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Friday, Oct. 12, 1917.

No, no, Geraldine, the fact that you bought a Liberty Bond in the first issue will not bar you from participation now.

Our idea of the meanest man is the one who will charge more than a reasonable profit on what he sells to the soldiers.

And yet, even the Senate investigates La Follette, judging from results of investigations in the past, that gentleman has little to fear.

It really means that if you will not voluntarily save food in every conceivable manner, your uncle Samuel is going to make you do it.

If it finds it possible to collect the three million inheritance tax, the State of Kentucky will at least be glad that Mrs. Bingham once lived there.

Of course, the fact of Charlotte being but twenty miles or thereabouts from Concord gave the former city some notoriety when Means got in the papers.

We admit profound ignorance as to the actual guilt of Mr. La Follette, but if he is guilty of uttering treasonable words, we know what ought to be coming to him.

President Wilson has declared that nothing short of complete victory over Germany will suffice, and in this President Wilson as in many, many other things, is right.

That press dispatch from Oklahoma relating whereas wheat is being fed to livestock has perhaps already received the attention of one Hub Hoover, who will be interested.

It has been said that Mrs. Verno Castle is the best dressed woman on the stage, and a reprehensible acquaintance is inclined to think that the word "least" should be inserted instead of "best."

The buying of Liberty Bonds is one thing in which speed limits are forgotten; in fact, officials of the treasury department say that a little speed right now is the thing most wanted.

Columbia club women have dispensed with elaborate refreshments at their meetings in an effort to conserve the food supply, but who knows but that that will eliminate all the competition.

The Columbia States remarks: "In choosing a wife select the girl who can manage with the smallest food budget and not the one who can do with the minimum of clothes," the which being referred herewith without recourse to the editor of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

BUY A BOND.

It is not only a voluntary act of patriotism but a duty owed to the government to buy a Liberty Bond. The troops which go from this country to the battle fronts of Europe go to fight a battle for all of us, and those who remain at home can in no better way show their appreciation of that fact than by buying bonds and helping the government finance the war. It is by no means a question of expense, either, but a safe investment with dividends sure.

The issue must be successful and will be successful and no one should delay purchasing the bonds for any reason. If over-subscribed and before the end of the time set for the campaign, as was the first issue, so much the better. That would be a demonstration of the fact that the people of this nation are behind the administration, which is desired, and which is true.

South Carolina's allotment of the present issue is \$15,000,000, and Lancaster county will measure up to expectations in taking care of its share, which is \$232,080. This amount has been allotted to the banks of Lancaster county and their customers, and while it is by no means an easy task, the banks feel that the farmers and the townfolk will measure up to all expectations as they did in the first issue.

STILL THE LIQUOR PROBLEM.

Spartanburg was treated to some serious consequences of the violation of the liquor laws Sunday night when a member of the military police was shot down by an alleged violator and in turn, after falling to the ground, shot five times at his assailant, every shot taking effect. The soldier was not badly injured, but the suspected "tiger" is expected to die.

It has been ever thus. Many people have doubted the wisdom of the prohibition laws on the ground that they cannot be enforced. However, that has not been the case, and the law has been enforced with perhaps as few violations as any other law. The law against murder is constantly violated; that against theft and arson is violated, and the prohibition law will be violated. But this will not affect the sentiment that is strongly against liquor and prohibition is here to stay.

ABOUT ROADS.

"If there is one thing the Observer loves to talk about," says the Charlotte Observer, "more than another, it is 'roads.'"

And the most of us are to be found in the same list. In fact, there are few people nowadays not affected, in one way or another by good or bad roads. Those who do not travel in high-powered automobiles, in many instances, use the roads in other ways, and practically all people are benefitted by good roads.

The Observer says that road talk and road building have become the popular fad in North Carolina and that there is now more permanent road construction under way or being arranged for in that State than in any other Southern commonwealth. That is an accomplishment, perhaps, of which the people may justly be proud, and yet, by lack of proper provision for maintenance, more money has been wasted on roads in the South than on any other one item. Not alone in North Carolina, but in other States.

We take it for granted that Davidson county has the best roads in North Carolina, although we can remember when Mecklenburg county claimed that distinction. These roads came about through a special act of the legislature, gotten through, we have been told in a rather shady fashion, authorizing

the issuance of \$300,000 of bonds for road building without submitting the proposition to a vote of the people. The people of that county, having been given good roads, however, we believe they are now willing to forgive Varner and the other movers in the movement for the legislative act and are forgetting that the bill passed under a title "Creating a board of road commissioners for Davidson county."

Good roads have come to be a necessity and the better the roads, the more benefit to the people, and the Observer remarks that what it places the greatest dependence on is the evident prevalence of the county spirit of competition. One county will build a good road and the adjoining county will set about building a finer road. This spirit in the end will doubtless result in good roads all about, and the sooner permanency is made the foundation of roads in the South, the sooner will we save money on road construction.

FROM OTHER PENS. The Wild Woman.

Occoquan workhouse has been very much in the limelight lately. A few days ago a Russian woman appealed to her ambassador in behalf of her sister who was detained there for picketing. The hardships and neglect to which the girl had been exposed were in her opinion far worse than anything she would have been called upon to endure in Russia.

Eighteen women of the suffrage party are now being held on a charge of rioting and mutiny against the officials of the same institution. According to the latter the women have behaved very, very badly, in a most uncivilized and unladylike manner. Superintendent Tweedale is the principal plaintiff. Against him, three guards, the matron and divers colored women from the kitchen, they waged bloody war in the attempt to prevent the removal of their leader, Mrs. Johns, whom he, in the kindness of his heart was bent upon placing safely in a hospital where she would have received the attention that she sorely needed.

The eighteen women on their part made the following statement:

First. That Mrs. Johns, who had been hurt, was, they believed, about to be placed in duress upon bread and water.

Second. That when she had previously been ill and had demanded her own doctor, he had been refused her.

Third. That the information had been refused her whether she was within her rights in asking for him.

Fourth. That when they had asked Mr. Tweedale where he was taking their friend, he had replied that it was none of their business.

Fifth. That he had incited the negro women to a race riot against them.

Then they had proceeded to rescue their comrade just as a lot of high-spirited men might have done. A few words of explanation was all they required but they never got them.

We may not be ready to give our entire sympathy and our reputation for sweet reasonableness to the cause of votes for women. We believe that, for the space of the war at least, women may well refrain from annoying a heavily burdened government with their clamor. We think the pavement of the White House, under a banner bearing a strange device, no place for a nice young woman. We prefer visualizing them at home rather than in Occoquan. And yet—

Doesn't that, "none of your business," sound convincing?—Columbia State.

Approaching the End.

At any rate, the belated determination of the British to retaliate in kind for the raids against London throws down one of the last remaining restraints upon warfare, voluntarily imposed by the British as an assertion of moral superiority over the Germans. In a sense it marks a fraying of moral fibre, an approach of extremities of rage and to that extent a further indication of the coming collapse of the whole horrible business, for the farther this sort of thing goes, the sooner and the surer will reaction set in and the fatuity of force as a convincing element be realized. The realization will come first, too, to Germany.—Charleston Post.

Names of State Towns.

To the Editor of The State:

I like very much editorials of the kind you write in The Sunday State. You cover a variety of subjects and none are trite and commonplace. In today's State in the editorial under the caption, "South Carolina Map Study," in the last paragraph you say: "Of names borrowed from modern cities of the world South Carolina has a good number. It may boast its Moscow, Camden, Florence, etc." In this you are in error for the city of Camden was named in honor of Lord Camden, whom the Colonials regarded very highly, and the city of Florence was named for Miss Florence Harlee, a daughter of General Harlee. Miss Florence Harlee is now living in the city of Florence.

B. F. Pegues.

Cheraw, Oct. 7.

The State would have been more accurate had it said that South Carolina has a good number of names of towns identical with those of European cities. It was not intended to convey the notion that these names were taken directly from European cities. For instance, South Carolina towns could be mentioned which were named for other American towns and they in turn were named for European cities. The counties and towns of York, Lancaster and Chester were in large part settled by immigrants from the colony of Pennsylvania, where those names had already been given to towns or districts. The point which the State wished to emphasize was the general one that these names were of European origin. Camden, N. J., is a much older settlement than Camden, S. C., but the name "Camden" was given to it later. Both towns were named in honor of Lord Chancellor Camden.—Columbia State.

Forcing Economy.

The government evidently intends that the people of this country are going to practice economy whether they care to do so or not. The next war tax measure provides for such taxation of luxuries and things people are not forced to have that soon it will be out of the question for any one worth less than a million dollars to buy a plate of ice cream or take a soft drink.

Dealers in these articles say that all present indications point to drinks increasing to ten cents per glass and when that happens the business at the average soda fountain is going to be cut in half or more. Uncle Sam evidently knows that he can make the people of this country be economical if they will not do it of their own free will.—Spartanburg Journal.

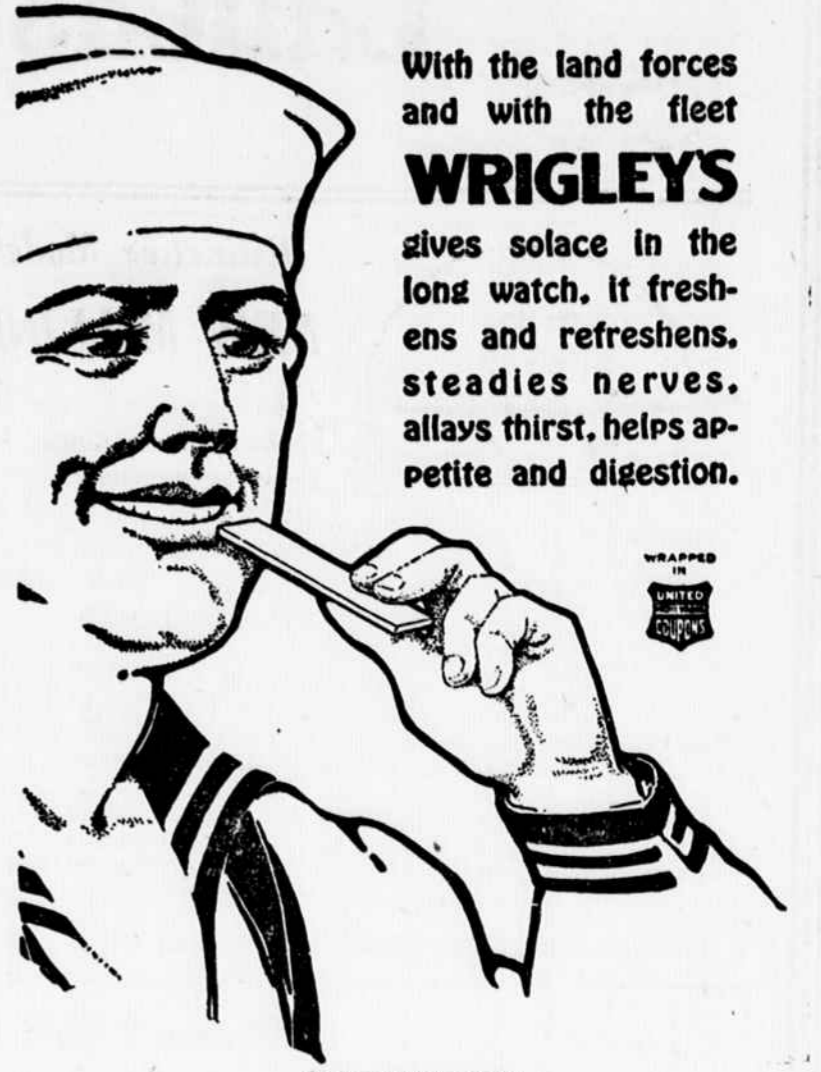
German Intrigue in Japan.

"We shudder to look around us at the menace we so narrowly escaped."

The words are those of Viscount Ishii, of the Japanese mission to the United States. He was speaking of the long-continued German intrigue to foment ill feeling between his country and ours with a view to provoking them to war. Long before the outbreak of the present world-struggle Germany was seeking to poison the Japanese mind against America, and the American mind against Japan. Pretending to be the friend of both, she tried by all the means known to her unscrupulous diplomacy to align them against each other. In the light of Viscount Ishii's disclosures, many things once perplexing and disquieting to Washington and to Tokio stand out as so many transparent webs of the Kaiser's chicanery.

We are dumbfounded at the revelation of the Zimmermann plot to league Japan with Mexico for a Prussian-piloted invasion of the United States. But that was no means the first scheme of the kind. For years and years, as it now turns out, the Kaiser's agents carried on the malicious propaganda by which he hoped to make deadly foes of nations that should be trusting friends. As he plotted with the Russian Czar to isolate and destroy England, as he plotted with the Turk to dominate the Levant and the lands beyond, as he plotted to secure the Danish West Indies for a naval base and to lay the foundation of a future German empire in South America, as he plotted in every country and against almost every people of the wide world, so he plotted against the United States. Not until his perfidious regime is crushed and blotted out will the nations be secure either within themselves or in their interrelations.—Atlanta Journal.

WRIGLEYS



With the land forces and with the fleet WRIGLEYS gives solace in the long watch. It freshens and refreshes, steadies nerves, allays thirst, helps appetite and digestion.

"After every meal"

The Flavor Lasts



HON. ZEB V. LONG SPEAKS Meeting Last Night of District Junior Order. The District Council Junior Order United American Mechanics held a grand public rally last night in the Junior Order building over the post-office. The Order is composed of the counties of Chester and Lancaster. The Junior Order here is one of the largest in the State, and is still increasing its membership. Messrs. J. S. Wilson, W. F. Estridge and J. H. Hammel of Kershaw, have put forth their active efforts to make this the largest Junior Order in the State. The meeting closed last night and it was the best and most pleasant rally that the Junior Order has had in Lancaster. Wilson, followed by Hon. Zeb V. Long of Statesville, N. C., a prominent member of the Junior Order and one of the best orators of the State of North Carolina. The meeting commenced at 8 o'clock by Hon. R. S. Stewart who is a popular orator, delivering an address and introduced the main speaker of the evening, Mr. J. S.

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