

ALASKA  
Six sleeps in a sleeper from Montreal.  
And the moon or so from the bend of the line.  
And you stand at the foot of the great white wall.  
That is white with snow that fall, and fall,  
O'er the cedar dwarfed and the drooping pine.  
That grow at the feet of Alaska.  
Old and wrinkled and cold and gray,  
With her white hair pulled over her stony breast.  
Frowning and rigid and far away,  
She has ever stood and stands today,  
In the desolate wastes of the wide North-west—  
Stands this hoary old woman—  
Alaska.  
Unmolested for thousands of years,  
Isolated, remote and alone:  
Her hard face glacial with frozen tears,  
While over her shoulders and in her ears  
The winds of the North Land wail and moan,  
In the ears of old Mother Alaska.  
A party of prospectors passed that way,  
And they thought the old face had forgotten its frown,  
And, pausing, they pulled her white robe away  
And found her treasure: "Ah, c'est que c'est?"  
Said the French Canadian, kneeling down,  
At the feet of old Mother Alaska.  
They told their story and men went wild,  
And pawed their chateaus and joined race.  
The old crown glistened her gold and smiled,  
And the gold-mad men of the world beguiled.  
With a promise of fortune in that that place,  
At the feet of old Mother Alaska.

WHY WAR IS IMPROBABLE.  
There is Nothing to Gain by a Resort to Arms.  
New York Commercial Advertiser.  
The point is well made and sustained with some detail of illustration in a discussion of the Cuban situation, said to have been approved by a member of the Cabinet, that we could obtain no just reparation from Spain by war for the loss of the Maine, which may not be obtained through the simple, ordinary routine of diplomatic negotiation should we prove her reprehensible for destruction of the ship. This view is now generally now taken and the Maine incident is losing the importance first given to it. But the same principle applies to the larger relation of the relations of Cuba to Spain, and our national interest, to which we must return as soon as the question of the Maine is out of the way. We have nothing to gain either for Cuba or for ourselves by making war on Spain, which cannot be obtained, with patience and resolution, in the ordinary routine of peaceful negotiation.  
We have no desire to acquire Cuba. There is almost no difference of opinion in the United States on that point. Some of us desire to see Cuba independent, but the more thoughtful, while believing that ultimate independence is inevitable, realize that the Cubans are no more fit for it than for American Statehood, and that the political, social and industrial state of the island population probably would be changed by it without being greatly improved. It is certain that we would make war on Spain no more for the bare object of independence of Cuba than to acquire it for ourselves.  
What then? We want to put an end to a bloody and exhausting war, which has injured American trade and ruined American property. We want to relieve the distressing sufferings of the Cuban people, loyalist, insurgent and passive alike. And we wish to see the Cubans under autonomous government, suited to their needs and capacity, relieved of the burden of Spanish extravagance and corruption and the industrial restraints of Spanish colonial policy, so that they can exploit the fertility of their soil and obtain products for exchange with our own, for the mutual advantage of both peoples. This is the aim and limit of what we want to do in Cuba.  
Not one of these objects would be advanced by making war on Spain. Every word would be retarded. The war, which has worn itself out, would be revived and extended. The sufferings of the Cubans would be intensified and our relief, which could rescue existing Cuban from privation at one-hundredth part of the cost of war, would be cut off. Autonomy would be made out of the question and the only object of victory would be the independence of an annexation, which prudent Americans regard as disagreeable alternatives. The most we could gain by war is less than we can reasonably expect by continuance of negotiation on the present lines. From the Danville Register.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.  
The unnecessary war scare of last week naturally had some effect upon stocks, especially upon those stocks which are the footfalls of speculators, but, as a whole, the market was remarkably steady. The reason for this steadiness is not far to seek. Business has been steadily improving for several months. There has been no sudden boom, but the general return of business activity with corresponding gains to the great transportation lines. The report of railroad earnings shows not only an increase over last year, but an increase over the corresponding period of 1912. There have been enormous shipments of flour and grain to help the trade improvement. The shipments of flour and grain have exceeded 151,300,000 bushels since July 1, against 114,200,000 bushels last year, and corn shipments have also shown an increase from 102,800,000 bushels last year to 115,000,000 since July 1. The woolen mills of the country have been doing a steady business with raw wool bought at prices lower than are now ruling, but whether they can continue after their supplies of raw wool have been exhausted remains problematical. Cotton manufacturers have suffered from a variety of causes, but some improvement is noted. The iron and steel industries have been greatly improved, business increasing notwithstanding the advance in prices. The boot and shoe trade is also active, the general improvement in all of these important lines being reflected in payments through the clearing houses, which were nearly 50 per cent. greater in February, 1918, than in February of last year and over 20 per cent. greater than in 1912—the year before the period of depression set in. There has been considerable foreign demand for American securities, which probably accounts for a gold shipment from Europe, though

A good camp meeting brother whose religious zeal knew no bounds, had a not unfamiliar habit, when praying, of "beating the air" with his hands flying out and coming down in all directions.  
During a revival meeting the brother succeeded in getting into the tent of a character in town to go forward for prayer. Then he knelt beside him and began to pray for him, and every few seconds, in the energy of his efforts, he brought his hand down on the man's head and back.  
The fellow stood it calmly for a while, but the blows continuing to fall heavily he got to dodging them and wobbled out of reach on his knees.  
The man who was doing the praying had his eyes closed, but, missing him, he wobbled after him, and continued to emphasize his periods on the sinner's back.  
Finally, winding up his rather long petition for grace, he asked:  
"How do you feel now, brother?"  
"Plum knocked out!" was the reply.  
"If you had anything agin' me, why did you come in ter take it out on me? Why don't you come outside, like a man, an' give me a fair show? You've knocked the devil out of me—you hasn't!"  
"Thank the Lord for that!" exclaimed the praying brother, "that's exactly what I started out to do. 'The Lord be praised!'"

THEY OFFER \$100  
For any Case of Nervous or Sexual Weakness in Men  
No fake cure, but a scientific treatment administered by physicians in good standing, and specialists in their line. The State Medical Company cures Lost Vitality, Nervous and Sexual Weakness, and restores life force in old and young men. They will guarantee to cure you or forfeit \$100 should they fail, where their medicines are taken according to directions. NO MONEY REQUIRED IN ADVANCE. Deposit the money with your banker to be paid to them when you are cured—not before. The State Medical Company is an incorporated company with a capital stock of \$50,000, and their guarantee is worth 100 cents on the dollar. Their treatment is truly a MAGICAL TREATMENT, and may be taken at home under their directions or they will pay railroad fare and hotel bills to all who prefer to go to headquarters, if they fail to cure. This Company does not supply anything free; they charge a reasonable price if they effect a cure, and nothing if they don't, and they will tell you exactly what it will do for you before you take it. Full information on request. Write today.

WHOLESALE ROBBERIES IN S. C.  
Prominent People Said to be Implicated in Looting Railroad Warehouses and Stores.  
Columbia, S. C., March 4.—Detectives are uncovering a gang of outlaws in Newberry county which has been operating for several years in normal conditions. Fully forty farmers, some of them the wealthiest in that region, are implicated. Seven arrests have been made. The plunder has been taken from stores and depots. One item was forty kegs of giant powder. For a long time the stores, railroad stations and cotton houses have been robbed from stores and gin houses burned. But no great efforts were made to capture the criminals.  
Many citizens saw men whom they knew driving out of town with wagon loads of goods taken from the stores, but feared to report them, because they would be killed.  
Southern railroads have suffered much from the robbers, and have threatened to cease to deliver goods in some places.  
The recent robbing and burning of E. R. Hipp's store was followed by the robbery of a car load of goods.  
As the immediate result of detective work, James A. Hiser and his three married sons, John S. Bickley and H. B. Anderson and three negroes have been committed to jail.

STATE MEDICAL CO.  
OMAHA, NEB.  
Sole 64 Range Bldg.  
Dissolution of Firm.  
Notice is hereby given that the firm, composed of L. P. Sorrell and J. T. Holloway, has been dissolved by mutual consent and J. T. Holloway is authorized to receive all payments due the firm and he will also pay any indebtedness the firm owes.  
L. P. SORRELL,  
Raleigh, Feb. 5, 1918.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered, you have a dispirited look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pained look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good alterative and tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at any drug store. 50 cents per bottle.

**\$10,000**  
Worth of Furniture  
To Be Sold  
By June the First.  
We have moved our entire stock of goods \$10,000 worth into our house we occupy next to Woolcott's & Sons.  
We are crowded for time and by the time we get our new building completed June the 1st, we intend to sell every dollars worth of goods we have.  
Bed Room Suits,  
PARLOR SUITS,  
Chairs, Rockers,  
Wardrobes, Chiffoniers  
KITCHING FURNITURE  
Of every description. A large line of fancy CENTER TABLES, Pictures and easels to be sold at some price.  
DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR LINE OF NEW MATTING AND FLOOR OIL CLOTH.  
We have bought the prettiest line of Baby Carriages ever shown in Raleigh.  
We cannot make room for them and must sell them out at once.  
A full line of Cook stove. All goods will be sold either for cash or upon easy weekly payments.  
**Thomas & Campbell.**  
P. O. 112 East Martin Street. Phone 261 C

FARMERS' SUPPLIES!  
B. IRBY,  
DEALER IN  
Agricultural Implements,  
Field and Garden Seeds, Feed and Fertilizers,  
BICYCLES, HARDWARE, STANDARD SEWING MACHINES.  
RALEIGH, N. C.

OVER \$100,000  
Annually Furnish by Operation of the  
Remington Standard  
Typewriter.  
Don't think of it! More than the GOLD RESERVE of THE UNITED STATES. The "Remington" does the writing of the world.  
Typewriters, Ribbons and General Supplies.

T. B. HEARTT, Agt.,  
RALEIGH, N. C.  
NEW MACHINE SHOP.  
EQUIPPED WITH LATEST IMPROVED MACHINERY AND TOOLS.

P. D. C. Machine Company  
209 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh.  
PRACTICAL MACHINISTS & ENGINEERS.  
Estimates and Plans Furnished Without Cost.  
We do all our own work and know it is done right. Our prices are right, satisfaction guaranteed. Steam and gas engines, boilers and pumps, saw mills, lancers, pulleys and shafting, pipe and pipe fittings.  
Supplies of all kinds.  
STEAM AND HOT WATER HEATING  
Repair Work a Specialty.  
H. G. DEWEY, SUPERINTENDENT.

KLONDIKE!  
Don't go there unless you are well supplied with  
Simpson's Liver Pills!  
You are more than likely to be troubled with Nasal Catarrh if you don't use Simpson's Ointment, which is a sure cure.  
Send Your Work to the  
OAK CITY  
STEAM  
LAUNDRY.  
And secure the best laundry work possible.  
J. K. MARSHALL,  
PROPRIETOR.

Piso's Cure For Consumption  
Como, Wis., Jan. 10, 1918.  
I would not be without PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION for anything. For a bad Cough or Cold it is beyond all others.  
Mrs. C. REYNOLDS.  
Hyannis, Neb., Jan. 2, 1918.  
I regard PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION as the best Cough medicine on the market, having used it for 15 years.  
J. A. WESTOVER.

"The Best Cough Medicine."  
Notice of Valuable Personal Property for Taxes Delinquent Taxpayers Take Notice.  
By virtue of the authority vested in me by Sec. 52 of the charter of the city of Raleigh and in pursuance of a levy made by me February 11, 1918, on the property hereinafter described I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on Thursday, March 3, 1918, at 1 o'clock p. m., at the printing shop of E. M. Uzzell, in said city, the following personal property to wit: Printing presses, type and bledry in said printing shop, the same being the property of said E. M. Uzzell, said sale being for taxes due said 1917, amounting to \$57.35, and also for the penalty authorized by the charter of said city, and the costs of levy, sale and advertisement.  
C. F. LUMSDEN, Tax Collector,  
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19, 1918.

SEE THIS!  
From now on we will keep a full line of roses, carnations and other cut flowers. Bouquets and floral designs made up in best style at shortest notice. Call on us for palms, ferns, and all kind of plants and bouquets. Show trees and evergreens to order. Plants kept reasonable.

J. L. O'Quinn & Co  
Raleigh, N. C.  
TELEPHONE 149.

MORTGAGE SALE.  
By virtue of authority conferred by a mortgage executed by John Edwards deceased, and recorded in Register's office of Wake county, N. C., Book 128, page 396 dated Jan. 14, 1913, I will on Monday the 25th day of Feb. 1918 at the court house door in the city of Raleigh at 12 o'clock M. sell to the highest bidder for cash the property described in said mortgage and joining the lands of V. C. Glenn, W. A. Lamb, and others, being lot with brick cottage corner of Bloodworth, and Pace streets, conveyed by W. C. Stronach to said John Edwards deceased. At same time and place one hundred acres more or less adjoining the lands of Mary Ann Rogers, Stafford Walder, and others more fully described in mortgage executed to W. C. and A. B. Stronach by Duncan Moring dated, March 22nd, 1888, and recorded in Register's office of Wake county, Book 104, page 88, being tract of land on which Jacob Moring formerly resided.  
W. C. STRONACH, Mortgagee,  
Box 26304.

IS THAT PATENTABLE?  
Send Sketch, description and fee for examination to  
EUGENE W. JOHNSON, Attorney,  
Established 1862—Warder Building, Opposite Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.  
Condensed Schedule in effect Feb. 27, 1918.  
TRAINS LEAVE RALEIGH DAILY:  
GOLDENROD AND CHATTANOOGA LIMITED.  
7:40 p. m. Daily Limited Train from Goldsboro to Charlotte, 7:00 a. m. Salisbury, Morganton, Hot Springs and Knoxville.  
Connects at Durham for Oxford, Charlotte and Key-Isle except Sunday. At Greensboro with the Washington and Southern both via the Atlantic coast and with main line trains to Ft. Lauderdale, Richmond and Norfolk via the Norfolk station. Also has connections for Winston-Salem and with main line train No. 75, United States, East, Atlantic, Charlotte, Spartanburg, Greenville, Atlanta and all points South, also Columbia, Augusta, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville and all points in Florida. Sleeping Car for Atlanta, Jacksonville and Greensboro with Sleeping Car for Augusta.  
11:57 a. m. Daily—Solid Train Greensboro to Goldsboro.  
Connects at Selma for Wilson, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Richmond, Washington and Fayetteville and intermediate stations on the Washington and Charlotteville Short Line, daily, except Sunday, at Goldsboro for Norfolk and Shoreham City, daily for Goldsboro and Wilmington and intermediate stations on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad.  
EXPRESS TRAIN.  
8:52 a. m. Daily—Announces at Durham for Oxford, Key-Isle, Richmond, Norfolk and all points North.  
EXPRESS TRAIN.  
2:40 p. m. Daily—For Goldsboro and intermediate stations.  
NORFOLK AND CHATTANOOGA LIMITED.  
4:00 a. m. Connects at Greensboro for all points North and South, 6:00 a. m. and 10:00 a. m. for all points North and South, 12:00 p. m. for all points North and South, 2:00 p. m. for all points North and South, 4:00 p. m. for all points North and South, 6:00 p. m. for all points North and South, 8:00 p. m. for all points North and South, 10:00 p. m. for all points North and South.  
NORFOLK AND CHATTANOOGA LIMITED.  
4:00 a. m. Daily From all points East, Norfolk, Tarboro, Weldon, and Water Lines.  
GREENSBORO AND GOLDENROD LIMITED.  
11:57 a. m. Daily From New York, Washington, Lynchburg, Danville and Greensboro, Charlottesville, Knoxville, Hot Springs and Asheville.  
EXPRESS TRAIN.  
8:52 a. m. Daily—From Greensboro and intermediate stations.  
LOCAL.  
1:40 a. m. Daily From Greensboro and all points North and South. Sleeping Car from Greensboro to Norfolk.  
8:00 p. m. Daily—Except Sunday—From Goldsboro and all points East.  
Local freight trains also carry passengers.  
Pullman Cars on night train from Raleigh to Greensboro.  
Through Pullman Vestibule Drawing Room Buffet Sleeping Car and Vestibule Couches without change on Norfolk limited.  
Double daily trains between Raleigh, Charlotte and Atlanta, quick time, unexcelled accommodation.  
For rates, maps and full information, if you are going to travel, write or call on  
THAD C. STURGIS,  
T. A. St. Leger, Union Depot.  
No trouble to answer questions.  
FLANK S. GANNON,  
Third V. P. & G. M.  
W. A. TURK, Gen. Pass. Agent,  
J. M. CULP, Traffic Manager.