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ROOSEVELT AND THE LEAGUE

Colonel Roosevelt's most critic—and
the Record is certainly not that—
will not insist that his ideas go
through a process of hardening or me-
tamorphosis, as we are told the bril-
liant diamond does in changing from
ordinary carbon to a stone of price-
less quality. Indeed, consistency is
not a hobgoblin of his mind, which
is well, because nobody should be
consistent when being consistent is
equivalent to being wrong.

The colonel, as you might have not-
ed, for a brief interval upheld Ger-
man violation of Belgian neutrality on
the ground of national necessity. Later
he changed his mind and the German
war lords—as contemptible a set
of humans as ever lived—were
scored roundly by him. We are
glad of that.

It was about the time Mr. Bryan
was negotiating these arbitration
treaties, however, to which our mind
reverted as we read in the morning
papers yesterday how the colonel
had gone on record as favoring an
arbitration treaty with the British
empire, so as to make war with that
good friend of ours absolutely impos-
sible. The colonel would not have
said that five years ago—we have
his word for it.

But arbitration treaties are all
right now. We are glad the colonel
can change his mind.

By the same logic a league of na-
tions is all right. The United States
of America once were 13 independ-
ent colonies, with jealousies and in-
terests as conflicting as the jealousies
and conflicting interests of the several
world powers. The War Between
the States was fought because these
interests could not be reconciled by
statesmen. Nobody would have the
United States become a lot of sepa-
rate nations, each opposing the other.

The league of nations idea is a
Federalist idea, or a Whig idea, and
as such should be advocated by vir-
tuous Republicans. Only Mr. Taft,
however, of the Republicans of national
reputation is advocating such a
league. Hearst said Wilson was
a Federalist, according to telegrams
published by the senate investigating
committee, and the Republican party,
which is an offspring of the Whig
party, should not fail to conform to
its doctrines of the past.

But maybe Colonel Roosevelt, in
his belated endorsement of a treaty
of arbitration between the United
States and Great Britain, is coming
around to the principle of a league
of nations. But he should not wait
until it is too late.

Yes, indeed, there is a Santa Claus.
There are millions of children who
are thinking of his beneficent old
whiskers very hard these days. When
they infrequently raise their voices,
engage in a contention, as sometimes
happens, and their angelic disposi-
tions are clouded for a minute, all pa-
pa ma has to do to restore equilib-
rium is to begin to discuss Santa Claus.
At least we have been told so. If
our children ever get to fussing
over paper dolls, or a bit of rag, or
one sits in the other's chair—or does
any one of a score of things to
break harmony with a perfect day—
we shall elevate our tone and observe,
"I see by the papers that Santa
Claus has begun to get a whole lot
of things together for good children."
We are going to do that very thing,
because it is written in the stars that
it is good.

The intimation that Prof. Albert
Bushnell Hart was a pro-German was
promptly corrected by Mr. Root and
Dr. Eliot. Dr. Hart was nothing
of the kind. The Record read some
dozens of his articles in the New
York Times, and did not like some
of his constructions of international
law, but there was nothing in his
writings to make one believe he was
in sympathy with the Hohenzollern
cause.

It is well for southern people to
remember that we cannot make the
south unsafe for one class of people
without making it unsafe for all
classes. Unless public senti-
ment becomes aroused to the dan-
ger, the time will come in the south
when it will be perfectly all right
for one white man to shoot down an-
other, so far as punishment is con-
cerned. It may be a fact in a few
years that somebody who does not
happen to like you can step out from
a dark building, take a crack at your
back as you walk by and explain
the incident satisfactorily to a judge
and jury. That is the direction in
which we have made bad progress.

This community has sustained a
grievous loss in the death of Miss
Elizabeth Carrier, for several years
a teacher in the public schools. Miss
Carrier brought to the class room a
well equipped mind, a sympathy with
the children and a character that won
respect and attained results. She
was a type of teacher who made the
profession a study and while her loss
to the community is great, it will be
felt most by those young people whose
characters are being molded in the
class room.

The action of city council in closing
the schools until after the influ-
enza situation improves meets
with popular approval. It is no argu-
ment to say that if the schools had
been closed all the time the epidemic
would not have been severe here, be-
cause the schools have been closed at
other places and the situation is as
bad as in Hickory. It was a question
that should have been put up to medi-
cal authority.

On the basis of pre-war conditions,
the cotton farmer is entitled to at least
35 cents a pound for his cotton. When
meat was 10 cents a pound, for in-
stance, cotton was around 10 cents,
and cotton and meat have risen and
fallen together. This year, however,
cotton has not ascended as it natu-
rally should have done, but those
farmers who hold their product for
a few months are not assuming any
risks, in our judgment.

Church-goers of course have noted
that services have been called off
until the first Sunday in January, except
the Sunday morning service. The
buildings will be thoroughly ventilat-
ed and there will be a minimum of
danger.

President Wilson will arrive at
Brest tomorrow—the same port in
France where millions of American
soldiers have landed in the past year
and a half.

It has been decided to divide those
German war-ships among the allies,
those losing most to receive most.

Today's Casualty List

Washington, Dec. 12.—the two ar-
my casualty lists issued today con-
tain 4887 names. The following
are from North Carolina:
Killed in Action
Lieut. Dalton E. Smith of Trin-
ity, Winthrop Ward of Weldon, Wil-
lie E. Kingston of Madison, Edward
Royster of Henderson, Sidney R.
East of Bridgewater, Walker Mason
of Chapel Hill, Fred Reid of Golds-
boro, John A. Sneed of Eagle Springs,
Clifford C. Williams of Zionsville, Me-
chanic Kelsey Hoppes of Woodland,
Privates James E. Henley of Frank-
linton.

Died of Accident and Other Causes
Burl Hicks of Candor.
Died from Wounds
Ernest Halton of Carthage, Willie
J. Craddock of Spray, Charles O.
Yates of Panama.

Died of Disease
Ben L. Taylor of Goldsboro, Daniel
H. Tarkington of Elizabeth City,
Willie Kincaid of Coburn, Joseph M.
Pearson of Black Creek, Hestia W.
Davis of Lake, Grover C. Thompson
of Mill Spring, William H. Carter of
State Road, Linton J. Sutton of
Elizabeth City.

Wounded Severely
Lieuts. Frank O. White of Char-
lotte, Norfleet S. Smith of Scotland
Neck and Zebulon R. Thornburg of
Concord, Sergeants James Everhard
of High Point, Howard L. Pierce of Rocky
Mount, David B. Barkley of Thomas-
ville, Harvey A. Tesh of Winston-
Salem, Edward L. Armstrong of High
Point, Corps. Grady T. Burn of
Mapleville, Julius P. Digh of Lincoln-
ton, Ed Farida Trull of Candier, Lon-
nie F. Branch of Selma, Hall Davis
of Goldsboro, James L. Todd of Paw
Creek, Franklin B. Cariton of Buck,
Charles K. Coyle of West Durham,
Eugene Griffin of Wakefield, Chas.
R. Wilkins of Gates, Privates Bruce
McCay of Maxton, Foster S. Tapp
of Blackwood, Eddie Albertson of
Elizabeth City, Rowden W. Hill of
Smithfield, William V. Wallace of
Peachland, Hiram Higgins of Higgins,
Everett Johnson of Cooleemee, Gro-
ver York Russell of Winston-Salem,
Martin L. Stanel of Concord, John
P. Bulard of Autryville, Sam E.
Hagler of Unionville, Charlie B. Haw-
kin of Walstonburg, Robert E. Lee
of Coleraine, George N. A. Telfer of
Salisbury, Shirley Alexander of
Concord, Lester Brown of Roxboro,
Sonie Crowder of Wilson Mills,
Raiph Drum of Taylorsville, Ballon M.
Watts of Makina, Willie T. Hicks of
Berea, Robert Ernest Scott of Win-
ston-Salem, Thomas Spray of Ad-
vocate, Lex A. Adecock of Berea,
Thomas W. Durham of Greensboro,
Albert R. Garrard of Hillsboro, James
L. Lasley of Walnut Cove, Everett
G. Neukles of Asheville, Elisha El-
cott of Fayetteville, John W. Owens
of Statesville, Doctor A. Bailey of
Eagle Spring, alph B. Ball of Mars
Hill, Joseph E. Collins of Winston,
James E. Simmons of New Bern, Fred
McSwain of Polkton, William M.
Mate of Bee Log, Frederick Fallens-
tein of High Point, Herbert W. New-
ell of Andrews, Chas. M. Stamey of
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Washington, Sergt. Boyd W. White of
Norlina, Corp. William H. Rouse of
Randeman, George Harker Hewitt of
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George Rutherford Bowman,
Thomas A. Collins of Reidsville, Ivey
E. Johnson of Statesville, John Kiche
of Pisgah Forest, Ray C. Sanoock of
Cherokee, William O. Irby of Char-
lotte, Marion Hunter of Enfield, Dove
E. Mieson of Wilmington, Harvey
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