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It is rather hard to realize that the convenience of the electric car has only been enjoyed thirty years, when their absolute necessity in the larger city life is considered. The world "do" move.

Atlanta always puts in her claim. The latest is the possibility that the unfortunate man, whose body was found in a stream in the western part of the State, was from Atlanta. We wonder what part Atlanta will play in the European war.

The small boy is getting his knife in shape to take a plug out of that new desk, when the teacher is not looking, for the school bell will ring on him in a few days, and the sudden restriction of his liberty will, as usual, be somewhat irksome for him.

The report that German troops have captured seventy thousand Russians is just a bit incredulous, and the world will probably have its serious doubts about the correctness of the statement until considerably more evidence is furnished.

Kinston's tobacco market opened Tuesday, and there was a most encouraging spirit in evidence. The farmers were not disappointed, and very few complaints were heard, and those came largely from people, who had no interest except as lookers on and to pass judgment.

Richmond and Montgomery have for a long time disputed the honor of having had the first electric street car in this country. Now comes along Kansas City and celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of the running of the first car. It behoves the former contenders to get busy and fix their dates.

The News and Observer comments on the amount of space that is taken by the New York Evening Post, in proving that "war is never humane," saying that it is sorry for the person so weak-minded as to suppose that it ever is. But are there not people who take that position? Don't we read about the "civilized warfare," etc., etc.?

The friends of good government will note with pleasure that Washington's number of grog shops will be reduced from 500 to 300, effective November 1st. The "wide open town" which has prevailed in Washington for so many years has been a blot to the nation's capital city, and much pressure has been brought to have the houses of vice and saloons restricted.

Wealthy Belgians are being called on to "divvy" up and pay Germany for having come over into their home and destroyed many of their cherished landmarks. If they don't pay up promptly they are confronted with the probability of further destruction. Such is war. It is still barbarous, and the word "civilized" has no place in the same article.

Wake county is stirred up over its recent primary election, held for the purpose of nominating a county Democratic ticket. The race for Register of Deeds developed a most interesting contest between Arch J. Wood and William H. Sawyer. The board of canvassers met and declared Sawyer the nominee and declined to hear evidence of alleged fraud in the handling of the ballots from the Raleigh precinct on which hinged the result. From the accounts it would seem that a fair hearing was not accorded Mr. Wood. It is always a hard question to get justice, where there is

any semblance of fraud and it would probably be best for a run-off to be required in such cases so that the board of canvassers would not have any opportunity to show partiality, if such was their desire.

The Free Press is glad to see administration officials take the stand that this government has the right to buy ships from individual owners, who are citizens of warring countries. President Wilson has taken a very advanced step in the matter of this country's neutrality, particularly on the question of American bankers making loans to the belligerents and the protest of England and France at the purchase of German liners is an empty hollow and should not be regarded seriously.

Diplomats of warring nations, who have through long residence in Washington formed strong friendships for the representatives of other nations, which are now arrayed against their homelands, are forced to pass their personal friends by on the streets without so much as a cold bow. Husbands, who left Germany and settled in France, have had to desert their wives and children and take up arms against their adopted homes and the French, who have gone to Germany have had the same trying experience. This is war!

Miss Caroline Phelps, who has had charge of the "Social Service Center" in Raleigh since its opening by the Tabernacle Baptist church of that city a little more than a year ago, has accepted the position of lady principal of Bessie Tiff College of Forsythe, Ga. The object of the Social Center is to afford a congenial and wholesome home at a reasonable cost to business girls, and it fills very much the same place in the life of Raleigh as does the Young Women's Christian Association in other places. Miss Phelps has been very successful with the home, and her going away will be a distinct loss.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

**COMPLIMENT TO A WORTHY SON**  
Winston-Salem Journal: "It is announced that ex-Governor Glenn will make the closing speech of the campaign in the courthouse here the night before the election. We'll guarantee that this will be one time when the best will be reserved for the last."

**MISFORTUNES AS ADVERTISEMENTS**  
Greensboro News: "Pickpockets in London proved that a Raleigh newspaper man had had \$300, and now lightning has shown that one from Wilmington was seized and possessed of a house. How happy the man who can contemplate such disasters without a qualm! Who steals our purse steals trash, indeed! and like Ajax—we defy the lightning."

**AN "EASY" TASK**  
Wilmington Star: "Warehouses in every cotton state will solve the South's war problem. North Carolina's chief cotton counties, the most productive in the South, have gone at it right. While Europeans are engaged in a gigantic war, it is easy enough for the South to build enough warehouses to hide 3,000,000 bales of cotton for after-war prices."

**BUT NO REDUCTION YET**  
Concord Times: "Thanks to the quick action of the Wilson administration, the movement started in some quarters to increase the price of foodstuffs has been checked. No doubt the timeliness of the inquiry arrested a general upward movement of prices which was unwarranted by conditions and which was due to the greed of retail and wholesale dealers."

**ALWAYS BRAGGING**  
Wilmington Dispatch: "The last day of summer, and the final day when, according to the epicureans, the oyster must be barred. Today the months minus the "R" pass out and therefore, on tomorrow and for months thereafter the succulent bivalve may be partaken of, as being of good taste, as well as of delicious taste. Wilmington people are indeed fortunate in being able to obtain fine oysters. There is none better for the steaming, well-seasoned stew than the oyster from New river, while the Sound product is just proper for the palatable roast."

**WE SAY SO, TOO.**  
Charlotte Observer: "A young man from Charlotte was arrested in Wilmington on charge of having deserted his wife and children. He was held

there for several days, then discharged, because the wife could not send money sufficient to pay the expenses of bringing him to Charlotte. The Wilmington Star elaborates the incident as one of the sort which "cause many to deplore the apparent lack of confidence in the righteousness of the legal processes in this State's judicial proceedings." As the Star views it, "it does not require even mediocre intelligence, to say nothing of a keen sense of justice, to discern that in the proceedings just described, there was a flagrant lack of the exercise of the elementary principles of justice—a wronged woman being denied a hearing in court because by the wrong she suffered she is rendered unable to pay the expenses of the prosecution." The Star severely arraigns the system which makes such an injustice possible and hopes public sentiment will in time force the application of a remedy."

**DEFENSES OF PARIS**  
Ledger Dispatch: "That the capture of Paris by the Germans will be no easy matter is indicated by a description of the forts that defend the French capital. The fortifications consist of three distinct circles sweeping around the city—first, the solid wall of masonry, eighteen feet high extending for twenty-two miles around the old sections of Paris; second, the system of seventeen detached forts arranged at intervals, two miles beyond the wall, and making a circuit of the city thirty-four miles long, and third, an outer girdle of forts seventy-five miles long. "Each of these circles of masonry and steel is a complete defense in itself. The wall around Paris and the seventeen detached forts, two miles beyond the wall, were built by Louis Philippe. They sustained the German siege of 1870-'71, and the outer forts since have been greatly strengthened. The third line of forts is of modern construction, with the latest types of batteries and heavy guns. "The inner wall about Paris surrounds the best known and most important sections of the city. Outside of the wall, a circle of suburbs extends for many miles, among which are dotted the forts of the second and third line of defenses, protecting them and the approaches to the capital. The wall contains ninety-three bastions and sixty-seven gates. "The outer circle of forts of the most modern type have from twenty-four to sixty heavy guns, and 66 to 1,200 men each. In all, the three lines of defenses require 170,000 men to operate them, not counting troops assembled within the city. According to military experts, it would require a force of 500,000 men to invest these defenses."

**CIVIL WAR HEROES PARADE IN DETROIT.**  
(By the United Press.)  
Detroit, Mich., Sept. 2.—Close to 15,000 veterans of the Civil War today marched through the streets of Detroit in annual parade. A few hundred others—disabled, or too feeble to stand the strain of the long walk—followed their comrades in automobiles. In all, nearly twenty thousand of the men who fought for their country in the sixties, were in line. Each old soldier, as he passed the flag-decked reviewing stand in Campus Martius, where stood Commander-in-Chief Washington Gardner and his staff, gave salute to the reviewing officers. The parade, as usual, was the feature of the Grand Army national encampment. Commander John Sauter of Pennsylvania, of the Sons of Veterans, marched at the head of more than 1,000 members of the auxiliary organization, bringing up the rear of the big parade. As the veterans toiled through the long processions they wore drowsy, drenched in white, and each bearing a flag, sang patriotic airs. Every effort was made by the city authorities to provide prompt attention for any of the marchers who might be overcome by the unusual exertion. For first aid, two large hospitals were erected along the line of march, and every established hospital in the city was prepared for any emergency. The route of the march was lined with twenty ambulances and an equal number of public telephones for emergency use. The care of the patients was given to the National Red Cross Society, and sixty nurses and a dozen orderlies were in attendance, in addition to physicians. Sessions of the national encampment will continue through tomorrow and Friday, but most of the time will be given over to business sessions.

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