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Somebody in Germany is going to be mightily disappointed if all the peace talk brings about no results.

Does the German language contain any expression equivalent to the English "over-the-top"? If it ever did it seems to have become obsolete.

We suppose the grand review of the "Rainbow" division by Secretary Baker at Mineola today means that those troops will soon be on their way to France.

Before Secretary Lansing gets through publishing those papers he's got filed away some folks will be wishing they had never heard of Kaiser Bill.

It is natural that our troops behind the lines and in hearing of the fighting should be anxious to get at the Germans. It looks like they will soon have their desire.

Nobody has said yet what the Pope thinks of the Kaiser's reply to his peace note. It was not so hard for him to find out what President Wilson meant in his note.

Says The New Bernian: "Oh, for a revival of religion in New Bern, one that will stick." Is this a hit at former New Bern converts or a slam on the preachers of that city?

Those Britishers who are trying to make it harder for ordinary people to break into the aristocracy make it clear that they do not intend to put up the bars against American heirs.

There is a man up in the Walnut Cove section of this State, fifty-five years old, who has never had a dream. We have always known that Western North Carolina produces some mighty curious folks.

North Carolina is just now attracting attention from all parts of the country that she would like to dispense with. Her people do not enjoy her notoriety over the Bingham or the Means-King case.

The Henderson Dispatch is authority for the story that a Granville county man shot himself in the stomach with a rifle, while trying to kill a chicken. The defense in the Means case ought to look into that.

We are glad to note that Governor Bickett has taken steps to organize a "peace and order force" for the State. The bare fact of its existence will have a quieting effect on a certain class of our population.

We hope Raleigh has not congratulated herself too soon over preventing a lynching. It's going to be exciting and dangerous times when that negro is brought back for trial next month. Let us all hope that the men in authority and cool heads among the citizenry will be able to prevent mob violence at that time. Tension will be high, and the relief of the county and State officials will be great when the culprit is placed in the death cell at the penitentiary, awaiting the day of his execution.

Seen through present developments the fears that Bernstorff shed on receiving his passports were probably through anger and chagrin at having a stop put to his treacherous scheming. Some people thought at the time they were from sorrow at having to leave America and because he felt he could do nothing to prevent war between his country and the United States. We could forgive him for most anything he did here sooner than for those crocodile tears.

"NOBODY BUT NEWSPAPER MEN."

"No person other than a newspaper man has asked me for any information concerning the disinterment of Mrs. Bingham's body, excepting Mr. Shepard Bryan, the legal representative of Judge Bingham, to whom I unhesitatingly told all the facts pertaining to the disinterment of the body that were in my possession."—Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, health officer of New Hanover county. The attitude taken by Dr. Nesbitt with reference to the suppression of information relative to the issuance of the permit for the exhumation of the body of Mrs. Bingham is surprising to say the least. Of all the people in Wilmington Dr. Nesbitt is the last person one would have expected to take the position he did. His apparent attempt, in his statement yesterday, from which the above is taken, to reflect upon the newspaper men who questioned him daily about the matter shows ingratitude that no one in the Wilmington newspaper profession thought him capable of. No one would ask Dr. Nesbitt to give information that did not rightfully belong to the public as a reciprocal proposition; and the question of whether the information sought was of public nature is one about which there can be an honest difference of opinion; but certainly there was no occasion for Dr. Nesbitt to go out of his way, in an effort to clear his own skirts, to try to belittle the newspaper man and his mission.

No one knows better than Dr. Nesbitt the functions of a newspaper; the fact that they are in a way public servants, as pointed out yesterday by Mayor Moore, and are responsible to the people in no less degree than Dr. Nesbitt himself. No one knows better than Dr. Nesbitt that he owes in large measure the success of his health work in Wilmington to the newspapers, which stood by him manfully through thick and thin. No one knows better than Dr. Nesbitt that the public have no way of getting their information other than through the newspapers, for which they pay their money.

It was through the medium of a local newspaper—the Wilmington Dispatch—that Dr. Nesbitt first became known here to any considerable extent. Mr. R. P. McClammy, the then owner of this paper, opened his columns for a series of articles written by Dr. Nesbitt showing up the health conditions of the city. This paper was criticised by a large number of people and it became necessary for the paper to speak out editorially in behalf of the work being done through the publication of these articles.

The publication of the series of articles led to the employment of Dr. Nesbitt as city health officer and later to his selection for the place he now holds. The great turmoil that was created in the city is still fresh in the minds of the people. It was to the newspapers that Dr. Nesbitt turned for help and support and it was through their aid he was enabled to really accomplish something in a health way for the good of the town. All remember the stormy scenes that were enacted a few years ago when Dr. Nesbitt was trying to have enforced certain health measures; it was to the newspapers he turned for assistance, and they came to his rescue and helped him carry through his program.

The newspapers stood behind Dr. Nesbitt because they believed in the measures he sought to have adopted and enforced and we are not asking for any favors for so doing. None at all. All we ask or have asked of Dr. Nesbitt's office is that he continue to pursue the policy his office boasted of at the time he really needed the support of the newspapers. Of course, recently things have been running smoothly and the aid of the press has not been required. Reference to Dr. Nesbitt and the fight the newspapers made for him is cited merely to show that the veiled attack he made upon the newspaper men of the city came with mighty poor grace.

Perhaps the newspapers have been too kind to Dr. Nesbitt. Not once can the writer recall any local newspaper criticism of Dr. Nesbitt's policy. He was given the active support and co-operation of both newspapers in nearly every cause he espoused.

Mayor Moore took the right view of the matter when he insisted upon the information being made public. It is gratifying to note that he was sustained in this view by the Board of Health which has instructed that hereafter all such transactions be made a matter of record and open to the inspection of the public. The county attorneys have sustained the view of the board.

Dr. Nesbitt made a mistake in not giving to the public the information relative to the issuance of the permit. All men make mistakes. It would have been more becoming in Dr. Nesbitt to have admitted his error and let it go at that, instead of trying to ring in a sentence in his statement that apparently is an attempt to cast reflection upon the newspaper men of the city.

Frankly this paper believes that Dr. Nesbitt was honestly mistaken in believing that he could "best subserve the best interests of the public" in pursuing the policy he adopted, but evidently he later found that he was mistaken, for otherwise he would not have made any statement at all admitting the issuance of the permit.

The Wilmington Dispatch considers that it has a mission equally as important as that of Dr. Nesbitt, and while it will always be the policy of the paper not to make premature publication of a matter nor to deliberately publish anything calculated to injure anybody, at the same time, it will continue to make an effort to obtain and will obtain such information about any public matter in which it thinks the public is interested.

STATE NEWS

Charles M. Rendleman, a Salisbury man, who has been in business at Jacksonville, Florida, for 15 years, was drowned near that city, according to a message received today. He was 35 years old and leaves a widow and one child at Jacksonville, besides a mother, Mrs. J. A. Rendleman and several brothers and a sister here.—Salisbury dispatch to Charlotte Observer.

Charlotte's experience with the provost guard is altogether interesting. It was not generally known that the guard was operating in the city, but a news report, indicating that in quiet way it had been producing some wholesome results. The provost guard seems to have peculiar opportunities for running down blind tigers and has caused a commotion in the jungle, having cleaned out quite a number whose existence had not been suspected and having caused others to withdraw a safe distance back from the road. The provost guard is not established for the regulation of the "soldier citizenship" alone. It has police powers and can make arrests for violation of the law in any shape or form.—Charlotte Observer.

The Citizen is informed that government surveyors are at work on a large area of unimproved land between Southern Pines and Fayetteville and that Uncle Sam's agents are getting options on the lease or purchase of 175,000 acres of land for the purpose of making a big permanent training camp for soldiers. The story goes that the purchase of this land means an expenditure of about \$2,000,000, while the annual rental would amount to the tidy sum of \$200,000. It is estimated that this great camp would mean the expenditure of a million dollars a month. That would mean considerable to Southern Pines. It is said that something like 100,000 acres are now under option and that the matter will be decided within the next two weeks. The camp would come within four miles of Southern Pines and the other end would be about the same distance from Fayetteville.—Sand Hill Citizen.

Commenting upon the announcement made by The Sun-Journal a few days ago to the effect that government experts were at that time at Morehead City with a portable smoke house instructing the fishermen and dealers in the art of smoking and curing menhaden and other varieties of fish that are not now in general use among the people of this section, Mr. George N. Ives, one of New Bern's leading and oldest fish dealers, stated today that when properly cured, the menhaden was one of the most palatable of the many fish found off the North Carolina coast and that in the course of a few years they would be on sale on every market in the State and that the people would consider them a delicacy.—Mr. Arthur Guthrie, a machinist at the New Bern Iron Works, is today minus one eye as the result of an accident which occurred several months ago. At the time of the accident Mr. Guthrie was engaged in working on a piece of gear and a small sliver of this in some way flew off with such force that it penetrated one of his eyes. An X-ray picture of the optic was made, the offending piece of steel located and Mr. Guthrie was taken to Richmond, Va., where it was removed. The operation was successful in a way but Mr. Guthrie lost the sight of that eye and today he had it removed.—New Bern Sun-Journal.

WITH THE EDITORS.

New Bern Sun-Journal.—Our tobacco market is at the present time forging ahead by leaps and bounds. It has grown from a small beginning to one of the leaders in this section and there is every reason to believe that within the course of a few years it will be at the top of the ladder and that millions of pounds of the weed will be brought here and sold each season.

Dunn Dispatch.—A little more charity toward the negro might help him come with honor through the most trying period of his existence on the American continent. It is not likely that and race so weak has ever faced so trying a situation as does the negro at this time, and it is to his everlasting honor that he is facing it with a nobility surprising to those who least understand his character.

Greensboro Record.—And so it happened that Mr. Bernstorff, who went conspicuously when diplomatic relations with his country were broken off, wasn't such an ardent believer in America after all. It appears that he was using German gold to influence lawmakers to see that America didn't declare war against Germany. The whole German plot, as it develops, was a wonderful system. As we get the facts in the case the more we feel justified for what we have done and are doing. It had been on in this country for many years. It is now evident that Germany was always afraid of the part America would play when she launched her war against France and England. The fact that America is doing just what Germany was plotting and spending money to keep her from doing certainly gives no inspiration to the Kaiser. America will decide the issue, and the issue is to be nothing but the annihilation of the German Empire. Already it is tottering.

A GOOD PLAN.

Two Vance county men have just purchased a carload of Guernsey cattle in the western part of the State. Those bought by one of them will be put on his farm. The other bought on behalf of a bank in Henderson, which will place them among the farmers of the county on easy terms. It is the purpose of the bank in this way to interest the farmers of the county in improving their stock and to aid them in doing so until the county is well stocked with this splendid breed of cattle. If banks in all the counties of the State where there is need of improved stock would pursue this course it would not be long before North Carolina would take its proper place among the stock raising States of the Union. This could be made a great cattle State, and the Henderson bank's plan is one of the best for bringing about that much desired state of affairs.

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Suburban Schedule table listing train times for various routes like Wilmington, Charlotte, etc.

Red Cross Dynamite Doubles Yields advertisement with image of a farmer and a corn stalk.

Mud-Capped Charge advertisement for Red Cross Dynamite with image of a boulder being moved.

Send Your Order to Us N. JACOBI HARDWARE CO.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE table showing train arrivals and departures for various stations.

VOTE COUPON advertisement with a form for casting a vote for the Standard Railroad of the South.

FOR HIM advertisement for Jarman & Futrelle eyeglasses.

KRYPTOK GLASSES THE INVISIBLE BIFOCALS advertisement with image of a woman wearing glasses.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY advertisement for Dr. Vineberg's eye services.

THROUGH SLEEPERS TO ATLANTA advertisement for Petrie & Co. Photo-Engravers.