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DRIFTING
The Harding administration continues to drift. It drifts on the tariff on the soldiers' bonus and on all legislative and executive affairs, as well.

Mr. Harding is forever drifting for something to turn up, forever drifting along in the expectation that something may happen. He muddles just enough to muddle the situation and then complacently sits back and hopes for the best.

But the New York World is an independent newspaper with Democratic leanings and its judgment of the President, perhaps will not be accepted at full value by Republicans. If there is any doubt about the correctness of this judgment of the President, the following from Senator Borah, the furthest Progressive Republican Senator from Idaho, may resolve all doubts in this matter:

"Almost everyone realized that this was no time to revise the tariff. It is impossible to produce anything like a scientific tariff. And yet, with everybody knowing that, the tariff bill is permitted to drift out here. And so it goes—drift! It is impossible to get anywhere in Congress and it is impossible to get a negative or affirmative declaration from the White House. Conditions just move along until we get into this hopeless and absolutely deplorable mess."

But what do the people expect? With no leadership in the White House, no leadership in the United States Senate, no leadership in the House of Representatives, no plan, no program, no policy what can the President administration and Congress do?

Hens Hanger Hoppers
On the Scotchman's reclamation project, Mitchell, Neb., where the grass hopper pest has been particularly bad this year, various methods of control have been tried out. One of the most successful methods observed so far was used by a farmer who has a quarter-section of land.

Five hundred chickens divided into lots of 100 were kept in colony houses on 50 acres of the farm and moved about as occasion required. As a result, on the half of the farm where the chickens were pastured there were only about 20 per cent as many hoppers as on the other 50 acres. This is a better showing than has been made on most of the fields where plagues were distributed.

The owner and the renter found the method profitable. After they had used what they needed of the poultry for domestic purposes, and after the weaners and coveys had taken their toll, the rest were marketed and brought in about 75 per cent of the original investment. This year the owner is stocking the farm with 1,000 chickens as insurance against the grasshopper pest.

Around Gile's Mill
(By Daniel Robinson Lee)
So varied and unusual have been the happenings in this vicinity that we shall not have space in which to mention each interesting event separately. "Would require a volume to tell of all that we've seen and heard and enjoyed and deplored since the season of elder making, protracted meetings, hunting matches, puffin fishing, summer weddings, tea parties, watermelon parties, hay rides, bear drownings and various other incidents and diversions come in.

So, if your name or the particular event in which you started is not mentioned specifically in this number, don't be offended. Among others who have made a temporary stay among us recently were the Rev. Herman T. Stephens of 715 South Street, Greensboro, and Miss on Nancy. Aside from his regular calling as a successful "Ph-

er of Men", Mr. Stephens is an ardent angler for unwary members of a piscatorial tribe. His patience is unending, undisturbed by lack of success; he angles on and on. Last Thursday morning we heard him calling: "Hey, miller do you want to see something pretty?"

Being by nature an admirer of beauty and a lover of harmony we said "yes" and came running. What we saw was a water moccasin climbing out of the mill race onto a sill a 10-inch cutfish in its mouth.

With an agility and quickness of movement surprising in one of our general appearance we scotched His Republican Majesty against a sill with a "mink and lowly," grabbed a stick and literally fulfilled a portion of scripture for he did "bruise the serpent's head."

The fish escaped with a few minor injuries about the rear fin. He might have weighed half a pound or more but as cutfish carry no scales we could not ascertain its exact weight. His snubship was about four feet in length and of sufficient girth to encompass the forearm of a stout man.

Rev. Mr. Everett, while bathing with a company of friends from Dunn last Wednesday got beyond his depth in the swift water of Giles Mill race and would probably have drowned had not Dr. Warren gone to his assistance. The Dr. has great strength among his other splendid qualities and is a swimmer par excellence.

Any picnic or other outing sponsored by the doctor and his good wife finds a welcome and leaves pleasure wherever they see fit to make use of the poor facilities we are able to place at the disposal of pleasure seekers.

Their department is always A-1. We would be glad to say the same of some of our local swell-heads if we could say it truthfully.

Rev. H. T. Stephens has just closed an eight days meeting at Spring Branch with twenty-eight additions to the "church."

A series of meetings under canvas recently conducted in this vicinity by Rev. J. A. Sewell of Palestine resulted in the organization of a Free Will Baptist church with twelve members by baptism and several by letter. Subscriptions in cash and building material sufficient to build a comfortable house of worship are assured. The house will be erected on land donated by Thaddeus Lee. The annual summer revival at Lee's chapel conducted by Rev. N. D. Wiggs resulted in twenty-three additions to the church.

On July 14 our humble home was visited by the bird that does so much to help and the other creatures of the

optimistic over the outcome of his visit and declared that the co-operative movement is making fine progress in all Southern states.

NORTH CAROLINA'S COAL MESSAGE

Newspaper headlines seem not to give exactly the right slant to the reply of the governor of North Carolina to President Harding's call upon state executives for co-operation in preserving the country's fuel supply. Governor Morrison clearly does not approve direct government interference in labor disputes. He is frank in expressing his reasons for his attitude and he positively declines to urge coal miners to return to work.

On the other hand, nothing could be more satisfactory, as the coal strike situation stands today than Governor Morrison's utterance of what he conceives his duty to be in the premises, and his declaration of what he will do in the performance of that duty. He will not interfere with the strike, but he will not let the strike interfere with the law. He will not urge miners to go to work, but if they do go to work he will see that they are free to work. He says: "I believe the full duty of government and the part of wisdom is to uphold the law with fearless impartiality and permit parties in industrial disputes to fight the economic battle to a finish."

"There will be no trouble in North Carolina in upholding the law in this or any other controversy. I am quite sure I shall not need federal forces to aid me in the position I have taken of non-interference with either side, except to uphold the law, and keep the peace and protect every would-be worker, union or non-union from menace, insult and violence."

If the governor of North Carolina means what he says, and certainly a man who speaks like that is entitled to have his sincerity taken at face value until there is actual proof that it is of false value, and if the governor of North Carolina lives up to his words when put to the test, his utterances are sound, exemplary and American.

If the governor of North Carolina fulfills that ideal of executive responsibility, faithful guardianship of life and property, and vigilant protection of life and property, any mine owner in his state that wants to operate can operate, if he can get the men to work, and any miner can work if he wants to work, and there is a job for him. This is all that is needed in the average state to get out the required coal.

If the governor of Illinois had held the same attitude toward the

down of other Illinois miners under the fear of violence and crime. There need have been no acute coal shortage. On the contrary, there would be today, with men secure in their legal and sacred right to work, an outflow of Illinois coal far in excess of what there is.

And if every governor of every coal state will live up to the American doctrine of law enforcement as enunciated by the governor of North Carolina in his message to the President of the United States, no government, federal or state ever will be forced to operate the coal mines.

LLOYD GEORGE WARNS AGAINST NEXT WAR

Puts Burden of Creating Spirit Against Strife Upon the Churches

London, July 28.—"More terrible machines than in the late war are being constructed," said Prime Minister Lloyd George at a luncheon given by 300 prominent free churchmen today.

"What for?" he asked, and continued: "To attack and maim, destroy and burn helpless women and children. Keep your eyes on what is happening. If the churches of Europe and America allow that to fructify, they had better close their doors."

"We redoubt our armaments and if other nations follow the example, there will be no serious menace to peace. But, it is difficult for a nation to remain defenseless while others are preparing for war."

Mr. Lloyd George said that the next war, if it came, would be a war on civilization itself. Speaking of the suddenness in which war came, he said:

"The war-germ is like any other germ—you do not know that you have it until it has got you. It is of no use arguing with an epileptic when the fit is on him. There is that atmosphere in the world now and the explosive material is scattered over the face of Europe."

"When a match is dropped it is too late to have the covenant of the League of Nations. It is the new spirit that is wanted. Lock up the explosives and especially lock up those given to dropping matches. The churches must promote the new spirit which is necessary."

The Prime Minister said that he attached high hopes to the League of Nations. He said that civilization would be saved if the league succeeded.

express constitute one of the necessities of the American home. American women will read with special interest the following from Senator Simmons (Dem., N. C.), which shows up simply one of the many points of attack which the Republican tariff makes upon the American housewife. In a speech recently, Senator Simmons said:

"I have taken the duty on gingham. That is an average, I believe, of 48 per cent. The initial duty would be 30 per cent. Under this section the duty added would be 12 per cent. That is 42 per cent. Then add the dye duty, and you have 5 per cent more. That would raise it above the maximum. It could not go higher than 45 per cent; but the compensatory duty on account of the Egyptian cotton is not embraced in that limitation, and the compensatory duty according to the calculation that I have here, made by the expert, would amount to 4 per cent if there was Egyptian cotton used in the cloth, which added to the 45 per cent, would make 49 per cent, as against 20 per cent under the present law."

As cotton cloth can be made more cheaply in America than in any other country in the world, and there can therefore be no reason for the tariff except to enable American manufacturers to tax the American home, the special hardship and inequity of this tariff on gingham becomes glaringly apparent. The above, however, covers only a single item. The tariff on cotton is intended to increase the price on all kinds and grades of this universally used product. In anticipation of the passage of this measure prices have already been advanced.

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The Commission directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, concerning free delivery of express in Dunn, and to advise you that it is the understanding of the Commission that such service will commence on September first of this year.

Sometime prior to the first of May last the Commission wrote the Express Company to show cause why it should not inaugurate free service in

Dunn on May first, and a representative of the Company came here and it was agreed to defer putting in delivery service until September first, and no further communications in regard to same have been presented.

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Rats steal millions of dollars' worth of grain, chickens, eggs, etc. Destroy property and are a menace to health. If you are troubled with rats, try RAT-SNAP. It will surely kill them—prevent odors. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Comes in cakes. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Butler Bros.; Hood & Grantham; Wilcox & Lee.

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Some of our local shop-keepers are reported to have been seen sober lately. Suppose the recent heavy rains have interfered with work in the swamps.

Congressman Homer Lyon Gets A Big Rattle Snake

Whiteville, July 28.—While Congressman Homer Lyon and Sheriff John O. Ammons were on their way to Hallboro via the detour that goes around nearly to Old Dock, they saw a monster rattlesnake crossing slowly along the road. The car was stopped and Mr. Lyon watched the snake while the sheriff went after a weapon to kill it with.

The snake was found not far from the old Carroll homestead and Mr. Carroll came along with a shovel and put an end to the snake which had fourteen rattles and a button. Mr. Lyon brought the rattles to town with him. The snake was the exact length of the shovel handle and was four inches or more in thickness. Mr. Lyon said the "rattler" was so large that its slow progress through thick grass more than a foot high could be easily noted.

Atlanta Bank Pledges Loan Of Several Million

The Atlanta Bank has pledged themselves to loan seven million dollars to the Georgia Cotton Growers' Association, according to W. H. Austin, president of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, who returned yesterday from Atlanta where he went to confer with representatives of other cotton associations in regard to selling this year's cotton crops. Mr. Austin was

Mr. Smith's wife will be glad to see you. The party will be held at the home of Mrs. Smith. The date will be postponed. The time will be postponed. Immediately upon her return.

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