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MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 11, 1915

Roumania is said to be mobilizing, and is expected to enter on the Allies' side. Italy is still an unknown quantity, but the Italian government has so often affirmed and reaffirmed its intention to remain neutral, that there will be no doubt as to the foundation for any rumors to the contrary until she actually takes up arms.

Jack Johnson, the negro heavyweight bruiser, who jumped his bond in Chicago a year or two ago, and since has been residing in Paris with his white wife, is now in South America, and is said to be on his way to Juarez, Mexico, to go in training for a 45-round bout with Jess Willard, a "white hope." It is certainly to be desired that no American official will undertake to extradite the negro from Mexico in order to bring him to trial. If a broken bond will keep such as this negro out of the United States, let some more of them be broken.

The average life of a horse in the war zone of Europe is said to be but three weeks. He is driven until he falls in his tracks, dragged to one side and left to die. If he has any "come back" qualities and succeeds in getting on his feet and gaining a little strength by foraging for himself, he is taken up by some of the passing troops and put back in the service again to be driven steadily until he drops out for good and all. The men are getting about the same treatment, so perhaps the societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals will not be able to make any special plea for the poor dumb beasts.

The spread of the fight against the demon rum evil during the past few years has been truly remarkable. Idaho is endeavoring to get in the band wagon and it is reported that the Republicans, who control the State Legislature, have introduced a bill looking to a constitutional amendment forever banishing the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor from the confines of the State. The momentum with which the anti-liquor crusade is now traveling, makes it an assured fact that the liquor interests can never check the onward march. There may be a few minor "setbacks" and premature action in some instances, but there is little danger of a backset being given from which the forces for righteousness cannot quickly recover.

President Wilson made a remark in his address at the Jackson Day exercises in Indianapolis Friday, which was construed as an expression of his intention to again be a candidate for the presidency. Some months ago Vice-President Marshall gave assurances that Mr. Wilson would accept the nomination for a second term. Death is about the only thing that could prevent Woodrow Wilson's being president during the next term. It is doubtful if he could get out of accepting the nomination even if he desired to, and there have been no instances in the history of the country, so far, where any man has declined. The people admire Mr. Wilson's modesty and will be pleased if his utterances during his present term do not become too bold in their expression of his avowed candidacy. They would prefer it being a case of the place seeking the man. There is certainly little doubt that the tender will be made to Mr. Wilson.

ILLITERACY IN NATION BEING RAPIDLY REDUCED

The government statistics given out last week showing the progress being made in the various States of the Union in the matter of reducing illiteracy among the children are most encouraging. The general average now does not exceed fifteen out of every one thousand, who are unable to write. This is a reduction of 27 per 1,000 in fourteen years, for in 1900 the average was 42 out of

every 1,000. Oklahoma's record is exceedingly remarkable for in five years her average illiteracy per 1,000 has been reduced from 124 to 17. New Hampshire, Montana and Oregon have now only one illiterate in each 1,000 children, while Louisiana has 115, South Carolina 83, Alabama 77 and North Carolina 68. The respective gains in the fourteen-year period for these four Southern States were 174 to 115, 150 to 83, 157 to 77 and 167 to 68. North Carolina's progress has been very marked, but the fact that she stands now fifth from the bottom of the educational ladder, so far as number of illiterate children is concerned is not a source of pride. The State has been aroused to the great need of better education and the record for the next ten years will in all probability exceed any that has gone before by the great strides that will be made. These figures, of course, do not relate to the illiterate grown-ups, and it is lamentably true that hundreds of fathers and mothers, native born Americans, can neither read nor write. The United States Department of Education is striving to have the older people, who are now illiterate, given some educational advantages. In many of the mountain schools along the Blue Ridge grown men and women are regular attendants, beginning in the A, B, C, class.

CLOSE THE SEWERS

The unfortunate accident that befell the little Conway boy, Friday afternoon, when he was so badly scalded in an open sewer on East Bright street, into which is emptied the exhaust steam of the manufacturing plants in that vicinity, probably emphasizes, as much as any occurrence recently, the necessity for all such sewers and ditches within the city limits and along the public streets to be covered over. The little boy did not have to cross the open sewer, for there is in close proximity to the place where he fell in, a bridge and inasmuch as he is reported to have started to the Hines Brothers Lumber Company for wood, it would appear that he was going out of his way to get there in crossing between the bridges for there is no entrance to the plant, except at the ends of the lumber yard, adjacent to the crossings. Very evidently the little fellow, boy like, was playing and trying out his ability to jump the ditch and probably hundreds of boys and girls before him have done the same thing. It was perfectly natural that he do so and, perhaps such an accident as he suffered, will not again be experienced. There is, however, a possibility of such not only at that particular place, but elsewhere in the city, where open sewers are maintained. The danger of being scalded perhaps is not to be found at every open sewer but little fellows can be drowned in them and that danger exists at all points. The Conway boy fell in the ditch in broad daylight and, as before stated, when there was apparently no reason for his attempting to cross, but there is danger of most anybody walking into the ditch after dark, should they get out of the path, and that is the menace to which The Free Press calls attention in order that it may be considered by those city authorities under whose control the matter properly comes.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

Wilmington Dispatch: "Representative Gardner would spend \$700,000,000 a year to make the country ready for war. Well, he would get war all right, and right at home if he attempted to get that much tax away from the people."

WE WOULD SUBSTITUTE KINSTON

Raleigh Times: "Made in America" sounds good, "Made in North Carolina" sounds better, but, best of all—"Made in Raleigh." Let's get together during this good year of 1915 and make that the slogan and back it up by bending every energy toward securing new manufacturing plants. The thing can be done. Let's get busy and see what we can do about it by the end of the year."

PEOPLE WILL VOTE RIGHT IF THEY UNDERSTAND ISSUE

Charlotte Observer: "The Greensboro Record asks and says: 'Does the Charlotte Observer favor the initiative referendum and recall? The Observer favored the referendum of the proposed amendments, and in like manner it favors the disposition of the question of the primary. It is a State matter, and the people should be given the chance of voting on it. We believe that is good Democratic doctrine, and it will be a hard matter to get around that. The amendments were advocated in a vigorous newspaper campaign, and public speakers went over the State in behalf of the measures. The campaign was all for the amendments, little public effort being directed against them. All the advocates represented that the State wanted them, yet the vote of the people showed a verdict to the contrary. We believe the primary bill would share a different fate, but anyway, it should be for the people to say.'"

VOX POPULI

COMMENDS SENDING DR. POLLOCK TO RALEIGH

Mr. Editor: I see that old soldiers have asked that ex-Senator John Pollock to go to Raleigh and appear before the Legislature to ask for recognition of our rights and an increase of pensions for the old boys who shed their blood for the South. I want him to go—we want John Pollock to Go. I was wounded at Gettysburg.
 J. P. WORLEY.

POULTRYMEN ASSIST YOUTHFUL BREEDERS IN BETTERING STOCK

Richmond, Jan. 9.—Popular interest is now accruing to the Girls' and Boys' Poultry Clubs which have been organized in Virginia in the past two years under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the work they have been doing. One of the principal objects of the organization is to improve the quality of the farm flock, replacing those birds of unknown origin and breed with purebred fowls, and in this way making it possible for the farmer to market a first class, uniform product.

A number of poultrymen, desiring to encourage this movement, have made large reductions in the prices of eggs for hatching purposes and breeding stock to the club members, in that way placing purebred birds on many farms that have never raised them before. The prices most frequently asked by these poultrymen are from 50 cents to \$1 per sitting of 15 eggs, which prices are within easy reach of most children on the farm.

PRECEDENT BROKEN IN NATIONAL SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Senate precedent was broken today when a resolution was adopted expressing sorrow over the death of Mrs. Thomas S. Martin, wife of the senior senator from Virginia. Senator Gallinger presented the resolution. Mrs. Martin died yesterday at Charlottesville, Va.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

By virtue of the assessment of Moseley Creek Drainage District, of Craven county, in my hands for collection for the year of 1914, and in default in the payment, according to the provisions of the existing law, I have levied on the lands of the following named persons, in said Moseley Creek Drainage District, and will sell the same at the Courthouse door in Kinston, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., Monday, the 1st day of February, 1915, to satisfy said assessment and costs on same.

R. B. LANE, Sheriff Craven County.
 This 1st day of January, 1915.
 J. H. Barwick, 29 acres, \$22.79.
 Stephen Cobb, 58 acres, \$79.97.
 Lesa Dunn, 4 acres, \$5.34.
 Daniel Frazier, 30 acres, \$33.93.
 Joe Hargett, 8 acres, \$8.13.
 Joe King, 2 acres, \$3.91.
 Joe Lovick, 90 acres, \$123.10.
 P. T. Nobles, 48 acres, \$84.86.
 W. H. Smith, 50 acres, \$68.72.
 Moses Spivey, 305 acres, \$445.45.
 Joe Tilghman, 70 acres, \$128.10.
 Alex. Tilghman, 15 acres, \$13.01.
 Seth West, Estate, 2,624 acres, \$3,537.32.
 Timber holders of Seth West, Estate, \$1,992.52.
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NOTICE

The undersigned, having been appointed and duly qualified as executrix of the estate of M. H. Carr, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before the undersigned on or before December 3rd, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 2nd day of December, 1914.
 VIRGINIA CARR,
 Executrix of M. H. Carr, Deceased.
 By E. R. WOOTEN, Attorney.
 12-3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Jan 7*

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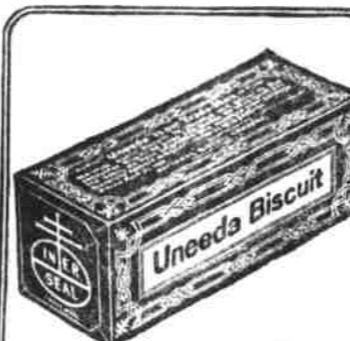
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ANNOY WORKMEN ON DR. SLOAN'S HOME.

New Bern, Jan. 9.—Crowds of visitors to the yet uncompleted mansion being erected for Dr. Earl Sloan on his recently-acquired estate near here are annoying the workmen exceedingly, and it is likely that they will be debarred from the grounds during the next two or three weeks. The interior work is now being done, and the handsome dwelling looms up to advantage in the midst of grounds which will next summer be made beautiful by landscape artists.

Ayden, Jan. 9.—The Ayden postoffice, it was stated today, increased its receipts in 1914 by 23 per cent., or \$517.21 more than in 1913.

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TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 11.—Cotton futures quotations today:

	Open	Close
January ..	8.02	8.02
March ..	8.17	8.20
May ..	8.35	8.41
July ..	8.54	8.60

Local Sales Today.
 About 100 bales, 6 to 8 cents.

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MARKETS

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

PRODUCE

Wholesale Prices Reported by the Kinston Peanut Company

Pork	12 1/2
Lard	14
Bacon, side ..	15
Bacon, ham ..	20
Bacon, shoulder ..	15
Corn, bushel ..	80
Potatoes, sweet ..	60
Eggs	30
Country butter ..	30
Hens, pound ..	10
Broilers, pound ..	15 1/2
Roosters, apiece ..	25