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Russia's rush is in the wrong direction.

Any way, its less sign-ous for Russia now.

Excess profits tax isn't going to bother us a great deal.

Fortunate indeed is the town never promised a cantonment.

Hoover evidently intends to let the food barons know who's who.

"Teddy endorses Soldiers' Insurance Bill." All right fellows turn'er over.

Fayetteville will now be satisfied with most any old thing the government has to offer in the way of camps.

Dunn sends 41 volunteers to the front. How is that for a town whose population as given by the census was less than 2,000 in 1910?

Gardner! Morrison!! McKinnon!!! Where do the Irish come in on the next gubernatorial fight, unless Daughtridge enters the field again?

Those who criticize Representative Godwin for staying so much away from Washington might reflect on the trouble lot of other congressmen are occasioning by spending too much time there.

A CALL TO CITIZENS OF DUNN Dunn proposes to create a civic and industrial association to care for the various phases of its life effecting progress. A meeting of the business and professional men of the community has been called for Friday night to set in motion the machinery for the organization's creation.

The benefits accruing to towns and cities throughout the country through trade bodies known variously as chambers of commerce, boards of trade, etc., are beginning to need elaboration. It is evident to all intelligent minds that organization—community cooperation—is the keystone to community progress. Those towns without organizations to care for their interests are the towns that do not grow.

In this State such towns as Asheville, Greensboro, Durham, Winston-Salem, Charlotte and the many lesser communities that have grown steadily for the past decade owe their growth in a large measure to the presence of organizations dedicated to development. Wilmington and Charlotte are good examples—Wilmington with its slow growth and Charlotte with its rapid growth. Wilmington has never had until recently the spirit of cooperation and, even with its superabundance of natural advantages, has made little progress as progress is reckoned in this day. Charlotte, with its organizations working for community progress, has forged ahead.

All good things that have come to Dunn up to the present time have come because its people were able to get together. Now, with the broadening of the community's interests, Dunn finds itself so large a community that its affairs must have a directing force. There must be a centralization of effort. It is no longer possible for a few of the town's leaders to meet casually and settle civic problems effectually. A community forum must be established in order that community problems may be discussed and worked out in an orderly way.

The establishment of the new defunct chamber of commerce was an effort in this direction, but the effort fell short. It did not create the right kind of interest. Its effort was not sustained. It died. Now the community is on the right road. It seeks to form an association correctly organized, soundly financed and efficiently managed. Every citizen who cares for the community's advancement is asked to become a member. Fees will be fixed at a sum any man can pay. The association will employ a whole-time secretary-manager who will be held accountable for the association's helplessness. Suitable rooms will be leased for headquarters. The association will be ever watchful for the welfare of the town, its people and its industries.

You, Mr. Citizen of Dunn, should be interested in this matter. It concerns the welfare of your town. If you are loyal to your town you will attend the meeting Friday night and become a member of the association.

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES

With Jim Poe and Max Gardner creating before patriotic gatherings and getting themselves before the sovereign electors it appears that the Honorable Gen. Morrison is being time in the gubernatorial race by not

leading his well-known fog horn voice to the plea of the patriots.

It may be that Cass, like Feady McKinnon and the other fellows who are hoping to wield Bickett's scepter when it is ready for plucking, feels that he is losing no ground by keeping quiet, but in this day it is the man who advances his wares who gets the ear of the public—and Max and Jim are mighty good advertisers. Few men of the present day show up better on the stump and they are getting in some mighty good lies.

Of course Poe says he isn't banking for political preferment. He can, however, yield to the old "earnest solicitation" thing. And everybody knows where Max Gardner stands. During the last legislature all Raleigh knew that the Lieutenant Governor was trumpeting his sails for the race in 1918 and lots of influential folks promised him aid.

None of the fellows have made any definite announcement of their candidacy, but it seems practically certain that Gardner, Morrison, Poe and McKinnon will be among those who run. Morrison made a big play before the State convention when he belittled his eulogy of Wade Harris; Gardner got in the lime light at the same time when he designated Marion Butler the "Villain of North Carolina politics;" McKinnon brought attention to himself through running Commissioner Graham so tight a race in the primary, and Poe is getting in his good lies now.

But, after all, the grapes may be sour for the whole quartet.

FORD BECOMES PERMANENT MEMBER OF DISPATCH FAMILY

Four weeks ago Byron Ford accepted a temporary position as a member of the Dispatch's staff. This week his connection was made permanent. Mr. Ford has spent several years in newspaper work in North Carolina and other states and his work is well known to his fellowcraftsmen in this territory. Until early in this year he was on the staff of the News and Observer, from which paper he went to Indianapolis to direct publicity for a town and city development company. In the latter position he contributed development articles to some of the leading papers of the Middle West and Southeast and learned a great deal of the methods employed in making cities grow. This knowledge he hopes to make useful in his work in Dunn.

With the addition of Mr. Ford to its staff the Dispatch feels that it is better fitted than ever to be of help to Dunn and the territory from which the town and the paper draw their support.

SOLDIERS NAMES OMITTED.

The names of Henry O. Shell, principal musician with the second regiment band, Ralph Dowd, of Co. M, and Akey Parker of the coast artillery, were inadvertently omitted from the list of Dunn's boys who have volunteered for service with Uncle Sam. This list was published hurriedly last week before we had had time to verify its correctness. This week we publish it in full, with the name of George P. McKay, enlisted in the aviation corps last Friday, added.

Of course it is needless to say the Dispatch regrets that it omitted the names of these young warriors.

HARNETT'S FIRST QUOTA GOES SATURDAY

Nine young men of Harnett county, being five per cent of the total number to be sent into the nation's service through the first draft, leave Saturday for Camp Jackson at Columbia, S. C. They are to join that great throng of young Americans to be mobilized in the various National Army cantonments and will be put through several weeks of stringent preparation for service against the country's foes. They go with light heart and confident mind and we are certain their country's honor is safe with them.

It is possible that peace will come before they are ready for service in Europe, but the outlook is not favorable. If it does come it will be mainly because they and thousands more like them are preparing to render blows for civilization.

To them, with President Wilson, we say:

"You are undertaking a great duty. The heart of the whole country is with you. Everything that you do will be watched with the deepest interest and with the deepest solicitude not only by those who are near and dear to you, but by the whole nation besides. For this great war draws us all together, makes all comrades and brothers, as all true Americans felt themselves to be when we first made good our national independence. The eyes of all the world will be upon you, because you are in some special sense the soldiers of freedom. Let it be your pride, therefore, to show all men everywhere not only what good soldiers you are, but also what good men you are, keeping yourselves fit and straight in everything and pure and clean through and through. Let us not see you come a standard so high that it will be a glory to live up to it and then let us live up to it and add a new laurel to the crowns of America. My affectionate confidence goes with you in every battle and every test. God keep and guide you."

PROBABLY NO OPPOSITION FOR GODWIN

Representative Godwin may have no opposition in his next application for congressional honors, it is believed by his friends—and many who

are not his friends—throughout the sixth district.

It is pointed out that Mr. Godwin has been a staunch supporter of every policy advocated by the president—that he has placed no obstacle in the way of the nation's effort to fit itself for war.

Last year it was freely predicted that Judge Stacey and State Representative Grant, both of New Hanover, would probably give the Harnett man a stiff race in 1918. It is practically certain that Judge Stacey will not enter the lists in the next campaign, and it is generally believed that the excellent impression made by Grant in the beginning of the last general assembly was subsequently discounted by his weakness for speaking on every subject that bobbed up in the lower house.

Any way, there is very little danger to Godwin's scalp from Grant's tommyhawk of a tongue.

The chronic candidates have been definitely disposed of in previous campaigns. None of the fellows who have toted drubbings at the hands of the big fellow will want those drubbings repeated—and it seems that such is the only thing in store for the man who will oppose Godwin in the face of his record of the past year or so.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF CITY MANAGER PLAN?

For several weeks the Dispatch has been advocating the employment of a city manager to take charge of Dunn's affairs. This advocacy has been favorably commented upon by many of the town's leading men. To get the consensus of opinion, however, we invite all citizens to contribute to us articles concerning the matter and expressing their views. Our columns are open to articles of no more than 500 words. All articles must be signed by the senders, though names will not be published unless permission is given to do so.

WHERE ORGANIZATION WOULD HELP

From this distance we can see many things that the prospective civic and industrial association could do for the good of the town. Among them are: a renewal of the fight for better passenger depot facilities, advocacy of a Jarvis county fair, and a large number of other things once started but abandoned because of lack of unity among the people.

CELEBRATE AT LILLINGTON

The band struck up a martial air. Fifty girls in the uniform of America's mothers of mercy marched out of the shadows, leading a long line of bedecked automobiles through the dust of a street—down a side street to the courthouse square, where a bare flag-pole stood gaunt against a clouded sky. Thirteen of the girls stepped out from the ranks and stood by the pole while their sisters formed a circle around them. The thirteen, each representing a State, began to hoist a flag whose starry field and vivid stripes fluttered bravely to the breeze. Slowly, to the strains of the Star Spangled Banner, the emblem was raised. At half-mast it stopped. The band changed to "Dixie," and Old Glory was hurried to the top where it waved a fond and protecting welcome to the men who were to enter its service and who were present to be honored by the thousands of their brothers and sisters for whose liberty they were to go forth to battle.

It was in this way that Harnett began the ceremonies staged at Lillington to bid her soldier boys good-bye upon their entrance into the service of the nation.

The day was a great one—for the soldiers and for the Red Cross. The soldiers heard great speeches by Dan Hugh McLean, Judge Oliver Allen, Solicitor Walter D. Siler and others. The Red Cross girls, under the direction of Mrs. Ernest F. Young, of Dunn, and Mrs. A. P. McPherson, of Lillington, cleared \$53 for the cause through the sale of tags.

What We Fight

"The war was begun by the military masters of Germany, who prevailed to be also the masters of Austria-Hungary. These men have never regarded nations as people, men, women, and children of like blood and frame as themselves, for whom freedom existed and in whom governments had their life. They have regarded them merely as servicable organizations which they could by force or intrigue bend or corrupt to their own purpose. They have regarded the smaller States, in particular, and the peoples who could be overwhelmed by force, as their natural tools and instruments of domination. Their purpose has long been avowed.

"If they succeed they are safe, and Germany and the world are undone; if they fail, Germany is saved and the world will be at peace. If they succeed, America will fall within the menace. We and all the rest of the world must remain armed, as they will remain, and must make ready for the next step in their aggression; if they fail, the world may unite for peace and Germany may be of the union."—Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

MRS. J. M. JERNIGAN DEAD

Mrs. J. M. Jernigan, one of the most beloved women of the Stoney Run section, died suddenly Saturday night at her home about three miles east of Dunn.

Mrs. Jernigan was a devout Christian woman. She was 60 years old and mother of Miss Dora Jernigan, who has lived in Dunn for several months. Funeral services were conducted at the Stoney Run church Monday by Rev. Kars Lee, in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Items, Comment and Suggestions

By Rev. J. A. Hornaday, Pastor Dunn Methodist Church

Instead of furnishing "Items" for this department this week we send in this letter on a subject that is giving us much concern these days. If we were to give this article a title it would be "WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?"

In the organization church in its various branches discharging its mission in the world? Is it making any real progress? Is it really holding its own?

To these questions the pronounced optimist would give a ready and hearty affirmative answer, and then point to the great increase in numbers of professed followers of Christ in recent years, the wonderful improvement in church buildings during the past quarter of a century, the gratifying increase in missionary zeal and enthusiasm, and the increased liberality of professed Christians to prove his affirmation to be true.

But to the above questions the pronounced pessimist would as readily and heartily give a negative answer, and then point to the alarming indifference, waywardness, and worldliness in the church to prove the correctness of his answer.

But the pronounced optimist and the pronounced pessimist occupy extreme ground in opposite directions, and the answer of neither the one nor the other is quite satisfactory to the great majority of thoughtful men and women.

Any thoughtful individual will know without a tedious process of reasoning that mere numbers count for nothing in the church of Christ. Indeed it is a fact that if the church is not right with God numbers hinder far more than they help. A church whose hearts have been regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit, and whose chief ambition is to glorify God and bless humanity, is a greater force in any community than a church with two hundred members, one half really saved and the other half unsaved, would be. Unsaved men and women who care more for the smiles of the world than they do for the approval of God, can not be used by God for His glory, and they are an actual hindrance to those who really desire to move in harmony with the great Head of the church.

And it is equally plain to the thoughtful mind that imposing church buildings prove nothing as to the spiritual life of those who erect them. We firmly believe that when the hearts of men and women have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit they will gladly make any sort of sacrifice to build suitable houses in which to worship God, but we believe also that it is quite possible that splendid buildings may be erected in a spirit of competition with some other denomination or community, without any thought of securing better equipment for serving the Lord and uplifting humanity.

And so far as the increased liberality of professed Christians is concerned we certainly have very little to boast in that direction. According to reports we see in the papers some of the fraternal orders are far outstripping the churches in liberality, and yet they look for return for their investments beyond this life. Take our own country for example, and we find that we spend \$12,000,000 for Missions; \$25,000,000 for chewing gum; \$50,000,000 for millinery; \$100,000,000 for confectionery; \$174,000,000 for soft drinks. We expend \$300,000,000 for church work at home, and \$750,000,000 for tobacco; \$900,000,000 for jewelry, and \$1,600,000,000 for liquor.

On the other hand it is quite possible that the pronounced pessimist is as wide of the mark as the pronounced optimist. It is by no means a settled fact that there is more indifference concerning eternal things now than there was in the "good old days of the long ago." It may be true that congregations in any given church are not so large as they were a generation ago, but it must be borne in mind that churches have been greatly multiplied during recent years, which of necessity cuts down the numbers attending any one church.

It is unquestionably true that the tasks of the church today are far more difficult than they were in the days of our fathers. They had to contend with more especially with the grosser forms of sin, such as now give us very little trouble. But in fighting these grosser forms of sin a generation ago the church stood solidly together against them, which made the task much easier for all concerned. But the task of the church of today is to contend with the more respectable and subtle forms of evil, but yet no less blighting to real spiritual life. And in the contest to be waged by the church against worldly evils of today it is not united, hence the task is more difficult.

We here register our firm belief that there are more sincere Christians in the world today than ever before, but we also firmly believe that there are more unregenerated men and women in the church today than ever before. By this we mean that we believe that a greater per cent of the membership of the church of today are unregenerated. And it is this mixture in the church and the subtle forms of evil we have to contend with that makes the tasks of the church of today so difficult. But sincere Christians must not allow themselves to become discouraged. The church has never been free from false members, and probably never will be until the end comes. And after all the matter of salvation is a personal one, so whether the church is better or worse than it was a generation ago every one who wishes to do so can move in harmony with Him who saves. Let us see to it, then, that as individuals we constantly move in harmony with the will and plan of our Lord and that we will be well with us in the end.

Washington, Sept. 2.—The country's financial system, the Federal Reserve Board announced today, is stronger than it has ever been before. Adjustments necessitated by re-

THE Bank of Cape Fear
June 25th, 1915, DEPOSITS \$39,424.05
June 25th, 1916, DEPOSITS 63,983.26
June 25th, 1917, DEPOSITS 131,291.00
OVER 300 PER CENT GAIN SINCE JUNE, 25, 1915.
200 percent gain in last 90 days in our SAVINGS DEPARTMENT. We pay 4 percent in this department.
"DUNN'S FASTEST GROWING BANK"
D. C. FUSSELL, Pres. G. M. TILGHMAN, Vice-Pres.
H. B. TAYLOR, Cashier, G. M. HOOKS, Ass't. Cashier.

STOCK GOING CHEAP
Our Sale is over but we are still giving bargains to our customers.
COME AND SEE
GOLDSTEIN'S
Dunn's Best Store On The Corner

FARMS FOR SALE!
Farming conditions have changed. It used to be that the merchant and other city business men had things going their way. When the farmer came to town he had to take whatever he was offered for his produce, and pay the merchant's price for his merchandise. Now, with cotton, corn, bacon and other farm products bringing high prices, the farmer is an independent man. He can set his price on these farm products, buy what he wants for cash, and go home with money in his pocket. If you don't own a farm, it will be the first step toward independence to buy one. If you do own one, buy another, and be more independent. I have one or two small places that I will sell reasonably.
W. H. PARRISH, DUNN NORTH CAROLINA

SAXON SIXES
Carload Saxon Sixes just received, and on account of making a change in agency, I will sell you a brand new Saxon Six at what it cost at the factory. You can save \$50.00 freight by seeing me at once, as this carload of three is positively the last that can be bought at that price, and I cannot keep them long at the price.
IT WILL PAY YOU TO SEE ME AT ONCE
W. H. PARRISH, DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA
Minnesota, Dallas and San Francisco, report a larger value of collateral notes than customers' paper discounted for their members. The Federal Reserve banks' total assets of \$2,217,257,000 are compared with assets of central banks of other nations as follows:
Bank of England, \$1,124,510,000; Bank of France, \$4,539,205,000; Russian State Bank, \$2,529,517,000; Bank of Italy, \$1,589,205,000; German Reichsbank, \$2,379,228,000.
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