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It begins to look like Russia's sympathy for the "little dog," Serbia, was not needed, and just to think the manifestation of that sympathy is blamed with all the other entries into the European war. Serbia is, from all accounts, putting it all over her "big dog" opponent, Austria.

Out in Dakota the bankers, merchants, professional men and other fellows who usually do not follow agricultural pursuits, have closed up their "shops" and harkened to the cry of the farmer for harvest hands. Another blow at the food price gouger.

The Calamity howlers, may it be said to their credit, have not been as active recently as they might naturally be expected to be under the circumstances. The way the administration officials have been measuring up to the needs of the times has taken the wind out of their sails.

American papers are radically partisan in their criticisms, when in the heat of passion, but in their calmer deliberations they can be relied upon to pass the correct and just judgment. Good evidence of this is the endorsement of the Wilson administration's "watchful waiting" policy in Mexico by the rabid stand-pat organs.

Villa says he will not stand for any more military rule, and he insists that Carranza should make way for a full-fledged candidate of the people to assume the role of president, and The Free Press thinks that Villa is right. The representative of no faction can make a permanently satisfactory leader for all the people.

In the past week or ten days there has been a sudden outbreak of burglary and robbery in and about Kinston. A bunch of crooks seem to have come in from somewhere, and the police have been unable to round them all up. Let the law-abiding people, white and black, be on the lookout for these culprits and co-operate with the authorities in bringing them to justice. There is often a tendency on the part of the negro population to shield desperadoes of their own race. It should be borne in mind that such protection given to an offender lays the protector liable as an accomplice.

It is gratifying to all lovers of the square deal when a court does a kindness to some unfortunate, as was the case in Superior Court yesterday, when Judge Daniels, after hearing the story of a poor fellow who had been in jail for several months under suspicion, turned him loose, and the jurors and spectators "shelled out" for his benefit. The poor man had done nothing more than try to sell an old pistol in order to buy something to eat, and the court did not even require him to pay "his board" for the time he has been feeding at the county's table.

BLEASE OUSTED!

The electorate of the Palmetto State has arisen in its might and put a quietus on Cole Blease, thus removing from the public arena, for a time at least, one of the nation's most spectacular and notorious public officials. It has been the wonder of all people how this man has held the reins as long as he has. In fact, the citizens of his state have been unable to explain their inability to defeat him. The Tuesday primary afforded an opportunity, that had not

been given before, and the people expressed in no ~~unsuccessful~~ way their repudiation of Bleaseism. Congratulations are in order, and they will be pouring in from all over the country, for Blease's personality has not stood him in as good a stead at a distance as it has seemed to do close at hand.

CO-OPERATION.

Governor Craig is planning to enlist the Cotton States in a movement for protection of the cotton crop and to that end has invited the chief executives of the various southern states to send delegates to a conference to be held in Atlanta on September 3d. Favorable replies are coming in. The spirit of co-operation, which has been manifested in this country since the outbreak of the European war, is a most encouraging indication. The war has served to unify the citizens of the various belligerent countries, in a mighty effort to protect their home lands. In fair America, where by the Grace of God, and under the guidance of a great leader, we are at peace, a spirit of get together, take advantage of great national opportunities, and work for America, has apparently superseded the antithetic spirit of personal and individual aggrandizement, which has heretofore permeated our citizens, our business institutions, our political parties and even our church life. Congress has forgotten the petty differences of party lines, at least for the time, and is responding to the needs of the country with remedial legislation to meet the conditions, which have been suddenly thrust upon us. There seems to be a determined desire throughout the country to put shoulder to shoulder for the common good, and if, as a result of the European war, the leaders and masses of this country are brought closer together in a full and hearty spirit of co-operation, can it not be truly said that the misfortunes of those, across the sea, have been converted into blessings in America. Blessings frequently come in some such disguise.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

THE GAME IS STILL YOUNG.

Wilmington Star: "One swallow does not make a summer, nor does the result of one battle necessarily indicate the final outcome of a great conflict involving half a dozen great nations."

ALL UNMINDFUL OF WAR.

Charlotte Observer: "Life in St. Petersburg is said to be going on in the ordinary way, Russia's size and agricultural self-sufficiency have always rendered her immune against effective attack, and a neighbor fighting against odds at the other front is certainly in no position to invade her far."

THE FEE SYSTEM MUST GO.

News and Observer: "The plan to put deputy marshals on a salary basis is commendable. The salary basis is the sensible way of remunerating men for their work. Give them fair pay and if they don't deliver the goods, get somebody else. That is the plan that is followed in business, and it is the safe and sane plan for government employees."

CORRECT CLASSIFICATION FOR MORNING PAPERS.

Greensboro News: "The schools this fall should discard all set programs of history and geography study. The history and geography making that is being recorded in the newspapers is so important and so vivid that it should absorb that part of the curriculum. The morning paper should be the textbook for every class."

ANY HURRY IN GETTING UP?

Greensboro Record: "Those gentlemen having offices in the Dixie building are engaged at present in developing the muscles of their legs. A much larger elevator is being put in, necessitating the enlargement of the shaft of the present one. A sixth story has just been completed and the change cannot be made under two or three weeks. Those who occupy offices on the fifth floor are, therefore, taking an abundance of exercise. The sixth floor is to be occupied by the Jefferson Standard, but the company was wise enough not to move in until the elevator is running."

WATCHFUL WAITING PRAISED.

Concord Times: "The Boston Herald, a loyal Republican standpat or-

gan, praises President Wilson for his position in regard to Mexico. The Herald lauds the President for his firmness in resisting the clamor to attack Mexico, and compares his course with that of Austria-Hungary's arrogant and bullying position toward Serbia. The Herald says: "But the President exercised a staying and a steady hand. We did not go in. We have saved ourselves the horrors of war, and the long legacy of hate throughout Latin America which would surely have followed. If the example of our own President finds imitators among the crowned heads of Europe it would be a blessing."

MILITIA WAR SCHOOL ENCAMPMENT IS OVER.

Peekskill, N. Y., Aug. 27.—After three weeks of war study officers of the New York National Guard today broke camp and started for their homes. During the period they have been here the military officers have received instruction in military law, infantry tactics, supply and transport, administration and field fortification under the direction of some of Uncle Sam's best and most proficient regular army officers. Some of the instructors were from War College in Washington. Other courses at the officers' camp this summer dealt with signalling and communication, sanitation and first aid and post administration and inspection.

During the three weeks, a professional company of infantry, of war strength, under command of Lieut. Thomas L. Crystal, U. S. A., was on duty as an object lesson for the student militia officers. In illustrating problems of attack and defense the company used ball ammunition, it being the chief belief that the use of the real thing would make the more careful, more observant and disciplined and be a greater factor in teaching fire control.

TOO MANY JOHN BROWNS CAUSES CONFUSION

"John Brown!" called Solicitor Shaw in Superior Court Wednesday. "He's here!" replied the sheriff.

"You stand charged with assault and battery and resisting arrest," said the State's attorney, without looking at the prisoner at all. John Brown's eyes bugged, and the spectators were almost convulsed. The John Brown who trembled at the bar is about nine years old and weighs not much more than fifty pounds. He has stolen several hundred dollars' worth of goods from stores in the past two months. His father deems him incorrigible and wants him sent to a reformatory.

John Brown's lawyer denied the charge. The solicitor investigated the docket. "Selling whiskey" was the next accusation against John Brown, and the little black boy again wore a puzzled look upon his face.

At this juncture defendant's counsel arose and declared to his honor that John Brown wasn't guilty of assault and battery, resisting arrest, or retelling, and stated the real facts in the case.

It developed that there were three John Browns under indictment. The little John Brown was recommitted until his proper time should come.

NEGRO STRUCK BY TRAIN.

LaGrange, August 27.—Charles Weathers, colored, of this town, may die from injuries received when he was struck by a Norfolk Southern train near Boston. Weathers was taken to a hospital in Goldsboro, and is in a precarious condition.

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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