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SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18, 1916

Americans generally will take little pride in the fact that their fellow-countrymen have been detected in violating the neutrality laws by aiding and abetting Mexican revolutionists and the activity of the Department of Justice in bringing such culprits to law will unquestionably be approved by the large majority of the people of this country. The fellow, who sells his honor and jeopardizes his nation's interests for paltry mercenary gain, deserves no consideration but the limit of the law.

The Free Press joins with the other papers in the state in expressing sympathy for its esteemed contemporary, the Charlotte Observer, which suffered damage by fire Saturday morning. The fact that the plant was not entirely destroyed and because plans, which had already been inaugurated for removal to another building, were well under way, the discomfort of our contemporary is not so serious as it might have been, and the Free Press is glad that the accounts indicate that the rehabilitation will be quickly consummated. In the meantime the Observer is printing from its afternoon contemporary's plant, and with the usual spirit of courage manifested by papers, which suffer fire loss, did not miss an issue.

Editor Johnson of Charity and Children, who by the way, missed the profitable meetings of the State Press Association at Chapel Hill a week or two ago, has been ironically calling attention to the fact that the Newspaper Institute failed to settle the high cost of print paper. In this connection his attention is directed to the fact that Brother Varner has made in Washington as representative of the North Carolina press. He has carried the fight directly to the Department of Justice and has been able to make such a showing as to command the attention of the Attorney General and an independent investigation has been started. Brother Varner gathered much of his data and inspiration for the drive against the paper trust at the Chapel Hill meeting.

A QUART A MINUTE.

The Free Press is glad to learn that the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina plans to present, for the consideration of the General Assembly, laws which will be shorn of evasive possibilities and which, if enacted, will in reality give to North Carolina the title of a dry state. The present situation is disgraceful. Gallon upon gallon of the vile stuff is being poured into Kinston now in anticipation of a falsely conceived Christmas celebration. About six hundred packages, The Free Press learns, were distributed from the local express office Saturday. One a minute for the office hours maintained by the company. The city authorities would do well to station one of the police officers at the express office this week to gather evidence and see what portion of the shipment is going into the hands of the known blind tigers and people of bad character.

According to Superintendent Davis of the Anti-Saloon League, the laws, which are contemplated for the forthcoming Legislature, will positively limit the amount of liquor permissible and the for-personal-use racket, which has been so badly overworked under the quart law, will be blocked.

Unquestionably new laws and more drastic ones, from which the loopholes have been taken, are needed, but there is in Kinston an opportunity for law enforcement under the present statutes. This, the week before Christmas, gives perhaps the best opportunity in all the year for a demonstration of law enforcement. Let every good citizen in Kinston co-operate to that end.

THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE.

It is the little things in life that count most. It takes the nickels to make the dollars and because the majority of mankind don't appreciate the necessity of conserving the supply of nickels the quantity of dollars available to the average man is limited. The man who takes advantage of the opportunities for small service is after all the one, who qualifies for doing the larger work, which is certain to present itself sooner or later. Many a man has failed to make his life count for very much because he has overlooked the opportunities at hand in his vain effort to discover a task which he feels was large enough for his abilities, which unfortunately may have been exaggerated in his own estimation. The little kindly deeds of life make living worth while, weld the ties of friendship more closely, and remove the sting of love's sacrifice. The little things in life count most because it is with them that the large majority of mankind deals. The opportunity to handle the large problems and participate in the large benefits is given to but very few.

As the Christmas season approaches, the opportunity for utilizing the little things in carrying gladness to the hearts of friends, loved ones and those, who are without friends and without the where-withal to provide for themselves, are manifold. In the words of the poet, it is not so much the gift as the giver and the spirit that prompts.

And it begins to look very much like we are going to have a dry Capital. Quite appropriate, too, that the great of government of a nation, the majority of which has already outlawed "John Barleycorn," should exile him also.

REVENUERS SHOT MAN IN FIGHT AT STILL

Revenue officers passing through this city late Saturday said that in a rail on a big still in Craven county Thursday, in which a pitched battle between moonshiners and the revenue men occurred, one of the law-breakers was shot. He is believed to have been badly wounded. His companions, fleeing, carried him off. The still is believed to have done a tremendous business. Nine boats came to a nearby landing while the officers were in the vicinity. Deputy Collector I. M. Tull of this city was among the raiders.

COURT PUTS IN BUSY WEEK; NOT GUILTY. FREDERICK CASE

Superior Court for the December one-week criminal term came to a close late Saturday night after making the week a very full one and having continued much of the business on the big docket to the January term.

The jury in the case of Bingham Rouse, charged with the murder of Walter Dulle, a fellow guard at the Lenoir county convict camp, spent half a day in deliberating, finally rendering a verdict of not guilty.

Sherman Frederick, a LaGrange negro put on trial for his life Saturday, charged with criminal assault on a girl of his own race, was cleared. The case, according to Solicitor Shaw, was quickly changed into a "circus" from a capital affair. Bad reputation of the negro was proven.

The sentence to six months imposed on Marcellus Sutton, a well-to-do planter convicted of retailing, was changed to a fine of \$400.

Roads and jail sentences passed out by Judge Devin Saturday included: Ed. West, larceny, 12 months. Moses Taylor and Haywood Moge, larceny, 12 months each. Henry Green, burglary, 12 months, with leave to hire out. John Davis, forgery, 12 months.

HORSEFLESH POPULAR WITH THE BELGIANS.

London, Dec. 18.—In London's Belgian quarter, entirely in the possession of Belgian refugees, horse flesh today is selling at 12 cents a pound for steaks, ten cents per pound for horse sausage and 14 cents per pound for smoked horse flesh.

BAD FREIGHT WRECK HANDICAPS TRAFFIC ON THE COAST LINE

One of the most expensive wrecks to ever occur on the local line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad was cleared late Sunday after handicapping traffic for more than 24 hours. A freight train in charge of Conductor Gaver Andrews and Engineer Jack Saunders piled up in almost indescribable fashion a short distance from Farmale on the run between here and Weldon, Saturday afternoon. Derailment of a coal car caused the trouble; nine cars, most of them containing merchandise, left the track. They sat at all angles on and off the track. The body of one car jumped a ditch on one side of the track, leaving the tracks on the other side of the rails. One car was completely destroyed.

Trainmen say it was remarkable that no one was injured. Had it been in warm weather, when a part of the crew generally ride on the carts, some of them would certainly have been killed or injured. All hands happened to be either in the cab or the caboose.

The damage to contents of the cars alone was several thousand dollars, according to estimates from trainmen. Engineer Saunders, say members of his train crew, is one of the "safest" engineers on the road. The train was making comparatively slow speed at the time. Passenger trains had to be detoured.

LATIN-AMERICAN COMMERCE USING THE PANAMA CANAL

Washington, Dec. 18.—Forty-two vessels of Latin-American registry passed through the Panama Canal during the fiscal year 1914-16, according to figures of the Panama Canal Record available today.

Of those 4 were Peruvian, 3 Hungarian, 1 Nicaraguan, 33 Chilean and 1 Panamanian. These figures do not mean that each vessel enumerated was a different one.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST.

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the week beginning Sunday, December 17, 1916.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair weather will prevail during the week except for unsettled with probably rains about Thursday. Temperatures will be low during the first half of the week. The latter half will be warmer.

LAND SALE BY MORTGAGE

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in that certain mortgage deed made to the undersigned, the First National Bank of Kinston, N. C., by R. A. Wooten and wife, Emma Wooten, on March 2nd, 1914, which mortgage appears of record in Lenoir county in Book 47, at page 249, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, the undersigned First National Bank will on December 20th, 1916, at about 12 o'clock M., at the courthouse door in Kinston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land, which is that mentioned in said mortgage deed, and is more particularly described as follows:

Moseley's line 1/16 feet to a stake, thence N. 21 degrees and 38 minutes W. 189 1/2 feet to a stake, thence N. 59 degrees and 52 minutes W. 151 1/2 feet to a stake, thence N. 40 1/4 W. 1633 1/2 feet to a stake, thence 79 W. 72 1/2 feet to a stake in the east edge of said road, thence with said road its various courses S. 2 1/4 E. 358 feet S. 38 1/2 E. 769 feet S. 32 1/4 E. 1293 feet S. 30 1/2 E. 1557 feet S. 27 E. 80 feet S. 25 1/2 E. 913 feet to the beginning, containing 176 and 72 1/10 acres, more or less, and being the lands conveyed to R. A. Wooten by Hines Bros. Lumber Company, except about 30 acres heretofore sold to Mrs. R. A. Wooten by R. A. Wooten.
 This November 17, 1916.
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.
 By D. F. Wooten, Cashier.

Holiday excursion to Cuba, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Kinston to Havana, including meals and berths on steamships, at the fare and on the date named above, limited returning until January 7, 1917.
 Fares will apply via Jacksonville; thence via East Coast and the "Over Sea Railroad," or via West Coast of Florida, thence Port Tampa, but not going via one route and returning via the other, and tickets will be good to stop over at all stations enroute, either on the going or return trip or both.
 Proportionate fares from nearly every other point in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina—Children half fare.
 For schedules, reservations on trains and ships, and interesting literature on Cuba, apply to the undersigned, who will procure it for you promptly.
 D. J. WARD, Ticket Agent
 Kinston, N. C.

\$51.45
 Excursion to Havana, Thursday, December 21.
 For the Christmas and New Year

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF KINSTON

Capital and Surplus \$160,000
 The depositors of this bank now outnumber by more than one and one half times the population of Kinston under the census of 1890.
 The deposits of this bank now exceed by more than ten times all the bank deposits of the entire county of Lenoir, including Kinston and LaGrange, in the year 1890.
 The above attest the growth of Kinston and the business interests of this section, as also the confidence of the public in this institution.
N. J. ROUSE, President
D. F. WOOTEN, Cashier. **DR. HENRY TULL, Vice-Prest.**
J. J. BIZZELL, Asst. Cashier **T. W. HEATH, Teller**
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 N. J. Rouse.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSION FARES

Between All Points on the **Atlantic Coast Line**
 The Standard Railroad of the South.

Also to practically every point in the Southeast, including Washington, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans. Tickets will be sold
DECEMBER 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25
 Limited returning to reach original starting point by or before Wednesday, January 10th, 1917.
 For schedules, Pullman reservations and any further information desired call on
D. J. WARD, Ticket Agent,
 Kinston, N. C.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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 EXCURSION FARES
 VIA
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 Convenient Schedules
PULLMAN SLEEPING and PARLOR CAR SERVICE

Tickets on sale December 20 to 25, 1916, inclusive. Final return limit January 10, 1917.
 Complete information furnished by any Norfolk Southern Ticket Agent.
H. S. LEARD,
 General Passenger Agent.

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 I Have Served You Through The Year. Now Will You Help Me?
 Yours Always To Serve,
YOUR CARRIER

MIKE THE MESSENGER

SURE WE WOULD ALL DO THAT BY **WALT DESMOND.**

BOY—TAKE THIS BOX DOWN TO OUR RETAIL STORE ON THE NEXT BLOCK—PLEASE HANDLE IT WITH CARE!
 WHY DON'T YUH MOVE TH' RETAIL STORE UP HERE?
 GEE—I SURE AM TH' FALL GUY—IF HARD LUCK WUZ GOOD LUCK I'D BE A FOUR LEAF CLOVER!
 HEY! HEY! BE CAREFUL!
 OFFICER—ARREST THIS MAN—HE DELIBERATELY RUN INTO ME WITH THAT TRUCK!
 ALL RIGHT! EXPLAIN IT TO THE JUDGE!
 YOU'RE GUILTY OF ASSAULT! I'LL GIVE YOU EITHER TEN DAYS OR TEN DOLLARS!
 WELL—IF IT'S ALL TH' SAME TO YOU I'LL TAKE TH' TEN DOLLARS!