

Scraps and Facts.

—Joe Townsend, a highly respected negro of Greenwood, was murdered Monday night. Before his death he accused two white men of the crime. The murderers have not been arrested. —The people of Southend, England, last Wednesday night showed their anger over the recent Zeppelin raid and the sinking of the Lusitania, by a big demonstration throughout the borough. A meeting was held to protest against the many German submarines being permitted to use a large A. great crowd then visited and wrecked German shops. The police were powerless against the mob, and the general commanding the district ordered out the soldiers. Quiet was restored when the military appeared. Three New Yorkers—Capt. Louis Sorcho, his assistant, Louis B. Mann, and Frank Winch, a newspaper man—while photographing the wrecked shops, were surrounded by a mob, which mistook them for German spies. The mob, however, was dispersed by the police. The party had two cameras and had received permission from the police to take photographs. Several German-American spies! Kill them! Avenger the Lusitania! The Americans got away on a street car.

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America has reason to be thankful that it is Wilson and not Roosevelt who is at the helm.

The American note to Germany does not necessitate a mean war in case Germany does not acquiesce; but it is not to be denied that the situation is very serious.

The names of Guthrieville and McConnellville have never been changed to "Guthrie" and "McConnell" as some of the folks who are in search of an argument for committing mayhem against the town of Yorkville, are trying to represent. For absolute authority on this question go ask the postmaster of Yorkville.

The Laurens Advertiser thinks that President Wilson should call congress in session to deal with the Lusitania incident. We interpret the Advertiser's suggestion as born of sincere zeal; but we do not think it arrived at a conclusion entirely satisfactory to itself. As we see it, we infinitely prefer to leave the whole matter with Mr. Wilson until such time as he shall feel need for the assistance of congress.

The dispatches of Wednesday say that the German embassy has ordered the discontinuance of the advertisement warning Americans not to sail for European ports on ships of the allies. The orders to the newspapers, of course, were accompanied by no explanation as to why they were necessary; but when newspaper reporters made inquiry at the embassy they were told that the advertisement had been discontinued because it had run long enough.

It is said that Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt has a life belt ready for use while the Lusitania is sinking, and he gave it to a woman with the assurance that he could easily get another. Mr. Vanderbilt's English secretary, who escaped, says that after giving the life belt to the woman, Mr. Vanderbilt said to her: "Letting the numerous children on board. All of which goes to show again that to be a millionaire does not prevent one from being a man."

We do not believe in the "back to the farm" so much as we believe in "stick to the farm." We do not believe in the individual has intelligence, ambition and energy that will make him worth something on the farm. We do believe, however, that farmers have in the power to work out their own independence if they will only direct their attention to that end. In so far as the so-called back to the farm talk is intended or desired to make it easier for non-producing loafers, bums and drones to live in town, we have no sympathy with it.

Union was once Unionville, Lancaster was Lancasterville, Laurens was Laurensville, Anderson was Andersonville, and Chester was Chesterville. The names of these different towns were changed solely because they were too long and clumsy, and in the power to work out their own independence if they will only direct their attention to that end. In so far as the so-called back to the farm talk is intended or desired to make it easier for non-producing loafers, bums and drones to live in town, we have no sympathy with it.

There has been expectation in England that the United States would be thrown out of balance by the sinking of the Lusitania, and take drastic action. Even the usually imprudent Associated Press seemed to get a little excited over the situation, as indicated by the coloring given in the dispatches, generally supposed to be without the slightest bias, in treating the bursting of a bubble the same as the bursting of a world. But excitement has been dying down, as there began to develop a realization of the fact that the sinking of the Lusitania has not been altogether without blame in the matter. The English press and people have been talking as if there was positively no danger of the sinking of a great, swift ship like this, and every effort was made to shame prospective passengers who showed any nervousness about the matter. Then, after the tragedy was consummated, there was every effort across the water to make it appear that America's duty was to go to war at once. There are powerful influences in America that are trying to force this very view upon our people; but at the present writing the people appear to have overcome their prejudice and are recognizing its responsibility therefor. In such a case it will express its regrets and afford damages without first instituting a prize court award. There it is the custom of the German government as soon as the sinking of a neutral ship in the mentioned zone of naval warfare, to immediately issue instructions to its navy to place itself in a position to institute an immediate investigation into the cause. If the grounds appear to be such as to lead the German navy places itself in communication with the interested neutral government so that it may be able to institute an investigation. If the German government is convinced thereby that the ship has been damaged by German war vessels it will not

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There are those who will say it is too high yet, and no matter how high it may go there are those who will believe that it is still going higher. There is no one connected with The Enquirer who is personally interested in real estate speculation. If there was such a one it would hardly be the part of good taste to say what we are going to say on the subject, but under the circumstances as they exist we feel fully warranted in giving our opinion on the situation.

We have said it before and we repeat it, that as much as real estate has advanced over the levels it occupied in 1903 and 1904, it has never yet attained its full value. There have been up and down as the result of pure speculation. People who have bought at fair prices on margins have been compelled to sell at losses for the reason that they were without actual means of their own to complete the financing of their property, but under the circumstances, gotten above its true value, and there is no real estate in this vicinity now that is above its true value.

People who have actual money to invest, who can put it in real estate and keep it there for a few years without danger of being squeezed, have as sure a thing of it now as they have had for ten years back. We are basing this assertion on the belief that in 1903-'4 and '05 real estate values stood at about half their legitimate and proper level, and although this legitimate and proper level has increased very materially since then, prices have not nearly gone up in proportion.

After the War. Although it is probably a far cry to peace in Europe, there is much discussion of the subject, especially in America, and this discussion not only takes into consideration the matter of putting an end to the present war, but practical means of ensuring permanent peace in the hereafter.

As to when and how the present war is going to end no man can tell at this time; but the probability is that it will end with the defeat of one or the other of the opposing combinations. It is either that, or both sides must fight to complete exhaustion, with the result that the terrible struggle will become a temporary draw to be resumed along bushwhacking lines probably for years to come.

With all the talk there has been about unstable and revolutionary air Central and South America, it is a fact that Europe for centuries back, as far in the past as history goes, has been the most quarrelsome continent on the globe, and there is very little ground for believing that the situation will ever be different until there has been a real establishment of genuine Christian civilization.

The principle, or rather the rule of "to the victor belongs the spoils," has obtained throughout the ages, and just as spoils was probably the cause of the first war, spoils have been the cause of almost every war that has occurred since, including the great war now in progress. In a like manner the question as to whether the present great war will really bring about the permanent stability of Europe is to depend entirely upon the spoils in which the matter of the spoils is disposed of.

While it is not our purpose to go into details to prove it at this time, we will for the purpose of present argument, say that spoils was the cause of our own great Civil war, and whether there is dissent from that or not, every reasonable reader who is acquainted with the historical facts will have to agree that except for the manner in which the spoils question was settled, the bitterness of that war would not have ended so many days.

Our great Civil war was settled not by a bitterly partisan congress, but by two great soldiers. At Appomattox, General Grant proposed terms that no one could object to, and which were ever consented to, and General Lee was great and brave enough to accept them on his own responsibility, simply because he knew they were right. General Grant asked for nothing but peace, and General Lee accepted his terms. The only non-partisan party leaders sought to repudiate General Grant's terms that grand old soldier never hesitated to sign unless his mighty sword in defense of his soldierly honor.

If the history of the world Jesus Christ has served as the acknowledged referee of two great general terms of peace. He was the third party to the deliberations at Appomattox. The horrible conditions following the end of the last war, and the charges of the reconstruction period are chargeable to a bitterly partisan congress, but few members of which were not at least helped to give relief by allowing the seating of Hampton.

The common rule in European wars is to make the defeated nation pay all expenses of the victorious nation, and always the victorious nation is the one that is right. The defeated nation thought was right. The injustice has rankled in both sides until eventually it would cause another deluge of war.

If at the end of this horrible war, no matter which side wins, the winners must be made to pay for the further accounts for anything that has occurred before or during this war, the world has never seen before, and it will be worth more to all the nations than at the wealth of them have ever had or ever will have.

The same old usage, however, is going to bring about the same old result. The German answer—Very likely the reply to the German note will be forthcoming today. What its nature must remain a matter of speculation, but will be the probability an elaboration of the statement previously made, and a modification is probable in the note the German government made in relation to the damage to neutral vessels attacked or sunk it said it would make apology and grant damages to prize court action. The German note said that in case of a sinking of a neutral ship by an enemy vessel, it should be recognized as a mistake, it should be recognized as a mistake, it should be recognized as a mistake. If this spirit shall animate the many in the consideration of the American note of protest, there is room to hope for a peaceful and satisfactory adjustment of the present war, and the probability of an end of defiance or unconcern on the part of Germany would be ground for encouragement to the belief that the consequences would lead to a satisfactory conclusion. The German answer will be awaited with momentous interest.—Charlotte Observer.

Real Estate. There has been very little activity in real estate since last summer, on account of the general business disturbance incident to the war; but nevertheless, for those who have money to invest real estate holds out just as many attractions as it did before the demoralization began to be generally felt. In real estate as in other things, there are always bulls and bears. No matter how low real estate may go

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. C. A. Boney—Is prepared to insure cotton and grain against hail damage, at reasonable rates. York Drug Store—Suggests that you get your naphthalene about your premises, to keep down disease and destroy vermin. J. J. & Co.—Are ready to supply you with shingles at close prices and also to supply all kinds of lumber and lumber products. McConnell Dry Goods Co.—Offer a variety of specials for your consideration and want you to see its offerings before buying. Thomson Co.—Invites attention to laundries, millinery, and to men's Palm Beach suits, and oxfords for men and women. B. Williams, Probate Judge—Gives notice that W. E. Miskelley has applied for letters of administration on the estates of J. and Mrs. M. E. Miskelley, deceased. Kirkpatrick-Belk Co.—Asks if you read advertisements, and offers you a chance to win a prize by reading an advertisement in today's Enquirer. Lyric Theatre—Programme for Wednesday of a Black Box. Black Box on Tuesday, June 1.

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able each succeeding year. There are those in town, people who feel no responsibility for the flowers; but who get great pleasure from them, who say that they are prettier this season than they have ever been. There is particular enthusiasm over the roses, which are in full bloom and have been developing into their highest perfection. The floral display in the cemetery has become a source of pride to the entire community.

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showed that the year had been a highly successful one and a dividend of 12 per cent was payable to stockholders, an increase of 2 per cent over last year. The following officers were re-elected: President, J. M. Stroup; Vice president, J. E. Beauguard; secretary, Hill and Treasurer, J. Meek Smith.

Rock Hill wants Her Prisoners. Rock Hill city authorities have notified Supervisor Boyd that they are anxious to secure the return of prisoners who were convicted for crimes committed against the municipality of Rock Hill, to form a nucleus around which to build a new city. There are several of these prisoners on the county changing at present and the supervisor has advised the city council to advise the city of Rock Hill at any time the city sees fit to take them.

York Boy Lands Safely. Dr. T. A. Crawford of Rock Hill, on Wednesday received a cable from his son, Dr. R. B. Crawford, stating that the latter had arrived safely in Rotterdam, Holland. Dr. Crawford, who is a member of the American Red Cross hospital, will very likely be assigned to service in Germany. He sailed from New York on the ship, but the story was torpedoed, it was reported that he was a passenger on the ship; but the story was later accredited as being without foundation.

Mount Holy School Closes. Mount Holy school in district No. 50, closed an eight month term this week. Pupils of the school presented an entertainment on Wednesday night and last night, both exercises being attended by many patrons and friends. The principal, Mrs. J. M. Stroup, was the address of Congressman A. F. Lever of the Seventh congressional district. Those in charge of the school during the year just closed, were Prof. J. W. Drake and Misses Sallie Wilkes and Lois Burley.

Work for Other Boards. York county's board of education has ruled that the papers of those who have been appointed to the board of education in Yorkville Friday, must be corrected by the board of education. A great majority of those who took the examination Friday, are residents of other counties, and the board of education has already sent the papers of outsiders to their respective county boards for criticism.

Escaped From Gang. Bunk Huff, a white man, serving a three year term in the penitentiary, made his escape from that institution last Saturday morning. Huff is suffering from tuberculosis and is acting under instructions from the county physician, had been placed in quarters separate from those of the other prisoners, and was unable to leave his quarters, although he wore shackles. He took French leave Saturday morning, and is expected to be in the county changing in several years.

Courthouse Commission Met. W. A. Edwards of Atlanta, architect of the new county courthouse and James H. Wilkes, Yorkville, in charge of the courthouse commission, made an inspection of the new building Wednesday afternoon. They were accompanied by several members of the commission. It was decided that the building should be ready for occupancy by June 15.

Daughters of Rebekah Met. The annual meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah, the women's auxiliary of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Old Fellows, held their annual meeting in Rock Hill Wednesday, in connection with the meeting of the Grand Old Fellows. The meeting was a routine nature—the hearing of reports, etc. The order voted \$100 to be used in improving the building of the Grand Old Fellows, which is located in Greenville. Officers for the next year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Henry Hunt; Grand Master, Mrs. Wm. C. Baikin of Georgetown; warden, Miss Alice Moss, Minnie Hunt of Greenville (re-elected); treasurer, Miss Clara Mathis of Spartanburg (re-elected).

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Government Marks Grave. After much effort, creating a period of many months, Mr. James B. Robinson has at last succeeded in erecting a marker over the grave of Jonathan Fitchett, a Revolutionary soldier, and grand old fellow of the Grand Old Fellows. The marker was erected last Saturday afternoon. The marker was erected last Saturday afternoon. The marker was erected last Saturday afternoon. The marker was erected last Saturday afternoon.

Memorial Day at Ebenezer. Fitting memorial exercises were held at Ebenezer church and cemetery Monday afternoon, a number of people attended. The exercises were presided over by Rev. J. L. Oates of Yorkville, who has delivered the principal address of the occasion, and was followed by a prayer given over the exercises which were presided over with an invocation by Rev. W. J. Roach of Glenn Springs. A number of patriotic songs and solos were sung by Winthrop students and others and the roll call of Confederate dead who died in the service of their country was read by J. C. Wilborn, Esq. Following prayer by Rev. J. T. Denny, Vice pastor of Ebenezer church, a decoration of graves by the school children.

Mr. R. R. Meek Dead. Mr. R. R. Meek died at his home in Bethel township Wednesday morning, following an illness of several days. He was buried in Bethel cemetery Wednesday afternoon, following funeral services conducted at his late home. Mr. Meek was 76 years of age, having been born June 9, 1839. He was twice married and his second wife, Mrs. Martha A. Meek, was a veteran of the Confederacy, having enlisted in Walker's cavalry from Chester county. She was followed by the following children: Messrs. P. A. J. W. R. E. and P. E. Meek of the Bethel section, and First Lieut. P. L. Meek of the United States army, now stationed at Staten Island, N. Y. Two brothers, Messrs. J. S. and T. P. Meek, also survive. That the deceased was a citizen of this county was evidenced by the large number of people who attended his funeral.

Burr Clover as Soil Sufferer. A Yorkville gentleman who recently spent a short time at White Oak, in Fairfield county, has been telling the "Enquirer" that he has had a very interesting experience of Mr. R. A. Patrick with burr clover. Mr. Patrick is the owner of large tracts of land, and much of it has been badly washed away. During several years past he has been sowing burr clover on a large scale and

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Rock Hill wants Her Prisoners. Rock Hill city authorities have notified Supervisor Boyd that they are anxious to secure the return of prisoners who were convicted for crimes committed against the municipality of Rock Hill, to form a nucleus around which to build a new city. There are several of these prisoners on the county changing at present and the supervisor has advised the city council to advise the city of Rock Hill at any time the city sees fit to take them.

York Boy Lands Safely. Dr. T. A. Crawford of Rock Hill, on Wednesday received a cable from his son, Dr. R. B. Crawford, stating that the latter had arrived safely in Rotterdam, Holland. Dr. Crawford, who is a member of the American Red Cross hospital, will very likely be assigned to service in Germany. He sailed from New York on the ship, but the story was torpedoed, it was reported that he was a passenger on the ship; but the story was later accredited as being without foundation.

Mount Holy School Closes. Mount Holy school in district No. 50, closed an eight month term this week. Pupils of the school presented an entertainment on Wednesday night and last night, both exercises being attended by many patrons and friends. The principal, Mrs. J. M. Stroup, was the address of Congressman A. F. Lever of the Seventh congressional district. Those in charge of the school during the year just closed, were Prof. J. W. Drake and Misses Sallie Wilkes and Lois Burley.

Work for Other Boards. York county's board of education has ruled that the papers of those who have been appointed to the board of education in Yorkville Friday, must be corrected by the board of education. A great majority of those who took the examination Friday, are residents of other counties, and the board of education has already sent the papers of outsiders to their respective county boards for criticism.

Escaped From Gang. Bunk Huff, a white man, serving a three year term in the penitentiary, made his escape from that institution last Saturday morning. Huff is suffering from tuberculosis and is acting under instructions from the county physician, had been placed in quarters separate from those of the other prisoners, and was unable to leave his quarters, although he wore shackles. He took French leave Saturday morning, and is expected to be in the county changing in several years.

Courthouse Commission Met. W. A. Edwards of Atlanta, architect of the new county courthouse and James H. Wilkes, Yorkville, in charge of the courthouse commission, made an inspection of the new building Wednesday afternoon. They were accompanied by several members of the commission. It was decided that the building should be ready for occupancy by June 15.

Daughters of Rebekah Met. The annual meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah, the women's auxiliary of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Old Fellows, held their annual meeting in Rock Hill Wednesday, in connection with the meeting of the Grand Old Fellows. The meeting was a routine nature—the hearing of reports, etc. The order voted \$100 to be used in improving the building of the Grand Old Fellows, which is located in Greenville. Officers for the next year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Henry Hunt; Grand Master, Mrs. Wm. C. Baikin of Georgetown; warden, Miss Alice Moss, Minnie Hunt of Greenville (re-elected); treasurer, Miss Clara Mathis of Spartanburg (re-elected).

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