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The dove of peace hovers over Mexico but a safe twig upon which to perch has not yet appeared.

The latest reports from Mexico indicate that Villa, Zapata et al are reconciled and all is in readiness for a peaceful surrender of power to the rebel forces. Here's hoping.

The proposed plan of the City Council to put in a white way lighting system along Queen street will meet with approval for nothing adds more to the appearance of a city than its illumination and the white way idea is the most artistic and attractive of any yet devised.

Kinston's merchants have not made use of attractive electric signs as the merchants of many cities throughout the country have. Perhaps the city electric department hasn't specialized in this kind of solicitation. The city beautiful idea is assisted greatly by the installation of attractive and individual signs.

Secretary Daniels is having to take the responsibility for the invitation extended the Swiss Navy to participate in the opening of the Canal. He no doubt meant well and there will be no international controversy because of the fact that Switzerland has no navy and then too it may have a fleet of air ships before the formal opening day and of course the presence of such a fleet would add to the occasion.

The Free Press today prints in its vox populi column a very interesting comment from Mr. G. V. Cowper on the dropping of the "g" in our city's name. His article is in answer to the criticism of the Charlotte Observer of the suggestion of Judge O. H. Allen in regard to the correct spelling of New Bern. Our esteemed friends in Charlotte will please take notice that we will not be drawn into their class of alleged pseudonymous cities.

One of our contemporaries has this to say about the President's further selections for the Federal Reserve Bank Board:

"Assurances have been given the president that Mr. Warburg can be confirmed. Omar F. Hershey, of Baltimore, and L. M. Fenton, of Illinois, were understood to be under consideration for \$39,000 a mile, while the

Norfolk & Western is bonded for about \$43,000 a mile, making interest expense of the roads practically the same."

Evidently the gentlemen in question are of the elongated variety or else it would be hard to estimate them by the mile.

The critics of President Wilson will now tell us that his failure to secure the confirmation of Mr. Jones as a member of the bank board is an indication that he is losing his influence with Congress, etc., etc. This talk will not fool the people, however, for generally Mr. Wilson will be commended for his action in stepping in and protecting his friend and appointee from the slanderous attacks of a few notoriety seeking, and mud slinging demagogues in the Senate. It is unfortunate that Mr. Jones's connection with the trusts was such as to afford these howlers any pretext to fight his nomination but there has been no indication that he is anything but a high toned man of character and it is to be regretted that he should have been subjected to such tactics.

There have been several notable instances where presidential appointees have failed of confirmation and in spite of great pressure their names have finally been withdrawn. He of the "big stick" fame had a bitter fight with the Senate in his effort to have confirmed the nomination of Judge Oscar R. Hundley to the Federal court for the middle Alabama district. In that case Congress adjourned without taking action, re-assembled for the short term and voted adversely on the appointment and then President Roosevelt made an interim appointment after the following adjournment. Judge Hundley served for more than a year pending confirmation, and then it was necessary for his name to be withdrawn. The "big sticker" was a little bit more persistent than the "watchful waiter" but it availed him nothing.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Sounds Like a Chef.
(Fayetteville Observer.)
Green field peas, tomatoes, cantaloupes, - watermelons, beans, green corn, cabbage and North Carolina bacon are plentiful now, and one can live well on them if he can reach the price. Chickens and eggs we do not consider: they are only for the truly rich and the extravagant.

Getting Metropolitan Ideas.
(Wilmington Dispatch.)
So many traction concerns now want to run the streets of Wilmington that it may be in order to suggest that a few of them be contented with elevated roads and a few others with subways.

Anti Tipping All Right.
(Ledger Dispatch.)
A traveling salesman was

KINSTON'S VARIED INDUSTRIES

2-Lumber.

Probably 2,500 people are dependent upon the payrolls of Kinston's lumber mills, which employ 500 men in the plants and woods and on logging roads.

The industry, confined principally to South Kinston, is one of the city's most important assets. The annual production is many many million feet. Much of the output goes to northern markets where it is re-tailed, while the local demand requires a goodly portion of it for building, railroad construction, etc. Much of the "dimension" stuff is required to supply the home market.

Thousands of acres of woodlands are owned by the local lumber manufacturers, in several counties, and the loggers comprise goodly communities at a number of points. The pine, both short and long leaf straw, cypress, ash and other woods, hard and soft, cut annually is the product of hundreds of acres, a large part of the forests yet virgin.

All of the plants here are

of modern build and equipment. One has a capacity of more than 100,000 feet a day. Economy is as nearly perfect in the business as in any other line. Shavings and other waste of the plants used for fuel, labor-saving devices are found in every department of all the mills, and one saw mill is so constructed on a slight eminence that the transfer lines run down grade to the planing mill, thus enabling the cars to be more easily operated.

The lumber plants of Kinston are those of Hines Bros. Lumber Company, the Kinston Manufacturing Company, Rutledge & Co., and W. H. O'Berry. Together they are capable of turning out 250,000 feet of lumber a day. For the manufacture of this million and a half feet of building material a week, wages are paid the men in most other industries of this section. Skilled men draw as much as \$7.50 per day, while laborers are paid \$1 and \$1.50 a day.

arrested and fined, \$6 for giving a 10-cent tip to a colored porter in a hotel in Mississippi. The porter was fined a similar amount for accepting the tip. Thus the lawmakers have decided to tell a man how he shall not spend his money.

Will Bear Watching.

(Charlotte Observer)
Archibald Johnson of Charity and Children thinks that whatever may happen, we cannot "worsen" our condition by adopting the constitutional amendments. He gives voice to the suspicion that "the Government of the State of North Carolina is not being wisely administered," but is fair to say that "the money we are spending for conducting the State Government is normal and there is no graft or scandal attaching to the public service." Editor Johnson states it correctly that "the trouble is in our plan of raising revenue," and he is certain the adoption of the amendments will produce the desired results, yet he thinks the amendments are in danger of defeat, the "special interests" working to that end. The Observer's honest belief is that if the amendments fail of adoption it will be through no activity on part of the "special interests," but by the vote of the real and personal owners, in whose ranks will be found hidden the thrifty army of common, ordinary every day tax-dodgers. These constitute the real "interests" which will menace the success of the amendments. The hue and cry about "the interests" seems to be the popular thing, while the crowd that needs to be watched is overlooked entirely.

VOX POPULI

Mr. Editor:
The following extract from the Charlotte Observer of July 21st, will I think of more than passing interest:
"And the latest champion of New Bern, Judge Oliver H. Allen, hails from a town which has become Kinston in place of Kingston. "The question," thinks Judge Allen, "is how did DeGraffenreid write the name and why? By reference to his manuscript (Colonial Records, Volume 1

on page 923) it will be seen that he wrote it New Bern, and the Swiss translation makes this note: De Graffenreid's orthography for New-bern, most of the time, is the German form New Bern." He thoroughly recognized his colony as distinctly German, although he and a small number of them were Swiss." Let Judge Allen put back the "g" in his own town's name and his opinion will have more weight.

Now as to the historically correct way of spelling the names of our neighboring cities, I shall make no comment. That is a matter I gladly leave to be settled between certain well known editors of this State. Being a man of peace I would not trespass upon their domain. But, if I have been correctly informed the dropping of the letter "g" out of the name of Kinston are true facts about the historic interest and constitute a valuable circumstance to prove the patriotism of the original founders of this city. It can there be explained with genuine pride rather than by way of apology.

As I understand it, this municipality was established before the Revolution, and at that time, out of respect to the King of England, our then mother country, it was given the name of Kingston. (We still have King and Queen streets). When, later on, the controversy which resulted in the severance of all ties between the colonies and Great Britain culminated in war, the residents, being loyal to the Colonies, would no longer stand for a Kings-Town, but the community, having already become well known, (foreshadowing its splendid future), it was thought wise to change the name as little as practical patriotism demanded. Thus the "g" was dropped out, and since, it has been Kinston.

G. V. COWPER.
Kinston, N. C., July 22, 1914.

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