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SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 4, 1916

Berlin should now be convinced that there is no dependence to be placed in the reports from the pro Germans of this country that the people are not behind Mr. Wilson heart and soul.

The Free Press is glad that the manhunt, which has been in progress in Pitt county for the past two or three weeks, has ended and that the dangerous outlaw who was sought did not succeed in killing anybody else before he himself was put out of the way.

Von Mackenzen on the scene in the western arena but further substantiates the theory that the Germans are concentrating their efforts in a gigantic attempt to crush their enemies of old. The hero of the eastern battles has, it is reported, been placed in supreme command of the troops battling away at Verdun.

NOW FOR THE BABIES!

Having a care for baby is the slogan for the week beginning today. The Mothers' Club of Kinston assisted by the ministers, physicians and nurses have planned to conduct an educational program in series dealing with questions of vital importance to baby's welfare. The first of these discussions is being held this afternoon. It is important that every mother, and father as well, avail themselves of the opportunity afforded to learn more about discharging their obligations of parenthood by becoming better qualified to care for and protect their offspring.

Conservation is the keynote of the progressive thought of the world. Too long has that thought been directed solely to the conservation of resources other than manhood and womanhood. The forests, the minerals, the agricultural lands, the cattle, all have had friends and rightly they should be protected and conserved but it still remains an amazing truth that the formation of boards for the protection of hogs and the conservation of the trees is more readily obtainable in the average community—and Kinston is but the average—than is provision for proper safeguarding the health of the people. An epidemic of some fatal disease which decimates the cattle and hogs of the community quickly brings remedial action; but not so with the welfare of babyhood for thousands upon thousands of the little innocents die annually for lack of proper care and attention. We are informed by the best medical authorities.

The celebration of baby week in Kinston should result in the actual saving of many lives during this and coming years.

THE SENATE'S ACTION PLEASING.

The action of the Senate in standing by the President and by overwhelming vote removing the obstacles which have been put in the way of the pursuance of his foreign policy should, and we believe will, meet with the hearty approval of the vast majority of the people of this nation.

The average man among us is an enthusiast for peace and freedom and nothing is more distasteful than the appearance of arms and the thought of militarism. The average American citizen is not and never has been in fa-

vor of a surrender of any of the rights of the people of this country, simply because one of the belligerents of Europe, inflated with the successes of her arms, arrogantly assumes the role of interpreter and revisionist of the laws of nations and would proceed to interpret and revise to suit her own selfish purposes.

President Wilson is as true type of the real American and exemplifies the spirit that was responsible for the creation of this "Land of the Free and Home of the Brave" as well, if not better, than any servant of the people who has occupied the exalted chief executive's chair. He, too, is an enthusiast for peace, and his masterful conduct of the diplomatic relations of this country, which have involved the rights of all neutrals and non-combatants, and necessitated the banishment of three diplomatic representatives who became persona non grata, with a people thirsty for blood, flushed by victory and ambitious for world conquest, should be assurance for every man that he is the safe leader; that those who would pose as peace preservers and undertake to give impression that Woodrow Wilson is seeking to throw this country into the conflict which now devastates Europe, are imposters and agitators who seek an opportunity to advance their own political fortunes, but who have woefully misread the signs.

The Senate did well to declare in such certain fashion that it was willing for Mr. Wilson to conclude his diplomacy unhampered by legislative action or debate; and the House will likewise meet the approval of the people if it, too, declines to further embarrass the administration by giving the impression abroad that there is lack of support for its policies.

Old "Cy" Young is reported to be grooming himself for a political race in his home town. If the old fox can put 'em over the political home plate as he used to do on the diamond his opponents might as well quit the race now.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

DUNCAN'S RETIREMENT.

Charlotte Observer: "Mr. John M. Morehead, who was yesterday elected National Committeeman by the North Carolina Republicans to succeed Mr. E. C. Duncan, is representative of the younger element of the party, an element that for the first time in State history has been given a measure of recognition. While Mr. Morehead's election was in the nature of a compromise, it was nevertheless a victory for the Progressives, at the same time being more on account of Colonel Roosevelt than out of any consideration for Mr. Marion Butler. To the Observer's mind the leadership of Mr. Charles Cowles and his associates had more to do with the retirement of Mr. Duncan than any influence Mr. Butler could have exerted, and that, in fact, it was accomplished not by Butler, but in spite of Butler. The outcome makes it the more possible for the Republicans of the State to get together. The Duncan, or old-line faction, would never bolt. On the other hand, had the Duncan element prevailed there can be but little doubt that the Progressive would have bolted; that they would not have waited until a future time to put their bolt into execution, but that they would have marched out of the hall, Butler at their head, and would have forthwith organized a full-fledged Progressive campaign. The change in National committeeman means an endorsement of Roosevelt and a practically united Republican party in North Carolina when voting time comes. Around this fact centers the main significance of the convention.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION—ANOTHER VIEW.

Greensboro News: "One wonders what our Republican friends thought of themselves on the gray dawn of the morning after, and if what they thought of themselves was satisfactory. Their major differences, presumably, had been composed, and it only remained to embrace the harmony that was so obviously within reach. Instead of proceeding thus the customary and familiar factional differences arose; and the strife within the party was accentuated. It appears that the cry was for a "new" deal, but are Republicans under the impression that they got this? The influences that finally predominated were positively senile in point of years spent in factional rows. "We have little idea how the thing is going to work out. It may be that a Butler hegemony will be agreeable some day to North Carolina; but the signs do not as yet warrant such a conclusion, in our judgment. We suspect that the judicious among Republicans will be inclined to

grieve, while thoughtful Democrats who have for some time felt that a good, healthy opposition would be well for most of the Southern States, will be disappointed. Democratic organization leaders, meanwhile, will view the outlook with complaisance, and perhaps with the comforting conclusion that their campaign work has been greatly simplified."

Rio de Janeiro, March 3.—A huge vein of phosphorus has been discovered near the mouth of the river Estrella, which empties into the bay of Rio de Janeiro, near this city. The deposit has been taken by the Department of Agriculture and will be mined as a government property.

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N' ALWAYS AWK THE GUESTS 'OW MANY LUMPS OF SUGAR THEY PREFER 'AND THEN FILL THEIR CUPS!
I ASSURE YOU, MISS SPONDULICKS THAT AT COLLEGE I WAS A REGULAR DEVIL—I WAS ALWAYS IN HOT WATER.
MEBBE LITTLE WILLIE RAH-RAH DON'T HATE HISSELF—DIS IS THREE TIMES I'VE INTERRUPTED HIS MONOLOGUE AN HE DON'T SEEM TO HEAR ME.
AGUY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO A BURLESQUE SHOW NOWADAYS—AN TH' SHORTER TH' LONGER TH' LOOK!
DERE'S GRATITUDE FER YOU—DEY'VE HANDED ME ABOUT A HUNDRED LUMPS AN' NOBODY ASKED ME WHAT I PREFERRED.