

Humorous Department

A Fair Warning.—"Many a man goes to war without the slightest conception of what it really is," said a veteran of General Robert E. Lee's army...

Might Have Been Worse.—Former Governor Robert B. Glenn of North Carolina, when reference was made to the fact that everything has its bright side...

Wife Looked After Him.—Senator J. W. Weeks of Massachusetts, smiled the other evening when one of a party in a Boston club alluded to his wife...

Going to Headquarters.—Karl Fred Bondy answered the telephone. An excited woman was on the line, saying the New York Railway Employers' Magazine...

Is this the New York Railways? she asked. "Is the general manager there?" "This is his office, madam."

Work Not Necessary.—A family which had only recently come into great wealth, bought a huge country estate. One day at a reception the wife was telling of the new purchase...

Lieutenant Vs. Donkey.—The company marched so poorly and went through the drill so badly, says Tibbits, that the captain, who was of a somewhat excitable nature, shouted indignantly at the soldiers...

Didn't Like Balls.—"Did you ever go to a military ball?" asked a lispng maid of an army veteran. "No, my dear," growled the old soldier...

Believed in the Cop.—Miss—Well, cook, if you and the other maids are at all nervous of the Zepplins, you can have your beds removed into the basement...

TOLD BY LOCAL EXCHANGES

News Happenings in Neighboring Communities.

CONDENSED FOR QUICK READING

Dealing Mainly With Local Affairs of Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Lancaster and Chester. Rock Hill Record, July 22: It may interest the readers of the Record to learn that the editor of this paper left last night for Philadelphia where today he entered the German hospital for treatment with the hope of getting relief from a distressingly painful nervous affliction...

Gaffney Ledger, July 23: Mr. T. H. Westrop was operated on at the city hospital Wednesday for appendicitis. His condition yesterday was reported to be entirely satisfactory to attending physicians...

Lancaster News, July 23: Carl Bowers, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bowers of the Heath Springs section, died last Friday at the home of his parents and was buried next day at Beaver Creek church...

Chester Reporter, July 22: Mr. W. H. Hamilton of Edgemoor, N. C., was married to Miss Mary, of this city, who left Monday, the 5th, in their Ford car for Pellston, Mich., made the trip most successfully, arriving at their destination in eight days, without a single mishap, not even a puncture...

Fort Mill Times, July 22: Mr. J. F. Lytle, one of the town's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, has been seriously ill for several days at his home on East Booth street...

King's Mountain Herald, July 22: Nathaniel Gulton, a Confederate veteran and a soldier of the cross, died at his home near the Klotho mill Friday, July 16, at the age of 75 years. The remains were taken to Hopewell Baptist church near Blacksburg, Saturday and laid to rest in the cemetery nearby...

Gastonia Gazette, July 23: A Gastonia firm, the Cocker Machine & Foundry company, has been awarded a contract for the manufacture and delivery of 4,000 steel castings for five-inch shrapnel, the order being in the nature of a sub-contract...

COTTON BLOCKADES

Historic Incidents Connected With the "Prince of Commerce" and the Confederacy. When slaves dropped out of the ledgers of Liverpool merchants cotton came in. Perhaps somewhat leisurely at first, for the town had petitioned parliament that the abolition of the slave trade would "ruin" it, and there was naturally required a little time to recover from the shock of its own prediction not coming true...

Liverpool is pretty well built of cotton and cotton goes on extending it yet. At the time of the American Civil war, we were nearly all pro-Confederates and anti-Federals. We had let the Alabama slip out of the river, and, privately, were very proud of the fact. The Alabama always stuck loyally to Liverpool. We had built her here, and some of those who knocked rivets into her still remain. The gentleman who made the leather buckets for the powder she carried only died a few months before his young, and died at Llandudno. But his partner is still alive—looking annually a little younger but that the year before—and it is he who gave the writer a sketch of those days when cotton had its other blockade...

As before remarked, when the strife began we were optimistically Confederate. Magnates from the southern states constantly arrived here and, as some of them grew tobacco as well as cotton, spittoons were placed in exchange newsrooms for their convenience. Who remembers this fact? Tremendous operations—never equalled since—centered round the exchange. One day a broker coolly posted up a notice inside that he had settled £100,000 on his wife, having previously discharged all the debts he was aware of, but if anybody could prove that he owed them even a single copper he would settle on the spot...

Cotton was responsible for the most successful charity bazaar ever held. It was for the relief of Confederate sufferers interned in Federal prisons. It began at St. George's hall, Liverpool, on October 18, 1864, and was open for 2,640 minutes, during which time the young ladies at the stalls squeezed £4 per minute from those attending, while over £8 a minute was got from all sources combined. This is a world's record, as well as a Liverpool cotton one.—London Journal of Commerce.

THE BUG RIVER Is a Stream of Considerable Importance. The line of the Bug (pronounced bog), toward which the Russians are retreating and which they are determined to hold against the invading Teutonic forces, is a dividing line between what is now known as Russian Poland and the provinces of Russia proper, says the latest statement issued by the National Geographic society upon the war geography of Europe. The country traversed by the river Bug offers many advantages for obstinate defense. Along much of its course the river's banks are very difficult, and the country beside for long stretches is heavily wooded. Extremely bad roads, and lake, pond and marsh by the way add to labors of military advances here...

This river forms one of the strongest lines of defense in the west of the Russian empire. A network of feeding lines are laid to pour men and munitions into any sector of this line from any interior point in the empire. From Petrograd to Odessa, railways converge upon the river Bug. Furthermore, the river line is paralleled along its entire Russian Poland course—just as German's eastern frontier is paralleled by a railroad, passing from the fortress in the north, Oswiec, through Brest-Litovsk, Bjalak, the fortress at Brest-Litovsk, Kovel, to Vladimir Volynsk. In the south, just beyond the Galician railways, another branch of this railway runs, from Brest-Litovsk, close beside the river, finally crossing the Bug and terminating at Kholm...

The Bug rises in Galicia, about 50 miles east of Lemberg; flows west to Kamionka Busk, about 28 miles east-northeast of Lemberg, and then turns north-northwest to the Russian border. In Russia, for a great part of its course, it flows north along the eastern borders of Poland. Northeast of Warsaw, it leaves the Polish border, turns west, and joins the Vistula river, the powerful fortress of Novo Georgievsk. To its junction with the Vistula, the Bug travels 450 miles, more than 300 miles of which are navigable. From Brest-Litovsk, it is navigable for large river boats, while above the fortress it is navigated by barges and rafts. In peace times, a considerable traffic is carried on upon the Bug. It is a very important factor in the Russian lumber trade, great rafts of logs being floated down a course from the rich forests that line its upper reaches. Grain, fowls—principally geese, for the quality of which the Polish peasant is widely noted—and cattle are also transported on the river. The Bug is connected by waterways with the interior of Russia, and its water-born freight can be sent into southern or northern Russia, as well as into Germany. Canals connect the Bug with the Pripiet, and, thus, with the Dnieper river and Crimean land, and with the Niemen river...

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GREATEST OF ENGLISHMEN

Looks as if Lloyd-George is to be National Hero. Most of the great nations involved in the war long ago discovered their great heroes. Joffre is the pre-eminent hero of France; the Grand Duke Nicholas, in spite of the defeats with which his armies have met, is said to be the hero of Russia. In Germany von Hindenburg and next to him von Mackensen are the idols of the populace. As yet in Austria no one man stands out, far over-topping all others; and it is a notable circumstance that so far the same thing is true of Great Britain, there seems to be a change in process. She is to all appearance discovering her idol; and if one may judge from the signs, he will not be Kitchener, he will not be Sir John French, he will not be Asquith, or Inan Hamilton, or Jellison or Beatty. It looks as if he is going to be Lloyd-George...

"The little Welsh lawyer," that storm centre of British politics for many years before the war, has many imitable foes. These he earned through his radicalism and they will not soon cease to fear and to hate him. But their distrust and enmity cannot long make head against Lloyd-George's services to his country in this time of her dire peril if his future services fulfill the promise of those he has already redeemed. It is a difficult path that stretches ahead of him. At any time he may come a cropper which will be fatal; but at present he looks to be the most promising candidate for the position of British war hero; and this moment of his triumph, when apparently his efforts and his influence have ended the great strike of the Welsh coal-miners, which threatened to hamstring the British fleet by cutting short its supply of coal, is no time for pessimistic prophecy concerning his future. Much he owes to his brains, and much also to good fortune; for fate has so arranged the drama that his role is of a spectacular sort that appeals to the imagination. Perhaps in the end it will be the verdict of history that the services of Kitchener, who now is considered to have failed where Lloyd-George has succeeded, were no less great and of no smaller value than those of the latter; but at present it is Lloyd-George's star that burns brightest in the sky of popular approval.—News and Courier.

Thinks Honest, Sane Advice is Needed.—We believe that Mr. Wilson is a great and good man, but he is only human. If ever he needed the advice of his friends he needs it now. The unanimity of the Democratic press in backing up Mr. Wilson's policies may mean the party's undoing. In other words to use a hackneyed metaphor, he is in danger of being slaughtered in the house of his friends. It is a dangerous sort of party loyalty that reduces one to the state of a blind follower. Too many of us are letting somebody else do our thinking and trusting to Mr. Wilson to save us from our sins of omission. Don't be timid, gentlemen; speak up in meeting!—Dillon Herald.

Governor Manning has paroled Willie Washington and Jesse Morris, negro boys, serving sentences for housebreaking and larceny, during their good behavior.

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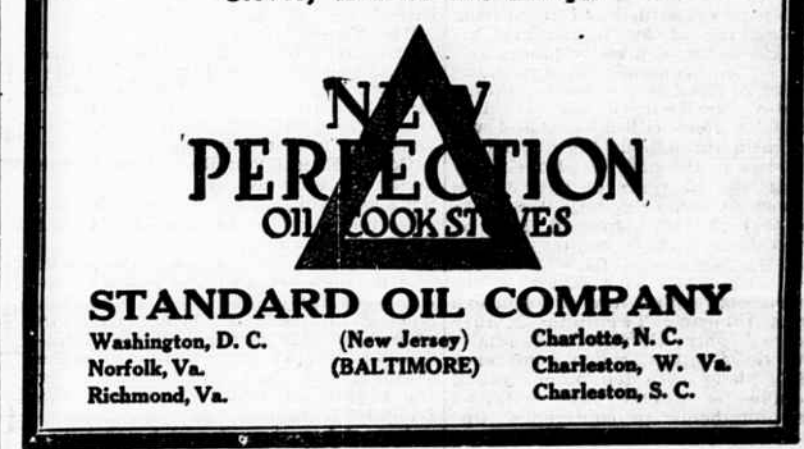
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