

**WHAT DOES AMERICA GET OUT OF THE WORLD WAR**

This Subject Discussed By Governor Bickett — Our Three Dividends Are Greater Self-Respect, A Redeemed Reputation, A More Closely Welded Nation.

Governor Bickett delivered an address "What does America Get out of the War?" at the Baptist Assembly at Wrightsville. It is reported as follows by the News & Observer.

The Governor said that while we are too close to the great world drama to see it in its true relations and proportions, yet we can get glimpses

even now of some of the fruits of victory. The first dividend that comes to America is a rescued and strengthened self-respect. And a decent self-respect is essential to a healthy national growth.

Our next dividend is a redeemed reputation. When we went into the war our national reputation was a rather heavy liability. Today that liability has been converted into an asset worth more than the war cost. The reputation we made for efficiency and for courage is, as a matter of national defense, of more value than all the forts and all the ships we could build in a hundred years. If we had failed to go in, the world and our conscience would have branded us as

a mongrel breed of ease-loving, money-hoarding cowards. But we went in; we went across; we went over; and today there is not a nation on the earth that would not travel a thousand miles out of its way to keep from stepping on the toes of Uncle Sam.

A third dividend from the war is that we have welded every section of our country and every class of our people together in bonds of affection and respect hitherto unknown. We have placed the friendship between America and France on a solid and a permanent foundation. We have brought about a friendly reunion between England and the United States. And all these things make possible a league that will deliver humanity forever from the burdens and horrors of war. This is precisely what we fought for. And the people of the United States are in no temper to see destroyed in the forum what our soldiers gained in the field.

The opposition to the great peace pact is as natural as it is destined to be futile. Every great movement for the betterment of humanity has had to fight its way through swarms of captious critics and conscientious objectors. But while these may hinder, they never halt the children of light.

Believers in the final perseverance of the league derive vast comfort from the fact that the assaults now being made on the constitution of the league of nations do not compare in bitterness, in force, or in acumen with the onslaughts made on the Constitution of the United States when it was submitted for ratification.

The explanation of the unrest in the United States Senate is easy and plain. It is an illustration of the truth of the celestial statement that you can not put new wine into old bottles. From the presses of every nation there is a gushing of the wine of a new civilization. A certain group of senators do not like the fermentation. They can not comprehend it. They can not contain it. So every day there is heard in the Senate a terrible sputtering and popping of corks. But let them have a care! The new wine is going to work its way. And if they drive the cork in too hard, some day there will be an explosion, and the political trash man will back his cart to the door of the Senate and haul off a lot of broken crockery.

The weakness of the opposition is disclosed by its resorts to special pleading and their refusal to answer the great bill filed by a sorrowing, suffering world on its merits. I don't care a continental about the verbiage of section 10, sub-section C or section 20, sub-section D. Constitutions are not made—they grow. And they grow to fulfill the purpose for which they were conceived.

When the league of nations goes into action, it will carry out its main purpose, and that is to interpret and to voice the organized enlightened conscience of the world on every question involving peace or war. And when the world hears that voice it will hearken to its commands. The conscience of mankind has always been supreme. The tragedy is there and there is no agency for its expression. And if we allow querulous politicians to destroy the only instrumentality proposed to give expression to the conscience of the world, then our high purposes in entering the war will be defeated, and the precepts of Prussianism will triumph in the very citadel of its enemies.

Twelve persons were killed when the New York Central's Westerner collided with train No. 41. The engineer's dying statement was that his brakes failed to work and caused the rear-on-collision.

**NORTH CAROLINA COTTON CROP IN GOOD CONDITION.**

Crop of 1919 Will be at Least Million Bales Below That of 1918 — Decrease in Acreage Estimated at 8.7 Per Cent.

A cotton crop about 1,000,000 bales smaller than last year's was forecast for this year by the Department of Agriculture Wednesday in estimating prospective production at 10,986,000 bales.

Acreage this year shows a cut of 8.7 per cent. from last year's, the decrease being 3,247,000 acres and the total 33,960,000. The agitation for a reduction in acreage which the Department of agriculture occurred in every cotton growing State, the scarcity and high price of labor, and unfavorable weather caused the heavy decrease.

The propaganda for reduction of acreage affected principally the larger growers, according to the department, but most of the small proprietors and tenant farmers maintained or even increased their plantings this year. Many other farmers who had not grown for years planted it this season, hoping to receive the high prices prevailing at planting time.

Most sections report the crop late and a scarcity of labor. Boll weevils are reported very active in a large portion of the belt.

In a statement on the cotton report the department said: "The heavy cut of 8.7 per cent. in the area devoted to cotton this year has resulted from the scarcity and high prices of labor, unfavorable weather for planting, and abandonment of fields in many sections because of inability to get the plant worked out of the grass, coupled with an agitation in every cotton State for reduction in the acreage."

"The propaganda for reduction of acreage affected principally the larger planters, but most of the small proprietors and tenant farmers, who had disposed of their 1918 crop at high prices, maintained, or even increased their plantings. Many other farmers who had not grown cotton for years planted it this season, hoping to receive the high prices prevailing at planting time."

"In portions of Texas, Oklahoma and along the northern border of cotton production of wheat was planted last fall because of government guaranteed price. In the Sea Island sections of Georgia and Florida there is a heavy reduction in acreage planted to cotton because of the boll weevil ravages, as is the case in the newly infested sections of Georgia and South Carolina, considerable cotton already planted having been plowed up and planted to other crops."

"There is general complaint in most sections of lateness, too much rain, grassy fields and a scarcity of labor. Because of the mild winter of 1918 and the wet season to date, weevils are reported very active in Southern and Eastern Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, a large portion of Georgia and in Southeastern South Carolina. North Carolina reports infestation by lice. Hail did local damage in Texas and Oklahoma. The weather in the northern part of belt has been too cool for cotton. There is but little tap-root."

The acreage and condition on June 25 by States follows:

State	Acreage	Condition
Virginia	38,000	82
North Carolina	1,454,000	83
South Carolina	2,706,000	78
Georgia	5,262,000	72
Florida	122,000	57
Alabama	2,990,000	67
Mississippi	2,939,000	63
Louisiana	1,445,000	61
Texas	10,755,000	69
Arkansas	2,701,000	64
Tennessee	755,000	64
Missouri	124,000	60
Oklahoma	2,456,000	69
California	169,000	99
Arizona	115,000	93
All other States	15,000	100

**This Should Satisfy.**

Gastonia Gazette. Down in Rock Hill, State of South Carolina, it appears from recent news dispatches that Paw-Paw, a patent medicine recommended in the treatment of lots of physical ailments is coming into popular favor as a beverage. A few days ago officers who were clothed in the law confiscated 1,752 bottles of the ironized product from two Rock Hill grocery stores. It is being held pending the result of investigation.

So this is what we are drifting to. We are to see the banishment of rum only to be face to face with another evil. For several years there have been some who sought to drown sorrows in every new patent medicine that was placed on the market. For a time lemon extract, manufactured for the sole purpose of adding flavor to the cake, was consumed as was also hair tonic, bay rum, camphor, shoe polish and numerous concoctions calculated to disarrange the mental faculties. The Paw-Paw beverage is not to be passed up unnoticed. It must be put to test by those who would "rather be dead than without their booze." It is a substitute for liquor they are seeking.

When all other nostrums have failed to produce the desired kick we should suggest the following as a probable substitute: Carbolic acid, one part; Paris green, two parts concentrated — strychnine will do — four parts; sulphuric acid, two parts; distilled water one part. Mix thoroughly and add enough grape juice to make drink palatable. Only a very few drinks should be required to satisfy.

Whether this has ever been tried is not known but we feel sure in recommending that it will satisfy. Absolutely.

The champion polo player of England was at a dinner at which Paderewski, the pianist, was present. To the great polo player, Paderewski said, after dinner: "Now tell me, what is the difference between you and me?"

"I certainly give that up," replied the Englishman. "Easy enough," answered Paderewski. "You are a soul that plays polo. I am a Pole that plays solo."

**NEW CHILD LABOR LAW HAS BECOME EFFECTIVE**

Dr. Carter Has Been Selected by the Commission for State-Wide Enforcement — No Child Under 14 May Work in Mill.

Raleigh, July 1.—The child labor and compulsory school attendance law passed by the last legislature is effective July 1. Under the execution the special commission, created for the purpose by the legislature, consisting of the superintendent of public instruction, secretary of the state board of health, and the commissioner of public welfare.

Dr. Carter is in Raleigh taking up his work, and especially locating and furnishing his office from which the new child labor and school attendance law will be administered on a child welfare basis, which the manufacturer insisted, in fighting before the legislative committee for the bill finally made a law is the real viewpoint from which this sort of law administration should be applied.

The school attendance phase of the law will be under the special supervision of the state board of education, and the labor feature under the commission of three named by the legislature. No child under 14 years old is to be allowed to work in any mill or other place except under regulations prescribed by the commissions and these regulations are soon to be published, and in the meantime the employment of no child under 14 will be permitted.

Dr. Carter who is to administer the new law, was himself a boy in North Carolina cotton mill, and worked through the various stages of mill employment to oversee and superintend and has given special attention to social work and organization about industrial plants.

**All That Money Can Buy.**

Philadelphia Public Ledger. Money can purchase many things; the mistake is occasionally made of assuming that it can buy everything. It can acquire houses and lands, a retinue, sometimes a political office, sometimes the opening of the door to a career, sometimes the transient favor is not worth having. It can obtain the simulated affection of a tickle woman. It can surround the lives of the weak with a certain amount of protection and—to some extent—temper the wind to the short estate of the unhappy. It is a fallacy to imagine that it can bribe Nature into granting an entire immunity to those who disobey her laws.

In the multitude of material possessions there is no hearts ease. The man who rubs his hands and says, "This is great Babylon that I have builded!" is presently restlessly conscious that some crown jewel is lacking which would top the pile. He ransacks the earth for it; he competes furiously with other rich men to get it; and when he made it his own and added it to his board he receives that beyond what he has grasped there is still a desirable consumption that has escaped him. So to the end of his days he goes on, getting and yet wanting—feverishly, avidly, never satisfied—lured ever onward by fresh adventures in a spirit which would be noble if the object of the quest were worthy. Admirable always is the dauntlessness of ambition, which forbids a man at any age to sit with folded hands in a stupid, torpid acquiescence. But if all that he wants is money—not that he may do good with it, but that others who are moneyless may envy him—he is no figure to move the world's affection and its lasting remembrance after he goes.

Beyond the price-mark are precious things on which the dollar has no power. Who can buy a beautiful dream or an ecstasy? You lay down your money for a rose; but you have not bought the rose. You cannot own it till your soul has taken all the beauty for its own. Who can buy music? You can purchase a ticket for a concert, but that does not make the music yours. The music only belongs to you when your spirit has possessed itself of the glorious sound, so that you go forth from the hearing renewed and fortified, a better servant of the world. Who can buy the pleasure of listening to the innocent confidences of a child or the thrill of the hand clasp of a friendship that cannot be alienated? What amount of mere lucre can purchase compatibility between two persons happily mated? Have you not seen some fat affluence put tiaras or ropes of pearls upon a wife without even the most distant understanding of the rapturous communion that subsists between those whose marriage rests upon a different basis? The history of the divorce courts tells the unhappy story of those who made the supreme mistake of supposing that money could bring them the delight of comprehending and being comprehended, of a sentient co-partnership in which trust is complete and explanation is never required. In contrast with such mutual understandings the compacts that are negotiated upon a mercenary basis are the most miserable phenomena life has to offer.

**NO ONE IS STRONGER THAN THEIR STOMACH**

Poor Digestion Keeps Many a Good Man Down When He Should Be Making Big Money.

GOOD DIGESTION: GOOD HEALTH

No one, man, woman or child, is stronger than their stomach, and any man or woman who may be working for a living can not afford to neglect this vital organ of the system. For as sure as the stomach becomes deranged it means that your earning capacity will be greatly decreased, since a disordered stomach often results in serious digestion troubles, the blood becomes sluggish and full of poison, headaches often occur, the appetite falls off, you become nervous, lose weight, can't sleep well and you decline generally.

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bor. All men are born free and equal.

4. Thou shalt receive fair wages for thy work, and if men tell thee that there are hard times in the market and the wages must be lowered, thou shalt say that they who create and not they who sell must fix the price of work.

5. Thou shalt not endure hunger. No sparrow falls from the eaves from hunger. Only a fool will work for another and go hungry himself.

6. Thou shalt not go in rags. The flowers in the meadows, the roses in the garden, have shining raiment; the birds of the air rejoice in bright feathers, and the pelt of the bear is thick and warm. Hast thou not prepared the flax and spun the yarn; hast thou not woven the royal purple of kings? And shalt thou go in rags?

7. Thou shalt enjoy thy life, for men are given life to be happy. Thou hast done all that is needful to preserve and beautify the life of men, thou hast drawn food from the soil; and hast given to the spirit its wings, and therefore must thou and all thy brethren be happy.

8. Thou shalt work in honor. None shall say unto thee, "Laborer, poor laborer, worthless laborer." No, for only the idle are dishonorable.

9. Thou shalt close thine ears to the voice of the priests. The tree of knowledge is the tree of life. The priests who do not work, and would yet live on the fat of the land, try to keep you from the tree of knowledge.

10. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self.

**NO CELEBRATION IN ROME.**

Treaty was Signed and Italy's Problems Await a Satisfactory Solution — Great Problems Lifting From Minds of British and French.

Hardly a flag was flown in Rome to celebrate the signing of the peace treaty at Versailles. In commenting on the fact, a well known Roman said to a London Times correspondent:

"You see the people understand." Perhaps the people do not fully understand, but one could hardly expect them to in view of the more obvious fact. What is plain to the Italian people and to anyone else who looks the facts in the face, is that the treaty at Versailles has been signed while Italy's problems still await solution.

A great weight has been lifted from the minds of the people of England and France. They can renew the emotion of armistice day in the belief that now at least we have won through to peace. Italy still is awaiting. To hang out flags would be absurd. There is no kind of illusion here on which they might float. Last night there was a nationalists' meeting suggested, after which an attempt was made to make an anti-Nitti demonstration outside the Hotel Bristol where the premier is staying.

But the would be demonstrators were unable to reach the piazza Barberini, as its ways of access were barred by Carabinieri soldiers.

A big navy dirigible, the C-8, with a crew of eight men and two passengers, bound from Cape May, N. J., to Washington, exploded with terrific force just after landing at Camp Holabird, near Baltimore. The big balloon instantly became a mass of flames and 75 of the 200 spectators were injured, none of the crew being hurt. According to the commander, the explosion was due to rapid expansion caused by heat.

When the war was at its worst a brand-new stenographer was assigned to Secretary of War Baker's office. The young man was a bit nervous, for it was his first fling at taking dictation from a cabinet officer. How do you suppose the secretary greeted him? He rose, shook hands cordially, and said: "My name's Baker. What's yours?"

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