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TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1915.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, except thunder showers in northwest.

All that the fango can do is to raise a laugh.

No woman is fat to the man who is in love with her.

It's hard to keep a good man down or a poor airship up.

After a succession of floating mines comes a floating debt.

The shearing of the lamb follows the shearing of the socks.

We notice some of the papers are still printing "Yorkville."

This year's model water wagon is of the superdeadnaught type.

The fly hasn't a friend in the world, but he gets there just the same.

A barber says it is sheer nonsense for a man to attempt to cut his own hair.

It is easier for the average man to run into debt than it is for him to crawl out.

A shortage of dyestuffs may cause some of the preserved fruit to look a trifle different.

The day coach on railroads has been declared a menace to health. It is also a foe to comfort.

One doctor says "it's a crime to be sick." Then a lot of people are forever pleading guilty.

The production of fiction in Europe, other than war dispatches, has been considerably curtailed.

We have often heard sweet little girls talking to owers. Maybe they understand each other.

Spartanburg Slants by Woodrow Wilson.—Headline. Don't let 'm find it out, whatever you do.

"Another British Ship Sunk" is one of those headline that telegraph editors might keep standing.

The goings and comings of people are always interesting to their friends. So are their shortcomings.

GOING RATHER FAR.

The American press has been almost unanimous in its criticism of former Secretary of State Bryan for resigning his cabinet position because of a difference with the president concerning the status of the United States' rejoinder to the German reply to the note on the sinking of the Lusitania.

While some of these criticisms have been rather severe, none coming to our attention have gone so far as one which brands Mr. Bryan a traitor, having betrayed the confidence of the president and divulged secrets of the cabinet. While we agree that the former secretary showed mighty bad taste in charging that an eleventh-hour change had been made in the tone of the note to Germany and has acted unwisely in talking so much after stepping down and out of the cabinet, we hesitate to think of Mr. Bryan as a traitor. Or at any rate, it doesn't sound very nice to speak of him as such.

That's an ugly word, and there are so many more in the English language that would have been severe enough but not near so full of venom. In short, it leaves a bad taste in one's mouth to read of the former secretary of state being spoken of as a traitor. A paper that does this, we think, weakens its position by the bitterness to which it resorts. We agree that Mr. Bryan made a serious blunder and is deserving of a good bit of the censure he is getting for his action, but we give him credit for being sincere. Treachery is never sincere. The traitor is sincere neither to his former interests, himself nor his new interests.

COLLEGE GIRLS' CHARACTER.

Katherine B. Davis, commissioner of correction in New York city, says that in her fifteen years' experience in handling female delinquents, "she has never found a college girl among them."

It can be argued plausibly that the college has little to do with it, that college girls are a special social group, carefully selected, and not likely to go wrong whether they attend college or not. They generally come from "good families" and their characters, presumably have been shaped in an environment of sound morals and wholesome thrift.

But of course that isn't the whole story. Everybody who knows anything about colleges, and particularly women's colleges, knows that they exert a powerful influence in building character. The girl enters college with a set of morals ready-made for her and blindly accepted; her four years' course is a thinking and building process; she leaves with an intelligent acceptance of principles that most women merely take for granted. She has thought her way through things. She knows why right is right and wrong is wrong. Her character is established on a far firmer foundation than that of her less cultivated sisters.

Added to this, she has gained intellectual interests and resources and association that lift her above temptations that come to the idle and shallow-minded. And in her equipment for earning a living, she has a powerful economic bulwark against lowering her moral standards.

It is much the same with male students. When a college man wanders from the straight path, it is always a matter of surprise and reproach. "He should have known better." The higher education, in spite of the "unsettling effects" that pious folk used to fear, is recognized today as a potent force for righteous living.

Out in California a woman has been ordered to pay alimony to her husband. It is a poor rule, etc.

Thirty-nine Norwegian Ships Sunk Since War Began.—headline. The price of neutrality is sunken ships.

Whiskey may be a good thing to take on a bear hunt, but the chances are you will wind up fighting snakes.

Sanity of Boy Talking Suicide to be Tested.—Headline. It isn't necessary for one to talk suicide to have himself suspected of being in that condition.

A dispatch states that California bandits are holding up trains and robbing passengers. We believed all along something would happen to cause us to call off our trip to the exposition.

The Princess Patricia regiment of Montreal, long famous as Canada's "crack regiment," is no more. With only 175 left of its 1,600 men, it has been disbanded and the remnant incorporated in other regiments. The organization was wiped out in saving the British army. The name, however, will long be remembered.

What War and the British Blockade Has Done to Cotton

(From The New York Times.)

Washington—The story of cotton in 1915 is told in the April report of the department of commerce. At the same amount has been shipped abroad this year as was shipped last year in the same period of time, but the value of the crop thus shipped is \$226,352,000 less than it was last year. In the ten months ended April 30, 1914, there were shipped abroad of the 1913 crop, 8,474,777 bales, or 4,405,840,943 pounds. In the corresponding months ended April 30, 1915, there were shipped abroad 7,847,807 bales, or 3,915,857,976 pounds.

The value of the shipments in 1913-1914 was \$566,877,007. The value of the shipments of last year's crop to the end of April was \$330,494,409. The average price per bale received for the crop of 1913-1914 was \$66.89. The average price per bale received for the crop of 1914-1915 down to the end of last April was \$44.13, a difference of \$22.76.

In other words the American cotton planter this year had to take for his crop one-third less than its ordinary value. The average price per pound of the exported crop last year, according to the figures of the department of commerce, was 15.1 cents; the average price per pound this year is 8.4 cents.

There were shipped abroad during April, 1914, 398,215 bales, or 205,637,249 pounds of cotton valued at \$24,806,174. During April this year there were shipped 672,008 bales, or 347,295,662 pounds, valued at \$33,022,938.

MR. BRYAN AND THE NOTE

Springfield Republican: It is unprofitable to forecast the reception of this note in Germany. We are still in the dark as to the effect upon the German mind of the deplorable yet needless rupture in the president's cabinet over this communication. It is a note, from our point of view, however, that reflects the overwhelming sentiment of the American people; they will sustain the position it takes with unflinching tenacity and courage.

Little Arbitration Talk.

Washington Correspondence of the New York Evening Post: It can also be said on the best of authority that if Mr. Bryan was insistent upon an arbitration of the issues with Germany as the price of his remaining in the cabinet he confined his arguments also entirely to the president personally. His cabinet colleagues say that arbitration as a way out was not discussed in minutes, all told, at the two cabinet meetings, which considered the note. It is thought possible that Mr. Bryan was convinced by what was said on other suggestions that the cabinet would not accept his views, and, following his speech in cabinet against the note of May 13, he concluded to remain silent on the subject except to convey his views privately to the president.

Mr. Bryan's Biggest Blunder.

Baltimore Sun: Mr. Bryan has made many and grievous blunders in his long public career; he has shown his lack of good taste on many occasions, but he has never before reached such heights—or depths—of mischievous, inexcusable and self-righteous demagoguery.

What Bryan Failed to See.

Springfield Republican: Mr. Bryan's general attitude, indeed, is destructive of the established rights of neutrals in favor of the claims of belligerents to do as they please. The essence of neutrality is to insist on neutral rights. If certain neutral rights are surrendered for the benefit of one side in a war, that very act becomes flagrant.

TO CAPTAIN OF U—

You have drunk your toast to "the Day" that came; The Cross is won, for you did not fall. Do you thrill with joy at your deathless fame? Your hand is trembling, your lips are pale! Ah! you drink again—but the wine is spilled. A crimson stain on the snowy white is it wine—or blood of the children killed? Captain! what of the night?

When the black night comes and the Day is done, You sleep, and dream of the things that float, In a misty sea where a blood-red sun Lights up the dead in a drifting boat, Will you see a face in the waves that swell— A baby's face that is cold and white? Will your sleep be sweet or a glimpse of Hell? Captain! what of the night?

Will you see the stare of the small blue eyes, The tiny fingers of whitest wax That will point at you, or the wound that lies, A clot of red in her fairy flax? Will the beads that burst on your brows be hot As mothers' tears that are newly shed? Will each scar and burn like a blazing dot That eats its way through your tortured head?

Will you see the ship as it onward sped— The thing that flew at your fatal word? Will the dripping ghosts be around your bed— The screams of the dying still be heard?

When the Big Night calls—and you must obey— Will your soul shrink in its awful fright? You have lived your life, you have had your Day. But, Captain— what of the night? Harry Varley.

Positive, But Polite.

New Orleans Times-Picayune: The president's rejoinder to Berlin, finally made public last night, is as firm and as admirably phrased as the history-making note of May 13. The position stated in that companion document is reaffirmed. Germany's suggestions regarding the classification and cargo of the Lusitania are met with perfectly polite but positive and final assurances that the vessel was an unarmed merchant ship and under international law was entitled to the same treatment as such. "The discussion under that head is closed. The Kaiser and his counsellors are summoned to consider the true question at issue and are asked for assurances that in so far as the lives and rights of Americans are concerned, the laws of nations and of humanity will be recognized and observed."

For Our Own Rights.

New York Tribune: We have no quarrel with Germany except so far as our own rights and immunities are concerned. If that attitude is maintained it will help toward a rational and satisfactory solution of our dispute with the German government. But so far as our own rights go, they must be maintained in their completeness and integrity, and without reference to any bargaining with one belligerent at the behest of or in the interest of another.

What the Country Wanted.

Philadelphia Record: President Wilson's second note to the German government protesting against the violation of American rights on the seas will be as disappointing to hotheads whose sense of injury demands the immediate shedding of blood as it will be gratifying to the sober, earnest body of our citizenship, who wish to see force employed for the satisfaction of the country's honor only as a last resort.

VALE

Mister Bryan, Are you tryin' Thus to rock the boat? Men are sayin' Your thought's strayin' Toward a future vote!

New Infirmary.

The large, roomy residence built on North Church street a few years ago by J. B. McLaughlin, Esq., has been overhauled and equipped for use as an infirmary. The building is situated in a cool, shady grove and is just far enough from the business center to afford a quiet home-like place for patients, yet close enough to have the advantages and conveniences of town. —Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

Fishing With Baskets.

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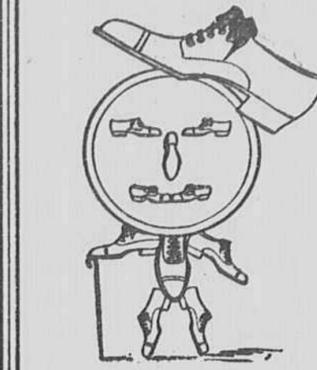
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Marking the Highway.

Steps have been taken by the Spartanburg chamber of commerce and the board of trade of Woodruff to place signs all along the Laurens road between Spartanburg and Enoree, the signs to give, in addition to mileage information, explicit instructions for the guidance of travelers at every intersecting road.—Spartanburg Herald.

Strawberries by Carload.

We are under obligation to Mr. W. D. Morgan for a couple of baskets of extra fine strawberries, which came from his farm on the Sampit road. Mr. Morgan is making a specialty of strawberries and has been shipping them to the northern markets in carload lots for the past several weeks. —Georgetown Times.



Be kind to your feet and they'll run their legs off trying to thank you.

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ABOUT THE STATE.

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At present our submarine arm is weak. But in the light of the lessons of Germany's operation it may be hoped that it will be progressively improved and strengthened through the skill of our experts and the awakened support of congress. Now that the submarine arm is so long an arm we should see that ours is as long and strong as any. Well supplied with such craft as Germany has perfected, the transport of a hostile expedition across three or five thousand miles of sea would be a very hazardous undertaking which only extraordinary provocation or temptation would justify.

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(Ohio State Journal.) Notwithstanding the Ohio legislature has subjected itself to much criticism, it is a paragon of virtue compared with the Illinois legislature, which seems intent on driving democratic government out of the land by using it for selfish purposes. The other day it enacted a law providing that the members of the legislature should have railroad passes. That is reverting to a former type, which was thought to have disappeared for all time. It is accompanied by a bill to appropriate \$26,000 to pay mileage for twenty-one trips home and back during the present term, and likewise a bill to raise the legislators' salary from \$2,000 per term to \$3,500. All these are, as Sam Cary used to say, links of the same sausage, made out of the same dead dog. Illinois would be a good state were it not for its legislature; and no state can be a very good state that has a very great city

Rural Mail Route.

Congressman R. S. Whaley has succeeded in establishing a rural free delivery route from the Dorchester post office. The service on this route will begin July 1, and will serve about 60 families. Mr. Whaley is wide-awake to the needs of his district.—Dorchester Eagle.

A Tarantula.

While opening a barrel containing a bunch of bananas on Monday, Mr. H. S. Mott found what he supposed to be a dead tarantula. It was, however, merely the shell of one, and closer examination discovered the live original. The insect was placed in a glass jar and covered with alcohol. It has attracted considerable attention.—Barnwell People.

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There is no other apparent parallel for the Bryan incident in our history Clay said he had been "abused and assailed without example" while secretary of state under John Quincy Adams, but he stuck it out. Daniel Webster held the place for two years under William H. Harrison and John Tyler, but being a Whig aspirant for the presidency, resigned after the break between Tyler and the Whigs had developed. He went back to the same place under Fillmore and died in office in 1852. James G. Blaine twice resigned the portfolio of state. A year with President Arthur was enough. He expected to be and was a candidate for the presidency, and, having beaten Arthur in convention, was himself defeated at the polls. Later, in 1889, he became Benjamin's Harrison's secretary of state, but resigned before the next nominating convention in expectation, as before, of being a presidential nominee.

ODDS AND ENDS

The rivers of Europe are estimated to be capable of supplying 46,000,000 horsepower, Russia's share being 12,000,000. One of the new farm tractors is featured by a gasoline motor running inside a large wheel, which it moves over the ground. Paris dentists have found that sour milk will cure certain diseases of the mouth and gums heretofore difficult to overcome. Since the purchase of Alaska by the United States its waters have yielded fishery products valued at more than \$250,000,000. An Australian inventor has patented apparatus for the manufacture of gas from 98 per cent air and two per cent gasoline vapor. A dictating phonograph has been invented to enable a military aviator to record his observations and still have his hands free. A German vacuum ice machine for household use does away with the use of dangerous acids and can be operated by hand or a small electric motor.

Containing 60 to 500-candlepower electric lights, the chandelier of a London music hall is one of the most brilliant in the world.

The gasoline tank of a new self heating flat iron is said to be danger proof and can also be used to heat a small portable stove.

Waterpower turbines, aided when necessary by electric motors, enable a Swiss waterworks to pump water to a town 1,500 feet above it.

New tinware can be protected against rust by rubbing it with fresh lard and heating it thoroughly before it is used the first time.

Compared with India's 314,000,000 dark-skinned natives there are only about 200,000 white persons, scattered all over the country.

A combination shade fixture and curtain pole holder has been invented that can be attached to a window frame with a minimum of nails.

A French aeronaut's balloon basket is provided with gas chambers sufficiently buoyant to support five men should it fall into water.