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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

What seems to us but dim funeral tapers, may be heaven's distant lamps.—Lang-fellow.

Now that old man Huerta has arrived in New York we expect to hear that he has signed up with some theatrical agency along with Jess Willard and the other celebrities. Old man Vic declares he's short of cash and to get up and make a fool of himself before the public is about one of the easiest ways of coping with a wad of the long green that we know of.

A gang of wops have charged that it was the fault of Secretary Josephus Daniels that the submarine F-4 went to the bottom, claiming that he knew of defective machinery and neglected having this attended to. There's no doubt of the fact that Daniels has enemies, especially in the ranks of the liquor interests and they are on the watch for every little chance to criticize him. However, the public knows the status of conditions and anything they say or do will have no effect on this North Carolinian who has made such an enviable record since taking charge of the navy.

In cruising around over the State Judge Frank Carter acted in such a warring manner with the lawyer-solicitors and witnesses with whom he came in contact, that it's possible the investigation committee will suggest that he be interned until he can learn to control his temper.

Editor Saunders of the Elizabeth City Independent, anticipating that the Fish Commission which met yesterday, would appoint H. L. Gibbs as Commissioner, has "a fit" over the matter and hands a few red hot ones to Governor Craig, the Commission and also the Commissioner. We refrain from making further comment upon this than to say that the commission could have done worse by selecting certain men from Pasquotank county to have filled the office.

North Carolina is in the grip of a religious wave. Great revivals are being held at Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Kinston and other towns and New Bern has fallen in line and a great series of meetings which will continue for six weeks or more will begin here on Sunday. The hardened old sinners all over the State needed a little warning of what was waiting for them down below unless they reformed and there is no doubt but that in each of the cities and towns in which these meetings are being held that much real good will be done.

The main thing that is the trouble with some people who are out of work, is that they are very particular about what sort of job they accept. We heard a man say a few days ago that he had looked all over a certain town and could find nothing to do. What he should have said was that he could find nothing which suited his particular fancy. There is work and a plenty all over Eastern North Carolina and there is no need for any man to say that he cannot secure a position from which he can earn his daily bread.

LINCOLN MEMORY IS DULY HONORED

Washington, April 15.—Business of the United States government was suspended today in recognition of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln. In the national capital, as elsewhere throughout the country and in foreign lands, American flags were at half mast, in accordance with President Wilson's executive order. The president himself held aside the cares of office as did other officials of the government, to pay almost tribute to Lincoln's memory. All of the governmental departments were closed.

TWO THOUSAND HEARD REV. HAM

Noted Evangelist Thrilled Forsyth Audience Last Night

Winston-Salem, April 15.—Between 1,500 and 2,000 people heard Evangelist John W. Ham at the tabernacle tonight, when he preached a strong sermon on the subject, "Jesus and the Leper."

Mr. Ham took his text from Mark 1:40-45 and said: Jesus is on an evangelistic tour in Galilee. He is preaching and healing as usual. His fame is spread in every direction. One of the remarkable features of His ministry over that of the ordinary preacher of the day was the casting out of devils.

He healed many folks of divers diseases and demons. This poor leper heard of Him. Hope sprang up in his breast. If he only could get in touch with the Great Physician he believed that he might be cured. He came, he braved the criticism of the crowd. Let us look more closely at the man under consideration.

The Need

Leprosy is the great Eastern scourge. When a man became a leper, unless he was very rich, he was ostracized socially and religiously. Leper colonies were usually maintained. They had their company among the outcasts. Leprosy in its growth is very much like cancer. The word cancer comes from crab.

If you have ever been to the seashore, upon walking out in the shallow water you will notice crabs about the size of two hands, very often red in color, crawling along on the sand. They are unsightly. A cancer is a living disease virulent and creeping in its tendency. So is leprosy. Leprosy has always been the type of sin.

The leper made no attempt to conceal his trouble. There was no effort to justify himself for contracting the disease. He ran to the only source for help. A drowning man will grab at a straw. A conviction of sin always produces of self-revelation that causes loathing.

The leper's need was too deep for human aid. Unclean characterized his whole life. His prospects were dark and hopeless. There are moral lepers by the hundreds in this city who have not a ray of hope upon the horizon. They are rotting in their filth. Sin is in the heart.

"Doc" Eddy denies the fact of sin, and in so doing calls God a liar.

"Doc" Sociology is thundering out: "Give the moral leper a new environment."

You might place an egg of a North Carolina crow under the pea hen, the most beautiful hen in all the world, and place her in the Garden of Eden amid a perfect environment, and when she hatched, it would produce nothing but a North Carolina black crow.

"Doc" Unitarianism's fundamental tenet of this gang is to deny the supernatural birth, the sacrificial death, and the glorious resurrection of our Lord. They teach salvation by character; their motto practically is "catch hold of your bootstraps and lift yourself by education."

"Doc" Russell the second chance crowd, preaches the doctrine with the greatest license to immorality.

The leper's need drove him to Jesus. To be in want is often a hopeful condition for man. The prodigal began to be in want and came to himself. Then it was he decided upon a definite course of action. Mr. Ham illustrated the point by telling of the financial failure of a friend, and the physical breakdown of a friend. In both cases, they were brought to Christ.

The leper came to Jesus earnestly seeking Him. He is longing for deliverance. There is nothing half-hearted about him. Half-hearted souls fail at anything they undertake. We live in an earnest age. Men are in earnest about everything but religion. If they were as earnest about religion as about the material things, the millennium would be here now.

He came humbly kneeling down. There was nothing stiff about him. Stiff knees originate in a stout heart. He also came believingly. Belief is essential to any miracle whether it be industrial, political or spiritual.

The heart of Jesus was moved and then the hand. It is always so. Jesus laid His hand upon him. It was the first kindly touch he had received in years. The disease is loathsome but the sin Jesus is not afraid to touch.

Jesus touched humanity in His incarnation, in His suffering in Gethsemane, in His suffering on Calvary.

The leper was made clean instantaneously. At the conclusion of the sermon, there were quite a number of professions of faith.

PASSENGERS IN PANIC

New York, April 15.—Two women and a man were seriously injured and about fifty others hurt in a panic of passengers on a Third Avenue elevated train at Chatham Square today. The panic resulted from derailing of one car of the train when it failed to take a switch. A short circuit caused a small fire, which added to the fears of the passengers. Men and women, wedged tight in the cars, fought to reach the elevated structure, where they walked along the ties to the station. Traffic was tied up on both the Second and Third Avenue lines, which join at Chatham Square.

MUCH MAIL BEING HELD IN CANADA

Officials There Stop All Matter Not Properly Fixed Up

The action of the Canadian post-offices in holding up large quantities of mail from the United States because the duty charged upon all mail containing certain classes of advertising matter had not been paid has led the United States Postoffice Department to send to the postoffice at New Bern and elsewhere instructions regarding this class of mail. The customs duty on advertising circulars, mailed into Canada is fifteen cents a pound and customs officials are required to collect the duty when such pamphlets arrive by mail, even though each pamphlet bears a different address.

The duty can be paid by means of customs stamps which must be affixed to the reverse side of the letter or package. The duty is remitted on trade catalogues and price lists not designed to advertise the sale of goods by any person in Canada, when sent in single copies to merchants, and not for distribution.

The rate is one cent on one to two and a quarter ounces, varying with the size up to one pound, which is fifteen cents. Officials of the local office say that several complaints of non-delivery of mail addressed to Canadian points had been received. Failure to affix the customs stamps, they said was the cause in many instances. Complaints have come to the attention of the Federal postoffice department from all parts of the county and for the purpose of avoiding future trouble notification of the requirements of the Canadian customs officials was sent out.

REV. A. L. E. WEEKS DENIES CHARGES

Declares That He Did Not Embezzle Money From Church

Wilson, April 14.—In today's issue of the Wilson Times Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, colored, prints a long article defending himself against certain charges preferred against him by some of the members of his church and published in a Wilson special to the News and Observer.

In reply to the charge that he has misappropriated church funds the colored pastor says: "I have in my possession all facts and can prove or show that every penny given me by the church has gone for the purpose for which it was given."

As to the effort to force him to resign the pastorate of the church, Rev. Weeks says that it is a rule of his church that when the officers want the pastor to leave they give him three months notice and he is standing on his rights as laid down in the rules of the church. He says he holds in his possession a letter written June 26, 1914, stating that on the 19th of June, 1914, he was called as pastor of the church for twelve months at a salary of seventy dollars a month, the letter signed by the clerk of the church and the acting moderator of the meeting.

In the original dispatch from Wilson it was stated that the members of the church who are opposed to Rev. A. L. E. Weeks charge that he embezzled ten dollars sent by the church to the association at Raleigh. In answer to this, the minister prints a receipt for ten dollars signed by N. F. Roberts, secretary.

Another charge was made to the effect that the minister appropriated to his own use ten dollars intended for foreign missions. In the course of his statement he says:

"At the time of the educational and missionary convention which met in Hamlet, Nov. 10 to 13, the church had no money in hand with which to pay pastor's traveling expenses and from the convention and to give to the objects of the convention. Therefore on Sunday before the convention the pastor asked the missionary committee for ten dollars from the mission fund, while one of the deacons of the church took after collections during the day amounting to \$5.25, making a total given the pastor for these purposes \$15.25. The money was spent as follows: \$7.50 traveling expenses, \$5 to represent the church in the convention as shown in the conventional minutes, while three dollars were given or distributed in the following collections: Home and Foreign missions, old ministers, minister's conference and the Winston Orphanage, making a total spent of \$15.50."

FRENCH TROOPS HAVE MADE SOME GAINS

Paris, April 15.—French troops have gained a mile in the sharp fighting in Upper Alsace. Further gains have been made in the battle still raging in the St. Mihiel region. The French have maintained all positions where no advance was made.

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GOVT. OFFICIALS TO BE GRILLED

Investigation to Be Made of Plan to Wreck Bank

Washington, April 15.—Louis D. Brandies, special government counsel in the defense of Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams has been given an office in the department of justice and has begun examination of the complaint of the Riggs National Bank, charging the treasury officials with persecution of the Riggs institution and conspiracy to wreck it.

Comptroller Williams said every effort would be made to have the government's answer to the complaint ready for presentation to the District of Columbia supreme court on Friday. Mr. Brandies is expected to write the answer and Jesse C. Adkins and United States District Attorney Laskey to aid in the argument in court.

There is much interest among lawyers in the suggestion that the government's first plea to the bank's complaint might be that the courts lacked power to review an action of an executive officer.

\$2,000 FOR THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Raleigh Organization Made This Much From A Concert

Raleigh, April 15.—Raleigh's Women's Club found itself enriched by \$2,000 this morning when it counted after the Damrosch Symphony Orchestra played a double date yesterday.

The artistic and financial success following a month of strenuous advertising that brought several hundred North Carolinians from all parts of the State. With the artists in grand opera that Damrosch brought with his orchestra, Campbell, tenor, Pieco baritone; Miss Grace Kearns, soprano and Mrs. Tillotson Alleeck, contralto; Damrosch supplemented his night date with a city chorus of 105 voices.

This feature as a piece of pure art ranked high, the chorus being trained by Prof. Albert Mildebrandt, of Meredith College and recently elected dean of the music department. The chorus sang the sextette from Lucia in magnificent style and climaxed the event with that number.

The proceeds will go to the construction of the handsome new club home, a building to cost \$20,000. The club now has the biggest part of \$6,000 and is starting off in this had year finely.

This afternoon the argument in the case of State against Sol Jeffries and James Hoekaday, Wako Forest, colored deputies, was finished and the jury takes the issue tomorrow.

These deputies are charged with murdering one Frank Wyche, whom they were trying to arrest three years ago. The case hasn't much interest outside the argument, W. C. Douglas, appearing with the State made the finest sort of a piece of vaudeville when he pictured a brass buttoned black attempting to arrest another black, the most humiliating possible thing, he said, that could come to an offender. He did not think negro deputies conducive to law and order in the South.

GEN. JULE CARR TO BE SPEAKER

Chosen to Deliver Commencement Address at Oak Ridge

Oak Ridge, April 15.—Gen. Julian S. Carr will be the principal speaker at the Commencement of Oak Ridge Institute this year, Tuesday May 18th. Gen Carr was to have been the orator of last year's commencement, but on account of the fire, the date had to be changed, and Gen. Carr's attendance at the Confederate Reunion at Jacksonville, Fla., made a conflict; his selection, accordingly, was deferred till this year.

The commencement, this year, is to be a "House Warming" or celebration of the erection of the new building.

The State will be represented by the Hon. E. L. Daughtridge, Lieutenant Governor, who will deliver the diploma.

Hon. J. Y. Joyner has been invited to attend and the colleges to send representatives.

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PHILATHEAS AND BARACAS TO MEET

Will Gather In the State's Capital on Next Wednesday

The fifth annual convention of the North Carolina Baraca-Philathea Association will meet in Raleigh next week, the convention dates being April 22-25, inclusive. Information from State headquarters and advices from the classes indicate that this will be one of the greatest meetings in the history of the State organization.

A program that will occupy the time of the delegates during nearly all their waking moments from Thursday evening to Sunday evening, and on which every section of the State is represented, has been completed.

Pay Plan Popular

Delegates will this year pay for entertainment during the convention according to a decision of the State executive committee some months ago. This is the first religious organization to adopt the plan for a State meeting, so far as known. Notwithstanding this fact, the association officers believe the attendance will be at least normal. Indeed, the plan has met with general favor. Most delegates prefer to come free-handed and to go away without having been placed under obligations for free entertainment. Not to deprive the people of the convention city of the inspiration and pleasure afforded by the presence of these splendid young people in their homes, however, the local committee on entertainment are arranging to place as many delegates as possible in approved private homes at \$1 a day.

Separate Conventions

Morning and afternoon meetings of the Baracas will be held in the First Baptist church. At the same hours the Philathea will meet in Edenton Street Methodist church. A joint meeting will be held each evening at the Baptist Tabernacle.

Sunday afternoon there will be a big parade of delegates, visitors, and local Baracas and Philathea, led by bands, from their convention churches to the great city auditorium, where the convention sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Gilbert T. Rows of High Point. Governor Locke Craig, a Baraca teacher, is also on the program for this session.

State Officers

North Carolina Baraca Association—Dr. George E. Dennis, president, Charlotte; D. W. Sorrell, first vice-president, Durham; N. Quokker, second vice-president, Asheville; Prof. J. Edward Allen, third vice-president, Warrenton; W. M. Craig, fourth vice president, Wilmington; C. M. Bagwell secretary-treasurer, Winston-Salem.

North Carolina State Philathea Union—Miss Christine Thomas, president, Henderson; Miss Bertha Cates, first vice-president, Burlington; Miss Gertrude Powell, second vice-president, Oxford; Miss Mary G. Rowe, recording secretary, Tarboro; Miss Margaret Atkins, treasurer, Asheville.

Miss Flossie A. Byrd, general secretary, Greensboro.

The Baraca-Philathea movement is interdenominational. The number of class organizations in different denominations in the State is approximately as follows, not including Junior Baraca or Philathea classes:

Baptist.....	468
Methodist.....	227
Presbyterian.....	43
Methodist Protestant.....	35
Christian.....	30
Friends.....	8
Moravian.....	10
Reformed.....	7
Lutheran.....	5
Union.....	19
Philathea.....	
Baptist.....	454
Methodist.....	245
Presbyterian.....	50
Methodist Protestant.....	35
Christian.....	25
Lutheran.....	15
Reformed.....	5
Friends.....	10
Union.....	15

Including Junior organizations, there are something over eighteen hundred classes in the State.

E. H. Freeman, of Wilmington, was in New Bern yesterday.

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