

HUN PENSIONERS BEG MORE MONEY

MILLION ORPHANS IN GERMANY ARE IN DESPERATE NEED.

COST TWO BILLION MARKS

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Four million pensioners and government insurance annuity receivers have applied to the government for a "raise" to meet the high cost of living.

The "raise" asked aggregates two billion marks a year. From a standpoint of the number of persons making the request it is the largest demand ever made upon the government. It includes more than one million orphans, 985,000 invalids, 242,000 old age pensioners and about a quarter of a million widows, not to mention the immense number receiving accident and sick insurance benefits.

"Vrouwert" appeals to Germany "to forget not the victims of the economic battlefields."

EVERY MONDAY

Adversity Has Its Uses as Well as Prosperity.

In the working of the natural and spiritual laws in life, God teaches man many difficult and hard lessons. If man fails and neglects to take in and understand the teaching and its results, it's his misfortune, and he will pay in unrest and suffering. The conditions of man's present dominating factor in his life. There are exceptions to all rules, and I speak of man generally; man does not take thought, he does not become actively alive, until he feels and is pinched by the tentacles of his condition; when the weath is hot man does not saw fire wood; but when the frost touches him, he will scurry around and pick up even chips and trash, if need be, to kindle a fire to warm himself. We should never forget that man is a creature of condition, time and circumstance. If you have no hope and faith that our condition will right itself, that the sun of prosperity, though hidden by a deep and dark cloud, still shines as cheerily and helpfully bright as ever; then you had better take to heart, what St. Paul said to those who did not believe that the dead rose again, that there was no life in the hereafter, "let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die"; and the sooner those of that thought and feeling, eat, drink and die the better for the rest of us. The Bible says: "If those faint in the day of adversity they strength is small." "Think how true this is, adversity calls out all that is strong, reliable, encouraging, and helpful, and the man who is weak and faint adds a depressing burden to the situation. It takes severe trial and experience; you know that gold has to go through the hottest fire before it becomes the gold, that so laves the heart and greed of man. "Sweet are the uses of adversity, Which like the toad ugly and venomous Wears yet a precious jewel in his head." This is the conclusion of one of the very wisest of men. The toad is not a frog, though belonging, as the frog does, to the great general class of reptilia. You know how ugly a toad is, in fact so ugly and horrid-looking that, while absolutely harmless, for years was thought to be venomous; locally it was thought that the toad, because so terribly ugly and warty, could make warts on you if you touched him. For years, I did not take in the reference to the jewels in the toad's head, but I learned that the toads in England, where the wise man lived and died, were much larger than our toad. I have seen toads large as the fist, and ugly in proportion; in certain shades of the twilight the toad's eyes will shine very brightly, and suggests the presence of two jewels; now you can well see how vivid, apt and exact is the wise man's description of adversity. While I confess that I do not get any sweetness out of adversity, I do fully realize and appreciate the great and forceful opportunity it gives man, to put in order and strengthen his very foundations. I also think that adversity is rough enough, without having to ride over rough roads, unajmainted. John L. Bridgers.

Mrs. Keech Slightly Better. Since the report was made in the local page it has been learned that Mrs. Keech, though dangerously ill, is slightly improved.

Important Meeting. There will be a meeting of Edgecombe Cottillon Club on Tuesday night, December 14, at 7.30, in the office of Dr. H. L. Keel.

Mrs. W. H. Powell is quite sick.

WASHINGTON THE GOAT FOR THE "REFORMERS"

PROFESSIONAL ZEALOTS UNCORK SEVERAL NEW "ANTIS" FOR EXPLOITATION UPON THE PUBLIC — FIRST ON LIST FOR REFORM ARE SUNDAY PICTURES OF CAPITAL CITY.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The beginning of the December session of congress was marked by the usual advent of the reformers who have announced various schemes to correct this or that abuse. Truth is members of congress are becoming a trifle tired of the reformers and their plans, particularly so after the great reforms put through by the Anti-Saloon League and the National Woman's Party, which resulted, respectively, in passage of the 18th and 19th constitutional amendments.

There are a lot of "professional" reformers loose in Washington—chaps who draw fat salaries and make a regular business of "reforming," just like a lawyer practices law or a physician medicine. The reformers practice "reforming" the same way. Many of these men are former school teachers, ministers of the gospel, or lecturers of various kind. Most of them falling at their chosen profession have become reformers as a matter of business. It cannot be denied that some of them are as active and as pestiferous as the proverbial flea.

At the same time there are a number of zealots who honestly believe their mission on earth is to reform mankind and their principal duty under heaven to correct the many vices which afflict their brothers, whether the brothers want to be reformed or not. Foreign countries and the heathen are not exempt from the activities of some of these men. They dearly love to try to keep the Chinese from his opium pipe, or the honest and hard working American of foreign birth from a glass of beer. The beer has already disappeared; now the reformers are going to engage in a campaign to take away the opium from the Oriental.

But do not believe that they are satisfied with abolishing the

alcohol traffic in this country. Tobacco is the next victim marked for slaughter. While the Anti-Saloon League denies that it is contemplating an anti-tobacco crusade there are other organizations already busy in the attempt to put the kibosh on Lady Nicotine. Coffee and tea, but principally coffee, is also on the taboo list.

One of the greatest moral reforms needed in this country is undoubtedly a uniform marriage and divorce law. Under the present haphazard laws every state is a law unto itself, and hardly any two states agree in their statutes concerning the requirements for either marriage or divorce. Senator Sheppard, of Texas, has a bill pending for a uniform law of this kind, that is as badly needed as any other reform that can be mentioned in this country.

Exploitation of child labor is another terrible evil that should be corrected. There are several bills pending for that. Such exploitation strikes at the very root of the physical, mental and moral well-being of future generations of American citizens. Many congressmen and others wish the reformers well in that endeavor.

The reformers intend, it is reported, to "try out" some of the schemes on the District of Columbia, to make the National Capital, as it were, the "goat" for the experiment. Washington is already about as moral a city as any in America. There is no gambling, no "red light" district, no saloons, no poolrooms, no money sharking, and even the pawnshops can make no money as they are limited by law to 1 per cent per month interest. But amusements and picture houses run wide open on Sundays, and the picture houses are to be attacked by the reformers first, it is said.

WIFE OF DEAD HUNGER STRIKE MAYOR HERE



Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney

The arrival of Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, wife of the hunger strike martyr of Cork, who recently died in a London prison for the cause of Irish freedom, gave the supporters of the cause in America an opportunity to stage a great demonstration when her boat docked at New York. Mrs. MacSwiney comes to testify before the anti-slavery committee of the U. S. which is in session in this country. Mrs. MacSwiney is only 23 years old.

REV. KIRK TALKS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

Rev. J. E. Kirk made a highly interesting and inspiring talk to the pupils of the city school in chapel this morning. He urged the boys and girls to do their best in all things, for they would inevitably "reap as they sow." The formation of correct habits and the development of faith, were pointed out by Mr. Kirk as being worthy of most earnest consideration and attention.

Supt. Moseley complimented the basketball team on the splendid showing made against Greenville in the game Friday night, and told them that anybody can show a good spirit while winning, but that it takes real sportsmanship to maintain a manly attitude under defeat. He read a letter just received from Mr. Kennedy, the Greenville coach, thanking the Tarboro boys and girls for their courtesy and cordiality before and after the game.

Mr. Mesely announced that the prizes offered last week by the local board of health for the best reports on Dr. Sprull's speech on Tuberculosis would be awarded as follows: Reuben Evans, first prize; Margaret Bridgers, second prize; Charlie Keech (seventh grade), a special prize for turning in such a good paper.

Buttons were awarded to the following pupils for having completed the first section of the Palmer method writing drills: Stephen Hoard, 5-a; Mildred Brown, 5-b; Anne Johnson, 7-a; Rosalie Tucker, 7-b; Lucille Puckett, 7-a; Clifton Ruffin, 7-b.

PLANE WILL CARRY THREE HUNDRED ACROSS ATLANTIC

Rome, Dec. 13.—Gianpi Caproni, airplane inventor, has informed King Victor Emmanuel of a projected giant plane which would carry three hundred persons across the Atlantic in thirty-six hours.

POLAND MAY CONTROL THE CITY OF DANTZIG

Geneva, Dec. 13.—The military control of Dantzig by Poland has been recommended to the League of Nations Council by the military commission of the assembly.

AVIATOR MAYNARD IS REPORTED SAFE

New York, Dec. 13.—The reported mishap to Belvin Maynard, aviator, has been cleared by the announcement that Maynard gave up his flight to Worcester.

"Pay-Up-Week" Drawing. The drawing of the prizes in the "Pay-Up-Week" contest will take place at the court house on Wednesday. The time has not yet been set, but will be announced tomorrow thru the columns of The Southerner.

UNSAVORY FACTS OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN STATE

THIS STATE HELD IN LIMELIGHT AS GREATEST ILLICIT WHISKY MAKING IN THE UNION—MORE THAN 7,000 STILLS DESTROYED DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—The annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue just issued and the statement of Collector Bailey in submitting it constitute a revelation as to whiskey manufacture and whiskey drinking that is a disgrace to all North Carolina.

Basing the statement on the figures furnished by his report, Mr. Bailey declares that the output or manufacture of intoxicating liquor in North Carolina is now as great as at any time in the history of the state; that one-fifth of the illicit spirits destroyed in all of the forty-eight states was manufactured in the one state of North Carolina; that during the past year more than half of the fourteen thousand distilleries were captured and destroyed in this state and the states of South Carolina and Georgia; that he expects illicit distilling to continue in the state of North Carolina to flourish; that anybody who has the price can get moonshine liquor and monkey rum in Raleigh, and he believes the same thing is true of very many other towns in the state. That the prohibition laws, state and national, are now doing but one thing, namely, affecting the price and quality of the liquor made. And yet not one government agent has yet been charged with not doing his duty, the only criticism having been made by some courts that they

were "too zealous" in enforcing the law.

Now, isn't that a pretty kettle of fish, and the most odorous of spoiled fish, for the state of North Carolina, one of the very first and most militant of all the state in the fight for both state and national prohibition, to be putting on exhibition at this stage of the game?

If Collector Bailey's announcement is believed (and it should be, because it is based on facts and official figures), the question naturally arises, will North Carolina arise and be the first state to attempt to repeal a bad law, even if it has become a part of the constitution?

The biggest thing the North Carolina prohibition law did was to rid the cities and towns of the open saloon, where the boys mostly learned to drink liquor.

In the days of the saloon the youths were tempted. Now the boy who gets mean stuff, often of the poison variety, he does it out of pure meanness and the element of temptation does not enter into the transaction. The result is that the better class of young man soon becomes disgusted, if they survive the experiment, while the other sort are either killed or have their health ruined for life. It does seem that another way must be evolved to deal with the drink evil.

HARDING - ROOT DISCUSS LEAGUE

WOULD MAKE SAME ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES.

ROOT TO BE IN CABINET

Marion, Dec. 13.—President-elect Harding today conferred with Elihu Root, former secretary of state and confereer with European statesmen, on the formation of a world court, under the League of Nations, in a "meeting of minds."

It is understood the chief topic discussed was how the present League of Nations may be made acceptable to the United States.

Root is again mentioned for the state secretaryship in Harding's cabinet.

CITY FIRE ALARM IS BADLY NEEDED

The fire that occurred yesterday morning brought up the subject that has been frequently mooted of installing a city fire alarm, with boxes established at various intersections throughout the city.

The alarm was turned into the telephone office yesterday morning as soon as the fire was discovered, and promptly answered by the central office, but there was some delay in getting the city hall to answer; consequently the firemen were not apprised for a few minutes, during which time the flames gathered headway.

Had a city fire alarm been in operation, same ringing the fire bell and distinguishing the ward where the fire was raging, and also at the power plant, several minutes would have been saved and probably some property preserved.

This is a matter that the far-sighted men of Tarboro should agitate and have put into effect without a moment's delay.

Informal Luncheon

Mrs. Henry Clark Bridgers gives an informal luncheon tomorrow at 1 o'clock to a number of the younger set in honor of Mrs. Henry Clark Bourne. Tables will be set for ten guests.

Miss Cheshire to Give Tea.

Between four-thirty and five-thirty tomorrow Miss Kate Cheshire will give a tea in honor of Mesdames-Henry Clark Bourne and George Howard, Jr. Eighteen of the younger set have been invited. The decorations will be in seasonable colorings of red and white.

Host to Thirteen Club.

Mr. S. S. Nash will be host at a dinner to The Thirteen Club tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock at his residence.

COMPLIMENTARY "AT HOME" TO MRS. HENRY C. BOURNE

"Hilma," the hospitable home of Col. and Mrs. John L. Bridgers, which has been the scene of many beautiful social events, was never more charming than on the occasion of Mrs. Bridgers' "At Home" last Friday afternoon, from three to five o'clock, given in honor of Mrs. Henry Clark Bourne, one of Tarboro's recent brides.

The guests were received most graciously at the front door by Mrs. Henry Clark Bridgers and Mrs. E. P. Meredith, where they were shown into the library and served delicious punch by Mrs. Elias Carr and Mrs. Jackie Daniel Thrash.

In the spacious drawing room, beautiful in its decorations of holly and the soft glow of candles, the hostess received with the honoree, Mrs. Bourne, assisted by Mrs. Geo. Howard, Jr., also a recent bride and another acquisition to Tarboro society.

After giving the brides a hearty welcome to our little city, the guests were asked into the dining room by Miss Kate Cheshire and Mrs. W. O. Howard, where they were served delicious refreshments. The dining room, which was presided over by Mrs. Henry Johnston and Mrs. Bertram Brown, presented a picturesque scene with its broad fire-place and cheery yule-tide log and Christmas decorations of holly, fruits and candles.

Mrs. Bourne's presentation to Tarboro society was amid most happy surroundings, and she was most graciously welcomed to her new home by Mrs. Bridgers' friends.

HEFNERS' TRIAL BEGINS IN BURKE

Morganton, Dec. 13.—The trial of Cecil and Lone Hefner, brothers, and Lone Young, of Hickory, for the alleged murder of Glenn Lippard on Saturday night, November 20, was expected to begin in Burke county superior court here today with Judge Thomas J. Shaw, presiding.

Because of unusual elements in the case, which is largely circumstantial, it has attracted wide interest in this section of the state. The Burke county grand jury met last Monday, December 6, and returned bills against the three defendants charging conspiracy and murder.

Glenn Lippard's body was found Sunday afternoon, November 21, three miles west of Hickory, in the woods of Burke county, Lippard having died from bullet wounds.

SENATOR McCORMICK ATTENDS ASSEMBLY

Geneva, Dec. 13.—Senator Medill McCormick attended a session of the League Assembly, listening to the proceedings from the press gallery. Shortly afterward he left for Budapest.

MORGENTHAU MAY ACT AS MEDIATOR

Washington, Dec. 13.—The White House officials intimated today that President Wilson would name Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, to act as his personal representative to mediate between Armenia and the Turkish Nationalists.

FAMOUS AUTHOR DIES IN LONDON

London, Dec. 13.—Olive Schreiner, the famous author, died here today.

BAPTIST DIVINE DIED THIS MORNING

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—Rev. Judson Rowland, a prominent Baptist minister, died here this morning.

CONSTANTINE WILL NOT ABDICATE POST

Lucerne, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—King Constantine has personally declared that he would not abdicate the Grecian throne.

The former king and his family have made arrangements to leave for Venice on the first stage of their journey to Athens tomorrow.

Wonder is expressed by followers of Constantine how the situation will end and whether they will be exiled. Constantine has asked the Greek government to send missions to the United States, Great Britain and France to place the Greek situation in the right light before the world.

ROBBERS DECAMP WITH OVER \$10,000

Metuchen, N. J., Dec. 13.—The express office and post office at this place were robbed of over ten thousand dollars, during last night.

MILL EMPLOYEES' WAGES REDUCED

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 13.—The Pacific and Arlington Mills, employing sixteen thousand workers, today announced wage reductions, effective December 20.

RECORDER'S COURT

Henry Walter, A. and B., one cent and costs. Charlie Bynum, A. D. W., \$50 and costs. Ora Knight, A. D. W., given three months.

Mrs. Jennie Williams and Miss Alice Williams have returned to their home in Norfolk after a visit to friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cheshire have moved into their new home on St. Patrick street.

Mr. E. E. Sennelle is setting up and expects to be at his office Wednesday.

THE SOUTHERNER'S FIRE DEMON LOOSE SATURDAY SERMON IN CORK, IRELAND

(Received too late for publication Saturday.)

Whatever things were written before were written for our learning; that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

This sermon shall be about the Bible. The Bible means the Book; from the Greek word Bibleis, which means book. But it's really sixty-six separate and distinct books written at different times by many different men.

Some of these books are law books, and some are history, some poetry, some sermons, some dream books, some hymn books, some letters, some biographies, some books of travel, some philosophy, and some love-sonnets.

Some of them were written by the prophets, some by priests, some by kings, some by farmers, some by scholars, some by bachelors—SHIRDLUN, one by a tax collector, one by a weaver, one by a doctor, and some were written by unknown authors.

The Bible is divided into two parts and each of these parts was gotten together and published as a revelation of God's truth by a church. God has had two churches in His time, the Hebrew church and Christian church. The Old Testament was published by the Hebrew church and the New Testament by the Christian church.

The Hebrew church was founded when God gave the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai, and it went on for many hundreds of years without any Bible at all. In the Temple of Jerusalem were kept many written hymns and sermons and stories of kings and of wars, and essays by various men. Then when the Temple was destroyed and the Jews carried captive to Babylon, some of the priests carried such of these manuscripts with them as had not been destroyed, and kept them and their exile and read them to the people as the sacred words of their inspired writers given by Jehovah to His church. That was the Old Testament.

The Christian church was founded when the Holy Ghost came down at Pentecost ten days after Jesus went back to heaven. It went on for many years without any New Testament, the apostles and disciples telling men about Jesus' words and deeds by the word of mouth. Gradually there accumulated in various congregations letters from different apostles, and histories of Jesus' life, and other

MINERS-OPERATORS SIGN AN AGREEMENT

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 13.—Agreement has been signed by the miners and operators of the Upper Potomac and George Creek bituminous coal fields insuring harmonious relations.

FERTILIZER MAN DIED IN RICHMOND

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13.—James G. Tinsley, pioneer organizer of the Southern Fertilizer companies, died here today.

EMPRESS IS STILL CRITICALLY ILL

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 13.—Former German Empress Augusta Victoria's health is improving, but she is still critically ill, says a report today.

Writings of various kinds. Finally, after about three hundred years, the church collected these scattered manuscripts, and selected from among them such as it judged were to be considered by men qualified to teach God's truth, and set them forth as the reliable record of the church's doctrine. This was the New Testament. The first part of it written was probably that letter of St. Paul known as First Thessalonians.

Sometimes you hear members of some branch of the church say that their doctrines are founded on the Bible, which is a foolish saying, because the Bible was created by the church, not the church by the Bible.

Every Christian should own a Bible, well bound, of good print, with a good concordance. He should read it carefully and prayerfully. He should believe it as the Holy Ghost leads him to believe it. And he should put it into practice in his daily life, otherwise it will do him no good at all, but rather harm.

If he does believe and practice what he reads, it will mean peace and joy and salvation to him.