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## MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 8, 1915 <br> ing of the big French atemer in mid-ocean, it is natur

 to suppose that some German atowaway struck a mat down in the hold of the liner.The men of the Dacia have decided to stay by the ship until the formality of declaring it the property of a priz erow If gone through with. The boys evidently feel that Azuerlean men eoptrabind of war and seizing them accordingly. Everything olfe has been so classed, it would seem.
Sherif Taylor is to be congratulated that the negro
desperado's marksmanship was no better than to acore a mites on each of the aimin taken at the official. Too ba thet the negro escaped, but far better for him to be at
large thar for his capture to have been effected at the cost of the serious wounding of the sheriff or any of $h$ deputios.
The Durham folke were so improsed with their frast
year's fair that they decided to go in on a big seale this year't fair that they deelded to go in on a big scale this
yoar, and the paid-in capital is being increased from $\$ 820$ to $\$ 25,000$. The Kiniton boosters expect to do busines after getting four or five thousand subseribed, but there
In fot tolling how big the Kinston district fair will be come ne the years go by

There may be some improvement in the Mexican situa-
Hon, but, as we wee it, the conditions get worse all the thon, but, at we aee it, the conditions get worse all the
time. Thi real trouble is that there is no Moses to lead time. This real trouble is that there is no Moses to lead
tho people out of the wilderness. The leaders are a bunch of chugs with enough following to keep things stirred up and until some real leader comes out and drives the ban-
dith to cover there will be little change in the terrible eituation.

Thast Brithh collier, which rammed a German submarine and thereby earned its akipper a reward of $\$ 2,500$ offered for such work on the part of unarmed merchant-
jem, eertuinly is a lacky abip. Aceidents will happen and hath, certuinly is a lucky alip. Aceidents will happen and
this was evidently one of the fortunate variety. Nobods tr zoling to believe that a commander of an unarmed ve abl or an armed one for that matter, is looking for one
those underiea fighters.
Fourteen busy men of Kinaton will cease from their a elatomed toil tomorrow, Tuenday morning, at $10: 30$ o'clock,
find make a canvass in the intereat of the Kinston district Ind make a canvass in the intereat of the Kinston distri
Eult. Selling stock will be their specialty for the mornin The ahares are but $\$ 25$ each and every business man in
the city is expected to separate himself from at least the the city is expected to separate himself from at least the toekholders and the pronta from the gate

## Colonel George W, Goethals, the buil

Cunal, and favorably mentioned for New York's polic dead, ate, hase been promoted to the rank of Major Gen enal. This action on the part of the War Department
a worthy tribute of the great work accomplished throug the genius and pluck of Goethals and his able assistanti When the efforts of the private contractors to construc
the canal and the complete fiazle that they scored is take into consideration, the triumph of the army officers is a the more creditable. The promotions will be generall
approved.

Germany seems to be manifesting a good spirit in $r$ gard to neutral shipping. The admiralty is doing wha
it can to provide safe travel lanes. of course, it may be It can to provide safe travel lanes. Of course, it may be
aid that it is to Germany's interest to make it possible for American supply ships to reach her shores and fo ittitude nevertheless has not been as obdurate to th rights of non-biligerents as has England's. The assign recognized the right of ship transfers in time of war Britiali, Who couldat' a ford to throw stones because their bousee erg all puill of glass. The United States will have to tall pretin plain to her cousin before the latter wake England.

## NO HARD TIMES

About February lat the Kinston Co-Operative Mercan
Mills, was organized and began baniness, selling grocerie
and other aupplies to the fellow-workers and themsolves
ad, of course, any others whe chancod to come their wey
anced. This mutual beneft idea is a rattling good one.
There is no hard times talk at this store, and if wisoly
managed it will probably prove a great benefit to the mill managed it will probably prove a great benefit to the mill
folk in the Caswell village. The plan is worthy the consideration of other industrial communities.
EVERY PRECAUTION SHOULD
be taken by the authorities.
The appearance of a case of smallpox in this city is should exercise every precaution to see that the man suf. fering from the disease is kept isolated until all danger of infection is past. There is no State quarantine law. but that does not absolve the local authorities from responsibility. The city phyalician says that he is powerless to keep those afflicted with smallpox from going aboull
at will. The same situation prevails pretty generall throughout the State, and Raleigh has been suffering fro a near-epidemie just for that very reason. Smallpox pa tients ahould not be allowed to run at large. Temporar measures should be taken at once to see to it that the
danger of infection is reduced to a danger of infection is reduced to a minimum. The eo
of maintuining a guard over a few ielatei a ing compared to having to establish a peent house no corps of public vaicelnators. This situation should watched very carefolly, and such aetion a

When the High school lads and lassies have their free or-all debating contests on March 26, it is safe to prediet that all questions now perplexing the great minds here will be no problems toi farge for these declaimer - tackle, and the judges will be called upon to pass or matters of international law; how best to preserve th neutrality of this country; what to do when England and群 the decine to yield to the demanda or Uncle Sam what is the best way to care for the Belgian sufferers when will Italy enter the serap; what Switzerland would do if her neutrality was ignored; what will become of the Turks when they are driven out of Constantinople, anc last but uot least when the great struggle of the nition, will be brought to an end? Then,too, the question of the preparedness of the United States must be decided. Thi the settling of all these vexing problems. In fact, we al

## WHAT OTHERS SAY

Deserves a rest
Raleigh Times: "The announcement that Congress wil not meet in extra sossion must be good news to those mem-
bers who have remained in Washington for the greater bers who have remained in Washington for the greate
part of the past two yeara. Their families, too, should welcome the news. The American people are glad that Congress will not be in session this spring and summer There is a consideration greater than any of these, how over, and that is the President's health. He has had n to remain in Washington - with Congress on the one side and the European war on the other-and the confinemen has not done him any good. It is to be hoped that Presint Wilson may find an opportunity to visit the big Sar rancisec exposition and to recuperate. He deserves attention, but his friends should see to it that he is no oo closely confined."

3100,000 FOR THE
Richmond Virginian: "At the same time that the Six providing for the payment to Virginians of many thous and dollars lost through destruction of property by the Jederal Government during the Civil War, a bill was gol
ten through which gives, to the Virginia Military Instiwute the sum of $\$ 100,000$ for buildings burned during th
war. This amount comes to the inetitute as a partin ast retribution for damages done it, but the long delas n payment prevents absolute justice being done by any bill. That. Virginia Representatives and Senators were
chiefy instrumental in securing the passage of both theso bins goos without saying. In the passage of the V. M. I
bill they had the azsistance of Senator DuPont of Dels ware, who did much valuable work in pushing the bill After twenty-five years of endeavor. Senator Martin,
Congressman Flood and their colleagues in both branche have won another great victory for Virginia and one of her most famous institutions,

## lieve, that Congress, which ended its labors on the four

 instant, did a number of good and desirable things. I be pleased to reffect that the session was a notable since that party held an easy control. One demerit gress is that, in observing most of the Sixty-third Con gress is that, in observing most of the planks and pledgein the party platform, it paid very little attention relating to platform, it paid very litule attention to th and it is hav: - The peoproseh Congress want money for thing and it is hot - -o reproseh Congress for extravagance, but lavish expenditures with very real als have viewed laviah expenditures with very real alarb. For exampic.
the Now York World presents these figures: The apple he Now York World presents these figures: The appro priajons by this Congress, the irrst having a Democrat: majority in both houses since the Fifty-third. Cangress,
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ago (were $\$ 917,000,000$. At that time a billion-loll ago( were $\$ 917,000,000$. At that time a billion-do!
Congress was thought to be inexcurably wasteful. Congress was thought to be inexcurably wasteful.
late we have had two-hillion-dollar Congresses as a reg lar thing, and now we are taking leave of one that ha a record of almost two and one-quarter tillion This lavioh use of the public funds is set down as the one
great fault of the Sisty-thind Congress. There are those
wha fear thint the Petsil whe fear that the Federal government is committed to o such prodirality that no political party will ever whol

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