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DON'T FAIL THE PEOPLE

People in this section of North
Carolina have banked their hopes on
a good state road law at this ses-
sion of the general assembly and they
have accepted almost as a matter of
course that the business sense in
that body would evolve a measure
that would accomplish results. The
Record does not know that the people
are committed to the Stevens-
Scates bill in particular, but that bill
has looked better than anything else
in sights, and so far as this paper
knows there has been little objection
to the feature to tax automobiles and
trucks.

What is wanted are good roads.
The Record hopes that Messrs.
Gray, Holderness and Stacy, Scates
and others in the senate will formula-
te a measure that will do business.

The people of North Carolina will
feel, if a good road law is not passed,
that the present session of the gen-
eral assembly is a failure, whatever
else it might do.

It might be a good idea for people
in this section of the state to write
members of the senate and house to
enact good roads legislation at this
session that will result in roads.
There is a possibility of a tangle
that cannot be unraveled unless the
members know how earnestly the
state wants a good road law.

NOTHING DOING

Some of the allies who, unlike
Great Britain and the United States
made no effort to increase taxes to
pay the cost of the war, are desir-
ous of extending the society of na-
tions over territory large enough to
include an international financial
pool, the object of which would be to
put the cost of the war on all coun-
tries, belligerent and neutral alike
in proportion to their ability to pay.
In such an event the people of the
United States would be taxed to pay
the war debt of France, Italy and
England. It won't work.

We don't propose to do any such
thing. This may be a logical exten-
sion of the league of nations idea,
but it goes rather too far.

We'll lend the associated nations
money to help them out, but we will
not shoulder their war costs. That
is all there is to that.

JUDGE JUSTICE

The death of M. H. Justice of Ruth-
erfordton, for many years a member
of the superior court bench of
North Carolina, removes a jurist
who loved his people and who in turn
was loved by them. Judge Justice
wore himself out on the bench. He
was always polite and considerate and
newspaper men found him easy of
approach and willing to help them.
In later years Judge Justice slowed
up in his work and the last few years
of his service as presiding officer
of the court, he found more trying.
Yet his courtesy and fairness were
never failing. He was able and hu-
man, and the state is better because
of his life among the people.

It is about time that Hickory in-
clude among its plans for the future
that of city planning. Unfortuna-
tely the fathers in laying off the
town could not see that this place
was destined to become the industrial
and trade center of a great section
and they took little thought of the
future. Now, however, we know
that its future is almost unlimited,
and we should provide for uniform-
ity in the building of a greater
Hickory. It would be worth the price
to have the opinion of an expert.

Those people who have been saying
that North Carolina should pass a
child labor act will be but doing
their simple duty in urging Repre-
sentative Love and others to carry
out the professions of the oppo-
nents of national legislation. It is
only fair.

Yesterday was Abraham Lincoln's
birthday, an event in the nation's
history that all of us may pause to
contemplate. Southern people now
look with more charity on his life
and purpose and realize that he was
but the agent of his time. We know
that Lincoln was a lover of liberty,
that he was a kindly man and pos-
sessed a big heart, together with a
mind that has been likened not un-
like that of Wilson's. As a writer
and speaker of simple diction, Lin-
coln had no superior in American
history. Unfortunately the assas-
sination's bullet cut his career short
before he had opportunity to prove to
the world that he was a healer.

Japan held a pistol to China's head,
placed a treaty in China's hand, and
commanded sign. That treaty, when
was not favorable to China, is known
as a secret document, and the act-
ing foreign minister of Japan says it
would not be good form for China to
disclose its contents. The Chinese,
however, have let the cat's tail out
of the bag, and the hole may be large
enough for the body to escape. The
world is wise to the game, and this
may stop.

Joe King was a great lover of to-
bacco. He was like the Newton
preacher who was asked if it was
wrong to smoke. "Yes," he answer-
ed fervently, "it is wrong to smoke
good tobacco that ought to be chew-
ed." If the Durham editor smoked,
we never observed it, but those who
know him declare he never was so
interesting as when a big quid of
tobacco was being rolled around in
his mouth.

Corporal Jim Bradley of States-
ville writes his parents that Wagon-
er Bruce King of Statesville, a mem-
ber of the 105th supply train, was
among the 14 killed in the railroad
accident in France several weeks ago,
a brief account of which was men-
tioned by the Associated Press. No
other names are given by the States-
ville lad.

Many people are seeking Hickory
as a place of residence. Here gen-
erally speaking we escape the rigors
of the mountains in winter and the
heat of the lower country in sum-
mer. It is ideal climate, and
should be capitalized for half its
worth.

May the Record felicitate Mr. and
Mrs. Cillely of Hickory and Mr. and
Mrs. Hildebrand of Newton on the
great honor that has come to their
sons? The young men were perform-
ing what to them was simple duty,
but it was sublime. Those boys are
simply the stuff.

Capt. A. L. Fletcher writes home
that Col. Albert L. Cox, commander
of the 113th field artillery, has made
good in France, and did it in spite of
obstacles. Whight ought to be
good reading to the several candi-
dates for governor.

Superintendent Brooks made a hit
when he advocated free tuition for
all children from the primary grade
through college. That is what the
state eventually will do, but first it
should give every child an opportu-
nity and see that he takes it.

The 30th division may be on the
water, but we doubt it. As soon as
the transports sail, the war depart-
ment will announce the fact and we
may begin to flutter with hope. The
New York troops are to return home
first.

Let's keep the swimming pool full
next summer. Have you joined?

RELEASE

W. N. Hodson in "The Muse in
Arms."
A leaping wind from England,
The skies without a stain,
Clear cut against the morning,
Slim poplars after rain,
Slim poplars after rain,
And startlings in a wood—
After the grime of battle
We know that these are good.

Death whining down from heaven,
Death roaring from the ground,
Death stinking in the nostril,
Death shrill in every sound,
Death in every sound,
Doubting we charged and conquer-
ed—
Hopeless we struck and stood;
Now when the fight is ended
We know that it is good.

We that have seen the strongest
Cry like a beaten child,
The sanest eyes unholy,
The cleanest hands defiled,
We that have known the heart-blood
Less than the lees of wine,
We that have seen men broken,
We know man is divine.

THE GRIM REAPER

Boston Transcript.
It was in a street car. The
woman wore a long wisp of artificial
grain which, protruding horizontally,
ticked the ear of the roughly dress-
ed man who occupied the seat beside
her. At last he could stand it no
longer. He took out his jackknife
and opened it.
"Lady," he said, "if them oats gets
into my ear again there's goin' to
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