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THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1918.

The flourist is more popular now than the florist.

The kaiser-comforters in Congress are still busy.

The warning is sent out that if the South would eat its must produce.

Thank goodness there are no Josh us in Congress to monkey with the sun.

With LaFolletteism and Socialism running riot in Wisconsin, Bolsheviki is not far distant.

Washington squirrels do not have to worry about food supplies as long as Congress remains in session.

Just because you chew the rag a lot, don't get it into your head that you are aiding food conservation.

It has been three whole days since we have heard anything about a ship-building plant coming to Wilmington.

Little drops of water
Sprinkled over the land,
Make vegetables grow,
In a bed of sand.

With Daves and Lenroot to choose from, the Wisconsin voters can't go so far wrong in electing a Senator this fall.

The Kaiser says his heart is with the German people. Thanks, old top, as we had been wondering just what had become of it.

Why is it that skinny women refuse to wear low-neck dresses but don't care a snap how high their skirts are.

If Garfield could insert a few heatless days along through June, July and August he might be able to regain much public favor.

Now that the Turks have been given a few more Armenians to murder, they will not be heard from in other activities of the war for some time.

The Kaiser's pay-rol has been reduced since the resignation of Trotsky, unless the former Bolshevik leader has been placed on the pension list for "services rendered."

If those love letters which caused the arrest of two men and two women in New York as suspicious characters were as crazily written as most love epistles, we can hardly blame the secret service men for being suspicious.

Doubtless the German staff has called the conference of newspapermen for the purpose of giving them the story of the Western drive in advance in order to prevent the correspondents from having to undergo the danger of getting run over when the defensive movement starts.

Dr. Wiley is advising the people to eat cats as a means of conserving food. As a means of getting rid of the cats the plan might prove effective, but as a means of increasing the food supply—that's where we rise up in a mighty protest. Doc may eat all the cats he wants to, but there is nothing doing here.

LABOR'S WAR.

This is labor's war. No element of the people of this country, or of other countries, would suffer more than the workers from a German victory—a German peace.

What the Germans mean by a "strong peace," a "German peace," was recently expressed by Gen. Von Liebert, a leading Prussian conservative.

"For us there is but one principle to be followed, and we recognize no other. We hold that might is right. We must know neither sentiment, humanity, consideration, nor compassion. We must have Belgium and the north of France. France must be made to pay until she is bled white.

Mr. Gompers spoke well for American labor when he said:

"The Republic of the United States is not perfect; it has the imperfections of the human—but it is the best country on the face of the earth, and those who do not love it enough to work for it, to fight for it, to die for it, are not worthy of the privilege of living in it.

"I say to the Kaiser, I say to the Germans, in the name of the American labor movement: You can't talk peace with the American workers; you can't talk to us at all now. We are fighting now. Either you smash your Kaiser autocracy or we will smash it for you."

The workmen of America have a tremendous interest to serve, a vital cause to defend, a work of surpassing importance to accomplish. What is vital to them is vital to America and to the world. That they see their duty and the great mass of them are performing it with unimpeachable loyalty is a cause for congratulation to the nation and to the world.

MODERATE INCOME TAX.

Those who are somewhat inclined to protest against the income tax, though this number is gratifyingly small, need only to give the subject a moment's consideration to realize that the tax is light in comparison with that levied in the other nations involved in the world war. England, the richest of the Entente nations, and with the exception of the United States the richest nation in the world, taxes the incomes of her subjects far more than does the United States government, and when we compare our rate with the British we see how moderate ours is.

In England the tax on incomes of \$1,000 is 4 1-2 per cent, in America nothing.
In England the tax on incomes of \$1,500 is 6 3-4 per cent; in America nothing for married men or heads of families, and 2 per cent on \$500 for an unmarried man.

In England the tax on an income of \$2,000 is 7 7-8 per cent; in America nothing for a married man or head of a family, and 2 per cent on \$1,000 for unmarried men.

The English income tax rate, also increases more rapidly with the growth of the income than ours, a \$3,000 income being taxed 14 per cent, \$5,000 16 per cent, \$10,000 20 per cent, and \$15,000 25 per cent, while our corresponding taxes for married men are respectively two-thirds of 1 per cent, 1 1-2 per cent, 3 1-2 per cent and 5 per cent, and only slightly more for the unmarried, due to the smaller amount exempted, the rate being the same.

LIBERTY LOAN FLAG.

A new and distinctive feature will be introduced in the Third Liberty Loan campaign, and every city or town in the country which subscribes more than its quota of Liberty bonds will be awarded by the Treasury Department an Honor Flag.

The flag will be 36 inches wide and 54 inches long. The body of the flag will be white with a broad red border, and three broad blue vertical stripes denoting the Third Loan. The flags, which will be of the same quality as the flags of the Navy, are already being manufactured and will be awarded as fast as the right to fly them is won. Though awarded by the Treasury Department, they will be distributed by the Liberty loan committees of the different districts.

There will also be a National Honor Flag for each State, to be flown at the State capitol, with the name of each town winning a flag inscribed upon it. There will be also preserved in the United States Treasury a National Honor Flag, with the record of each State recorded on it.

Stars, to be placed on the flag of each city or town doubling its quota, will also be awarded, and an additional star for each time the quota is doubled.

An Honor Roll, containing the names of all subscribers, but not the amount of the individual subscriptions, will be kept in each community. A window card, bearing a representation of the Honor Flag, will be given each subscriber to the loan, to be displayed at the home or place of business.

WITH THE EDITORS.

Charlotte Observer: There are mighty few Republicans now left in North Carolina of the caliber of J. C. L. Harris. H. G. Ewart is one and W. S. O'B Robinson is another—perhaps we might drum up as many as half a dozen in the State—but the men contemporary with Harris in both political alignments, have grown scarce.

"Loge" Harris, as he was familiarly known, flourished during the days of political giants in the State, and he was a front-rank figure on the Republican side. His relegation began did that of a number of other Republican strong men, with the coming into power of the amalgamated organization composed of Populists and Republicans, an amalgamation which almost proved fatal to the Republican party in North Carolina, by reason of the killing off from party leadership activities of men who had proved its greatest source of strength. With the sloughing off from this alliance the Republican party found itself weakened in leadership through a nominated succession, one which moved a number of men of the Loge-Harris stamp to seek voluntary retirement from political activities. Loge-Harris not only had much strength as a politician, but he rated high in the estimation of the State as a citizen.

Asheville Times: That was good advice given by Governor McAdams, of Richmond, to the assembled Rotarians in conference. Keep your ears open for expressions of disloyalty, said the Richmond leader, and never allow a disloyal expression unless you resent it. If the Rotarians of Asheville will resent every suggestion of opposition to the administration they will do a large good.

Monroe Journal: "I can't go across and fight in the trenches, but want to do my bit," remarks Capt. T. T. Caphart, when he laid down \$1,000 for the "limit" amount of stamps of last week. Captain Caphart is the first railroad man to buy a big lot of stamps, but Chairman Morrow is expecting a number of them to buy \$1,000 worth of stamps within the next few weeks. The railroad men are already doing patriotic work, by exerting themselves in moving freight, and by working overtime without any complaint. And they will help put the \$700,000 allotment for Union county across, too.

Kinston Free Press: Mr. J. E. Forrest, a farmer on Route 2 from Kinston, was showing in the city yesterday an egg laid by what he termed his "patriotic goose" and which was of considerable increase in size from the average goose egg. It weighed nine ounces, an increase of 50 per cent over the average weight of goose eggs. Mr. Forrest said that the goose was following the habit of custom on his farm of increasing the food supply to help win the war.

IN THE NEWS.

Today is the birthday anniversary of Brig. Gen. George Owen Squier, U. S. A., the officer who has immediate supervision of the immense development of the aviation corps of the United States Army. Born in Dryden, Mich., in 1865, Gen. Squier began his military career at the age of 18, when he entered the West Point Academy. Settling down to army work with his graduation in 1887 he first joined the artillery, but was soon shifted to the signal corps, and with that arm of the service has been identified for the past 20 years. When aviation began to be a phase of military equipment he turned his trained powers upon the aeronautical problems involved, and of late years has been steadily fitting himself for his unforeseen but now strategically valuable duties.

A Daily Lesson in History.

1818—A company to supply gas for illuminating purposes was formed in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Seventy-five Years Ago Today. 1843—Robert Southey, English poet laureate, died. Born August 12, 1774.

Fifty Years Ago Today. 1868—Court of impeachment completed all preliminaries for the trial of President Johnson.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today. 1893—The Mayor of Moscow was assassinated by a Nihilist.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

March 21, 1917.—President Wilson summoned Congress to meet in extra session "to receive a communication by the executive on grave questions of national policy." Russian forces crossed the Persian border into Turkish territory.

Our Daily Birthday Party.

Major General Hunter Liggett, U. S. S., born at Reading, Pa., 61 years ago today.

Brig. Gen. George C. Squier, in charge of the aviation service of the United States Army, born at Dryden, Mich., 63 years ago today.

Samuel P. Capen, member of the committee appointed to provide technical experts for the ordnance bureau and signal and engineer corps, born at Sonerville, Mass., 40 years ago today.

Dr. George E. Vincent, executive head of the Rockefeller Foundation, born at Rockford, Ill., 54 years ago today.

Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr., well known American theatrical producer, born in Germany, 49 years ago today.

Jehanny Ertis, prominent bantamweight, born near Vienna, Austria, 22 years ago today.

Special Values in Fridays and Saturdays Selling

Last week the demand for Fridays and Saturdays Specials nearly took us off our feet. As we advertised, we sold and many ladies reaped the reward for shopping at the Bon Marche.

Novelty Sweaters Greatly Reduced

\$6.00 Ladies' Sweater with sailor collar—White border in rose, copenhagen and green. All sizes, price special at \$3.98
\$10.00 Ladies' Sweater with checked sailor collar and cuffs, belt of same, special at \$8.98
\$9.00 Ladies' Sweater, two-tone Lace Stitch, copenhagen and corn, corn and Nile and corn and purple, special at \$7.98

\$2.00 Spring Silks Special White Gauntlet Chamoisette Gloves \$1.25

This desirable style has been almost off the market for the past two years but we have been fortunate in securing a quantity from a well known company and are offering them in all sizes, white only at \$1.25 a pair.

Waist Values

The Wirthmir Waist always sells for \$1.00, however, we could easily say it was a \$1.50 waist, special for \$1.00, because you can not find a waist under \$2.00 that will compare with it. Three shipments came in just about the same time, giving you twelve new styles to select from.
Don't be afraid of the Wirthmir Waist because the price is so cheap, the quality is there and we ask you to inspect them... \$1.00
Georgette Waists in white and flesh in all sizes, our price special, for two days selling, at \$3.98

Buy War Savings Stamps Here Bon Marche Mail Orders Promptly Filled

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT FUCHS' CASH DEPARTMENT STORES

The week end trading is becoming more and more popular each week. We have made an unusual display of Spring merchandise. Make up your list of things needed for Easter. You can get your order filled at our store and save the difference. Out of town mail orders are filled same day received. Send us your want list—a trial will convince you.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT
A big shipment of Millinery will go on sale Saturday—all new styles of nifty and attractive looking hats. Our Milliners will deem it a privilege to show you without obligation to buy. They are expert in this line, and will see that you get properly fitted. We will show a big line from \$2.98 up.

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT
We have a most complete stock of Dry goods. A new shipment of Voiles just in beautiful new spring patterns, for, per yard . . . . .20c
36-inch plaid silks, large designs, very high class merchandise, per yard . . . . \$1.98
Special for Saturday, Spring Voiles 28 inches wide, in floral and plaid and neat figures, will be sold, per yard only . . . . .10c

WHITE SHOES AND OXFORDS
Ladies' and Children's white shoes and oxfords, in a very elaborate line, reasonably priced. Canvas shoes and pumps from the smallest sizes up. Phone us or send us your mail order.

Gent's Clothing and Furnishings
Through the effort of good buying, we are in a position to sell you a good wool suit for . . . . . \$17.50
Special for Friday and Saturday, 25c men's sox in black, navy and tan, pair . . . . . 19c
Men's shirts in soft and dress styles from . . . \$75c to \$7.50
Men's oxfords and shoes, snappy good wearing footwear, from . . . . . \$3.50 to \$8.00

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