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THEODORE ROOSEVELT is dead. Pity 'tis not William Randolph Hearst.

SOME wag has reported that I did not get away to attend the session of the General Assembly Sunday night because it snowed. That is not true. I now have two women running THE INDEPENDENT and I wanted to stay over a day and see how they were going to do it.

LOST, Strayed or Stolen: One Samuel T. Meares, formerly director of publicity for the War Savings Campaign in North Carolina. Mr. Meares accepted employment with this newspaper in November and was to have reported for duty on December 28 or not later than December 30, 1918. He hasn't reported yet, or given any explanation of his failure to do so. This for the information of any one seeking a reliable newspaper man.

While The Editor's Away

MRS. CATHERINE DEAN has accepted the position of reporter and advertising solicitor on the staff of THE INDEPENDENT and will devote her time and talents to this work. Mrs. Dean is a daughter of the late H. T. Greenleaf and inherits her father's enthusiasm, aggressiveness and ability She will make a good newspaper woman. Mrs. Dean has never had newspaper experience, but newspaper folk are born, not made. This newspaper has for a long time had Mrs. Dean in mind. THE INDEPENDENT must have some one to look after local news and advertisements while the editor is sitting with the Solons at Raleigh these next two months. And after that THE INDEPENDENT expects to need some one like Mrs. Dean on its staff because THE INDEPENDENT contemplates making improvements and giving its readers more reading matter than has been its custom The encouragement and support given Mrs. Dean by the friends and patrons of this newspaper will be appreciated.

The business management of THE INDEPENDENT will be in the hands of Mrs. Columbia Saunders. Mrs. Saunders has always been in close touch with her husband's affairs and knows every detail of the business. The business end of the paper will go on as usual. In fact, there are those who say THE INDEPENDENT never did make money until Mrs. Saunders introduced business management into its affairs.

W. O. Saunders will continue to contribute the editorials to the paper and will write live articles from Raleigh every week. His accounts of the doings of the Legislature for the next two months ought to make lively reading.

A Man and an Opportunity

THE United States made preparations for three years of war. The termination of the war in about half that time leaves the United States with billions of dollars worth of war materials and supplies for which it has no use. The government could dump this material on the market to-day and knock Old Man High Cost of Living off his feet. Incidentally such a step would demoralize business; business must not be disturbed; this is a business man's country. And so the Congress of the United States will appoint a commission to dispose of these billions of dollars worth of motor trucks, airplanes, horses, mules, harness, gas engines, clothing, shoes, tents, beds, beddings, cooking utensils, sugar, butter, flour, lard, canned bull, bacon and a thousand and nine hundred and ninety nine other items.

Senator Overman of North Carolina has in hand the bill which will create this commission. Senator Overman has an opportunity now to do something big and pleasant for some of his friends "down home." THE INDEPENDENT makes this suggestion seriously.

One of Senator Overman's best friends in North Carolina and a man who has served him faithfully for many years is Attorney E. F. Aydlett, of Elizabeth City. Mr. Aydlett is eligible for an appointment on Senator Overman's commission and he should be agreeable to Senator Overman. Why can't Elizabeth City have its man on that commission?

There was a time when this newspaper would have opposed Mr. Aydlett for any office. This newspaper may oppose him for offices to which he may yet aspire. But here is a big commission which is about to be appointed by a Senator who should feel friendly to this Elizabeth City man. This newspaper would like to see an Elizabeth City man on that commission.

Mr. Aydlett is a man thoroly qualified in legal and business ability to figure on the commission which is about to be created to handle the big business of disposing of the government left-over war materials. He answers every qualification as a life long Democrat and a friend and supporter of Senator Overman. If Mr. Aydlett hasn't an eye on this unique opportunity, he should have.

The End is Not Yet

AFTER the Peace Conference which convenes the thirteenth, concludes its work, those idealists who have dreamed that out of this world war would come universal democracy and a lasting peace may have an opportunity to blame their hard luck on the unlucky thirteen. I do not have any idea that democracy will get any considerable show at that peace conference and all of the allies, including the United States, have got to revise some of their ideas of how to get universal peace or the world will be bathed in blood by another war in less than a dozen years. I am not making any wildcat prophecies Any one who is honest enough to admit what caused the war of 1914-1918 can see that no effort is being made to control the causes which brought about that war. Getting rid of Germany does not get rid of the war menace.

Achille Loria, an Italian sociologist of international renown, has studied the cause of 286 wars, reports that 258 were due to economic causes, and that the remaining 28, though on face religious in character, were likewise influenced by economic considerations. The great war thru which we have just passed was due entirely to economic causes. Persons who contend otherwise are either uninformed or purposely deceitful.

Machine production was at the bottom of this world war. We have multiplied our productivity of manufactured things a thousand fold since 1880 and the world is no bigger today than it was in 1880. Why will not people see that simple and alarming fact? I have been shooting it at the readers of this newspaper for years and few of them will appear to understand. Occasionally I drop into the office of some intelligent, professional or business man and state that proposition to him in the simplest terms I know how. He looks at me blankly. He tries to make me feel at ease by trying to make me think he understands. But he doesn't understand; and the world doesn't understand. The only person who does understand is called a Bolshevik or a sonofavik.

Let me state the proposition again. We have perfected vast labor machinery in every line of industry. Right here in Elizabeth City we can make enough hosiery in a year to supply every man, woman and child in North Carolina. We have machines that have multiplied the work of human hands a thousand times And human beings to consume the products of these machines have not multiplied a thousand times. Human consumption can not keep pace with human production. The consequence is the leading nations of the world are continually producing more of a surplus than the inferior nations can buy. Competition between the nations is keen; business jealousy is rife; hatreds develop Wars are inevitable.

To provide markets for her surplus products Great Britain added to her territory between 1870 and 1900 more than 5,000,000 square miles of territory with an estimated population of 88,000,000. France increased her colonial possessions by 3,500,000 square miles with a population of 37,000,000. And then Germany woke up when it was too late and added 1,000,000 square miles of territory with 14,000,000 population to her colonial possessions, But England and France had outstripped her. It was when she realized that her competitors had outdistanced her that Germany began to wildly pour billions into the creation of a military machine with which she hoped to some day recover from Great Britain and France.

And now the victorious Allies can sit around a peace table and try to make the world safe for democracy by utterly ignoring the very thing that brought about the war. Great Britain is determined to have a big navy to protect her commerce. America is determined to have a navy second only to Great Britain. France and Italy must also have their navies. Each country will retain the nucleus of a considerable army. Such armies as will be retained may not have the appearance of being very formidable, but back of them will be experienced organization capable of conscripting the civilian population and making soldiers to order when occasion demands. The United States, inexperienced in the business of conscription, put an army of a million men in the field in a year and could have had four millions under arms in two years. Demobilization that leaves the military organizations intact will not make for peace.

The world will never get away from war until the big nations honestly face the fact that there is a limit to the surplus merchandise to be produced for foreign consumption. They will not do this any time soon. The only party that has dared to suggest how this might be done is the Socialist party, and if the gentlemen who are dictating terms in this world now could have their way about it, there wouldn't be enough lamp posts in the universe to accomodate the lynching of socialists.

HAS LEARNED TO USE HEAD

Business Training of Advantage to Woman When She Is Called Upon to Run Household.

The girl who is to be a wife and mother should have the most careful and special education, supervised by the state, if necessary, in the physiology and hygiene of her own body, in the physical, mental and spiritual guidance of children and in technical methods of home management, with a few side lights on the best way to deal with refractory husbands.

All of which brings us around to the fact that, sentimentalists to the contrary, the professional or business woman in the end makes a good homemaker and mother because she has learned to use her head and to systematize. Her house will be run on clock schedule. She won't try to fill eight or ten jobs in it and thus fall down on all of them, but she will fill her kitchen with the most approved scientific aids; she will get the best help she can procure. Her house will be run efficiently, her children will be brought up intelligently, her own nerves and temper will be conserved and she will always greet her happy husband with a smile.—Exchange.

In a Dream.

Good office boys are at a premium just now, and the one engaged by a certain business man in one of our principal cities certainly does not come up to the prewar standard. He sat at a little desk in the boss'-room, and that was about all he seemed capable of doing. One afternoon a business man called:

"I want to speak to you privately," he said to the principal, with a glance toward the office boy.

"Oh, that's all right," responded the boss wearily, "he doesn't know he's there."

Successful.

Missing her two-year-old, the mother went to look for him, and found the youngster in the kitchen on the floor by the coal scuttle, carefully wiping a piece of coal with his little handkerchief.

"Cleanin' toal, mamma," he explained.

"Why, sonny, come away from there. You can't clean coal."

"Yes, mamma. See?"—showing the blackened handkerchief. "All comin' off—all black comin' off!"

MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Tommy—'Ow far is it to the camp, mate?

Native—About foive moiles as the crow flies.

Tommy—Well, 'ow far is it supposing the crow 'as to walk and carry a bloomin' kit bag.

STOLE MILK FROM BABIES

Angora Goat Belonging to New York Menagerie Proved to Be Entirely Without Conscience.

A solution of the problem of the mysterious disappearance in the last month of more than a hundred milk bottles from baby carriages in Central park was reached in the discovery that the culprit is none other than Nellie, the crippled Angora goat, which has been allowed the freedom of the park by Joe Cunningham, head keeper of the park menagerie, says New York Herald.

Park attendants have been puzzled lately at the large number of bottles found strewn in out-of-the-way places, and nurse girls have been perplexed to know what became of the bottles that were supposed to soothe their infantile charges into somnolence.

A nursemaid caught Nellie in the act of fishing in the folds of the baby's coverings for the bottle. The goat was nibbling on the nipple when the baby yelled something that sounded like "Police!" and the maid looked up from her novel in time to see Nellie beating a retreat, with her teeth firmly clutching the booty.

It seems that the goat, now two months old, broke her leg when two weeks old. Keepers O'Rourke and Coyle placed the leg in splints and in the period of convalescence Nellie lived in state in the elephant house and learned to drink from a bottle.

SAME THING

She—I understand May and Josie are at swords' points over Freddie.

He—At hatpin points would be nearer the truth.

The story next week will be "The Tree Sentinel; or Ghosts on the Line." By Sergeant Arthur Guy

THE SQUIRREL PROVIDES FOR THE FUTURE BY PUTTING AWAY A LITTLE AT A TIME. YOU CAN DO THE SAME.

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS BANKING CLUB WITH 10 CENTS, 5 CENTS, 2 CENTS OR 1 CENT, AND EACH WEEK INCREASE YOUR DEPOSIT THE AMOUNT YOU STARTED WITH. IN 50 WEEKS:

10-CENT CLUB PAYS	$127.50
5-CENT CLUB PAYS	63.75
2-CENT CLUB PAYS	25.50
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YOU CAN BEGIN WITH THE LARGEST PAYMENT FIRST AND DECREASE YOUR WEEKLY PAYMENTS.

WE ALSO HAVE 50 CENTS, $1.00 AND $5.00 CLUBS, WHERE YOU PAY THE SAME AMOUNT EACH WEEK.

JOIN TODAY. PUT THE CHILDREN IN, TOO.

YOU WILL RECEIVE 4 PER CENT INTEREST.

The First and Citizens National Bank

HIS IDEA

Wix—I see by this paper that more than one-half of the world's population is feminine.

Nix—I don't believe it. If it were so how do you account for the fact that one-half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives?

FIFTY THOUSAND AN HOUR.

Twenty-five thousand dollars for a song is quite a neat, but not gaudy sum for a half hour's work. That is what George M. Cohan earned for his war song "Over There," which he dashed off in exactly 30 minutes, says a New York correspondent. He sold it to a New York music publisher for that sum. The price of $25,000 represents $161 a word and $138 a note. A complete opera such as one by Puccini, for instance, is frequently valued at $15,000. The highest previous payments per word for writing were $1 to Kipling and $2 to Col. Theodore Roosevelt. But it took a war jingle, done in half an hour, to run the price up to $161 a word.

A WAR RATION.

Her Husband—What's become of all those bone collar buttons I brought home last night?

Mrs. Titus Wadde—You can't afford to gratify your vanity with such luxuries as bone when there's a shortage of food. I put them in the pup kettle.

IMPOSSIBLE

He—I understand he painted cobwebs on the ceiling so perfectly that the maid wore herself out trying to sweep them down.

She—There may have been such an artist, but there never was such a housemaid.

NORFOLK MARKETS

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9, 19[illegible]

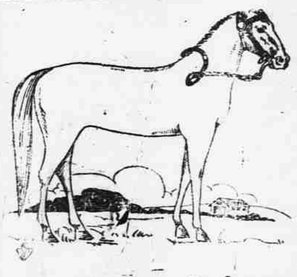
Reported especially for THE INDEPENDENT by Jarvis & Fentress.

The following prices represent actual sales made to-day:

Items not quoted were not sold today and the Food Administration prohibits quotations other than actual sales.

Eggs	63c
Hens	37 to 40c
Young Chickens	40c
Geese, live	35c
Geese, dressed and drawn	45c to 50c
Turkeys, live	45c
Turkeys, undrawn	45c to 48c
Turkeys, drawn	55c to 60c
Roosters	20c
Ducks, dressed	45c to 50c
Ducks, drawn	40c
Hogs, small	22c
Hogs, heavy	20c
Calves	15c to 18c
Beef forequarters	15c
Beef hindquarters	18c to 20c
Sweet Potatoes, Nancy Halls and Cuban Yams	$5.00 to $[illegible]
Haymans	$5.00 to $[illegible]
Irish Potatoes	[illegible]

FORD:—5 Passenger A[illegible] mobile, all new tires. Bar[illegible]
C. R. F[illegible] pJ[illegible]



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EVERY FRIDAY

We have every sale day 200 head of Southern horses and mules. Every horse and mule guaranteed as represented at sale or money refunded. If you have anything to sell we will be glad to handle same for you.

[illegible] Fail to Attend Our Sales

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ABOUT IT?

One marked effect will [illegible] tremendous increase in all lines.

Our leaders assert that this country is now and will continue to [illegible] for years to come one seething hive of business activity.

While the European war up [illegible] its close stimulated business to feed, clothe and furnish all kinds of supplies for the rebuilding of France, Belgium, Servia, Roumania, Turkey and Russia.

This will mean untold millions of dollars to be put into circulation in this country. It means that every man, woman and child will feel the golden touch of this enormous prosperity If they are prepared to take advantage of their opportunities.

BUT MARK THIS WE[illegible]

The odds against the average pe[illegible] will be greater from now on than before.

New and rapidly expanding business [illegible] no use for the unprepared [illegible]u!

[illegible]u going to [illegible]

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