with him, according to the Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro News, has been cancelled, albeit McClure will receive the hundred dollars stipulated in the agreement.

Published documents of German intrigue some time ago mentioned McClure's name, but even before this revelation, the publisher had shown his Teutonism. He had made a trip to Germany and returned full of pro-German sentiments—a fact that the Record did not overlook in its scanning of the political horizon. Readers of this paper may recall our comment on the occasion of another visit of McClure's to the university.

McClure may be honest, but he has a turn of mind, if that is so, which is different from other Americans who visited Germany. They could not praise the murder of Belgian civilians, the carrying into slavery of French and Belgian girls and the thousands of horrible crimes of individual French women.

MR. STROUP QUITS

Mr. W. S. Stroup, Republican county commissioner, paid up for the Record in full today because he didn't like for us to be fooling with politics, and stopped the paper. We are truly glad of it. A man of Mr. Stroup's calibre has no business paying out good money for a newspaper, and if there are any more like him in this community, we will keep our office open until two minutes past six so that we can accommodate them.

Russia is in a bad way, even though Kerensky might be in control, but Russia is no worse off than France was during the revolution. France was surrounded by a ring of enemies, Russia has strong friends. France was bankrupt and her people hungry, Russia is not and the allies are giving her aid. All Russia needs, it seems, is a leader with a big idea. Some people hoped Korniloff was the man. Whoever he is, he must be a military man and must be prepared to dictate. Russia cannot enjoy freedom now.

Railroad earnings were less last month than they were for the same month last year, a point which the railroad managers will stress when they come up before the interstate commerce commission and ask for an increase in freight rates. It is only a few years, however, until the government will own the railroads, and persons owning securities should not worry much.

China has lodged a protest against the agreement between Japan and the United States over the eastern question, but Americans will be unable to side with the Chinese in any controversy they may cause. Fact is, we want as much peace on earth as possible, especially after the world war ends.

Banker George Holderness of Tarboro has 400 hogs to kill this winter and we take it that Edgecombe county farmers, seeing what this city feller is doing, will bestir themselves. In the cotton country they have not been paying much attention to hogs and hominy.

If there was some way of extracting possum fat and utilizing it for cooking purposes, there would be little worrying here over 28-cent lard.

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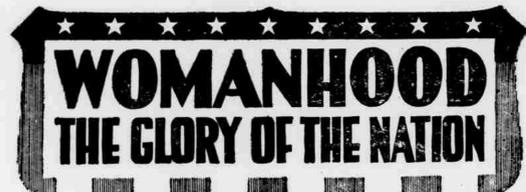
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Military suffragists continue to pester the president, but he devotes to them only the attention they deserve.

Well, who has the thimble?

FLAG RAISING AT LENOIR COLLEGE

When the country became a belligerent last spring, the students of Lenoir College at the suggestion of Dr. Longaker, lifted a collection in chapel for the purchase of a flag. A large 8x12 flag was purchased from the Van Dyke Shop and was to have been raised upon the main building, but almost insuperable difficulties in placing the staff defeated the plan. Since then the flag has furnished the main decoration upon the stage of the auditorium. Yesterday the students, led by Messrs. Cline and Ritchie, took the measure of the trees in near-by forests, and when a sixty-foot poplar was found to pass up no claim for exemption, it was conscripted into the service of the United States, via Lenoir College. When the pole was planted the bell was rung and the students turned out en masse to sing America as the colors reached the breeze. In chapel yesterday morning Dr. Longaker reminded them that they had done a good piece of work, and that the colors were to float proudly and be lowered only for sunset and foul weather, and not even then, should they be under

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