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The Momentous Issue

In a New Year's message delivered at the First Methodist Church at Memphis, Tennessee, and sent broadcast over the country by radio Sunday, Bishop F. D. Mouzen deplored the fact that America has failed to meet its responsibilities in Europe and voiced the conviction that the relation of America to the World is the most momentous issue before this country at this time.

With Americans participating in an inquiry as to what is needed to rehabilitate Germany and with the prospect that this inquiry may lead to a new world conference at Brussels in the not remote future, the Bishop's utterance was timely. We quote:

"One may see God in history at times. I don't mean that sometimes God is in history and sometimes he isn't. But I do mean that sometimes he hangs out his banners in such fashion that even blind men ought to see the hand of God.

"How soon we of America forget. How short a time ago it was when our allies had their backs to the walls fighting for their lives. It looked to us then as if it would not be long before the Germans would be swooping down upon us, thundering at our very doors. Then the great Christian President of the United States called this Nation to its knees in prayer.

"God wrote the answer to that prayer in history. The kaiser, conquerer and warrior, didn't fit into the history of the twentieth century, and through God's aid he was eliminated as a factor in the world's life. We've forgotten all that. We're staying selfishly aloof while the world hovers on the brink of chaos.

"Will the United States ever enter a League of Nations? I don't know. Will our representatives ever sit around a peace table with other nations of the World? I don't know. But I do know that whoever opposes America's taking her place in the council of the nations of the earth to prevent war and insure peace is an enemy to humanity. The relation of America to the rest of the world is the one burning political question of the day that none of us has the right to avoid and leave unanswered."

The Advance truly believes that the sentiment of the country as a whole is favorable to American participation in European affairs through the League of Nations, but unfortunately American sentiment fails to make itself felt on an issue of this sort in the unmistakable way that it does on a measure like tax revision, the immediate effect of which on the average voter can be at once appreciated. Frail humanity is still the same as when the Athenians preferred to hear the harangues of a demagogue on the amount of income that Athenian citizens were to receive from their government to the thunders of Demosthenes against the encroachments of Philip of Macedonia.

Even if you are only taxed with the costs, it does not pay to try to evade the auto-license tax. But The Advance believes that the citizen who is detected deliberately trying to evade this tax ought to be made to yield the County a profit.

Don't monkey around the elevator when the operator is out.

How Novelist Got His Name

Kipling in his jungle books tells how various animals got their names. This knowledge is much more interesting when it concerns human beings and especially famous authors.

Probably the two most interesting pen names in American literature are "Mark Twain" (Samuel L. Clemens) and "O. Henry" (Sidney Porter).

In Canada lives a man known to million of readers as "Ralph Connor," but it is doubtful if many of his admirers know his real name or how his pen name was chosen.

The Reverend Charles Gordon wrote for an editor friend a Christmas story of the lumbermen of the Selkirk Mountains. So vigorous was the action and so vivid the language that the editor suggested that he use a pen name and asked him to choose one.

Gordon telegraphed "Connor," made of the first letters of Canadian and Northwest. The editor had no use for the mythical name "Connor" and changing it to "Connor" added the prefix "Ralph." In this haphazard way was created "Ralph Connor," one of the most famous pen names in the world today.

Perhaps for sheer beauty of setting "The Gaspards of Pine Croft," the latest book of the famous minister, eclipses all the rest. The story is a thrilling romance of the beautiful Windermere Valley situated on a loop of the Columbia River, telling of the life and character building of Paul Gaspard, who inherits from his mother a vital and abiding sense of God, from his father an artistic temperament, and of the struggle between the two warring elements in his nature. It tells of his acceptance of the responsibility which tests him body and soul and of life with the Chippewa Indians, who come and go in the mysterious depths of the forest.



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GOT \$600 FROM LAW VIOLATORS

State Automobile Inspector Jacking Up Currituck Auto Owners Who Operate Cars Without License.

Over \$600 for automobile license was collected in lower Currituck County last week by State Automobile Inspector George J. Studdert.

Mr. Studdert was in Elizabeth City Saturday and Sunday and left Monday to continue his tour of Currituck County. His time will be spent in the northern part of the county this week.

"Those Currituckians are fine people," Mr. Studdert told a reporter for The Advance Saturday night.

"In most cases where a person is found to be operating a car without license it seems that there has been no intention of evading the law but just a way of putting it off indefinitely.

Keystone cop, plays the part of Ben, the porter. Ben Dealey, in vaudeville for sixteen years in his act, "The New Bell Boy," is cast as "High Shino Joe," a slick crook. Max Ascher portrays the unsympathetic role of a moving picture producer. Theodore Von Eltz appears as EGGS, a whimsically humorous scenario writer. This production will be shown at the Alkrama Theater Monday only.

ly. The State does not require me to make an arrest if I can collect the funds that are due on the cars or trucks. Of course upon making a collection I always see that the owner of the car goes before a notary and has proper papers filled out and sent to the Department of State showing that his license has been paid.

"I told those Currituck people in the lower part of the county that they need a bank. In making collections I would often see a farmer pull out a huge roll. This a great farming section—you can raise anything.

"A great many people do not seem to know it, but the person driving a car without license is the person that is guilty of breaking the law and not necessarily the owner of the car."

Mr. Studdert found about 10 cars and trucks in lower Currituck County either operating without a license or displaying the wrong license tag on their cars or trucks. He mailed a check to the State Department for \$634.29 Saturday night.

"In the few instances where an attempt was made to evade the law," Mr. Studdert said, "there was a disposition to tell the truth but not the whole truth." The inspector made several visits to automobile salesmen in the city Saturday checking up on some statements of truck and automobile owners that he had reason to feel skeptical about.

"Your Police Officer Twiddy is the best license cop in the State," the automobile inspector said to the reporter for this newspaper. "I'd like to take him to the western part of the State with me."

REJECTED ALL BIDS FOR NEW COURT HOUSE

Wilson, Jan. 14.—After opening bids for the construction of a new court house for Wilson county, the commissioners rejected all bids because the price was too high. The commissioners desire to construct a jail and court house for not more than \$400,000 and the matter will be considered further at a meeting to be held on January 15. The lowest bid received this week was \$451,843.00.

DOG SAVES LIVES

Asheville, Jan. 14.—A dog, "man's best friend," is credited with having saved the lives of the family of Ralph Ditmore in a fire at their home this week. The flames had made considerable headway when the scratching of the dog on the bedroom door awoke members of the family who were able to escape the flames. The home was badly damaged.

NORFOLK PRODUCE

At Jarvis & Fentress

	Live	Dressed	Unhd.
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Old Hens	25-28	30	25-28
Turkeys	25	30-35	25-28
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Ducks	25	30	25
Larzo Hens		14	
Small Hens		10-11	
Milk Calves		12-15	
Yearlings		8-10	
Sweet Potatoes			\$1.00
Eggs			35c

Set Aside



Judge Chester W. Barrows of Providence, R. I., recently entered an order vacating the divorce granted Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson (above), the short story writer. She must satisfy the court she was a resident of Rhode Island for more than two years prior to October, 1923. Photo taken recently at Pinehurst, N. C.

Set Aside

Yesterday brings to mind James Cooley, Carmen Phillips, Josephine Crowell, Murdock MacQuarrie and William Clifford, favorites of an earlier day. Norma Talmadge, Conway Tearle and Wallace Beery are stars of today. And tomorrow's stars in the cast are baby Jeanne Carpenter, Mary McAllister and Betty Francisco.

"Ashes of Vengeance" is historical romance of the days of Charles IX, well meaning but weakwilled king of France, and his dominating mother, Catherine de Medici. Thousands of actors, dressed in the costume of the period, take part in its stirring action, in addition to a distinguished cast which includes, besides those mentioned above, Claire McDowell, Courtenay Foote, Andre de Berger, Boyd Irwin, Winter Hall, Hector V. Sarno, Earl Schenck, Lucy Beaumont, Forrest Robinson, Kenneth Gibson and Howard Truesdell.

Forty-eight sets, some of them the largest ever seen on a screen, were built with fidelity to period detail, for the backgrounds of the romance.

"LIGHTS OUT" TODAY

In "Lights Out," a comedy-drama written around the hectic activities of a certain big moving picture studio, at the Alkrama today well-known comedians appear in roles more dramatic than those in which picture audiences are accustomed to seeing them.

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FOR RENT—EIGHT ROOM HOUSE on Burgess street, next to City Road Church. Go through it and see if you don't want it at \$25.00 a month, or you can buy it on monthly payments. W. E. Dunstan, Phone 476-W. Jan. 12, 14, 15-np

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A CHAIR

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teed. Mrs. Boettcher, 4th floor, Hinton Building, Phone 306. Jan. 11, 12, 14, 15-np

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Opportunities

EDGAR'S 1:30 BUS LEAVES ELIZABETH CITY every afternoon for Norfolk. Also leaves Norfolk Union Station at 8 o'clock every morning, arriving Elizabeth City 10:15.

RAW FURS WANTED—OTTER, Mink, Opposum, Muskrat, Coon, etc. Prompt returns and highest cash market prices. W. C. Glover, Elizabeth City, N. C. 1f-np

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