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MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1918.

Wish you had kept 'em on, don't you?

A profiteer is without honor anywhere.

It is not necessary to muzzle a barking tree.

The only king that seems to be gaining in power is cotton.

Early to bed and early to rise, is daylight saving, no one denies.

One week from today is the time set for that Hindenburg dinner in Paris.

It should be improper to refer to the spring garden drive as "offensive."

A woman may observe meatless and wheatless days, but a hatless Easter, never!

Speaking of alliteration: Hindenburg hurls his Hun hell hounds at Haig's heroes.

It takes gasoline to put joy in a joy-wagon, according to reports from Raleigh.

Hindenburg might crawl into that big gun and get himself shot into Paris in time for his dinner engagement.

Senate Bill Promises Relief. Headline. Wish somebody could relieve the country of certain members of the Senate.

Despite the impression that he would create among the Germans, the fact is the Kaiser preys more than he preys.

Some people have the idea that the way to remember the Sabbath day is to take a bath; and some don't even remember that.

Greensboro is to make a study of its city government. If it is like most of them, the more you study that organization the greater will be the puzzle.

In New York it used to be customary when a limousine passed to ask what banker owned it. Now the style is said to be to ask what munitions factory the owner works.

Two representatives of ship building interests reported to the government last week that Wilmington afforded excellent facilities for ship construction. We knew it all the time.

Despite the fact that there is an apparent confirmation of the report that a German gun is throwing shells distance of 76 miles into Paris, there are quite a few people who don't believe it.

Raleigh people who heard Captain Vickers Saturday night report that he is the best war speaker that city has heard yet, and this in the face of the fact that both Fallon and Whitehair have spoken there this year. Wilmington people will have the opportunity tonight of hearing this distinguished British officer.

The spring is a popular season for offensives. Some of them are:

German
Garlic
Foot
Flies
Sweet
Cheap perfume
Spring taxes

FALL OF PRUSSIANISM INEVITABLE.

In its weekly financial letter, the banking house of Henry, Clews & Company expresses no fear of the German offensive launched on the Western front last week. It admits the Germans are making a supreme effort, but declares that the Allies are well prepared to meet it, and that there is little reason to dread the final result. It further expresses the opinion that the ultimate downfall of Prussianism is certain. Germany is in sore financial and economic straits, says the review, and even should the Allies not be able to deliver the necessary military blow to crush her, she is bound to succumb to exhaustion. The review says: "The spring offensive has been suddenly opened on the West front by a wide German attack upon the British, the outcome of which at this writing cannot be measured. It is known, however, that the greatest battle in history is now in progress, and that a final decision on the momentous issues at stake may or may not soon be reached. The Germans are making a supreme effort, while the Allies are well prepared and facing the result with calm confidence. "More and more it becomes apparent that Germany will not be able to retain the territory she has overrun and devastated. The enemy's recent successes in the East have only been possible because of the feeble resistance offered; and along the West front the Allies are growing stronger daily and better able than ever to meet Germany's renewed efforts. American soldiers are today going into France with much greater rapidity than supposed, so also are munitions. Our soldiers are close to the border and may be among the first to enter Germany. If this war is to be a question of economic exhaustion, Germany's end by that means cannot be very far distant. Supplies of food and minerals which the enemy can obtain from Russia will not be of very great relief, because the means of transport are poor and Russia's own food requirements are themselves great. As yet Germany can place no great reliance upon the submission of Russia, which is still in a state of anarchy, and Germany is not in strong enough position to play the part of rescuer. As a matter of fact, Germany is in sore financial and economic straits. She is starved for cotton, wool, oil and rubber; and financially is on the verge of bankruptcy, if not already in that abyss. Contrast this with the enormous and unstrained resources of the United States, which alone are sufficient to cast the die. It is only a question of time when with the Allies holding firm, they can overwhelm the Central nations. The power of Great Britain also shows no grave strain, in spite of almost four years of herculean efforts. Edgar Crammond, one of the most conservative British economic authorities, in a recent address showed that notwithstanding the vast withdrawals of 7,000,000 men for army and navy her steel output has increased from 7 million tons before the war to 10 million after; coal from 247 million tons to 289 millions, and agricultural output from 208 million sterling to 400 millions. In addition to carrying two-thirds of her own seaborne traffic, and one-half the seaborne trade of the world, she also financed more than one-half of the world's trade. In the meantime the cost of living in Great Britain has decreased 10 per cent. during the last six months. Such is the record, and the marvellous economic strength of our principal ally. How long can Germany wilfully close its eyes to the utter impossibility of fighting such a combination as that of the United States, Great Britain and France? Germany's defeat is inevitable; if not by blows, then by an exhaustion that will require generations to overcome."

NO REASON FOR COMPLAINING.

A few unthinking people are inclined to register a complaint against certain of the food regulations, not stopping to consider that by so doing they afford encouragement to Prussianism. Usually, too, those people who are making the most complaint are those who least feel the limitations that war has thrown about them, the real cause generally being nothing more than selfishness. They are not asked to deny themselves of any of the necessities of life, the request being only for them to eliminate the non-essentials. In comparison with the peoples of our allies, we are rolling in luxury, and the richest among the British, French and Italians live more humbly than the people of ordinary circumstances over here. We do not realize what sacrifices our friends across the Atlantic are making in the interest of war, for if we did, we would not utter so much as a murmur against any restrictions our government might see fit to im-

pose upon us in the interest of winning the war.

England is the richest of our allies, and should be the best able to meet the tremendous strain of wartime conditions, yet the people over there have food regulations undreamed of over here yet, and these regulations are strictly enforced, too. However, unless we voluntarily comply with our own regulations, the time may come when we will not only be forced to follow the rules, but will have rules just as strict as any adopted in Europe. The following are a few typical cases taken from actual experiences in England recently, and while it is not thought that conditions over here will ever reach such a state, the only way to prevent their coming is to voluntarily cooperate with the food administration now: Annie Robinson, of Cargo Fleet, England, is in jail. She has been sentenced to serve three months. Annie's daughter was a grocer's assistant. She had access to foods that could be sneaked home without the knowledge of the Ministry of Food. Among other things she had taken home, and of which her mother was found guilty of hoarding, were 42 pounds of sugar and small quantities of condensed milk and tea. Annie violated a food law when she hoarded the sugar, and now she is being made to pay the penalty. Frederick Moore, of Oxenhope, England, owned several hogs. They were fine looking animals, sleek and well fed. Moore was very proud of them. Several weeks ago the police happened to pass when the piggies were at luncheon. They looked into the trough and found the porgers were being kept sleek and healthy on a ration that included bread and meal. Moore is now serving three months in jail for using bread otherwise than for human food. Miss Carolina Stiff, of Dover, England, had 14 pet dogs. She was very fond of them and left nothing undone that might add to their comfort. A few weeks ago Miss Stiff mixed some bread and milk for their breakfast. Unfortunately, the Ministry of Food learned of the menu and Miss Stiff was forced to pay about \$25 fine after being found guilty of using bread otherwise than for human food.

FIFTH DAY OF THE BATTLE.

The fifth day of the great battle on the Western front finds the Germans hurling forward fresh bodies of troops and the British meeting the terrific onslaughts of the foe with a valor and determination that have prevented any serious break in the Allied defensive system, and so far as can be seen at this time, there is little indication of any prospective let up in the drive until either the British lines are smashed or the Germans batter themselves to pieces. As the struggle progresses, it is becoming more evident that the enemy is attempting to force a conclusion, and there are indications that the Allies are willing to meet the test. The enemy so far seems to have more claim to success than the Allies, but the Allies claim, and probably with justification, that the German losses have been so tremendous as to more than offset any apparent gain they may have made. The mysterious gun continues at intervals to drop explosives into Paris, and it is claimed that the source of these shells is either one monster gun or a battery of monster guns, located approximately 76 miles from the city. French airmen are closely searching for the gun, with the determination of making short work of it when found, as was the case with the 380 millimeter gun in the drive on Calais. Whether this gun is larger or only more powerful than the one used against Calais, has not been determined. That weapon was known as the 380 millimeter cannon, which corresponds nearly in size to the American 15-inch gun. General indications lead to the belief that the German loss in manpower has been far greater than that of the Allies, possibly three to one, a loss that the Central Powers can ill-afford to sustain. Figuring on that phase of the situation, the British claim that in reality the drive has been a tactical defeat for the enemy seems to be partially borne out. To offset this loss, military observers point out that the enemy has gained no strategic advantage, and has forced the British from no position which would tend to strengthen the attackers or materially weaken the defenders. The situation today seems to be one in which neither side can claim any important advantage, leaving the result for the future to determine. The battle is growing in intensity, and has reached proportions which it seems impossible to be sustained much longer. There is much consolation in the fact that despite the mightiest blows the Central Powers

have been able to concentrate, the British troops are making a magnificent resistance, retiring, when necessary, in good order and with strategic wisdom, but in no wise demoralized or in confusion which would be expected in case of a defeat such as Berlin claims. While the situation on the face of it may look a little gloomy, those who are in touch with conditions express the opinion that there is no ground for apprehension concerning the outcome.

STATE NEWS

Postmaster and Mrs. G. H. Russell received Wednesday of last week a letter from their son Elijah Austin Russell, who is with General Pershing's forces in France. The young soldier states that he had just come from the trenches and was enjoying good health. He is one of the few Scotland county boys now serving their country in the trenches and was doubtless the first to go from here for service in France.—Laurinburg Exchange.

The Ford Motor Company's local assembling plant will practically close down on April 1 and will not re-open until transportation conditions are such that materials for assembling such automobiles become more nearly normal. One hundred men will be affected by the change.—Charlotte News.

A new departure in potato cultures is that made by Mr. R. K. Bryan, of Scott's Hill, who is now enjoying new potatoes, although his neighbors are just planting their crop. Last fall Mr. Bryan tried banking his Irish potatoes as he does his sweet potatoes. A few days ago he opened the bank and found a fine crop of new tubers.—Fender Chronicle.

At the regular meeting of the Mecklenburg Medical Society last night, in the medical library, Realty building, the president, Dr. E. J. Witherspoon, was instructed to appoint a committee to investigate conditions relative to drug addicts, to the sale of habit-forming drugs in Charlotte and to make recommendations regarding what disposition to make of persons addicted to the habit. Dr. Witherspoon did not name the committee last night, but will do so within a few days, it was announced.—Charlotte Observer.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Rural Policeman A. H. Prevatt captured a 20-gallon whiskey still, made of sheet iron, in the Creek swamp, four miles east of Lumberton, Saturday. The still had not been operated in some time, but about 50 gallons of beer was found with it, which was destroyed. No arrests have yet been made.—Lumberton Tribune.

IN THE NEWS.

Miss Margaret Curtis, who, according to dispatches from Paris, rendered heroic service in providing shelter for those made homeless by the recent aircraft raids of the French capital, is a Boston girl who a few years ago was famous as a golf player, having won the women's national title three times. Miss Curtis followed her golf triumphs by becoming known in charitable fields as a worker and lecturer. When the war broke out she went to Paris as associate director of the bureau of refugees of the American Red Cross in Paris, where she won much praise for her earnestness and valuable aid, from her co-workers. Miss Curtis is a sister of James F. Curtis, former secretary of the treasury.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY.

One Hundred Years Ago Today. 1818—"Light Horse Harry" Lee, one of the most picturesque commanders of the Revolution, died at Cumberland Island, Ga. Born in Westmoreland county, Va., Jan. 29, 1756. Seventy-five Years Ago Today. 1843—Lady Erskine, who was a daughter of the American Revolutionary general, John Cadwalader, died in England. Born in Philadelphia, June 28, 1781. Fifty Years Ago Today. 1868—Parliament of the North German Confederation assembled in Berlin. Twenty-five Years Ago Today. 1893—Decisive battle reported between government troops and insurgents in Hayti, the latter being victorious.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

March 25, 1917—Military regiments in numerous States called out for guard duty; St. Louis, American armed passenger ship, crossed to England, escaping German submarines.

OUR DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Captain James Francis Carter, U. S. N., born in Pennsylvania, 49 years ago today. Emanuel L. Philipp, governor of Wisconsin, born in Sauk county, Wis., 67 years ago today. John Lind, former governor of Minnesota, now aiding in mobilizing labor for war services, born in Sweden, 64 years ago today. Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, born at Louisville, Ky., 65 years ago today. Gutzon Borglum, one of the foremost of American sculptors, born in Idaho, 51 years ago today. Yvette Gullbert, celebrated French comedy artist, born in Paris, 49 years ago today.

To Darken Hair Apply Sage Tea
Look Young! Bring Back Its Natural Color, Gloss and Attractiveness.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea, with sulphur added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant. Just a few applications will prove a revelation if your hair is fading, streaked or gray. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get a bottle of Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound at any drug store all ready for use. This is the old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients.

While wispy, gray, faded hair is no sin, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractive hair. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound no one can tell, because it does it naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant.

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Strength and How to Gain It

INSTEAD OF EXERCISES, PATENT FOODS AND MEDICINES, TAKE PHOSPHATE WITH YOUR MEALS.

The demand today is for men and women who are strong in every sense of the word—possessing the physical strength necessary to endure hardships and fatigue; the mental strength to grapple with difficult problems; the nervous force which endows the body with vigor and vitality; the will power to triumph over adversity and turn defeat into victory. But such glorious strength is impossible so long as your nerves are weak and exhausted, and therefore if you would be really strong you must first care for your nerves. Weak, exhausted nerves need food, and for this purpose physicians strongly recommend the use of the organic phosphate known and sold by Bellamy, Green, Jarman and Futrelle and all good druggists as bitro-phosphate, and put up in 5-gr. compressed tasteless tablets. If you feel your strength is falling from any cause, get a supply of these bitro-phosphate tablets and take one with every meal. Practically all of the minor ailments afflicting mankind, as well as many of the more serious maladies, can be traced to nervous exhaustion and lowered vitality, and probably this explains why such a remarkable improvement in the general health is invariably noticeable when bitro-phosphate is taken as directed, as the nerves are thereby revitalized and made strong.—Adv.

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This Is Easter Week

The idea of outfitting one's self for Easter is one of the oldest we have in the history of Dress. It is a time honored custom, and gets its force from nature herself.

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Everywhere stocks are profuse and well rounded. Quality merchandise has never been so much in demand. Bon Marche merchandise has met the test of quality and durability. From the first it has expounded the doctrine of quality, and it's rapidly increasing business proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that it has more than lived up to its promises.

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To the Voters of New Hanover County:--

You are the stockholders of the County, and as such have the giving out of a job as Register of Deeds. For this job you now have only two applicants, one of which you will select at the Primary to be held Tuesday, March 26th. As a business proposition you will first consider the qualifications of the applicants, and should one have better qualified than the other, you should give it to that one. Should they both measure approximately the same, you should consider the claims of the two on the public, and give it to the one with the best claims. I am one of the applicants and contend that I am more entitled to your suffrage than the other.

I am 52 years old and have lived here all my life, was in business for years at Third and Castle, and later as The King Grocery Company, at Fourth street bridge; have served the city as alderman and several years as clerk and treasurer. Have raised a family of seven children in your midst, three of whom are now serving our country, VOLUNTARILY. Does not this entitle me to your CAREFUL consideration? I confidently ask you for your vote. I NEED THE JOB! Give it to me.

Respectfully, B. FRANK KING

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