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Among the bumper crops this year is that of the aviators.

No matter how good a cigar may be it is sure to meet its match.

A contemporary says "there is big money in nuts." Also a few worms.

All the average man needs in order to say something foolish is an audience.

Gentlemen who are planning to raise whiskers for the winter would better begin.

Having somebody to blame things on is one of the greatest of modern conveniences.

Do you notice that wars always break out in countries with unpronounceable names?

It is a poor sportsman who cannot return with his usual bag of "mistake-en-for-deer" guides.

Another indictment against the fly it is now discovered that it carries the eggs of the hookworm.

That Missouri hen that has laid 260 eggs in 11 months is showing the other hens of the country something.

A New York girl forgot she was married, but what is a little thing like matrimony to a New York girl?

A Connecticut millionaire has married a milliner. Is there no way to stop this reckless concentration of wealth?

Over one-half of the world's production of tin is consumed in this country. This is indeed a good deal of a country.

Balloon racing deserves greater popularity, as the skidding on the hairpin curves is therein reduced to a minimum.

A champion football player appears quite as essential to the progress of higher education as an endowed chair of philosophy.

Correct pronunciation is a great thing, but the truly hungry man will say "prunes" to the waitress when he wants prunes.

A bumper tobacco crop also will make it harder than usual to break off that smoking habit next year when January rolls around.

Now that they are shooting ducks from aeroplanes, we shall next hear that aviator sportsmen are using skye terriers for retrievers.

It will be tough luck for the victims of rheumatism if the department of agriculture succeeds in making all American bees stingless.

An English literary visitor has declared that Chicago is a "pure" city, and at last accounts he had not been sandbagged by any New Yorker.

A man married 11 times, cannot remember the names of two of his wives. But probably he can remember some of the things they said to him.

The invention of a gun that will bring down an aeroplane from a height of 5,000 feet is announced. But the reason is not stated for anticipating a sure thing.

Now the stage is running to widows. We have the "merry," the "winsome" and the "red" varieties to consider. Which recalls Tony Weller's celebrated advice to Samivel.

A Pennsylvania boy, trying to kill a dog, shot a woman's "rat." That woman's views on the present style of hairdressing are, despite the attacks of critics, emphatically ratified.

Some nervous people are saying that the war in southeastern Europe is a sign of the approaching end of the world, but the landlords are asking for their rent just the same.

A hotel keeper is going to raise diamond-backed terrapin in his own hotel. How fish stories do multiply, and they don't have to be very ingenious to get themselves published, either.

That the new side whiskers must curl out in front is the latest information on that important subject. Perhaps for use as sweepers when hunting for the collar button under the bed.

A pneumatic rug has been invented for auto bugs to stretch themselves upon while they tinker under their machines. Couldn't something like that be discovered to break the fall of aviators?

A chorus girl who wished to join the "stars" in their courses was easily induced to give up \$200 to a seer who promises to invoke planetary aid.

A seer is out with the announcement that the war in Europe is a sign of the world's end. But the coal dealers are still doing business just the same.

The Kansas City woman who paid \$50 for a husband must be a bull in the market, for she bid beyond all known demand employing a price clearly speculative.

## NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Latest News of General Interest That Has Been Collected From Many Towns and Counties.

**Kinston.**—The snow precipitation here several days ago was 3 1/2 inches a record for this early in the winter for many years. Telephone and telegraph companies were inconvenienced many telephones being put out of commission and numbers of wires down.

**Durham.**—The trial of Lucius Bowling, a barber of this city and Clyde Sanderford, of Raleigh, for the robbery of John M. Baker of \$500, resulted in the Raleigh boy being bound over to the superior court. Recorder Graham believes that the evidence tends to show that there was probable cause that Sanderford got the money, but that Bowling had nothing to do with it.

**Kinston.**—A strange animal that excited a colored stable boy and was later shot by him in the woodyard at the home of R. E. Wilkins in Mitchelltown, the fashionable residential section of this city, aroused a great deal of curiosity when exhibited on the streets. The animal proved to be a groundhog, which had lucklessly appeared over two months before scheduled time.

**Kinston.**—A stubborn blaze, which required the firemen over an hour to control, gutted the main plant of the Lenor Oil & Ice Co., in East Kinston, and did damage to the amount of \$15,000 or more. The fire originated in the lint and burned fiercely in the contents of the building, which was mainly cotton seed. The entire plant was threatened, and was saved by the fire department after a mile run.

**Statesville.**—Flem. Benson, of this town, was accidentally shot in the leg by Will Watson while hunting rabbits with a party near Mooresville. It seems that there were quite a number of hunters in the party and Benson was shot just as he killed a rabbit. Will Watson was standing not far from Benson and had evidently cocked his gun anticipating a shot at the rabbit when it was accidentally discharged, the load entering the leg of Benson just above the knee.

**New Bern.**—One of the gravest problems that local contractors and builders are having to confront just at this time is the scarcity of brick and cement. There is much building going on in New Bern and vicinity and the condition is growing alarming. The majority of the brick used here is made within a radius of twenty-five miles of the city and owing to the scarcity of freight cars the manufacturers say that they are unable to make shipments on time.

**Waynesville.**—Considerable building is going on in Waynesville now. The new \$25,000 school building on the corner of Haywood street and Boyd avenue, is progressing slowly, owing to the inability of the contractors, it is said, to secure material and labor. The contract calls for a finished job by April 15 and the prospects now are that the time will have to be extended or the construction company will have to forfeit the contract, or a sum of money in lieu thereof.

**Raleigh.**—Associate Justice Geo. H. Brown discharged Mrs. Ella H. Weathers from custody of the Central hospital on the ground that commitment was irregular, it being admitted that the clerk of court had not made examination of the woman. In discharging the woman, Judge Brown insisted that people committed to asylums should have their sanity determined. The question of sanity was not entered into by the court, who advised Frank E. Weathers, the husband, that he could proceed anew if he desired.

**Wilson.**—The topic of conversation here now is the controversy concerning the discipline in the Wilson graded schools. The local board of education will give all the patrons of the school an opportunity to thoroughly air their alleged grievances against Superintendent Chas. L. Coon. Many of the citizens express themselves as heartily in sympathy with the efficient superintendent and are fearful that the outcome of the entire matter will be the outcome of his resignation.

**Charlotte.**—The automobile races held at the Charlotte Fair Ground track recently were exhibitions of speed and skill. There were about 1,000 people and 80 machines lined around the speedway.

**Southern Pines.**—A big work is on at Lakeview in the repair of the dam. The old structure has been torn out, and a concrete wall for the whole length of the dam will replace the earth fill. Several thousand barrels of cement will be used, and when done the job will make the lake a permanent fixture, no longer subject to destruction from floods.

**Canetuck.**—David T. Bradshaw, the mail carrier from Canetuck to Armour, N. C., was drowned in the Cape Fear River at the county line landing thirty-six miles from Wilmington, where the line crosses Columbus and Pender county.

**Lenoir.**—Mr. Ernest L. Perkins, of Adako, this county, has been appointed farm demonstrator in our neighboring county of Catawba, for a term of two years. Mr. Perkins is a young man of great promise and a son of Mr. J. T. Perkins, who owns one of the best farms in this county, situated on the waters of St. John's river.

## RAILWAY MERGER DECLARED ILLEGAL

### SUPREME COURT SHATTERS THE UNION-SOUTHERN PACIFIC MERGER.

### IT RESTRAINS COMPETITION

Immediate Dissolution Ordered Even if It Should Involve Receivership for Properties.

Washington.—Edward H. Harriman's great railroad combination, effected after his titanic struggle with James J. Hill, by which he acquired control of the Southern Pacific railroad, was declared illegal by the Supreme court.

In a notable decision the court held that the crowning event of Mr. Harriman's life was an act which the Sherman anti-trust law declares an illegal restraint of trade.

The great Harriman merger was created when the Union Pacific Railroad company bought 46 per cent. of the stock of the Southern Pacific railway system, and this was split under by the Supreme court of the United States as a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Then with the end of the merger before it, the court sent forth its portentous declaration that "while the law may not be able to enforce competition, it can reach combinations which render competition impracticable."

Justice Day announced that unanimous opinion of the court. Judge Vandevanter took no part in the consideration of the case, but his personal finding when he was a judge of the Utah circuit court, to the effect that the two roads were not competitors and therefore no violation of the law had resulted from the purchase, was reversed and annulled. Instead of following the reasoning of Justice Vandevanter and Judges Sanborn and Adams, the court, in substance, approved the minority holding of Judge Hook that it was just as much a violation of the law for one road to buy the controlling stock of a competitor as it was for a holding company, as in the Northern Securities case, to buy the controlling stock of two competing companies.

The circuit court for the district of Utah was directed to supervise the separation of the two roads.

The Union Pacific, if the circuit court sees proper, may retain control of the old Central Pacific line from Ogden to San Francisco. The decision of the lower court in the attempt to acquire the Northern Pacific stock and the stock of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway company, afterwards abandoned in the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad company, was allowed to stand.

## A NEW MAP FOR TURKEY

Terms Accepted by Allies Said to Be Favorable to Turks.

London.—The work of charting a new map of what hitherto has been European-Turkey began immediately after the signature of the armistice by the plenipotentiaries of the Turks and allies.

The comparatively favorable terms which seem to have been offered to Turkey are so different from the original proposals that they suggest the idea that the governments of the Balkan League realize that with winter gripping the country, Turkey has gained an ally which will prove more fatal to the armies fronting Adrianople, Scutari and Tchatai than have been the Ottoman cannon.

No adjustment of the Austro-Serbian dispute is yet visible. Vienna continues to show pessimism and the newspapers there maintain their very threatening attitude; but in spite of this, official relations between St. Petersburg and Vienna seem to have been thought in diplomatic quarters that come somewhat more cordial, and it is eventual that Serbia will secure a small mercantile port on the Adriatic sea connected with Serbia by railroad.

In the meantime, however, Serbia has trod on Italy's toes by quartering a regiment of the troops which recently occupied the port of Durazzo in the Italy school buildings there.

**New Orleans Adopt Commission Rule.**—New Orleans.—The commission form of municipal government has been inaugurated in New Orleans. Martin Behrman, mayor for the past eight years, was sworn in for another four-year term. Under the new form of government the mayor is also "commissioner of public affairs." Four other commissioners complete the organization: Adolph G. Ricks, W. B. Thompson, Harold W. Newman and Edward E. LaFaye, commissioners, respectively, of finance, public utilities, public safety and public property.

**Cost of Living Not a New Problem.**—Philadelphia.—According to the authorities at the University of Pennsylvania museum, the high cost of living and excessive transportation rates were as much a problem in Theadelphia, a small city in Egypt, 1,800 years ago as they are today in the United States. In an ancient Greek manuscript, just deciphered by the museum's experts, a collector of internal revenue tells of the graft and excessive profits demanded by the trust magnates and political leaders of those days.

## BEGINNING OF THE ANNUAL THAW



## \$200,000,000 FOR PENSIONS

### SUM WILL EXCEED ALL APPROPRIATIONS OF FORMER YEARS.

Unusually Large Appropriation Will Be Necessary at Short Session of Congress.

Washington.—Appropriations of nearly \$200,000,000 for pensions to veterans of American wars will be necessary at this session of congress. The unusual sum, exceeding all appropriations of former years, will be necessary to make up a deficit of nearly \$20,000,000 resulting from the increase of pensions by the Sherwood bill last winter and the proportionate increase of the general pensions authorized by this act.

Estimates by members of congress made indicate the regular pension bill probably will carry about \$175,000,000. This in itself will be a record breaking total, as the Sherwood law materially increased many pensions. It has not yet been determined whether the deficit of approximately \$20,000,000 will be added to the regular appropriation bill or put into some other measure. The pension bureau has enough money for the present, but will run short between March 4 and July 1, when the new fiscal year begins, unless it gets the extra \$20,000,000.

Unexpected support has appeared among returning members of the senate for a bill to remove the present limitation upon the pensions to widows of veterans. The law now gives no pension to a widow who married her soldier husband after July 27, 1890.

## BOY STRANGLER CONFESSES

J. Frank Hickey Confesses to Murder of Three Youths.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The accidental killing of a man in Lowell, Mass., twenty years ago was given by John Frank Hickey, in a signed confession as the starting point of a career of debauchery and crime during which he murdered two boys and assaulted many others. Hickey's victims, according to his confession, were Ed Morey of Lowell, Mass., poisoned with laudanum over twenty years ago; Michael Krueck, 12 years old, a New York newsboy, strangled in Central Park in 1902; and Joseph Joseph, the seven-year-old son of George Joseph, a merchant of Lackawanna, killed in a similar manner, October 12, 1911.

Young Joseph disappeared the afternoon of October 12, 1911. His father, George Joseph, a merchant of Lackawanna, insisted from the start that the boy had been kidnaped, and a country-wide search was instituted. The confession was made to District Attorney Dudley and Chief of Police Gilson of Lackawanna.

**Jackson Succeeds Rayner.**—Baltimore, Md.—Governor Goldsborough has announced the appointment of William P. Jackson, Republican national committeeman from Maryland, to succeed the late United States Senator Isidor Rayner. He will serve until the legislature, which meets in January, 1914, fills what will then be an unexpired term of three years. The legislature at that time also will elect a successor to Senator John Walter Smith (Democrat), whose term will expire in 1915. Mr. Jackson is 44 years old and a business man.

**\$140,000 Found on City Dump.**—Kansas City.—Bonds having a face value of \$140,000 together with checks and a small amount of coupons that disappeared here June 5, when two registered mail sacks were stolen while en route from the post office to the railway station here, were found on the city dump by three laborers. The bonds were Waco, Texas, city paper, which at the time they disappeared from a mail trolley car en route to the railway station, were being shipped by the Commerce Trust company of this city.

## UNITED STATES' EXPENSES

### OVER A BILLION DOLLARS IS ASKED OF CONGRESS TO RUN GOVERNMENT.

Estimates Indicate That Sum Will Be Required to Keep Government Going.

Washington.—It will cost \$823,415,144 to conduct the affairs of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, according to various department heads, submitted to the speaker of the house by the secretary of the treasury. This amount, which does not include any provision for the postal service, which is expected to be self-supporting, is an increase of \$72,078,248 over the appropriations made for the present year by the last session of congress. Of this increase \$28,312,220 appears in the estimates of the secretary of the navy and \$20,597,297 represents the increase asked by the navy department in the appropriations for building and equipping new vessels. The estimates would provide for three new battleships to be laid down during the year. This would make up for the lapse of one ship from the two battleships a year program of the department, caused by the action of the Democratic house in providing for but a single ship at the last session of congress.

Another \$20,000,000 or more of the total increase is shown in the estimates for the payment of pensions. The amount asked for is \$185,220,000.

Last year \$165,146,470 was expended for pensions. An increase of about the same amount appears in the estimates for public works for the year.

## Preacher Faces Murder Charge.

Houlton, Maine.—Rev. Charles Emelius, a minister of the Lutheran church, is the central figure in a trial here in an attempt to fix responsibility for the mysterious death of August Jacobson, a prosperous New Sweden farmer, on June 11, 1911. Mrs. Jacobson, the minister's mother-in-law, and her son, Edgar J. Jacobson, are held as co-defendants with Emelius. Jacobson's body was found by his wife near his home. Nearby was a note indicating that the farmer had taken his own life and the case was accepted at first as one of suicide. Later the body was exhumed and an autopsy revealed that the man had been shot four times. These wounds, it is claimed, could not have been self-inflicted. On testimony given at the corner's inquest, showing that he had quarreled with his father, Edgar Jacobson was arrested, but later discharged, when the grand jury failed to indict him. Emelius married Jacobson's daughter several months after the farmer's death. When detectives, investigating the case, claimed to have discovered proof that Jacobson had opposed the minister's suit for Miss Jacobson's hand.

## Dog Causes Death.

Greensboro, N. C.—Two accidental fatalities were recorded here with the death of Benjamin Clarida and Osborne Smith, the former a well-to-do farmer, and the latter a son of C. A. Smith, a sawmill owner of the county. Clarida stooped to pick up a rabbit which he had shot when a dog in the chase jumped at him, catching his foot on the hammer of his gun and causing its discharge. The entire load of shot entered his side. Young Smith was injured while operating a saw at his father's mill.

## Fast Train Wrecked.

Albany, N. Y.—When New York Central train No. 45, westbound from New York, traveling at an estimated speed of between 50 and 60 miles an hour, was derailed at Hoffmans, seven miles west of Schenectady, not one of the 200 passengers was injured, although all were thoroughly shaken up. The chief of the dining car, the only person injured, sustained several broken ribs, and is in Schenectady hospital. The passengers were transferred to another train.

## 62ND CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION

THERE ARE SCORES OF IMPORTANT MATTERS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED.

### ARCHBALD WILL BE TRIED

Impeachment Proceedings Expected to Be Spectacular — Members Slow in Arriving.

Washington.—The expiring Sixty-second congress assembled for its final work of legislation. In the brief period remaining before constitutional limitations bring it to an end and turn many of its members back into private life, fifteen appropriation bills, carrying over one billion dollars for the support of the government, must be passed; the impeachment of Judge Archbald of the commerce court must be tried in the senate; many investigating committees must conclude inquiries and make their reports; and scores of legislative matters must be disposed of.

Throughout the session, attracting as much attention as the actual work of legislation, will run the preparatory work for the extra session, to be called soon after President-elect Wilson takes office March 4.

Committees pursuant to this will thresh out questions of tariff, currency and anti-trust legislation, aiming to have democratic policies shaped, and democratic plans made, before the new administration comes into power.

It is assured, say the legislative leaders, that there will be no tariff legislation this winter. Neither is it expected that the currency or anti-trust problems will receive much attention in the house or senate, the principal work of the session being confined to preparation for the Democratic administration and the enactment of some of the more important bills pending on the calendars.

Important bills to receive attention include the bill for a department of labor; the Sheppard-Kenyon bill preventing shipments of liquor into "dry" states; the Page bill, to give Federal aid to vocational and agricultural schools, and the resolution for a constitutional amendment limiting a president to a single term of six years. These measures have all been debated before, both houses, and have reached the point where action of some kind upon them is expected.

## PEACE PROTOCOL DRAWN

It Will Be Signed by All Parties at Interest.

Paris, France.—The Constantinople correspondent of The Times gives, under reserve, the main lines of a peace scheme as outlined by Turkish semi-official sources.

According to this scheme Greece gets Epirus; Serbia gets old Serbia and Movipazar, and Bulgaria gets Thrace, following the frontier from Midia to Dedeagatch or Kavala, but excluding Adrianople, which remains connected with Constantinople and the Dardanelles.

Autonomy is to be granted to Macedonia, with Saloniki as the capital. Albania, minus a part ceded to Monte negro and also the provinces, are placed under the suzerainty of the Balkans. The final condition is the admission of Turkey to the Balkan League.

## \$35,000,000,000 Business for Year.

Washington.—This year the international business of the world will reach the enormous total of \$35,000,000,000, according to a report issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The estimate is made on official returns of exports and imports from virtually every commercial country in the world. The new figure will establish a record, for it is four billion dollars greater than the trade in 1910 and more than double that done in 1890, twenty-two years ago. Seventy leading countries furnished their figures to the government statisticians. Only Argentine and Russia reports decrease, both falling off sharply. The United States so far has shown a monthly increase of \$18,000,000 over 1911.

## Aeronaut Tumbles to Death.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Richard Frayne, an aeronaut, fell 2,000 feet from the air here and was instantly killed. Three thousand people saw the accident. The aeronaut was thrown from his seat in the parachute just after he had cut loose from the balloon. His body landed in the driveway of the Eregreen cemetery. Physicians say that every bone in his body was broken. Together with Jack Crosby, his companion, Frayne started an ascension at the Tri-County Fair here. Both men had individual parachutes.

## Promise of Amnesty to Rebels.

Mexico City.—Convinced that numerous bands of rebels in the states of Durango, Coahuila and southern Chihuahua are continuing their operations merely because they believe surrender would mean summary execution under the suspension of guarantees, Rafael Hernandez, the new minister of the interior, announced that he would attempt to gain for them a promise of amnesty. Chereche Campos and Benjamin Arguado, officers in Orozco's organization, are the chief rebel leaders in those districts.