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New for another year's grind.

All work and no play gets to be awfully monotonous.

Almost time for the annual rejuvenation of resolutions.

After all, was not the loquacity of Mr. Lansing a case where the truth hurts?

Private Secretary Martin will probably remember his old pals and tip 'em off to a good story occasionally.

Making good resolutions and failing to keep them is no worse than making bad resolutions and keeping them.

Britton inquires: "We suppose you got your necktie?" Answering for ourselves: Yes, several of them.

Germany may be bluffing, as her enemies and some semi-neutrals claim. But the stake is worth the game, if by calling the bluff peace is insured.

The paper manufacturers continue to turn the screws and sit back and watch the poor newspaper fellows squirm.

Every one of these warm spells revives a few of the fly pests to remind us that unless the swatter is now worked, the 1917 crop will be as prolific as usual.

Macon Telegraph: "Is there no way in all the wide, wide world to make Carranza see that he's making a jackass of himself?" Yes, invent some sort of a new-fangled introspective mirror and turn it on the old chap.

The Winston-Salem Journal inquires: "Has a mule no rights?" Well, old man, be careful about trespassing on the nether limbs of the hybrid or your answer will be forthcoming with unpleasant emphasis.

Brother Martin of the Winston-Salem Journal plays on the perversity of human nature. In advocating an anti-insomnia cure, he says, "When you find you can't go to sleep, just make a desperate effort to keep awake."

The first interpretation put upon Mr. Lansing's statement regarding the so-called peace notes was perhaps the correct version. The trouble was, like many other such cases, Mr. Lansing didn't realize how it would look in print until too late.

The time for the 1917 legislature is near at hand. There are matters of concern to this section which should be considered before the arrival of the "eleventh hour." Enough of the latter kind of legislation, if you please.

The Belgian men, not already drafted for "social service" in Germany, will perhaps not be solicitous concerning the welfare of Governor-General Von Bissing, now indisposed, to whose iron rule the enslavement policy is largely credited.

A former German steamer, which was confiscated by the Portuguese and put into trans-Atlantic service, is reported by coastwise shipping to be cutting some peculiar capers. Apparently on scout duty. Just force of habit, we assume.

Those diplomats stationed at Washington, said to be uneasy because they failed to predict in their reports to their several governments the action of President Wilson in forwarding the "sounding" notes, can console themselves by telling their principals that everybody was in the same boat.

The reports coming from Baltimore, Washington and other wet centers of the actual congestion to all traffic because of the liquor shipments should be enough to hasten the passage of the nationwide bill, banishing the liquor demon.

If the Independents really have the balance of power in the House, which is very likely, the organization of that historic lawmaking body will furnish the most interesting of fights. And then after organization the "on tops" must keep a full house always or else the others will put something over them.

The response of the local Jews to the call for help from their stricken people in the war districts is worthy testimony of the loyalty and fidelity of the Jewish people, one to another. No call, which comes from the devastated countries of Europe, is more deserving than that which is necessitated because of religious persecutions. Both Jew and Christian have been called upon to extend many a helping hand and shoulder on account of their religious differences.

"SAFE AND SANE" PREACEMENT.

The safe and sane doctrine of the press and other educational agencies is manifesting results in recent years. As an evidence of this fact, Kinston has just celebrated its most orderly Christmas season.

There was a time when hoodlumism and rowdiness reigned supreme here, and the good people of the town were almost afraid to venture out on the streets. Not so now. In spite of the throngs that crowded the streets and stores Saturday before Christmas, there was no serious disorder anywhere. The usual tin-can brigade was conspicuous because it made no appearance, the recently enacted anti-firecracker laws were well observed.

The services Sunday were well attended at the various city churches. The story of Christmas was told and the great importance of the celebration was emphasized. This is fine. Let the good work go on without hindrance.

THE SOCK BANK RISK.

A Louisiana farmer and his entire family, save one small boy, not found by the intruders, were murdered on Christmas Eve night. The terrible crime is charged to three negroes, and is attributed to the fact that the man had openly boasted that he had four thousand dollars in his house, and was able to take care of it without the assistance of a bank.

In the first place, what do such people think banks are for? Why take the risk of keeping so much money in one's home? Not only is there danger from burglars, numbers of whom are ready and eager to go to any extreme for such a goal, but there is a fire risk and, too, the liability of loss is greater. In the second place, if money is to be hoarded in the home and the household thereby subjected to unnecessary hazard, why brag about it?

Both the hoarding and the bragging show unwisdom and a lack of information, which every householder should be possessed of. The banks are the safe depositories for money. The interest of the depositor is safeguarded by governmental laws and regulative measures, and further, and more important, too, the men who man the banks are, as a whole, men of the highest integrity and of good sound business sense and ability. The bank is the proper place for the surplus money and the man who keeps his money in the sock bank to bait the night marauder and assassin is accountable to a large degree for the consequences.

QUITS JOURNALISM FOR OFFICE.

Governor-elect Bickett has made a good selection in choosing Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal to be his private secretary, but the press of North Carolina loses one of its best editors. Sanford Martin is one of the younger men in the State, placed in the responsible position in charge of the editorial policy of one of the State's leading papers, who has made good. His ability is evidenced by the splendid progress that the Winston-Salem Journal has made since he was placed at the helm.

The editor of The Free Press congratulates Governor Fickett in being able to secure Mr. Martin, and congratulates Mr. Martin for the honor shown him. The editor of The Free Press, however, regrets exceedingly to see Editor Martin give up even for a short time his editorial work, and is pleased to note that his connection with The Journal will not be entirely severed, even though he will not give as much time to the editorial desk as heretofore. The North Carolina press can ill afford to spare the services of editors of the Martin type, even when they are called for higher service.

THE STATE LOSES.

Largely because the Farm Loan Bank districts were not arranged so as to place the States of Virginia and North Carolina in the same district, the coveted bank for this, the third, district has been lost to the State, and instead of being located in Raleigh or somewhere in North Carolina, goes to Columbia.

North Carolina being the northern state in the third district, logically lost its claim to become the center capital. One of the intermediate states very naturally had to be chosen by the Farm Loan committee. The Free Press regrets that the bank was not located at Raleigh. It would have meant a good deal to Raleigh and the State, to have had this center created within its confines. Be that as it may, let us not be unmindful of the good work that was done to land the bank and for the assistance rendered by our Virginia friends, who did what they could to advance the claim of Raleigh.

With a word of thanks and appreciation for those outside the state, who worked in behalf of North Carolina in this matter, we congratulate our friends of the Palmetto State for having secured the prize, and we bespeak for the new institution success in promoting the interests of the planters of the district.

Irrespective of the fact that hundreds of gallons of liquor was brought into Kinston for the Christmas season, a very little disorderliness was experienced. Nothing like so many drunks as the open saloon would have furnished.

The logical thing for the liquorites, who proclaim so loudly that more liquor is sold under prohibition than before, is to get on the prohibition side and help wash the spread of the "no license" through the country. According to their claim it will help their business.

Peace and prosperity was the team that carried the Democratic colors to victory in November. And it begins to look like Miss Peace is gathering strength among the nations to make her "come back" as a world influence and supplant the God of War, so cruelly taking her place for the past two and a half years.

The British statesmen and newspapers are busy trying to inform the world what Germany is "up to," and incidentally misrepresenting Mr. Wilson's good offices while Germany is taking advantage of the opportunity to make reply to the President's note and also, it is reported, to outline her peace terms.

BRITISH PRESS SLOW TO CATCH POINT.

The sarcastic and caustic comments on President Wilson's note to the various belligerents of the British press indicate that the proverbial inability of the Britishers to "see the point" is afflicting them at this time.

The leading paper of Italy, "The Popolo Romano," makes favorable comment on the note, and criticizes its British and French contemporaries for failing to grasp the significance and meaning of Mr. Wilson. The Popolo Romano says after mature consideration, the press of England and France will realize that their first impressions were erroneous and that in addressing all the belligerents in the same friendly but firm tone, it is evident that Mr. Wilson is sincerely seeking to ascertain if a speedy peace is possible.

The most noteworthy exception among the British press is the Manchester Guardian, one of the most influential journals of the kingdom, which urges that the note of Mr. Wilson be carefully studied, and the answer wisely made. The Guardian thinks that the President's note furnished a good opportunity for the moral strength of the Allies' cause to be shown up to the weakness of their enemies.

Mr. Wilson's note is not ambiguous. Its meaning is clear, and those who read it coolly and without prejudice, and who reserve their decisions until they have read and analyzed the note, will be able to see that the motives of the President are the highest and that the opportunity to serve mankind by the promotion of brotherly love and peace is the impelling spirit which prompted its sending. The Guardian is right. Such an opportunity to present the respective sides has not before been presented to the belligerents. Mr. Wilson's action has opened the way for each to set its case before the impartial court of public opinion of the world. What they do with the opportunity is another question.

President Wilson is today celebrating his sixtieth birthday anniversary. It has been sixty years full wrought and replete with achievement. The Free Press is glad to add its word of congratulation to the thousands, which go forth to the executive mansion today, and to wish for Mr. Wilson many more years of active usefulness in the councils of the nation.

Congressman Adamson of eight-hour law fame is reputed to be a connoisseur on the water question, and especially kindly disposed to spring water. So much so that like the old lady who claimed to be able to tell good butter from oleomargarine, he boasts of being able to distinguish spring water from that which comes from any other source. Mr. Adamson is invited to Kinston to partake of some "sure-enough" good water.

Friends all over this and other countries, of Col. William F. Cody, more familiarly known as "Buffalo Bill," will be glad to know that in spite of his serious illness, news from his bedside at Denver is encouraging, and his recovery is looked for. "Buffalo Bill" was in Kinston a few weeks ago with his wild west show, and his splendid physical condition for one so advanced in years was remarked by all who saw him.

ONE NEGRO WOMAN IS DEAD, ANOTHER IS WOUNDED IN FIGHT

Three-Cornered Embroidment Saturday Night In Tenderloin All That Married Kinstons' Most Orderly Christmas

Sue Huggins is dead; Odenia Tarrt is lying critically wounded in the hospital ward of the county jail, and Ada McNeill is held on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. All are negroes, residing in Kinston's tenderloin, and their three-cornered fight Saturday night was the sole serious disorder reported in the county in the observance of the Christmas season.

From accounts gathered by the police, it seems that the Huggins and Tarrt women became involved in a difficulty, which resulted in the Huggins woman receiving mortal wounds from a knife in the hands of the Tarrt woman. She died Sunday morning. Ada took the part of Sue and used a gun on Odenia. The results were as above stated. The women are all of questionable character and had reputation. The Huggins woman was a native of Kinston, while Odenia Tarrt is said to be a Georgia negro, and Ada McNeill hails from Wilmington.

Most Orderly Observance. Quiet. Yes, the quietest Christmas Kinston has ever celebrated, say the old timers, and those whose duty it is to keep up with the orderliness of the section. There was no serious disorder, except the murder of a negro woman, as already related. Few drunks were to be seen, and none were incapacitated to the extent of requiring the attention of the police. Sheriff Taylor, Chief of Police Skinner and other officers all are loud in their praises of the good order of the people hereabouts. Yes, the folks are getting more sense, declared one of them. The good "preachments" which the newspapers and other educational agencies are making in regard to safe and sane observances of the Christmas season is having its good effect.

PRESIDENT WILSON SIXTY YEARS OF AGE

(By the United Press) Washington, Dec. 27.—The President of the United States will be 60 years of age tomorrow. At this, the beginning of his second term as President, the executive shows his years much more than he did at the beginning of his occupancy of the White House in 1912. He is a bit more stooped than then and the heavy lines in his face are much more sharply drawn than they were before he came through the international crises that have confronted him since the war began. He is, however, strong and well. Letters, telegrams and remembrances from friends and relatives began pouring into the White House by scores today.

RODMAN WILL QUIT THE SERVICES OF UNCLE SAM

Colonel W. C. Rodman, commanding the Second Regiment North Carolina Infantry, now on guard duty on the Mexican border is to quit the service, according to reports coming from Camp Stewart and carried in the Raleigh News and Observer Wednesday morning. Colonel Rodman has been connected with the State militia for a score of years and is popular with the men of the regiment. Business reasons are assigned for his resignation.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) JOFFE MADE MARSHAL. Paris, Dec. 27.—General Joffre, France's idol, is to be made marshal of France.

SANTA AROUSED THE WHITE HO'SE FAMILY AT THE CRACK O' DAY

President's Grandniece Had Household Up Much Before Usual Time On Christmas Morn — Mr. Wilson Manifested Keen Interest

Washington, Dec. 25.—The golden rays of a gorgeous sunrise bursting in the east windows of the White House cast light upon the magnificent Christmas tree, laden with tangles and wondrous gifts at the same time, Josephine Cothran, grandniece of the President, stirred restlessly, open her baby eyes, saw the sunlight, and crawled out from under the covers. She couldn't wait.

Throughout the night her sleep had been disturbed by strange dreams of Santa Claus, and strange noises in the library which led her to believe that he was at work. That is just why the executive family was disturbed at the unusual hour, and forestern command of little Josephine to appear at the tree soon after dawn. The President enjoyed the occasion so much that he let Mrs. Wilson attend church alone.

Elley McVie, his little granddaughter, had her own tree, but joined the White House celebrants. This afternoon the White House automobiles pulled forth to distribute the President's gifts to children. The President distributed gifts to children along the favorite roads to Washington and the country club. Tonight the President and relatives will have an old-fashioned celebration at the White House.

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