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We can't understand why Mr. Bryn got left in Elizabeth City.

Kultur is taking a rather unpleasant turn for the Kaiser.

Daniels' wireless navy appears to be thriving on its natural drink.

Speaking of one doggone thing after another. Say, did you ever work in a newspaper?

We suppose the last air raid on London was a reprisal for the one set before it.

The President has not overlooked the importance of the embattled farmers.

"Woman Proposes to Her Dream Husband." Most of them do, then take up.

"Emperor William, For Peace by Agreement." Provided the peace terms agree with his aims.

Asheville is to have a municipal biggery." Most cities have municipal hogs.

The newspapers are having a lot to say during the past few days about law, but it is ice, no Harry.

General Smuts does not give such dark view of South African affairs, some might have expected.

"Valuable" Head of Brass in Hands of Police."—Headline. They don't always carry it in their hands.

"An English Girl Jollied Her Way through Belgium."—Headline. Sounds like she was an American girl.

Our expenditures for war are far below the estimates. Why don't some of our inquisitive Congressmen start investigation?

The United States is proceeding with organizing the cavalry for use against the Hun. Must be expecting start something pretty soon.

The boasted ability of Germany to attain perfection in organization was far more in evidence than during the present strike.

Aircraft program is moving smoothly, says advices from Washington. Now get the craft moving smoothly.

We don't mind so much having to lift our bread material 50-50 between east and some other flour, provided the first 50 is not already mixed up with something besides ground wheat.

Lord Lansdowne at least has the ring grace of modifying his views on he finds out he is wrong, which more than some of his type on this side of the Atlantic seem able to do.

The Russian Red Guard is being organized to aid other revolutions throughout Europe, it is said. The movement will hardly encourage old-be revolutionists in other countries.

This hot air business around the House of Congress keeps up, administration officials will soon take to wearing gas masks when they get in their neighborhood.

The Russian anarchists declare they hold Ambassador Francis responsible for Berkman and Goldman. In awful responsibility to place on an!

WILMINGTON RED CROSS.

The annual meeting of the Wilmington Chapter of the American Red Cross held yesterday was a gathering of the membership of one of the most important organizations in this city, regardless of the cyclone, stock, and was a meeting which doubtless failed to attract the attention its importance demanded. There was a time when a gathering of this character received no more than passing attention, and we have been so accustomed to this lack of public interest that now we hardly appreciate it, certainly to the extent it deserves.

When the war clouds gathered, one of the first organizations in the country to prepare for the struggle was the Red Cross; its work taking second place only to that of the War and Navy Departments, and the preparations for the struggle went long hand in hand with those of the government. Today when the American army is just entering into active participation in the fighting, we find the Red Cross ready to render its services. There will be no occasion to wait for the members of that body; it is standing at attention ready for every opportunity to do its duty in the cause of mercy and its country.

Right along with the gigantic and successful preparations of the national body, the Wilmington chapter has marched. Every call made upon it has been met promptly; often more than met. There has been no delay; no excuse offered, but the members at all times and under all conditions have attended to the business at hand. Whether it was members, money, boxes containing either comforts or necessities for the soldiers, or what not that was asked, the asking in the case of the Wilmington chapter, meant the receiving. There is to be found no where in this land of ours a body of women more loyal, more patriotic, more capable and more willing than in the the Wilmington Red Cross chapter.

With a membership of more than 5,000; officered by splendid efficiency; filled with the spirit of patriotism and tireless willingness, the local Red Cross is an important cog in the great machine this government has set in action for the democratization of the world and the salvation of our principles.

CONTROL OF RAILWAYS.

Government control of railroads is such a radical change in America that the people have hardly yet recovered from the announcement of its going into effect some time ago, and it doubtless will be some time before there is a crystallization of opinion on its merits. However, it has not been revolutionary enough in its operation to produce any noticeable change in public sentiment; in fact, the people, did they not read of the change, would hardly be aware of it.

In taking over the control, the nation has followed, in a general way, the lead of England, and the experience of that government is of much interest to Americans at this time. The following summary of the railway control by the English government is taken from a speech delivered in the Senate January 4 by Senator Henry F. Hollis, of New Jersey:

"The English government took entire control of all railways in Great Britain on August 14, 1914, agreeing to pay the stockholders the same earnings as they received in the year 1913.

"As traffic demands increased while facilities decreased, due to wear and tear and the enlistment of thousands of railway workers, recourse was had to reduction of service and the employment of women and men not capable of bearing arms, the number of women employed increasing in three years from 15,000 to 100,000. Freight cars were pooled without regard to ownership, and the loading and unloading of cars were expedited under heavy penalties, fines and imprisonment; it was made a criminal offense to fail to load or unload in accordance with the rules. Passenger trains were annulled, reservation of seats abolished, traffic diverted and passenger rates advanced 50 per cent. no so much to increase revenue as to discourage travel.

"The government control in England was exercised through a railway executive committee of 10 appointed by the government from the general managers of certain important roads, this board having as its official chairman a member of the cabinet, the president of the board of trade. The staff of each railway remained undisturbed.

"Wages, hours of work, and other labor questions have been settled by conciliation and arbitration, and it is stated that both the management and the workers have worked in harmony, realizing that whatever concessions or sacrifices were made occurred to the benefit of the nation and not to private interests."

GERMAN PROPAGANDA.

Pro-German propagandists and rumor mongers now work hand in hand upholding the cause of the Kaiser, and his German Reichstag. Not only do they hope to give comfort and aid to the enemy but also to instill into the hearts of those at home a fear for the welfare of those in the trenches.

Recently in New York City agents of the German government, envious of the work done by the Red Cross for the Allied cause, sought to deliver a blow to this organization, which, if successful, would rob it of all its prestige. It was said that a New York woman had knitted a sweater with wool bought from the Red Cross, and had returned the sweater to the Red Cross for delivery to her son, after she had sewed into the folds of the garment a ten-dollar note. A few weeks went by, and her son who was in training camp had not received either sweater or money. While walking along a main thoroughfare one day she met a woman in a nurse uniform wearing a garment similar to the one she had knitted. She asked permission to see the sweater. The nurse consented and upon inspection the sweater proved to be the one which the woman had knitted, with the ten-dollar bill still intact. The story has been spread by rumor-mongers to the effect that sweaters for soldiers never reach them. It is all a part of lying German propaganda.

Officials of the American Defense Society, a national organization with headquarters in New York, which numbers among its officers such men as David Jayne Hill and Theodore Roosevelt, request that all rumor-mongers, and suspiciously acting men or women be reported by patriotic citizens to the nearest police station, vigilance corps leader, or to the Department of Justice. The motto of the Defense Society is "Serve at the Front, or Serve at Home!"

Those fellows who are predicting the date for the ending of the war must either not have a reputation for prophecy or are mighty careless with the one they have.

GARDENS AND NEIGHBORS.

Editor Evening Dispatch: You have carried out a very patriotic purpose through the columns of your paper lately, in an effort to stimulate the minds of the citizens in regard to the necessity and value of our coming war gardens, to ourselves and to the nation. In this I most heartily agree. Many are going to do their best to "kill the kaiser" through the summer garden plan, and many are going to have something greater than bugs and worms to devour and destroy their crops. We generally try to exterminate such annoying things, but we cannot all have the knightly courage to boldly and fearlessly kill our neighbor's chickens and dogs who trespass upon our growing vegetable life. Now, I will be greatly obliged to you if you will, through the columns of the Dispatch, warn the good people to keep their property home. There should be some sort of arrangement made in which this plan should be made and forced to be carried out, for it is most annoying to be bothered with a neighbor's chickens or dogs when we are doing our best to be earnestly and honestly patriotic. Such a thing to be worried through with this summer, with various other troubles and experiences, will make a nervous wreck as well as a patriot out of many of our men folks who are "going to try."

Keeping chickens at home can be helped. It must be helped. Fair warning should be stated, or else domestic trouble by the hundreds will occur this coming summer. These are helping times in which our citizens help their country and themselves, and such things as chickens are not welcomed to join in the helping of devouring our earnest hopes. If a chicken is continually wandering away from home and does not lay, for goodness sake lay him or her on the table and enjoy yourself on a meatless day.

No Camouflage In This Story

Says corns stop hurting, then lift right off without one bit of pain

Hospital records show that every time you put a corn you invite lockjaw or blood poison, which is needless, says a Cincinnati authority, who tells you that a quarter ounce of a drug called freezezone costs but a few cents at any drug store but is sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus without even one little twinge of pain.

You simply apply a few drops of this freezezone on a tender, aching corn and the soreness is instantly relieved. Shortly the entire corn can be lifted out, root and all, with your fingers.

This drug is sticky but dries at once and is claimed to just shrivel up any corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin.

If your wife wears high heels she will be glad to know of this.—Adv.

IN THE NEWS

George F. Edmunds, former United States Senator from Vermont, and for many years a Republican leader of National prominence, today reaches the age of four-score-and-ten. Mr. Edmunds was born and reared in Vermont and began his public career as a member of the Legislature of the Green Mountain State. After serving in both branches of the Legislature he was sent to the United States Senate. This was in 1868, and he continued to serve in the Upper House at Washington for a quarter of a century. He was the author of the so-called Edmunds Act for the suppression of polygamy in Utah and also of the anti-trust law of 1890. During the Arthur administration he was president pro tem of the Senate. In 1880 and again in 1884 Mr. Edmunds was prominently mentioned for the Republican nomination for President.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY... One Hundred Years Ago Today.

1818—Thomas W. Moore, one of the most eminent Presbyterian leaders of his day, born at Newville, Pa. Died at Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 5, 1871.

Seventy-five Years Ago Today. 1843—Many lives were lost and much property destroyed by an overflow of the Red River in Arkansas.

Fifty Years Ago Today. 1868—Civil war in Japan compelled the foreign ministers at Osaka to seek refuge aboard the U. S. S. Iroquois.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today. 1893—Minister Stevens raised the United States flag at Honolulu, landed the United States marines and established a protectorate.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN WAR.

February 1, 1917.—Germany declared U-boat blockade of Great Britain in note to United States, and issued warning to neutrals that all ships entering zone would be sunk without warning.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

George F. Edmunds, former United States Senator from Vermont, born at Richmond, Vt., 90 years ago today.

Mme. Clara Butt, celebrated contralto, born in Sussex, England 45 years ago today.

Victor Herbert, one of the most successful of American musical composers and bandmasters, born in Dublin, Ireland, 59 years ago today.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, born at Kinsworth, Iowa, 58 years ago today.

Henry Miller, prominent American actor, manager and producer, born in London, 58 years ago today.

Frederick D. Underwood president of the Erie Railroad, born at Wauwatosa, Wis., 56 years ago today.

Caleb Powers, Representative in Congress of the Eleventh Kentucky district, born in Whitley county, Ky., 49 years ago today.

John A. Sterling, Representative in Congress of the Seventeenth Illinois district, born at LeRoy, Ill., 61 years ago today.

WITH THE EDITORS.

Sampson Democrat: That racy Roseboro correspondent, writing recently of the singing of the National hymns at a gathering in Roseboro, when the songs were followed by clapping but no cheer, said: "Dog bite my kitten if something isn't dead in folk that won't cheer after a National song at such a time as this." But suppose said correspondent had been at the recital at the Clinton School building last Friday evening and had heard only two feeble clapping patriots after the singing of "The Star Spanner." Dog bite the cat that we have inherited with our new home, if that wasn't the dearest bunch we have seen in a month of wheatless Tuesdays!

Greensboro Record: Whether it will develop is another question, but if one will read the dispatches closely from day to day it will be at once apparent that peace talk is almost everywhere. Germany is thinking peace; Russia is determined to have peace; Austria is looking for peace, and the Allies have said what they would do in the way of accepting peace. In the air, no doubt, is the peace germ. And it stands to reason when every nation at war is talking peace or thinking peace, peace is nearer than when all were defiant and jubilant. Germany is whipped, has been whipped for some time. Maybe she can bluff longer than we think, but before very long there will be a revolt in the trenches—there will be something doing! It is "in the air," as the old saying was—which means telepathy.

Sampson Democrat: It was formerly a standing joke with city editors and they took delight in twitting their country brethren for taking wood on subscription. But the joke is turned. This editor has had load after load of good wood brought on subscription this winter, and besides, he got five pecks of good water ground meal and a bushel and a half of fine sweet potatoes the same way and the same day last week. There may be better things than being editor of a paper, but of all editorial jobs in the State you cannot beat that of editing a paper for the Democrat's loyal subscribers. You poor city fellows—don't you wish you were down in this land of plenty?

Asheville Times: Wilmington is expectant. Special Commissioner Cowan is about to bring something to pass to the betterment of that bustling sea port.

Mount Olive Tribune: There is one improvement in the passenger service

on the Norfolk-Wilmington line that is badly needed, namely, the elimination of Pullman service on trains 48 and 49, in order that more day coaches may be carried. It is doubtful if there has been a single day since Christmas—and perhaps for several weeks before—when the accommodations in the single day coach that is usually carried for white passengers were anything like adequate to the necessities of the occasion, there being only standing room" (and hardly that), as one of the conductors recently remarked at the station. That part of Senator Overman's plan which would substitute day coaches for Pullmans, on day trains, at least, is very timely.

Mount Olive Tribune: This is not a time for kicks when they can very well be avoided; not only so, but the need for co-operation calls for the exercise of much forbearance in connection with undesirable conditions. But "there is a point beyond which forbearance ceases to be a virtue," and I, do see like that point has about been reached in this connection with the schedules maintained by south-bound passenger trains on this road. Almost invariably from one to three hours—sometimes four and more—late, inconveniencing everybody traveling on them anywhere between Wilson and Wilmington; a convenience only to such as may be expecting to come from off the Richmond division or beyond to points along this line—inconveniencing the many for the benefit of the few.

It's an injustice, and one that we don't think the people living along the line should any longer quietly submit to. And we are right ready to head a petition as long as from Wilmington to Wilson, protesting against any further continuation of this nuisance.

STATE NEWS.

The North Carolina Conference for Social Service, which had accepted an invitation to meet in High Point this year, will meet in Raleigh. This information comes through the president, Dr. M. L. Kesler, of Thomasville, in a statement that the committee had decided to change the place of meeting to Raleigh because Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth could be secured in connection with the Woman's Club, which meets at the Capital City this year. This conference, which draws together many of the best social workers of the State, will meet on February 15.—High Point Enterprise.

Do you know there are people around Clinton that have had no sugar in weeks. Only the other day, this writer divided his gettings with a family that had had none in a month, the head of the family being sick and not having sugar to sweeten his coffee. It is quite probable that some of us think it is our duty to get a helping every time any comes to town, without regard to whether we have any, and our neighbor none. Let's do better.—Sampson Democrat.

An unknown thief has begun to reap a harvest from the signs in Durham store windows, bearing a one dollar bill, to illustrate the idea of keeping dollars at home.

"Chicago almost had me, but I shudder to think of it," reads the first line of the sign.

Now comes along a thief, and takes the dollar. It would be well to conjecture, whether the dollar shudders to think of its new owner's nerve.

At any rate two of the dollar bills have disappeared, and the Merchants' Association has sent out a warning to other merchants, "Watch your sign dollars," is the warning.

Police have been notified and will endeavor to nab the thief.—Durham Sun.

"We have raised on the County Home farm and the Avon farm, which the county leased, 1,050 barrels of corn this year and have killed already 6,400 pounds of wheat, with about 10,000 more pounds to kill," stated R. E. Corbett, superintendent of the county roads, and also the County Home, to a Daily News man today. "And we have killed at the convict camps about 2,000 pounds of meat."—Greenville News.

With surprise and regret will his many friends and the patrons of the First National Bank of Mount Olive learn that Mr. T. R. Thigpen, assistant cashier of that prosperous and popular institution, is to not only sever his relations therewith, but to go elsewhere to live. February 15 he becomes cashier of the Bethel Banking & Trust Company, of Bethel, N. C., Pitt county, near his old home.—Mount Olive Tribune.

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