

The prophets who predicted a protracted struggle evidently never contemplated that the breakfast food makers would undertake to help the European war officials solve their commissary problems.

The Waco News tells us that a cousin of General Joffre, the French Commander-in-Chief, is a prosperous farmer of Dallas county.

Hudson Maxim is of the opinion that Great Britain, France and Germany will each and all need every particle of strength left to them after the war now raging is over.

The most notable feature of the conference of cotton manufacturers, farmers and business men in Raleigh Tuesday was the spirit of optimism that prevailed at the meeting.

Clouds are arising on the China horizon, and it begins to appear, as was predicted when Japan entered the fray, that the neutrality of China would not be respected.

Notwithstanding the war in Europe the Wilson administration is going steadily ahead with its program of legislation for the benefit of the masses of the American people.

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JUST A LITTLE SCRAP OF PAPER.

There was much negotiating before the whole of Europe before a slaughter house with the best MURDERER the best MAN.

It is said that one of the fighting nations, referring to an appeal that treaties and neutrality be respected, said of the treaty, "It's just a scrap of paper."

Such scraps of paper are often torn up in war times. But the ancient Jewish idea that written paper must not be destroyed and the ancient Chinese respect for the written word are not entirely out of date.

Scraps of paper are important in the long run. Sometimes from their ashes there rises trouble little dreamed of by those that despised the light, crumpled, written sheet.

Magna-Charta, the basis of the freedom that English got from their King, was and is only a scrap of paper. From time to time powerful men have thought of it, and spoken of it as a mere scrap of paper. But it has survived and outlived those that despised it.

Our own Declaration of Independence was only a scrap of paper—after the old and young gentlemen at Philadelphia had signed it and pledged their sacred honor to uphold it.

If you had asked England about that scrap of paper you would have heard that King George thought very little of it, and expected to crumple it. It did seem to be crumpled for a time, with Washington losing every battle, one after the other.

But although crumpled up, it was smoothed out again. The old original is framed, the scrap of paper is yellow, the signatures are not as black as they were.

But that "scrap of paper" is still the most important and about the strongest thing in this world at present—infinitely more important than our feet, our forts, our army.

And so may it prove in Europe. May the despised "scrap of parchment, crumpled, burned, splashed with blood" be the thing that saves the world.

Dr. Ernest W. Dunn was a personal visitor to Washington, N. C.

MRS. R. N. DUFFY'S MOTHER IN PARIS

IN A LETTER SHE TELLS OF TERRIBLE CONDITIONS. THERE.

According to information contained in a letter received by Mrs. Richard N. Duffy of this city from her mother, Mrs. Alice Chapman of Knoxville, Tenn. who for more than a year has been staying in Paris with her daughter, Miss Margaret Chapman, German spies are to be found on every hand in the French capital and many of them have been killed.

SHORT SEASON.

Only One Case in Police Court Yesterday.

Another one-case docket was disposed of at Police Court yesterday afternoon. William Chapman was taxed with the cost for depositing a box on the street.

Chapman went to the express office to get a package of whiskey that he had ordered, carrying with him a suit case which he put the spirits in and threw the cartoon on the street.

SUCCESSFUL PICNIC.

Was Held Yesterday at Chautauqua Springs.

Fifteen hundred persons attended the picnic given yesterday at Chautauqua Springs by the Disciple Sunday School of Kit Swamp.

Early in the day the merry-makers began to arrive on the grounds and by noon one of the largest crowds ever seen in that section was on hand.

After a sumptuous dinner had been served a baseball team from Oriental and one from Blount's Creek played an interesting game. In this the former was victorious by a score of 6 to 3.

TOBACCO AT FAYETTEVILLE

Sixty Thousand Pounds Sold There Yesterday at Good Prices.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 4.—Carrying a long page story of the opening here to-day of the Planters' Tobacco Warehouse, the Observer this afternoon says that 60,000 pounds were sold at an average price of 12 cents per pound. Some of the weed brought as high as 45 cents per pound.

ZAR HONORS GENERAL FOR PRUSSIAN DASH.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 4.—The valor of General Rennenkampf in the invasion of East Prussia was rewarded to-day when Czar Nicholas conferred upon him the order of St. Vladimir.

Twenty crosses of merit of the order of St. George have been bestowed upon members of an infantry company, which under a heavy fire, rescued a disabled battery of artillery.

Tolstois Prophecy TO LESSEN THE SEA DISASTERS

PROMISED AN ARMAGEDDON AND HIS DREAMS ARE COMING TRUE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—It was Tolstois who promised the Armageddon, but in 1913 instead of 1914, and that out of it would come a man from the north, little known, who as a newspaper man, journalist and statesman would be the great central, dominating figure until 1925 when conditions would sweep him off the world's stage and in the place of monarchies, principalities and powers would rise republics to welcome the birth of the twenty-first century.

Albert of Belgium seems at this moment to fit into the prophecy like a glove upon a lady's hand, for Albert was not born to the expectation of kingship, he just "grewed" into his present plans of the King of the Belgians and a mighty good King he is too.

Then he came to rule over the Belgians, and now he qualifies as Tolstois's striking figure in this awful war of the nations.

Thirty thousand employees of one land, and a mother will be furrowed on October 1, if the River and Harbor appropriation bill fails to pass by that date.

Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, who is in charge of the River and Harbor bill in the Senate, has announced publicly that the bill will pass by October first, notwithstanding the obstructive tactics of Senator Burton, of Ohio, aided and abetted by several other legislators from Western States.

Peace Where Art Thou? "Peace, peace and there is no peace!" On a balmy day in April of last year Congressman Richard Bartholdt, of St. Louis, the most outspoken advocate of peace in either house of Congress, planted an oak tree along one of the sheltered pathways between the Capitol and the House Office building and dedicated it to the Hague tribunal and to world peace.

The tree grew apace, spreading its branches around and seeming to smile bosonias to the Statue that caps the capitol, looking for ever toward the east. Lately, however, the leaves of this sturdy young oak have begun to turn yellow and some of the branches have commenced to droop and now only one of its little young arms remain green. The tree is dying as the war rages, and there is no peace.

An Unprecedented Summer. Washington has had an unprecedented summer in the matter of social atmosphere. Not that social affairs have continued with any formality, but those who constitute official society have remained valiantly at their posts, in spite of heat and every alluring influence of seaside and mountain. This has made dinner parties, tea parties, luncheons and bridge parties possible. The argument is strong enough that, if one must dine, why dine alone? National legislation was responsible during the early summer for the detaining of Congress, now international calamities continue the delay. When Congress is detained here the diplomats for the most part feel obliged to remain. The more urgent and complicated conditions of the present have made it still more imperative for the representatives of foreign countries, European and otherwise, to remain or return to town at short intervals. Therefore, the residence districts are not dull, silent and deserted spots they usually are in summer, and the country clubs do a rushing business at the tea and dinner hours.

The war conditions are detaching towns not only the diplomats, but the higher officers of the army and navy. A bed on the roof garden of the Army and Navy Club would make one think it was mid-season in Washington except for the weather. The Chevy Chase Club is much the same, and almost every night Admirals of the Navy, Generals of the Army, Senators and other officials may be found in groups with the few Ambassadors, many ministers and retainers of embassies and legations, engaged with

MANY SHIPS LEAVING WORLD'S PORTS IN LAST THREE YEARS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Ships totaling 136,000 tons have sailed from the ports of the world during the past three years never to be heard from again. With them have been lost more than a thousand lives and the seas have given back nothing to show on what uncharted reefs disaster lurked.

These are the figures of Lloyd's and Commander J. Foster Stockhouse of the British naval reserve is in Washington today seeking American co-operation in solving mysteries of the deep and clearing the seas of hidden dangers.

Baseball Term May Apply To This Fire.

The fire companies were called out to extinguish a small blaze in a trash pile back of W. L. Hill's place at South Front street yesterday morning for the third time within the last week.

On this lot there are car loads of trash and rubbish of various kinds, and adjoining the trash there is a quantity of wool, which is dry, and should it catch fire it would be almost impossible to put it out. Every time the fire has started there it was on the water side, which is a considerable distance from a hydrant, and in order to get water on the burning debris yesterday the firemen were forced to put the engine in operation. After the engine was put in commission the fire was soon extinguished.

LARGE CROWDS VISIT THE CARNIVAL.

The Liberty Carnival Company, exhibiting near the city water and light plant this week under the auspices of the local fire companies, have had large crowds each night since opening.

This carnival is said to be one of the best aggregations of its kind touring the South this season and is catering to a higher class of patronage.

John Haywood Jones, left yesterday morning for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The gas freight boat Worth Bagley arrived in port yesterday from Adams Creek for a cargo of merchandise.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC VERY LIGHT AT PRESENT.

During the summer months the passenger traffic of the different roads coming into New Bern has been exceedingly large, but for the last few days there has been a very noticeable decrease in the number of people coming in and going out of the city, which is largely due to the greater part of the people having taken their summer vacation and returned to the west.

CALL IS UED TO THE "WHITE RIBBONER."

Miss Anna Gordon, National President of the W. C. T. U., has issued a call to White Ribboners every where, to arrange with the pastors of the churches in their respective towns, to hold a special prayer service for a speedy termination of the war.

And for the White Ribboners to advocate universal peace September 6th, being the day set apart for this universal prayer to Almighty God.

SEVERAL CHANGES.

New Faces Seen at Big Department Store.

Miss Sara Fuqua of Savannah, Ga., has arrived in the city and will be connected with the ladies ready-to-wear department of S. Coplon and Son's big department store.

Miss Eul Eison of New York and Miss Grace Oglesby of Baltimore will be in the millinery department. Miss Eula Ewell of this city will be connected with the dress goods department.

Jonas Levinson, of Goldboro will be connected with the mens ready-to-wear department.

No German Sailors on Hospital Ship

BRITISH AMBASSADOR RAISES PROTEST AND CHANGE IS MADE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Complaint made today by the British ambassador in Washington who claimed that the crew's crew were Germans, caused a delay in the sailing of the Red Cross ship as had been planned.

This afternoon it was announced that the crew had been changed to Americans and the ship proceeded. Captain Rust, a retired officer of the American navy, admitted the same crew of Germans was on board the boat as came with the ship from Hamburg.

W. G. B. Lane, of Cove City, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

The gas freight boat Bessie Man arrived in port yesterday morning from North Hallow with a cargo of tobacco and country produce.

KAISER WILHELM. German Emperor Prominent in European War Situation.



LOCAL MARKET

- Irish potatoes \$2.50 to \$3.00 per bbl. Cabbage \$1.50 to \$2.00 per crate. Sweet potatoes 75c. to 90c. per bushel. Onions \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel. Apples 60c. to 75c. per bushel. Pears 75c. to \$1.00 per bushel. Scuppernon grapes \$1.00 per bushel. Green Hides 10c. to 27c. per pound. Bee's wax 25c. to 27c. per lb. Wool 12c. to 20c. per pound. Quotations by A. Caster. Beef 10 c. per pound. Pork 11 c. per pound. Eggs 22c. per dozen. Spring Chickens 40 c. to 75c. per pair. Old chickens 80c. to 1.00 per pair.

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Experience of a Nurse. Poland, N. Y.—"In my experience as a nurse I certainly think Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a great medicine. I wish all women with female troubles would take it. I took it when passing through the Change of Life with great results and I always recommend the Compound to all my patients if I know of their condition in time. I will gladly do all I can to help others to know of this great medicine."—Mrs. HORACE NEWMAN, Poland, Herkimer Co., N. Y.

If you are ill do not drag along until an operation is necessary, but at once take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. If you want special advice write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., (confidential) Lynn, Mass.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring a bottle image and text: "CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of In Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA"

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Advertisement for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, featuring an illustration of a woman and text: "BUZZETT AUTOCLITIES IN BELGIUM VILLAGES BURNED BY ALSACE"