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WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 17, 1915

Ten billion a year is all the war is costing the Allies. A small item. Just a mere baguette. But who's to pay the bill? The people, yes, the people, who have already been impoverished and deprived of their means of support.

The Americans and other foreigners still remaining in Mexico in an endeavor to preserve their property, had as well "give up the ship" and depart for a more healthful zone. The various countries have authorized their diplomats to ask for their passports, whenever, in the judgment of the diplomat, it was thought best. For our part reservations would be made for the next outgoing train.

Mr. Wilson has put it up to Congress to make it possible to avoid the calling of any extraordinary session immediately following the Sixty-third sitting. The passage of the ship purchase bill and the appropriations bill must be accomplished, the Chief Executive says, before any adjournment can be had. Other less important matters, it is intimated from Washington would not be considered so urgent as to require an extra session.

Kinston's mid-winter Chautauqua will be held in the Grand Theater, February 25, 26 and 27. The ticket committee is already at work, and the first day's experience has been very gratifying. The guarantors expect to realize some profit, but the benefit will not accrue to them it being planned to start a fund for some school auxiliary movement which will be beneficial to the community. The attractions will be of the highest class and deserve the patronage of the people of the city generally. Help the committee by engaging your tickets early.

State Senators Giles and Cooper are following in the footsteps of "Teddy and Bill." It now becomes quite embarrassing to these gentlemen to be forced into juxtaposition with each other. A most awkward situation for two representatives of the people, sent to the State Assembly to transact business of vital importance to the Commonwealth, to find themselves in. Senators, why not smoke the peace pipe and let by-gones be by-gones? Schoolboy tactics are out of order in the chief legislative body of the State.

The citizens of Selma are raising a "little Cain" about their depot, and the Raleigh News and Observer says they should have a depot which would give comfortable accommodations to the traveling public. The Free Press agrees with the idea, and would add that after the new depot is built, that the railroads see that the agent, or whoever is supposed to have it kept clean, to do so. There are a great many depots, as well as other public buildings, which have been erected at considerable cost, but which are allowed to be abused and kept in such an unsanitary condition as to make them almost unbearable.

It was a great tribute to temperance that England's Chancellor, Lloyd George, paid when he declared, following the Paris conference of the Allies, that the prohibition of strong drink in Russia had raised the efficiency of the people there almost fifty per cent. This is all the more remarkable and worthy of the thought and attention of the people of the world when the short time in which the new order of things has been operative. No more than six months. In Russia prohibition prohibit because it is by imperial edict, and the subjects fear to go against the mandate of their sovereign. A little carelessness in that respect might mean the loss of a head.

The assurance, which comes from Ambassador Cerrada at Berlin, that the diplomatic relations between this country and Germany are not near the breaking point, as some of the correspondents would appear to be undertaking to give the impression, is indeed gratifying. Holland has joined with the other neutrals and entered a protest at the misuse of the Dutch flag, and at the proposed Ger-

man blockade. It stands to reason that Germany is not going to defy the protests of all the countries that are not now at war with her in enforcing a rule that will trample the rights of those countries. The German press is defiant and naturally so. There is public sentiment which must be kept in a belligerent frame. It will not be wise for the German press to sound any peace notes with reference to any country, belligerent or neutral, until the Kaiser is ready to seek peace. Most emphatically the "war cry" must be kept in the best of tone.

Should Kinston secure a satisfactory inferior, or recorder's court, which would relieve the Mayor from the conduct of court, and the straight salary of the Mayor be made attractive for an A-1 business man to consider the place, it might solve the problem of "the best plan for city government for Kinston." Should a capable business man be made Mayor with full responsibility for the conduct of all the city's affairs, and with the authority for selecting subordinate department heads, subject, of course, to the approval of the Mayor and Council, a new kind of city manager plan might be thus devised which would give Kinston better government than she has heretofore enjoyed. The idea might be worthy of consideration at any rate.

Those who have business with The Free Press or other concerns on the north side of Gordon street, leading west from Queen, should take the precaution to wear their boots in order to wade through the mud-pond, occasioned by the refuse obstructing the sidewalk and making it necessary to take the middle of the street. If the rain keeps up and the city authorities continue to permit the sidewalk and part of the driveway to remain blocked, The Free Press will endeavor to get a boat line started for the accommodation of its friends. Seriously, why are the streets allowed to be blocked unnecessarily? In every case where pedestrians are forced to take to the middle of the street, those who are being benefited by the obstruction should be required to build a walkway for their convenience around the obstruction. A visit to the section by Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chief of Police, or whoever is authorized to have the debris removed would be quite obliging. When may we expect you?

RECORDS OF BANKS FOR 1914 DO NOT JUSTIFY INTEREST ADVANCE.

The bill introduced in the State Senate to allow bankers to charge eight per cent. by contract should be very carefully considered before being passed. The Free Press is not familiar with all the details or provisions of the bill, and therefore is not in a position to discuss the safeguards being included to prevent a general increase of the money cost in this State. Six per cent. is the maximum amount now allowed and should the bankers have a bill passed, which would enable them to make general increases to eight per cent. it would mean an increase of two per cent. in the cost of living in North Carolina. The increased loan rate would be reflected in practically every commodity and living necessity. The proposed measure may not contemplate any such increase, but unless due care is exercised the contract feature may become obligatory on the part of small and less influential borrowers, who seek accommodation at the banks of the State. The banks of this State, speaking generally are in good condition, and the reports of the various stockholders' meetings held the beginning of the year show that approximately the same profits were made during 1914 as heretofore. Dividends of from eight to ten per cent. were paid with equivalent amounts or more added to the surplus funds. Such figures do not justify the bankers at the present time in seeking any general increase in loan revenues.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

THE KINDERGARTEN Charlotte Observer: "The Observer gives place to a letter from Mr. Donald MacRae, relating to the efforts being made in the Legislature for the passage of a bill establishing the branch of kindergarten training in the public schools of North Carolina, together with a letter from Doctor Claxton, giving endorsement to the movement. Doctor Claxton's views are of consequence, his judgment on educational matters being regarded as of the best authority. The bill advocated by these friends of public education is one which may well call for the careful consideration of the legislators at Raleigh."

FIGURES INDICATE EXTRAVAGANCE.

Wilmington Star: "A man was raising a political howl about the increase in the price of bread. He was asked if he ate one loaf of bread each day, but he replied that he rarely ever ate half a loaf a day. He admitted that he was surprised when he was shown that if he would eat out one 5-cent cigar a day, at the end of a year he would have \$14.60 more than in the increase in the price of his bread would amount to, even if he were to eat a loaf a day at a cost of one cent a day more than the former price. Since figures do not lie, the politician could not dispute the statistician."

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ANENT THE "CEDAR DELL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Mr. Editor: For two reasons, I am asking space for a word about the newly constituted church at the Kennedy Home. First, I want to thank you for the thoughtful and lengthy write-up you gave of the occasion, and then correct an allusion which slipped your pen unintentionally, which might be misleading to those who did not fully understand the facts. In reference to the church building to be erected on the highway near the school, you said, "and will welcome the Baptists of the entire neighborhood to worship within its portals." If you

had substituted the word "people" for Baptists in your expression you would have been most fortunate. That is exactly the truth in the matter. We want it to be a "Tree by the Rivers of Water," which will send out its sheltering branches over all the community. There are none so rich or so poor of any Christian order, or of none, who will not be "welcome"—thrice welcome. The institution is very fortunate in having as its superintendent, Elder G. L. Merrell, who is a minister, tried and true, and very highly esteemed for his faithful service in all the trusts committed to him. While he, being a part of the body in construction, did not figure in the presbytery which constituted the church, he was present and will be a great help and support to the church.

"This church for many reasons will be a kind of 'pet' among the churches of Eastern Carolina. It will soon be one of the leaders of the sister churches and a model in its standards of service." "C. W. BLANCHARD."

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