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PURLOINED PARAGRAPHS

Our bull market seems to have been largely that.—American Lumberman (Chicago).

What the New York stock exchange needs is a greeter who will adopt Texas Guinan's cry: "Hello, sucker!"—Des Moines Tribune-Capital.

The Salvation army, which says a man may be down but he's never out, apparently has never made a house-to-house campaign.—Arkansas Gazette.

A scientist's proposal to demonstrate that man did not descend from monkeys may result in ultimate vindication of the monkeys.—Weston (Ore.) Leader.

Tar Heel Topics

The South Carolina road program has been held up by court officials, which means that the court officials will continue to be held up by the South Carolina roads.

Grain dealers are facing an inquiry by the senate lobby committee for resisting the farm board program. Certain congressmen probably could be investigated on similar charges with far more likelihood of guilt being discovered.

Colonel W. P. H. Miller, former director of the Illinois state department of registration and education, has been convicted on a charge of operating a "diploma mill." We expect to hear of quite a few resignations from college presidencies within the next few days.

"Mrs. Max Gardner clipped four ribbons on the twin bridges today and Wilmington hopped out of the Atlantic ocean into North Carolina for keeps"—Tom Bost's lead on his story of the Wilmington bridge dedication. Henceforth and forever more should the Wilmingtonites be dubbed "the hoppers."

A New Jersey jurymen leaned over and whispered to a reporter yesterday, just as the case was drawing to a close; "Hey! What's this here case all about, anyway? I'm deaf and I didn't hear but a few of them questions and answers." The only difference between him and members of juries which have recently tried certain cases in North Carolina is that he is deaf instead of dumb.

We Receive An Undeserved Call-Down

Referring to an editorial published in the November 23 issue of the Daily Tar Heel under the heading "South Carolinian Wants Reformers Whipped," the Hornet of Furman University declares that "In our opinion the Tar Heel editorial was one of the most scandalous ones ever to appear in a college paper, and rightly arouses the resentment of Furman students and the people of Greenville."

The editorial in question censured Rev. B. D. Hahn, pastor of the Pendleton Street Baptist Church of Greenville, who is quoted as stating in an address before the Collegiate Press Association of South Carolina that "Northern reformers who think they are called upon to reform conditions in textile mill villages here should be whipped at public whipping posts." The Hornet declares "In the first place the editorial undoubtedly was based merely upon hearsay—not upon any official report, and it's mighty dangerous business for any editor to publish such slanderous remarks about any man without first being certain that his remarks are based upon the truth."

Although we dislike very much to engage in anything resembling an editorial controversy with the Hornet, we cannot allow the utterly false remarks of the editor to go unchallenged. We quote from an Associated Press dispatch which appeared in newspapers throughout the country under a Greenville, S. C., dateline of November 21: "Public whipping posts as proper punishment for 'northern reformers who think they are called upon to reform conditions in textile mill villages here' were advocated today by the Rev. B. D. Hahn, pastor of the Pendleton Street Baptist church."

"Dr. Hahn was speaking before the South Carolina college press association. He said northern newspapers were conducting a campaign of propaganda against southern textile mills 'lest the textile power of the north be transferred to the south,' and urged the college editors to oppose the northern press's influence through their papers."

Says the editor of the Hornet, "We had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Hahn, and if he said any such thing we did not hear it." From experience gained at several college press conventions, we are aware that speakers at such occasions get about as much attention as a cross-eyed old maid at a college fraternity dance. We don't question the veracity of the Hornet editor, but it is quite possible that Dr. Hahn made the statement all unknown to the editor. Indeed, the esteemed Hornet editor admits the possibility himself—"if he said any such thing we did not hear it." At any rate we would prefer by far to accept the dispatch of the AP, the greatest and most reliable news service in the world, without which the publication of modern newspapers would be impossible, than the mere unsupported opinion of a college newspaper editor, who admits himself that he may have been mistaken. Not meaning any disrespect to the clan editoria collegenia.

It is significant that the Raleigh News and Observer and several others of North and South Carolina's most important newspapers published editorials upon the same day that the Daily Tar Heel editorial appeared, denouncing Dr. Hahn in even more emphatic terms than those employed by the Tar Heel editorial writer.

Although we were attending the North Carolina Collegiate Press Association convention at Hickory when the editorial in

question appeared and we did not see the copy before it was published, we more than willingly take full responsibility for its appearance. One of the assistant editors wrote the editorial; we congratulated him heartily upon it after we returned from the convention. Our only regret was that he did not more severely denounce Dr. Hahn.

Unless the AP correspondent committed a grave error in reporting Dr. Hahn's speech, which is entirely unlikely, the Hornet editor has made something of an ass of himself. He is either admitting his incapacity to grasp a speaker's meaning through lack of perceptual facilities or inattention, or he is upholding the unfortunately-phrased utterances of a man who exhibited more than a hint of inane bigotry.

Judge Lindsey Enters Another Fight

Monday's news dispatches told of the refusal of the supreme court of Colorado to grant Judge Ben B. Lindsey license to practice law, alleging that he was guilty of unethical conduct, having accepted a large gift from a wealthy woman who had been greatly benefitted by his decision in a case tried before him as judge of the domestic court of Denver. The chief justice who wrote the opinion used to be a political boss and fought many bitter battles against Judge Lindsey when he was trying to get his juvenile court started and was introducing his famous reforms in juvenile work.

A veteran of many heated campaigns the judge immediately announced that his political enemies were trying to even old scores and prepared himself for another battle. Whether the judge wins his fight or not, we are confident he will give his opponents a good fight and there will be plenty theatricals.

For many years Judge Lindsey has been fighting against the whole political machine of his state in an effort to secure reforms in domestic and juvenile courts. He has been outstanding in his success in his domestic relations, especially his companionate marriage theory, have received widespread attention. His work was going on successfully until last year when a new election came; he was thrown out of office as the result of an alleged ballot fraud. His successor dedicated himself to the refutation of all of Lindsey's work and established a court with old ideas and practices; he repudiated everything that had been accomplished under Lindsey's administration.

No man has been more bitterly opposed than has Judge Lindsey. He is the type of man who makes a definite impression; one likes him extremely well, or hates him. The success of his work has been due almost entirely to the force of his personality. In going against the political machines, the frame-ups, the status quo, the old order of things, he has met opposition at every corner. Finally, he was stalled in his tracks by an amazingly crooked deal put over by his enemies; since losing his job he has been lecturing and writing.

When the next election comes, we hope to see the judge in a position to run and win his office again. In the meantime we hope he is able to administer defeat to his opponents in every contest that comes up; he has often been the victim of crooked deals, and we long to see him gain recognition once again.—J. D. M.

Now the movie actresses have to talk. They will be asked to think next.—American Lumberman.

The Campus By Joe Jones. Illustration of a classical building.

Out of Iberia comes word that the people of Spain have recently paid half a million dollars for ninety-five parchments which were the sole legacy Christopher Columbus left his son Diego. Long sought after by the greatest museums of the world, passed from generation to generation of Columbus' descendants, the yellow sheaf has at last found a resting place in the national museum of that country which was the first to lend serious ear to the unstaple fabric of the mad navigator's dream.

Among the documents are letters written by Queen Isabella, proud letters bearing the royal seal of Spain; and letters written by Columbus himself, pathetic little notes to Diego, who, as a tiny motherless lad, followed his restless father from town to town.

From all over the world scholars are journeying to Madrid where the collection will be displayed after its long repose in a vault of the Bank of Spain. But among all these seekers of new light from old embers there will not be found the man who has already given the world its most extensive knowledge of Columbus, the man who for long weary years ferreted out, bit by bit, the full story of Columbus from countless archives in many cities, the man who wrote in his diary this to Chapel Hill, "I am leaving this damn place for the last time, thank God."

So once wrote Henry HARRISSE, the greatest authority on Columbus who ever lived. That was long ago, for it has been many years, several score, since Henry HARRISSE was a professor at the University of North Carolina. He was living a comfortable, perhaps a happy, professorial life here in a peaceful southern

village; and suddenly he left it all and went away to Paris and fame, and died with too much nosing through of dusty, musty records in gloomy museum corners.

There isn't any moral to this column, no neatly turned ending. We just got to thinking how Mr. HARRISSE would have enjoyed reading those letters brought to light in Spain. And we got to wondering why he should be so relieved to depart so unceremoniously from such a pleasant town as Chapel Hill, and whether he ever sighed for Chapel Hill, as Leonardo the Florentine in the foreign castle of Cloux suddenly sighed for the City of the Red Lily.

But we didn't do any research about it; perhaps because we wanted only enough to fill up a column, something to shoot the bull about, enough bull to fill up the last column before Christmas, etc., etc., etc.,—"and so ewig—usque ad finem!"

Strange as it may sound, those who remain on the level are usually those who rise the highest.—Christian Science Monitor.

Carolina Theatre advertisement for Marion Davies and Marianne. Includes text: 'Her first TALKING picture!', 'MODERN RHYTHM', 'SPORTLIGHT', 'A Vitaphone Vaudeville Act'.

Old guards and young guards at Washington seem to have been no more successful in making themselves intelligible than the guards on the subway.—New York Times.

Extra Special advertisement for Jack Lipman's University Shop. Text: 'FOR Thursday, Friday and Saturday', '\$29.50 and \$35.50', '\$20.00', 'THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, ONLY', 'If You Ever Bought a Bargain Now is Your Chance at', 'Also—Big Reductions in Sweaters, Hose, Neckwear, Shirts, Underwear and Every Article in This Store.'

Durham A Logical Buying Center advertisement. Text: 'A DIRECTORY OF DURHAM MERCHANTS', 'Durham Merchants Congratulate Carolina On Its Daily Newspaper'.

Durham Men's Shop advertisement. Text: 'Incorporated', 'Select His Gift from Our Christmas Suggestions', 'A complete line of clothes and furnishings for the young man.', '111 W. Main St. — Phone F-2791', 'DURHAM, N. C.'

When in Durham advertisement. Text: 'Patronize Daily Tar Heel Advertisers'.

You'll Find It at HAYWOOD & BOONE'S advertisement. Text: 'The Christmas Drug Store', 'Nunnally's Christmas Candies', 'Eastman Kodaks', 'Sheaffer Fountain Pens', 'Toilet Articles', 'Christmas Cigars, etc.', 'GLAD TO SERVE YOU', 'Corner Main-Mangum—Dial L-911', 'DURHAM, N. C.'

EVERYTHING FOR BEAUTY advertisement. Text: 'Ellis Stone BEAUTY SHOPPE', '126 W. Main Street', 'Phone F-3351'.

Dickey-Bobbitt-Foster Company, Inc. advertisement. Text: 'Smart Shoes Correctly Styled', 'Luggage', 'DURHAM, N. C.'

Furniture advertisement. Text: '—that is styled and priced to suit every HOME.', 'R. E. Quinn & Co.', 'Home Furnishers', 'DURHAM, N. C.'

Flowers advertisement. Text: 'FOR ALL OCCASIONS', 'DOYLE, FLORISTS', 'Phone—Night and Day L-965', 'University Book & Stationery Co., Local Agents'.

Christmas Books advertisement. Text: 'To bring pleasure to you, to your family, and to your friends.', 'The Booklovers' Shop, 214' Corcoran St.', 'Gifts and Cards for All Occasions'.

Martha Washington Tea Room advertisement. Text: 'Martha Washington Tea Room', 'Lunch 12-3 P.M.—Supper 6-8 P.M.', 'Open on Sunday'.