

THE DUNN DISPATCH

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L. BUSBEE POPE, Publisher Morning 171 Liberty Bond, have you found a purchaser?

President Wilson by this time must feel that there is a North Carolinian for every plum he has to hand out.

Whether it meant to or not the News and Observer gave a pretty apt definition of the marriage ceremony when it referred to a wedding as "tying the marital knot."

We have not yet determined whether Count Wombles' drawing accompanying his fire-waste story in Sunday's News and Observer represents a bear track or an eroded mountain side.

A citizen advises the Dispatch to say nothing about the non-observance of traffic laws by Dunn motorists. To do so, he says, serves to make the matter worse. But, there ought to be some relief somewhere.

Raleigh is reported keenly disappointed over President Wilson's failure to appoint Mr. Travis a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, but we take it that it is not nearly so much so as Mr. Travis.

Some of our merchants are in favor of holding a trade, or dollar, week home time next month. We have the views of only a few. The Dispatch will give any movement of this kind its whole-hearted support. First, however, it would like to know just how much cooperation will be given it by the business men.

A man builds a two thousand-dollar house on a thousand dollar lot and rents it for \$180 a year. Taxes, insurance and upkeep will reduce the net income to about \$100, and depreciation is always probable. He puts another \$3,000 in Liberty Bonds, draws \$120 a year, pays no taxes or insurance and runs no risk of depreciation. Still it is necessary to appeal to some folk's patriotism to induce them to come across with money to help Uncle Samy lick Bill Hohennollern.

The police department pleads not guilty to the charge of allowing the weeds of lawlessness to grow up in Dunn. As to blind tigers it says there "ain't none." Most of the whiskey, it is said, is made in the country and brought and drunk here by the makers. This, of course, leaves the matter up to Sheriff Turlington and his underlings, or with the officers of surrounding counties. If these worthy officials are not too busy with seat-warming around their respective courthouses, we would like to see them look into the matter.

The Carolina Telephone company has until some time about the year 2003 to put its wires underground in Dunn. It cannot be forced to do so until its present charter, yet to run about 90 years, expires. However, the aerial cables through Broad and other business streets are unsightly. They mar what is otherwise a beautiful business district. The company will gain no good will by standing in the way of the community's plan for the "city beautiful." It will gain much through voluntarily doing that which it cannot be compelled to do, and we trust that its directors will view the matter in that light.

Why is it necessary for congressmen to tell Washington that their constituents in North Carolina are loyal? Loyalty in North Carolina is taken for granted. The average Tarheel takes his patriotism about as he does any other part of his nature. He doesn't brag about it, nor does he deem it necessary to shout it from the house tops. The mere fact that our representatives are so vociferous in their declarations that there are no slackers here would lead some to think that disloyalty was expected, when really North Carolinians, with the exception of a few milk-soppy individuals, would as soon think of opposing their God as they would their government.

The State quarantine law designed to compel heads of homes in which there are contagious diseases to notify county health officers of such diseases as soon as they are discovered is now in force. We trust that no evasion of it will be allowed in Harnett. With schools open it would be easy to spread diseases of youth over the whole county in a very short time. No child with whooping cough, measles, or other contagious disease should be allowed to come in contact with other children. The belief that all children will sooner or later suffer such ailments is fallacious and harmful. No child should suffer from them if the proper precautions are taken, but when he does he should not be permitted to spread them among other children.

THE RESILIENCEY OF DUNN.

This is a wonderful little old town. When tar, pitch and turpentine were Carolina's chief products Dunn was an important center for the trade. The industry died, but Dunn lived. Furniture making, lumbering and tobacco then played its part in the town's growth; but the big furniture plants burned or failed, leaving a sole survivor, and many of the lumbering plants closed down and with the dead tobacco market left a collection of gaunt and shivering buildings as ghosts of what was once believed to be the life of Dunn.

Through it all the town has lived. Each year its industries have become more varied, its progress faster. Enterprises have come, flourished, run their skin and passed out, leaving the community more stable and better prepared to work for larger things. In the years that Dunn has been experimenting with industry the country surrounding it has plodded along, the farmers doing some experimenting too. Year by year the farmer has learned more of his soil—gotten a clearer view of its possibilities—recognized more fully its value. He has found that he can probably grow most anything the nation wants from the soil, and with this realization he has started in to farm more intelligently. The result has been helpful to Dunn.

So, in the last analysis, it has been with the farmer that Dunn's destiny rested. Most of the things that we used to think would make Dunn a great city have passed away. The farmer, with his tribe ever on the increase, has been our mainstay. It is he who will keep us moving forward long after the fires of every boiler in town have been banked for the last time. Whatever hits us the tillers of the rich soil surrounding us will help us to "come back."

THE PUBLISHERS' GIFT.

A man buys a Liberty bond and gets a button to show that he has made a good investment. He joins the Red Cross and gets further decoration. He makes speeches urging others to support the government or join the army and is pointed to as a patriotic citizen who does his bit. The publishers give millions of dollars worth of space for Liberty bond sales, for Red Cross campaigns, food conservation plans, national defense preparations and the various other things dependent entirely upon public spirit for success—and get nothing in return. And the average publisher is glad to do it and cares nothing for reward.

The government will pay nothing for the advertising needed to dispose of three billion dollars worth of Liberty bonds now on sale. The publishers of the country must bear the burden of advertising or no advertising will be had. Some complain, but a great majority are entering wholeheartedly into the campaign and are giving freely of their space. We believe that the space should be paid for, just as supplies furnished the Red Cross by merchants are paid for; but, since Uncle Sam says that to give space is a part of our bit, here goes—buy a bond to save the world from bondage.

LAFOLLETTE

It is distressing to see such a man as Senator LaFollette occupying the place in public esteem as he now does. There was a time when he could have had most anything he wanted of the American people. Gifted, bray, brilliant, a few years ago he was one of the country's popular men whose opinions were honored by thousands. Now, by a turn of the wheel, we find him despised, loathed, by those who liked him best. It is hard to understand how one of his admitted ability could have been so idiotic as to believe that the course he has taken against the administration's war policy could lead to any other thing than utter political ruin. His position is pitiful, but he must be stopped in his mad effort to stir up trouble.

COMMUNITY FAIRS.

Harnett's two community fairs—one at Buie's Creek, the other at Coates—are to be held this month. The directors of both have worked hard to bring them to the notice of the people and there is no doubt that both will be successful. The Coates fair, to be held October 10, is the second for that bustling town. Last year's was so great a success that the promoters were encouraged to put forth a little greater effort this year. The result is that the coming community exhibits are expected to rival most county fairs. The Buie's Creek event occurs the next day, October 11. A fine premium list has been arranged and it is expected that the show will make its initial bow before a very large gathering and with a gratifying display of the community's products. Everybody should attend these fairs. They show the progress of the county and will make all of us realize fully the advantages of residence in Harnett.

Kerosene is still 15 cents a gallon, cigarette five cents a pack, alcohol fares are unchanged and steel prices have been cut in half. It appears that our old friends, the trusts, are not running true to form at this time when a man is called upon to pay two prices for about everything not controlled by them.

IS RUSSIA THROUGH?

Viewed from most any angle it seems that Russia as a factor in allied victory over Germany is about through. About the most we can hope for is that it will continue to keep a part of the Teutonic armies engaged until Uncle Sam gets warmed up. All effort by the new Russian government to compel its soldiers to fight has resulted only in keeping a mere handful opposed to the advancing Germans. A great difficulty is experienced in getting officers to command such troops as the nation can muster for the reason that the soldiers murder their officers at will. There is no discipline, no order, none of the qualities necessary to the successful prosecution of Russia's end of the war.

German agents are busy in Russia. They hope to arouse sentiment for a separate peace, and they are meeting with success. It is because of this success that German armies are making no stronger effort to push further into Russian territory.

If Russia betrays its pledge, however, there is little doubt that Japan will be turned loose upon her and upon Germany. Peace with Russia will probably bring two or three million Japanese soldiers to the western battle fronts. America, too will soon have a million or so there. Whatever the outcome in Russia, Germany will still have to battle against crushing odds, but the coming of peace will be deferred.

Lillington has been designated headquarters for Harnett's new militia—an admirable arrangement, to be sure. The company could move on Dunn in case of need within 48 hours after notice—provided, of course, the roads were in good shape and enough jitney buses were available.

Duan and Duke have practically one-third the total population of Harnett county. If any serious trouble demanding the interference of militia were to occur in the county it would most likely occur in or near one of these towns. For this reason it is a serious mistake to establish militia headquarters at the county seat unless this end of the county is to be given a separate company.

We expected, of course, that other North Carolina towns would express horror over the mob spirit shown in Dunn incident to the capture of a negro alleged to have attempted criminal assault upon a white girl. This is a rule that never has an exception. However, the human animal is pretty much the same the world over. Had the crime occurred in any other town, the consequences would have been the same. There is no need to be hypocritical about it.

Items, Comment and Suggestions

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

Secretary Lansing last week made public without comment the text of a message sent by Count Von Bernstorff to Berlin last January, asking authority to use fifty thousand dollars "in order, as on former occasions, to influence Congress through the organization you know of, which can perhaps prevent war."

In an impassioned speech one day last week Representative Thomas J. Heflin, Democrat of Alabama, speaking on this question in the House of Representatives made some statements that reflected on some of the members of that august body. A day or so later he was called upon to name the men he referred to in his speech as having been influenced by German money. When the eloquent Representative from Alabama did not give the names as promptly as some of the members wanted him to, Representative Patrick D. Norton, Republican, of North Dakota, introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of the charges. AND THE MAN WHO MADE THEM. In this speech Mr. Norton was very bitter in his denunciations of Mr. Heflin for making such charges against any of the members of Congress. This brought another fiery speech from the gifted Alabamian, in which he named five members whose course in that body should be investigated, as follows: Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin; Representative Messer of Illinois; Senator East of North Dakota and PATRICK D. NORTON OF NORTH DAKOTA. The next day when an unfavorable report was brought in by the Rules Committee on the resolution offered by Mr. Norton, he tried to get the consent of the House to make a ten minute speech, but failed, whereupon he crossed over from the Republican side of the House to the Democratic side, and before any body knew what was taking place law makers Norton and Heflin were locked in each others angry embrace, walking up and down the aisle on the Democratic side, seemingly waiting for it to thunder before they were ready to let go their grip on each other. Our only comment on this mix-up of these two statesmen is that their conduct was very naughty.

On the 29, of August, about dark, at Blackwelder's spring, near the town of Concord, N. C., Mrs. Maud A. King, a wealthy New York widow met her death. At that time an inquest was held and on the testimony of Gaston Bullock Means, Mr. King's confidential agent, a verdict was rendered that she came to her death by the accidental discharge of a pistol. This verdict did not satisfy the kindred and friends of the dead woman, and a thorough inquest was instituted. Very damning evidence was discovered against Gaston B. Means, who was compelled to change his testimony

from accidental death to suicide. Finally a warrant was issued for Gaston B. Means charging him with the murder of the woman, and an investigation was gone into before a magistrate. Mr. Means employed one of the best lawyers to be had, E. T. Canale, and Judge Frank C. Osborne as his leading defenders. Solicitor Hayden Clement was assistant to the hearing before Magistrate A. J. Pitts by Attorney General James H. Manning, and Assistant District Attorney John T. Doelling of New York. The evidence against Mr. Means was of such a nature that when the State had gone as far as Solicitor Clement deemed necessary, Mr. Means's attorneys agreed that he might be committed to jail without bail to await the action of the Grand Jury some time this month. It is almost certain that other arrests will be made as other parties have acted strangely for innocent parties. From newspaper reports we have a very clearly defined idea of who the guilty parties are, but we will leave the making of the verdict to those upon whom that responsibility may rest.

Rev. Thomas W. Smith, well known citizen of Dunn, preached in the Dunn Methodist Church last Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, and at Black's Chapel at three o'clock in the afternoon. We did not hear the sermon at Black's Chapel, but the sermon preached here was a thought provoking message, delivered very impressively. Brother Smith says Mr. Smith was the first man he ever went to school to, and he loves him because he allowed him to escape with whole bones. We heard good reports from the sermon at Black's Chapel, and our people will be glad to hear him again.

Our great county has taken pride in the fact that freedom of speech and freedom of the press has been guaranteed to all within our borders, and this is just ground for pride. But at any time, and especially at the present time, there is danger of carrying so-called freedom of speech and of the press too far. An organization with the high-sounding name of Industrial Workers of the World has become a greater menace to America than any of the enemies across the seas. We therefore read in recent issues of the papers of the arrest and imprisonment of some of the leaders of this organization with sincere pleasure. But in dealing with the I. W. W. Leaders Senator Robert M. LaFollette should not be forgotten. If there is no way at present for the United States Senate to rid itself of Mr. LaFollette, then some way should be provided at once, and he should be sent forth into oblivion.

A recount of the votes cast in the recent New York primary to select a Republican candidate for mayor of that city, took from Mayor Mitchell a sufficient number of votes and added them to the votes given to William M. Bennett to make him the Republican candidate. Mr. Bennett had agreed that in case Mr. Mitchell received a majority of the votes he would not run. But now, although by the recount ordered by Mayor Mitchell Mr. Bennett clearly received a majority of the votes cast, Mayor Mitchell has accepted himself as independent candidate. Should Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Bennett both run on the Republican ticket, Judge Ely, the Democratic candidate, will almost certainly be elected. This would be a victory for Tammany Hall, bombed by Murphy, and would be a calamity to the city. However, Mr. Mitchell is far from an ideal candidate, and so it may be just as well to allow Mr. Murphy to take charge of the city once more, for his crowd has become very hungry.

A few years ago a Dr., unheard of up to that time, suggested that human beings who were so unfortunate as to live until they were sixty years old to be chloroformed, or put to a painless death in some way. This suggestion brought to the doctor who made it a small amount of very cheap and short-lived notoriety, and then he was forgotten. But the appointment of a committee by the American Association of Progressive Medicine in a Convention recently held in Chicago, to submit to the Legislature of each State in the Union, a recommendation that statutes be enacted permitting euthanasia may carry with it more consideration than did the suggestion of the forgotten doctor of a few years ago. Dr. W. A. Gould of Des Moines seems to have been the leader in advocacy of his remarkable recommendation. However, no one need feel the least bit nervous over this recommendation, for no such statute will be enacted by any Legislature for the next million years.

Hazing in Schools, Colleges and Universities seems to be a deep seated disease of cowardly spirits. Few sons but cowards could be induced to join in any such treatment to fellow students in any institution. When Mr. Daniels became Secretary of the Navy he very promptly and very properly took a very firm stand against hazing in institutions under the control of his department in the government, and no more has been heard of any violations of his order until just a few days ago, when hazing in its form broke out again at West Point. Twelve cadets are charged with forcing four lower classmen to strip and stand on tip-toe, with their chins drawn in and their heads thrown back until they completely collapsed and fainted. We sincerely trust that every one who took any part in this inhuman and utterly unjustifiable sport may be punished to the full limit of the law.

The devil is trying very hard to lay his hands on every agency and organization operated by men and women in this world for use in the interests of his kingdom in the world, and to the surprise of the thoughtful people he has a huge measure of success. He is now endeavoring to get his foul hands on the Red Cross, one of the worthiest organizations of recent times, and from all accounts he is having a disappointing measure of success. In Minnesota, N. Y., fifty girls were caught by the officers of the fair law raffish of the proceeds of the Red Cross. The sheriff of the county very promptly put a stop to it with these remarks: "There will be no gambling in this county while I am sheriff, even if it is for charity." All honor to this official, and may his sort be multiplied a thousand fold in all sections of our country. Gambling is

First National Bank DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA. Helpful facts for use in the essay contest at Buie's Creek Community Fair in October. Subject: The Biggest Bank in the County. Premium: Ten Dollars in Gold to any boy or girl under eighteen years of age, writing the best essay on above subject.

SUITS, COATS and DRESSES. NEW ONES COME BY EXPRESS EVERY DAY. We have about as fine and pretty a line of winter wearing apparel as you will find anywhere, and every day it is added to. Each express train brings us something new.

GOLDSTEIN'S, Dunn's Best Store. Last week what is known as the war deficiency bill was passed by the United States Congress, carrying an appropriation of something more than seven and a quarter billion dollars, the largest amount in the history of this or any other nation of such Direct appropriations amount to nearly five billion dollars, and the balance is for authorized contracts. The shipping board is given \$2,254,000,000, and for the work of strengthening the fortifications of the country about two and a half billion. The balance of this huge appropriation was to cover various items of this and last week here with her mother, Mrs. Anne Johnson. They left yesterday for Wilson to spend some time with friends. Civil service examinations to fill a vacancy in the Dunn postoffice clerical force will be held in the office October 27. Those desiring to apply for the position should communicate with V. B. Morgan, secretary of the local examining board. Mrs. S. M. Oliver, mother of R. O. and N. A. Townsend, who has been quite sick at her home at Marietta, spent Sunday here with her sons and left Monday for a hospital at Richmond by N. A. and Mrs. Townsend. Many must go; all can serve. You may not be able to serve at the front, but you can help those who do serve there by helping the Red Cross through the local chapter.