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No longer is the market basket a sign of prosperity.

All days of "watchful waiting" have passed for America.

Evidently those food bills are giving some folks indigestion.

It would hardly be proper to say airmen shot up a town, we suppose.

First fashion caused it and now the price of cotton—makes clothes higher.

After while its going to get monotonous supplying Japan with a pacifier.

Another sign of Germanic weakness is that King Constantine has at last beat it.

America is ready to stuff its cannon with \$100 bills if necessary to win the war.

Greece's new king is Alexander, but he will hardly be Great unless he does like the entente says.

The new President of China is said to be a mere figure-head. In addition or subtraction, however?

Please let every Congressman who opposes food bills remember it is necessary for people to eat.

The Bulgarians have occupied towns in Macedonia after the Allies withdrew for strategic reasons.

Cheer up! All is not lost. The government reports that the watermelon crop is going to be larger this year.

Of course, there are exceptions to all rules. Even in the shell game we find benefit. The crop of peanuts is larger.

May be Japan got mixed about that note to China, and thought it a thirty or sixty-day affair, such as often make Americans mad.

The German prisoner who saved his way out of Norfolk jail has been captured. Now to catch the man who gave him the saw.

As the high price of tin now looks at the thrifty housewives using glass for canning it must exclaim: "Wouldn't that jar you?"

"Pershing Rapidly Getting on to the Ways of the French." That's fine, but remember the main thing is to get onto the ways of the Germans.

There are also times and places for every person. For instance, now is the time for Emma Goldman and Dr. Berkman to be placed in the penitentiary.

The New Yorker, aged 84 years, who has just been mulcted for \$225,000 in a breach of promise suit, shows that a fool and his money are going to be parted, whether it is soon or not.

If what the government reports about a bumper crop is so, why corporations want to be the only ones who will be able to cut a melon. Every chap in the South who has a jit or two will be able to do so.

Well, if the French can't pronounce General Pershing's name they have no advantage over some folks over here, who don't appear to know how to write it and insist on calling him Pershing, which is entirely out of keeping with his aim and his career.

The proposition made by City Council for public band concerts is nothing extraordinary, and we hope, if Council can possibly see its way clear financially, that it will be able to meet it. The band concert in summer is a feature with many towns. Tar Heel cities have such and it is found a great help, affording the stay-at-home needed recreation; such as not only provides pleasure, but acts as a tonic to the mind, after a hard day's work and with a warm night ahead. The public band concert, like the public playground, has become an American institution worth while.

A Royal Welcome To All

Wrightsville Beach, which is necessarily inseparable with Wilmington, as it is Wilmington capital that has developed it, that is conducting it and the Wilmington spirit that is back of it and permeating it, is now host to four big conventions. To have as guests delegates to so many conventions at one time is the record, we feel sure, for any North Carolina town or resort, as it must be remembered that as well as being a resort, Wrightsville Beach is a duty authorized and conducted town.

The people of Wilmington are decidedly proud of this record. Yet prouder still of the character of the organizations that have honored the beach with their annual conventions and proud, too, of the personnel of the delegates, with whom the folks of this city will have the pleasure of rubbing shoulders during the next three or four days. That each convention will find its stay profitable in the way of work—deliberations that should be inspired by the scene—is the earnest hope of every Wilmingtonian, and that each delegate will enjoy himself to the very limit of capacity, and then throw in some for good measure, is the sincere wish of every citizen of Wilmington. Our people want the hundreds of delegates, who have assembled for the different conventions, to feel that both the town of Wrightsville Beach and the city of Wilmington are theirs. We know that the mayors of these two towns, His Honor P. Q. Moore, of Wilmington, and His Honor Thomas H. Wright, of Wrightsville Beach, will graciously impress this fact upon them—and it is well.

And what great projects, what big things, in the lives of men, personal and in business, are represented by the four conventions that assemble today. The North Carolina Bankers' Association represents the great financial work of the State. It is the association of the men who handle the purse strings of the different sections of the Old North State and who have ably and faithfully performed their task. North Carolina is proud of her banking institutions, that stand to the very fore; that have been one of the strong bulwarks of the State in time of stress and in laying a firm foundation upon which progress could rest. The State is proud of the men who conduct these institutions. Not merely because they have been successful in their administration of the banks, but because they are real every-day sort of men, who take an interest in everything that pertains to the welfare and the progress of the State; who mingle with their fellows, understanding their wants, helping them whenever they can and never failing to throw themselves in the breach when work is to be done in any walk of life. They do not stand aloof, to count dollars and figure on getting pennies, but they are down in the trenches, working with other folks; comrades at all times, whether it be sunshine or shadow.

And then the Red Men of North Carolina. They, too, are among those in session at Wrightsville Beach. They represent one of the great fraternal societies of the country; organizations that have in large way helped keep ablaze the fraternal spirit in the hearts of men and have done that greater suffering may be prevented in the years ahead. The call for aid is not peculiar to Wilmington. It is to every town, and each must do its duty; must make sacrifices in order to help the cause. Millions of young Americans are ready to give up their lives in behalf of their country, and many of them will make the sacrifice, because this is not a bloodless war and neither are the odds such that any side can escape unscathed. So it is not fitting, is it not gratitude, aye is it not patriotism, that those who stay at home give up something, even if it involves some of their actual comforts, not only that those who go to the front may find some ease and pleasure, and balm in the time of their stress on battlefield—such as the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. afford—but that the fighting force of the nation may be stronger? Is it not fitting that the hand of Christianity be stretched across the sea to help those who are suffering; mainly suffering, too, because they are Christians. They have suffered untold horrors in Syria and Armenia because of their faith. Surely, Christians who have preached to them, who profess the same abiding faith, and who are enjoying health and strength, cannot do less than help them. Not to do so would be out of accord with Christianity; would be failure to measure up to the lofty principles set upon the pinnacle.

So we know the Wilmington campaign for \$40,000 for these four causes will be a success. Report comes that Charlie Chaplin has enlisted, but methinks we can hear right now some pessimistic movie devotee murmuring: "No such good luck."

THE WAR RELIEF CAMPAIGN.

Wise decisions to conduct all campaigns for war relief jointly; to blend them into one big campaign, so that handling could be in more scientific way and with less work and clearer understanding for all concerned, those in charge of Wilmington's part in the various works are making a big drive the present week. Forty thousand dollars is wanted—to be equitably distributed among the great works being conducted for war relief. This amount is needed so that Wilmington may contribute its share to the noble Red Cross, the worthy Y. M. C. A. and the very necessary alleviation of those in Syria and Armenia, who have been made victims of cruelty and barbarity and who need succor. In behalf of these four causes, that stand for Christianity, the Wilmington war relief committees are working this week. The time is most propitious, too, as this is the week set aside for raising funds for work being conducted and to be continued by the American Red Cross. It is fitting indeed that during this period attention of the people of America should be focused upon the great work of the Red Cross and also upon labors which are akin in worthiness and mercy. It may sometimes be thought the call for relief funds is too constant and demands too great, but these are exceptional times. It is the hour when nearly the whole world is torn by strife. There is anguish in many homes; there is need for a great force, which requires sinews in the way of money, to relieve suffering, and need of powerful forces to assure victory, and as quick triumph as possible, of democracy over autocracy, so that suffering will be less now and

much to make man realize that he is his brother's keeper. The Red Men is one of the oldest, as well as one of the noblest orders of the United States, and Tar Heel Red Men have always taken a leading part in the work and in spreading the spirit of the great organization. They represent every section of this Great State of ours, and from the mountains and seashore and from the great middle belt of North Carolina they have gathered at Wrightsville Beach. It is a pleasure to fraternize with them, knowing they represent those things which make men tender in their view of life, alert and determined to help others, and active in spreading the gospel of brotherly love, which cements men's hearts in life, and stretches out the hand of aid to the children and the widows of those brothers who lay down life's burdens when the Stirrup Horse gallops up to the door.

The Hardware Dealers' Association of the Carolinas is also in session at the seashore. Men of business affairs not only from points within the confines of North Carolina, but from every section of her beloved sister State, South Carolina, have gathered for their annual session. It is a pleasure to meet and greet them. They represent one of the important arteries in business life, and they have ably represented it to the success of the Old North State and the Palmetto State. By their labor and their enterprise they have builded well and have placed these two commonwealths in the front ranks in the hardware field. Their work has, necessarily, aided business in general; has greatly stimulated it. What helps the men in stores, the men who own and direct the business house is bound to help men in other spheres. The large business hardware man does denote great construction, as there must be demand. It indicates that more money is in circulation to the employes of the establishment and, then, turned loose by them in the various channels of commerce. The North Carolina Building and Loan League completes the quartette of big associations that assemble today at the beach. But this organization is not by any means least. It stands abreast of the foremost—and anywhere. It is an organization that inculcates and works for thrift; that has, by its efforts and its aid, made thousands of people in North Carolina possessors of homes. Many a man would have passed into the beyond without leaving his family a shelter but for chance held out by the Building and Loan men of North Carolina. They have performed a big and noble task in North Carolina, and they intend to continue the good work. They are more determined than ever to develop their business, which development must be coincident with development for the citizenship in general. It is indeed a vital role they enact, not only in the business, but the personal life of the people of North Carolina. So it is a pleasure to welcome men of such constructive ideas and action to Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach.

Yes, Wilmington throbs with pleasure and pulsates with pride over the honor of entertaining the four big conventions that are gracing Wrightsville Beach with their presence.

LEARNING WHAT ANCIENTS KNEW

People of Ages Long Ago Understood the Basic Principles of Agriculture.

(By Allen Maull, General Advertising and Development Agent, Atlantic Coast Line.) The ancients learned many things about agriculture which we are now learning. They thoroughly understood and generally applied the basic principles of agriculture to their operations. Green manuring with legumes, soil, seed selection, the testing of soil for sourness, intensive cultivation of fallow as well as a crop, conservative rotation, the importance of live stock in a system of general farming, the preservation of the chemical content of manure, and the composting of the rubbish of a farm, were some of the things which the ancient Greeks and Romans knew, but they brought to their operations something more, which we have not altogether learned—the character which made them a people of enduring achievement. The Greeks and Romans achieved their results by thoroughness and patience. They realized that there are no short cuts in the processes of nature, and that the law of compensation is invariable. Ancient literature of farm management is voluminous. Varro cites fifty Greek authors on the subject whose works he knew, beginning with Hesiod and Xenophon. Margo of Carthage wrote a treatise on agriculture in the Punic tongue which was so highly esteemed that the Roman senate ordered it translated into Latin. Columella, a Spaniard, in the second century before Christ, said it was Cato that "taught agriculture to speak Latin," and it is a known fact that Virgil and Varro wrote agricultural history in the Augustan period. Marcus Terentius Varro, whom many call the "most modern of the ancients," and whom Quintilian called "the most learned of the Romans," students as the elder Cato, was a type anything else, and wrote his "Rerum Rusticarum" in his 80th year. Marcus Porcius Cato, known to students as the older Cato, was a type of Roman produced in the vigorous days of the republic. He it was who put his finger on the true reason why scientific agriculture frequently fails to pay when he said, "The man who does not depend on his land for his living often permits his farm to get the spending habit."

The Nephews and Nieces of Uncle Sam, one of the cleverest companies of entertainers yet seen at the Royal, played to capacity business last night, presenting the neatest, cleanest and most original musical comedy plays seen in Wilmington in many months. There is an individuality and a chicness, not to say an high-class air, about this show which lends enjoyment to it, and should make it appeal to the very highest class patronage at the Royal all this week.

There are so many big special features on the bill—crowding right after each other with a snap and a dash that almost leaves you breathless—that it is almost impossible to single out any for individual mention. However, the clever work of Miss Louise Whitmore, prima donna, was especially neat and the song and dance specialty by Miss Thelma Goodwin also deserves special mention. Mr. Don Nichols in straight leads, who is also manager of the company, deserves much praise both for his individual work and for the splendid organization he has built up.

Johnny Mattiss and Jimmy Stanton in the comedy leads keep the crowd in a good humor all the way through, and their gags are all new and original. Harry Prior, in the character roles, is especially pleasing, and the chorus of singing and dancing girls, with neat and original costumes, and some big special dancing numbers, make this altogether one of the very best shows of the season.

"ROYAL ROMANCE" AT THE GRAND TOMORROW. A film operetta, something new in motion pictures, is the attraction offered at the Grand theatre tomorrow. It is the William Fox production, "Royal Romance," with Virginia Pearson. Never was there a happier or more delightfully humorous picture presented to the public. Princess Sylvia, played by the Emperor Maximilian of Rhaetia (Irving Cummings) because his ministers and not his heart suggested the match. On a hunting trip she meets the Emperor traveling incognito. He falls in love with her at once, despite the fact that she is posing as an English girl. When he is called to his capital Sylvia and her mother follow. There she saves him from an assassin. After introducing his saviour to the court Maximilian asks her to become his morganatic wife. She refuses, and then he determines to make her his empress. The ministers are stirred at this. The Premier determines to block the match and asks Gerald (Boyce Coombs), Sylvia's brother, to compromise the English girl by taking her to an inn. Gerald agrees. That evening Maximilian and his minister surprise Sylvia and Gerald at supper in a private room. The Emperor wants to leave the place in anger when Gerald introduces her as the Princess Sylvia, his sister. Then

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Margo it was who first stated the true purpose of agriculture, and no social or economic change in a people has ever been able to pervert it one iota, and that is to secure the greatest efficiency per acre and per man. Cato was once asked where was the natural situation of a farm, and answered, "At the foot of a mountain, looking to the south."

It was Cato that also said that "Green manuring is one of the oldest, as it is one of the best of agricultural practices." As a matter of fact, long before the Roman period it had been the custom in Macedonia and Thessaly to turn under bams when in bloom because they rotted readily.

The ancients understood the advantage of thorough cultivation, cross plowing, deep fall plowing, shallow spring plowing, and they knew the absolute necessity of fall plowing of heavy and stiff land.

One of the most fundamental things relating to farming was stated by Varro when he said that the obligations of every farmer are, "The ability to make a full and comfortable living from the land, to rear a family comfortably and well, to be of good service to the community, to leave the farm more productive than when he took it."

I will conclude by saying that these fundamental principles of agriculture have withstood the assaults of the ages, and have come down to us as securely inevitable as when first learned by the first to practice them.

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all misunderstandings are cleared up and Maximilian asks Sylvia to become his Empress. She accepts.

Louisiana Christian Endeavorers. New Orleans, La. June 19.—A large and enthusiastic attendance marked the opening here today of the annual convention of the Louisiana State Society of Christian Endeavorers. The First Presbyterian church is the meeting place of the convention. During the three days' sessions there will be addresses by Rev. E. W. Smith, of Nashville, Karl Lehmann, of Birmingham, Wyatt A. Taylor, of Columbia, S. C., and several other religious workers of wide prominence.

Eagles Flock to Macon. Macon, Ga., June 19.—Hundreds of delegates, including a number of national and State officers, are here attending the annual convention of the southeastern district of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Local lodges of the order throughout Georgia, Alabama, Florida and the Carolinas are represented in the attendance. In addition to the business sessions the two-day program provides for a parade and numerous features of entertainment.

Miss Linder H. Coleman is the first woman to be graduated from the college of medicine of Tulane University. Lillian Ruseling has graduated from the high school of Mendota, Wis., with a record of having never been absent or tardy during her entire school career of 12 years. Chester Harding, Governor-General of the Panama Canal Zone, is a brother of W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

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CHATTANOOGA, TENN. On sale August 12th, limited returning midnight August 13th.

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. On sale July 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, August 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 19; limited returning 17 days following date of sale.

ROCK HILL, S. C. On sale June 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, July 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, August 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, September 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, October 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, November 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, December 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, February 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, August 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, September 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, October 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, November 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, December 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1