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THURSDAY, APRIL 14th

**WAR ANNIVERSARY REFLECTIONS.**

The fourth anniversary of this country's declaration of war against Germany affords occasion for thought on many phases of the conflict. It reminds us, for instance, that we are still technically at war, by reason of the refusal of the United States Senate to ratify the Treaty of Versailles, accepted by all of our allies and associates in the war. President Harding's campaign fervor for an immediate separate peace by resolution of Congress is understood to have cooled somewhat since assumption of the presidential office, just as his viewpoint on many other subjects has changed under the sobering influence of responsibility. But the Knox resolution will soon be before the Senate and will have to be disposed of in one way or another, however distasteful deeds instead of words may be to the Republican majority.

National Commander Galbraith of the American Legion, calls up another matter for war-anniversary reflection in his statement pledging anew the soldier organizations' faith in America, its traditions and ideals, and its undying opposition to anything approximating a divided allegiance. Good American citizens may be of German, Irish, English or other blood, but they must be Americans without any hyphen. The Legion is to be commended for insistence that while there may have been an armistice for our enemies, there never can be an armistice with the hyphen. The hyphen must go if America is to fulfill her destiny.

President Harding says that one of his hobbies is to help men who are "down and out." But he did not have particular reference to Democratic officers holders.

Sir Philip Gibbs foresees another European war. But it is hoped it won't start until the last one is finished.

A cherry tree made Washing famous. Must Harding depend on a plum tree?

Germany made considerable use of gas in warfare and is keeping up the practice in an effort to stall off the bill collectors.

Things would be a lot better in this world if there were more home-buildings and fewer home-wreckers.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**

News and Observer.  
 We congratulate President Harding upon following the example of President Wilson in addressing Congress in person. It insures a hearing instead of the old time droning that put Congress to sleep.

Exactly what President Harding favors with reference to our international relations is still somewhat in the air. His message is muddier than his campaign speeches, if possible. He announced that he would approve a Congressional "declaratory resolution" which would bring to an end the "technical state of war against the Central Powers of Europe." Does this mean he backs the Knox resolution for separate peace as the natural inference and that was what was advocated when he voted on the Knox separate peace resolution last year. But he seems to have abandoned the Knox plan to declare a separate peace as full settlement. He adds that "it would be idle to declare for separate treaties of peace with the Central Powers on the assumption alone that these would be adequate because the situation is so involved that our peace engagement cannot ignore the Old World relationships and the settlement already effected." Certainly they cannot. Separate peace with Germany alone is thus repudiated. President Harding gives a sound reason for such repudiation for he declares "nor is it desirable to do so in preserving our own rights and contracting our future relationships."

What is his conclusion? He wishes to separate peace treaty from the League of Nations, accept the benefits of the former and reject the blessings of the latter. His declarations are hailed with pleasure by the irreconcilables as indicating that the League of Nations is dead so far as American participation is concerned. "Let the Old World stumble along in chaos and instability." That is the substance of the message.

Otherwise the passage seems to be a careful review of the domestic legislation needed. Generally the recommendations are general rather than specific. Economy is stressed and there are wise recommendations which will deserve the attention of Congress. There is lacking directness in how economies will be effected and how revenues will be levied. But these subjects are more fully discussed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

**BUSINESS CONDITIONS.**

In a general resume of financial and business conditions in the United States, the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York.

The second quarter of the year opens with an appreciable gain in business confidence. Irregular and contradictory as they may at first glance appear, the reports from various sections of the country are on the whole indicative of an improved situation. Certainly conditions are no worse than they were a month ago and, indeed, the element of greater stability is so pronounced as to lead to a prediction that before mid-year a definite turn for the better will be demonstrated. There has been a slight increase in the railroad labor situation because of the policy of retaining efficient workers only. Automobile manufacturers are reopening their plants. Building operations are on the increase. Farm products are being disposed of under pressure of a large new crop and the inability of the banks to carry both the hold-over and

the new products. Secretaries Hoover and Mellon, backed by Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board, have told the cotton raisers that they cannot expect the Government to assume all the risks of financing the exportation of cotton, and it appears that something like personal initiative is to come to the rescue of the unhappy situation in the South. The trend of prices continues downward in the wholesale markets, but consumers still complain that, with one or two exceptions, retail prices for food and clothing do not represent these reductions in manufacturers' and jobbers' costs.

**FUNERAL SERVICE FOR JUDGE**

J. C. PRITCHARD.

Asheville, April 12.—The body of Judge Jetter Conley Pritchard was laid to rest this afternoon at Riverside cemetery with services conducted in the presence of hundreds of people from all walks of life. The grave was marked by huge banks of beautiful flowers woven into attractive floral tributes.

Long before the hour of the funeral services, and before the tolling of the bell marked the cessation of all traffic and business activity for the space of three minutes about the city streets, crowds had filled to overflowing the First Baptist church where the body of the distinguished jurist had lain in state since 11 o'clock.

Hundreds had passed down the aisles and in front of the altar before which the casket, decked in white lilies, stood open to reveal the mortal remains of one beloved by men and women of high and low estate in many parts of the nation; one peculiarly Asheville's own, however, because of the years of his life spent largely in the mountain city he loved. Around the casket deacons and trustees of the church to which Judge Pritchard belonged took station as a guard of honor. Numbered in the vast audience were many notables who journeyed from far distant cities to pay their last respects to the man who, starting from a simple mountain home, grew to become a national figure.

At about the casket, the front of the wide pulpit and even upon the organ there were arranged in tasteful masses all manner of floral tokens of cut flowers, sprays, ferns, with ribbons aiding in the conversion of the background into one of impressive beauty.

**THE FOUNDLING ON THE DOORSTEP—WHAT WILL HE DO WITH IT?**

News and Observer.  
 (Rhankatte Roaster.)  
 "What's Gamaliel a goin' to do with that foundling which Woodrow left on his doorstep?" asked the old Codger this morning when he called to borrow our Nuisance Disturber.

We had not heard that the ex-President had been playing any pranks on the new President, and we asked the Old Codger what he was insinuating. "I ain't insinuating nothin'," said the Old Codger. "Ain't you got no memory? Don't you recollect that Woodrow left that Peace Treaty on Gamaliel's doorstep when he left March the fourth? Certainly he didn't take it with him to his new home. They do tell me, the fellows who have been up to Washington, that more folks go to see where Woodrow lives now 'ban go to see Gamaliel. Howsumever, that's got nothin' to do with that foundling. What do you think Gamaliel will do with it?"

We confessed not to know, seeing during the campaign Gamaliel had seven different positions—one to suit the Germans, one to suit the Irish, one to suit the French, one to suit the Italians, one to suit the Poles, one to suit the Hungarians, and one to suit the French and British, not to mention the one to suit the colored fellow citizens.

"But," asked the Old Codger, "didn't he have no opinion to suit us Americans?"  
 We informed him that the Americans didn't count because they were so divided to party affiliations that if a candidate could unite the foreign vote the Americans had no rights that needed to be considered.

"I hadn't thot o' that," said the Old Codger. "But that's another story, as Kipling said. I've bin a thinkin' what Harding will do with the squallin' brat. Can he be so inhuman as to slip out of the White House some dark nite and drown the child in the Potomac river? Or will he do worse an' turn it over to Knox who wants to give it to the Boches by a ratifyin' a separate treaty with Germany and a turn-in' the cold shoulder on the allies? Or will he call in Dr. Moses and let him operate on the kid and take out its appendix and table o' contents and everthin' except the larynx? Or air it to be sent up ter Henry Cabot and given the Nahant treatment? You don't know what the Nahant treatment is? Well, do tell. Whey, when you air determined to take everthin' outer a bill and yet leave it lookin' peart and not teched, you give it the Nahant treatment. Henry Cabot air a spechiulist in the Nahant treatment. He thinks he diskivered it fact is, Henry Cabot thinks nothin' good was ever diskivered unless the name Nahant is blown in the bottle. I never recollect that Nahant Sir Oracle but I recollect apeace of poetry which must a be writ fer him as well as fer the Britishers. It goes this way:

My name it air Benjamin Jowett,  
 I am master of Beloit College,  
 Whatever is known I know it  
 And what I don't know ain't knowin' edge.  
 "Ef you'll strike out, ez they say in

**NOTICE**

TO ALL FARMERS IN LINCOLN COUNTY, N. C.

Greetings—  
 Under and by virtue of a special act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina—ratified on the 9th day of March, 1921,—you are required to be prepared to report to the tax lister of your respective townships the acreage of each crop grown and other information as follows, to-wit:—  
 No. acres, corn, cotton, tobacco, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, wheat, rye, oats, peanuts, field peas, soy beans, clover, all crops cut for hay (1921 Hays), also all truck gardeas, sorgum, cane, bees hives, fruit trees bearing, horses worked, mules worked, commercial fertilizer used etc.  
 List tracts of over five acres only—  
 This is for information and not for taxation.

J. E. Hoover  
 Register of Deeds.

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the Sent, "Benjamin Jowett" and insert in lieu thereof the words "Henry Cabot Lodge, the sage-isa of Nahant, them words fits perzactly."  
 "What course do you thing Gamaliel will take?" the old Codger was asked.  
 "It air hard ter say, I ruther think as it is sorter a military question he'll ax his new Brigadier Gtiril, who used ter rub him when he were sick in Marion, fer his medico-military opinyun. Or mebbe he well refer it to Kernel—(I don't know what he is Kernel of 'cept it is Kernel of the floppers)—George Harzey ter git the opinyun off he English and the Irish and the Messyptianiums when he gets to London. They ain't but one thin' sure about it."  
 "What is that?" we inquired.  
 "It is," said the Old Codger, "that he is a tryin' some way ter do that ain't like Woodrow's way. He is a skeered ter ax Root or Taft or Wick-crasham or any Republican who kin see somethin' good in what Dimmy-hrat did, and Charles Evans air not follered no more than Woodrow listened to Lansing."

**DESERTION IS DESERTION**

Greenboro News.  
 This from Charity and Children: The Greensboro News says: "May-be Miss Clements' law has attacked the foundations of society, but a law that compels a woman to acknowledge as her husband a bird that has left her to shift for herself for five years, seems to us, it is a pretty rotten foundation." Well suppose it had been made one year instead of five. Would the News inforce that?  
 Certainly. The crime is the desertion, and if that can be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, the length of time since it occurred is an irrelevant circumstance. It seems to us that there is no reasonable doubt that a man who has left his wife with no means of support for twelve months has no intention of coming back. He has deserted her, and she ought to be released from any legal obligation toward him.  
 That doesn't mean that the deserter ought to be permitted to go free. The rock-pile is the place for him. But our information is that the Clem-

ent law puts not the slightest obstacle in the way of prosecution of the man. It merely reduces from 10 to 5 years the time that a scoundrel can hold a woman legally bound to him after he has proven himself a scoundrel.  
 Danville, Va., April 12.—William Boyd, a negro, was fined \$5 by Mayor Harry Wooding this morning for exceeding the speed laws on horseback. The negro in his own defense said that his horse could not go fast enough to violate the law but policemen testified that Boyd had galloped with a free rein over a railway crossing endangering the lives of small children.

Fayetteville, N. C., April 11.—The grand jury of Cumberland superior court today returned a true bill charging murder in the first degree against Thomas R. Clayton for the killing of Deputy Sheriff Blue in this city on January 28. Clayton is in the state prison at Raleigh.

**A Special Demonstration in Cooking**  
**WILL BE GIVEN AT OUR STORE**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 16th**  
**With a SECHRIST PRESSURE Cooker**

COOKS OLD CHICKENS THROUGHLY IN FORTY-FIVE MINUTES, BEEF SOUP IN FORTY MINUTES, NAVY BEANS IN THIRTY MINUTES, AND COOKS BREAKFAST FOODS IN ONE THIRD THE USUAL TIME. NO ODOR OF COOKING IN THE HOUSE.

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**"HARD TIMES" HAVE HIT BETHUNE FAITH HEALER.**  
 Mineral Springs, April 4.—The "Faith Healer," according to Bethune, S. C., citizens, and he is said to be seriously considering going back to farming for a living.  
 Last summer and fall the "Faith Healer," did nothing but heal. He had a private secretary who devoted his time to writing prescriptions and taking the money. His salary was \$150 per month. So rich did the "Faith Healer" become that he bought the place he now lives on from a Mr. Welch, paying therefor several thousand dollars in cash. He also bought a Ford, but later decided that it was too cheap a machine for a man of his wealth and standing, he bought a \$3,000 car, and now pays a negro \$100 per month to run it. His folks found themselves rich almost beyond belief, and silks and broadcloths took the place of calicoes and gingham. New furniture was bought for his humble home, and he set a letter table than anyone else in the community. But, unless business gets better, he is going to have to go back to farming for where there were a hundred cars in front of his place last year, there are not over five now.  
 An order issued by the interstate commerce commission, effective June 30, completely readjusts and generally increases freight rates on higher classes of merchandise throughout the southeast.

**TO YOU FOLKS WHO EAT BREAD**

JUST RECEIVED A CAR LOAD OF VIRGINIA'S BEST PATENT FLOUR. WILL SELL IT AT REDUCED PRICES.

WORLD'S CHAMPION FULL PATENT	.....\$4.75
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No. 1 TIMOTHY HAY PER TON	.....\$36.00
BALED WHEAT STRAW PER HUNDRED	.....50c

COME TO SEE US. WE CARRY A FULL LINE OF HAY, GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

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**Must Collect Taxes**

TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR TAX, LONG PAST DUE, ARE HEREBY URGED TO COME AND SETTLE FOR THEIR COUNTY AND STATE TAX. THE COUNTY TREASURY IS IN NEED OF THESE FUNDS AND MY OFFICE IS LOOKED TO FOR THIS MONEY

WE HAVE WAITED AS LONG AS WE CAN, AND IT WILL SOON BE NECESSARY TO ADVERTISE IF CAN'T GET DELINQUENTS TO PAY UP WITHOUT DOING THIS

LET US SEE YOU IN SOON TO SETTLE UP

**W. B. Abernethy**  
 Sheriff Lincoln County