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FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 7, 1915

Many old bald-headed bachelors are hanging high hopes on the fact that 1916 is leap year. Poor old dejected fellows, they need not think a defensive campaign will produce results that so many aggressive ones have failed to accomplish.

English recruits in the concentration camps awaiting the order to go to the front are being farmed out to supply the places of the laborers taken from the fields. They should acquire experience thereby which will be of service to them in the construction of trenches later.

It is reported from El Paso that secret service men are watching Huerta's home lest the wily old Indian should attempt to suddenly recover from his alleged extremis and make his escape. We hardly know in what direction he would turn for succor, but nevertheless he will bear watching, sick or well.

Dr. Alexis Carrell, the noted New York surgeon, who is aiding in the hospital work in France, declares that the present war has aided science but little, and that practically no progress has been made in surgery because of the "general distraction and horror." That may be said of surgery and the methods for saving life and limb but certainly "science" has made marked progress in the invention of new and more terrible death dealing machines.

"Pay Up Week" is the time when every fellow, who has the money, should turn it over to his good-natured neighbor, who favored him with credit. Next week is the time suggested by the Chamber of Commerce to be observed as "Pay-Up Week" in Kinston. The Free Press is glad to add its endorsement to any movement that will encourage the people to pay their obligations more promptly, and it hopes that not only will next week be made "Pay Up Week" but that every week following it will also earn in a measure the same title.

Those fellows who are so exercised since the reports of the Persia were sent out, and who are clamoring for action and waving the bloody shirt, should stop long enough to ask themselves against whom the action should be taken. It has not been established yet what the nationality of the submarine which is alleged to have hurled the fatal torpedo is, and, in fact, it is yet a matter of some doubt whether there was a submarine or some other explosive agency responsible. For our part, we prefer to await the finding of the facts in the case before starting the "action." The wrong kind of medicine is apt to be administered if the case is incorrectly diagnosed. The watchful waiting policy suits us still.

THE COMMISSIONERS SHOULD MAKE APPROPRIATION NOW.

According to the Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners, that body did not overlook the merit of the school inspection plan. The Free Press sincerely hopes that the Clerk is correct in his estimate of the Board's attitude, and that the non-action means that there is still hope for the paltry and insignificant sum of four hundred dollars to be appropriated by the County of Lenoir that

its boys and girls may, in the language of Dr. Cooper, be taught the A. B. Cs of hygiene and rural sanitation: "Things that are as necessary for them to know, for the sake of their happiness and welfare as it is for them to know how to read and write."

The Free Press agrees with the Clerk of the Board in that there are vastly too many new plans being advocated and demanded in this age of modernism and efficiency to permit of any one locality undertaking to adopt them all at one time. Unquestionably there must be a gradual achievement along these lines. The Free Press takes issue with the Clerk of the Board, and its members when "they feel that there are too many other things to use the county's money for" than to permit the small appropriation for the conservation of health. The Free Press takes issue with the Board or with any other agency or body when it is contended that any other call on the public funds is more important or should rank that of the public health. Dr. Cooper, who is an expert in health matters, gives it as his opinion that at least a hundred deaths occurred in Lenoir county last year from preventable diseases, because the people were ignorant of the simple laws of hygiene and sanitation, which could be taught them at so little expense. If a hundred hogs or cattle had died in Lenoir county last year from what the veterinarians pronounced to have been a preventable malady, which could have been checked by a small appropriation, would the members of the Board hesitate to make the appropriation? The Free Press doesn't believe they would have allowed the matter to go over for a month or have shelved it, either. Because the general mass of the county's populace are not aroused to the need of health education and are not clamoring en masse for appropriations sufficient to start such education in the county, is no reason why the Board of Commissioners and others who have been elected to lead, should not take the initiative and demonstrate to the people that there is need for certain simple precautions to be taken to reduce the sick and death rate.

The Free Press reiterates its hope that the Clerk is right in his "sizing up" the situation, and that the Board will yet make the appropriation, that the work may be carried on this year. The appropriation should be made and it should be made now!

GAMBLING IN POOL ROOMS.

Gambling in pool rooms is a matter of concern in every city where license is granted to such places. The problem of keeping minors from playing in public pool rooms is also vexing to the city authorities everywhere more or less.

One of the most effective methods that has been adopted anywhere for the correction of these evils has been the "revoked license." Many of the larger cities have enacted laws against such gambling and prohibiting minors from entering or engaging in a game in the pool rooms. The responsibility for the observance of these laws has been placed squarely upon the proprietors and the penalty for violation is taking away the license.

In the light of recent developments in Kinston, indicating that gambling has been permitted in the pool rooms—a thing that few ever had any doubt about—would it not be well for the City Council to enact some such law governing the local pool rooms? The officers of the law can hardly be expected to break up the custom of gambling or to prevent minors from entering and indulging in games in these places, for their occasional "look in" is not sufficient to meet the needs of the situation. The proprietors can come pretty nearly stopping both practices if they will to do so, and the chances are that they will if there is a risk of losing their license. The Free Press understands that some patrons of the pool rooms might indulge in gambling without the knowledge or consent of the proprietors or managers, but such instances would be few and far between if there was the proper vigilance and effort made. At least the greater part of the gambling and the visiting of the gaming rooms by minors would be eliminated if the proprietors were thus arrayed against them.

Why not safeguard the fellows who frequent these places in every possible way?

Brilliant: The latest Ford joke is to the effect that all Fords in future must be self-starters because Ford took all the cranks with him to Europe. The Brooklyn Eagle, commenting upon the peace voyage, says: "Henry Ford's peace movement was at least a self-starter." To which the Richmond News Leader adds: "And an automatic stopper."

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Wilmington Dispatch: "Charges against Warden Osborne of Sing Sing will at least have one good effect, regardless of whether the warden is proven guilty or the political ring is shown up to be a cesspool of corruption and intrigue. With the pressure of mass meetings, yards of editorial space, miles of statements to the papers and a fair and impartial trial the case should present a 'survival of the fittest.'"

MEAT INSPECTION ESSENTIAL.

Greensboro News: "The county farm bureau and chamber of commerce meeting, to be held at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday at 10 a. m., or the Farmers' Union meeting, set for the same day and hour, or both of them, ought to reach a satisfactory conclusion as to regulations for marketing meat in Greensboro."

"The subject of meat inspection and rules therefor is not difficult or complicated. The issues are very definitely those of right and wrong. It is purely a question of trade, between the farmers of the county and the people of the city. It is to the interest of either party that trade shall be as little restricted as possi-

ble. At the same time the people of Greensboro owe to themselves a very plain duty of safeguarding against disease the sources of all their food supplies."

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