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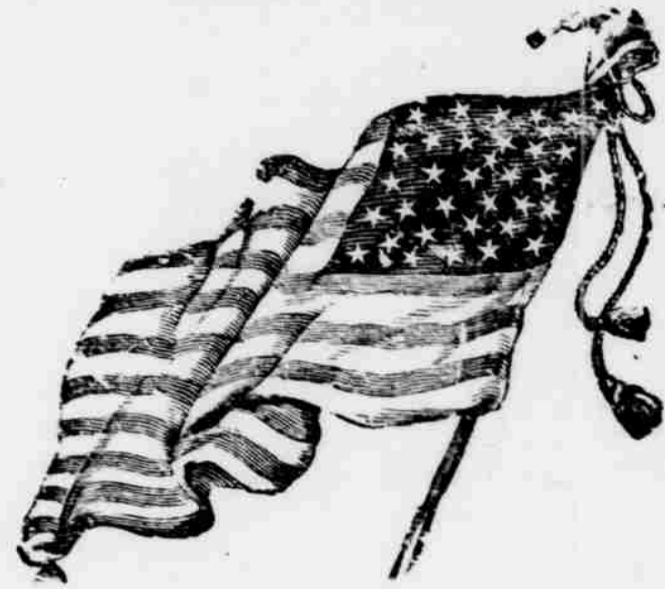
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TAKE AUSTRIA OUT OF WAR

President Wilson's address to Congress is a great war message and at the same time a great peace message. It is a war message for Germany and a peace message for Austria-Hungary.

What Germany has achieved by lies and tricks in detaching Russia from the war. America should match by broad and generous diplomacy in serving vassal Austria from her master, Germany.

Is it possible to do that? The beginning has been made. Austria is war-weary. The German newspapers admit it and express their annoyance. Hungary is hungry for food and peace. Austria-Hungary is tired of her vassalage to Germany. From peasant to prince the yoke of bondage wears heavy and sore. Germany's "Mittel-Europa" policies offer to Austria-Hungary nothing but deeper and more galling bondage in the future.

This morning comes a report of an address in which Emperor Charles declares his desire for a peace which will guarantee Austria-Hungary against disembarkment and oppression, and restore the peoples of Europe to a state of reconciliation and mutual trust. Plainly enough, he is seeking to escape from the war and a way to join a right-minded community of nations.

"The peace we make," said the President "must deliver the people of Austria-Hungary, the peoples of the Balkans and the people of Turkey, alike in Europe and in Asia, from the alien and impudent domination of the Prussian military and commercial autocracy." Austria-Hungary need not wait for the final destruction of Kaiserism to join us in making that peace.

President Wilson has given the Austrian Government and people reassurance of just and honorable terms, promised countenance and support in their need and aspiration for free pathways on the sea, and declared plainly: "It is no affairs of ours what they do with their own life, industrially or politically. We do not purpose or desire to dictate to them in any way. We only desire to see that their affairs are left in their own hands, in all matters, great or small."

If American statesmanship shall accomplish the deliverance of Austria-Hungary, in the manner shown by the President, it will thereby deal such a blow to German power as inevitably will bring the war to a speedy close.

—With Austria and Bulgaria alienated by the Allies, the Kaiser wouldn't have anybody to consort with except the Turks, which would seem to reduce things to their proper classification.

—America has some virtues. For instance, one of them is indicated by the fact that in hundreds of cartoons examined last month in the office of the Review of Reviews there was not a single direct or indirect reflection on the President.

—The British war revenue laws have taxed so many of the theatres out of existence that the Government isn't getting the income it expected from that source. Taxation is something that must be imposed with discrimination; too much is worse than not enough.

GET THEM OUT OF THE WAY.

Prohibitionists and women suffrage advocates are inviting Congress from its larger duties long enough to have constitutional amendments on these pressing war issues passed over to the several States for adoption or rejection.

Little time should be consumed in disposing of these questions. If Congress concludes to take them up—there should be no tiresome debate. Everybody knows precisely what would be said either for or against either proposition; no member's speech would convert any other member.

There is not a man on the floor of either House who does not know just how he expects to vote if the question comes to that stage. Men, why allow more important matters to be delayed by everlasting talk, to the possible embarrassment of urgent war legislation? The argument in favor of leaving both prohibition and woman suffrage to the individual States to decide for themselves independently, is a strong one. But they won't stay there. They are dragged into Congress, no matter what else is pressing.

If there is a two-third vote in each House favoring them the proposed amendments can be passed; if there is not such support for them they will be defeated. In any event, a vote should be taken without a lot of windy preliminaries. Get them out of the way of the nation's war work.

Camp Logan.
(Houston Post.)

We do not know what the record is, but Camp Logan, in operation for three months, with 32,800 soldiers at the present time, reports its first death from natural cause. It is certain no civilian community containing like numbers ever had a record like that.

The Cure.

(Indianapolis Star.)

The real cure for those poor deluded pickets at the White House would be a Federal statute making it a misdemeanor to print their pictures or mention their names in any paper.

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WANTED—LOAN FOR \$500, 12 months time, real estate security. Address "LAND" care Public Ledger. Dec54tf

FOR RENT—THE DUDLEY BULLOCK residence on Broad street, seven rooms and modern improvements. The Horner House under the Large Oak tree in Ridely Park. This place has a good well and a large garden. J. N. Tilley, Guardian; A. A. Hicks, Guardian. Dec84tf

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J. N. NORWOOD WILL SELL A fresh milch cow Thursday at 12 o'clock at the court house door. Dec121tf

BUY YOUR FURNITURE NOW before any advance in price. We have full stock yet awhile. Upchurch & Currin. N24tf

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LOST—CHILD'S SMALL PURPLE leather handbag containing visiting card of Little Miss Louise Smith. Finder will please return to Mrs. E. L. Smith, Gilliam street. Dec121tx

IF IT IS LUMBER OR BUILDING material of any kind you want, such as flooring, ceiling, siding, mouldings, windows, doors, blinds lime, cement, plaster, laths, terra cotta pipe, wire fencing etc., see or write, C. D. Ray and Son. mch17tf

FOR SALE—ONE 7-PASSENGER Studebaker car, in perfect condition. Price right, let me demonstrate it to you. LEO E. BYRUM. Dec8tf

IF YOU WANT FIRE WOOD, CALL LEO E. BYRUM, the contractor, specifying the kind wanted and it will be supplied on short notice for cash. Phone 181-J. Dec8tf

NICE VACANT LOT FOR SALE ON Broad street, I want to sell my vacant lot on the East side of Broad street, between Mr. T. N. Burwell's residence, and Mr. J. H. Myers residence. The lot is 72 1/2 by 200 feet is on a splendid elevation, and is an excellent lot. Mr. A. A. Hicks will take pleasure in showing and giving information about it. Mrs. J. B. Minor. D84t

LAND FOR SALE—IN OXFORD AT the Court House door on December 17, 1917 at twelve o'clock, I will offer for sale a valuable tract of land belonging to the children of J. B. Tunstall, known as J. V. B. Tunstall's place at Bullock station in Granville county N. C. This tract of land contains 28 acres, one five room log house, good well, one flue curing barn, cabin, stables and feed room, also convenient to Graded school. His widow holds possession of 6 1/2 acres at once but all will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. E. B. TUNSTALL, agt. Dec45tx

—Government loans to farmers in October amounted to \$7,374,044, practically double the amount paid out during the previous month. Applications for loans in the hands of the 12 Federal banks total \$193,250,945.

—The food administration has seized 16,000 tons of sugar which was held in New York.

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—According to the Department of Agriculture, rats and mice destroy each year property worth more than \$200,000,000, equaling the gross earnings of an army of 20,000 men.

Attention!
All members of the 16th Company North Carolina Home Guard are ordered to report at their Armory for drill on Thursday night, December the 13th, 1917, 7:30 p. m. By order of W. LANDIS, Captain. S. M. WHEELER, 1st Sergt.

Christmas Jewelry:

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YES, WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF NOVELTIES, ALSO MAHOGANY TRAYS, NUT SETS, AND SOME SOLID MAHOGANY CANDLE STICKS. YOU ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO STOP IN AND TAKE A LOOK, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PLEASE.

OXFORD JEWELRY COMPANY
E. H. JOHNSON, Mgr. OXFORD, N. C.

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We have on display a big stock of Christmas goods, something suitable for every body, old or young.

We invite your inspection. Bring the Childrn in to see what Santa Claus has for them.

WE HAVE A NICE LINE OF CHRISTMAS GOODS AND WANT YOU TO COME EARLY AND MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS.

WE ONLY MENTION A FEW THINGS BELOW BUT YOU WILL FIND IN OUR STOCK MANY MORE ITEMS EQUALLY AS APPROPRIATE FOR GIFTS.

FRENCH IVORY GOODS

Manicure and Toilet Sets .50c to \$18.00
Military Brushes\$1.50 to \$6.00
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YOU CAN SELECT A FEW USEFUL ARTICLES AT A VERY SMALL COST.

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A KODAK MAKES AN APPROPRIATE GIFT FOR YOUNG OR OLD PRICES \$1.25 to \$30.00

MEN'S LEATHER PURSES AND CARD CASES 50c to \$2.00.

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IF YOUR HUSBAND OR FRIEND SMOKES HE WILL APPRECIATE A BOX OF CIGARS TO SMOKE DURING THE HOLIDAYS. \$1.35 to \$7.50.

FOUNTAIN PENS

WATERMAN OR MERCANTILE PLAIN OR FANCY SELF FILLING PENS. A VERY USEFUL GIFT. \$1.00 to \$8.00

TOILET WATERS, PERFUMES, CREAMS, FACE POWDERS, ETC. YOU WILL FIND IN OUR LINE MANY PREPARATIONS FOR MY LADY'S TOILET.

TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN

SANTA CLAUSE BROUGHT HIS WAGON FULL THIS YEAR. HE HAS SEVERAL MORE LOADS TO BRING YET, BUT HE IS SO BUSY TRYING TO GET TOYS TO ALL THE LITTLE CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTRY AND SOME TO THE LITTLE HOMELESS CHILDREN IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE THAT HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET ALL HIS TOYS HERE.

JUST TELL MAMA OR PAPA TO SEE SANTA CLAUSE AT HALL'S DRUG STORE AND TELL HIM WHAT YOU WANT RIGHT AWAY SO YOU CAN GET YOURS OUT OF HIS FIRST LOAD. HE HAS LOTS OF PRETTY DOLLS, TEA SETS, PIANOS, TRICYCLES, WAGONS, AIR RIFLES, DOLL CARRIAGES, TRAINS, BALLS, HORNS, DRUMS, TOOL BOXES, MONKEYS, HORSES, AUTOMOBILES, ENGINES, TRUNKS, TABLES, CHAIRS, GAMES AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER THINGS.

Those holding cash coupons, will please keep them until after Christmas. We can't count them during the rush. Come on now and get your gifts.

J. G. Hall