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FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 8, 1915

Now that the Arabic case has been disposed of, the Washington contingent will move the previous question—the Lusitania controversy, if you please.

The News and Observer "wants a competent and efficient police management in Raleigh." Is Raleigh now under commission form or city manager plan?

It was "abundant" in the revenue officers, who were invited to partake of "some of the best peach brandy ever made" by the unwary makers, to respond by arresting the would-be hosts.

Lexington observed "outlook days" this week. It takes about all a fellow's time these days looking out for the various and sundry special days. A few more and every day will be a "special."

The fact that Austria had to enlist the help of about half of Europe and involve the other half in war in order to whip little Serbia, and to date that end has not yet been accomplished, should be some consolation to the "lady kingdom."

Mr. Farmer: Lest you forget, we continue to remind you that the Kinston Fair is for the especial purpose of giving you an opportunity to exhibit your products and by so doing to stimulate your neighbors to put forth greater and more earnest efforts to excel their past productions. The Fair officials are anxious that everything that is raised and manufactured within the ten counties of the Fair circuit be represented in exhibit at the Fair in November. All farm products, live-stock, poultry, kitchen and dairy products are wanted. Keep in mind that the Kinston Fair Association has done its part by providing the grounds and the opportunity to let the world know what Lenoir and her sister counties can do. It is up to the people of the Fair district to make the Kinston Fair excel in every department, and especially by contributing their exhibits.

Comptroller Williams told a Kentucky audience that three North Carolina banks were getting twelve per cent. for ordinary loans. Why isn't it possible to make public the names of those banks, and let some attention be given them by the authorities whose duty it is to protect the people from usury. The money loan shark and the banks, which practice usury, should be "labelled" so that the public, who support them by borrowing from them, may know what they are doing. Unless the instances referred to by Mr. Williams are cases of very small loans, where a minimum interest charge without regard for the amount of the loan or rate of interest is necessarily applicable, there is no excuse for the bankers violating the laws and their acts in so doing should not be pardoned.

They're off! Play ball is the "marching order" that's stirring Old Philadelphia today.

**OFFICIOUS POLICEMEN.**

The officiousness of policemen frequently becomes offensive, and no doubt, if more complaints were made there would be more police officers experiencing some such disciplinary "call downs" as was meted out to the Wilson officer, who was adjudged by Superior Court as using more force than was necessary in making an arrest. The record of the Wilson man, showed that he at one time was connected with a circus, a class, as a rule, of the toughest sort of humanity conceivable. Too much care in selecting police officials cannot be taken. There is evidence in abundance of the laxity in requirements of character and fitness for the work, shown by the police graft scandals that have been unearthed in some of the large cities within the past few years. There are many evidences of the unfitness of the personnel of the forces of the smaller cities. Far too often do police officers overestimate their importance, and are found to be too assertive in the discharge of their duty, as was the case with

the Wilson officer. There is a difference between handling a desperado and calling the attention of a respectable citizen to some slight infraction of the law. However, very often officious police officers seemingly make no distinction and approach the respectable citizen in a way that necessarily gives him offense and unduly so. In an address to his patrolmen, the chief of police of one of the larger cities of the South, several years ago, cautioned them about making unnecessary arrests. "Not the officer who makes the largest number of arrests, but the one who keeps the best order on his beat, is the best officer," the chief told his men, and wisely so. Police should be men of tact and good judgment, for they frequently have occasion to use such talents. Take, for instance, the work of the traffic officer. Numbers of people pass, who are visitors or unaccustomed to the rules, and who unintentionally violate the laws. Such people should not be haled in an offensive "I'll pull you, sure" sort of way, but with tact and diplomacy.

There is a lesson to be gotten from Wilson's experience. Those whose duty it is to select patrolmen should appreciate that men of character and judgment are needed, and not so much brawn and bulldozing.

**MR. WILSON'S ENGAGEMENT.**

The engagement of President Wilson to Mrs. Norman Galt of Washington, which was announced late Wednesday afternoon from the White House, comes as a complete surprise to the country at large. The Washington correspondents had either no inkling of the activity of the little Representative of Hymen, or out of respect for the feelings of the President they refrained from circulating rumors that his attentions to Mrs. Galt were attracting attention.

During Mr. Wilson's tenure of office he has proven over and over again that he is worthy of the esteem and respect of the American people, and that their confidence, manifested in him, in elevating him to the first place in the land, was not misplaced. Fourteen months ago when the sad news of the serious illness of his wife was flashed to the world, there was grief abroad. Genuine sympathy was felt for Mr. Wilson and the admiration of the world aroused because he had so bravely borne the burden, when the people outside his immediate family circle were not even aware that the Death Angel stalked near. Be it said to the credit of the American people, they have shown unusual consideration and a fine sense of appreciation of the desire of Mr. Wilson to avoid social functions and those occasions, which were not in keeping with the period of mourning for Mrs. Wilson.

Although the news of his forthcoming marriage comes almost with the suddenness of a shock, the President will have the good wishes of the American people. They will wish for him all the happiness which the new companionship may bring to him.

**WHAT OTHERS SAY**

**INDICATIONS OF GREATER NAVY.**

Raleigh Times: "One thing that leads us to look for a greater navy is the unanimity with which Congressmen who are mending their fences are coming out for the national defenses."

**CAUSE FOR "REFLECTION."**

Durham Sun: Testimony in the Indianapolis election fraud cases is that blocks of votes were sold at 10 cents each. Tammany on reading this will realize the fortunes it has wasted in the past."

**UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE.**

Hickory Record: "Are editorials read? seems to be a question agitating some of the brethren in Eastern Carolina. Good editorials are undoubtedly read wherever they appear, and the editor who complains that people pay no attention to his stuff should fill his columns up on plate matter. The people will read anything that is worth reading."

**RESOURCEFULNESS EMPHASIZED.**

Wilmington Dispatch: "The preparedness or resources of Germany must be wonderful. With much greater area and with by far more people and access to the outside world during this war the entente countries have had a difficult time making out while Germany, cut off from outside commerce, has been swinging along at a great clip, and still shows no signs of running short. Aside from what goods could be smuggled in from nearby countries Germany has had to depend entirely upon home production, while Great Britain, France and Russia have been able to get it by the ship load from neutral countries."

**AS WE HAVE ALREADY REMARKED.**

Rocky Mount Telegram: "And while it appears that the officers of the law over in Lenoir county have gathered in the two trunks of fine liquor, all right, they are not satisfied whether the holder of the checks for the trunks—a man named Potter—or a fellow named Skinner is the real owner and violator of the law in the matter of bringing in the shipment from another State. It nevertheless, appears that Potter is in a rather pitiful fix, whether he did or did not own the booze. It's a great warning, however, to the unsuspecting that you had better not take a chance on bringing along the check for some unknown fellow's baggage."



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