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SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 24, 1917.

Shopping procrastinators have but twenty-five days in which to console themselves.

The Jones County farmer somnambulist, who was killed while taking a nocturnal hike, literally walked to his own death.

When you stick a Red Cross seal on your letter, remember Uncle Sam prefers to have them on the back rather than the front of the envelope.

It is reported from New York that fifty spurious British army men are circulating and imposing themselves upon America. Reception committees should be aware of the counterfeit.

Early risers claim that snow fell in considerable quantity hereabouts Saturday morning. We care not to dispute the claim. We were not out of our cozy covers in time to get any contradicting evidence.

PROVIDE FUEL NOW.

The warning note sounded by Fuel Administrator Rouse in Friday's Free Press should be heeded by the people of this community. Mr. Rouse urges that those who are in position to do so, provide their fuel now while the open weather permits the easy hauling and the demands of those who are not in position to buy large supplies at a time are not so acute.

From everywhere come reports of fuel shortage. Transportation facilities are hard to obtain. No shipment delivery date can be guaranteed. This, of course, has and will continue to be a handicap in the coal supply throughout the winter. Kinston should not suffer, however, if the opportunities for providing wood which are available and which can be made available be taken advantage of. It behooves every citizen to take advice of the Fuel Administrator and look to his wood yard and coal bin in anticipation of their needs for the next three or four months.

In this connection it might not be amiss to suggest that the estimates be conservative that no hoarding and consequent inconvenience to others be indulged in.

DO YOUR SHIPPING AND SHOPPING EARLY.

More of "Our Boys" will be away from home and family this year at Christmas time than ever before in our history.

On account of the enormous volume of War Materials and supplies, in addition to the usual large movement of Holiday shipments, it will require from now on every available baggage, mail and express car that can

be put into service. To meet the situation and to insure Christmas packages reaching their destination on time and thus avoid disappointment the Public is earnestly requested to ship their Christmas packages (whether by mail or express) at least ten (10) days or two weeks before Christmas.

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HOPEFUL BUT NOT THE END.

More hopeful is the news from the battle fronts. Indeed the reports of General Haig's magnificent successes in gaining ground in his latest drive is the most satisfactory development of the campaign in many months if, in fact it is not to be considered as important as the victory of the Marne. Some of the military critics have attached as much importance to the Haig-Lynne drive as the turning of the German hordes by General Joffe when they were knocking at the very gates of Paris in 1914. The successes now, however, can hardly have as much bearing upon the situation as would the capture of Paris have had, but certainly no battle or succession of battles since Germany was thwarted in her plans to capture the French capital before the brave defenders could get their bearings can be compared with the present British successes.

Not only is the report from the Western front encouraging and satisfactory, but the valiant fighting of the Italians is giving heart to the cause of the Allies. It is safe to conclude that the Central Powers put into the Italian drive all the force and push that they had in reserve. The reports of the capture of cripples and soldiers, who allegedly were taken out of the hospital in order to stem the British, indicates that Germany's manpower reserve is not encouraging from her standpoint.

In spite of these hopeful signs it must not be lost sight of that Germany is still conducting the fight on the soil of her enemies and the end of the war is not yet in sight. The plans of America and the other Allies must be carried out. There must be no let-up in the preparations. The blow must be a decisive one and without the command and utilization of every resource the Allied powers will not be able at any near date to deliver such a blow.

The developments of the past few days are encouraging, but let them not be permitted to create overconfidence.

RED CROSS SEAL SALE.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Free Press is announced the campaign for the sale of Red Cross seals. The committees in charge of the sale will make an active canvass of the business district Monday morning.

Not only will it be the purpose of the selling committee to get business and professional men to buy generously of the seals but to get them to obligate themselves to sell to their customers. The plans of the general Red Cross seal committee contemplate the sale of as many seals this year as have been disposed of during the past nine years. In other words, the call to the people now in the fight against the great white plague is just nine times as great as it has been in any preceding year.

The responsibility of the Red Cross has grown to the staggering point. Not only will the work at home have to be cared for, but victims of tuberculosis in the ranks of the soldiers, those young men who have left home and offered their lives and who fall victims to the ravages of the trench life must be cared for. Their every want must be supplied. The Red Cross purposes to do just that thing. Every seal bought is a contribution to the fund that will enable the great Red Cross to pursue its mission of mercy. The young women who will make the canvass Monday should have the co-operation and assistance of all the people of Kinston in their most worthy undertaking.

It is said that 4,000,000 pounds of potatoes are tied up at the railroad terminals of Cleveland for lack of owners. It might not be a bad idea for some minion of the law to bore a few auger holes in the barrels to make sure that they really contain potatoes. The lack of claimants in these parts for freight shipments is generally taken to be prima facie evidence that the shipment is contraband and not what it is cracked up to be in the bill of lading.

The indications are that the Bolsheviki leaders now temporarily in the saddle at Petrograd will not suffer if the Russian treasury happens to be empty. It is apparent that they are on the Berlin payroll.—Probably controlling one of those slush funds which made von Bernstorff so notorious.

Vox Populi

Just "Fellows."

Editor Free Press:

I regret that your reporter in his news-gathering tour on the 19th inst. quoted me as he did, because I have always endeavored to have my utterances in keeping with the Good Book, which says "Say not thou foul" lest thou be in danger of the bad place. I was in conversation with a friend in my office as to the adult illiteracy question, and not talking for publication. I told him I doubted the wisdom of the act as passed by the last legislature and I thought those "old fellows" who had not improved the opportunities of youth and are now classed as illiterates ought to be let alone in their bliss, if ignorance is bliss, and we should bend all efforts toward educating the boys and girls of today so they will not be dumped down as illiterates on the next generation. As the legislature made the appropriation I presume the proper thing to do is to carry out the law and hope for results.

JOSEPH KINSEY.

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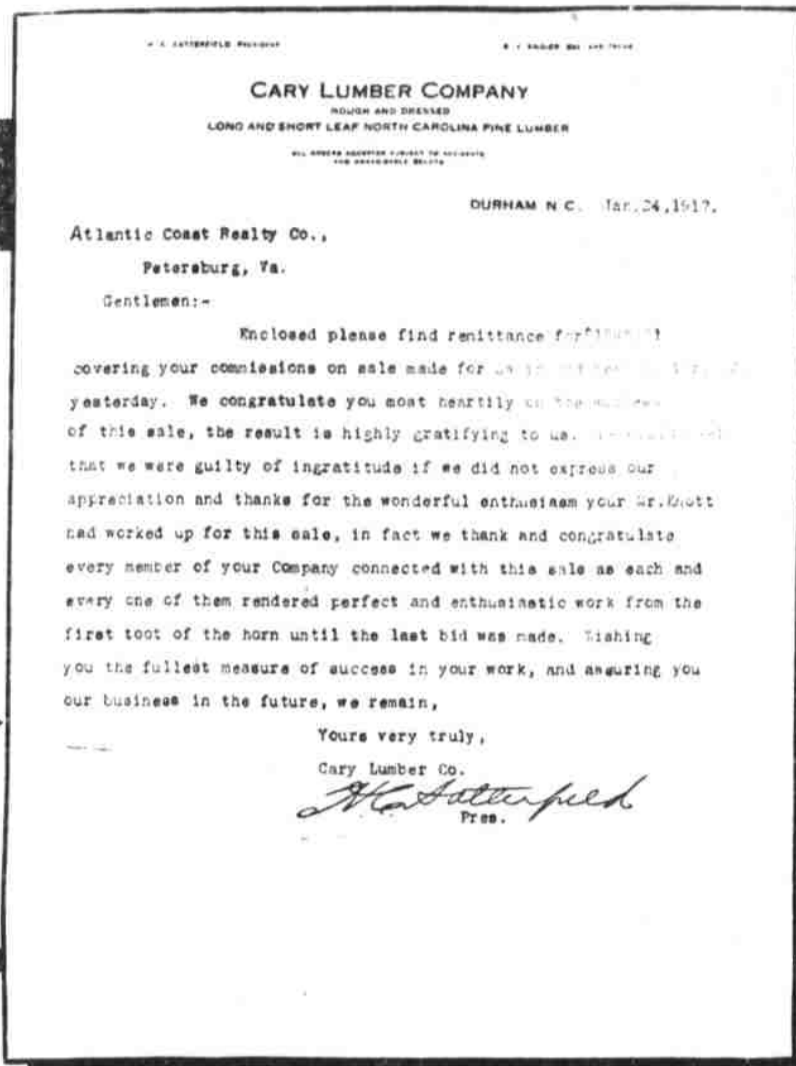
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