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FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 4, 1918.

Even the Bolsheviki have discovered that the Kaiser is unreliable.

So long as soap boxes, old chairs and other discarded household articles can be converted into crude specimens of sleds the "small fry" is not worrying about the postponement of the warmer wave which is expected some of these days to break the grip of old Jack Frost in these parts.

The report that the shoe trust is to be investigated by the Federal Trade Commission is consoling in spite of the fact that the average citizen is not aware that any of the Federal Trade Commission's investigations have ever reduced the price on any living necessity.

Sometime ago it was reported that the Food Administration would issue a schedule of prices to govern sellers and consumers but so far only sugar has been specifically priced and other living necessities are scheduled to be sold under the broad and uncertain stipulation "at a reasonable profit." The Free Press believes that the Food (Administration would do well to prepare a market list indicating the maximum price on practically all living necessities.

The Free Press was very glad to be able to give assurance in its news columns Thursday from the superintendent of the light and water department that there was little danger of the water mains in Kinston freezing. We had been so informed before and we know that it is the general impression that the freezing of the mains is hardly probable, but the present protracted spell of weather is so unusual that it is not safe to judge by past records what will be the outcome. Whether the water mains are kept open and ready for service or not, The Free Press feels that the people should exercise every care possible to avoid fire.

ARMISTICE OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

In a letter to the press and other leaders of thought and moulders of public sentiment in the country Thomas J. Howells of Pittsburgh suggests that an armistice among the various political parties be declared for the congressional elections slated for this year, Mr. Howells' suggestion has food for thought. He points out that party lines have been largely disregarded by Congress in its practical, unanimous support of President Wilson in matters pertaining to the war and that with few exceptions representatives of all parties voted with the President for a declaration of war on the Teutonic powers and have championed and endorsed his suggestions and proclamations subsequent to those declarations.

Mr. Howells urges the return of those men who have supported the President without the necessity of going through bitter contests and he takes the position that the defeat of any considerable number of the Administration supporters, whether they be Democrats, Republicans or what not, will give heart to the fallacious idea already entertained in Berlin and Vienna that the American people are not in accord with their leaders; whereas on the other hand if these representatives are endorsed and returned no such idea can find support.

Not only do these suggestions and reasons of Mr. Howells' appeal to The Free Press, but the broader and stronger national unity, so essential at this time makes the idea of bitter factional fights repellent to the higher ideals of citizenship. The Free Press believes that those men who have patriotically disregarded party lines and stood by the Administration, should be returned to Congress and that without the necessity of leaving their places in the congressional halls to wage intensive campaigns. On the other hand those men who have been lukewarm and who have been openly in opposition to the will of the great majority of the people and to the policy of the Administration regardless of their party affiliations should be retired to private life. This is a time when patriotism should be exalted above evcrything else and when treason, sedition and their very appearance should be denounced.

ENCOURAGING INDICATIONS.

What is actually in the Teuton's mind now with reforence to peace is a matter of considerable speculation throughout the world. The actual condition of the resources of Germany are not known. Whether the food supplies are as meagre as recent reports indicate is a question that cannot be definitely answered, and the average person as well as officials, whose duty it is to analyze the reports and keep in touch, are hopeful that the numerous reports are dependable. Whether they are overdrawn or not The Free Press believes that 'where there is so much smoke there must be some fire' and that accordingly the reports indicating a weakening on the part of Germany have some foundation worthy of confidence at least.

Germany, however, is putting up a bold front and regardless of the actual condition of her internal affairs the Allies must prepare and fight as if the bold front was truly representative of actual conditions. Many an almost conquered antagonist has finally prevailed because of ability to hold on and put up a bold front. The work of the Allies will not be complete until Germany is rendered incapable of even maintaining the outward appearance of strength and resources. The termination of hostilities prior to that event would simply mean affording time for second wind.

Americans should take heart at the encouraging reports but their encouragement should manifest iself in renewed and continued determination to accomplish the bar of their recovery. All persons inter, the said Sallie Carter and wife, Alma Carter, and C. C. Carter and wife, Emma Carter, the said Sallie Carter and Alma end for which this country and its Allies strive.

A syndicate service sends out this suggestion: "Tell your readers what happened in 1917." We did that last year and we are busy now trying to keep up with the

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FOOD ADMINISTRATION PREPARING TO PUT SCREWS ON UNSCRUPULOUS DEALERS

Rumblings of Impatience Being Heard Around Headquarters Selfish and Unpatriotic Consumers Will be Dealt With Also-Fine of \$5,000 and Two Years' Imprisonment Penalty for Hoarding-Administrator Henry A. Page Tightening the Reins.

Raleigh.-Notwithstanding its oft-| practice, where it has been the cusits attitude toward all dealers in food- under present conditions.

That Food Administrator Henry A. Page has at heart the interests of the producers and handlers of foodstuffs has been demonstrated by his action in straightening out the wheat situation in the state and by his attitude toward all wholesalers and retailers in their respective conferences here; but Mr. Page is not famous either for his patience in the face of injury, nor for his forbearance when laws are being violated and people oppressed patriotic dealers.

Offenders to be Put of Business. Where wanton violations of the law and policy of the Food Administration are found, it is anticiapted that the offending dealers will be punished by the simple procedure of putting them out of business. Where profiteers are shrewd enough to stay barely within the bounds they will be put in a class of suspects and watched.

In order to give the consumer better protection and to secure from the consumer more effective co-operation, the Food Administration contemplates offering to the papers throughout the state occasional price lists showing the average cost of staple food commodities to the dealers and the price at which dealers should be able to buy. The publication of these prices should be of inestimable value to the people of the State

What's in Store for Hoarders. As a result of reports that have reached it from two counties in the State the Food Administration has instructed all County Food Administrators to investigate and report promptly any evidences of hoarding of foodstuffs. Reports that have been investigated so far were found to have orig- Mr. Page does not believe there will mated as the result of the practice of some farmers in the two countles mentioned of purchasing most of their and unpatriotic and foolish enough to food supplies in large quanities after attempt it they will be dealt with marketing their crops. Even this promptly and vigorously.

repeated and prove assertions that tom for years, cannot be tolerated

stuffs is first of all friendly, and that | Consumers of food commodities as it is desirous of co-operating with all well as dealers are subject to the handlers of foodstuffs, rumblings of provisions of the Food Control Law. impatience at petty profiteering are section 6 of which provides that any beginning to be heard around the necessity shall be deemed to be quarters of the Food Administration hoarded when held, contracted or ar ranged for, by any person in excess of his reasonable requirements for a reasonable time. The penalty for violation of this provision is a fine of \$5,000 or two years' imprisonment or both, and in addition, the commodity hoarded is subject to confiscation.

Large Purchases Inexcusable. State Food Administrator lienry A Page points out that there is absolutely no excuse for purchasing foodstuffs in large quantities, because (1) prices have been stabilized and through the greed or grasping or un- are no more apt to advance than they are to decline, and (2) the Food Administration's first concern is to supply our own people with foodstuffs and it will not permit the exportation of such an amount of any commodity as will endnager the supply necessary for home consumption.

The great injury that would be worked by this practice is clearly pointed out as follows: (1) It would add to the burden of

the railroads, which are already 5: strained to the breaking point. (2) It would tend to advance prices and thereby work an injusitee

to all consumers of foodstuffs. (3) It would deprive our own soldiers, the soldiers of our Allies, the

civilian population of our Allies and the hundreds of thousands of STARV-ING WOMEN AND CHILDREN in Europe, of foodstuffs which are need ed not only to help win the war, but to save innocent people from actual and certain starvation.

In the face of these facts Food Administrator Page does not hesitate to vigorously denounce any person who has any inclination toward hoarding as selfish and unpatriotic to an extent that is approaching the traitorous. be any hoarding in North Carolina, but if there are those who are selfish

NOTICE.

Having quaified as administrator of the estate of L. P. Elliott, deceased, late of Lenoir County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons said deceased to exhibit them to the debted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

J. L. PHILLIPS, Administrator of L. P. Elliott, de-

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testomennt of B. F. Jones, deceased, late of the County of Lenoir, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at his home in Contentnea Neck Township, Lenoir County, N. C. on or before the 5th day of December, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 4th day of December,

CARL JONES, Executor of

TUPID BOOB WITH

B. F. Jones. Y. T. Ormond, Attorney.

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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 Carhaving claims against the estate of ter, Isariah Deaver and her husband. Peter Deaver, L. F. Carter and wife, undersigned at Kinston, N. C., on or before the 7th day of November, Carter being infants by their next friend R. A. Whitaker, are plaint-iffs, and R. R. Carter, Carrie Carter and S. S. Carter and wife. Bessie Carter, are defendants, the under-signed Commissioner of the Court will expose to sale at public outcry, This the 7th day of November, 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 follow ing described tract or parcel of land, situate in Pink Hill Township, Lenoir County, North Carolina, adjoin-ing the lands of W. A. Jones, Dr. J. F. Maxwell and others, and bound-

ed 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.

This sale is a resale of the property under order of Court because of an advance bid of 10 per cent. This 8th day of December, 1917. N. J. ROUSE, Commissioner of the Court.

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KINSTON-CAROLINA RAILROAD & LUMBER COMPANY.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 24, 1917

Effective at once and continuing until further advised, embargo is placed on all freight for points south of Pink Hill, N. C., and effective Wednesday, December 26, 1917 embargo is placed on all passenger traffic south of Pink Hill, N. C.

F. H. HILL, Superintendent...

To Our Patrons:

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