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The Congress of Brest-Litovsk

Apart from the obvious efforts that will be made by the Germans to capitalize the Congress of Brest-Litovsk for their own peace propaganda purposes...

The Congress of Brest-Litovsk is a concrete evidence of the fact that the Germans have on the present showing won the war in the East...

Peace made by negotiation between Germany and the Western Powers now would amount to a transaction based upon the possession by Germany of Belgium and a small portion of France...

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Difficulties of the Convoy System The loss of two valuable convoys has shaken the faith of those enthusiasts who imagined that the problem of protecting merchant ships was simply a question of overcoming an unaccountable prejudice...

Some recent questions in the British Parliament give us hints of the difficulties that have arisen—difficulties long since foreseen by those who opposed the system. It is admitted by the ministry that the economic distribution of shipping at British ports has been seriously interfered with...

The integrity of France and independence of Belgium, the safety of the British Empire, these questions were settled at the Marne, at Verdun and by the failure of the German submarine campaign. Even Italy, defeated as she now obviously is, faces no threat of mutilation.

The Western world knows very little about Eastern European conditions. It knows very little about Balkan conditions. It is war weary, and the French and British public clearly perceive now that the integrity of France and Great Britain, and for that matter of Belgium, is assured.

bullying that come from Berlin, Germany is heartily sick of the conflict and wholly ready to make peace on terms that will leave Western Europe as it was before the war.

The war began, as a military test, in the West, and it is the Western field which holds our attention; but the Western issues of the war are in reality settled, the larger issues are disposed of.

By contrast, the fate of the East is in the balance and the advantage is with the German. If his will prevails in Russia and in the Balkans, he will remain the great world peril he has become and we shall continue under arms and in the presence of the same peril that kept the world in unrest before July, 1914.

We have escaped the gravest danger, we have only to endure and to hasten our men and our munitions to Europe, to rush our shipbuilding and organize our industries to abolish the lesser danger, lesser because it is not immediate.

There are real dangers enough without giving way to fear at imaginary perils. If after all the sacrifice and suffering of the past three years we do not attain a new order of things, the end of nations in arms, the end of preparations for and against predatory warfare, if there are new Alsace-Lorraines created in Russia, in the Balkans, in Asia Minor, we shall have nothing to show for the most terrible affliction in human history save scars and wounds unhealed.

Department appropriations asked for in the preliminary estimate or budget this year amount, approximately, to \$98,000,000. This is an increase of about \$19,000,000 over the appropriations made for last year.

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Alien Slackers The Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The bill now in Congress for the drafting of Allied aliens in this country should be speeded through Congress and preparation for its execution be immediately made.

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seemed likely, even a century ago, that the old system of convoy would never be revived, but that, in all probability, it would be replaced by some such patrolling system as was actually put into effect when the present war broke out.

The Film Triumphant That remnant of intellectual aristocrats who have held their noses permanently aloof from the movies as a thing low, cheap and, worst of all, dull might as well surrender. Our theatrical stars have one by one signed the roll. Our institutions of education and uplift have yielded—your Penrod all too probably saw the Wise Men in Three Rials on the flickering film at his Sunday School this year.

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Grist Mills Yet Running Connecticut Still Has Home-Grown, Home-Ground Corn To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In your paper of December 20 you printed an article headed 'Old Grist Mills Gone,' and then you proceeded to quote from a Bridgeport paper about one of the supposedly extinct grist mills at Sandy Hook, Conn., where they are grinding wheat into flour.

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I have gone thus far into detail in this article because people who think like "Patriot" are unfortunately many, and they cannot differentiate the 90 per cent automobile users in this country to whom a car is wholly or in part a utility from the 10 per cent who ride exclusively for pleasure.

I would like to know what particular good would be accomplished by the non-use of rubber, metal, gasoline, oil or mechanics' labor. To check an industry of this size, to curb, or, unfortunately, mean only a terrific economic disturbance. I do not think it would make available any additional funds wherewith to win the war.

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Many More Small Nations Not a Necessary Readjustment To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: In discussing the question of the Ukrainian fight for liberty, and incidentally the problem of small nations generally, Mr. Frank Bohm illustrates the difficulties that all these are laboring under who are both under the influence of preconceived theories, and not as well informed concerning European problems as would be desirable.

When Mr. Bohm attempts to compare the problem of small nations, or rather the smaller nations, in Europe with conditions in America as they prevailed at the time of the makers of our Constitution, he adopts a comparison which is as lame as all comparisons proverbially are.

No One Wants 25 Nations When Mr. Bohm indicates the possibility of giving Europe twenty-five more autonomous nations, I am sorry to say that he indulges in an exaggeration which under given circumstances might become dangerous.

Unquestionably, unconsciously, but nevertheless very evidently, Mr. Bohm is actuated by German theories as to the necessity of large states and large economic entities.

A Plea for the Hapsburgs The trouble with Mr. Bohm's position as to Austria-Hungary is that in the last analysis it is a plea for the Hapsburg dynasty. It would be unfair to Mr. Bohm to say that he intends any such thing, but this is the effect of everything that is said on behalf of the preservation of Austria-Hungary, and all those cognizant of Austro-Hungarian affairs know that the only thing that holds Austria-Hungary together is the dynasty, sustained by court camarilla and a group of the high army officers.

I imagine Mr. Bohm has in mind in Europe a group of federal states, or something of the sort. I cannot understand why the states like Mr. Bohm always overlook that even a federalized Austria-Hungary would be an unnatural entity, a federation of the unlike. It will certainly be granted that, if federations were to be made, we should seek federations of the similar and not of the dissimilar.

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