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A Costly Joke on the "Army"

Another war has come and gone. This time in our own good old North Carolina.

The opposing armies were made up of North Carolinians. On the one side was one family of folks—very rich folks—and two companies of North Carolina National Guardsmen. The rich family had called up Raleigh and said, "Look here; a lot of poor folks have quit working for us—at our own price—so please send some soldiers. We think it will scare them to look into the muzzles of frowning, snarling machine guns. These poor folks have not done a thing yet, it is true, except to quit work and sit around town on goods boxes and go out about the baseball grounds and sit around and rest; but we want soldiers; we just want to scare them; and we don't want to pay them any more money, because \$9.50 is enough for a man who works for us, and \$6.00 a week is a big price for women to work for us. And we even do more for them than that; we are doing their thinking for them. And, too, we do not want to cut our dividend on account of paying a portion of it to labor."

Then the soldiers rolled in, because it would not do to heed the

call of friends.

The soldiers found the citizens of Henderson, where the "war" was taking place, peaceable and quiet and in perfect harmony. They found a lot of poor people, men, women and children, out of employment, but perfectly orderly and quiet.

These poor people said that they had lived there all their lives; in fact, they had built the mills with their own hands, and had done all the work in creating those big institutions; and had grown so poor that they felt their achievements should be rewarded by a few more pennies each day, as they found themselves poorer than when they started and find living harder and harder as the years roll by. Then, too, they said, the textile reports all show such boundless prosperity that they felt the workers had as much right to a reward for the earnings of their hands as the investors had for dividends on their dollars.

While one sheriff can guard the safety of the thousands of mill people, the mill owners seemed to think they needed soldiers, and lots of them, to protect them.

It now looks like a cheap—but costly—joke on the "Army."

Getting at the Root of the Evil

When Secretary Lowman discharged seven Federal prohibition agents in eastern North Carolina, including their chief, for dividing up the spoils of raids they had made, he did a thing that challenges the admiration of all law-abiding citizens.

These seven men, most of them, were good honorable gentlemen at heart; but when they had captured a large quantity of liquor, they were too weak to carry out the command to destroy it all, and kept a quart apiece, with the exception of the chief, and he permitted them to do it.

One of the greatest troubles with law enforcement is that many police officers who are chargeable with law enforcement are guilty of many of the crimes he is charged to punish

others for. Solicitors who shoot dice for drinks are unfit to prosecute poker players, and a judge who drinks moonshine liquor is not worthy to sit in judgment on a boot-legalizer.

Ananias trifled with the law and lied a little, which resulted in his death. Any the same may be said about those policemen, sheriffs, solicitors, and judges who lie a little. They swear to abide by the law and enforce it, yet they break it a little. They are dead, too, when it comes to having the power to enforce the law. They do not have the power because they have no respect from the people.

When all the officers dare to do right, it will have a wonderful effect upon the lawless element.

When we learn to appreciate the

Passing the Collection Plate Too Often

The Free Gospel Mission Society, of Spindale, N. C., had representatives on our streets last week, passing the collection plate.

It was somewhat interesting to ask them a lot of questions about what they are doing with the money they are collecting.

They admitted that they had been on the road for about two years and received alms from the public. They say they have found six or seven orphan children and placed them in homes. When pushed for a definite answer as to which it was—six or seven—they claimed seven, and said they had found four more in Gastonia that they hoped to place. The representatives said they kept 90 per cent of the collections and gave the society 10 per cent.

It seems to be a great habit with people to take a collection plate, wear a cap with "Salvation," printed on it, and sweep the towns everywhere two or three times every week.

So far as we know, they never give any account of the amount they collect nor the name of the giver. Nobody seems to be able to tell just what becomes of the money. So far as we are able to understand, membership in these various "societies," etc., does not place of the property of the institution in the members, but all property is owned by a select few, and much of the receipts go to the building up of valuable prop-

erty, which are owned by we know not who.

We know of no orphanages nor schools that they are supporting. Nor do we know that every penny contributed is deposited in the Lord's Treasury.

But one thing we do know, many of the folks who are peddling collection pans are weaklings and know very little about the organizations they represent further than that they are officers in that organization with the right to collect money.

Of course, collections are generally good, because even the old reprobate parked on the street corners is afraid not to give. A man who curses his home church and never pays a penny towards its upkeep will pay to these collectors because he has a hope deep down in his heart that it will keep the devil from getting him when he dies. In fact, people of all kinds will give when a plate is pushed under their nose. They will give as a matter of self-respect, without thinking whether it is worthy or not.

Every orphanage in our State and every church in our town makes a complete record of all receipts and disbursements, from every source and for every purpose, and yet if their best-known members were to adopt the same method that we see carried out on our streets every week, they would be run off of our streets within 30 days.

fact that a very lawless man in a community does not do half as much harm as the officer who just winks a little, then we will begin to have officers who will not compromise their positions by breaking the laws they are supposed to enforce.

Any man charged with catching makers and purveyors of liquor must be above using the products of the men he seeks to catch.

Those in charge of law enforcement are often about as much to blame for bad conditions in a community as the real old lawbreakers are.

FELT DULL, DIZZY

Georgia Man Tells How He Found Relief for Many Complaints by Using An Old Home Remedy.

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The law should be rigidly enforced for the protection of both life and property. Yet after being in effect for a month and a half only 726 cars have been tested in the county out of more than 2,500.

Any driver can tell at a glimpse the properly adjusted lights when

he meets them, as one is not blinded in the least by the glare. On the other hand, some cars will blind everything that looks toward them.

Police officers everywhere should be diligent to see that every car that runs in the night has had its lights properly adjusted. Any driver failing to do so will be responsible, both in civil and criminal actions, for any damage he may cause by glaring headlights.

Do You Know—

That the progress of many cities is held back by petty jealousies among its citizens. They get good starts on the road to better things and then tie up and fuss awhile.

That petty jealousies about trivial things is all foolishness. It only brings about discord and strife where harmony should prevail.

That the importance of the industries of a city should never be forgotten. No opportunity should

be lost to encourage and assist in their growth and development.

That in the success of home industries rests the development of a community and the prosperity of all who live there.

That every citizen should believe in the greatness of his or her home city, its industries and the future that is ahead of it, and should give to it their whole-hearted support and never waver in this duty.

Some foods are long on taste but short on nourishment.

Some clothes are long on looks but short on quality.

Some people are long on promises but short on performances.

Some cities are long on good intentions but short on action.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of my darling child, Ruth Murel Modlin, who was killed one year ago Wednesday, August 16th, 1926, in the ninth year of her age.

The white lily of my family,
So sweet, so young and pure,
Has passed on the Great Beyond
To eternal rest in Him, we're sure.

Though she has answered His call,
Her memory will live on forever;
We know she is safe from harm,
But our thoughts we can not sever.

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When at times they see me smile;
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That I suffer all the while.
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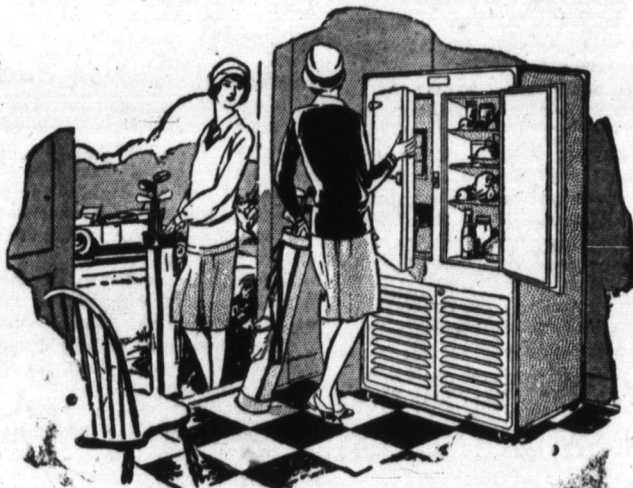
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