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WHAT A FOOL THING IS WAR

They are talking about the next war in Europe and the next war between Japan and Russia, and the United States, along with all other nations, is figuring on the next war. Probably it is bound to come, for war is one of the oldest and most persistent occupations of mankind. And what a fool thing it is in spite of our magnified adoration of it.

Our country is about as free from war as any other, yet we have never been free from its influences, for even now we are paying pensions to the widows of the war of 1812, fought a century and a quarter ago. War never lets anything slip from its grasp. In 1915, fifty years after the Civil War closed, 748,147 persons were on the pension roll, or a third as many persons as were in the Federal army during the progress of the war.

And the men who are killed, and the millions who are injured during war, and the damage done, and the vast destruction of property, and the debts that are incurred, and the hardships that follow all wars, as the present conditions around the whole world point out—and what for?

The good Lord only can fathom that question. What for all this toll that war exacts? We may say that the war of the revolution made us free from England. Yet England seems to be about as satisfactory a government as any that exists on this earth. Or Germany or France may argue that they are obliged to protect themselves from each other. And what for? What a fool thing the whole business is. All the aggression one nation could make against another could not equal the dreadful results of war, and all that has ever been gained by war has been followed by far greater harm than the gains could offset.

War is the great problem of the modern day. It is a reater drawback than anything we have on the other side to balance it. Probably England would have been as satisfactory as a governor of this country as our own government has been, or perhaps the French would have done as well as we have done, or the Germans, who are great organizers and executives. However, the next war is a thing we must be prepared for. It is a difficult task to remove the chip that is on every human shoulder. If it has any compensating advantages they have never yet been made clear.

A CURIOUS POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

The writer of these lines recalls the election campaign of Lincoln and McClellan in 1864, and every other one that has followed in the succeeding seventy years, but in no respect does any of them compare in the singular relation that now exists between the voter and the magnitude of the issues that are involved. We are undergoing a revolution that possibly is of much more force than that which climaxed in the issues of slavery, of the later fussy campaign over free silver, of the political battles that came with and as a result of the European war. The noise and the shouting and the political bitterness was pronounced in those climaxes, yet without much continuing result of very great consequence. But today we are in the midst of a turmoil that few of us can intelligently analyze, that nobody has an intelligent remedy to overcome if it can be overcome at all, and a quieter campaign throughout the country has rarely ever prevailed, and with less of enthusiasm, or interest or rancour so common in political engagements.

Today the battle is not fought in the political field. It is an encounter wherein trade unions, industry, finance, transportation, and the powerful leaders in those fields are planning the campaigns and deploying their armies. In a mild way one group is talking about supporting Roosevelt, but the enthusiasm is childlike as compared with the bitterness toward Greeley, for instance in 1872, or the wild enthusiasm over Bryan in his terrific campaigns which now look more like extravaganzas than serious economic encounters. The Mark Hannas, the Blaines, the Penroses, the Pingrees, and their type are gone; Huey Long and some of his clap trap artists engage a bit of attention, but most of the political struggle is industrial and economic and the really serious part of it encounters business men with some of the group called brain trusters for want of a more applicable name.

So the country goes to the polls in a short time now with few people having any definite or forceful opinion of what their votes will signify, and with but small serious interest in the outcome. Slogans, torch-light processions, the ballyhoo of former political wars, are stuffed toys that are wholly of no interest. The new deal and its affiliates are being remodeled and even the President is pointing out that some of the experiments must be recast, as many people anticipated. The truth is that the whole world is entering a new phase of economics and politics and industry which is entirely novel and untested, and no one knows where we are headed.

So the voter is not breaking his neck in enthusiasm, for he does not know which way to run to keep up with the crowd. In the state the vote will be given to Democratic candidates for Congress, and pretty much the same will be the policies in the various counties. In Moore the ticket will go through without exciting much discussion, with the one exception of the legislative candidates where Mr. Seawell's aspiration for a legislative seat has awoken some interest. Nothing is involved in the rest of the county ticket, and very few voters could tell today who their full list of candidates includes. In the state the main issue is taxes and debts. Mr. Seawell is about the only candidate who has brought up this topic, and were it not for the Australian ballot he might make a forceful showing, which he says he thinks he will do anyway. The death of the proposal to float another school bond issue of more than \$200,000 indicates little enthusiasm over going deeper into debt in the county. The tax sales this fall are appalling, for they include the defaults of the past several years. The outcome is unknown. Yet with it all politics is so quiet that a kitten could sleep through the campaign. It is the most beautiful and quieting picture of absolute somnolence during the most acute worldwide upheaval that has been seen on this continent since Columbus landed; we are like Nero when Rome burned.

NEW AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT RECORDS

Last month the number of persons killed in automobile "accidents" in North Carolina reached a new record, although the month before that had been likewise a bigger slaughter list than any preceding month. Also the list of injuries and the property damage was proportionately increased last month. The irresponsibility of drivers is evidenced by the reports from the safety section of the American Railroad association which notes that of the crossing "accidents" last year 28 per cent were caused by motorists driving into the side of moving trains, and hitting the train rather than by being hit by the train. This is so palpably the neglect of the driver to observe the condition of the crossing that it is not in any way justified. Nearly a third of all railroad and automobile collisions caused by the driver running against the moving train and hitting the side of a car!

But a driver rarely bumps into a moving train twice. The bump is usually effective, so as a warning it is not much consequence.

Yet it might be a tip to the other indifferent driver if he would get into his head that it

Civic Loyalty Pays Big Dividends



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GRAINS OF SAND

One Southern Pines author is represented in the list of North Carolinians eligible to compete for the Mayflower Cup, given each year to the one who publishes the best literary work of the year. Thirty-seven literary productions are on the list for the year ending September 1st, among them Struthers Burt's "Entertaining the Islanders," a novel.

A colored man approached Postmaster Frank Buchan the other day and said he had something for Frank to sign.

Frank looked it over and found it was an application for an automobile license.

"Why do I have to sign this? I'm not applying for a license," the postmaster said.

"They told me up in Raleigh you had to sign it."

"What do you mean, they told you I had to sign it?"

"Look right there, Mr. Frank. See, there's a place for a Democrat to sign."

Frank observed the place the colored man indicated.

"This is for a Notary Public to sign."

"Oh, a Publican, eh! I thought they said Democrat."

Three of the 46 applicants to pass tests this month for licenses to sell insurance in North Carolina were women, and one of the three Mrs. Evelyn H. Pleasants of Aberdeen. Mrs. Pleasants is town clerk of Aberdeen.

Governor Ehringhaus calls attention to the annual Red Cross roll call to start Armistice Day, November 11, and continue to Thanksgiving Day. "Recognizing the peculiar worthiness of this appeal by an organization which has rendered such signal and humanitarian service to the state and nation in both war and peace, I earnestly hope that our citizens will heed this call and make adequate response to the appeal which is made," he says in a statement. "The opportunity for participation in such an enterprise comes but once a year; let it not go unheeded; let our response be generous," Governor Ehringhaus asks.

Mrs. Roosevelt is discussing a measure before Congress for a pension for old folks above 60 years, the tentative figure being about \$200 a month, and the old tyke around this shop hopes that it will involve back pay for those who are above 60, as his back dues for over 17 years would amount to about \$40,000. That's enough to win anybody over to the cause. Let her come.

Alex Fields says deer are getting so numerous they threaten to become a problem. Kinda tough to have to stay in the middle of the road out in the country to keep a big bad deer from biting you.

Up in Chatham county they are making mattresses to provide work, and giving the mattresses to the relief agencies to distribute. Different from the time when each household made its own mattress with a few yards of tickoing and a few baskets of wheat chaff, and on the old cord bed slept the sleep of the just.

The State lost an able educational leader in the death last Saturday of Dr. Arch Turner Allen, its superintendent of public instruction for the

is worth while to look down the road and to be sure the way is clear before he runs into a railroad crossing.

LAKEVIEW

The Box Supper and Pretty Girl Contest held at Rosendale Church, Saturday night was a success, Miss Mildred Priest of Lakeview won the cake for the prettiest girl. The sale of votes, boxes, cake and coffee netted \$44.27. This money will go to help the Rosendale Sunday School and also to give a Christmas entertainment for the children.

Mrs. Mary Morrison and daughters, Lily and Mr. and Mrs. Lessie Patterson and family of Lillington were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Morrison.

Maynard Mosher of Pinebluff spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Woodruff, Jr., and little Ralph Gibson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gardner.

Mrs. Raymond Howe and sons, Raymond and Charles and Mrs. A. H. Williams of Utica, N. Y., arrived Sunday to spend the winter in their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stevens and sons Needam and James, Mrs. W. H. Haynes and little daughter, Peggy Lou, and Mrs. W. J. Cole attended a birthday dinner at the home of Mrs. Lily Stevens of Collex, S. C. G. C. Richardson called on E. N. Richardson of Carthage Wednesday. Alton McNeill of Cypress Community spent the week-end with Connor Cole.

Mrs. Harry Gill of Richmond, Va., is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Coffey.

John Coore of State College spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Thompson and

children Carolyn and G. H. Jr., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Blue. Little Miss Carolyn remained for a two week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Priest and family were Sunday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Buchan.

Holt Gardner of Patrick, S. C. and P. L. Gardner made a business trip to N. Y. City the first of the week.

Mrs. F. L. Gardner, Douglas and Rebecca called on relatives in Pittsboro and Chapel Hill Sunday afternoon.

HARRINGTON CONTINUES TO IMPROVE AFTER OPERATION

W. J. Harrington, Register of Deeds, continues to improve at his home after an operation for appendicitis which he recently underwent in the Moore County Hospital.

The Board of County Commissioners recently adopted the following resolution in regard to Mr. Harrington, who serves as clerk to the board:

"Resolved: That the Board extends to him an expression of its sympathy together with the hope that he may have a speedy recovery and soon be restored to his usual health and resume his official duties."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Denton Lumber Company to Mrs. Emma Key, property in Sheffield township.

J. A. Phillips and wife to G. T. Isgett, property in Greenwood township. A. E. Childress and wife to H. M. Nicholson, Jr., property in Moore county.

J. A. Phillips and wife to C. M. Phillips, property in Greenwood township.

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Gillette Blades, Probak Blades, Auto Stop Blades 25c

and One tube Stag Latherless Shaving Cream Free

\$1.75 Electric Curling Irons \$1.19

and ONE BOTTLE WAVE SET FREE

25c Parke Davis Medicated Throat Discs 15c

Evening in Paris Face Powder, Lip Stick and Perfume 98c

1 lb. Prince Albert 89c

COUPON SPECIAL

Saturday, October 27th

One Pint Delicious Biltmore Ice Cream 15c

With This Coupon at THROWER'S FOUNTAIN

Cigarettes

Camel, Chesterfield, Luckies, 2 Packages 25c Per Carton \$1.20

CANDY

Assorted Chocolates, \$1.00 value 49c

Horton's Thin Peppermint Chocolate Covered, Full Pound 49c

UNIVEX CAMERAS

39c

ROLL OF FILMS

10c

Loose Leaf Note Book refills, 120 pages to pkg., 6 for 25c

Milk Magnesia Quart 60c

Mineral Oil, Quart 75c

\$1.25 Fountain Syringe 69c

Pure Ext. Vanilla 25c

6 ozs. 52c

10 ozs. 95c

Pint \$1.39

\$1.00 OVALTINE 79c

\$1.00 Ed Pinaud's Lilac Vegetals and Pinaud's Shav. Cream for \$1.25

\$1.25 Houbigants QF. Extract with box Face Powder, free \$1.25

\$2.50 Electric Room Heater \$1.50

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