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Now that it has been given out on pretty good authority that the artillery of the United States, which has been sent to the Mexican border, is for use in returning the fire of some of those careless "greasers," the chances are there will be fewer stray shots picked up on this side of the line.

Remember "tempus 'do' fugit." There are but eleven full shopping days until Old Santa will be coming along. His arrival is already forecasted in the windows of the local stores, and the accustomed decorations in his honor are rapidly being arranged. "Shop early," so the Old Man will have plenty to go around.

Talk about being prepared for war. Well, if being in position to put every fighting ship at the disposal of the nation in the battle-line within a week is not prepared, it would be hard to determine what was. Do the "alarmists" want the gunners stripped and the aim taken before any war cloud even appears in the distant horizon?

Free Press readers are urged to read the interesting advertisements that are now appearing in its columns. Business news is of more real, vital importance than any other to be found in the columns of a newspaper. Particularly is that the case now when so many of the leading stores in Kinston are making special prices on their stocks.

"Every Dog Has His Day" is coming in for a big revival over in the land of John Bull today. For his fleet of warship has, after a seven-thousand-mile cruise, run down and sunk the German ships which sent a smaller British fleet to the bottom off the Chilean coast a few weeks ago. The Germans were given the same dose that they "prescribed" for Admiral Craddock's fleet.

The LaGrange chief of police may be guilty of violating his oath by disturbing the peace, but it is doubtful if he could be convicted on such a charge. The world, somehow, likes a "lover" and it is inclined to make all sorts of excuses for most anything he does in the accomplishment of his desires. There is but one thing to do after the ceremony has been performed, and that is to "kiss and make up," and it is to be hoped that for the benefit of all concerned, a quick reconciliation will be effected, for nothing will be gained by delay.

Second only to the "Mistress of the Seas" is the way Rear Admiral Fletcher has of saying it, or at least, words to that effect were elicited from him, when testifying before the House Naval Committee Wednesday. And most of us agree that the Admiral is right in thinking that the possibility of conflict between Uncle Sam and John Bull is too remote to think of trying to surpass her in naval construction. The two great English speaking nations of the world will no doubt go on until the end of time, arm in arm, as two big brothers, with very much the same desires and obligations.

The "fire proof building" theory was again exploded Wednesday night, when the Edison plant at West Orange, N. J., was almost entirely destroyed by flames, which swept through the solid concrete buildings, leaving them piles of debris. The world will rejoice with Mr. Edison that his heroic efforts to save the building, in which was located his laboratory, were successful. That that particular building should have been the one of the entire plant to be saved means much to the world of science. Of course, there is a loss sustained in the destruction of the plant, which money will not be able to replace, but should the laboratory have been swept away much of the benefit to science would have been lost forever. Mr. Edison is far too old to have restored that portion of his plant, should it have been lost.

NO EMPTY STOCKINGS FOR KINSTON CHILDREN

The people of Kinston are, so far as reports reaching The Free Press go, much better able to take care of themselves as a whole than are the people in a great many communities, and especially in the larger cities of the country. This district has been wonderfully blessed and has not felt the pinch of the business depression that has been felt elsewhere, and for that reason everybody in this community should be duly thankful. The distress in some of the larger centers, where industrial conditions have been demoralized, is great, and many are on the verge of starvation. Municipal employment bureaus have been established in some places, and employers are being asked to hire day labor for all branches of business in order that as large a number of people as possible may have a little share of the pay envelope. Men of

all classes are flocking to these bureaus and begging for a chance to do a little work in order to keep the wolf away from the door. It is a terrible situation for the head of a family to be thrown out of employment and to face the responsibility of having those near and dear to him crying for bread. And there are many thousands who, through no fault of their own, are reduced to the begging stage. Just last night six thousand employees of the great Edison Electric works were suddenly thrown out of work, and consequently there will be many more empty stockings at the Christmas season. Although Kinston is to a large extent free from such conditions, there are many in the city who are dependent, and there is a responsibility resting upon those who have plenty to divide. The United Charities will be able to use all the contributions directed to it to good advantage. If possible, let no little child in Kinston go hungry or be without some little gift for its Christmas.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY MAIL SERVICE

The R. F. D. News, printed in the interest of the rural carriers of this country, had quite a lengthy criticism of Postmaster General Bureson's contract plan. A part of the article was reproduced in Thursday's Free Press. The rural delivery service is one that vitally concerns the people of every community. The News' position was that to undertake to let the work by contract instead of on a salary basis to the individual carriers, as at present, the service would be demoralized, and the paper goes further and says that the agitation of the matter has a tendency to upset things because the carriers are afraid to make any plans for the future for fear they will be left the "bag to hold," and lose money on their equipment investments. The Free Press is not sufficiently familiar with the plan, which the Postmaster General is expected to submit to discuss it intelligently. The rural free delivery service has been a great boon to the rural population. Perhaps no single arm of the public service has done more to develop the country than has this service. It has opened the way for the farmers to keep abreast with the times by getting daily papers, and the parcel post feature has made it very convenient for marketing by mail. It is a question if the carriers have been adequately compensated for the work, and especially so since the inauguration of the parcel post. The tax on their stock and buggies is very great and the loss in broken down horses is a considerable item. It is hardly probable that the efficiency of the service can be maintained at a less cost than the salary system is now amounting to. That is, if there are no extra and unnecessary office expenses. The government should do nothing to cripple the mail delivery to its great rural population.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

PUBLIC SPIRITED

Raleigh Times: "The meeting here Saturday of the teachers and corn club boys was unusually successful, thanks to the interest shown in it by the business men of Raleigh. The Boylan-Pearce Company donated two umbrellas as prizes, the Wake County Farmers' Union gave prizes of \$10 and \$5, the Commercial and Citizens National Banks gave scholarships to A. & M. College, and the Merchants National Bank provided the luncheon, which high school girls served. In addition to these things, the Merchants' Association provided moving picture tickets for the boys.

"The remarks of Mr. Crow, Prof. Judd, Mr. T. E. Browne, President Hill, Dr. Poe and Dr. Templeton were appropriate. More than three hundred persons heard them attentively, and then adjourned to the basement, where the generosity of the Merchants National Bank was enjoyed.

"The Times is glad of the public-spirited men in the city."

AN HONORABLE SALUTE

Charlotte Observer: "A more touching note has not been sounded by cable dispatches in recent weeks than by that which pictured the homeless Belgians lifting their hats to the Stars and Stripes as it flashed past in automobiles and acclaiming America as the rescuer of Belgium from starvation. A salute more sincere the flag of this country has never received from an alien. Far more to be desired is it than a hundred salutes by deep-throated foreign guns, exacted under the frowning menace of American men-of-war.

"The circumstance is one that may well make the United States feel at once very proud and very humble. There is a basis of pride that this country has been able in a time of dire need to render a signal service to a hopeless people across the seas, thus demonstrating that the fraternity of feeling which we profess knows indeed no national boundary lines and that our ears are attuned to the cry of distress wherever it is voiced upon this planetary globe. But there is also a humbling influence in the contemplation of the vast resources of wealth that have been placed at America's disposal, in the realization that our contribution after all, has been small in comparison with our opportunities, and that responsibilities are always proportionate to opportunities.

"Unless we are positive that we have done our best to banish the slightest danger of further suffering, the Belgian salute will seem a reproach rather than an eulogy. It is true that this country is facing acute problems of its own, but even these are superficial difficulties that can be, must be, and will be, remedied by dollars and cents alone. Here families are not rent asunder in order to provide cannon food, the Nation does not awaken each morning to read with bated breath and blanching face the toll which war has taken of its strongest, its bravest and its best. American idealism and American generosity are winning the admiration and the friendship of the world—but here at home, among ourselves, at least, mindful of conditions abroad, and appreciative of conditions here, we may acknowledge that we are not exceeding, and we probably shall not exceed, our bounden duty to the rest of mankind."

MARKETS

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

PRODUCE

Wholesale Prices Reported by the Kinston Peanut Company

Pork	..... 12 1/2
Bacon, side	..... 18
Bacon, ham	..... 25
Bacon, shoulder	..... 18
Lard	..... 14
Corn, Bushel	..... 1.00
Potatoes, sweet	..... 50
Eggs	..... 30
Country butter	..... 30
Hens, pound	..... 10
Broilers, pound	..... 12 1/2
Turkeys, pound	..... 15
Roosters, apiece	..... 25
Guineas, apiece	..... 20
Geese, apiece	..... 40

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 11. Opening quotations on the cotton exchange today were:

January	..... 7.02
March	..... 7.16
May	..... 7.36
December 6.89
Closing figures:	
January 6.86
March 7.10
May 7.27
December 6.87

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