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WHAT WOULD THEY SHIELD?

What is Secretary Kellogg trying to shield in Haiti? Senator King, who has often bitterly assailed the policy of the United States toward Haiti and has especially been bitter on the so-called President of that land, wanted to land in Haiti to make a study of conditions there.

Secretary of State Kellogg was absent from Washington when the incident first came up. He is back now and the public is waiting to see what he will do.

The Lynchburg News says "were Secretary Kellogg to indicate to our Navy Department that he desired Senator King to have the privilege of seeing conditions at first hand there would be none to forbid him landing at Port au Prince."

"This is not to say that American intervention in Haiti was wrong or that the time has come for the marines to be withdrawn. Haiti and the Haitians are possibly better off for the presence of an armed American force.

Why doesn't the present administration want the public to know about Haiti? If conditions are what they should be, with American marines in control of everything, why shouldn't Senator King be allowed to make his tour of inspection?

Senator King is rather uncertain about conditions there and he is the right man to give the public information. If he says conditions are good then the public will believe him.

Senator Borah wanted to go to Nicaragua and Mexico to see conditions as they exist and the administration blocked such plans. Apparently the President and Secretary of State don't want Senators to see what is going on in countries where marines with rifles have taken charge of things.

CORPORATION TAXES.

Almost every day now one hears about manufacturing plants refusing to locate in North Carolina because of the State's tax system. Enterprises moving South from the North do not want to come here because taxes are higher than in some other States.

Union were combined taxes on corporations less than in North Carolina. Those States were Michigan, Kentucky, Florida and New Jersey.

The United States over, federal, state and local taxes in 1924 consumed 36 cents of every net income dollar, as against 27.7 cents in 1923.

In North Carolina in 1924 our corporations on an average paid in taxes, federal, state, and local, 31.44 cents of every net income dollar.

In 43 States, combined taxes consumed larger ratios of net incomes, in rates ranging from 32.57 cents per dollar of net income in Alabama to 483.58 cents per dollar of net income in Wyoming.

In Nevada and Oregon corporations, on the whole, had no net incomes in 1924, but these two states had to pay taxes—all told over 13 million dollars.

In five states at the bottom of the list the corporations did have total net incomes but the taxes they paid ranged from more than one to nearly five times their net incomes. These five unfortunate states were Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Wyoming.

In South Carolina the per cent. of net income paid as tax was 95.23, in Georgia 42.96, in Alabama 32.57, in Virginia 39.89, in Louisiana 47.98 and in Texas 37.46.

LAW WITH REASON.

The Supreme Court of the State has just decided a point that will be of interest. It has decided that pupils living less than one and a half miles from a school shall not be carried to the school in a bus operated for the children of the school district.

The interpretation of the law, as a general thing, is all right but the decision was rendered in a case from Gates county that never should have been carried to the courts.

In that county the county board of education ruled that a crippled child living fifty yards less than the required mile and a half shall not be carried on the bus. The court's decision upheld the position of the school board.

Law should be based on reason and justice and there is neither in this case. The strict letter of the law would forbid her being carried on the bus but the higher law, one of common sense and justice, should apply in such cases.

"Law is considered the perfection of reason and founded on justice and common sense. In this case there is no reason, justice or common sense in the conduct of the defendants, the Board of Education, in regards to this crippled girl." If this crippled girl has no other means of riding the board of education should have given her permission to use the bus. Such cases should be decided by common sense on the part of those who control such matters.

"LAKE CONCORD."

Every person in this city should pay a visit to "Lake Concord," the impounding dam recently constructed by the city to furnish an ample water supply the entire year.

The lake is a beauty spot now and, of course, will be much prettier later when trees and shrubs along its banks are green and in bloom. Built into a natural basin, the lake affords a scene of much beauty. Concord should not suffer for water for many years to come. More than 400,000,000 gallons will be available in the lake at all times now that it has been filled and this reserve should provide a normal supply for the city in summer months as well as in winter months.

The investment was a wise one. The city should derive much good from the lake and its contents.

THE GOVERNOR LOOMS LARGER.

It must be recognized and conceded by all that Governor Angus W. McLean has won noteworthy credit by the confidence reposed in him by the General Assembly and by its renewed expressions of reliance upon his financial ability and his sound judgment. In this connection it should also be said that he has notably refrained from anything savoring of an attempt to dominate the Legislature or to dictate to it in its action.

SALARY RAISES.

The mayor of Charlotte was handed a nice raise in salary by the last legislature. The same legislature handed Durham recorder's court officials a handsome salary raise, also. But, the legislature refused to raise the salary of state officials. They were careful with the state's money, but in spending the money of cities and counties they were not so particular. Evidently somebody with a strong political pull lives in Charlotte as well as in Durham. Not saying that such is the case, though there is a possibility of it being true, the salary raise in the Queen City will help out a lot in the coming municipal election. In Durham, they hold the elections and get the salary increase with which to pay the cost of the election immediately following going into office. Nice arrangement, isn't it?

PISTOL-TOTING UNCONFINED.

Ashville Times. It is regrettable that the State Legislature did not see fit to adopt the firearms measures advocated by Governor McLean. The shooting affray the other day in Robbinsville brings to attention very forcibly the need for some sort of additional legislation governing the purchase and use of pistols.

The State cannot be too strict in the granting of pistol permits. Firearms are far too generally owned and carried in North Carolina. Certain sections of the State appear to be practically on a war footing. Is it any wonder we have so many crimes of violence?

In our struggle with the lawless element in the community we realize that possession of weapons by criminals makes for crime and slaughter. Without arms robbers and thieves would be halted in their bold careers.

If firearms were not available to children and other irresponsible persons, there would also be fewer accidental shootings. Untold numbers of tragedies have occurred through careless handling of pistols by the I-didn't-know-it-was-loaded fraternity.

A number of things operate against strict control of the sale of firearms: first, a survival in modified form of the ancient code of duelling; second, a belief that possession of a pistol insures personal safety (which is very doubtful); and, third, the opposition of manufacturers. All these influences combine to make us the most lawless, murderous, dangerous people on earth.

ONE GOOD LAW.

Durham Herald. Out of the more than 1200 new laws passed by the legislature it was to have been expected that a few of them would merit approval. Out of the list, probably a dozen of state-wide importance were worth while, but the bigger things it had to deal with were left just about as the legislature found them.

One of the good things credited to it, and it also was one of the last minute thoughts of the assembly, was that one making it mandatory upon judges to bar from the privilege of driving all drivers of motor cars convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicant. Very little publicity has been given the law. Unless it should be discovered that it was murdered in the last minute, or contains a joker, the people generally will congratulate the assembly upon that piece of work if for nothing more. The law as we understand it, provides that the judge shall take from any person guilty of driving while intoxicated, the right to drive a motor vehicle upon the highways for a period of not less than 90 days nor more than 12 months.

We hope that our information about that law is true, and hope further that the judges will begin to enforce it immediately and continue to strictly enforce it upon every defendant coming into court and convicted of driving while drunk. The highways are unsafe enough under the best conditions, but when a drunk man begins to steer a car along the road, the danger is multiplied considerably.

MAY YET HOPE TO KISS A PEACH.

Raleigh Times. The expected aftermath now arrives in reports of the serious injury done the peach crop by the recent sudden freeze and blizzard. In this connection it is interesting to note the statement that it is the late crop, rather than the early one, which is the sufferer. It is a phenomenon of peach culture, it is explained, that the late peach blooms early, and the early variety delays in blossoming. Late variety trees were bursting their buds when the Norther arrived. The orchardists are pessimistic.

Peaches, except the divorcee cut variety, always are subjects that get a large measure of public sympathy, but it is a fact that their growers, whose capital is hope, are our chief pessimists. It is a curious reason that doesn't see peaches on the market. The difference is, in short, one of supply, and of price.

Last year the peach crop was killed as usual, but last year, also, the orchardist was telling the world he was ruined with a glut in the crop. Peaches were bought at nominal prices and carted from the fields by truckloads, with whispers that their destination was the still-tub rather than the table. The outlook now is bad. But Nature is a great little restorer. We imagine that it will again be possible for one with the price to kiss a peach this summer—even an Alberta!

QUITE UNCHANGED.

High Point Enterprise. Imprisonment has done nothing to reform Nathan Leopold, if he is guilty of conspiracy in connection with the Jolly prison breaks as suspected. He is charged with having planned to poison the guards and to have fomented the discontent of the convicts to repeated breaks for liberty. The poison plot has not been proved but no great amount of evidence is needed to incline the public to believe the worst of Leopold, since the recollection of the testimony at his trial for murder is fresh.

Investigation should be made and made thoroughly, because the guilt or innocence of the young man on this charge is of practically equal public importance to that of his relation to the Franks murder. Although he is sentenced to life imprisonment, few prisoners are held in this country for longer than twenty years and ordinarily "lifers" are released before they have served that long. Efforts to free Leopold will be made from time to time. If his is the mind back of a plot to poison the prison guards as alleged, it is quite clear that he is not less dangerous to the public than before his imprisonment. Evidence of a change of spirit and something resembling character growth is pertinent to the question of parole at all times.

PERTINENT SAYINGS.

Live a clean life because emergencies are sure to arise and a person can be prepared to meet them only through having a strong mind and body.—Walter Johnson. Bare knees in Scotland did not originate through economy.—Sir Harry Lauder. Because of the splendid business women of today we are losing the splendid husbands of the past.—Mrs. Edith M. Lloyd. The partridge walk of a generation ago was just as bad as the Charleston dance of today.—Bishop E. H. Hughes. My nose is known all over the world. I wouldn't have it changed for anything.—Mae Murray. The worst home is better than the best orphanage.—Sophie Irene Loeb. The fundamentally bad boy does not exist; there are only bad parents.—Dan Beard. If men were better there would be no women's prisons.—Marie Perpetue. Flappers make good mothers. That is the real test.—J. J. McCarthy. Marriage or the possibility of marriage unites a woman in the pursuit of business success.—Ex-Ambassador Morris. Whiskers are a sign of decadence.—Premier Mussolini. The old idea that literacy will make for finer citizenship is wrong. It takes brains to get into prison.—Dr. C. A. Prosser. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler tells the country that the president will not be a candidate for another term, but the country is probably in a mood to wait and see what the president has to say on the subject.—Boston Transcript. Virtue pays! The "S" is crooked, but look what a straight and narrow path does for it!—Publishers Syndicate.

Wilhelm Sowed No Happiness.

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

Recently I noticed a statement that Mr. Wilhelm Holzsohn, late of Germany and now of Holland, is not happy.

It is too bad, isn't it, that Wilhelm isn't happy and after he has done so much, too, to make the world happy. Wilhelm started and engineered something that placed thirty-two million men on the dead, wounded or missing list, that cost the world two hundred and twenty-three billion dollars, and that put Europe in a state of chaos that still persists.

Men who seek their own selfish interests never are happy—and that applies to women too. The man who goes after what he wants regardless of the good of others isn't going to be happy, even though he gets what he goes after, which Wilhelm didn't.

Happiness is not a result of being something or getting something or doing something or doing somebody. Happiness can come only from a realization that one is playing a beneficial part in the world, that one is making conditions better and pleasanter for others.

Happiness will never come to anyone through bulldozing or running over or mistreating people or causing people loss and distress no matter on what scale one does it. Happiness is a state of mind. Happiness is an outlook. Happiness is a result of the right relationship to life and people.

No man whose state of mind is that of doing meanest will ever come in sight of even the faint light of happiness. He won't get close enough to happiness to see the dust it makes getting away from him.

Yes, indeed, it is too bad that Wilhelm isn't happy. The news that he isn't happy will worry the entire world. Those persons who have to wrestle with their income tax reports and dig down deep to pay their income taxes will weep when they hear that Wilhelm isn't happy, for those income taxes are a part of the bills that Bill made.

Wilhelm never can be happy in this world. He couldn't be happy even though his entire nature underwent a complete change. He couldn't be happy even though he became so filled with the milk of human kindness that it oozed out of his eyeballs; for then he would realize what he has done; and that would make him the more unhappy.

Henry A. Nintz, of Belle Plaine, owns Minnesota's oldest Bible, printed at Herborn, Graffchart Nachav, Germany, in 1604.

CHICKEN ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Concord: Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to permit any chicken or chickens to run at large after being notified as provided in Section Two of this Ordinance, on any lands that may be cultivated in any kind of grain or feed stuff, or used for gardens or for ornamental purposes. Section 2. That any person so permitting his chickens to run at large, after being notified to keep them up, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined Five Dollars or imprisoned five days. The notice required in this section shall not be less than twelve hours and the burden of proving said notice shall be on the complaining party. That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after April 1st, 1927. This March 8th, 1927. BREVARD E. HARRIS, City Clerk. 15-3-c.

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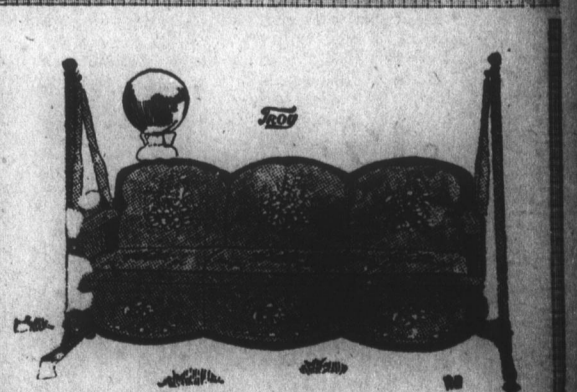
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