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A Democratic Newspaper Tells the Truth About the Democratic Income Tax.

We admire honest courage even when displayed in a hopeless cause. Just now the shining badge belongs on the breast of our neighbor the World for its manful efforts to convince both the Democratic Administration and the Democratic majority in Congress that any change in the impact of the income tax should be in the direction of equality, that is to say, of proportionate assessment instead of assessment systematically confined to a very small number of the citizens able to pay.

The Views of One Who Looked On.

Those members of Congress who appear to feel that their duty to the militia of their districts compels them to stir the President and the Secretary of War into a squabble with the officers of the regular army might do worse than to read the comment of a calm observer of our military mistakes and fortunate recoveries in the civil war.

Hungry Troops.

If troops in transit from this State to Texas went unfed for thirty-six hours, the officers in command of the unfortunate detachments are even more incompetent than has been assumed. The remotest approach to prevision would have prevented such an inconvenience; the attainment of it is an evidence of the lack of foresight and incapacity which would inflict on us a grave emergency to rise.

Missionary Drummers.

Idealism carried into the practical affairs of life, humanitarianism exalted above patriotism, the race at large represented as more important than a given country—how beautiful and inspiring these things are to all soaring and sensitive souls! But their abstract excellence is magnified when it is shown how they can be accomplished in the concrete.

The recipe is simple enough when a great mind explains it to the average man. Humanity is to be furnished with American goods and American ideals at the same time and by the same agencies. A commercial traveller who deals in Yankee notions in the outlands must spend part of his time in preaching the doctrines of the Declaration of Independence to his oppressed customers.

To the salesmen of this country a great voice speaks. "Lift your eyes to the horizon of business," it says to the nation's drummers, evidently believing them to be wantonly shortsighted. "With the thought that you stand for the liberties of mankind, sell your goods and try to convert the people to the principles of America."

For a ruler who cast his country's fortunes with what he believed the winning side, he is placed in an unfortunate predicament. On the south he is faced by 300,000 British and French troops, well equipped and fit for months of rest, and a rejuvenated Serbian army fired with a resolve to restore its lost nation. On the north he has Rumania, of whose unfeignedness he has no doubt and whose decision for intervention in favor of the Allies has been expected if Austria's defense against her Russian and Italian foes collapses.

He may have doubted whether the troops he was able to send could stem the tide of Russian and Italian conquest; or he may have had no fear of Rumania's participation in the war. But he knew that the withdrawal of

form that would advertise both their concrete wares and their abstract but exalted ideals.

The costume worn by Uncle SAM in current cartoons would be well adapted to the aims of our drummers bent upon selling American goods to foreigners and inspiring those foreigners with the belief that the loftiest ideals are made only in America. A commercial salvation army, dressed for the part and carrying our latest manufactures and the new Americanism to the far corners of the earth, would be a splendid feather in a cap that is already ornamented with many beautiful plumes.

Marshal O'Gorman?

We take it, from the power exercised by the Hon. JAMES A. O'GORMAN of this town in the military affairs of the United States, that he has recently acquired an army rank of which his friends have hitherto been unaware. Such must be the case, or the Commander in Chief would not bestir himself in the manner in which he has, to nullify at Mr. O'GORMAN's demand the decisions of the medical examiners and the act of a Major-General in command of a department.

Under the statute by which the organization of the army is governed, provision is made for no higher rank than that of Major-General. But as the benevolent intervention of Mr. O'GORMAN in the regulation of the service seems unaccountably to have been unprovided for by the authors of this enactment, it may safely be assumed that his introduction therein has been accomplished through the exercise of a personal prerogative, or by means of those undefined powers which in time of national danger are unquestioningly confided to the Commander in Chief.

In the circumstances now existent, it cannot be denied that so far as the Commander in Chief is concerned, a crisis exists. The Irish vote, never backward in asserting its potency and making known its desires, wavers in devotion to the person occupying that high office. It recalls the repeal of the Panama Canal toll exemption provision; it has not been silent with respect to its antagonism to a neutrality in which Great Britain is not catalogued as a public enemy; it has refused to blind itself to certain occurrences in Mexico. Hence the desirability of effecting an arrangement designed to blunt the keen edge of its resentment.

Here, obviously, is the opportunity for a transcendent military genius at the ear of the Commander in Chief; the opportunity of the Commander in Chief, likewise. And so the Hon. JAMES A. O'GORMAN assumes the authority of a high rank; a rank transcending that of a mere Major-General, and eclipsing the comparatively humble status of an army medical examiner. For such an office, surely a high title is essential; and in the military affairs of the country, we are sure that JAMES A. O'GORMAN should at least wear the designation of Field Marshal.

Teutonic forces from Serbia and Montenegro left to Bulgaria the defence of the conquered Balkan lands. The Turks could offer little aid. They were hard pressed in Asia and their remaining European possessions were in imminent peril.

There has been a lull in the fighting in the Balkans. The expected drive north from Salonica has not yet been attempted. But that does not indicate that FERDINAND will remain unchallenged in his possession of conquered territory. It may be, as has been said, that General SRABAI has been halted until Rumania decides. This, however, seems improbable; Rumania is not now likely to join the Central Powers, and her attitude has proved too uncertain to cause delay in a long planned military move.

It is more probable that the Allies' drive in the Balkans awaits the outcome of the Russian and Italian offensive movements against Austria. Should these continue successful and Austria, defeated, be unable to send troops south of the Danube the reconquest of the Balkans will present a much less serious problem. By that time FERDINAND may be ready for peace overtures. At least he will have his army defend Bulgaria. He has apparently chosen with his usual cunning.

Sharks make our nearby waters to boil. Imprisoned cats (we quote a headline) attack five men. Heat and lightning alternate in local strokes. Mysterious epidemics are discussed mysteriously yet loudly. Loyal, brooding guardsmen write home about the tarantula and the rattler. Candidates for President pant conservatively for the notification and the fray. Deutschland sailors stroll about the White House and promise us a visit from a Zeppelin.

But where is that familiar fiend of other and duller Julys, the Crime Wave? Is it never again to break upon our mental benches when the dog star rages? Maybe it is in Port Huron, or Patagonia.

How can a Police Commissioner who has not ridden to notoriety on the crest of a Crime Wave hope to obtain immortality?

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It is not sufficient to have a great number of soldiers. It is necessary that they should be well trained. Armies are complicated machines which require as much science as care in their construction. If popular enthusiasm and personal courage supply the materials, it requires discipline to combine them. From that day (Hull) the North submitted patiently and with determination of purpose to all that was required to organize her forces and to put them in a condition to undertake long and fatiguing campaigns. Although the soldiers composing the national army still bear the name of volunteers, the aim of all their efforts will henceforth be to acquire that instruction and that experience which cause the superiority of regular troops.

medicines, there is no interruption in the flow of necessities to this fortunate continent.

Representative ALLEN of Ohio has urged the House to relieve a suffering nation by augmenting the supply of gin, scarcity of which threatens cocktail consumers with an advance in price. The Anti-Saloon League is probably not active in Mr. ALLEN'S district.

Prohibition in Scotland is impractical, it is said.

Much may be done with a Scotchman, &c. But how young, in a matter like this, would he have to be caught?

If that celebrated efficiency was really so efficient, the Deutschland would have slipped out at the darkest moment of last night's eclipse.

It is noticeable that when our guardsmen raid food stores, the war-priorities, instead of saying "It is war," as is the reported custom in Europe, utter loud and mercenary complaints.

BE CALM.

Public Excitement Over Infantile Diseases Is Not Justified.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: With all this talk about infantile paralysis, and particularly its reported epidemic in Brooklyn, some action should be taken to stop this nervous, panicky feeling that is being produced.

The physician of one of my associates here had thirty-seven cases turned over to him to take care of, and he was informed by the Board of Health that they were suspicious infantile paralysis cases. Of these thirty-seven cases only two showed any signs of the disease.

There should be concerted action to prevent the exciting of the public mind on this question, as it is very harmful to get the public wrought up as it is at present about the disease.

If new papers could be prevailed upon to preach to the public to take second thought about this excitement, and to realize that the best place for their children is the city, where proper medical attention can be had, whether it is infantile paralysis, common summer complaint or the measles, the better Brooklyn would be.

If this agitation is allowed to continue the loss in health and the property damage will be incalculable as now the country at large is beginning to think New York is a pest hole.

I ask for a careful analysis of all these reported infantile paralysis cases before the Board of Health formally reports them for public record.

JOSEPH P. DAY. NEW YORK, July 14.

PATRIOTIC SONGS.

American Music for "America" Is Now Available.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: Perhaps the discussion aroused by the singing of the new music for "America" by the teachers at Madison Square Garden may bear fruit in the production of an American song which will take a place among the great national songs of the world.

"To obtain success in a great war, it is not sufficient to have a great number of soldiers. It is necessary that they should be well trained. Armies are complicated machines which require as much science as care in their construction."

It is worthy of note, however, that the words of "My Country," "The Star Spangled Banner" and the simple and dignified air sung at the convention, composed by one of our own superintendents, Mr. James I. McCabe, has during the past year been modestly making its way among the schools and patriotic societies throughout the country.

There are dozens of these boats following the fish up and down the coast and into our harbors. In spite of laws to the contrary, last year I saw them hauling nets in the North and South of Harlan Bay. This net only takes the natural food away from the sharks, but also from other food fish, thereby causing a scarcity. The hauling of nets off shore and within the three mile limit should be stopped by laws preventing the fish from being brought ashore and sold.

I believe that a time zone of fish will be practically impossible for human beings to be safe in our waters unless something is done to prevent the destruction of the food that nature furnishes.

JIM MARTINE'S CAMPAIGN.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: I learn through the newspapers that Senator Martine, who is between the devil and the deep sea with reference to his own candidacy for reelection as one of the Senators from New Jersey in the coming election to succeed himself, has expressed himself concerning the announcement of Franklin Murphy, one of his Republican opponents, as to Mr. Murphy's candidacy, that he cannot find that Murphy says anything about the currency act, and then puts this query: "Is it because he knows that it has been a blessing, * * * a protector from panics created by the same magnates that have had their clutches on the Republican party?"

Can you imagine an American Ambassador to Turkey when the most obnoxious crime of all axes was being perpetrated by the Turks on the defenceless Armenians, would sit with the arch assassin Talaat and negotiate for the sale of Palestine, and to whom, according to E. H. Outridge, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was offered the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture in the Turkish Cabinet? But this was actually the case of the Hon. Henry Morgenthau.

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YON NORTHERN CROWN.

Corona Borealis, Set With Celestial Sparklers, Adorns the Skies.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: Tonight as the clocks are striking the hour of nine, some of Corona's Art Stars, the Northern Crown. It is a small constellation, a somewhat circular constellation, which looks semicircular to inexperienced eyes. In fact it appears so small that some of us may not find it at once.

In some ways Corona Borealis reminds us of a starry ring, its most noticeable star, Alphacca, glittering up like a veritable brilliant, a white sapphire, some of Corona's Art Stars are Nisakun, Gamma, Eta and Sigma.

Remake, respondent, mid the sun of night Like tiny gems set in ebon frame Corona's circle sparkles clear and white. From year to year unchanged, untroubled, the stars of Corona shine.

When Vega glitters high amid her stars, You Northern crown shines over past and present.

As tales at last the gloaming's after-glow, CHARLES NEVERS HOLMES. NEWTON, Mass., July 14.

Political Comfort Derived From Monocle Dumas.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: To describe the action at Chicago in terms of "The Three Musketeers," Athos and D'Artagnan were prominent. The noble is identified as the Vicomte de Bragelonne.

With Athos, Bragelonne and D'Artagnan advancing in concert with the ancient city of the Musketeers of one for all and all for one, victory for the Vicomte de Bragelonne is assured.

Submarines and Submarines. To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: Suppose you knew there were 847 rattlesnakes in a briar patch, each properly equipped with stingers, and one whose fangs had been drawn.

Would you examine each which accosted you before seeking a convenient kill? You'd get croaked.

Also if an Ally ship encounters an enemy submarine shall it heave to and ascertain whether its stinging apparatus is omitted? It would go to the ultimate locker doing so.

CHICAGO, July 13. E. J. HOME.

OUR DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

An Armenian Protest Against Its Representative in Turkey.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: The action of the Turkish Government-General of Syria in breaking into the French and British Consulates and carrying off their archives after they had been officially taken under the protection of the American Consul-General of Beirut is an instance of Turkish insolence for which our Government is partly responsible.

As long as diplomatic portfolios are offered as political rewards the American flag will never be either upheld or enhanced in Turkey. Can one imagine an American Ambassador accredited to any country being ignorant of the elementary history and of the actual power of its constituent races? The Armenians were the sinner and the vitalizing power of Turkey, and the whole mission of the American Ambassador in Turkey, when the most obnoxious crime of all axes was being perpetrated by the Turks on the defenceless Armenians, would sit with the arch assassin Talaat and negotiate for the sale of Palestine, and to whom, according to E. H. Outridge, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was offered the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture in the Turkish Cabinet? But this was actually the case of the Hon. Henry Morgenthau.

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WHY SHARKS ATTACK MEN.

A Theory That Men Set Too Much of Their Natural Food.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: As I have been around the waters in the vicinity for the past forty years, I believe I know why sharks are attacking human beings. For years the waters have been full of menhaden. You could see schools covering acres. These fish have naturally been destroyed by boats catching them, to be turned into oil and fertilizer. It is nothing uncommon to see them catching forty or fifty tons at one haul.

There are dozens of these boats following the fish up and down the coast and into our harbors. In spite of laws to the contrary, last year I saw them hauling nets in the North and South of Harlan Bay. This net only takes the natural food away from the sharks, but also from other food fish, thereby causing a scarcity. The hauling of nets off shore and within the three mile limit should be stopped by laws preventing the fish from being brought ashore and sold.

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"E Pluribus Unum" in Song.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: I have thought many times that we should have something better than the "Star Spangled Banner" as a national anthem. There is an old song entitled "E Pluribus Unum" which is easy to sing, patriotic and soul thrilling enough to suit any one. I have often wished that some newspaper would advocate its use by the American people.

NEW YORK, July 14.

Paterson's Lofly Lilt.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: As there must be a beginning in the quest for a new and national poem, I submit a patriotic poem, trusting that its very details may inspire others to loftier lilt.

PATERSON, N. J., July 14.

The Homeland.

We hail thee, O America! Best land that gave us birth. And then, our own Columbia. And God's Eden upon earth. Our souls are in the North and South. But, for what lies between The Lakes and Mississippi's mouth. A span we would prefer.

For this rich realm, from palm to pine Outstretched from sea to sea. So fertile in wheat, corn and wine. And more in liberty. Each heart with pleasure palpitates. Wherever it may roam. Within these broad United States. Which we call "Home Sweet Home." And bless thee whatever of titles. And make us true to thee. Where'er, as star, our State abides. Within thy galaxy. And may these homelands of red and white. Which on thy flag appear. Keep beckoning pilgrims of the night. To freedom and good cheer.

Land, claiming independence first. To tyrants a foe. Where a man is born, a citizen. From Maine to Mexico. Let Freedom's torch more brightly burn. Flung wide thy golden gates. Till men of every clime shall learn To love the United States.

DRINK IN THE ARMIES.

European Examples Held to Offer No Hope to the Drys.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: In a recent statement to the press William H. Anderson of the Anti-Saloon League says, "To my mind the world is ready for drastic legislation against liquor."

Despite the oft repeated statements in the reputable New York and European newspapers and magazines that both the Central and the allied Powers now at war furnish beer and wine to their soldiers, France and Germany profess to be in command of a certain proportion of the output of beer and wine in these countries. Mr. Anderson and others of his kind reiterate that Europe is ready to fall into line for worldwide sobriety. Even Russia in its abolition of vodka took good care to allow the manufacture of all beers and wines under its control, a whole quart.

It was recently announced that the Italian Government ordered the purchase of 100,000 dozen bottles of chianti wine for her soldiers at the front, and it was said that the King of Italy directed the purchase.

I take it that the suppressed sale of liquor has been due mainly to calling to the colors those engaged in the manufacture and sale of liquors, particularly the sale of these commodities. More-over, Mr. Anderson forgets history. Following every war comes an era of general debauchery, in which the people affected by the depression due to the war throw off their repression and take on a levity that knows few bounds. Peace is usually celebrated in the clinics of glazes, not prayer books. History will repeat itself in the conflict now waging in Europe.

NEWARK, N. J., July 14.

A CLIFF DWELLER COMPLAINS.

Dogs in the Halls and Rugs Shaken Out of Apartment Windows.

To the Editor of THE SUN.—Sir: Dr. Collins said in THE SUN on Sunday that dogs carry germs into the houses. Well, what about the people living in apartment houses where dogs—yes, we have nine—are kept? We have to meet them in the halls, elevators and on the roof when the owner does not care to go to the street, which is against the Board of Health's rule.

Why not make it a law not to allow dogs in apartment houses? The lower East Side does not compare with the so-called up to date apartments for dirty housekeeping. We see everything being shaken out of our neighbors' windows and down the dumb-waiter shaft, from tablecloths to rugs, and nothing is done.

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TRADE BRIEFS.

Cuba's sugar crop for 1914-1915, it is estimated, will exceed 2,000,000 tons. This should net the Cuban dealers a quarter of a billion dollars.

The Board of Trade at New-Haven, Conn., reports that 10,000 bales of cotton must be imported every month from the United States to meet the demands of the New England mills.

Since the completion of the Panama Canal, Bristol, England, imports alfalfa, red and white clover, fruit, barley, potatoes and various other products from the United States.

During April, Spain imported 38,228 bales of wheat, most of which came from the United States.

The New York commission has a nine months supply of foodstuffs on hand and has recently purchased three 6,000-ton motor ships which are used to transport foodstuffs from the coast.

Experiments have been made with the use of a new type of ink. The ink is a manufacturing red dye and ink. The dye is one of exceptional fineness.

Leather being from two to seven inches wide is being made in Massachusetts, Vermont, where it is used for shoes, clothing, light plants and other manufactures.

Machinery has been ordered for the textile mill at Oklahoma City. Pending delivery, the mill will have a daily capacity of 12,000 pounds of cotton textile.

The Department of Import Restrictions in England has prohibited the importation of certain types of machinery, such as pumps, magnolia and wooden grips for electric lights.

THE GODDESS OF THE MACHINE.

Secrets of the Screwdriver Revealed for the Benefit of Husbands Who Come Home Growling About Work to Which They Have Been Trained.

The woman measured the cord of the electric fan and found it too short to reach from the living room chandelier to the point from which she intended to play upon the veranda dining table. She disjoined the socket, removed the ends of the wires, spliced on an old cord from the attic, wound the splicing with insulating tape, and placed the fan, now ready for business, where it would do its best good.

When she put the electric toaster on the table she remembered that the element was exhausted and that a new one must be purchased. She grumbled, for oranges would never be grilled. More work with the faithful screwdriver, the insertion of a new element, a quick test and the toaster was ready.

Now for a tidying up of the lower floor. The vacuum sweeper, soon hitherto neglected, was brought out, added a bowl to it, and the machine was ready to go. Mrs. McMillon, who borrowed it a week before, left it in a damp place. Again the screwdriver, removal of the plate back of the motor, some fast work with cloth and oiler, and the sweeper resumed its placid murmur.

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