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Austria and Russia may get drawn into the war now raging in Europe, but even they will not be able to produce a more genuine article of fighting than the Balkan allies have already displayed.

"STATESMEN" COSTLY.

Postmaster General Hitchcock, who gave such an impressive evidence of the activities of the Postoffice Department recently by a wholesale rounding up of quacks who had been using the mails illegally, is in the limelight again by reason of the statement that the cause of the postal deficit was the huge quantity of matter handled free under the franking privilege.

There is hardly any doubt that the country's "statesmen" are costly much beyond their worth. They get a salary far greater than they could command in private life. They get the better of the government again in the matter of mileage. We believe the seed graft has not yet been cut out. And as Postmaster General Hitchcock points out, they cause a postal deficit by the tons of free matter which are hauled free for them.

Indeed there will be no room for a standpoint policy in this country for many a day. There is too much waste to be stopped.

"ARMED PEACE" A FRAUD

The Baltimore Sun is moved by developments in Europe to say:

"Russia starts to mobilize her troops. Germany calls to the colors the reservists of five army corps. The Austrian fleet sails toward the capital of Serbia. And all this stirred up by little Serbia's ambition for an Adriatic port!"

"Armed peace" makes war always possible. The anger of the unarmed man will cool off before he has time to get a weapon. The man with a pistol in his pocket shoots before he has time to think of the consequences. This is one of the best arguments against the craze for the greatest navy which seems to be the animating principle with many of the powers. The advocates of a greater navy say that it is needed to guarantee peace. But peace is the very thing the largest navy in the highest state of efficiency will not guarantee. A nation equipped with a great navy is like a man with a blue-steel revolver in his hip pocket. It will find itself using it almost before it knows what it is doing.

THE SOUTH FOREMOST.

William F. McCombs, chairman of the National Democratic Executive Committee, said in an interview in Atlanta Saturday that the South will be foremost in the next administration. Well, it ought to be. It has been in the background long enough. It used to be the principal breeding ground of Presidents and other leading men. It will come into its own again with a Southern man in the White House.

PRIMARY TO FILL OFFICE.

Charlotte is talking of a primary to decide who shall be recommended for the postmastership. It is a fine idea. The people ought to decide who shall serve them. Still the problem of deciding who shall vote will present some difficulties. Presumably all patrons of the office will have some say-so in the decision. Yet it wouldn't seem that a man who gets a letter about once a year should have as much "voting strength" as a business man who gets thousands of letters in the run of a year. In fact, it is a thousand pities that the matter of holding the offices is to loom so large in the thoughts and activities of the people. The situation would be much more agreeable to behold if had to seek persons to fill them instead of being sought. We believe that they will all pay too well for the amount of service performed. Uncle Sam pays all his help liberally excepting probably his soldiers and sailors. He seems at present disposed to eliminate politics from his affairs and when he does and gets everything right down to a hard-pan business basis paying for the service that he needs only what it will bring to the open market, the scramble for office will be very appreciably lessened.

The popular vote for Wilson in the recent Presidential election was 5,156,746. In 1906 Bryan polled 3,393,182. Wilson with a smaller popular vote than Bryan was overwhelmingly elected. Bryan with a larger vote than Wilson was overwhelmingly defeated. Bryan is the better vote getter of the two but it was just Bryan's "luck" to run when the Republican party was ebbing.

DESERVES A PLACE IN THE CABINET.

The Wilmington Star has a convincing editorial on the reasons why Josephus Daniels, when the proper time comes and it occurs to us that that time is here, should have the support of North Carolina Democrats for a post in the Wilson cabinet.

We hardly believe any concerted effort is necessary to show Dr. Wilson that Daniels is one of the most deserving of Democrats in the entire country. The Doctor is a judge of men and of achievement and we have no doubt that he has taken the measure of the National Committeeman from North Carolina and has been properly impressed.

At the same time, it is not well to take chances, not even a remote chance, and it is well enough for the friends of North Carolina's ablest and in the recent campaign her most conspicuous Democrat to let their wishes be known.

There are Democrats in the State who have differed radically with Mr. Daniels on matters not a few, but not even they, we believe, will venture to discount his ability or his party service. All wings of the party can consistently unite in advocating Mr. Daniels for a place in President-elect Wilson's official family.

All Europe is spoiling for a fight and seems now in a fair way to get what it wants.

GOING TOO FAR.

The State Board of Health is going too far in urging folks not to overload their stomachs on Thanksgiving Day. It is an invasion of a man's liberties. Just in order that a person may realize in a practical way that he is living in a free country he should have the privilege of overloading his stomach once, twice, a year. Nevertheless we are printing the warning of the Board of Health for what it is worth—those who may read it.

PITY THE EX-PRESIDENTS!

Leading Congressmen are now exercising their minds and their legislative genius to find a solution of the problem as to what to do with ex-presidents. It is dead easy. Do nothing. The New York World, generally very safe and sane, says that something ought to be done, for Grant ought not to have had to connect himself with a crooked financier like Ferdinand Ward, Cleveland ought not to have had to be Ryan trustee for the Equitable Life Insurance Company, Roosevelt ought not to have had to be a contributing editor for the Outlook, and so forth. Well, a person doesn't have to be what he ought not to be. There were folks who thought Robert E. Lee had to sell his matchless name to a life insurance company in order to live in the station that his great fame demanded or was supposed to demand. But he showed in a most impressive manner how mistaken such a view was.

If the ex-presidents have to be regarded as a different sort of person from the rest of the folks, pretty soon the feeling will spread and Governors will have to be provided for. Then the heaven will operate a little further and the ex-mayors etc. will have to have a pension.

Leave the ex-presidents to shift for themselves. There are some real problems clamoring for solution.

SEND IN THE NAME.

"School Kid" sends us a very interesting communication and one perhaps that ought to be printed, but we don't know who "School Kid" is. The Journal must decline to print communications whose authorship is unknown except in cases where there cannot possibly be any "come back". We shall hold the communication in question for a few days, pending the decision of "School Kid" as to whether or not he will reveal his identity. The name is not desired for publication but merely as an evidence of good faith.

THANKSGIVING REFLECTIONS.

There is nothing so bad but that it might be worse. Therefore even the folks who have been hard hit have something to be thankful for—even those who didn't land the offices they wanted in the election several weeks ago. Uncle Joe Cannon, Nick Longworth and all the rest of the outfit who got permanently retired after many Thanksgivings following successive victories need not despair. Matters might have been worse.

As a matter of fact, however, with the average person, Thanksgiving does not suggest that his plight might be worse but that it is so much better than he deserves. Few there be today in this fair Southland who do not have unusual reasons to be thankful.

There are food and clothing, good educational facilities, in the main, good government, religious freedom, freedom of the press and work for all. Freedom of opportunity is perhaps not realized so completely as it will be later on when the Democrats get thoroughly entrenched, but for what they promise there is ground for thanksgiving as folks generally believe, particularly we in the South, that they will make good all their promises.

Nevertheless, as contented as every one ought to be today, there is the sobering reflection which must come to all. To what extent am I striving to be worthy of the countless occasions for giving thanks?

SMALLPOX QUARANTINE.

Referring to an inquiry in yesterday's Journal as to the abolition of quarantine for smallpox, the Journal will say on the authority of a physician who is thoroughly posted on the subject that a recent act of the Legislature empowered the State Board of Health to prescribe the methods of handling contagious diseases and the Board of Health has decided that as smallpox quarantines are usually very laxly kept, they should be omitted altogether. This of course increases the danger of contracting smallpox, but that is just what the Board of Health wants, as we understand it, the idea being to get the people to understand that if they would avoid smallpox they must get vaccinated. It looks to us as if the old plan of quarantining houses where the disease exists and at the same time keeping up a campaign of education in favor of vaccination would be a better plan than the one now being followed. But as we have said the State Board of Health is supreme and local boards have no option in the matter.

(After the foregoing was written and in type, the Journal received and is printing this morning a communication from Dr. R. N. Duffly which, we are sure, will remove all uncertainty as to the reason why smallpox is no longer quarantined.)

TAFT VERSUS ROOSEVELT.

Without having any desire in the world to see the Republican party rejuvenated, one can pass an opinion as to whether the rejuvenators are going about the undertaking in the right way.

President Taft is the self-appointed chief rejuvenator and we note that he is careful to announce early in the game that he will not be a candidate for the nomination in 1912. People are always suspicious of party patriots who are out for an office. But when some one volunteers to do something without expecting or demanding a reward present or future, it is easy for him to win praise and co-operation.

There is going to be a big fight between Taft and Roosevelt as to whether the Progressive or the Republican party shall be the permanent one. In the recent election Taft polled 3,376,422 votes and Roosevelt 3,928,140, the preponderance of the popular vote therefore being somewhat in Roosevelt's favor. But Taft has been showing up exceedingly well of late and is winning back some of his quondam supporters, so that it rather appears that he has a good chance, particularly in view of his disinterested motives, to rebuild the fallen fortunes of his party and thereby to put a final quietus on the contributing editor. Anyhow the political slugging match between these two heavyweights is going to be well worth observing.

Andrew Carnegie announces that he will keep twenty-five million dollars of his fortune and let the Carnegie Corporation give the rest away. Which looks as if he has forgotten his declaration that it would be a disgrace not to die poor.

Complete returns from the Presidential election show that the combined vote for Taft and Roosevelt was over a million more than the vote for Wilson. Too many Republicans in this country yet, or not enough Democrats. But there is prospect of a new alignment. Whether the Progressives absorb the Republicans or vice versa, there should be a good-sized sprinkling of disgruntled ones who will drift off to the Democratic party. So that 1912 should see two great parties, about equally matched, contending for the mastery.

THE MARKETS.

November 27, 1912.

POULTRY, EGGS, ETC.
(Quotations furnished by Coast Line Meat Market.)

Chickens—Grown, pair.....65-80
Chickens—Half-grown pair.....35-50
Geese, per pair.....\$1.25-\$1.35
Ducks, per pair.....70-85
Eggs, per doz.....28
Hams, country, smoked, lb.....18
Beeswax, lb.....22
Wool.....16 to 17
Wool.....16 to 17
Hogs, dressed, lb.....10-10-1-2
Beef, dressed, lb.....8-9
Hides—G. S., lb.....9
Green, lb.....8
Dry Flint, lb.....12-14
Dry Salt, lb.....1-0-12

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.
(Quotations by New Bern Produce Company.)

Irish potatoes new crop.....\$2.40
Sweet potatoes, bushel.....40 to 55
Lima Beans, quart.....8
Rutabagas, hundred.....\$1.00
Collards head......02
Turnips bunch......03
Cabbage, barrel.....85c and \$1.00

COTTON
(Quotations furnished by G. W. Taylor & Son.)

Beware of ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. (Advertisement)

WHO MADE FOOTPRINTS

QUESTION THAT HAS SCIENTISTS IN A QUANDRY.

Undoubtedly There, in a Solid Rock at Croton, N. Y., But How They Came There is Something That Puzzles the Wiest.

Mysterious footprints in the solid rock on the east and west banks of the Hudson at Croton, N. Y., have puzzled the scientists, who believe them to have been made by a primeval man before the Stone Age. On the east shore, along the old Albany post-road and at the bottom of a steep hill belonging to the A. P. Gardiner estate, lies a huge boulder shadowed by tall trees. Its smooth surface bears the imprint of a pair of human feet placed side by side, as if a barefooted man had walked down the hill and stood on the spot while the stone was still soft and yielding from nature's warmth. Every toe is clearly defined, and judging from the mold he left in the granite the foot of this ancient man was both large and shapely. Beyond the footprints, all the way to the top of the rock, are a series of peculiar indentations such as the links of a heavy chain would make on soft earth. Exactly opposite, on High Tarr mountain, on the other side of the Hudson, the footprints again appear on the rock, but with the heels turned toward the river, as if the man was traveling away from it due west. By actual measurement the footprints on both sides of the river correspond in every particular and were undoubtedly made by the same pair of feet.

Many weird and wonderful legends have been read from the footprints in the rock. One of these attributes them to the devil, who was chained up in Connecticut for a number of years, but finally escaped and fled into New York. Dragging his chain after him, he paused on the boulder at the foot of Hessian Hill to rest before he continued his flight to the vast Adirondack wilderness. The indentations in the Hessian Hill rock are pointed out as the marks of his chain, and the footprints on High Tarr as further corroborative evidence of the truth of this tale. Another story relates that a cave man was approached from the rear by a terrible many-legged serpent as he stood upon the boulder, and that he was so frightened he leaped clear across the Hudson and landed on the other side. The indentations are supposed to have been made by the serpent's legs, which were in a row, one behind the other, Indian file.

A famous professor on first viewing the footprints advanced the theory that they were made by the "missing link" before he shed his caudal appendage, which trailed in the prehistoric clay behind him while he scanned the surrounding landscape for something good for breakfast. This accounted for the indentations and scored one for the Darwinian theory. The devil legend seems to have hit the public fancy, though, for the big boulder at Hessian Hill is known as the Devil's Rock, and Croton people point to the strange fact that nothing will grow in the unholy footprints, while the surface of the rock elsewhere is covered with gray-green lichens and thick moss. The Mohegans, who built their signal fires on the top of Hessian Hill before the first Dutch trader settled there to give rum and firearms for furs, regarded the giant boulder with deep veneration, and believed the footprints to have been made by the Great Spirit when he created the world.

Speculation on His Damis.

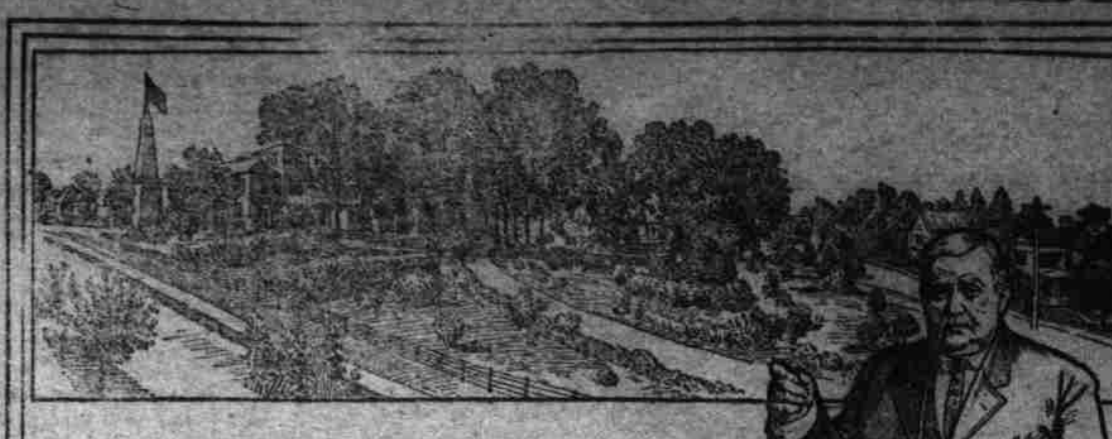
Friends of Massenet say that the great composer had a presentiment of his approaching death and liked to speculate on the way in which the news would be received. This is borne out by his memoirs, which he had just completed, for one of the later pages bears the following entry: "One evening paper, perhaps two, thought it better to inform their readers that I was dead. At dinner-time some people who knew me talked about the event. A few words were mentioned about it during the day, and in the theaters in the evening. 'Oh! he is dead!' said one. 'Then there won't be so many of his plays performed in future.' And my soul was listening to all the noise of the city. We, my body and my soul, were parting. As the hearse was going along the noise diminished, and I knew, inasmuch as I had taken the precaution to have my vault some time before, that when the heavy stone is sealed up it will be closing the door of forgetfulness."

Bartender Made a Guess.

According to a Cincinnati banker, who lives at the Plaza hotel in New York, an English guest at that hostelry was recently presented with a bunch of handsome roses. He took them to his apartments and found no suitable receptacle. So he placed them on the table and wrapped them in a wet newspaper while waiting for the boy to answer the bell. When the youngster came the Briton said: "Bring me—aw—a rose jar." The boy saluted and went away. After a lapse of time he returned. "Beg pardon, sir," said he, "but what was it you wanted. He didn't understand." "I want a rose jar—aw—" said the Englishman very distinctly. "A rose jar—aw. Quite so." The boy went away again. In due time he returned bearing something in his hand. "The bartender," said he, "thinks maybe you've got mixed on the names of these American drinks. He says he thinks you meant a mint julep."

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$7,000,000 worth of products. The islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally. (Adv.)



Look Us Up In Greensboro!

If you want to find out how a man stands you look him up in the community where he lives. Don't you? And the same thing might apply just as well to an institution. If I could induce you to come to Greensboro, see our buildings and grounds and talk with our townpeople about what we are doing—there wouldn't be much question in your mind of the standing of this Institute, I am sure.

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THE KEELEY INSTITUTE Greensboro, North Carolina

Drew the Line.

Pat had been at work for three days digging a well, and as the foreman wanted it finished within the week he had promised Pat another man to help him. It was getting on for eleven o'clock, and Towser, the foreman's bulldog, was looking over the edge of the pit, when Pat said to himself: "I'll have a smoke."

He had just filled his pipe, and was about to light it, when he glanced up and beheld Towser's handsome features.

Slowly removing the pipe from his mouth, he said: "De-egorra, Ol've worked wid Germans and Hengarrlians, and Ol've worked wid Ottalians and niggers, but if a man wid a face like that comes down here to work beside me Ol gets up."

The Way to Date.
"You say you hope to become engaged to a suffragette?"
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