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The longer they fight the less we  
will have to lick when our time  
comes. Whoop it up!

President of the United States of  
Europe wouldn't sound so bad, and  
is quite within the possibilities.

Be not alarmed! That rumble in  
the distance is only the army of candidates  
preparing to charge the noble  
voter at the polls.

The rulers of Europe are all linked  
together by marriage, which is  
proof positive that a family jar is  
about the worst brand of scrap on  
record.

It is already being said that when  
the Kaiser gets licked he is coming  
to New York to live; that he has been  
making heavy investments in this  
country with this in view.

The rural press, the pulpit and the  
school are a trinity of powerful influences  
that the farmer must utilize  
to their fullest capacity before he  
can occupy a commanding position  
in public affairs.

Free Press says: Kingston's tobacco  
market continues in a satisfactory  
condition. The breaks are not as  
large as could be desired, but then  
they are far better than the first  
reflections of the war situation anticipated.

The service of Christ is "perfect  
freedom." Therein the highest faculties  
of the human spirit find their  
fullest and most unhampered expression.  
The liberty that is life is found  
in obedience to the law of Him who  
has made us free.

That was a neat trick Lord Kitchener  
played on the Germans when he  
transported 250,000 Russians around  
through the Arctic ocean and landed  
them in France before anyone had an  
idea of what was going on, thus causing  
the Germans to change their  
plans about taking Paris.

The Statesville Landmark says  
that an Iredell farmer lost last week  
21 sheep and goats, killed by worthless  
dogs. It is high time that the  
people of Iredell, and for that matter,  
of every county in the State  
were taking some measures that  
would do away with this worthless  
evil.

The farm is the power-house of all  
progress and the birthplace of all  
that is noble. The farm is the nur-  
sery of civilization and the parson-  
age of all religious denominations.  
The farmer asks no special privi-  
leges. The business of farming only  
wants the same opportunities af-  
forded other lines of industry.

The majority of the nations have  
acknowledged President Wilson's of-  
fer of friendly mediation. And we  
can have the satisfaction of knowing  
that if mediation is attempted it  
will be charity towards all and malice  
towards none. Even in war, this  
country loves fair play, in spite of  
individual prejudice and wants only  
the best to win.

The September report of the Uni-  
ted States Department of Agriculture  
just issued estimates the production  
of tobacco in the United States  
this year at 682,000,000 against 953,-  
000,000 pounds last year. The esti-  
mate for North Carolina is 133,000,-  
000 pounds this year in comparison  
with 167,000,500 pounds last year.  
Estimates for wheat and corn show  
large increases over last year.

If the Democrats win the Congress-  
ional elections this fall, as seems sure,  
the Republicans will swear by all that  
is good and bad that the war in Eu-  
rope was the cause and if Wilson is  
again elected two years hence, as he  
is sure to be if he lives, they will say  
the same thing, even if the conflict  
over on the other side ends soon. But  
war or no war, Wilson will win be-  
cause the people know he is a states-  
man and know that he saved this  
country from war with Mexico.—Ex-

The demand for tobacco stems  
from Europe, which, as a rule, is  
very large, is certain to be cut off  
in view of war conditions, and ex-  
perts in Washington are pointing out  
that these stems are valuable as fer-  
tilizers, especially to the American  
grower of tobacco. Stems from cigar  
factories, or "seed stems," if used  
in the proportion of about two tons  
to the acre, will prove better than  
manure for tobacco farms, it is as-  
serted. Stems from tobacco factories  
or stemmeries, if used in the propor-  
tion of two and one-half tons to the  
acre, will produce excellent results.

The State's prison authorities are  
busy just now denying a published  
report that the prison directors in  
conference with Governor Craig, had  
determined to plant no cotton on the  
State farm in Halifax county next  
year. This to be the beginning of a  
movement for farmers throughout  
the State to cut out cotton the com-  
ing crop season. It is declared that,  
however desirable this course may  
come to be as the market conditions  
and the course of the European war  
develops, there has been no action by  
the prison directors and no confer-  
ence of the directors with the Govern-  
or on the subject.

An interesting side issue of the Eu-  
ropean war is its probable influence  
upon American politics—a subject  
upon which we can have no definite  
information until the elections in  
November. At first glance the advan-  
tage would seem to lie with the  
Democrats, on the general principle  
that in crossing a stream it is not  
safe to swap horses and that the  
Wilson administration has shown it-  
self wise and energetic in safeguard-  
ing and promoting American inter-  
ests at this very critical period of the  
world's history. Then, too, the presi-  
dent's pacific policy, especially in his  
handling of the difficult Mexican situ-  
ation, shines with the greater glory  
when it is compared with the crook-  
ed and blundering diplomacy that  
has plunged Europe into chaos.

**CONFLICT DISCREDITS CHRIST**

The saddest thing about the Euro-  
pean war is that it discredits Chris-  
tianity before the world, says the  
Christian Herald. Many who disbe-  
lieve the doctrines of Christianity  
are utterly and bitterly opposed to  
war. They know that all the nations  
involved in the present struggle call  
themselves Christian nations. They  
read that the opposing sovereigns ex-  
horted their armies to pray for vic-  
tory, which can only mean success in  
slaughter. They say: "This is  
Christianity," and turn away in dis-  
gust.

The only answer can be that this  
is not Christianity. A great pagan  
was once asked what he thought of  
Christianity, and replied: "It has  
never been tried." So the govern-  
ments of Europe to-day are not put-  
ting their Christianity into practice.  
Christ never taught co-operation and  
self-denial and helpfulness for indi-  
viduals and strife, self-assertion and  
oppression for nations. They have  
misunderstood, and are misrepresent-  
ing Him.

Visitors to the Sistine Chapel in  
the Vatican purchase mirrors from  
the guides so that through the mir-  
rors they may gaze comfortably at  
the exquisite Michael Angelo paint-  
ings on the ceiling. Just so people  
will not raise their eyes to look at  
God. But they have their eyes fixed  
on you. You are expected to show  
them what Christ is like.

Counsel for the Southern Express  
Company has asked the corporation  
commission to reduce the assessment  
of the company on the ground that  
it has suffered a serious loss of re-  
venue since the 1913 assessment. The  
amount of the 1914 assessment is  
\$710,000.

**GASOLINE, COURTESY AND GOOD-  
WILL**

Seven years ago the automobile  
was a plaything. Men who drove a  
machine were more or less heroes—  
also more or less brigands. The spirit  
of the larriginn and the hoodlum sat  
at the wheel.

If a farmer did not get out of the  
way quick enough there were shouts  
of "Clear the track!" "What's the  
matter with you?" "I will take a  
wheel off you next!"

It is the rule now of the good  
autoist never to use strong language,  
nor even resent coarse language and  
epithet when applied by others.

If you sit at a wheel you cannot  
afford to lose your temper.

All of the neaves you possess must  
be used in carrying your machine  
through to safety. As for stinging  
somebody up with a few aquafortis  
words—that is a thing of the past.

The traveler now no longer con-  
siders himself a section of the Day  
of Judgment.

We used to talk about the dan-  
gers of travel; now we are begin-  
ning to understand Aristotle's dictum  
to Alexander the Great: "The ene-  
mies of an army are in its own  
camp."

A man's enemies are in his own  
part.

His enemies are his limitations—  
his impatience, his hot haste, his de-  
sire to get even, his fear of being in-  
jured or defrauded.

Well has it been said: "There is  
no devil but fear." Also, well did  
the old Quaker say to his son, "Heze-  
kiah" thee will never see a worse  
devil than when thee looks in a  
mirror."

There is something heroic about  
having sixty-horsepower at your  
finger tips, or reached by the pres-  
sure of the foot, and yet never using  
this power to the limit. About it  
there is a quality that makes you  
proud and gives a dignity which  
men without power never possess.

It so happens that the running of  
an automobile with this tremendous  
power within your reach tends to  
give a sort of freedom from all lit-  
tle perplexing cares.

If a teamster blocks the way un-  
necessarily you do not roar at him;  
but, if possible, you catch his eye,  
smile, wave your hand, and he gets  
the idea and partakes of this spirit  
and responds.

The automobile clubs all over the  
country undoubtedly have done  
much to make peace between the  
man who hasn't an automobile and  
the one who has.

For a while we had a beautiful  
contempt for the man with a ma-  
chine, and we spoke of the Red  
Devil, having the chauffeur and own-  
er quite as much in mind as the ma-  
chine.

No decent chauffeur now will run  
over chickens, dogs, ducks, or geese  
if he can help it. He keeps his  
machine well in hand when passing  
by houses where animals or persons  
may appear. He is considerate of  
the feelings of others.

There used to be an old maxim  
running thus: "If I can do a kind  
act or say a kind word, let me say  
it now, for I may not pass this way  
again."

The autoist, however, realizes that  
he will pass this way again! also  
hundreds and thousands of other au-  
toists will pass this way again, and  
his endeavor is to leave a kindly re-  
membrance behind rather than one  
of wrath or indifference.

This being true, every good au-  
toist now endeavors to pass out good-  
will, courtesy, kindness, as he goes,  
knowing that he probably will be  
back "this way again," and that ev-  
erything he gives out returns to him.  
Thus do we get, in degree a  
glimpse of the brotherhood of man.

The idea that humanity is one, and  
that we cannot injure another with-  
out injuring ourself, is finding lodg-  
ment in the heart of the race.

As I rode through the country I  
noticed at a sharp turn in the road,  
or on a high hill, there are signs up  
—"Thank You," or "Be Considerate,  
You Are Approaching a Village."  
Then I saw one with this "Good Boy  
—Shake!"

The man who devised these short,  
sharp, epigrammatic slogans and  
then printed them on boards and  
nailed these upon trees, telegraph  
poles and fences, was certainly a  
benefactor of his kind.

All through that particular dis-  
trict we sort of felt kindly toward  
everybody and waved our hands in  
greeting at passing machines and  
people in their houses.

The good-will that somebody had  
given out was caught on our wire-  
less and passed along.—Elbert Hub-  
bard.

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**THE WHITE HOUSE**

Over 100 Years Ago it Was Guttred  
By Fire

One hundred years ago the "Presi-  
dent's palace," at Washington was  
guttred by fire. It was at the time  
of the war of 1812. In the flickering  
light of burning Washington, the  
scarlet-coated figures of the incendi-  
aries, the soldiers of the British King,  
were to be seen rioting in the streets  
of the city they had captured after  
President Madison and his cabinet  
and most of the citizens had fled at  
their approach. In the general flight  
Dolly Madison, the President's wife,  
lingered long enough to cut George  
Washington's portrait from the frame  
and carry it off to safety.

It is related that the President's  
dinner was still steaming on the table  
when the British burst into the "pal-  
ace," as it was then called. In the  
light case by the burning Capital, the  
Treasury building, the arsenal and  
one thousand volumes contained in  
the Congressional Library, the troop-  
ers rushed to the "palace." Some seized  
flaming brands from a burning  
saloon and thrust them into the drap-  
eries of the President's house. Mir-  
rors, furniture and bric-a-brac were  
smashed, while the flames burned un-  
til they had gutted the interior and  
scorched the exterior. When the  
"palace" was repaired the fire marks  
were obliterated on the outside with  
white paint. This, it is said, is the  
way in which the building became  
known as the "White House."

Today the White House is visited  
by more than 1,000 persons every  
day. More historical events have cen-  
tered around this building in the  
world during the last century. Twenty-  
eight Presidents and their families  
have lived in it and two have died  
within its walls. Lincoln went from  
its red room to his assassination at  
Ford Theatre; Garfield was carried  
unconscious to its shelter, where he  
lingered in pain for some time before  
he was removed to Elberston. The  
greatest statesmen of the world have  
assembled here to discuss the desti-  
nies of nations. Its magnificent ball-  
room has been the scene of functions  
whose splendor has rivaled those of  
the most sumptuous of European  
courts. Here the chief executive  
conducts his business.

To maintain the White House re-  
quires over \$250,000 a year, includ-  
ing horses and vehicles, etc., \$35,000;  
fuel, \$6,000; lighting, \$8,000. To-  
day the White House has been en-  
larged to accommodate the growing  
official family of the President's. It  
has been reported that since its foun-  
dation the American people have  
spent more than \$3,000,000 to keep  
it in proper order.

**"THE SINS OF THE FATHER"**

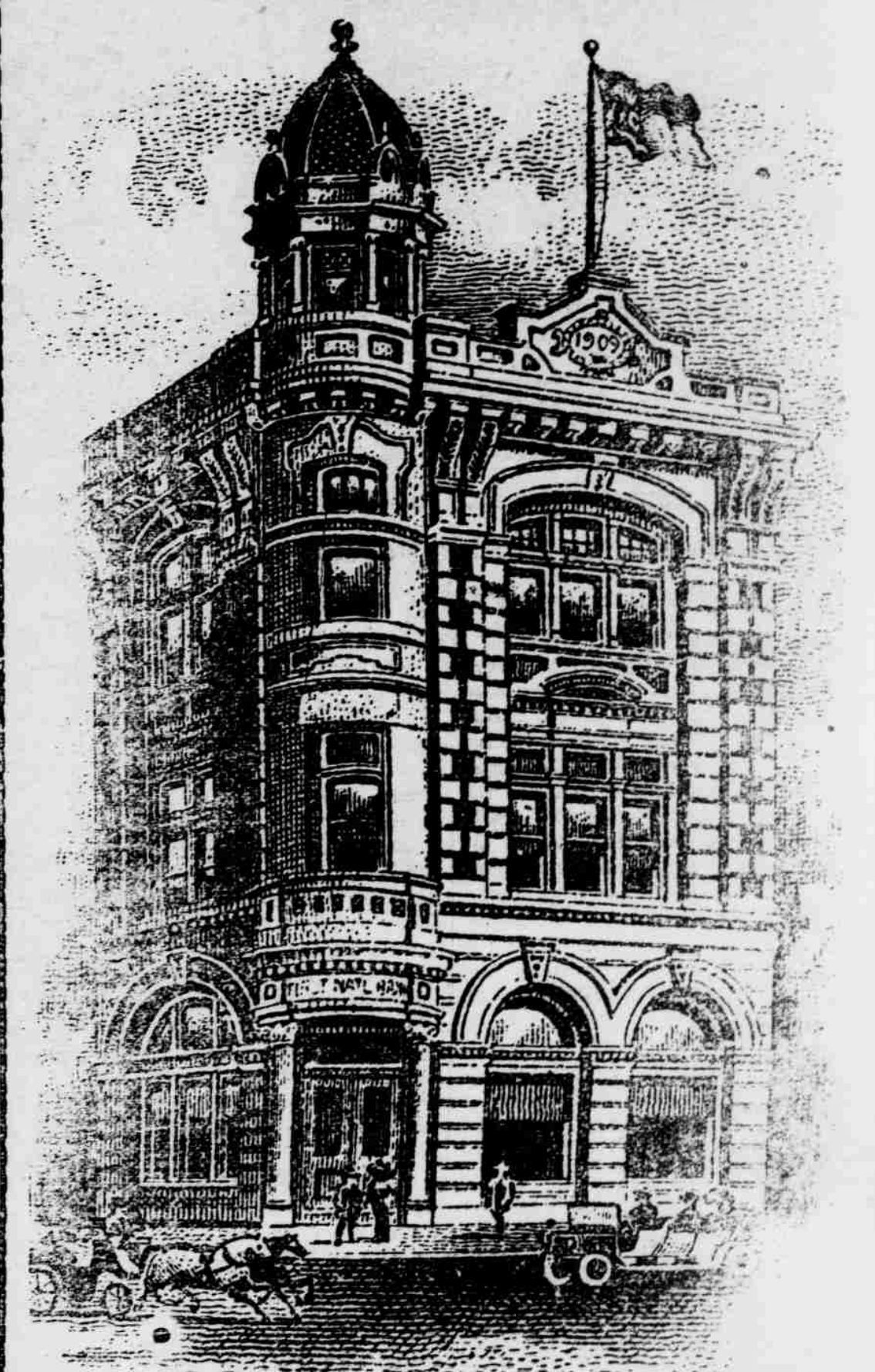
One of the season's most notable  
offerings at the Orpheum Theatre is  
Thomas Dixon's "The Sins of the  
Father." The thousands of readers  
throughout the United States admit-  
ting the great possibilities of the  
story from a dramatic point of view  
will be glad of the opportunity of



seeing it on the stage. It is tremen-  
dous in its dramatic possibilities, and  
the comedy running throughout is  
ludicrous, quaint and pure. There  
are no more interesting writers of  
fiction than Thomas Dixon and in  
presenting his masterpiece there is  
surely a treat in store for those who  
desire to see it in dramatic form. It  
will be presented Friday, Sept. 18.

Still in the Field—Gen. Dan Cupid  
is still in the field and conquers all  
comers, whether old or young. But  
there is still a number of bachelors  
in Oxford and the county held in re-  
serve.

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new for this state in the way of a mun-  
icipal swimming pool, open to the  
public without cost.

While attending Wilson Superior  
Court as a juror, T. P. Henderson  
was stricken with paralysis and died  
in a short time.

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