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SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 5, 1916

If the Bremen has ever had any notion of landing at Beaufort, we wish it had done so yesterday.

"General Miles sees end of war," says a news item. And we hope the General is not "just seeing things."

Whether England applauds the heroism Sir Roger Casement displayed in his stoical demeanor up to the very last or not, she must yet reckon with his dying words, "I die for my country."

'Twas a treat for the boys of the Second Regiment Band, who were given camp leave Friday and permitted to join their fellow-townsmen, wives, sweethearts, etc., who were outing at the beach as the guests of the Kinston Cotton and Orion Knitting Mills. And 'twas likewise a treat for the "folks from home" to see the boys and have the few hours' visit with them. The class of music, now being offered by the band, is quite in contrast with that which emitted from their instruments when they entrained for Camp Glenn a few weeks ago. It is hardly necessary to inform the auditor that they have been put through some good practice.

Reading the faces of the boys at Camp Glenn:

Gee, there's a fellow from home.

Am certainly glad to see somebody. I've seen before.

What's going on in Kinston?

Is the old town still there?

Camp life is beginning to grow somewhat monotonous.

The novelty is wearing away.

With these natural manifestations of homesickness the boys give every evidence of the best treatment, and their sinewy features reflect the development into brawn and muscle and vigorous young manhood of those who hardly looked the part of the soldier six weeks ago when the farewell at the depot was said.

That China is now ruled by a man of Christian faith may mean that the great empire of the Orient will develop, progress and come into its own as a world power in the next few years, as it has not done in the past centuries of its existence. Li Yuan-hung, the new president, is reputed to be popular with the great mass of Chinese, so much so that he mingles freely with the crowds without feeling the necessity of a large armed escort, and it stands to reason that his example will be emulated by the people. It can't be expected that China will become a Christian nation suddenly and throw off the heathen traditions of hundreds of years, but certainly the missionaries, who already have had marked success, should feel tremendously encouraged when they realize that the ruler is on their side.

AN INVESTMENT WORTH WHILE.

It would be well if some of the misinformed sectional critics of the Southern cotton mill operators could have their eyes opened as to the real situation existing in some of the "mill families," at least, by looking on at an occasion such as are the annual outings given the operatives of the Kinston Cotton Mills and the Orion Knitting Mills. The conception of the crushed and broken specimens of humanity, ground out by the iron hand of the heartless capitalist, would fade from the minds. Certainly so, if the prejudice, upon which rests the false opinions, was subordinated to reason and impartiality.

The Free Press is glad that the mills of Kinston are run by men with hearts and care for the welfare of their employees, and that such occasions as Friday's outing indicate that the local managers are keeping step with the modern conception of uplift and betterment of the working classes.

A well behaved, congenial, democratic and happy lot were those who journeyed to Morehead City Friday as the guests of the Kinston and Orion Mills. And one could not but be impressed with the fact that the investment is worth while.

PRESIDENT READY TO INTERVENE.

It is encouraging news that President Wilson has taken cognizance of the serious and calamitous conditions, that would prevail should a half million railroad men be called out on strike, and that he stands ready to intervene if other governmental agencies fail to bring about an adjustment of the differences now existing between the men and their employers.

The Free Press has gone to record before as favoring arbitration in this matter. It believes that "striking" is a relic of the "might makes right" era and that arbitration of the differences between capital and labor is the only method that can furnish any lasting and just relief.

It is not possible for the management of the various railroads to view the matters in question other than from a partisan standpoint—they naturally see from their side. Likewise the men are partisan and incapable of considering the issues with regard to the other side. Both may, and no doubt, have right on their sides, but both sides likewise have that which is perhaps unjust to the other in their contentions and it is that element which must be expurgated by the action of the unbiased and impartial third party—the arbiter.

The Free Press understands that the railroad managements have been willing to submit to arbitration the differences, but for some reason the men have not and their approval of the Senate action in declining to take a hand would give evidence that the men are still obdurate and insist upon settling the issues directly. If that be true, it is unfortunate; it means that no settlement can be had unless it be a temporary one wrought by force and not right, though the latter element may be on the side of force sometimes.

President Wilson should intervene to prevent a tie-up of the business of the country because of the differences of these particular men. It is the general public's welfare that must be considered. While hoping that an amicable adjustment can be had and that the men will receive just and reasonable pay and working conditions, the first consideration is due the "innocent bystander," the public which will suffer from a stagnation of its business should a strike be called.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY.

Richmond News Leader: "When the Lusitania was sunk Mr. Roosevelt was filled with righteous indignation and holy rage. We know, or we think we know, what he would have done if he had been president," says the Baltimore News. We think our contemporary assumes in this instance superhuman knowledge. Judging from his record, what the Colonel would have done or will do under any given circumstances is even beyond his own ken."

BIG AND UNIQUE POWER DEVELOPMENT.

Wilmington Star: "Besides the expenditure of a million or more dollars in repairing the flood damages done to its hydro-electric plants on the Catawba and Broad rivers in North Carolina and South Carolina, the Southern Power Company will spend a vast amount of capital in the development of a unique power reservoir to be constructed in North Carolina. This development will be located in Burke county, N. C., near Morganton, and three

immense dams are to be constructed—one across the Catawba river, one across Paddy Creek and another across Linville river, all three of which water courses come together near the same location in the foothills of that same region. The three dams will constitute a system which will make a reservoir for the storage of the waters of those mountain streams. The water will be held back in the gorges and valleys and the body of water will constitute a huge lake with three arms stretching into the mountains from the main body at the dam system.

"The work on this big project will be commenced next week by the Hardaway Contracting Company of Columbus, Ga., and the Rinehard-Dennis Company of Charlottesville, Va., to whom the contract was recently awarded.

The contract was given out by the Western Carolina Company, a subsidiary of the Southern Power Company. The immensity of the undertaking can be imagined when it is stated that the power company has entered into a contract with the Maryland Casualty Company for a blanket policy aggregating between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 to cover any liability arising by reason of injury to or the death of the company's employees on this big work.

"Not only will water be stored in case it is needed when water is low at any of the company's lower plants, but at the new works, to be known as Bridgewater, 26,000 horsepower of electrical energy will be generated for transmission to the towns and manufacturing plants in the mountain regions.

FIFTH WAREHOUSE TO OPEN WITH BEGINNING OF TOBACCO SEASON

With the opening of the tobacco market on August 15 Kinston's fifth sales warehouse will begin business. The market's facilities have been considerably enhanced by the erection of the new brick warehouse for Messrs. O. G. Rucker and B. F. Hooker on East Lenoir avenue. The firm name will be Hooker & Rucker.

The men who will operate this house are both well-known in Kinston. Mr. Rucker is a former resident of the city, the son-in-law of Mr. T. W. Mewborn, and an experienced tobacconist. His native State is Virginia. Mr. Hooker is a veteran tobacconist of Greenville. His knowledge of the section and the aid he has rendered in making the industry what it is in East Carolina make him a leader in the business.

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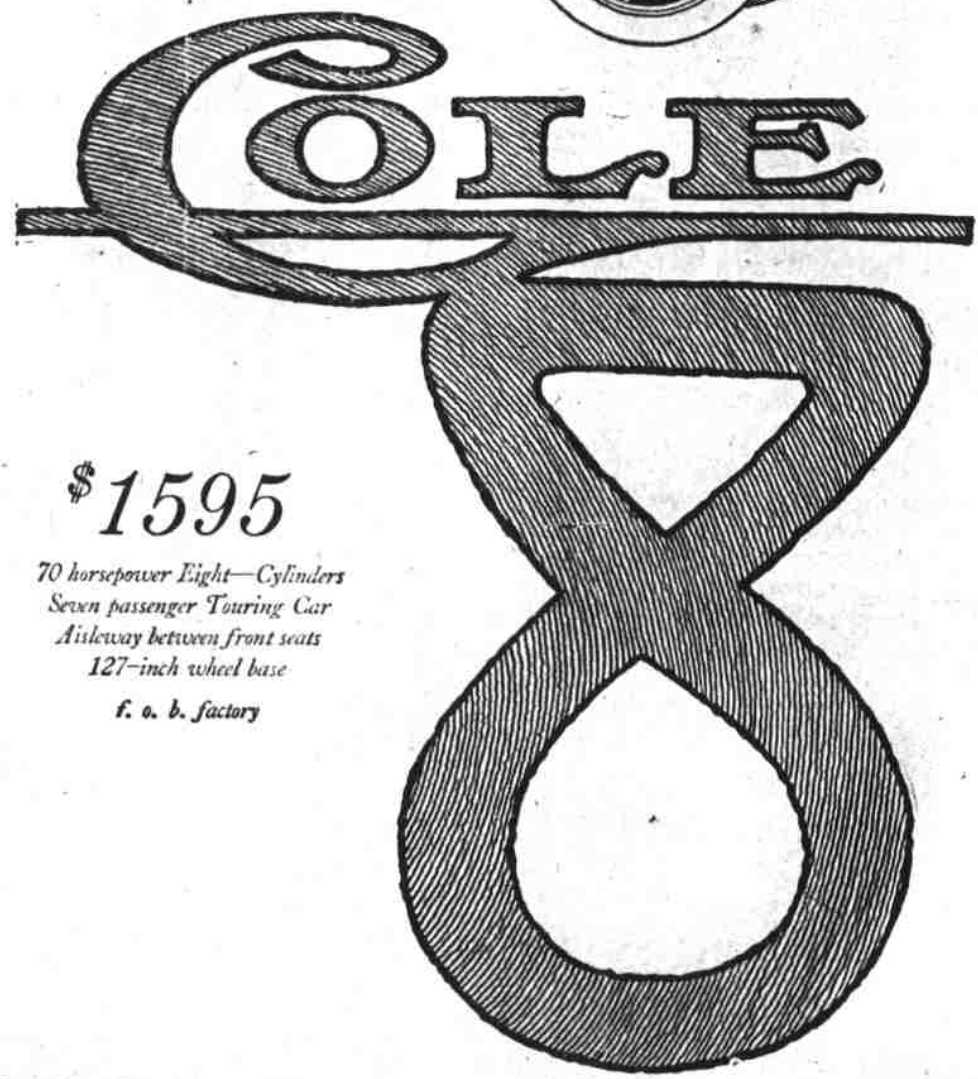
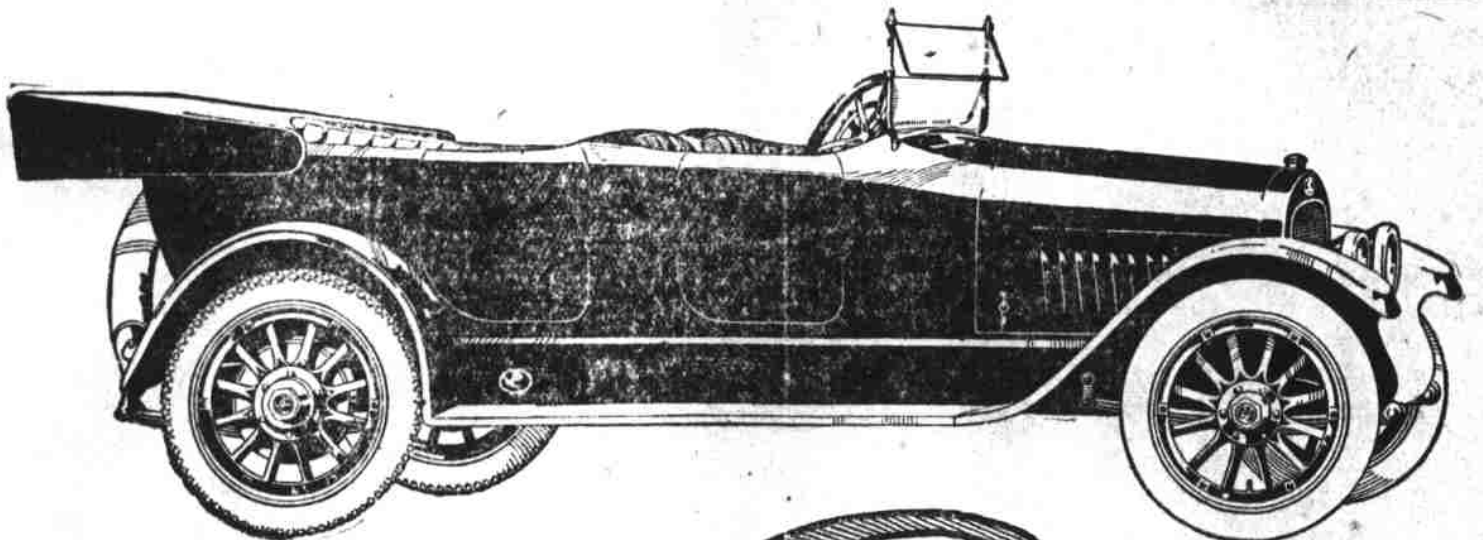
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BY WALT DESMOND.

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I'M AFRAID SOMEBODY HAS NICKED ME FER ME ROLL OLD SHIRT—JUST HAND YER LITTLE ACCOUNT TO TH' HOTEL CLERK WHO IS A PARTICULAR FRIEND OF MINE!

WELL—IF IT AIN'T ME OLD FRIEND TERRY RILEY OF NEW YORK—SAY TERRY SLIP DIS CHAUFFEUR \$2.95 FER ME WHILE I USE YER PHONE TO GIT SOME MAZUMA!

AS I LIVE—IF IT AIN'T ME FRIEND MIKE MC CUE!

HERE'S A FIVE SPOT—KEEP THE CHANGE!

HELLO!—LONG DISTANCE—GIMME NEW YORK IN A HURRY—AN' IF YER QUICK ABOUT IT I'LL SEND YER A LARD CAN FULL OF DIAMONDS!

WELL—TERRY OLD SCOUT—I JUST HAD TH' BOSS ON TH' PHONE AN' HE'S GONNA SEND ME SOME MORE DOUGH!

AW—DON'T MENTION IT MIKE—ANY TIME AT ALL!

HA—HA—GEE—I HALFTA LAUGH WHEN I THINK OF WHAT A LUCKY GUY I AM—I BET IF I WUZ TO FALL IN A SEWER I'D COME UP WITH A GOLD WATCH!

