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TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1918.

Whole book of smiles!

Wheat at home; more wheat the home protectors.

Chamberlain attacks the administration; Borah defends it; the administration again wins.

With the prevailing prices of red meat, needless meals will not work a hardship in the average American home.

Despite war conditions, one can buy this. This is a privilege that all should avail themselves of.

Wonder how many of the critics of the War Department know any more than running a war than Mr. Baker and his assistants?

The most unfortunate part about the War Department controversy is that they have put Secretary Baker on the defensive.

It is reported that Mr. Wilson is springing with a cold. It's a safe assumption that his indisposition is not affecting his feet.

The Germans have overlooked an important psychological moment for an ally. Sunday was the Kaiser's birthday, but the Allied lines were not usually disturbed.

Woodrow Roosevelt has returned to the Bay, and upon his arrival at the he stated that he had nothing to say. Probably the result of ennui.

Coming from the newspaper reports, Hertling's discussion of Germany's war aims failed to meet the expectations of either the Allies or neutrals.

Among the many sufferers because of the worldwide war is holding the center of the spot-light is the American pastime known as political campaign.

Mr. Hun is said to be preparing for the most intensive submarine campaign. The opening of this campaign will be coincident with an increased activity list among his U-boats, too.

Major Langston is said to be dissatisfied with the cost of the selective service machinery in North Carolina. There is no cause of complaint at the thought of getting soldiers out of Wilmington.

Some pan-Germans who are raising a row over the report that Count von Helldorf sent President Wilson an advisory copy of his reply to the Allies fear that the Count gave Woodrow some inside information.

Governor Bickett succeeds in getting all of the women to plant garlands of the girls join canning and all of the boys raising pigs, chickens and peanuts, North Carolina need not fear needless days. Charlotte is hard to down. In this of "less" days the Queen City and other cities one better by having had not fear needless days.

For Hylan's start with the excited desire to clean up New York's will doubtless cause surprise among those who condemned him so loudly. And in passing we have curiosity to know just how far the clean up program is to be carried and what Tammany thinks of it.

SHOULD BE A SILENCER.

The long-haired reformers many of whom reform at so much per, as a well known Raleigh lawyer aptly expressed it, should be satisfied with General Pershing's answer to the charge of immoderate drinking and immorality brought against the American troops in France. If they are not, we believe most of the American people are, including the mothers of the boys at the front, and if these are who care much about what the other class thinks or says?

As a matter of fact, all of the hullabaloo was one of the most unnecessary piece of noise of all the noises this war has produced, and Americans with minds broader than the constricted space between their eyes were not disturbed thereby. We take it that the members of the expeditionary force are better protected from immoral influences than they are at home, as anybody knows that army regulations with regard to such are far more effective than those encountered by our young men in civil life. Over there the men are prohibited from drinking strong intoxicants, while over here the only prohibition is an alleged scarcity. There they don't drink heavily charged drinks at all; here they drink everything from "tea" to "Red Devil" lye. It is true that over there they are permitted to drink lighter beverages, such as beer and light wines, but even in that there are restrictions far more effective than in the so-called "dry" States over here, not to mention those States where prohibition statutes have not yet arrived.

General Pershing's denial of the charges was just as we had expected, and were there such a thing as a palliative for those over here stung with the reform bug this would suffice. Conditions over there may not yet have attained the ideal, and we would doubt a statement that they had, but we are willing to rest on the belief that, as a rule, the men in Pershing's army are better protected from social evil than the young men at home. And "Black Jack" is not the kind of a man to rest content with conditions as they are, good as they may be, and will use every effort to better them, and the men under his charge will be better protected than a similar number of men back here in the States, despite our "company good behavior." When the boys come home after "it's over, over there," they will be better fitted to take up the duties of American citizenship than those who stayed at home.

THE RISE OF THE SPUD.

Now that the lowly spud has by order of the Food Administration been promoted into company with flour in our daily bread, that vegetable will come in for much more attention in this part of the country than it has been accustomed to get. The potato has always been considered a pretty good sort of a scout to have around in a pinch, and its reliability as a sustainer of life has been generally recognized, but for some reason—bringing up, probably—it has never been admitted into the best society. Now, however, by Presidential proclamation it has been placed among the elite right alongside of bleached wheat flour, and has the right to adorn the table of the best. Since its elevation, we may expect the tuber to do just like social climbers of the genus homo—become more unapproachable. Instead of rambling around over the country in any kind of an old boat or freight car, exposed to all kinds of dangers with little protection, it will no doubt travel as freight de luxe from now on. We welcome thee, Mr. Spud, to our table each Monday and Wednesday, even if thou art disguised in a perfectly good looking biscuit; and we also greet thee Tuesdays and try to call thee beef; on Saturday we let our imagination work you into pork, and at least one meal on the other days we are likely to use you as a camouflaged steak or pork chop.

AFTER THE HOARDERS.

Food Administrator Page is determined that he will break up food hoarding in North Carolina if such a thing is humanly possible, and with the determination that Henry Page is known to have there is little doubt but that he will come mighty near making a success of his efforts. Only recently he had information that certain people in Henderson were putting too much sugar away for the coming of a "rainy day," and he got busy, with the result that these misguided believers in preparedness were made to immediately see the wisdom of releasing their surplus. In Greensboro it was reported that there was a tendency to hoard flour against a further shortage in that food essential, and, according to The News, a visit to the flour bins in that city is to be made for the purpose of finding out who has more than a barrel of the dust on hands, all having more than that quantity to be prevailed upon to return to the store they purchased from just as much as they have over the quantity in one barrel. In the letter issued to dealers, Mr. Page calls the attention of the merchants to their own liability in the following paragraph: "I have information that a number of our people, no doubt through ignorance of the law and possibly following the custom of years, are purchasing larger quantities of foodstuffs than they require for a reasonable period, and I am writing this letter to you in their interest and also for your protection—because any merchant who sells excessive amounts of foodstuffs with knowledge that they are in excess of the requirements of the purchaser for a reasonable time is aiding and abetting the violator of the law and makes himself liable."

THE PEOPLE RULE.

By the circulation and signing of a petition, a certain percent of the voters of Wilmington have expressed a desire that an election be held on the question of the form of government this city should live under, and we take it that the proper authorities, being servants of the people and subject to their wishes, will grant the request. There is no form of government that comes closer to the people than municipal. It is in direct contact with their daily lives, and its influence is more apparent than any other form of governmental control to which citizens of democracy are subject. Therefore, if these people who are so intimately related to municipal government desire an opportunity to express by the exercise of their right of franchise the particular form of city control under which they wish to live, they should be permitted to do so. We do not know whether the majority of the voters of Wilmington desire a change in the form of the city government, but it is established by the petition now ready for presentation that a number of them want an opportunity to vote on the question of retaining the present form or changing it to some other, and no doubt their wishes will be acceded to. Well, let them continue to talk about peace, even though they don't say anything worth considering. Some of these days somebody is going to forget and say something worth while, the other fellow will grab it up in stamper and out of it may come a real peace. And besides, all of this talk is doing no harm and is much less feared than bullets.

WITH THE EDITORS.

News and Observer: All of the specific instances of alleged mismanagement enumerated by Senator Chamberlain at such length yesterday and with such fidelity to detail might be true and many that were not mentioned might be true and yet the President's declaration remain an absolutely accurate statement. That this is true can be seen by any one after the most perfunctory reading of Senator Chamberlain's speech.

Charlotte Observer: In some way information of the appointment of Judge Robert Worth Bingham to the presidency of the Southern Commercial Congress has escaped us. That organization is to be regarded as fortunate in this selection, especially in view of the fact that Judge Bingham has not only accepted, but will devote the greater part of his time to the duties involved.

Asheville Times: Reports indicate that the Huns have been putting poison in the candy which found its way to the navy canteen. The people would like to see the officials go to the bottom of this affair and find the perpetrators of this crime.

STATE NEWS.

A flying switch at the N. S. freight depot came near causing a serious accident last week. The driver of an automobile was only watching one part of the train and another crept down on him and caught the front part of his auto and smashed it in. Had he been three feet further on the track, a fatality might have occurred.—The New Bernian.

Dr. Ellington, of the State Board of Health, and Dr. McPhaul, county health officer, were busy all day Tuesday at the school building examining adults. This is an opportunity that every person in the community between the ages of 21 and 60 should take advantage of. The examination is absolutely free, and the advice given may save money and suffering later.—Red Springs Citizen.

It is with a source of deep regret that The Citizen makes the announcement that Prof. S. E. Leonard is to leave Red Springs for army service, the local school board, at his request, having given him leave of absence for that purpose. Mr. Leonard must report at Springfield, Mass., for four weeks' training for army Y. M. C. A. work, and will then be placed in some camp in the United States and after having had some experience he will be subject to call into foreign service.—Red Springs Citizen.

Albemarle is building up as rapidly as contractors can push forward the work of construction. Especially is this being done by the Wicaccost Mills Company which concern is adding block after block to its new residence section. It is reported that the Tallassee Power Company will also soon commence the erection of many additional aluminum factories at Basin, these to be operated by the power coming from the new dam which is said to be well on its way toward completion.—Greensboro News.

The members of the Wingate Local union have a capital stock of fifty dollars which they borrowed from the Bank of Wingate at a nominal rate of interest. This is deposited subject to check of Vann Williams, the hustling business agent. Last year from March 17 to January 1 they did a total volume of business amounting to \$5,227.40 on this \$50 capital. Among the purchases were a hundred and twenty tons of limestone, the largest amount used by any community in the county. Since judicious investments in limestone are for soil building the significance of their activities in this line is far-reaching.—Marshville Home.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 26.—Col. Charles B. Rogan, Col. Julius T. Gardner and Lt.-Col. Robt. F. Flanders left today for San Antonio, Texas, to attend the brigade field officers' school there. Colonel Rogan, who came here in command of the Second Tennessee infantry, and Colonel Gardner, who commanded the First North Carolina infantry, both of which were formed into training battalions of the depot brigade, were disbanded more than two months ago. Colonel Flannigan, also of the old First North Carolina, was then transferred to the 117th Infantry originally the Third Tennessee infantry.—Charlotte Observer.

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