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Argentina is now in position to dispute with all nations the honor of having the largest "floating arsenal."

The attention of the official statisticians of the liquorites of the Old Dominion is respectfully called to the figures coming from Wheeling, W. Va., where prohibition has held sway one month. The jails are being depopulated, the police courts are running dry and the officials are being laid off because of scarcity of work.

The British troops have at last been heard from, and report says they are on Belgian soil, engaged with the enemy. This is encouraging to the majority of people, who had begun to think that the allies would permit the annihilation of the Belgians before responding to their aid.

The refusal of Germany to accede to the demand of the Japanese government and give up her coaling station in the Far East was about the only course that she could take and maintain her dignity. Japan's ultimatum was merely a pretext for war, and it was made in such a way that Germany couldn't comply.

JUDGE DANIELS TO THE POINT.

Kinston welcomes Judge Frank Daniels of Goldsboro, who is presiding at this term of Superior Court. This is Judge Daniels' first official visit here, and his first day's work made a most favorable impression on both bar and laymen.

Judge Daniels' charge to the grand jury was able and to the point. He let it be known that he stood for law enforcement, and he charged the jurors to do their duty and bring to the bar of justice all violators of the law, and those who were responsible for the enforcement of the laws, if it was shown that there had been negligence. He arrayed crime against progress, and said the greatest hindrance to the progress of a community was crime, and that the criminal, either vicious or ignorant, must be deterred for his own sake as well as for the sake of the community.

Judge Daniels' supplemental charge, delivered Monday afternoon, directing attention to the segregated district for vice in violation of the State laws, which he understood was permitted here, perhaps approached more nearly the sensational than any of his other charges. He spoke very plainly on the law, and said that the police and city officials were amenable to the law if such a condition existed, and he charged the jury to go to the bottom of the matter and find out if there had been any shirking of duty or dereliction on the part of the officials. It is too well known that there has been open violation of the segregation laws, and the vagrant law has not been invoked as it should with reference to lewd women in Kinston. Let the grand jury look into this matter. The citizens of Kinston will welcome a riddance of these unfortunates, in whose company crime and disease stalk.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT.

The Free Press is in receipt of an invitation from the publisher of the Chicago Examiner to participate in a nation-wide effort to crystallize sentiment for international peace. The Examiner has invited the rulers of the non-combatant foreign powers and leaders of thought throughout the United States to join in a great

international peace movement, and many encouraging replies have already been had from the heads of foreign powers, ambassadors, United States senators, governors of states and men prominent in finance and commercial life generally. Some of these replies will probably be given publication a little later.

The Free Press is very glad, indeed, to add its humble protest to the terrible condition now existing in Europe. It has already advocated mediation as the only method in which a satisfactory adjustment of the continent-wide differences can be reached. In this age of enlightenment and civilization, the sentiment of right thinking people is averse to war, and the record of the brutal tragedies, being enacted on foreign battlefields now, are no less shocking than were the atrocities perpetrated centuries ago by nations, which were classed as barbarians.

The Free Press hopes that when the nations, at war, find time for mature consideration of President Wilson's offer of mediation that they will be inclined to give their approval, and that the suspension of hostilities may be brought about. A renewal of the President's offer would not be out of keeping with the desire and purpose of a great civilized and Christian nation. At any rate, it is to be hoped that the mediation outlet will be kept permanently before the belligerents.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

No Room for Doubt.

(Durham Herald.)

There may be some question as to which is best, but it seems to be a fact that the primary and the convention do not always bring the same results.

Brilliant Success Is Uppermost.

(Wilmington Dispatch.)

North Carolina continues to figure as the "horrible example" or the "brilliant success," according to the spirit of the contenders in the prohibition election in Virginia.

Nothing Impossible in This Age.

(Fayetteville Observer.)

When war began to loom up in Europe, the question was asked on all sides, "Will the prices of food-stuffs go up?" It seemed impossible that they could get any higher, but greed quickly found a way, and they are soaring gracefully upward.

We Don't Need Any More.

(Wilmington Star.)

The only condition upon which this loan shark would loan any of the European combatants millions upon millions of money, would be for them to turn over their best warships to us as relics of civilization's most stupendous folly.

On the Job Always.

(Durham Sun.)

President Wilson and the present Congress have rendered most commendable service in various ways, but in nothing that will do more for their countrymen than in the plan for a merchant marine that will restore commerce to the seas when other nations are attempting to destroy the trade facilities of the world.

Two Parties, Hardly Democratic.

(News and Observer.)

It is said that Tammany Hall may run William Randolph Hearst for the United States Senatorship to succeed Elihu Root. This must be disconcerting news to New York Democrats who want to make use of the Republican split to make sure of a Democrat's being placed in Mr. Root's seat. If Tammany insists on nominating Hearst there would probably be two Democratic parties, the same as there are now two Republican parties.

Constipation in Summer time is more dangerous than in the fall, winter or spring. The food you eat is often contaminated and is more likely to ferment in your stomach. Then you are apt to drink much cold water during the hot weather thus injuring your stomach. Colic, Fever, Ptomaine Poisoning and other ills are natural results. Po-Do-Lax will keep you well, as it increases the Bile, the natural laxative, which rids the bowels of the congested poisonous waste. Po-Do-Lax will make you feel better. Pleasant and effective. Take a dose tonight. 50c at your druggist.

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SIT TIGHT! DON'T ROCK THE BOAT!

(Chicago Herald, Aug. 3, 1914.)

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Business conditions are sound. We have one of the greatest grain crops in history. Its value has already greatly advanced. We have a sound financial system, backed by the greatest store of gold in the world. Our banks are solid, safe. There is nothing the matter with the United States.

War will mean an unprecedented demand for supplies. Experts declare American business will feel a great impetus. While other nations destroy, this country will produce. While other nations are armed camps, this country will be a farm, a factory, a forge. Trade extension is predicted in all directions. The immediate future is plain.

The national administration is acting wisely, promptly. The sum of \$500,000,000 is available, under the Aldrich-Vreeland act, for an emergency. The organization of the reserve board will soon be complete. This will enable us to deal more effectively with the outflow of gold. Plans are perfecting to permit American registry of foreign vessels. This will protect and develop our commerce.

We are preparing to maintain strict neutrality. Questions may arise with foreign nations as to what constitutes contraband. Such questions cannot conceivably involve us in difficulties. They will be settled by the ordinary processes. The general principles of neutrality and neutral commerce are plain. The United States will adhere rigorously to them. Friendly intercourse, as far as circumstances permit, will be its rule and its procedure.

Stock exchanges have closed—a wise precaution. This country cannot be the dumping ground of the whole body of securities that war-mad Europe is anxious to convert into money. The closing is temporary. Elsewhere there is no prospect of interference with the orderly processes of American business. Stable conditions are here. All we have to do is to keep them stable.

The administration has decided to appeal officially to the public to help maintain existing satisfactory conditions. The public cannot fail to respond. The only danger is one which it may create itself. Its course is simple. All it has to do is to sit tight, to do nothing to disrupt the fortunate condition in which this country happily finds itself.

Don't rock the boat—that's the central idea! The swell from the great battleship, "Europe," will be felt. But it will not hurt us. It need not even break over the sides. There's nothing the matter with the boat that we are in. Straight and strong, well-seamed, well-caulked, well-timbered, with reasonable guidance it will bear us safely and prosperously through.

Sit tight! Don't rock the boat; Keep its head well up against the sea! Don't let it get into the trough of the waves! Let every man realize that at this moment calm confidence and calm thankfulness are the first duty. They are absolutely justified by the favorable situation in which we find ourselves. They are the certain guarantee of a continuance of those conditions.

CALIFORNIA CASTING PRIMARY VOTE TODAY.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—California is casting its primary vote today for the party tickets between which its electors must choose at the November State election. Despite a demand for a "short ballot," the ballot at this primary is several feet long. On it are the names of 770 candidates, and so many propositions that it takes an average of an hour to read them all. Experts say it is the most cumbersome ballot in California's history, and probably in the history of the State. Candidates for the governorship nominations are: Republican—John D. Fredericks, Los Angeles; Charles M. Felshaw, Antioch, and Francis J. Keshing and William C. Ralston, San Francisco. Democratic—Fred H. Hall, Bakersfield; John B. Curtin, Sonoma; Edward White, Watsonville; Sydney M. Van Wych, Jr., San Francisco, and Charles King, Hanford.

Progressive—Hiram W. Johnson, San Francisco.

Prohibitionist—Clinton P. Moore, Oakland.

Senatorial candidates are: Republican—Joseph R. Knowland, Alameda, and Samuel H. Shortridge, San Francisco. Democratic—James D. Phelan, San Francisco, and Thomas F. Griffin, Progressive—Francis J. Henry, San Francisco, and Chester H. Rowell, Fresno. Prohibitionist—Eugene P. Wheeler, Los Angeles. W. J. W. should read state's

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FRENCH ARMY WILL LEAVE TODAY FOR ROUEN, WHERE THEY WILL BE CRIVEN.

Paris, Aug. 23.—American recruits for the French army will leave here today for Rouen, where they will be criven. Of the hundred or more Americans who underwent physical examinations preparatory to enlistment, only one was rejected. This is said to be a record.

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