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PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE:
While the greatest present task in connection with the Mississippi flood concerns the health and rehabilitation of the sufferers who have been deprived of home and livelihood, at the same time we should give thought to the future.

But we should not stop when we have cared for those who cannot care for themselves. The government should put its best brains on the task of providing some plan whereby the Mississippi can be checked in the future.

In European countries large rivers are controlled for the most part. Conditions are not exactly the same there and along the Mississippi but we might learn something from them.

By this flood disaster the Nation has received a challenge, which it must accept, to attack the problems of flood regulations upon a bigger scale than ever before.

While wealth marches at the quickstep in Piedmont Carolinas, reads the quarter page ad. appearing in Nation's Business, World's Work, Literary Digest and other publications, "this region is far from completely industrialized."

With so many men working on small farms, living expenses are low. Food, housing, fuel, clothing and many other items are lower. One careful estimate is that living costs the Piedmont Carolinas workman \$7 per week less than it does the average workman in older, more highly industrialized sections of the country.

There's more elbow room. He spends many more weeks out of doors. There is a complete lack of un-American ideals. "These all help to explain why the total wealth has increased 660 per cent in the last 20 years—33 per cent a year.

ABOUT INSTALLMENT BUYING:
Senator James Couzens says installment buying is ruining the people of the country. C. C. Hanch is taking just the opposite view and says such a system of buying has been of great benefit to the country.

The Charlotte News rightly contends that "one can listen at length to the technicians and the highbrow experts on this subject and still come away convinced that both sides have won," and adds this pertinent statement: "But the real question of the substantiality of this form of buying, from an economic standpoint, is whether it is wisely used or viciously abused."

"If installment buying is leading people into the purchase of commodities and articles that involves their earning capacity for months ahead," continues The News, "and such commodities and articles are not entirely essential to their comfortable living, then it would be hard to defend it as a sound policy."

"Otherwise, it is a good thing for the masses, and it happens to be the masses who are its chief patrons." It's the same old question of credit in all of its phases. The man who uses credit intelligently gets along all right, while the man who buys things he cannot afford just because he can get credit, is always in trouble.

A tourist using a detour in the State while a regular highway was being rebuilt, suffered damage to his car to the amount of \$500 he alleged in a complaint. A Superior Court jury awarded him damages to this extent and the Supreme Court has upheld the decision.

The ruling means that contractors must keep detours in good repair, and the ruling should have a beneficial result. Detours are not always as good as they should be by any means, many contractors apparently taking the position that since these detours are to be used only a short time, comparatively, there is no need to keep them in good repair.

Tennessee solons have agreed that the Great Smoky Mountain National Park should be established and to aid in the work have made a State appropriation such as was made by the last General Assembly in North Carolina. These appropriations will serve to bring the park nearer to a reality and it seems reasonably certain now that within the next few years the playground will be opened and will attract thousands of visitors from all parts of the United States.

A BAD CONDITION:
Durham Herald. The High Point Enterprise is complaining because less than half of the registered vote in that city was cast in the recent primary for nominating candidates for various city offices, yet there were 3,842 votes cast. Suppose the Enterprise had had a situation similar to that in Durham when on the same day that High Point voters were selecting candidates, less than 1,700 Durham voters were engaged in a similar job for this city?

THE STATE'S BOND SALE:
High Point Enterprise. The sale of ten millions in road bonds by the state yesterday on a four percent interest-bearing basis was highly creditable to the administration. Recently when a sale was consummated at 4 1/4 percent, Governor McLean said that the council of state was aspiring to place the next issue at 4 percent. The purpose is accomplished, through the personal efforts of Mr. McLean at New York, largely.

European commentator asserts that America is too much ruled by politicians. Evidently he doesn't know how few of them are worn here.—New York Herald. The brain was made to think with, but the pocketbook forms most of the opinions.—Shreveport Journal.

DEMAND FOR THE P. & N.

Charlotte Observer. There continues to be evidence, and naturally so, of keen interest in the building project of the Piedmont & Northern Railway and in the outcome of the hearing at Washington some days ago relating to this project.

The Durham Herald frankly calls upon Durham, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Greensboro, Salisbury and other cities and towns on the proposed line, join hands with the Piedmont & Northern officials, the State Corporation Commission, the Governor, and other forces that have been interested in securing favorable action in the matter.

The Salisbury Post remarks upon the fact that the Piedmont & Northern "has five railroads on its neck, now that it would move in development." It is contrary to the spirit of America that development should be throttled by a group of men who get their noses in the trough and would keep others out.

The Winston-Salem Journal and The Concord Tribune are inclined to be pessimistic because they feel that the Interstate Commerce Commission has gone out of its way to take jurisdiction in matters that should have been left in the hands of the State railroad or utilities commissions and because of an apparent belief that the Interstate Commerce Commission would not be disposed to grant a square deal to the P. & N. in its fight for life with the larger systems that serve this section.

McGraw is Traded For an Infelder. New York, April 28.—The Brooklyn National league club has traded Bob McGraw, right-handed pitcher, to the St. Louis Cardinals for D'Arcy Flowers, utility infielder, it was announced here today.

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Then he called Scipio, his colored boy, and told him to get on a horse and take the note out to Colonel Spottswood's plantation and deliver it to Miss Sally and to no one else.

Mr. Bruce will wear you out for wasting your time hanging around this yellow girl," commented Chillstone. Then he added pleasantly, "I'm going over to Colonel Spottswood's myself. I'll take the letter to Miss Sally."

Thus it happened that Sally Spottswood was dismayed and grieved beyond expression when Bruce Carlington went away to war without even telling her goodbye.

At the end of the war Phineas Chillstone galloped off and as soon as he was well out of sight he reined up his horse, tore open the letter and read it. He laughed, held the letter by one corner, and touched a match to another corner.

Why Bruce had done as he did was a mystery and a misery to Sally for forty years. Then one afternoon old Anee, the half-witted sister of Phineas, chuckled and told Sally just how Phineas had outwitted Bruce; whereupon Sally threw back her head and stared wide-eyed at old Anee for a full minute; then she said, "My God!" and put her head down on her arms on the table and sobbed.

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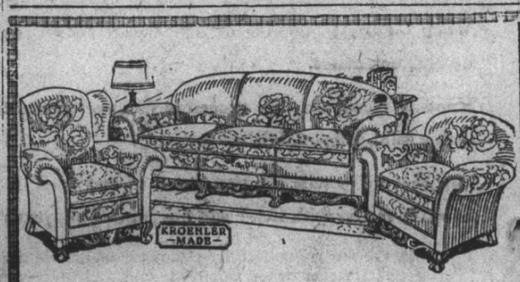
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