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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1917.

Isn't it remarkable that wives who have been giving their husbands cigars for Christmas presents for years never learn that you can't go by the gaudy colors of the bands.

The most rabid "anti" will admit that nation-wide prohibition will accomplish one good thing, for those fellows who make their living by roving around the country denouncing the Demon Rum will find their occupation gone, or at least so prosaic that they will have to give it up and go to work.

The Columbia States suggests that some of those snobbish army officers are henpecked husbands and are trying to even up on the privates. Maybe so. The difference is the privates are forbidden to show resentment and the henpecked husbands are afraid to do so.

GOVERNMENT AND THE RAILROADS.

The report comes from Washington that when Congress reassembles after the holiday recess President Wilson will urge upon that body the necessity of the government taking over the railroads and operating them during the period of the war.

Mr. Wilson has announced that he would have something to say to Congress on the railway question when it convenes. But what line of action he will recommend is unknown to the public and will probably so remain until Mr. Wilson sends his message to Congress or addresses that body on the subject. Not only the public, but the high officials of the government are ignorant of Mr. Wilson's plans. If he has definitely formed them he has confided in no one from whom the newspaper men could get a tip. All reports as to what he intends to recommend to Congress are guess-work, pure and simple.

The guessers have gone so far as to declare that the President has decided upon Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo as the man to take charge of the consolidated railways system that will be placed under government control.

The Washington Post declares this alleged contemplated action of the President to be "one of the most reassuring developments of the week" and that "no man in the United States is so well qualified as Mr. McAdoo to take control of this situation." This latter declaration may be true and still Mr. McAdoo not be able to take control of the situation and manage it successfully. It is a most stupendous undertaking. It strikes us that to cope with the present railway situation the man put at the head of the consolidated system must be one not only of extraordinary natural ability and high business qualifications, but also well acquainted with the system of railroad in this country. Can Mr. McAdoo fill the bill? Is there a man in the country outside of a few of the prominent railway men of long experience who could take on his hands the management of all the roads and make a success of it? Isn't it doubtful if any one of those railroad men even could manage the nation-wide system successfully?

NEW MINING INDUSTRIES.

The war has caused renewal of development in three mining industries in this State which had been started some years ago, but had been allowed to languish. They are the mining of tin, copper and graphite.

The tin mining is in the Kings Mountain section near the South Carolina line. The copper mining operations are in Granville county on the Virginia line and also of a deposit in Guilford county. The graphite deposits

being worked is near Graphitoville station, on the Western North Carolina railroad, in McDowell county.

All these deposits have been mined to some extent in former times, but not on a scale to fully develop them. This was especially so of the tin deposits.

Capital from beyond the State is now interested in all these developments and because of the necessities caused by the war they will now most probably be fully developed and made to produce in paying quantities. There is no doubt about the graphite and copper deposits being of quality and quantity to make mining profitable at this time. Of the tin deposits there has been doubt in the minds of some experts who have examined them of paying quantity and quality of the ore, while others declared there were great things in store for those who would undertake the work in scientific manner.

STATE NEWS.

Professor Collier Cobb of the geology department will sail from New York with a party of his students the first of the week for Santiago, Cuba, where he goes to make a special study of the nickeliferous iron ores of the Oriente region of Cuba. One of Professor Cobb's former pupils, De Berniere Whitaker, is in charge of mining work there and will assist Professor Cobb and the university students in every possible way. These ores are very valuable in the manufacture of the nickel-iron steel, so necessary now in industrial work.—Chapel Hill Dispatch to Charlotte Observer.

The Buncombe county fuel administration has taken charge of the distribution of coal in Asheville and all orders for coal must pass through the hands of R. L. Luther. Mr. Luther was appointed yesterday and began his duties this morning. Where there is no actual need for coal he will refuse to O. K. an order to the dealer; hoarding and famine will both be guarded against. It is believed that the coal supply in this city will be sufficient for its needs if it can be properly apportioned and for this reason the administration has taken charge of the situation. The coal dealers welcome the change and the people seem to be pleased. There will be no price fixing by the committee.—Asheville Times.

Rowan farmers fairly romp away with the prize money which the Winston bank offers annually for the best hay production to the acre. Rowan has been getting the best end of the prizes since the beginning and this year captured the first money on hay. Mr. W. D. Graham not only took the fifty dollars prize, but he raised a big crop on the acre. Two things impress themselves on our mind in this connection, and they are these—that Rowan lands, and others too, can grow very profitable crops of hay, and again, the records show a large increase in the tonnage each year in the case of the winning production. Mr. Graham's production per acre this year was far ahead of the prize acre the first year the prizes were offered. For hay production the Rowan farmers are making magnificent gains each year. And the encouraging thing is that the progress is not limited to hay by any means.—Salisbury Post.

TRENCH DICTIONARY, INSTALLMENT NO. EIGHT.

Taking Over—Relieving the force in a trench.  
Tank—A new type of British armored car.  
Taube—German for dove. A type of German airplane used early in the war.  
Tchinovnik—A small offholder under the old regime in Russia.  
Tear Shell—A German chemical shell that temporarily affects the eyesight.  
Territorial—An English soldier that corresponds to an American militiaman.  
Tin Hats—Steel helmets. Also name for staff officers.  
T. N. T.—Trinitrotoluol. One of the most powerful of high explosives. Made from toluol treated with nitric and sulphuric acids.  
Tommy Atkins—Popular name for English common soldiers.  
Tommy's Cooker—A special kind of alcohol stove for the trenches.  
Tovarish (Plural Tovarishi)—Russian word for comrade. Used like the "Citoyen" of the French Revolution.  
Train Sanitaire—Hospital train.  
Traverse—A detail of trench construction to prevent enfilading fire by the enemy.  
Trench Candle—Also called ration heater. A short length of newspaper rolled tight, pasted together and soaked in melted paraffin.  
Trench Feet—A disease of the feet brought on by cold and wet.  
Turtles—German hand grenades.  
Typewriter—Machine gun.

Charlotte News—There is no excuse at all for getting optimistic over the report that Germany is going to make a peace proposal. The Kaiser is more than likely only playing again to the grandstand, the grandstand this time being composed chiefly of his own subjects. He wants to make a bold challenge of their faith in the enterprise to submit terms to the Allies that will be honeyeyed with words, but aimed directly toward giving Germany the chief part of that which she set out to attain. Then, should the Allies be foolish and blind enough not to see through the eventual purpose in the scheme and accept the proffer, well and good. Should they refuse, the Kaiser would point his finger to his subjects and in stentorian voice declare again that the war "for the perpetuation of the empire" will have to proceed, not of his violation but because of the determination of the belligerents to wipe Germany off the face of the earth.

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For detailed information and reservations call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Hotel Building, Phone 374.  
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NOTICE OF LAND SALE

DEED OF TRUST.  
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed the 19th day of Feb. 1917, by Alex. H. Koonce and Lettie T. Koonce, his wife, to C. B. Griffin, Trustee for Neeshan T. Lloyd, all parties of Orange County, State of North Carolina, and being thereto required by the Trustors and Cestui Que Trust, the undersigned trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, New Hanover County, State of North Carolina, on Friday, December 28th, 1917, at 11 o'clock, A. M., a certain tract of land lying and being situated on Carolina Beach, in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, described as follows:

Beginning at the Eastern Base of Carolina Beach Avenue South at the point of intersection and fifty (50) feet northwardly from the point where the said Eastern Base of Carolina Beach Avenue South intersects the northern line of Atlanta Avenue, runs thence eastwardly and parallel with said Atlanta Avenue one hundred (100) feet; thence northwardly and parallel with Carolina Beach Avenue South (80) feet; thence westwardly and parallel with Atlanta Avenue one hundred (100) feet to the eastern line of Carolina Beach Avenue South; thence southwardly along the said Carolina Beach Avenue South (80) feet to the point of beginning; being otherwise described as lot 2 in block 23 of the southern section of the plan of Carolina Beach as plotted by J. L. Beeson, Civil Engineer, June-September, 1913, and duly recorded in map 2, page 1, of the record of New Hanover County.  
This Deed of Trust is duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for New Hanover County, in Book 96, page 193, This Nov. 28, 1917.  
C. B. GRIFFIN, Trustee.

11-29-301.

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Southern Railway System announces effective with last cars into and out of Beaufort Sunday, Aug. 12th, the Winston-Salem-Morehead City-Beaufort Sleeping Car Line will be shortened to Winston-Salem-Goldsboro Line. Car will continue to be handled on trains Nos. 232-112 and 111-237.  
For further details ask Southern Railway System Agents, or address, J. O. Jones, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.



With the aid of one of the largest occupants of the Central Park Zoo, Keeper Snyder prepared to receive visitors. The elephant was hitched to a snowplow and took great delight in doing his bit in clearing the walks in the park in the vicinity of the menagerie.

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