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MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31, 1917.

Good bye 'dea: Old 1917.

The report that the thermometer is 15 degrees below zero in Massachusetts is another reason why we are glad we don't live in Massachusetts.

Regardless of what the thermometer has to say about the temperature the average person hereabouts will readily agree that it is the coldest weather they ever felt.

Premier Lloyd George's intercession for the women alleged to have been guilty of attempting to poison him is heaping coals of fire upon the head of the enemy. Let's hope it may also prove to be the "soft answer that turneth away wrath."

So accustomed are we nowadays to talking billions that the announcement that Uncle Sam's credit to his Allies exceeds the \$4,000,000,000 mark is not of sufficient news value to be even given preferred position or display head.

When that popular election is held by the people of Alsace-Lorraine to determine whether their allegiance be to Germany or France, it would be well if some corrupt practice act could be invoked to prevent ballot stuffing by the poll holders—the Kaiserites.

A nationwide survey of foodstuffs is being made now by the Government. Every individual householder, dealer, firm or corporation having in its possession \$250 or more of foodstuffs is required to make report in detail of what was on hand December 31 and give a comparison of the supplies held at the same period twelve months ago. Few city housekeepers perhaps will have to make report, but in all probability the provident farmers, who have laid by in store a year's supply for their households and employes will be numerous, and it is well enough for all to take stock of their supplies for there is a penalty attached for failure to make reports.

CONSERVATION OF FUEL.

The necessity for fuel conservation is being emphasized all the more because of the severe temperatures that are being experienced throughout the country. Few, if any, Decembers of the past have experienced such bitter cold generally and very naturally the consumption of fuel has been greatly in excess of the normal usage for the period. Every indication is for a very severe winter and perhaps the coldest temperatures yet to be felt.

Conservation of fuel can be accomplished by the reduction in the number of fires in those homes accustomed to have them in every room. Consolidations can be made which will save one fire and conserve fuel. Parlor and sitting rooms can be abandoned where the dining rooms afford ample space for use as such, and other such combinations can be made.

Of course in Kinston there are a number of people whose fuel supplies already provided, are ample for most any emergency that may arise during the winter, but the average fuel supply is far from being adequate and the sources of supply give little promise of being able to care for the needs if anything like the severe temperatures indicated now are to be endured. The admonition for conservation is not necessary for those who are not plentifully supplied. The danger of waste is with those who have plenty, and it is they who should give heed to the warnings of the fuel administration in conserving by intelligent use of fuel and elimination of waste.

INVESTIGATION VERY TIMELY.

The admission of Quarter-Master General Sharpe to the Senate's military probes that there have been months of delay in buying wool for uniforms and overcoats for men in training and that camp commanders had charged that such delays had resulted in the death of many men, indicates a situation which it was hoped would not standardize the preparation of this country for war. The stories from the European countries in the early stages of the war told that many soldiers died from exposure and many wounded soldiers died because of lack of medical attention and surgical apparatus and dressing, but that is no reason why the young men of America who have responded to their country's call should be subjected to unnecessary hardships because of delays which could be prevented.

The Senate investigation gives promise of setting in motion the wheels which will eliminate much of the incompetency and dilatory tactics which apparently have been pursued in some important phases of the getting ready.

It is well, too, that the investigation has come so soon and before the results of the delays have reached more serious proportions. The death-rate in the army has, according to the medical director, been less than the average mortality rate of the civilian population. That fact, encouraging as it is, of course will not make amends or give excuse for deaths of soldiers caused unnecessarily by neglect or incompetency in providing them with adequate clothing, shelter or food.

That Petrograd peace celebration reminds one of the fellow who rounted the chickens before they hatched. However, the temporary cessation of revolutions in Petrograd may be a just cause for giving the natives the idea that peace has been declared.

"Freer Movement of Coal" says a headline in a news dispatch. If Director-General McAdoo can accomplish any results in that direction there will be no doubt whatsoever of universal approval being given his appointment as well as government operation of railroads.

WANT ADS.

For Sale—40 acre farm, 4 miles of Kinston, apply to Dr. Ira M. Hardy Dly & Sw 12-17 tf.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of the authority of a decree of the Superior Court of Lenoir County made and entered on the 8th day of December, 1917, in a certain cause therein pending wherein L. J. Carter and wife, Winnie Carter, Isariah Deaver and her husband, Peter Deaver, L. F. Carter and wife, Sallie Carter, Gilbert Carter and wife, Zellar Carter, Minnie Lee and her husband, H. A. Lee, Grover H. Carter and wife, Alma Carter, and C. C. Carter and wife, Emma Carter, the said Sallie Carter and Alma Carter being infants by their next friend R. A. Whitaker, are plaintiffs, and R. R. Carter, Carrie Carter and S. S. Carter and wife, Dessie Carter, are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner of the Court will expose to sale at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the courthouse door in Kinston, North Carolina, on Monday, January 7, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described tract or parcel of land, situate in Pink Hill Township, Lenoir County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of W. A. Jones, Dr. J. P. Maxwell and others, and bounded as follows:

Beginning at the north of the canal in Cherry Tree Swamp where it empties into the run of Tuckahoe Swamp and runs up said canal 68 poles to a stake; thence N. 11 W. 346 poles to a stake in or near the head of Wild Cat Branch; thence down the various courses of the run of Tuckahoe Swamp; thence down said run to the beginning, containing 113 acres more or less.

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