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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1917.

Bygones! Bang! And the Huns didn't know what hit 'em.

Wire entanglements don't stand any show when British tanks tackle them.

Don't you know our boys further down the line wish they could have taken part in that battle?

Magnificently planned and superbly executed, will be the universal verdict on the splendid British victory.

We would not care to have been the person whose duty it was to inform Kaiser Bill of the British victory.

As the British admiralty has found that it can get close in to German waters we may look for a repetition of the Cattagat affair.

An exchange says corn bread is good enough for interned Germans. If not that, they need not be given white flour bread, for no doubt they would prefer to have brown bread, which most of them probably were used to at home.

There is no limit to German ingenuity in thinking up ways to destroy American efficiency in war preparations. It extends from burning warehouses filled with war supplies on the Atlantic seaboard to poisoning whole flocks of sheep on western ranches.

"The spy caught hiding in the crow's nest of a United States troop ship in New York deserved to be lowered from it by a rope," says The Boston Globe. A good way if the rope were looped about his neck and not long enough to reach the deck.

We hope all soldiers will, for the sake of their families, heed the appeal of Secretary McAdoo and take out government life insurance before the time for so doing expires, which is February 12, next. All soldiers with families at all dependent on them owe it to those families to take advantage of the liberal plan of life insurance offered by the government.

If General Pershing did not have anything to do with planning that attack by the British on the Germans which proved so successful it was of the kind of fighting the American General has advocated and said his soldiers would do when they got into the war. It was entirely different in several respects from all former British modes of attack and in every important feature resembled the kind of warfare advocated by General Pershing and other American army men.

Kaiser William is endeavoring to repeat the history of the Fifth century. The Attila of the Twentieth century is sending his Huns to lay waste and take possession of the countries to the south, fairer than his own. The repetition will continue until the Modern Attila will meet defeat at the hands of his Aetius. The victory over the Huns yesterday was near where the decisive defeat of their ancestors under Attila took place nearly fifteen hundred years ago, which occurred on the plains of the Marne.

The London Mail told a great big truth when it said the United States was not in this war to help Great Britain or France, but to save her own freedom from German domination—for exactly the same reasons that those two European nations are fighting. The only reason this country is in the war now instead of waiting till later is that it prefers to join England and France in the curbing of Germany and fighting the latter on foreign soil.

THE AMERICAN SOLDIER.

From the time it became known that American troops would be sent to Europe there was too much boasting among many of our people as to what our soldiers would do to the Germans as soon as they got on the firing line. Some seemed to think that all they would have to do to become victors would be to show themselves to the Germans. There was much talk as to how quickly they would end the war by showing the French and British how real soldiers fought. There was a great deal of such talk among people who should have known better.

The American soldiers are as good fighters as any in the world; but they are not miracle performers, and to do with the Germans what some people seemed to expect of them would have been little short of the miraculous. Our soldiers go to France to meet an enemy who have been good fighters for many generations and those of the present generation have been trained to arms as no others in the world of today have been.

So matters stand up to the present day, and we are afraid the pendulum is going to swing back and our soldiers be not given the full credit they deserve. The first indication of this is an article in The Saturday Evening Post by George Patullo, who fails to find among our soldiers now on the front the spirit of the fearless Westerners. We did not know before that the Westerner had more fearless spirit than the Southerner or the Northerner.

Another complaint of Patullo's is that the American soldiers now over there are too eager pupils of their allies. This criticism is as faulty as the other. It would have been unfortunate for the cause and for our soldiers had they joined the veteran soldiers of the Allies feeling superiority and displaying an assurance of attaining greater success than they. The mode of warfare and the instruments of attack and defense employed in this war are so different from anything our soldiers, even those who have been in actual war, have ever experienced that any other course than that pursued would have been folly. The American army may adopt different offensive tactics from those of the Allies, but even then there is much for them to learn before they become effective participants in the fighting. We take it that the American officers on the ground know what they are about and are pursuing the right course to develop the utmost efficiency of the American army.

No one will believe our soldiers are lacking in the spirit of fearlessness or self-assurance or that they are such eager pupils of the Allies as to admit inferiority. When opportunity comes the American soldiers will show themselves to be the equals of any of those fighting with them or against them.

A WARNING.

The fearful results of the burning of the school building in Asheville is a warning to the people in every city in this State. What happened there is liable to occur in any other city whose school buildings are not fire-proof. No new school building should be built which is not absolutely fire-proof, and every one now in use should be made as nearly so as possible. Dependence should not be put on means for quickly emptying the buildings of the pupils or in frequent fire drills. These measures are good in their way and should be properly looked after in every building, but precautions against fire should not end there. No city can afford, for the sake of economy, to place the lives of hundreds of children in jeopardy daily by assembling them in school buildings where there is danger of repetition of the Asheville catastrophe. Humanity demands that every precaution should be taken to protect them. Human life cannot be measured by the money standard. Dollars and cents should not be made to count when it is a question of life and death, as is the case when the cost of a school building is cut down through rejection of proper means in the construction to make that building fire-proof. Every city school committee in the State should take warning from what Asheville has suffered and take steps to prevent its repetition in the building under its control.

The London Daily News hints at the probability that in the closing phases of the war the United States will be the commanding figure. Their entrance into the war has saved Great Britain and France from defeat or at the least from being forced to make a humiliating peace. This is a fact those countries realize, and it is no more than right that our government should take the lead at the council of nations when it meets to settle the terms of peace. Germany will heartily approve of this, for she well knows that she will secure more liberal terms from a council influenced by the United States than from one under the domination of her long time and inveterate enemies, Great Britain and France.

DR. JAMES SPRUNT.

It is with great pleasure we note the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association has elected Dr. James Sprunt its president. It is a well deserved recognition of his zeal in preserving the heretofore unwritten history of the State, especially of the Cape Fear section, and of the valuable results of energy, time and talents devoted to the work. No more fitting selection could have been made and we congratulate the association on its choice of a president. Dr. Sprunt, as head of the Association, will bring his store of knowledge and fondness for historical research into play to the advancement of the class work engaged in by the Association.

WAR EXPENSE.

The war expenditures of our government seem enormous and the war taxes very high, but when compared with those of Great Britain they are comparatively small. In comparing the figures it must be remembered that this is the first year America has been in the war, and that a great deal of the expense so far incurred was in initial preparations and will not have to be repeated in the coming years of the war, while Great Britain's are current expenses. For the six months ended September 30 her revenue income was over one and a quarter billion dollars, being five hundred million more than for the same period last year. Two hundred and eighty million of this sum came from excess profits tax. The United States will spend or authorize the expenditure of somewhere near twenty billion dollars during the first year of the war, but large part of this will be for building naval vessels, for various plants or war material, for erecting army cantonments and many other permanent war equipments. The expenditure will not be near so heavy. At the close of the war the debt of this country will be much less than that of Great Britain.

The German war office will not tell its people that their army has met signal defeat, but they will want to know what is meant by the announcement that "the reserves checked the enemy in the rear position." That will put the people to wondering how the British got to the rear positions and what the soldiers of the front lines were doing while the reserves were checking the enemy in those rear positions. It will be pretty hard to explain such situation without admitting that the first line soldiers were all killed, captured or had run from the battlefield.

Germany has made some huge blunders since she entered the war, but none so great as the moving of troops from the line in front of the British to take part in the drive in Italy, as it is said was done. It was generally supposed that the troops sent to aid the Austrians had come from the Russian front.

THE RESULT OF STRIKES.

(Asheville Times). Will Federal control and operation of the railroads become a war necessity? The trend is in that direction and unless the signs of the times are imperfectly understood, the government will be forced to the step.

From various sections of the country there are rumors of strikes or threatened strikes of railway employees. Efforts to avoid the stoppage of railway trains and the consequent embarrassment, not of individuals and mercantile concerns alone, but of the government itself in its conduct of the war, seem futile.

Unless settlement of the differences between employees and employers can be brought about, it will be right and necessary for the government to step in, operate the railways, set the scale of wages and if the worst comes, draft men to drive the engines, load the freight, and conduct the business of transportation.

If this course is forced upon the government, no one can complain. Trains must move now and move every day. War material must reach the seaboard. This is no time for bickering. Difficulties between labor and capital must be settled. The Federal government can be trusted by both sides, fair and just treatment would be accorded both the operators and the operatives.

This is not the time for strikes in any line of work. Every wheel should turn and every mill should be operated. Too much depends on the output of plant and factory. The nation's present and future, nay the nation's very life hangs in the balance.

If workingmen and employers of labor would simply recognize the fact that loyalty to the country demands a united service the adjustment of differences would come quickly.

If the conflict continues, then governmental operation of industrial plants and of railway lines will follow and the fault will lie with those who have made the step necessary.

One French Ship Lost. (By Associated Press.) Paris, Nov. 22.—One French ship of more than 1,600 tons and two fishing vessels were sunk by submarines or mines last week. One ship was attacked unsuccessfully.

Hugo Bezdek is out with a boost for Chick Ward. The Pittsburgh manager says Ward is the most promising pitcher in the Pirate crew.

WITH THE EDITORS.

Asheville Times.—The people are hearing from the American boys in the trenches. As the war progresses, the reports will continue, reports of brave service, effective attacks. At the same time the wires will tell of lives sacrificed on the altar of freedom. In the meantime, those who remain at home should do something and do it quick.

New Bern Sun-Journal.—It is time to call forth the firing squad. The people of the United States have for months suffered at the hands of the alien enemies in this country but when the time comes, as has been the case, when these enemies endeavor to intimidate the public and cause them to cease giving aid to the government, then it is up to the government to take drastic action.

Durham Herald.—Organized labor gave the pacifists the right answer, and Samuel Gompers used the proper methods of defying labor's attitude about this war. He stayed at the Socialist party in his Buffalo speech yesterday. Once the laboring man has understood the situation, there is little doubt of his attitude towards this war. The vote was over twenty thousand to four hundred against the peace at any price wing of the party yesterday, but the smaller number has been creating enough discussion to have been on the majority side.

Charlotte Observer.—President Wilson has insisted upon Colonel House standing firm by one particular instruction governing his participation in the conference by the allied war commission which is shortly to be held in Paris. The President has reminded Colonel House that unity of action between the Allies is essential to victory. It is strange that there should be any necessity for urging this manifest fact upon England. Lloyd-George echoed President Wilson's contentions when he proclaimed the coming unity between the leaders of all the allied countries.

STATE NEWS.

Mrs. Frank Herz, during the past several months has extended many delightful hospitalities to the soldiers at Camp Greene. Several days ago when she returned home after a visit to the base hospital she was surprised to find on her porch an express box containing 800 large red apples, shipped to her by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hay, a high school boy, who was Mr. Hay's youngest son, Bruce and Mrs. Hay's high school boy, who was recently stationed at Camp Greene, had been entertained on several occasions by Mrs. Herz and the apples were sent as a token of appreciation.—Charlotte Observer.

E. H. Moser, who is superintendent of the public schools of Selma, Johnston county, was here Saturday as the representative of the people of his town to confer with the Federal fire administrator for the State, A. W. McAllister. Mr. Moser told friends that a number of prominent business and professional men of Selma had taken the lead, called a mass meeting and in this manner "put over" the municipality of Selma, despite the opposition of Mayor Hay, who was working in full co-operation with the municipal wood yard plan, now, it was stated, and Selma is put on a wood-burning basis, with the first order amounting to 600 cords.—Greensboro News.

At the monthly meeting of Post B. T. P. A., Saturday night, it was decided to dispense with its annual banquet this year and donate \$50 of the funds usually expended in this manner for the war relief work of the Y. M. C. A. The annual banquet of this post is always a great occasion which is enjoyed by the membership, but it was decided at this meeting that owing to present conditions, the necessity of food conservation, and the need of money for such work as the Y. M. C. A. is doing for the soldiers, that it would be better to dispense with this feature this year as a patriotic duty.—Winston Sentinel.

In Camp Jackson America meets. When you meet a soldier and ask him where he is from he will most likely answer North or South Carolina or Florida; however, there are a few thousand here who represent every State and almost every county in the United States. New York State, Pennsylvania and Texas are especially well represented. This is due in part to the volunteer organizations which are stationed here and also to the regular army organizations which have been sent here all along. Motor

Dandruff Scapls Lead to Baldness

If you have dandruff get rid of it quick—it's positively dangerous and will surely ruin your hair if you don't. Dandruff heads mean faded, brittle, gray, scraggly hair that finally dies and falls out—new hair will not grow—then you are bald and nothing can help you. The only sure way to abolish dandruff for good is to destroy the germ that causes it. To do this quick, surely and safely there is nothing so effective as Parisian sage. Wash with it, apply as Parisian sage. Wash with it, apply as Parisian sage. Wash with it, apply as Parisian sage.

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truck company No. 40 came from Texas here and motor truck company No. 211 from San Francisco, Cal.—Charlotte Observer.

At the term of civil court which convened here Monday with Judge James L. Webb presiding, the Charlotte school bond issue of \$250,000 will be brought up and tested. The entire matter has been put in proper shape for a speedy hearing and Judge Webb will be asked to render a decision as early as possible so that the case may be carried to the Supreme Court and a decision obtained as nearly as convenient to the court. The bonds were in shape to be sold and the matter was referred to New York attorneys, after Mayor McIninch found what he believed to be an obstacle to their sale. The New York experts agreed with Mayor McIninch and stated that before they could pass favorably upon them they would have to be passed upon by the courts. In the meantime, the building program of the board of school commissioners has been held up and the high school, to cost \$150,000, has not been started. Some of the improvements contemplated in the building program could not wait, however, and these have, for the most part, been carried out. The new Third Ward school, to cost some \$25,000, has not been started as yet, either.—Charlotte Observer.

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Screenland by Ogden Lawrence

A LITTLE old lady recently visited the Bluebird Pacific Coast studios with her daughter to see motion pictures made. She spent the morning watching the action before the camera and remained for luncheon at the cafe. Director Rupert Julian, who was then producing a new feature, was lunching at the same time. When his glance fell upon the old lady he exclaimed, "There is my 'mother!' She's just the type I've been looking for." An introduction was obtained, and it was disclosed that the little old lady was no other than Ruby La Fayette, who since the late '60s, had been an actress on the legitimate stage. Miss La Fayette's success in "Mother of Mine" is now moving picture history. She played the role without make-up, presenting an artistic performance that won her immediate recognition as one of the screen's greatest "old ladies." Although she had played with such eminent actors as Booth, Barrett and McCullough, she had never before appeared before the motion picture camera. Now she says she is starting her career all over again at seventy-three.



RUBY LAFAYETTE
been a notable feature in the London press and in leading magazines in this country. Since his arrival in California some time ago he has acted as staff writer and title editor for Paralta Plays, and more recently has been acting as scenario and publicity director for Lois Weber.

GIVES DRESSES TO HER "EXTRA" GIRLS
If there is one question which Norma Talmadge is called upon to answer more frequently than any other, it is this: "What do you do with your wardrobe?" It seems that the ever-present film fans Talmadge distribute glad to help Miss Talmadge distribute her dresses over the entire country if they could, for the requests which she receives for her cast-off frocks are as numerous as the letters which ask for her autographed photographs. But to all these pleadings miss Talmadge turns a deaf ear, for she gives them to her "extra" girls that they may be able to get positions with other companies when they are not working for her.

"YORICK" WRITES FILM PLAYS
That H. Sheridan Bickers, one of the best-known English playwrights and dramatic critics, has been engaged to write scenarios for Mae Murray is a recent interesting announcement made by Bluebird Photographs. Mr. Bickers was formerly well known in London and New York under the pen name of "Yorick" and his dramatic criticisms for years have

A STAR BEREAVED
While Enid Bennett was testifying in court in California one day recently, her attorney was handed a telegram which bore the tidings that her oldest brother had been killed in action on a French battlefield. The young star was prostrated by the news for a while, but has bravely gone on with her work. The brother was a captain in the British army, and had been in France for two years.

Virginia Pearson has just completed her thirteenth mile of film for William Fox, of which twelve and seven-eighths miles were "vampires."

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