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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.

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 INSTALMENT 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."

"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."

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.

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.

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.

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.

European commentator asserts that America is too much ruled by politicians. Evidently he doesn't know how few of them are worth here.—New York Herald.

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 Salisbury Post remarks upon the fact that the Piedmont & Northern "has five railroads on its neck, now that it would move in development."

Among the most vigorous expressions is that of The News and Observer at Raleigh, in the course of which it is declared that: "The building of unnecessary new lines where the business does not justify it, is economic waste, and should not be approved."

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.

The Observer does not share this feeling at all. We think it may be presumed that the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission are honest, intelligent, and fair-minded men and that they may be depended upon when they do render a decision to do no injustice to the Piedmont & Northern Railway and to this section.

McGraw is Traded For an Infielder. 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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Putting the Proposition Poorly. By WICKES WAMBOLDT

If you are sending someone a message to learn someone's attitude don't say in substance, "If I don't hear from you I shall know the worst."

This instance actually happened in the early 60's. A beautiful young woman whom I shall call Sally Spottswood, because that wasn't her name, had a young admirer, whom she in turn admired.

Bruce enlisted; then he wrote a note to Sally in which he told her that he was joining Lee's forces, that he loved her, and that when he came back—and he would come back—he wanted her to marry him.

He said in conclusion: "If for any reason you feel that you cannot return my affection, it will not be necessary for you to embarrass yourself by saying so. If I do not hear from you, I shall understand."

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.

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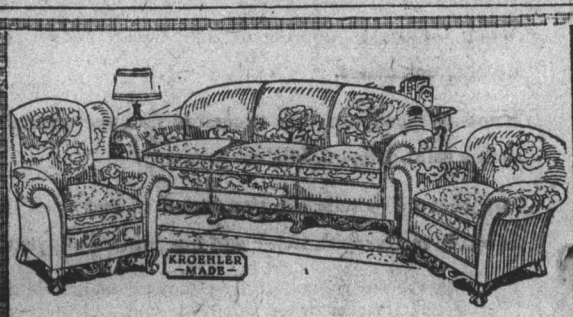
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