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 views of Correspondents.

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 topics of general interest will be
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Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1917.

The United States Court, in session at Rock Hill, S. C., has a full docket which Judge Johnson is attacking with energy.

The United States has recognized the Carranza government, in Mexico, as the rightful government. The restoration of order in Mexico seems to be steadily progressing.

The Kaiser offers \$75 and three months vacation for the first American killed or captured. This looks like German courage needs stimulation when up against the Sammies.

With the great Italian General Cadorna pressing his victory at San Gabriele and the threatened food shortage in Austria-Hungary it looks dark for that country.

The Kaiser says: "England will keep up the war. An obstinate nation." Well, the Kaiser will soon find out that Uncle Sam is rather obstinate when he gets his back up.

Last Friday night, as reported, a troop train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Mungo Junction, Ohio, was fired on and four soldiers wounded.

In the recent reorganization of the French cabinet, Paul Painleve is premier. This is a guarantee that there will be no abatement in French determination and energy to conquer.

"Little do ye know your own blessedness; for to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labor."—Robert Louis Stevenson.

The government of Uruguay having heard of plans to sink the eight German ships interned at Montevideo took possession of the ships. The crew of one ship resisted and the Uruguayan marines forced their way on board and arrested them.

We don't know who is doing the editorial work for the Lancaster News but we hope he keeps it up.—News and Courier. "Praise from Sir Hubert is praise indeed." Thanks.

It appears that the department of State is negotiating with a view to have Japan divert a large amount of her ocean tonnage to the Atlantic to aid in supplying shipping for the Allies and that Japan has expressed willingness to do so.

The rise in the price of silver has been phenomenal due to the world wide demand for it, caused by the mine shortage and the hoarding of gold throughout Europe. The price is around \$1.00 per ounce, a rise of 32 cents per ounce. While silver is not yet on a parity with gold the approach to it tends to make the memory of Bryan's 16 to 1 platform less startling.

We call special attention to Dr. Thayer's notice of the union meeting, Moriah Baptist Association, at Fork Hill church, September 28 and 29, and to the splendid program mapped out for the occasion.

Theodore Roosevelt the other day promptly accepted an invitation to take a flight in the new "Liberty Motor" airplane during a trial test and soared over 5,000 feet, moving at a speed of about 100 miles an hour. When he was landed on terra firma he was delighted with his trip and declared the machine "great."

The pink boll worm through infested seed has come across the Mexican border and government experts at Hearne and other parts of Texas are busy destroying infested stalks and seed. The importance of an effective quarantine against seed infested with the pink boll worm can not be overestimated.

The sudden death at his home in Florence, S. C., last Thursday night of Hartwell M. Ayer is not only a heart-rending bereavement to his devoted family, but a great loss to his community and State. He was editor of the Florence Daily Times, a sterling man, an earnest worker in the cause of education, and full of public spirit.

At a recent meeting of the Bond Club in New York, Frank A. Vandellip, president of the City National Bank and member of the General Liberty Loan Committee, declared himself very optimistic as to the successful flotation of the second Liberty Loan and expressed great confidence in the leadership of Secretary McAdoo and the government's policy.

A staff correspondent of the New York Times writing from the battle front where the Italians are striking the Austrians hard and successfully, says that Italy does not need men, having 4,500,000 in the field, but needs coal, airplanes and above all cannon and more cannon. With these needs supplied he declares that Italy would crush Austria. Uncle Sam, please take notice.

It is stated that the losses caused by the operations of German submarines during the last eight months amount to over 4,500,000 tons of shipping. This loss is enormous, but still it is less than the Germans set out to accomplish, and the submarine evil seems to be abating, while the preparations to meet it successfully are steadily growing in effectiveness. The growing numbers of U-boat destroyers and the rapid construction of merchant ships will keep the U-boat peril within the limit of endurance.

It is stated that in New York harbor there are at least seventy Dutch vessels, which have been loaded with wheat and fodder since July 15. Under the operation of the Embargo Act these ships can not move without license from the government, which will not be granted, and the Dutch will not unload the cargoes. In the mean time the wheat is rotting and the Dutch ships are idle. Is there no way out of such a muddle by which the wheat can be saved and the vessels employed in supplying the transportation shortage so keenly felt at this juncture?

Solicitor Hayden Clements of the 15th Judicial District of North Carolina has requested the coroner of Cabarras County, N. C., to reopen the inquest over the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, who was mysteriously killed near Concord, N. C., August 29, the jury having recently rendered a verdict that the death resulted from an accidental discharge of a pistol. It is claimed that evidence of foul play has been since discovered. It is stated that Judge Cline has directed Gaston B. Means, who was companion of Mrs. King, to turn over to the Superior Court of Rowan County for safe keeping the papers of Mrs. King, in

his possession, together with the purported copy of the will of the late James C. King, husband of Mrs. King, and that Means, on advice of counsel, has declined to do so on the ground that it might lead to incriminate him. The United States secret service men have taken possession of Means' apartment and its contents, among which is a complete telephone listening device.

ANCIENT FOOD CONSERVATION.

Cheese Must Have Come High.—The Law Times says that it is recorded in the "Black Books" of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn that at Easter Term, 1502, it was agreed by the governors and benchers this term that if any one of the society shall hereafter cut cheese immoderately at the time of dinner or supper, or shall give cheese to any servant or to any other, or shall carry it away from the table at any time, he shall pay 4d. for each offense. The butlers of the society shall present such defaulters weekly, under pain of expulsion from office.—Law Notes.

RED CROSS WORK.

The following additional subscriptions to the Red Cross Knitting fund have been made since the last publication: Dr. R. C. Brown, \$5.00; Mrs. R. C. Brown, \$2.50; Miss Bettie Brown, \$2; J. H. Witherspoon, \$2.00; Mrs. J. Perry, \$1.00; Mrs. Belle Nance, \$1.00; Dr. J. H. Thayer, \$1.00. Total, \$14.50. The willing and liberal response is most gratefully appreciated by the members of that organization. The knitting wool is slow in arriving, but soon everybody who will help knit can be supplied by applying at the residence of Mrs. John H. Poag, who is in charge, by call or telephone. Willing help in money or labor is eagerly accepted, for whatever the Red Cross may succeed in doing the demand for more is ever present.

GERMAN INTRIGUE IN MEXICO.

Evidence of German intrigue and Swedish violation of neutrality multiplies. Secretary Lansing has caused to be published the following: "Imperial Legation, Mexico, to His Excellency, the Imperial Chancellor: "Her Folke Cronholm, the Swedish charge d'affaires here, since his arrival here has not disguised his sympathy for Germany and has entered into close relations with this legation. He is the only diplomat through which information from a hostile camp can be obtained. Moreover, he acts as intermediary for official diplomatic intercourse between this legation and your Excellency. In the course of this, he is obliged to go personally each time to the telegraph office, not seldom quite late at night, in order to hand in the telegrams.

"Herr Cronholm was formerly at Peking and at Tokio and was responsible for the preliminary arrangements which are to be made for the representation of his country in each case. Before he came out here he had been in charge of the consulate general at Hamburg. Herr Cronholm has not got a Swedish, but only a Chinese order at present. I venture to submit to your Excellency the advisability of laying before His Majesty, the Emperor, the name of Herr Cronholm, with a view to the order of the second-class being bestowed upon him.

"It would perhaps be desirable in order not to excite the enemy's suspicion, to treat with secrecy the matter of the issue of the patents until the end of the war, should the decision be favorable to my suggestion. This would mean that the matter would be communicated to no one but the recipient and his government, and even to them only under the seal of secrecy; while the publication of the bestowal of the decoration would be postponed until the end of the war.

"I should be particularly grateful to your Excellency if I could be furnished with telegraphic news of the bestowal of the decoration which I

strongly recommend in view of the circumstances detailed above.

"Von Eckhardt."

This exposure on top of the exposure of machinations in Argentina does not look well for Sweden's neutrality.

A GREAT MERCHANT MARINE.

The transcendent need of the time is a great merchant marine. Our country has been so busy since the Civil War in developing railroad transportation and the interior of the country that the importance of an adequate United States merchant marine has been overshadowed and our shipping allowed to fall into foreign hands. The demands of the war with Germany is awaking America to the gigantic error of not fostering our own merchant marine. The effect of the shortage in transportation is greatly injurious to the producers of cotton and now that our armies, with necessary supplies and equipment, must be transported in vast proportions, the crying need is for ships, more ships. Out of this need will finally come the great merchant marine which will place America in the front rank in ocean commerce. The government now has a thousand ships under construction and far reaching plans are maturing for the training of officers and seamen. After the war the United States will no doubt conduct ocean commerce in her own ships. In the mean time the crisis calls for all the skill, energy and speed that the country can command to meet the demands of war transportation.

TEARS.

If every wish were granted,
 If every hope came true,
 If every seed we planted
 A lovely blossom grew,
 If every day were sunny
 And every one were wise,
 There'd be no sweet in honey,
 There'd be no joys to prize.

If we knew that tomorrow
 Would be just like today,
 With not one touch of sorrow,
 No care to spoil our play,
 No doubt and no misgiving,
 No heartaches and no fears,
 Then vain were all our living,
 We'd crave the joy of tears.

We'd sigh for sacred sorrow,
 We'd long to feel the rain,
 And we should yearn to borrow
 The blessedness of pain.
 For more than all the pleasure
 That came and quickly fled
 Adown the years we treasure
 The tears that we have shed.
 —Detroit Free Press.

SMILES.

Horse would Impede Flight.
 "What branch of the service are you going to be in?" asked a York man Saturday of a negro who has been accepted by the selective board for the army.

"Splain dat, Boss," was the answer, "I don't 'xactly onderstand you.

"Will you be in the infantry, where they walk, or in the cavalry where they ride?"

"Dey ain't tol' me yet but I don't want in dat cav'ry. I don't want to be bothered wid a horse when I starts to retreat."—Exchange.

What She Should Have Asked For.
 The college girl was spending the summer visiting her old aunt in the country, and had been amazed to find that she could get almost anything at the county general store. Anxious to make the clerk admit that there was something that he didn't have she approached him one day and asked him for a copy of Browning. The young man pursued his lips and said he'd see; but after a short, hard search he returned. "I'm sorry, miss," he said; "we have blacking and whitening and bluing, but no 'browning.'"

Filled with delight the young woman rushed home and told the joke to her aunt. But the old lady only looked at her in mild disapproval. "My dear," she said, "you should have asked him for varnish in the first place."—Jack o' Lantern.

No Danger.

Pearson's Weekly.
 A few days ago a well dressed and very charming young lady hailed a four-wheeler, there being no taxi in sight. Just as she was getting in she noticed that the horse seemed inclined to be frisky. He was jumping about and swish-

ing his tail in a way that alarmed her; she was a timid little thing.

So she addressed a few words to the ancient Jehu:

"I hope," she said, smiling bravely, "that you will not run away with me."

The cabby sighed mournfully. "No, mum," he replied, "I have a wife and seven kids at 'ome already!"

Discouraging.

Everybody's Magazine.
 An old farmer, driving near a golf course, stopped to watch the game. "What's that?" he demanded curiously. "Golf," was the reply. "Want to try your hand, uncle?" "Don't mind if I do," declared the farmer, climbing down. The players gave him a few points and finally one pointed a flag on a hill 250 yards away. "At the foot of that pole," he said, "is a little hole. The object is to put this ball in the hole with the smallest number of strokes." The farmer took the club, sighted for some time, and then let go a whale of a stroke. The ball soared with a mighty swish. It fell

short, bounced, rolled and wound up a hand's breadth from the objective—a phenomenal shot that made the experienced players gasp. "By George, I missed it!" the farmer exclaimed.

BOY AT FORT MILL SHOOT HIS SISTER

Accidental Discharge of Shotgun By Eight Year Old Child Costs Little Girl's Life.

Fort Mill, Sept. 12.—Frank Stamper, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stamper, who lives on the plantation of Dr. T. S. Kirkpatrick about two miles from Fort Mill, accidentally shot and almost instantly killed his sister, Flora Stamper, aged about 12 years, the accident happening about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. It appears that the boy was trying to breach the gun to unload it when the weapon discharged, the charge entering the body of the girl. Coroner J. H. McManus came over from Rock Hill at noon and empaneled a jury whose verdict was in accordance with the facts given herewith.

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