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# THE NEW BERN SUN-JOURNAL

## EDITORIAL PAGE

Monday Afternoon, December 4, 1922.

| Period       | By Carrier | By Mail |
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| One year     | \$7.00     | \$6.00  |
| Six Months   | 3.50       | 3.00    |
| Three Months | 1.75       | 1.50    |
| One Month    | .65        | .50     |
| One Week     | .15        | .15     |

### THE QUALITY OF MERCY.

The quality of Mercy is not strained, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes; 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes The throned monarch better than his crown;... It is enthroned in the hearts of kings, It is an attribute of God himself; And earthly power doth then show likest God's. When mercy seasons justice.

How aptly those immortal words of Shakespeare apply to the situation in which New Bern finds herself today!

For nine terrible hours the Demon of Destruction raged unleashed within the confines of New Bern, followed closely by its comrades, Desolation and Misery. But out of the ashes of ruin has arisen that greatest of all powers—the Spirit of Mercy.

It was Mercy which prompted New Bern's citizens to rush to the aid of their unfortunate neighbors and render them every possible assistance within their power. It was Mercy which induced them to toil wearily hour after hour, oblivious of fatigue except that souls were in danger. It was Mercy which, when the funds were exhausted, raised a fund of more than \$10,000 in a few minutes. It was Mercy which has brought forth expressions of condolence and liberal offers of aid from churches, organizations and individuals.

It has been New Bern's loss, but it is insignificant when one considers what has happened since the disaster occurred. Gone are racial prejudices, social distinction and rivalry. There have been hurried into the back streets and have been superseded by the spirit of charity. A socially prominent woman, carrying a child in her arms and guiding her from a burning home; a business man, laboring strenuously to save the hungry flames; scores of men, women and children, seeking care of themselves, seeking

only to be of service; women from all stations of life, providing food and shelter for the homeless; countless offers of assistance from our sister-cities, . . . . . It is such things as these that soften the sorrow and distress which all of us have felt and that bring us to a realization of the good and the noble in life.

New Bern's loss has been great, but her gain has been greater. We are a people united by that most firm of all bonds—the bond of Service and Mercy.

One-fourth of the city's entire area has been wiped out, but phoenix-like, out of the ruins will come a greater, a better, a happier New Bern.

### A SPLENDID ORGANIZATION.

The thanks of the entire city are due those individuals who have so generously given of their aid in the relief work which has been in progress since Friday's great fire.

Red Cross officials and others who have come here since state that they never have seen anything to compare with the organization which had been perfected here. They were most hearty in their praise and commendation.

There has been no excitement and no wasted effort among the committees. From the time Harry M. Jacobs called the meeting at the court house Saturday morning until the present moment, the entire work has been systematized and has been carried forward in a wonderfully efficient manner. Everyone has given unstintedly of his or her services and no one has held back. It has been a great demonstration of unselfishness and kindness.

It would be improper to single out any particular individual for special commendation, for there hasn't been a citizen of New Bern who has refused to serve in whatever capacity his services were desired. So while it may be that there are some persons who may not know of everyone who is enlisted in the work, the workers may rest assured that there is One who sees all things and that they will receive a far greater reward than human acclamation for what they have done.

### WITH OTHER EDITORS

The "Tiger" in the Stockyards. In a Chicago itinerary a visit to the stockyards is inevitable—unless you are too tender or too aesthetic for that spectacle. Clemenceau came and saw—and was not satisfied until he saw the slaughter. Evidently his hosts thought that he had seen enough of blood on the battlefields. "Thrice he insisted: 'Let me see the killing!'" And so they let him behold the process of the slaughtering of the squirming, squealing creatures. And then the Tiger of France was content. The Belgian, Maeterlinck, has sympathetically said: "If I were God I would have pity upon the hearts of men!" Which spirit will win the world—and when?—New York American.

An Explanation Needed. Judgment on the defense to be put in by a number of tobacco farmers who have been sued for performance of their contracts with the Co-operative Association, to the effect that they were led to attach their signatures by false representations, will, of course, have to await the evidence. The evidence, by the way, must be conclusive of gross fraud, since the written contract, with few exceptions, stands for itself. The contention, however, that some of these representations were made by agents of the Department of Agriculture working as missionaries for this business organization; if it has no legal bearing on the suits, at least it deserves the closest investigation by the authorities or by the incoming Legislature. It is not at all clear why or how State officials have been permitted thus to give their time to the furtherance of private enterprise.—Durham Sun.

### SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, HE THINKS.

"Jud Tinkins says that every time he hears about a peace conference he gets uneasy for fear another war is going to start."—Washington Star.

### AND THEY ARE SUBJECT TO THE MOST TAXES.

"The suggestion that income taxes be collected by a sort of gentleman's agreement, overlooks the fact that there are many men in a community who are not gentlemen."—Boston Transcript.

"There is one thing at least, which bids fair to endure as long as the Rock of Gibraltar and that is the government's supply of surplus army goods."—Columbus Dispatch.

### THE TOWN GOSSIP

HE DRIVES a truck.  
AND HE lives.  
IN A neighboring city.  
IN WHICH the people.  
HAD RAISED a donation.  
OF CLOTHING and shoes.  
TO BE sent to New Bern.  
AND AID the fire victims.  
AND HE'S a poor man.  
AND HAS to work.  
FOR HIS living.  
AND AFTER he had delivered.  
THE TRUCK-LOAD of stuff.  
AT THE court house.  
HE WENT around.  
TO THE Chamber of Commerce.  
AND SAW Mr. Kirkpatrick.  
AND TOLD him.  
THAT HE wouldn't charge.  
A SINGLE penny.  
FOR HIS time or services.  
IN DRIVING the supplies.  
OVER TO New Bern.  
AND THAT all he asked.  
WAS THE actual expense.  
FOR THE hauling.  
AND KIRK thanked him.  
AND EXPRESSED appreciation.  
FOR HIS kindness.  
AND GAVE him a check.  
FOR EIGHT dollars.  
AND THE man went out.  
TO TAKE a look.  
AT THE devastated area.  
AND HE was gone.  
FOR OVER an hour.  
AND AT the end of that time.  
HE RETURNED.

TO THE Chamber of Commerce.  
AND WALKED up to Kirk.  
AND TOLD him.  
THAT HE had just been.  
AND SEEN the ruins.  
AND THE standing chimneys.  
AND ALL the other evidences.  
OF THE fire's ravages.  
AND HE repeated the statement.  
THAT HE was a poor man.  
AND DIDN'T have much.  
BUT HE wanted to know.  
WHETHER KIRK would accept.  
THE CHECK he had given him.  
AS A donation.  
TO THE relief fund.  
AND KIRK did.  
AND TOLD me about it.  
A LITTLE later.  
AND I thought.  
THAT THE story.  
WAS TOO good to keep.  
AND THAT you, too.  
SHOULD KNOW about it.  
AND SOMEWHERE or other.  
I'VE READ an account.  
OF SOMETHING or other.  
ABOUT A widow's mite.  
AND I couldn't help.  
BUT THINK about it.  
WHEN I heard.  
ABOUT THE truck driver.  
I THANK you.

Dancer has just had her feet injured for \$30,000. What? Are they going to begin using them again?

The real question is, we think, not did man evolve from the peaceful, innocent monkey, but, rather, did the monkey evolve from man?

### ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

#### THREE BONNE

Dispatch in papers Saturday gave account of terrible fire in Terre Bonne, Canada. One hundred and seventy-five homes were destroyed.

'S awful. Just think of a calamity of that sort being thrust upon an innocent people. One hundred and seventy-five homes! Can you imagine it?

Undoubtedly there are a good many people who are homeless. There usually are, in a fire.

Some time ago we recall a fire in New Bern. A house burned down near the edge of town and an entire family was thrust out into the cold. They didn't have any place to go and had to be cared for by neighbors.

That was bad enough, but how much worse Terre Bonne's disaster must have been! One hundred and seventy-five homes probably represents as many as five blocks.

What a pitiful spectacle it must be to see five whole blocks devastated and laid in ashes.

It is hard for us, living over a thousand miles from Terre Bonne, to fully realize the extent of the catastrophe.

But you never can tell where fire will break out next.

Suppose that New Bern should be visited by such a disaster as befell Terre Bonne. Can you picture five blocks being utterly consumed in smoke?

's terrible to even think about.

The best thing to do is not think about it at all.

Young man who married a seventeen year old chorus girl found later that she had been married before and had a son fifteen years old. Age nowadays is not so much a matter of cosmetics as cosmetics.

### Have You Piles?

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ARY FREEMAN,  
Dover, N. C.  
Nov. 16-30t

### THREE NECESSARY

When the life of a loved one is at stake the doctor and nurse must have medicines. The Great Physician put all three here for the purpose of curing disease and allaying pain. Each is useless without the other; every drop and grain of medicines ordered by the doctor, to be administered by the nurse must be added by the pharmacist—that is our job—you can depend upon our pharmacists doing their part with skill of a master-builder. They are dependable.

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