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FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 25, 1916

The New Bern Sun-Journal, we fear, is undertaking to promote a lottery. It proposes to offer a prize for the quickest solution of the European, Mexican and railroad situations.

It will only take \$192.31 more to bring Kinston's and Lenoir's contributions for the flood sufferers of Western North Carolina up to the thousand mark. Twenty tons will do the work.

It is presumed that should Admiral Mayo's forces elude or overwhelm those of Admiral Helm, the landing will be purely imaginary and in that respect very much akin to the hallucinations of some alarmists, who have told us how easy it would be for great armies of Europe to overrun our fertile fields.

The introduction of a bill in the Russian Douma proposing to extend to the Jews, living in the Russian Empire, all the privileges enjoyed by other citizens, is in line with the promises made during the early part of the war. That the bill will have bitter opposition and will be hard of passage is a foregone conclusion. Russia will find a sentiment of endorsement from the nations of the world when it does elect to give to the Jewish people, residing in its domains, the opportunity to live and prosper as other people. Race prejudice and religious persecution belong to the dark ages. They have no place in modern civilization.

### THE HIGH COST OF BLANK PAPERS.

One of the most serious situations confronting the country today, and particularly the printing craft, is the high cost of blank papers and raw materials entering into the making of newspapers and the printing of job work. An increase has been noticeable on every single article requisite to the printing trade. In some few instances an increase of from 10 to 20 per cent. is all that has been made. In the majority of cases 50 per cent. and more, and in some the prices have more than doubled. For instance, common assorted poster paper, which was bought for 85c and 90c a ream six or eight months ago, now sells for \$2.00. Bond papers have increased 50 to 100 per cent. Of course, the printers have had no alternative than to increase their prices accordingly for job work and the burden has therefore, been divided with the consumers.

Not so, however, with newspapers. As a matter of fact, the papers of this country are face to face with a most grave situation. They have, within the past few months, been required to practically double their expenses for newspaper print paper, and not only is there no relief in sight, but the brokers claim that the supply is exceedingly limited and a great many supply men are only accepting orders from their regular customers. This enormous increase runs from a thousand or two for the smaller papers to hundreds of thousands annually for the larger metropolitan papers. Some papers have already increased their subscription prices to offset in part this extra burden.

The Free Press is facing an additional expenditure on

account of the increase in prices of between \$2,000 and \$2,500 a year with no offset in sight. The management hopes to tide over the situation without having to call on its readers to pay an increased subscription price; however, prompt payment of subscriptions is absolutely necessary, and we appeal to our subscribers to arrange to take care of their subscriptions promptly when due. No newspaper can endure the prevailing excessive prices for raw materials and carry any considerable number of delinquent subscribers or those who are in arrears. Prompt payment of subscriptions is absolutely necessary for the welfare of every newspaper printed in America.

### THE GRAND JURY'S CRITICISMS.

It is not our purpose in this article to make comment upon the full report of the grand jury, which criticized rather sharply the county commissioners in regard to the expenditure of the road funds and the handling of convicts. We do deem it necessary to direct the public's attention to that part of the report dealing with the convict system.

In the first place, The Free Press believes that the Board of County Commissioners has laid itself liable to sharp criticism for continuing in the service, Convict Boss Mincher, who was convicted at a recent term of the Superior Court for brutal and inhuman treatment to prisoners, and who is now out on bond pending the appeal of his case to the Supreme Court. The evidence adduced at the trial of this man was sufficient to convince every right-thinking citizen in the county that he was unfit for the place and his continued employment by the county commissioners border not only on contempt of court, but contempt of public sentiment.

The grand jury indicated in its report that its reception at the convict camp was discourteous. This is not the first report of this character which has been made. Some months ago a prison reformer passing through complained of having been accorded discourteous treatment at the hands of the road department. The grand jury was in the discharge of its official duty in making its inspection. We are informed that it has the right to see every record and to look into every phase of the working of the criminals as much so as the county commissioners or their agents. The same, of course, could not be said about the prison reformer, but the commissioners and their road superintendent must not lose sight of the fact that the convict camp is a public institution. It is open to inspection and if it is being properly conducted it is logical to assume that there will be no objection to a visit from an official body, such as the grand jury, or any representative citizen, who might desire to visit it.

There has been too much mystery and vagueness about our county convict system. A thorough investigation should be made and those in charge of the road force should be exonerated of the alleged shortcomings or "face the music," if the reports are substantiated. Some action ought to be taken and taken now.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

#### IS DECENCY TO BE MATTER OF FASHION?

Richmond Virginian: "We commend to the attention of American women the following, written by the Italian Bishop of Cuneo, in comment on a letter to the clergy from the Archbishop of Turin, Italy, in which the prelate urges that indecently dressed women be refused admission to the churches:

"In times of war the matrons of ancient Rome used to dress in mourning. Our women, on the contrary, go about dressed like tight-rope dancers, short skirts, high-heeled boots, transparent stockings, bare necks and arms, faces rouged and painted, absurd coiffures, and hats of shapes as varied and fantastic as the caprices brewing in the silly heads that wear them."

"We have often wondered why our women in America feel constrained to follow any and every style that comes out from we know not where. Who is the autocrat anyway who decrees that women's dresses shall swing but slightly below their knees and that they shall often be so thinly clad that their attire can be described in but one day?"

"Who decrees that indecency in dancing must be accepted as a matter of course? Who was responsible for the terribly degrading mess of alleged literature served up by many of the so-called leading magazines, as a hand-maiden of the indecent in dress and dancing?"

"We must believe that there has been a terrible loss somewhere—a loss in delicacy, a cheapening in all that true womanhood holds most dear.

"We wonder, at times, what form the campaign of indecency will next assume."

### DR PAGLIERE BLAMES WAR FOR HIGH PRICES; RELIEF IS PROMISED

Buenos Aires, Aug. 25.—Dr. Jose Marcos Pagliere today denied the report that the Radical party soon to put its hand to the administrative machinery in Argentina has no program. The statement has been made by a number of their political opponents and by many radicals themselves.

Dr. Pagliere, a prominent Radical, who probably will have a place in President-Elect Irigoyen's cabinet, says they are mistaken.

"We Radicals," he declared today, "are men of action, with deeds, not words, for our daily motto. Personally, I look forward to a new constitutional life in Argentina, which will make our nationality as immovable as the rock."

"There will be more security for the people and the stranger."

Dr. Pagliere said the Radicals will reduce food prices.

"The European war," he said today, "has unnecessarily increased the cost of bread in Argentina to 15 1/2c for 2 pounds and 2 ounces. We have studied this matter and at the end of 3 months of experiment have disposed of much bread a Stee a posed of much bread at 8 cents and 8 mills for 2 pounds and 2 ounces. This was done without the loss of a single cent. We will do the same with meat and milk very soon."

### FREIGHT HOUSE DOVER ROBBED DURING NIGHT

The freight warehouse of the Norfolk Southern Railroad at Dover was robbed either late Thursday night or early this morning, according to local police office. The Kinston department has been advised that one or more persons entered the warehouse, taking off three suit of clothes, a quantity of whiskey, a bicycle and possibly other articles. An axe and inside. There is said to be no clue, hammer were used to gain entrance, and the implements were left on the

### SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Train No. 21—Leaves Goldsboro 5:45 a. m., for Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Asheville and Waynesville. Through train to Asheville, handles chair car to Waynesville. Greensboro. Handles free chair car from Raleigh to Atlanta, making connection for New Orleans, Texas, California and all western points; also connects at Greensboro with through trains for all northern and eastern points.

Train No. 139—Leaves Goldsboro 2:00 p. m. for Raleigh, Durham and Makes connections at Greensboro for all points north and east, and at Asheville with Carolina Special for Cincinnati, Chicago and all western points.

Train No. 111—Leaves Goldsboro 10:35 p. m., for Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro—Handles Pullman sleep-through train for Atlanta and New Orleans, also makes connection for Asheville, Chattanooga, St. Louis, Memphis, Birmingham and all western points.

Train No. 131—Leaves Goldsboro 5:00 p. m. for Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro, making connection for Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and points South and West. J. O. JONES, Traveling Passenger

### POOR LITTLE RICH BOY MUST GO BACK TO HIS STEPFATHER'S MOTHER

Nyack, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Willie Crossman Lee, "the poor little rich boy," who cried and said he was "tired of being dragged around the country" by relatives interested in the \$2,000,000 estate he inherits from the late William Crossman, coffee fling, will shift guardians again here today. Supreme Court Justice Tompkins decided that DeWitt H. Kenyon, Port Chester lawyer, must return the boy to Mrs. Emma Lee, mother of Frederick T. Lee of White Plains, stepfather of the boy.

The battle for possession of the 2-million-dollar boy has waged hotly for more than a year in the New York courts between William Mills, Jr., of California, father of the boy and Lee, his stepfather. His father started seven separate actions to get the boy

and the management of his estate, but lost every one.

The boy's mother, who divorced Mills and married Lee, died in New York two years ago. Testimony at the hearing said that Mills never had taken any interest in his son until he inherited the estate of the coffee fling. The boy testified that his mother had impressed on him the desirability of remaining with his stepfather.

The lawyer Lyon was appointed guardian a few months ago, and the boy taken away from Lee. Lee and his mother hid the boy and were haled into court. It is expected that they will now be permitted to keep him.



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### TRAINS LEAVE KINSTON

East Bound  
11:21 p. m.—"Night Express," Pullman Sleeping Cars New Bern to Norfolk. Connects for all points North and West. Parlor Car Service between New Bern and Norfolk.  
7:50 a. m.—Daily, for Beaufort, New Bern and Norfolk.  
4:41 p. m.—Daily for Beaufort and Oriental.

West Bound  
5:40 a. m.—Daily for Goldsboro.  
10:03 a. m.—Daily for Goldsboro.  
8:14 p. m.—Daily for Goldsboro.  
For further information or reservation of Pullman sleeping car space, apply to W. J. Nicholson, Agent, Kinston, N. C.

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## MIKE THE MESSENGER

HE EVIDENTLY WANTS TO REMAIN A BACHELOR BY WALT DESMOND.

GEE—A GIRL IS AN EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION—I JUST BOUGHT A POUND OF CANDY FOR FLOSSIE AND IT COST ME A DOLLAR!

AH! GOOD EVENING FLOSSIE—HERE'S A LITTLE PRESENT FROM YOURS TRULY!

OH! MIKE YOU'RE A DARLING!

MIKE—YOU'RE SPENDING ENTIRELY TOO MUCH MONEY ON ME!

AW—I'D SPEND EVERY NICKEL I HAVE ON YOU FLOSSIE!

YES!—BUT DON'T YOU KNOW THAT A GIRL GENERALLY MARRIES THE MAN WHO SAVES HIS MONEY?

I KNOW DAT—DAT'S TH' REASON I'M SPENDING ALL OF MINE!