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It looks like the Senate and House never will get together on the war tax

Some of the State papers are beginning to talk about it as the King "murder case."

Miss Rankin, the lone woman member of Congress, is to make an address at the State fair, it is said. She surely will be a drawing card for the fair.

Col. W. H. Osborn retires from government service conscious of faithful performance of duty and with the people's encomium, well done thou good and faithful servant.

The people are promised a reduction of a cent and a half a pound in the price of sugar by the first of next month. If that is brought about the most skeptic will begin to believe in Mr. Hoover.

It is said the War Department is preparing to have the American soldiers instructed in the Japanese art of jiu jitsu. It must expect their fighting in France to be chiefly of the hand-to-hand kind.

The public is told one day that it need not fear a coal famine this winter, and the next day it is scared most to death by the harrowing reports of the immense shortage in the output of the mines.

That fellow who said if he was drafted he would poison as many of the troops as he could by putting poison in the bread (he is a baker and would serve in that capacity if drafted) was, no doubt, more fool than nave. Still he should be made to suffer for his folly.

"Query. Why does Uncle Sam pay for service from all other sources while at the same time he sends to the newspapers his important calls for civil service examinations and other information, with the request that they be published, not as advertisements, but merely as news matter?" Because he expects the newspapers to "do their bit," and most of them are willing to do it.

measure rectify this. In chosing him be a crime in such case. the Governor made a wise selection.

of approval on the President's declar-circulation constitute danger for the ation that the United States will not near future. Money easily come by treat with the German Emperor in is quickly speat. The danger is that these words: "If the German people many persons, relying/upon their for it by creating a responsible gov- the possibility of distressing shorternment, they can get it. As long age in foodstuffs in the near future, as they will not prepare for peace by will not lay by any funds for those him in the editorial chair. Charlotte increasing intensity. The President the people are conservative in their holds out an olive branch to the Ger- spending now they may find the presmans, but not to the Kaiser. America will not mistake for real government by the Germans any modification of the imperial government which leaves the Emperor in actual control." Whereupon The Greensboro Daily News remarks that the sooner the German people understand this the better it will be for them.

Spending now they may find the present and the present and the prosperity has been harmful to them rather than beneficial. That prices of all articles or food will be higher cannot be debuted by any one. In the near future the cost of living will be much greater than at present. The commissioner said that 50 per cent. Of the children affected with the ailment have died. In the last four days 20 children have died from the disease.

EDISON'S MYSTERY MACHINE.

cation with the outside world.

work in which they are engaged. Be play it for all it is worth. Sunday only, One Year \$2.00 cause of the hardships and the qualifications of the men they are paid fif-Entered at the Postoffice in Wilming- teen dollars a day, it is said. As they can't get out to spend their wages, some of them will have pretty | * Lorenzen, Green & Kohn, 225 Fifth good bank accounts when they have # *

No one knows what the machine i intended to do. It is understood, the ocean of submarines.

RINGS CLEAR.

The following signed editorial The Commoner rings clear:

The constitution-our organic la -/--vests-in Congress the right to declare war-and Congress has declared a state of war to exist. The constitution makes the President commander-in-chief of

the army and navy, and the President is directing the war on land and sea. The constitution gives to Con-

gress the right to levy taxes and to borrow money, and Congress is doing both.

The President and Congress were elected by the people and are responsible to the people; they speak for the people-the people have no other spokesmen. Acquiescence in the will of the people, expressed through their authorized representatives, is the first law of republics. There is no alternative but anarchy. Before the government acts discussion is proper; after action obedience is a duty.

Mr. Bryan did all he could to pre ent the war. We are glad to know that he feels now, that war is on that it is no two-sided matter: that the people's " representatives should in its conduct. It is a pity that ear- Salem Sentinel. lier in the contest Mr. Bryan saw fit to hamper the administration as much as possible. His course had much to do with convincing Germany that the United States would not in any circumstances enter the war; that it would submit to any injustice, indignities and violation of rights rather than go to war.

Mr. Bryan would have done his country much greater good had he stood with the administration, of which he formed a part, and the large majority of the people in the crucial days of 1916. But we are glad to hear such sentiments from him as the Says The Fayetteville Observer: above. They ring clear for Ameri-

From the precautions taken by the military authorities at the Spartanburg cantonment there seems to be reason to believe those in charge have fear that efforts to blow up the waterworks or poison the water will be made. The chief engineer is quoted as saying, "the chief danger is that the poison might be introduced into the sluices through which water Col. Alex. J. Feild, the new State reaches the pumps," He further said librarian, who is also editor of The that poisoning the water might be State Journal, announces that the du- attempted. Electric lights have been ties of the position will not interfere placed at all points where opportunwith his work on the paper. In fact, ity existed for such dastardly work he says, he can make his paper of de- and other precautions taken to precided value to the library by giving vent it. These precautions followed orably known here, is in charge of the latter publicity and bringing it the discovery of men lurking in the closer to the people for whose benefit swamp near the works for three sucit exists, which is no doubt true. The cessive nights, who fled when hailed. State library has not occupied the po- The government should make short sition it should have done with the shift of any men caught in the at public in the past. We believe Col- tempt either to poison the water or onel Feild's appointment will in great blow up the works. Leniency would

The present prosperity of the coun-The Courier Journal puts its stamp try and the large amount of money in want peace badly enough to prepare continued prosperity and not realizing the only means that would make it days when prices of food will be even practical they will get war in ever- higher than they are now. Unless

are perhaps somewhat in position to Now and then people hear some know something of the aims and inthing about a wonderful machine of tentions of the Central powers de- 2 some kind that Mr. Edison is building clare that those governments' replies at his plant in Orange, N. J. It is will be sent to the Pope within a said to be an instrument of war of week. It is predicted that they will Tageblatt may also learn what it some character. Its character or for contain acceptance of the main pro- means for this country to be at war. Advertising Department 176 what purpose it is to be used no one posals of the Pope as the basis for Circulation Department 176 knows. The greatest mystery sur-terms of peace. The idea of those rounds the whole affair. It is said powers is that by so doing they will work in the present war crisis through the men at work on the machine nev- put the Allies in the position of re- his addresses on the situation and his er leave the building in which they fusing peace on terms considered by appeals to men of all creeds and politare at work and never hold communi- neutrals to be fair to both sides, ical and other affiliations to do their They will take this stand before their at this time. Wherever he has spoken In this connection The Herald, of own people for the purpose of work his addresses, like those of Mr. James Dillon, S. C., announces that Mr. Rod ing up still greater hatred of the Al- H. Pou, have resulted in great bene-Carmichael, of that town, has be- lies and more enthusiasm for carry- fit. come one of the mechanics at work ing on the war. Germany and Auson this secret machine. In a letter tria know that none of the Allies may happen in Russia, and anything his mother announcing his new will come to terms with them on any is possible save the return of the Roemployment he said he would virtual- thing like the basis proposed by the manoffs, one thing is certain—the thely be a prisoner for several months. Pope and that their accepting his pro- ory that the best thing for Russia This isolation of the men at work posel will not bring peace any nearer. to voice their extreme opinions as to on the machine is in order to keep Still they think it a good card to play how the country was to be run has absolutely secret the nature of the against their enemies and they will failed to work. In other words, the

> COMMENT ON DISPATCH STAFF CHANGES.

The Dispatch appreciates the complimentary references made by the press of the State to the recent however, that it is for use against the changes made in the staff of the pa-German forces, the general impres- per. There is already a noticeable sion being that it is intended to clear improvement in the paper and it is the aim of the staff to each day make the paper better than it was the pre-

> from some of the State papers on the spring and it is being watched with changes, all of which are appreciated. interest by many. Some of the stalks

Strong on Lawyers.

The editorial and news staff of The quirer. Wilmington Dispatch, because of the removal of some and the drafting of others, has undergone a reorganization. General Manager W. E. Lawson er the news and editorial departments, but he will have as new members of the staff, Samuel T. Ashe, Walter N. Keener and Louis Goodman. Three lawyers. Truly The Dispatch is setting a pace.—Asheville Times.

A Growing Newspaper. The Wilmington Dispatch made a number of changes in its staff

recently, some of these being caused by the war. The changes, however, have not lowered at all the high meeting with much encouragement in standard maintained by the Wilming-their efforts to have a splendid array on paper. Indeed, it is going ahead of high grade and pure blooded live constantly and is a publication of stock in exhibit at the fair. The peowhich Wilmington people have every ple of Eastern Carolina have shown eason to be proud.

hat the general manager and manag-

Dispatch Staff Changes. The Wilmington Dispatch announces

that it has completely reorganized its editorial staff. From a prospectus we have seen. The Dispatch has a fine bunch of literary high-lights and should present the news of the world to Wilmington with dispatch.

W. E. Lawson, who has been general manager and managing editor of The Dispatch since a reorganization last year, continues in that capacity; Samuel T. Ashe, one of the best newspaper men of the State, succeeds James H. Cowan as editor-inchief; Walter N. Keener, who was formerly editor of this paper, becomes news editor; Ira F. Cates, of Durham Herald fame, is city editor, and Louis Goodman becomes a reporter, thus forsaking fame as a lawyer. The reorganization gives The Dispatch three lawyers on its staff, and it is certain that they will either get it in a lot of trouble or keep it out of trouble.—High Point Enterprise.

Its Quota Filled. Along with many other newspapers The Wilmington Dispatch was hit by the war by the loss of men who went to the front.' It has now filled its vacancies and Managing Editor Lawson announces that his paper has a staff that will give the people of Wilmington and the Wilmington section the sort of paper they are looking for. The Dispatch is an excellent sheet aggressively managed. It is especially agreeable to know that Mr. Samuel T. Ashe, who has lived in Raleigh a number of years and is well and favthe editorial side of The Dispatch. He will give Wilmington a strong, reliable afternoon paper.-Raleigh News and Observer.

The Wilmington Dispatch announces reorganization of staff with Mr. Sam T. Ashe as editor, and Mr. W. E. Lawson as managing editor, and with Mr. W. N. Keener as news editor, and with an excellent corps of local editors. Mr. Ashe was at one time connected with The Observer and is well remembered in Charlotte. This writer has known him as one of the ablest editorial contributors in North Carolina. He is one of the class who puts forward their own views rather than merely giving reflection to the views of others. The Observer believes The Dispatch has done an excellent stroke of business in placing

Newspaper Changes.

Infantile Paralysis in Chicago. (By Associated Press.) Chicago, Sept. 20.—There are 139

Observer.

WITH THE EDITORS.

Pritchard is doing a most effective

was unlimited license for all classes well-meant indulgence of a new government that itself was at sea resulted months ago in such confusion; worse confounded, such a bable of violent tongues, that one does not even have to invent the bugaboo of German intrigue to explain the desperate state of things that is the outcome of such folly.

Mr. Hall Wilson is experimenting with sea island cotton at his farm near Below will be found comments town. He planted six rows in the are now more than seven feet high and very full of blooms.-Monroe En-

Women can serve now by showing their approval of the patriotism of the soldiers going through Greensboro to continues to have general control ov- the mobilization camps, Mrs. Aubrey L. Brooks said last night. She is calling upon the 85 women of the city and county who registered in the National League for Woman's Service for cantonment duty, when needed, to take advantage of the opportunity by meeting the troop trains at the station and helping the soldiers in every way they can.-Greensboro News. The committee on live stock for

the fair is hard at work, and are keen interest in better live stock There is particular local interest during the past year. The Packing

here in the growth of The plant, soon to be in operation in New Dispatch because of the fact Bern, will be a great factor in furthering this interest and departure from ng editor, Mr. W. E. Lawson, was the ordinary routine of farming. Liveformerly a popular newspaper work stock committee hopes to secure a er of this city. He has many friends large number of registered cattle, here who rejoice in the success he is hogs and sheep and if possible arrange have the united support of the people schieving in Wilmington.—Winston for an auction sale of them during the last day of the fair, or immediately following the fair .- New Bern Sun-

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