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"Men's actions are not to be judged of at first sight"—Rochefoucauld

AUGUST

- 27—Sunday driving banned to conserve gas supply, 1912. 28—Pedro Menendez de Aviles enters St. Augustine bay, 1565. 29—English call on Dutch to surrender New Amsterdam, 1654. 30—Massachusetts exiles Anne Hutchinson on religious grounds, 1637. 31—Charleston, S. C., devastated by earthquake, 1886.

SEPTEMBER

- 1—John J. Pershing becomes fifth to be given full rank of general, 1919. 2—Great fire of London, 13,000 buildings destroyed, 1666.

Pioneers Endured Much We Also Can Endure

Are we getting soft so that personal discomforts and even a few hardships are unendurable? It would seem so from the many complaints about so-called impossible living conditions in crowded sections adjacent to army camps under construction and crowded conditions in many cities, among these being the national capital, perhaps the most crowded of all.

Admiration is often expressed for the pioneer men and women who braved frontier dangers, living in uncomfortable and dangerous conditions, although not crowded. They had no luxuries, seemingly being content if they could obtain necessities and these the most primitive. Some of them may have complained, but they kept right on enduring.

In the days of gold strikes visions of quick riches drew thousands into rough country. There are "ghost towns" in the west today where at one time hundreds of people occupied quarters which had provision for only a few dozen. They lived in tents or in dugouts, even in quarters

without roofs, cooking over camp fires. Few had any money and no incomes other than what they could earn by working and out of these many made contributions to the gamblers and crooks. Most of them had hope in abundance and having hope they did not complain.

In more recent years when new oil fields have been opened the rush of many to the promising spots has continued. It is of record that one placid little town having about 800 population was changed within two or three weeks into a turbulent little city of about 30,000 souls. Few of these hand any comfortable quarters, yet few complaints were heard. They had one thought, to find a fortune, so they grinned and endured.

Why then are there so many complaints today about minor discomforts, the lack of a few accustomed luxuries, because of some crowded conditions? We must remember that we are at war. In a sense we have again become pioneers. Other pioneers have endured, so can we. We are engaged in a war that we must win, else we shall become slaves to a dictatorial power which is known to be merciless. All of us cannot fight in the front lines, but we can fight behind the lines and we must do so steadily and uncomplainingly. Crowded conditions should be the least of our worries.

Synthetic Rubber Problem Continues In Controversy

Synthetic rubber manufacture is possible—there seems to be no doubt of that, and its output in large quantity is likely to be somewhat commonplace occurrence at numerous places within the United States several years hence, but it does seem difficult to get the industry started. Apparently Germany is producing it in sufficient volume for her needs and has been doing so far some time, and what Germany can do it is possible to do here. But controversies have arisen and these must be settled before the manufacture of synthetic rubber in great quantity begins.

Replacements on all army vehicles throughout the nation are to be made with buna tires, buna being a petroleum derivative, according to a recent announcement by Quartermaster Headquarters of the 4th Corps Area. Military needs are expected to have first claim on the buna tires and for awhile will take all of them.

It would seem that synthetic rubber tires are to be made chiefly from a petroleum source if a claim made by W. S. Farish, president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, comes true. New and faster processes are being developed that will produce 34 million more automobile tires than heretofore expected before the end of next year so he said. It is not clear how many have been heretofore expected, but this increase from any amount should help a lot. Synthetic rubber will be superior to natural rubber and the increased cost will be slight, so the story goes, which is a cheerful note.

But what of the synthetic rubber derived from wheat, potatoes and other field products? Objections were voiced by some interests. Did the farmers protest? Why should they when it would mean another demand

POISONOUS SNAKES OF AMERICA

Illustrations of four snakes with humorous captions: The Drattler (The Talking Snake), Polly-Anaconda (No matter what happens, he just smiles), The Pessi-Moccasin (Easily identified because it is always in tears), and the Constrictor (There is never any shortage as far as this fellow is concerned).

ered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."—(St. Matt. 18:20.) Keep the wheels of your car properly aligned—if your wheels "drag", you are wasting gasoline. Your pocketbook and your check-book are no longer just symbols of what you can buy for yourself and your family. War Bonds are for you and your family—also for your country. Your state has a Bond quota to meet! Remember that!

Large advertisement for 'FIRST SALE MONDAY' at Adkins and Bailey Warehouse in Robersonville, featuring a big sale on August 31st.

Religious News and Views

By REV. W. B. DANIELS, JR.

War takes a terrific toll in blood spilled, lives lost, homes and towns destroyed, fields and countryside blasted, the entire economic system of the world disrupted. Yet the most costly price that society pays for war is not in material losses, and cruel as it may seem, not in lives lost. The highest price is paid by the living as war inevitably brings about a loss of spiritual power within the soul of each individual.



Thought for the Day— "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."—(St. Matt. 18:20.)

Just For Solace What we have too frequently cease to give enjoyment. It is that way decidedly with leisure, which becomes very wearisome when indulged to excess. The lack of leisure may be tiring but never boring.

NORTH CAROLINA FACTS!

BILTMORE HOUSE (NEAR ASHEVILLE), ON A 12,000-ACRE ESTATE, IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S FINEST COUNTRY ESTABLISHMENTS. IT HAS BEEN VISITED BY 257,252 TOURISTS SINCE OPENED TO PUBLIC IN MARCH, 1930.

Advertisement for North Carolina's beer industry, featuring a golfer and statistics on beer taxes and tourism.

Advertisement for the Brewing Industry Foundation, North Carolina Committee, with contact information for Edgar H. Bain.



More extra mileage than you can get by any other method short of retreading!

Advertisement for Esso tires, featuring a man's testimonial and the Esso Dealer logo.

Advertisement for Malaria treatment, 'take 666 in 7 days'.

Large 'NOTICE!' advertisement for a Stockholders Meeting of the Plymouth Building & Loan Association, held on August 24th, 1942.