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Time to swat the fly in earnest before the 1918 crop gets the upper hand.

Every month that you put off buying war-savings stamps adds one cent to the cost and lessens the investment that much.

"The Kaiser poses as a liberator," says a news dispatch from Amsterdam. If the old scout would read that famous ditty of Bobby Burns, he might see himself in another light.

The order goes forth from the provost marshal general's office that all registrants must carry their classification cards with them. Registrants may be called upon to show their cards at any time when the general round up to locate slackers is started.

Pegler of the United Press European staff says that the Sammys are finding the old saying that "World is a small affair, after all" a reality and that the fellows of different units are accidentally running across old friends and college chums daily. It'll not be surprising if they find some of their former acquaintances on the enemy side of the front, either.

"Pitchfork" Ben Tillman of the Palmetto State is going to ask for another term in the United States Senate, says a Washington dispatch. Cole Blease and others are going to oppose him, it is said, but then the old veteran has demonstrated in the past that he "knows how to get there."

All the evidence tends to show that the German peace talk is but camouflage to enable it to get its second wind. The German peace will not hold water, is not leak tight and is not built on the solid foundation of justice. The Hun might as well read the handwriting on the wall and heed. The marching orders of the civilized world is "Down with the Kaiser! Away with him, away!"

### GOOD NEWS FOR FARMERS.

Elsewhere in this issue is printed a communication from Governor Bickett addressed to the members of local and district boards, in which the Governor gives it as his opinion that farmers and farm laborers in the second draft will not be called to go to training camps before July 15.

This is good news not only for the farmer but for the consumer as well. The farmer has been perplexed and confounded to know how to proceed with his plans for the coming harvest because a great deal of his help, scarce as it is, has been subject to call at any time and he feared that he would be a serious loser if the summons came at the wrong time. By the middle of July the farmer will be out of the woods, so to speak. His crops will at least be laid by. The assurance of Governor Bickett of the retention of help now available on the farms until the crops can thus be cared for, should encourage and will encourage planters.

### NO PLACE FOR THE SNOB.

The dismissal of Lieut. H. LeRoy Whitney of the 104th Field Artillery for using profane language and hitting a private should serve as fair warning to those officers of the army who would stoop to take advantage of their rank to impose upon their subordinates. The finding of the courtmartial in young Whitney's case was approved by President Wilson and there is no further appeal to be made.

There have been some reports from different sections of the country, where cantonments have been established, of snobbishness and President Wilson and Secretary Baker have made quick to let it be known that they do not approve of the "caste system" in the army. Many of the young men in the ranks of the new national army are college bred fellows and many of them are superior in intellect, breeding and character to a great many who have won shoulder straps because of long service in the militia or other branches of the service. The American people are giving their support to a world-wide war on autocracy and despotism. They are championing the fight for the principles of true democracy based on the Christ idea of brotherly love. They will not tolerate snobbing or other mistreatment of their sons who have answered the call of their country. The young man of good character and seemly conduct must be respected regardless of his shoulder straps. Considerate treatment will not hurt the discipline but to the contrary will engender a responsive spirit of respect and confidence.

### DAIRY INSPECTION.

The Free Press has long urged meat and milk inspection for the supplies furnished in Kinston. It is gratifying that Dr. Mitchener, county health officer, has moved in the direction of better milk surveillance and that City Council has given him support by passing an ordinance requiring the observance of certain rules and regulations by all who offer milk for sale in the city.

One of the important phases of the health work contemplated in the three year plan, which was inaugurated in the county last fall, was proper meat and milk inspection. The Free Press has been hoping that some action would be taken. It has appreciated, of course, that every thing could not be set in motion at one time and that the wise course was for the newly instituted health department to pursue its work according to its carefully laid plans. It is to be hoped now, however, that the new ordinance can be put into operation and the necessary laboratory equipment provided for adequate milk inspection and analysis. Milk is an essential to life, especially to child-life. It is important therefore that the supply be safeguarded so far as is possible from contamination.

The Free Press believes that the milk dealers supplying Kinston are on the average conscientious as any set of dealers anywhere but it also believes that through ignorance of the laws of infection and contamination much damage can be done through an impure and unsanitary milk supply.

### KINSTON MOVES FORWARD.

Kinston's record sale for business property was made Monday when 58 feet fronting on Queen between Gordon and North Streets brought \$36,100, an average of \$622.41 per front foot. The improvements on the property, although capable of bringing in a fair rental are negligible as compared with the value to be placed on the ground. Several years ago the corner occupied by the Lenoir Drug Company was sold for \$600 per front foot.

Nothing so indicates the growing importance of a community as do its realty values. Not only is business property at a premium in Kinston but residence property is on the steady incline and farm property adjacent to Kinston has increased many times during the past few years.

The values are not boom inflations. Kinston has no powder mills, cantonment sites or other Government works to send its realty values upward. The enhancement is due to a more substantial, steady growth and development of the district's natural resources.

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# America Disapproves Sending of Japanese Armies Into Siberia; Tells Allies Don't Like Idea

### Washington Government Notifies European Powers That it Cannot Sanction Invasion of Country Even in Face of German Advance Into Russia—Friendly About It—Tokio Tipped Off—Officials Surprised—Had Been Thought Wilson Might Remain Silent—What Japan Will Do a Problem—Empire Considers Itself Menaced by Victorious Teutons in Western Russia—May Move Notwithstanding

Washington, Mar. 6.—The United States Government officially has declared through Allied channels that it does not assent to Japanese intervention in Siberia. The Allies have so informed the Japanese government.

The United States has not protested against intervention but has let the Allies and Japan know in friendly fashion that she does not consider intervention advisable at this time.

### Some Parties Surprised.

The announcement came as a surprise to some officials here. In view of developments of the past few days it had been expected that the United States would not formally object to the proposed invasion of Asiatic Russia, although it might give no encouragement.

### Japan's Next Move Awaited.

Whether Japan will send troops into Siberia in the face of the American opposition is problematical. That country considers an armed barrier between shores of the mainland of Asia and the German menace absolutely necessary.

## HOME GUARDSMEN TO GET UNIFORMS ERE LONG; ARE AT WORK

The Lenoir-Greene counties unit of the reserve militia drilled at the armory on Gordon Street Tuesday night. Capt. J. I. Brown was in command. J. O. H. Taylor, a former lieutenant of the 119th Infantry, assisted him in putting the command through a course of instruction in minor duties of the soldier. Nearly every man was present.

At a business meeting of the command J. Herman Canady was named chairman of a committee to cooperate with the local committee of the Council of National Defense in securing uniforms for the company and other matters pertaining to the home guard.

### Committee Named.

Mr. Canady appointed the following committee members: Capt. Brown, Mayor F. I. Sutton, Lieut. L. F. Allen, E. V. Webb, C. Oettinger, C. L. Smith, Guy Dawson, C. Felix Harvey, W. B. Douglass, Dan. Quinerly, W. D. Hood, Chester A. Walsh, Dr. Dan. Parrott and T. V. Moseley.

### Arms and Uniforms.

Chairman C. Felix Harvey of the Council of Defense has had the mat-

ter of uniforms for the company under consideration for some time, and has progressed considerably toward getting the equipment, it is thought. It is expected that the official boards of the counties, LaGrange and Kinston will be asked to make appropriations for the clothing. Arms will come from the military authorities in due time, it is understood.

### Neville Will Die for Crime March 15th; Mother Pleads.

Raleigh, Mar. 5.—March 15 has been set as the date for the electrocution of Earl Neville, negro assailant of a white woman here. Neville lost on appeal to the Supreme Court. His mother saw the Governor in his behalf yesterday.

Fort Barnwell, March 5.—Three thrift societies have been organized here.

### It's a Cinch Raise Ten Per Cent. More Meat Than Last Year

"It is extremely difficult to get hogs from the market at any reasonable price," said John C. Anthony, assistant in swine extension for the Department of Agriculture, in discussing the proposed 10 per cent. increase in hog production here Saturday. "Therefore, we must get the increase from the stock on the farms now, by observing the following rules: Refrain from marketing pigs of barbecue size and from slaughtering animals weighing under 100 pounds. The second 100 pounds can be produced more economically than the first 100, remember. Also, the packing houses will pay a higher market price for hogs weighing between 200 and 250 pounds.

"Give the sow and litter better attention. Frequently all of the litter can be saved, whereas now about half the litter often die. Plan to get two litters rather than the usual one from your sow.

"Protect the hogs against vermin and disease through the free use of crude oil dips and vaccination with anti-cholera serum. Improve the stock generally by using pure-bred boars regardless of the breeding of sows. By following these rules and using such grazing crops as rye, rape, soy beans, potatoes, peanuts, etc., we can easily get the required increase, and possibly some to spare."

### HELP MILITIA GET DUDS.

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