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Friday, Dec. 7, 1917.

**SENTENCE SERMONS.**

It is in the silence that follows the storm, and not in the silence before it, that we search for the budding flower.—Maeterlinck.

The small man with large authority was ever a source of confusion and is frequently the source of calamity to others.—Sir Richard Cooke.

Better a wrong will than a wavering; better a steadfast enemy than an uncertain friend; better a false belief than no belief at all.—George Effot.

The wounds I might have healed; The human sorrow and smart; And yet it never was in my soul To play so ill a part; But evil is wrought by want of thought, As well as want of heart! —Hood.

**EDITORIALETTES.**

Like many others, Congressman Dominick has seen the folly of his way.

President Wilson merely means that when we quit Germany will be beaten.

Have you contributed yet to the "Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund?"

We have Woodrow Wilson's word for it as to when the war will end—when that for which we are fighting is accomplished.

"It now turns out that Woodrow Wilson's initials stand for 'Win War,'" says the News and Courier, of Charleston. And Win it Well.

"Every soldier who left the United States arrived in France in safety." And yet there were some who treated it as a joke when Jo Daniels was made secretary of the navy.

We don't believe there is a man in the United States who honestly believes we ought to have staid out of the war, and believing as we do, we fail to understand Mr. LaFollette.

General Pershing says "Germany can be beaten, Germany must be beaten and Germany will be beaten," and we doubt not that General Pershing will live to say: Germany has been beaten.

If congress should pass the nationwide prohibition amendment and the nation-wide suffrage amendment and then "concentrate" on war legislation before the holidays, there would be no time lost.

There's not much money in the business of being United States senator after all. Senator Overman, of North Carolina, found the other day that it would cost him \$650 per month to live at his customary hotel. His salary is \$625 per month.

**MUNICIPAL COAL YARD?**

The mayor is getting in coal into the municipal coal yard.

The News has had a deal to say recently about the fuel shortage over the country, and its probable effect upon Lancaster, without definite knowledge of the supply of coal and wood hereabouts. The News has insisted that other sections of the country have already felt the pangs of a fuel shortage and that it might come home to us. Some towns have had to close the schools owing to the scarcity of fuel with which to heat the buildings. We did not want this condition to be visited upon Lancaster. Neither did the mayor, and he tells us now that the town of Lancaster has ten carloads of coal on the way to the "municipal coal yard," to be used in emergency cases. Or, in other words, to be sold to those who need coal and cannot buy it elsewhere.

The fuel shortage has not been felt in this city but "not knowing what the day may bring forth" and profiting by the experience of other towns where it has been felt and felt severely, the mayor has reached into the future and provided against "the rainy day." The rainy day is more than likely to come when the cold weather begins, but there will be coal and maybe wood in the "municipal coal and wood yard." Optimism over this getting in of coal and wood into the "municipal coal and wood yard" should not lead us into the belief, however, that there is now sufficient coal and wood in the "municipal coal and wood yard" to tide us over the winter, if the weather should be cold and severe.

**WAR WITH AUSTRIA.**

Declaration of war against Austria by the United States is recommended by President Wilson in order to more effectually strike at the head and front of the Teuton offending. Austria, in a measure, is already an enemy nation, in that it is a vassally of Germany. The declaration will serve to put an end to the activities of Austrian and German spies in this country. The United States did not declare war against the allies of Germany when the declaration against Germany was made, but being allies of Germany placed them in the position of fighting this country, and therefore a state of war has practically existed for many months.

The proposed declaration against Austria-Hungary will make necessary no readjustment of American plans and involves little change in affairs between the United States and the dual monarchy. "There has been no outstanding 'over act' on the part of Austria," we are told in a dispatch from Washington, "there have been rather a series of acts short of being classed as cause for war." In the case of the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, it appeared that the U-boats were Austrian but manned by Germans acting under German orders, but responsibility for the destruction of the ship has never been definitely established. There are numerous other cases, similar in some degree, showing that Austria has really been waging war upon the United States. In fact, the first attack on an American ship was that upon the American steamer Petrolite, which was fired upon by an Austrian submarine. A member of the crew was killed, supplies taken off and the master held as hostage on the submarine. An American steamer, the Schuykill, was sunk last week and it is believed to have been sent down by an Austrian submarine, but there is no absolute proof.

"Quite aside from the question of 'overt acts,' however," says the statement from Washington, "the principal consideration of the government in deciding on war with Austria-Hungary is the nature of the alliance between Austria and Germany which made it anomalous to war with the latter and not to the

former. Difficulty piled upon difficulty, and, much as he hoped to avoid it, the president was forced to realize that Austria was being used by Germany in the United States as an active enemy, and that nothing less than a declaration of war would clear the situation and leave the government perfectly free to carry on the war with Germany in the most effective manner."

**THE 1917 DESIGN RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEAL.**



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The seals cost one cent each. The money goes to fight tuberculosis in your community and to protect you and your family against this disease.

You must buy three times as many this year.

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Help provide proper care for these boys and protection for your community against the spread of the disease.

The school children are asked to help in the sale of the seals and three prizes will be given to those selling the greatest number. These children are asked to get the seals at the residence of Mrs. A. G. Ellison any day before three p. m.

**OFFERS MADE THE BALKAN STATES BY THE ENTENTE**

London, Dec. 3.—Details of a series of documents published by the Bolshevik government relating to successive concessions offered to Greece for the purpose of inducing her to assist Serbia are sent by the Petrograd correspondent of the Times. These include an offer of southern Albania, excepting Alvona; an offer of territory in Asia Minor and other offers at the expense of Turkey. These all came to nothing for various reasons.

One document, it is added, deals with a proposal to hand over Kavala to Bulgaria if Bulgaria joined the entente allies. Another concerns Great Britain's offer of the Island of Cyprus to Greece, which lapsed owing to the refusal of Greece to help Serbia.

**Astronomically Speaking.**

You can't dance de stars to bed an' foller de sun 'round de daytime.—Atlanta Constitution.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all dealers in medicine.—Adv.

**EXECUTOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the last will and testament of J. C. Bowling, deceased, a copy of which will be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Probate Court of Lancaster county, South Carolina, I, the executor of said last will and testament, and in compliance with the terms of same, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Lancaster, South Carolina, at 12 m. on January 10th, 1918, the following tract of land lying and being in Pleasant Hill township, Lancaster county, South Carolina, containing 108 1-4 acres, more or less, and bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north by the lands of J. C. Williams, on the east by the lands of J. A. Bridges, on the south by lands belonging, or formerly belonging to Mrs. Alice Horton and lands of W. J. Hammond, and on the west by lands of J. C. Williams. For a more complete description of said land, reference may be had to a deed of same from Robert B. Mackey to H. E. Williams, of date September 19th, 1905, and recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Lancaster county, in Deed Book "O," page 229, and reference may also be had to deed of said land recorded in said office in Deed Book "O," page 544. This the 5th day of December, 1917.

C. C. COBB,  
Shelby, N. C.

Executor of the will of J. C. Bowling, deceased.  
It-a-week—4t—Fridays.

**GERMANS SEEKING DECISIVE BATTLE ON WEST FRONT**

(Continued from Page 1.)

forces, rapidly reformed their cadres, and backed by the allies, were able, single-handed, to check the Austro-German invasion.

"It would be futile to underestimate the great losses, both of men and material, suffered by the Italians. These losses should serve to set forth in bolder relief the heroic efforts of these elements of the armies which were able to thwart the plans of the central empire.

"The closing of the Swiss frontier for two weeks may indicate that the enemy is transporting large forces, both men and guns, to the west.

"The enemy is constantly detaching large contingents from the eastern theater. All good troops which can possibly be spared are being despatched to other zones of operations.

"So that, though the season is not propitious for engaging in military enterprises on a large scale, yet owing to the imperative necessity for a continuance of this mobility, further offensives are to be anticipated.

"On the other hand, the allies will give the enemy no respite and any offensive undertaken by the Germans will be promptly met by a counter-stroke of greater severity." After discussing the situation on the various fronts the review concludes:

"In the Palestine theater of operations, the rapid advance of the British on Jerusalem, after the fall of Jaffa has been temporarily retarded. The resistance of the Turkish forces has considerably increased, and the necessity of bringing up further reinforcements and material has caused delay in the offensive operations."

**POLITICAL ADVERTISING.**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Mayor of the Town of Lancaster.

R. S. STEWART.

**FOR MAYOR**  
C. D. Jones.

**FOR ALDERMEN**  
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A. J. Gregory,  
John M. Madra,  
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**LOOKING BACKWARD**

**TEN YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

(From the Files of This Paper December 7, 1907.)

Mrs. W. C. Thomson gave a charming reception yesterday afternoon, between four and six o'clock, at the elegant Thomson home in East End, complimentary to her son's attractive bride, Mrs. W. R. Thomson.

Still selling sugar 20 lbs. for \$1.00. J. B. Mackorell.

The Methodist conference which has been in session at Gaffney for several days adjourned Monday night. The appointments for Lancaster are as follows: Lancaster, W. A. Fairley; Lancaster circuit, W. C. Wynne; Lancaster and Chester mills, F. E. Hodges; East Lancaster, E. M. McKisick.

Mr. P. A. Plyler killed a hog a day or two ago that weighed 580 pounds. It was 12 or 13 months old, and was purchased when a pig from Mr. W. B. Plyler.

Cotton 11 1-4 cents; seed 18 cents.

About two inches of snow fell here Wednesday afternoon. It was followed Thursday morning by the coldest wave of the season.

This community was greatly shocked and grieved when it became generally known Wednesday afternoon that Capt. John H. Fitzpatrick, of Washington, Ga., a former highly esteemed and popular citizen of the town, who was here on a visit, had suddenly passed away. His death occurred about 12 o'clock Wednesday, at the residence of Mr. L. S. Elliott, where he had gone Monday evening.

Miss Connie Witherspoon, after spending the holidays last week with her brother, Mr. M. Witherspoon and family, returned Monday to McConnsville, where she is teaching.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO THIS MONTH**

(From the Files of This Paper December 7, 1892.)

Mr. W. J. Cunningham has sold his residence on Elm street and moved to his farm near town.

Monday (salesday) brought the largest crowd to town that we have seen in a long time.

O. W. Buchannan, who was last summer a candidate for solicitor of this circuit, has been appointed assistant attorney general.

Jones X Roads Alliance met last Saturday, reorganized, and elected J. W. Williams president, and G. W. Jones, secretary. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, the 19th inst.

A divorce bill has been introduced in the legislature—also a bill to require a marriage license.

Rev. H. F. Creitzburg well known in this community, has been transferred to the Western North Carolina conference, and placed in charge of the Central church in Asheville, N. C.

Another curiosity has been added to our museum, in the way of a pair of Jack Rabbit ears. They were brought from Houston county, Tex., by Mr. D. M. Sims. They measure six inches long.

T. F. McDow, Esq., and his friend, Mr. Brice, both of the Yorkville bar, were in town last week.

Heath Springs item: The people of our town have spoken, and the verdict is "No license," by a vote of 23 to 10.

The "Reformers" yesterday reformed themselves in one particular. The \$500 platform that they had inaugurated as a means of gubernatorial inauguration was dispensed with, and the "reform" governor took the oath of office as the governors before him have been accustomed to do.

**WILL YOU BE ONE?**

Thousands of thoughtless people neglect colds every winter. A cough follows; they get rundown—then stubborn sickness sets in. Sickness can be prevented easier than it can be cured and if you will give your system the benefit of a few bottles of

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**"Doughnuts"**  
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