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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The tendency to persevere, to persist in spite of hindrance, discouragements and impossibilities—it is this that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak. —Carlyle.

The Washington News thinks that the end of the war is in sight. Let us hope that Goerh's sighting apparatus is not being obscured by reports from London.

A headline in the News and Observer to the effect that "Blease Will Run For Governor Next Year" makes us wonder if he, after making the run, will not be among the also rans?

Washington, Aug. 26.—The Rockville and Silver Springs, Md., post-office are in charge of their respective postmasters' bondsman, the Postoffice Department today announced, pending their successors' appointment. The officials were removed on account of "shortage in accounts."

A headline tells us that "Roosevelt Puts On War Paint and Condemns Wilson." That being the case, it strikes us that he has had on his war paint ever since Wilson first came into the public eye as a candidate for the office of president of these United States.

The Eastman Kodak Company, having been taking snap shots at the smaller concerns, has been declared acting contrary to the law and must pay the penalty. Dealing in negatives we wonder why the Eastman Company can't rake up some pretty good excuses to disprove the charges against them.

The News and Observer is still of the opinion that the American textile manufacturers are going to find a way or make one to handle the dye situation. You can just bet they are. Americans have always found a way to get out of a hole when they get into one and there is no reason why they cannot find a way to secure dye stuff and sooner or later they are going to do it.

The Fayetteville Observer has this to say of its fair daughters "Fayetteville's fair-featured fairies, feasting, frolicking, flirting furiously for fun, fascinate swain swains journeying at seaside and springs in social sets during the summer seasons." Good night, we thought that Biggs of the Greenville Redjacket hold the blue ribbon for selecting appropriate names for the fair-featured ones, but we'll have to hand it to the Fayetteville man.

And now a young German has been arrested for taking photographs of forts in the United States. Doubtless the young Teuton will slide out of the charges against him and will gain his freedom but the fact that the Kaiser is endeavoring to secure all possible information in regard to our strength and vital points in case of war, give the public an insight into the precautions that Kizer Bill is making against any possible trouble from these United States.

Over in Winston-Salem Bishop Edward E. Rondthaler has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his work for the Master. Bishop Rondthaler has for thirty-eight years been the pastor of the Moravian home church there and in all of Western North Carolina there is not a man who does not know and love him. Fifty-eight years in charge of one church is a long, long time, and the fact that for almost two score years he has taught the people of his faith in ample evidence of his worth and ability. Truly here is a man who is great.

Incidentally we would suggest that the paragraph in the News and Observer get 'em out from their cooling of moth balls and prepare to get 'em on again.

The Greenville Redjacket wants to know why it is that a postage stamp will always tear at any place except at the perforated points. Must be because the stamp doesn't want to carry the transportation charges.

ASKS THE BANKS TO LOWER RATES

President Wilson Urges Them to Help in Present Situation

Washington, Aug. 26.—The administration's second step to assist the cotton growers in the situation created by the action of the allied governments in declaring the staple contract, was taken today, when President Wilson appealed to the bankers of the South to make cotton loans at interest rates of from one to two per cent above the actual cost of money.

The President's appeal was made in a letter to W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, and Mr. Harding was authorized to read it in an address delivered by him before the Alabama Merchants' Association at Birmingham tonight. The President's evident intention is to secure for the cotton growers the same low interest rates as are given to the sugar and rice growers.

The Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo announced this week would be deposited in the Southern Reserve Banks as it is needed.

The President expressed the hope that the producers of cotton "may feel themselves free to exact of the banks with which they deal what they undoubtedly have the right to expect," in the matter of interest rates.

The speech delivered by Mr. Harding was a lengthy and thorough going discussion of the cotton problem. Added importance is given some of his utterances by the fact that he conferred with President Wilson the day before his departure for Birmingham, the presumption being that he discussed the speech with Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Harding bespeaks a reasonable attitude on the part of the cotton planters in regard to the allied contract declaration pointing out the arguments which are used in its defense namely, that in some measure the staple is a munition of war.

He pointed too, to the indications that he has noted in the past several months that Germany has been getting a large supply of cotton through neutral countries.

Here is the President's letter: "My Dear Mr. Harding: Thank you sincerely for your letter of August 23rd. It gives me just the information I desired. What interests me most is this: It is evident from what you tell me that the country banks with whom the farmer and other producers directly deal, can get money at from four to four and a half per cent, and that the question whether the benefit of this advantageous rate is to be extended to the farmer is in their hands. It is inconceivable to me that those who are responsible for dealing directly with the producers of the country should be willing to jeopardize the prosperity of the country itself by refusing to share with the producers the beneficial rates now obtainable for money loans. I think that we can confidently expect that the banks in the cotton States and in the agricultural regions generally will content themselves with a rate not more than one or two per cent above the rate which they themselves pay. I hope that the facts which you have stated to be will become generally known among the producers of the country, so that they may feel themselves free to exact of the banks with which they deal what they undoubtedly have a right to expect.

"Cordially and sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON"

ANANIAS WENT TO JAIL ALONE

Old Ducky Didn't Need to Be Carried There by Officer

A. D. Potter, a Lenoir county deputy sheriff, met Irving Bonner, a Beaufort county deputy, at Grantsboro, in Pamlico county, Wednesday, for the transfer of a prisoner. The man in custody was Ananias Jordan, wanted at Aurora for the sale of mortgaged property. Jordan, an elderly ducky in Potter's belief did not know what he was doing if he committed the offense. Bonner didn't believe Jordan was guilty at all, but that blacks who were his enemies got him into the trouble.

"Boss, I'll go on widout troublin' you," Ananias, who is very truthful in spite of it, told Potter. But Potter said it wasn't much trouble.

When they met Bonner was surprised to learn the identity of the prisoner, who was well-known to him, he said, a very excellent old man.

A traveling salesman passed in a runabout. Bonner halloed, the autoist came to a stand and the Beaufort deputy got into the machine. His pockets were bulging with a revolver and handcuffs that loaded him down. These he tossed to Ananias.

"Come on, old man, and if anybody bothers you shoot 'em," he is alleged to have told the black.

The surprised Potter's last glimpse of the others was as the machine disappeared in the distance and old Ananias, plodding meekly on to Aurora, 15 miles distant, turned a curve in the road, carrying handcuffs and revolver.

GENERAL L. WOOD MUST TELL WHY

Will Be Asked to Make Some Explanations

Washington, Aug. 26.—Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the Department of the East, will probably be asked by the War Department to explain why he invited Colonel Roosevelt, private citizen and politician, to speak at the military camp at Plattsburg, practically in condemnation of the President's course in international affairs.

German Ambassador Von Bernstorff today conferred with Lansing for half an hour relative to the Arabic. He refused to discuss the conference. It is not believed he told Lansing anything of importance, as the latter is not scheduled to confer with the President. Lansing refused to talk, but it is believed Von Bernstorff explained the physical difficulty of getting an immediate report from the submarine commander alleged to have sunk the Arabic.

GOOSE CREEK NEWS

Farmers in That Section Are Very Busy

Goose Creek, Aug. 26.—The farmers of this place are having some fine weather now to harvest the crops. Our summer school which is under the supervision of Miss Vivian Dillon, of Tuscarora will close Friday, August 27th.

Mrs. J. B. Flora of Norfolk, Va., who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Scott, returned home Friday accompanied by her sister, Miss Sadie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrison attended the Methodist quarterly meeting at Reelsboro Sunday and Monday.

A few of our young people went to the picnic at Dawson's Creek last Friday, reported a fine time.

Miss Vivian Dillon was at Stone- wall Saturday and Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Attmore.

Miss Margie Lee who has been visiting at Aurora, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Luther Holton and family of Washington, N. C., are visiting his uncle, Mr. Walter Holton, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bennett are moving to Olympia today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holton went to New Bern Tuesday afternoon, returning home Wednesday morning.

GREAT RUSSIAN FORTRESS FALLS

Brest-Litovsk Has Been Taken by the Germans

Berlin, Aug. 26.—The fortress of Brest-Litovsk, the Russians' great stronghold, has been captured by the Austro-Germans. The war office today announced that they stormed the works on the western and the northwestern front and entered the center of the fortress at night. The whole Russian line is now practically broken.

The fall of Brest-Litovsk deprived the Russians of their last great base. It was necessary for the successful operation of their huge armies in Poland. This was the most important German victory since the capture of Warsaw.

The capture of the fortified Russian city of Bielostok is expected in a few hours. General Von Gallwitz is within eight miles of Bielostok. With the Russians driven from Bielostok, the Germans will hold the entire 110 miles of the Warsaw-Petrograd Railway from Warsaw to Bielostok.

ONE CAPITAL CASE IN SUPERIOR COURT

Theodore Sawyer Charged With Entering a Residence

The next term of Craven Superior Court will convene in New Bern Monday morning, September the sixth with Judge Bond presiding. This will be a one week term for the disposition of criminal cases only, but there are a large number of cases on the docket and it is expected that the entire week will be consumed in clearing it.

While there are a large number of cases on the docket, there is only one in which the charges are for any grave offense and the defendant in this action is Theodore Sawyer, a colored boy about seventeen years of age who is charged with burglary. A short time ago it is alleged that Sawyer entered a colored home here during the night while the occupants were asleep. He was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor Bangert who found probable cause and committed him to the county jail without bond.

GOLDSBORO GIRL LEAVES HER HOME

Catherine Andrews Runs Away and Comes to New Bern

Upon the arrival of the Eastbound train yesterday afternoon a twelve year old girl, stepped from one of the coaches. She was barchased and under one arm carried a bundle which, evidently contained clothing. Looking around the station she spied the Gaston Hotel bus and at once went over and got aboard of this vehicle along with several other travelers.

Coming on down to the hotel the girl patiently waited until several others had registered then, walking up to the register she affixed the name of Grace Chandler thereto. Observing that the girl was unaccompanied, Manager Cherry inquired as to whence she came and how long she intended to remain in the city. She replied that her home was at Goldsboro, that she had recently undergone an operation and had come here to recuperate and expected to remain several days.

Placing the girl in charge of Mrs. Brown, the housekeeper, Mr. Cherry got into communication with the chief of police at Goldsboro and inquired if such a girl was missing from that city. The official there stated that there was; that her name was Catherine Andrews and that her relatives were at that time making a search for her and asked that she be held.

A sister of the girl arrived in the city at midnight and today will take the girl back to her home. Just why she ran away is a mystery.

ZORAH NEWS NOTES

Fine Weather Prevails—Much Visiting

Zorah, Aug. 28.—We are having some fine weather now, however a little rain would be welcomed, especially by the farmers, who at this time are busily engaged in harvesting crops.

Misses Nina Gaskins and Janie Toler were guests of Miss Sadie Caton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duff Whitford and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Caton.

Mrs. C. K. Knox is ill at her home, but her many friends hope that she will soon be entirely well.

ON SLOW FARMERS HAVE LITTLE COTTON

Cut Their Acreage and Grew More Home Supplies

N. E. Day, of Jacksonville, N. C., a prominent attorney of that place and editor of the Onslow Progress, spent yesterday in the city attending to business matters. While talking with a Journal reporter Mr. Day stated that the farmers of his county are in much better condition now than they were at the corresponding time last year, and stated as his ground for making this statement, that the farmers have realized that there is a depression in business and have prepared for the worst by cutting their cotton acreage and growing more home supplies, and by depriving themselves of many of the luxuries which, under ordinary conditions, they would have enjoyed.

Mr. Day also stated that the farmers have good crops of cotton and tobacco, and the latter is being placed on the market. When asked where the majority of Onslow's tobacco is being marketed, Mr. Day stated that it was pretty evenly divided between Kinston and New Bern markets, that grown along the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, coming to New Bern while that in the upper part of the county went to Kinston.

CREDIT OF EVERY NEW BERN CITIZEN IS TO BE LISTED

The Merchants Here Have Adopted Very Progressive Plan

HALTS DEAD BEATS

Man Who Will Not Pay His Bills Will Be Hard Hit

After giving the matter deep study the merchants of this city are planning the formation of an association having for its object a credit rating by individuals.

J. T. Henry, representing the Merchants' Mercantile Agency, publishers of the Credit Experience Guide, which agency is organizing business men all over the United States in a similar way, has been here several days working up interest in a local association.

By this system all individuals, as well as firms, are put on record showing at how many places they deal, and how they pay each firm with what amount of credit they obtain, which they have credit dealings; accordingly they are rated "prompt pay," "fair pay," and "no pay."

Persons who pay one or two merchants in order to use them as a reference to get credit from others, and then neglect to pay them, form the class that is largely responsible for the losses in the business world, it is said.

The aim of the system is to show such persons in their true light, and making it necessary to pay cash, thus reduce the losses in extending credit.

"What the trading public should insist upon," said Mr. Henry, "is that their merchants give them a rating, so that when they ask for credit all that is necessary is to refer to the Guide.

"There are many people who are not intentionally slow in paying their accounts, but are neglectful and when they understand that they must be rated they will endeavor to secure the best rating possible, and will be more prompt, instead of allowing their bills to accumulate. The book is now published in the greater portions of the United States, and renewed every two years. In many states every hamlet in the state is organized under this system.

"People moving from one state or county to another are followed by special agents, which show if they are good or bad risks for credit and for what amounts. This Credit Guide places the honest and prompt persons in a position that every merchant can discriminate between those who pay and those who do not. It is therefore beneficial to both debtor and creditor.

"Supplements to the Credit Experience Guide are issued every ninety days in the form of a secretary's report, keeping the rating book constantly up to date.

"Each subscriber is furnished with letters to send to delinquent debtors that he may have on his books giving them due notice to adjust their accounts, so no one can complain there was an injustice done any one after the book has been distributed."

TWO THOUSAND WELSH MINERS ON STRIKE

Cardiff, Wales, Aug. 28.—Fresh trouble was today foreseen when two thousand miners in the Llanshilleth district struck because they dissatisfied with the government. Two other South Wales collieries are closed.

YOUNG GERMAN IS BEING HELD

Charge of Violating the Federal Law for the Protection of the National Defense by Making Pictures of Military Reservations

Washington, Aug. 26.—Facing a charge of violating the federal law for the protection of the national defense by making pictures of military reservations, Gustav Kopsch, a German, aged 27, and an instrument maker in the Carnegie Institution here, was being held today in \$50,000 bail to await trial in the federal district court, Norfolk, Va.

Kopsch, who is said to be a reservist in the German army, was taken into custody here last night by Department of Justice agents, after an investigation by them extending over several weeks. He had in his possession at the time, officers said, photographs of the fortifications and guns at Fort Mifflin, Monroe and of the reservations at Cape Henry, Va., where the government is planning extensive works to defend the entrance to Chesapeake Bay.

LENOIR MAN WHO MURDERED WIFE TO THE ASYLUM

Cooper Hill Was Yesterday Adjudged of Unsound Mind

MANY WITNESSES

Number of Well Known Men Pass on the Slayer's Sanity

Kinston, Aug. 26.—Cooper Hill, who at his home in the Deep Run section several weeks ago clubbed his wife to death with a cartround, was today adjudged insane by a jury in Superior Court. Difficultly was secured in getting a jury, so widely discussed had been the case in the county. Many of the men summoned to the box were found to have formed opinions.

The evidence of a number of witnesses acquainted with Hill was to the effect that he was sane in their opinions, or as sane as he ever was in his life. The testimony of the commission appointed by the court to examine into his mental condition was unanimous that Hill is demented.

One of the experts stated that in his opinion, his insanity is of the permanent kind. Dr. W. W. Faison of the asylum for negroes at Goldsboro, Dr. C. B. McNairy of the Caswell Training School, and County Physician Albert Parrott comprised the commission. Dr. J. M. Parrott was expert advisor to Solicitor Shaw.

Every defendant before the court Wednesday was cleared. Tried were: William Williams, charged with selling whiskey and having too much in his possession; W. A. Smith, negligence in the collision of an automobile driven by him with a buggy, all not guilty; O. H. Wiggins and Paul Cameron, assault with deadly weapons, judgment suspended upon payment of costs. There was not a case of much importance up during the day.

COLORED DIVINE UNDER ARREST

Hickory, Aug. 26.—Almost the entire colored population of Hickory turned out to the passenger depot at noon here today pending the arrival from Morganton of Rev. Douglas McDuffy in custody of Chief of Police E. W. Lantz, Mr. Lantz having gone to that place today after the aforesaid divine armed with a warrant charging him with false pretense.

Several weeks ago McDuffy came to Hickory and started a revival meeting in one of the colored churches. His eloquence inspired his audience to such a point of frenzied admiration that they refused to leave the church and continued shouting and clapping their hands until 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning. Among the better class of the negroes there was much skepticism which aroused the ire of McDuffy's ardent followers. They hooded and derided those who expressed their doubts about the preacher's sincerity until they were almost afraid to go home at night.

McDuffy, after the meeting closed, visited several other cities and towns, including Wilmington and Charlotte, where he held revivals before returning once more to Hickory. This time he was representing a colored school at Glasgow, Va., supported entirely by contributions and where negroes could get an education entirely free of charge. For this school, he told his admirers, he was soliciting funds and if any of them wished to attend the school all they had to do was to go and they would be taken care of.

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MARSHAL AT CANTON SLAYS LIVERYMAN

Canton, Aug. 26.—Town Marshal John O'Connell shot and instantly killed Wednesday morning at 12:30 o'clock George W. Turner. The coroner will hold an inquest this morning.

Turner was proprietor of a livery stable and gas pump.

BIG FIRM READY FOR THE WINTER

S. Coplon & Sons Have An Announcement of Interest

In the advertising pages of The Journal today, S. Coplon and Sons announce the complete readiness of their Fall and Winter showing of Men's wearables.

Mr. Coplon in discussing the situation for the coming season advises that never before have they put as much time and thoughtful care into their preparations as they have this season.

They will show a complete line of Hart Schaffner & Marx and Kuppenheimer clothes ranging in style from the newest ideas for young men to the sturdy conservative models for older men. Over three hundred fabrics, patterns and shades are to be found in their new stocks, and the range of sizes assures a perfect fitting garment regardless of a man's bodily dimensions.

"Throughout the store," said Mr. Coplon, "the same careful attention to details has characterized our every move; we have held innumerable conferences with those closest to the trade in the various lines which we handle, and I firmly believe that we have so guarded our purchases at every point as to insure the absolute satisfaction of every customer in every purchase, from a five cent collar button to a fifty dollar overcoat."

S. Coplon & Sons' announcements are regular features in the advertising columns of the Journal. Mr. Coplon believes in carrying the story of his store into the homes of New Bern through the mediums of this great home newspaper. Every advertisement is carefully checked before it is finally printed to guard against any misrepresentations or exaggerations.

S. Coplon & Sons store is first, last and all the time a New Bern institution and worthy the whole hearted support of New Bern's discriminating buyers.

"THE STOCK LAW ISSUE"

Some of the reasons the eighth township should vote in the stock law election:

1st. That we will not be under the necessity to quarantine against the other townships.

2nd. That we may do away with the gates on the public roads, and the township line fence. These are expensive to keep up.

3rd. That it would be our satisfaction and endorsement of our stock law.

4th. That if we were excluded, the election would not be legal for the constitution says, "every qualified voter in an election, for whatever purpose, and for whatever territory in county, state or nation, shall have the right to vote."

5th. That the 8th township, with the large city of New Bern, is very much interested in the stock law for the reason that her citizens have to buy beef and pork without the knowledge of the condition of these animals when butchered, whether they are poor, ticky or diseased.

6th. The stock law will necessarily produce a better class of stock and therefore it behooves New Bern to do what it can to improve the meat supply for the city and thereby improve the health of its citizens; for tuberculosis cattle and cholera hogs are not good for people to feed upon. The stock law will necessarily do away with these diseases. Farmers with fine stock think most as much of them as they do of their children. The Arab keeps his fine Arabian horse in the same tent with himself. The Book says "sluggard go to the ant, consider her ways and be wise." I say to the opponents, get out of the hole, shed your hide and go get the experience of seventy-six counties that have the stock law, and be wise.

Why should any neighbor compel me to fence my cleared land that he might graze his stock on my unenclosed land and claim the stock law takes away his privilege? By the way, this is not the only privilege he has, he votes taxes on me to school his children. He has other privileges that are not just and right, for without land or even \$100.00 worth of earthly goods he can kill my vote though I was worth a thousand, and a square mile of land. The constitution says no man has the right to appropriate another man's property in his use. This right is only allowed in time of war for hospitals for quartering soldiers, and feeding the army. Yet my neighbors compel me to fence my crops that they may graze their stock on my open land. Billions of dollars are expended every year for charity, schools, churches, and for the support of the governments, and it all comes from the land. Ultimately all wealth comes from the earth. The farmer feeds and clothes all, if he would cling his wheels, the world would wither, and nations would die. The United States Government and the State Government is behind this stock law question and it must come.

DEEP GULF

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Very Druggists will send you a FREE LITERATURE book on various kinds of Piles, Hemorrhoids, and other ailments. Write for it today. The best medicine ever made.

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