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THE WAR SITUATION

Having failed to bleed France at Verdun, the Germans have put in most of their time on the defensive against the British and sometimes the French until the last few days when they have struck hard at their most hated enemies. There is some point to the statement of a high London authority which declares that the Teutons have made a tremendous effort to incline Great Britain to peace by desperate attacks by land and sea. These have failed.

The allied navies are taking care of many submarines and the ship yards are replacing vessels almost as fast as they are sunk. The submarine is not gaining in the campaign against allied shipping, and as the American yards get busy, the U-boat will lose ground. The fight is hopeless, so far as the Germans are concerned.

In reading the war news, we are too likely to be influenced by our livers or our nerves; we consider the news of one day or a few days and conclude from that news that the world is safe or is doomed. What we should take into consideration is a fact that the German general staff has not underrated, however much it may sneer at American efforts—and that is the part the United States will play in the war. Germany knows we have put more than a drop in the bucket; Germany knows that the United States will make defeat for that country sure and certain, and the vigorous campaigns on land and sea are for the purpose of making the allies quit or convincing Teutons that their armies cannot be defeated.

If the Germans are willing to start an offensive this winter, Americans should be willing. That offensive will not succeed, and the task next spring and summer will be the easier for Great Britain and the United States. The German people, whose position is more uncomfortable than that of the allies will clamor for peace.

SCARCITY OF FISH

The semi-annual fish rows in the general assembly have mildly interested members from the central and western part of the state, who looked upon them much as they would two dogs fighting. Occasionally, however, there have been representatives whose people were not directly affected that have tried seriously to understand the situation and a result of this is to be seen in the fish commission that has been on the job for several years.

But the people of the state as a whole, their members in the general assembly included, have felt that the fish problem was one that concerned only the counties where the fish are caught. That has been the general attitude. And Beaufort, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Carteret, Onslow, Bertie and other counties would send representatives to Raleigh intent on seeing that their fishermen were allowed to make all the catches. The various nets were described, and one representative would differ from another as night from day.

Very few people made a serious effort to consider the fish situation. Though North Carolina has more rivers, inlets and sounds—places where fish and oysters naturally breed—than any other state on the Atlantic seaboard, it is a fact that any number of states catch more fish than we, and Virginia and Maryland oyster production is remarkable compared to ours.

We are not placing the blame.

North Carolinians, with abundance in sight, have never been given to worrying over the future. We could have protected the fish that belong to the whole country if we had shown wisdom, but people seldom show wisdom until they are hit. The food that is due us at reasonable prices has been squandered.

A few more days like the last few and we shall buy an orange farm in Panama.

The sunny south in summer, 't'gosh.

MRS. HARBIN'S GRANDSON WINS FRESHMAN DEBATE

Friends of Mrs. Alice Harbin of Hickory will be interested in a news story from Chapel Hill telling of the honor won by her grandson, Mr. Charles Boyd of Gastonia. The story follows:

Another Gaston county freshman has brought laurels both to himself and to his home county. This time it is Chas. Boyd of Gastonia, who won the freshman debating prize in the Di Society on last Saturday night. The question was, "Resolved That it would be to the best interests of all cities having a population of 5,000 or more to adopt the commission form of government." Mr. Boyd, assisted by Mr. Bobbitt of Charlotte, argued against the commission system. On the affirmative side were Messrs. V. L. Smathers and M. H. Patterson. Mr. Smathers was on the winning side in the final debate for the Aycock Cup last, it will be remembered. Mr. Boyd and all the speakers for that matter, showed that they had received wonderful training in their high school days. This same honor was achieved a year ago by Mr. T. J. Brawley of Gastonia. The debate this year was of a very high standard, even above the freshman debates of the past.



MARY PICKFORD

"A ROMANCE OF THE REDWOODS"

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AMUSEMENTS

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT PASTIME SATURDAY

Charlie Chaplin will be at the Pastime against Saturday, December 15th in "Sentimental Charlie," a two reel comedy and Ford's Weekly will be shown. This will be some good show. Don't miss it.

MARY PICKFORD AT PASTIME TUESDAY, DEC. 18

In accordance with his progressive policies and desire to give his patrons the best in films, Manager J. F. Miller of the Pastime theatre has just arranged for the presentation of Mary Pickford's new Artcraft picture, "A Romance of the Redwoods." At the Pastime Tuesday, December 18th. This production was staged under the personal direction of Cecil B. DeMille, who also wrote the story in collaboration with Jennie Macpherson. Mr. DeMille, it will be remembered, is the producer of "Joan the Woman," the famous cinema spectacle concerning the Maid of Orléans.

SPECIAL AT HUB THEATRE SATURDAY, DEC. 15

The special attraction at the Hub Theatre Saturday, December 15 will be a Pathe Gold Rooster play in five parts "The Recoil" featuring that great star William Courtnay. "The Recoil" is said to be comparable to "Kick In" and "The Hunting of the Hawk" in which Mr. Courtnay has recently been seen. There is a splendid cast in this picture including Lillian Greuze, star of New York's French theatre, who made her debut with Sarah Bernhardt and is a protegee of the great actress.

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