

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Rob Johnson and little Miss Elizabeth Fowler of Charlotte spent Lee's birthday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson.

Mr. F. H. Benson, and Miss Velma Dunnington, of Augusta, Ga., were visitors last week at the home of Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Benson.

Mrs. James L. Brasington was in town last week. She has been in Richmond, Va., for several months past, but claims Camden as her home.

Mr. A. J. Bobolsky, of Columbia, representing the A. J. Bob Sanitary Spray Company has been in Camden this week taking orders for his goods.

Mr. Alex Baker, who has been making his home in Camden for a number of years and who has been a salesman at the Schlossburg store left Monday for Charleston where he will reside in the future.

George L. Adams, proprietor of the St. George Hotel in Columbia was convicted in Federal Court Thursday on the charge of operating a bawdy house and sentenced to serve 12 months in the Federal prison in Atlanta and pay a fine of \$300.

The Italian wheat crop for 1917 was 30 per cent below the average.

The 16 cantonments built for the training of soldiers cost \$134,000,000, with a net profit to contractors of 2.98 per cent.

Government estimates of the production of petroleum in the United States in 1917 place it at nearly 14 per cent greater than any previous year.

E. A. Ivester of Great Falls, engaged in the transfer business was shot and instantly killed Tuesday by Max Giles, a mill operative. Giles is in Chester jail and claims self defense.

Haiti has forbidden the export of foodstuffs to countries at war with the United States and countries associated with them in the war.

ALBANIANS ARE ODD PEOPLE

Some of Them Are Highly Civilized, But as a Body They Will Have Nothing of Progress.

As a matter of fact, Albania is a network of mountain tribes under hereditary chieftains, each of whom is independent of the rest and of all the world, and they do not want any other form of institutions. Any general government they regard as a limitation of their immemorial freedom. They are natural fighters, and esteem no privilege higher than the privilege of warfare among themselves, tribe against tribe. They are of several faiths and churches—Moslem, Catholic, Orthodox Greek, Moslems with Christian customs and Christians with Moslem customs, and in some tribes, in the same family, the boys are brought up as Moslems and the girls as Christians. With these people religion is a mere incident. The main thing is to be let alone. Only in this disposition and in their language are they united.

Yet these picturesque and free-spirited barbarians are the oldest, purest and probably the handsomest representatives of our race. In lineage they are the Aryan aristocracy of Europe. Ardent tribesmen, most dignified shepherds, devoted mountaineers, they nevertheless wander over the earth; and many of them are engaged today in blacking boots in Boston, New York and Chicago. Individually capable of civilization and education, well endowed with brains, their native preference for the wild nationless life of their mountain home suggests a doubt whether they have not after all the right idea of life—whether the rest of us, in modifying the purity of the blood which these rude Skipetars have maintained so nobly, have not degenerated instead of risen, says the Boston Transcript. Why else, a curious mind might ask, should the Albanians placed in the most beautiful nook of Europe, facing the Adriatic sea, poised between Rome and Constantinople and Athens, have remained illiterate barbarians through all the centuries, never Hellenized, never Latinized, while at the same time they preserved some of the noblest characteristics and virtues of the race? Isolated they have been, and very much civilized some of their members have become. But of progress they will have nothing.

Consolation.

When one is filled with ills and groans, when one has cares and aching bones, when every scene presents to view but woes and bills far overdue, in short when all the world's a place of fretfulness and sorry case, then what a solace one can find if he will only call to mind the words that someone used to say, "This too will only pass away!" They seem to have the proper ring, a heap of comfort they can bring and when the day is drab and drear they somehow seem to please the ear; when in a wretched circumstance they may not make you sing and dance, they may not fill you full of glee and make you joyful as can be, they may not seldom fail to please. So when you have no shirts to wear or when you're losing all your hair or when you're filled with aches and moans or when you can't collect from Jones, when you are weak with toothache's ills and when you cannot meet your bills, when all the weary world's askew and you, in short, are really blue, here is the little piece to say: "This too will soon pass away."—Illinois State Register.

A Frequent Result.

"Ah, Mr. Howkins," said Brown to a wealthy merchant, "I believe a poor boy named Wilks sought your assistance twenty years ago and you were very kind to him! You gave him food and sound advice, a suit of clothes and a half dollar, and dispatched him on his way rejoicing. He told you at the time that you never would regret your kindness. Am I right?" "Yes, you are," replied Mr. Howkins. "He said," Brown went on, "that if he prospered he would see that you never had occasion to regret your kindness to a poor struggling lad." "Gracious!" exclaimed Mr. Howkins. "It sounds like a fairy tale! Why, you must have seen him!" "I have," said Brown, "and he sent a message to you." "What is it?" Mr. Howkins asked expectantly. "He told me to tell you that he would like another half dollar," replied Brown.

Another Extremist.

The business politicians were discussing the uplift.

"How does Jones stand politically?" asked one.

"Oh!" exclaimed the other. "He's impossible!"

"How is he impossible?"

"Why, the man's a howling radical; he's practically an anarchist."

"I heard that he advocated the public ownership of public utilities, but I didn't understand that."

"Public ownership? He's daft about it. Why, the man even believes in the public ownership of legislatures!"—Baltimore Sun.

Wonderful!

"Smith is a remarkable man," said Brown.

"What is so remarkable about him?" asked Jones.

"Why, he can sing the whole of the 'Star-Spangled Banner' from memory," replied Brown.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Prospects Good.

Creditor—I shall call upon you every week until this bill is paid!

Hardly—Then there seems to be every probability of our acquaintance ripening into friendship.—Puck.

REFUTES CHARGES

President Denounces Senator Chamberlain's Criticism as False.

Washington, Jan. 21.—President Wilson's statement denouncing Senator Chamberlain's criticism made in his New York speech on the conduct of the war follows:

"When the President's attention was called to the speech made by Senator Chamberlain at a luncheon in New York Saturday he immediately inquired of Senator Chamberlain whether he had seen correctly reported, and upon ascertaining from the Senator that he had been, the President felt it his duty to make the following statement:

"Senator Chamberlain's statement as to the present inaction and ineffectiveness of the government is an astonishing and absolutely unjustifiable distortion of the truth. As a matter of fact, the War Department has performed a task of unparalleled magnitude and difficulty with extraordinary promptness and efficiency. There have been delays and disappointments and partial miscarriages of plans, all of which have been drawn into the foreground and exaggerated by the investigations which have been in progress since the Congress assembled—investigations which drew indispensable officials of the department constantly away from their work and officers from their commands and contributed a great deal to such delays and confusion as had inevitably arisen. But by comparison with what has been accomplished these things, such as they were to be regretted, were insignificant and no mistake has been made which has been repeated.

"Nothing helpful or likely to speed or facilitate the war tasks of the Government have come out of such criticism and investigation. I understand that reorganizations by legislation are to be proposed—I have not been consulted about them and have learned of them only at second hand—but their proposal came after effective measures of reorganization had been thoughtfully and maturely perfected and inasmuch as these measures have been the result of experience, they are much more likely than the other to be effective if the Congress will but remove the few statutory obstacles of rigid departmental organization, which stand in their way.

"The legislative proposals which I have heard of would involve long additional delays and turn our experience into mere lost motion. My associations and constant conference with the Secretary of War have taught me to regard him as one of the ablest public officials I have ever known. The country will soon learn whether he or his critics understand the business in hand.

"To add, as Senator Chamberlain did that there is inefficiency in every department and bureau of the government is to show such ignorance of actual conditions as to make it impossible to attach any importance to his statement. I am bound to infer that that statement sprang out of opposition to the administration's whole policy rather than out of any serious intention to reform its practice."

John J. Earle, a prominent attorney and referee in bankruptcy, of Columbia, has gone to France to serve in the Red Cross. Mr. Earle volunteered with the stipulation that he pay his own expenses and that he be sent to France.

Stockton News Notes.

Boykin, S. C., Jan. 25.—Mr. Isaac Owens of DeKalb spent the week end with his sister Mrs. E. C. Pearce.

Mr. E. M. Workman spent a few days last week in Laurens, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Folsom of Hartsville spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Jes Sowell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Galloway spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jes Sowell.

Mr. Will Tiller and Miss Mimms of Chesterfield visited Mr. Tiller's sister Mrs. B. M. Pearce one day last week.

Mr. Fred Galloway of Hartsville spent Sunday night with his uncle Mr. C. V. Galloway.

Mr. Ebby Gillis of Manning visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Gillis one day last week.

Waterloo Mill Village Notes.

Although the mill shut down for five days last week, and week before by orders of the fuel administration hands were given work daily. Taking advantage of the stoppage by cleaning the machinery.

Mill officials have purchased a new Republic truck for hauling purposes. We understand it is also to be used as a jitney Saturday afternoon from village to Main Street in Camden.

The water works are well under way to completion. This means that every home in the village will have water supply, doing away with pumps.

It is rumored that a modern hospital is to be erected soon, well equipped with every convenience. The old building will be used as dwellings.

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