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tended as an assurance that no extreme or radical action is to be undertaken to the farmer's injury. But if indeed the coming regulation of exports is not to be conducted with a purpose of reducing the burden of war prices under which the American consumer now suffers, the country will have but little patience with the Export Council the President has just created.

The Conflict in Spain. Through the barbed wire of the Spanish censorship comes the news that the Dato Ministry, barely two weeks old, has asked the King to declare martial law throughout the nation. It cites the activity of agitators and the revolutionary attitude of a large section of the press as justification for this action.

This may indeed be the situation, but the Spanish Ambassador at Washington insists that nothing is going on in Spain indicative of any serious unrest among the people. To one who knows Spain the assurance carries a certain degree of conviction. Unrest, diligent agitation, the sort of steady, quiet, persistent work that undermined absolutism in Russia, for example, seems utterly foreign to the Spanish character.

It is said that the headline most in evidence in the Spanish newspapers to-day is "A donde vamos?" "Whither do we go?" It is characteristic of the Spanish temperament. A vague questioning rather than a sturdy demand for formative action or the determined declaration of a creed. Even when the political journalists try to answer their own conundrum they respond in obscure generalizations or in resonant platitudes.

These conclusions coincide with our own observations and, we venture to believe, with the observations of most citizens; but they have by far too sensible a ring to be accepted as true, even when supported by the evidence of eyes and ears. Had the committee announced some sensational or bizarre discovery we should have accepted its revelations without a moment's question.

The Expert Council and Prices. In the course of his explanation of the purpose of the Export Council just created, President Wilson says: "Our primary duty in the matter of foodstuffs and like necessities is to see to it that the people associated with us in the war get as generous a proportion as possible of our surplus, but it will also be our wish and purpose to supply the neutral nations whose people depend upon us for such supplies as nearly in proportion to their need as the amount to be divided permits."

Perhaps in what is clearly an effort to reassure the producers and exporters of foodstuffs the President may somewhat disappoint consumers in this country. The people have been given to understand, and reasonably so, that the high prices for the necessities of life prevalent for the past two years are caused by the extraordinary demand from abroad for foodstuffs and the willingness of foreign Governments to pay even extortionate prices for their needed supplies.

Just what is happening in Spain behind the veil of censorship we may not precisely know as yet. It seems improbable that it is an outbreak that threatens the monarchy. The King is popular, and though favoring a continuance of neutrality, is not under suspicion of pro-German sympathy of the Constantine type. His declaration that if Spain is to be a republic he will be the first citizen to offer her his sword goes far toward postponing the republican day.

Progressive vote dropped to 544, and Judge Cockscomb won something to spare. At the special election on Tuesday the Administration candidates were distanced. Indiana is now returning Ben Harrison pluralities, although a Democratic Administration is in power in Washington and the country is at war.

The speculative who attempt to account for the decline of FINLEY H. GRAY by pointing to that famous speech of his in the House in which he opposed an assessment of five dollars for a wedding present to the President's daughter, waved a crisp bill in the air and said that he would give it to the poor children looking through the Christmas shop windows, will be confronted with the reelection of the philanthropist by about 3,500 votes.

Considerable confusion has been produced in the minds of men who, under the Constitution of the State of New York, are liable to service in the militia of the State, by the "Notice of Enrollment Under Military Law" issued to them at their registration under the census and military inventory conducted by the State.

Norway appears to be another neutral nation so unreasonable as to object to having her ships sunk and her nationals murdered to make clear the path of Prussian expansion.

Coffee, lead and lumber have been included in the products affected by the food control bill, now pending in the Senate. Some Senators have strange appetites.

Block Island is eight miles long and two to four miles wide and lies ten miles south of the Rhode Island coast, with lighthouses on the north and southeast. The steamboats leaving New York every night for Providence and the Cape Cod boats to Boston also make a stop to avoid it, even at night in a thick fog.

The Senate has passed a daylight saving bill, thus thoughtfully providing future Senators with an extra hour in summer sessions in which to talk.

A great deal of the criticism now aimed at the police because of their creditable failure in the Cruger case comes from German propagandists, whose sole interest in the matter is to cause trouble for the department.

America's Liberty Loan was a bluff—From the Vossische Zeitung. Whatever the opinion of the German press may be, it is certainly not by this "bluff" that a certain war value.

The society with headquarters in Washington which encourages girls to correspond with convicts supports, under the name of philanthropy, a practice which is entirely un-American. Its activities should be suppressed, and the authorities of New York penal institutions who are warning the parents of these misguided infants have adopted a sensible and praiseworthy attitude toward an unwholesome perversion of penal reform.

Holland has plenty of food—News-paper headline. If she has, the Dutch are the only truly happy people on earth.

We observe that when it comes to pork bills Congress does not surrender its powers to the President.

THE SOLDIER'S FEET. The Necessity of Chiropodists if Our Armies are to Do Their Best. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: In these trying days when the nation must summon every ounce of energy for training, equipping and maintaining a citizen soldiery to combat and defeat a mighty foe it is well that we should not overlook a single item that will aid in the consummation of that purpose.

HOUSEWIFERY. Servants, Corn Meal and Leftovers Transiently Considered. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: Concerning the economical administration of food in the homes of America, permit me to say that I do not believe the well brought up American woman is wasteful.

THE WREATH. Marshal Joffre stood at the base of the statue of Joan of Arc in New York. A wreath was placed in his hand. With reverence he laid it on the stone.

CALL OUT THE BANDS! They Will Fill the Banks of the Regular Army. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: Your editorial article on the value of bands in recruiting scores a bullseye.

PEACE BY RACIAL UNITY. No Other Settlement in Europe Can Possibly Endure. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: The Sun of June 20 contains a cable dispatch to the effect that the Frankfurter Zeitung in a recent article has advocated the annexation of the Germans of Austria to Germany on the ground that one cannot remain faithful to Austria and Germany at the same time.

THE DREADNOUGHT. Further Comment on Her Record for Fast Sailing. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: In the Sun of June 18 your correspondent further supports the attack on the Dreadnaught record and the announcement of his refusal to pay the offered reward for the reason of a failure to produce any further favorable evidence on the subject.

Forty and Loveless. An Oregonian Allocates the Joys and Sadness of Existence. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: Given the time, the place and the man and woman and it matters not who does the proposing when the air is sweet with the fragrance of orange blossoms and the deep red velvet roses, moonlight, etc.

THE PATRIOT'S PROBLEM. Grave Disadvantage of the Citizen as Compared to Enemy Allies. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: I am glad to see that you have been so concerned and have worked myself up to a good position. After war was declared I enlisted and expect to be called to the colors in a few weeks.

PRONOUNCING PERSHING. Try the Natural and Simple Sounds and the Result Will Be Correct. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: In reply to "C. C. W." request as to the proper pronunciation of General Pershing's name, I beg to repeat that it is in the simplest possible way, short and snappy.

IN MIATURE. A Specimen of What the Nation Needs for the Red Cross. To the Editor of THE SUN—Sir: A little Princeton, having set out to raise \$5,000 for the Red Cross, made \$100,000 along with the middle of the week—and last night reported \$100,000 in hand!

WHAT THE LONDON SCHOOLS HAVE DONE IN PREPARATION FOR WAR.

Sir Robert Blair of the London County Council Tells in Detail of Much of Their Most Profitable Work.

Within a few weeks of the outbreak of war many schools had on their own initiative started organizations for the provision of comforts for the soldiers—socks, mufflers, and all that kind of thing. The winter campaign. These efforts gradually spread until I should think every school had an organization which was keeping up communication with old boys and making some provision of comforts for them of one kind or another.

As volunteering grew to very considerable dimensions among the close of 1914, and there were tens of thousands of soldiers grouped within the near neighborhood of London, an arrangement was made with the War Office authorities for the teaching of French. Our best teachers were selected and classes of soldiers were formed. The results were excellent, but the attendance soon fell owing to the fact that the officers in command of the units concerned forgot all about the classes when they were giving their marching orders for the day, and frequently the classes were left without any teachers.

One of the most important efforts of private soldiers was made, however, when 264 of the domestic economy organizing staff volunteered to forfeit part of their holidays in order to help in the work of training 2,500 soldiers to cook the ordinary requirements of the private in the field. The War Office, in return, gave them a day's pay and brought them to London in two groups of 1,000 and 1,500 each. They were billeted in the school buildings, and the preparation of their food formed the basis of the cooking instruction. Each group was taken for a period of ten days, during which the ground of nationality they must concede the same rights to other people and nations as well.

Such a plan means, of course, the breaking up of the Austro-Hungarian State. This is what we concede that it does. But is this to be the way of our destiny, if all the Germans are to be united simply because they are Germans, is there any reason why, for example, the Poles should not be? Is there any reason why the Rumanians of Transylvania should be kept from joining Rumania, the Italians of Austria from joining Italy, the Czechs and Slovaks should be prevented from forming an independent Czech-Slovak State, or the Croats and Serbs be prevented from joining a greater Serbia? I see none.

There is no doubt some cause for this continued attack on the record of the vessel. In a conversation I had some years ago with an American shipmaster who had commanded an American packet ship on the North Atlantic, but at the time mentioned was the American representative of a foreign marine interest, in his remarks on the Dreadnaught's record he advised that I should look up the British clipper ships, and named the Adelaide. This was a vessel built at New York for the California trade in 1851, but in 1861 was sold to and controlled by Williams & Gulem, the British shipping merchants.