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"Daniel G. Reid says that men capable of operating 8,000 miles of railroad are entitled to all they can get in the way of salary." And mostly get all they are entitled to.

When this war is over we think the United States ought to get the Nobel peace prize for staying out of it. But after eight months of war, had you reflected that there isn't a single hostile army on German soil?

If you will keep your finger on the pulse of the tobacco market you will notice that the man who raises five acres of good tobacco and handles it right gets a good price and makes more money than the fellow who raises ten acres and handles it poorly.

If there is a county in North Carolina that has forgotten how to play the game, it is not Wake. They want to increase the board of county commissioners from five to seven. There is a hen somewhere.—Greensboro Record.

About 300 Turkish soldiers are quartered at the orphanage of the Church Missionary Society at Jerusalem. Information recently received from Cairo is to the effect that the missionary in charge is nursing the sick soldiers and that she is safe.

The American Woolen Company admits that it earned at least 5 per cent on its capital stock in 1914. The contention that the Democratic tariff has ruined the woolen industry probably is due to the fact that the woolen manufacturers are not satisfied with making 2 per cent more than a North Carolinian can get for the loan of his money.

This, to repeat, was on July 25. Serbia had not replied to Austria's ultimatum; Russia's action had been limited to a request that more time be allowed Serbia. Yet Szapary was assured that his German colleague knew that in case of war with Russia, Germany would join with Austria. Is there more than one conclusion our readers can draw from this amazing confession?

The same men in congress who voted against woman suffrage voted against the child-labor bill. It is a curious condition that men who are unjust to women are unjust to children. Men who would deprive women of the protection of the ballot are the same men who exploit little children. With an army of unemployed men, it is a national outrage that little children should be sacrificed in the factories of America.

Extensive preparations are being made for a large crop of tobacco in South Carolina and eastern North Carolina and in parts of Virginia, says the Tobacco Journal. With good seasons and plenty of plants a large crop will be planted. However, there is no cause for alarm. When the war clouds pass away and peace again comes to the world, there will be such a demand for tobacco as has never been seen before. But of course we cannot tell when the war will end.

TAX ASSESSMENTS
(Statesville Landmark)

There was much contention in the house of the assembly over the machinery act. In 1911 the machinery act provided for a county assessor. So far as could be observed, speaking generally, the county assessor system increased the cost of assessment—that and nothing more. Hence there was much opposition to the county assessor this year.

The idea is a very good one if carried out in good faith. This year it is provided that there shall be put one assessor in each township; the county assessor shall visit each township, meet with the local assessor and fix value on the real estate; the county commissioners remain a county board of equalization.

If the township assessors were men who knew the value of the property in their township, of intelligence enough to fix a fair taxable value on all alike, and of courage enough to stand by it, and if county assessors

were men of like qualifications, they could, with their knowledge of values obtained by visiting the whole county, at least fix a fairer valuation than has been the custom. But the Landmark expects no such results. Things will rock along about as usual. Inasmuch as it is proposed, in putting on a county assessor, to cut out one assessor in each township, the county assessor does not increase the cost and the change can do no harm, even if it does no particular good. The objection raised by legislators that they didn't want the assessor for their counties "named in Raleigh" was talk. In the first place, if the assessment of property is ever even proportionately equalized under the present system, it must be done by outsiders. Home folks will always hold down the assessment. In the second place, the assessor won't be "named in Raleigh." His name will be sent there by the folks who run things back home.

The worst evil by far in the tax system is the custom of discriminating against cheaper property and small taxpayers by fixing a higher value in proportion to its worth than is fixed on more valuable property. Everybody who knows anything about tax assessments realizes the outrageous injustice of the system, but it is continued without excuse simply because it is a custom. A citizen quoted by the Raleigh News and Observer makes the same statement about this matter that the Landmark and other newspapers and people have so often stressed, and he offers a remedy that has been often suggested and that could be easily applied, and that is, first find the value, the cash value, of every piece of real estate and then agree on a basis of assessment, 25 per cent, 50 per cent or whatever may be considered necessary; but first fix the cash value, then apply the same percentage of assessment to all, and all will be treated alike. That can be done and it is the only just way. But it is too much to expect.

REV. LEN BROUGHTON ON THE EUROPEAN WAR
(Raleigh News and Observer)

Tall, lean, pacing to and fro with a nervous energy which even illness may hardly abate, Dr. Len G. Broughton, who has just resigned his London pastorate, talked most interestingly yesterday of war conditions in England.

Dr. Broughton is a Raleigh visitor for a few days, the guest of Mr. N. B. Broughton, on New Bern Avenue. The South's most noted divine and ablest preachers bears the marks of recent illness—yet it is the same old, indomitable spirit, the same old unconquerable energy which is manifest in his every movement, and which gleams as of old from those gray eyes behind the steel-rimmed spectacles.

"The capitol at Washington looked bigger to me yesterday than ever before in my life," said Dr. Broughton. "In fact, it not only looked bigger, but in my mind I am completely satisfied that it is bigger. America is now passing through a great opportunity and a great testing time as viewed from the world outside.

"We left England the day before the Germans declared their blockade of the Irish Sea, on the Baltic. The ship's sailing had been advanced several days, anticipating this blockade, and had this not been done two-thirds of the passenger list might have been cancelled.

"We were conveyed out for a considerable distance—through the danger zone. There were trawlers and mine-sweepers in front of us, on either side torpedo boat destroyers and mine trawlers to the rear. They remained with us until we left the Irish Sea, and from that time until we reached New York we were in constant sight of British cruisers.

"About 250 miles outside of New York harbor we saw a number of British cruisers guarding the Ambrose channel. They were ready for action—all of them magnificent fighting machines—and were watching and waiting for the German ships now in New York harbor. I didn't know but what it might be wise for the Germans to remain in the harbor. In fact, I am sure it would be, from their point of view.

"The Baltic travelled in absolute darkness all the way across the Atlantic. Not only were all the windows and port holes heavily curtained, but between the latticework and the windows brown papers was placed every night. Inside the great ship was a blaze of illumination, but outwardly it was but a gigantic indefinite shape hurling through seas no darker than the ship itself.

"How long will this war last, Dr. Broughton?"
"That is a question of course, that every well informed and thinking Englishman is asking himself today," replied the distinguished divine.

"England has just completed an army of three million men and is preparing to ask for another million—all volunteers. It can easily be seen that Germany and her allies are losing in numbers while the English and their allies are gaining heavily through these new recruits."

RUN an advertisement in our WANT column, and see what surprising results you will get in return.

THE CRAVEN BUDGET

A Subject Which is Arousing Political Speculation
(Winston-Salem Journal)

If Mr. Bruce Craven knows what he is talking about something interesting is going to happen in the political world of North Carolina next year. Returning from Washington a few days ago, Mr. Craven said that he had it pretty straight that Governor Craig would be appointed Federal Judge in this end of the State to succeed Judge Boyd who will voluntarily retire from the bench next year. This, of course, would mean that Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge would succeed Governor Craig and we suppose that that in turn would mean that the Lieutenant Governor, being Governor, could not, under the Constitution, run to succeed himself. We are not stating this last for a certainty, but if after having served one term and part of another Colonel Roosevelt was running for a third term when he tried to get elected to the presidency two years ago, then it seems to us that Mr. Daughtridge would be running for a second term if he were to make the race for the governorship after having served part of one term. And our Constitution doesn't permit of any second-term Governors in North Carolina. All of which is respectfully submitted for the satisfaction of the friends of Mr. Bikett who, it would seem, is about to be given a clear field.

TOUGHT TO PAINT

I ought to have painted last year, but I hated to pay \$2 a gallon. I've got to paint this year; it'll take a little more paint; I suppose 1 gallon in 10; and a little more work, I suppose 1 day in 10.
My job would have cost last year about \$50; it is going to cost this year \$55.
\$5 gone. I suppose it'll be the same again, if I wait again.
What if paint goes down to \$1.75 a gallon? \$2.50 on the job!
I shan't wait; what a fool I was!
DEVOTE!
Acme Hardware Company se'lls it.

IN MEMORIAM

Sometimes heaven's demands upon earth's resources are such that earth can ill afford to meet him. Such was conspicuously true in the call of Cender E. Evans, who was taken to her Father's home in glory, Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1915. Cender is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Evans, and was born July 3, 1900. From early childhood she manifested a disposition that made glad the hearts of her devoted christian parents. Her through life brief as it was scattered rays of sunshine, which were absorbed by many; even many above her in point of years, which brightened their lives. She rightly occupies a place among those of whom it is said "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God," and again, "And a little child shall lead them."

She was not only pure but also patient and calm in spirit. All who saw and heard her, during the closing days of her short sojourn among us, wondered when she would speak in such an undisturbed tone of going away, as if to spend a day pleasantly among congenial friends. This was emphasized by her song, which was the rule of her life, which weakened, though not diminished in sweetness, as she neared the distant shore, which after all, is not far from any of us, but has swelled forth among the voices of the countless throng singing the songs of victory. Her voice still lingers, for it was not her own, but that of Jesus, whom she loved from the time she was able to understand His worth as a Savior who was preciously near her until at the end of the journey, she was not, for Jesus took her.

"Far, far away like the bells of evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea,
And laden souls, by thousands meekly stealing,
Kind Shepherd turn their weary steps to Thee."
"Sometimes a light surprises
The Christian while he sings."

Cender, after eight days of suffering untold, has gone to join the loved ones called before, to await the coming of father, mother, brothers, sisters and the faithful of Trinity Methodist church, of which she was a member, and all the "Faithful in Christ Jesus."
She has gone, but her spirit and voice linger.
"Mystic sweet Communion—
With those whose rest is won."
"Oh! Blest communion, fellowship divine!
"We feebly struggle; they in glory shine!
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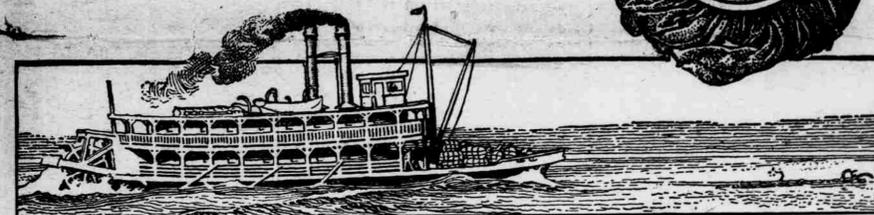
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FLAG AND BIBLE

On February 26, 1915, the Junior Order from Oxford presented Hester school with a Bible and Flag. They are very much appreciated by the community and school. Our program was as follows: Song—America, by the school; Presentation of Bible, by Gen. B. S. Royster; Acceptance by Miss Camilla Pittard; Prayer by Mr. Jones; Presentation of flag by Mr. B. K. Lassiter; Acceptance by Mr. Sam Fleming; talk by Dr. Ben Hays. While the flag was being raised the school sang. The Star Spangled Banner and Columbia the Gem of the Ocean. A STUDENT.

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