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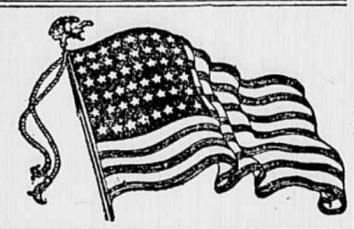
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1917.



President Wilson did not overstate the case when he said that the results of the present Liberty loan campaign should be so emphatic as "to echo through the empire of the enemy."

The opening of the winter work of the Fulton Settlement, under promising conditions, is a reminder that much good is being accomplished by that organization for poor children who might otherwise suffer.

It is gratifying to all persons interested in the stability and utility of the banking institutions of the country to learn that there has been a recent rush of State banks and trust companies to join the Federal reserve system.

It will be fortunate for the Petersburg Fair if Secretary Baker is able to carry out his purpose of delivering an address there on Wednesday.

The community schools for the Richmond public, about to be organized in accordance with the suggestions of President Wilson, Dr. P. P. Claxton and Herbert Hoover, should be largely patronized.

The action of the stock market can hardly be appraised as showing any lack of confidence in the country's leading industrial securities, but rather it implies that the buying public is refusing to extend its speculative lines at a time when the government is asking for a loan of its surplus cash in the form of a \$5,000,000,000 offering of Liberty bonds.

President Wilson holds the whip hand in the matter of control of the resources which make for success under modern conditions of warfare. In the exercise of the powers conferred on him by Congress, he occupies the position of absolute dictator of the world's trade in those resources which, in the last resort, must determine the outcome of the present conflict.

President has never wavered in his determination to wage this war to a victorious conclusion. America's resources of wealth and man power are fast being mobilized to that end, and the control of world trade in these needed resources is one of the most effective steps yet taken to make them the deciding factor in the final struggle.

Has Liberty Lost Its Value? WE have taken from American homes the fittest of our young manhood to the number of approximately 2,000,000 to face the Teuton hordes on foreign soil and, if possible, to prevent their invasion of our sacred soil.

Our government has asked us to lend to it from our savings, present and future, the sum of \$5,000,000,000, with which to purchase the supplies our armies in the field must have in order to prosecute the war effectively.

The response we make to the campaign now under way to meet the loan asked by the government will be our answer. Do we value liberty enough to meet it? Is the blood of the boys we are sending to the front worth saving?

We are a prosperous people. The sum asked as a loan by our government is a mere pittance compared with our total wealth. Every dollar of the money will be paid back to us for the products of our labor, and will stimulate further prosperity.

If liberty is not worth \$5,000,000,000, it has lost its value in the hands of a people who have degenerated in manhood and in manhood's aspirations.

GERMAN ENTERPRISE VS. GERMAN INTRIGUE FOR half a century the best brains in Germany, coupled with the most adroit diplomacy, was devoted to the extension of German commerce.

This systematic pioneering on the part of the Germans resulted in pronounced victory. Step by step the German foreign trade expanded and German friendships enlarged. And all the while German wealth increased.

But what is the situation to-day? Practically all the work of a half-century has been undone. Germany has turned to war, and the whole spirit of the nation has seemed to change.

In other words, German intrigue, coupled with Germany's absolute disregard of the rights of nations or the decencies of international intercourse, has robbed her of a commercial empire and destroyed the work of generations of her traders.

The New York gunmen are hereby invited to make as vicious an attack on Berlin as they made on Philadelphia.

SEEN ON THE SIDE BY HENRY EDWARD WANNER.

The Gourmand. Last night a few choice spirits of the clan Gathered together, hungry, man to man; And 'round the board in merry battle waged Saw grief of gnawing hunger quite assuaged— Starting from cocktails that the gods might crave.

Claret and sherry of rare vintage came, Boosting along the gastronomic game. Swift through the early courses, soup and fish, Entree as dainty as a man could wish— Piece de resistance, grouse from Norway's woods; Steaming delights when dishes raised their hoods!

Delicate bits of this and that in state, Jewels minute in eating graced the plate— Ten kinds of cheese and topping-off galore, Coffee and cake till we could hold no more!

Then, the champagne! Ah, how it, sparkling, flowed! Tell me no more, Fate wields a stinging god! Wine such as fairies brew for man's delight Baptized the victuals at our feast last night.

Rich, rare perfectoes made from perfect leaf— Where is thy sting, O Hunger; where thy grief? And as we ate, from hidden bowers there came Music as sweet as passion's soul affame!

Friend, when the gods brew wines for our delight, When Mother Nature tempts thy taste and sight, Eat, drink and live! For of all truths 'tis plain: We shall not walk this Joyful Path again!

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought. "If wishes was horses," said Charcoal Eph, picking a bone, "den beggars would holier for automobiles. Try some mo' sump'n, Mistah Jackson."

We Rise to Remark. June 29 we began to predict definite peace steps by October 15, followed by the abdication of the Kaiser and the exile of the Crown Prince.

We wish to make this statement clear: Work's fine—we're not above it; Toil, to our inmost heart, is dear— We actually love it!

The He Thing at the Door: I would like to see the head of the family, madame, if you please. The Woman With the Angular Soul: Well, go ahead; don't stutter; I'm lookin' at you; out with it!

The Test. Some person told me I was quite a wit, So I essayed to jest a little bit— My friend shed tears and was as one who mourns, And I don't know just what to make of it.

Answers to Lovers. This column has engaged Miss Clarice Permissoms to conduct a short department of "Answers to Lovers." Clarice is a pippin. She is pure peroxide, aged 26 net, has been married and unhitched three times, has two children in orphan asylums, does her own fingernails, wears striped stockings, is engaged to a theatrical manager who doesn't care what happens to him, and what she doesn't know about love hasn't occurred.

The Præsumpt. A human pest with a long, lean face, Who lacks the look of a saving grace; Who grunts and grumbles the whole day long And is always mumbling a minor song!

A clashing note in the Song of Life. Who is looking for trouble and courting strife; Who never smiles, and whose ugly frowl Is always framed in a deep, black scowl!

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A little less than she knows her system and her work demand. The next step in to persuade the subject that, since the corner is chief factor of the deformity, this invention of the evil should be discarded upon every possible occasion.

Questions and Answers. Add a Hypo of Nicotine.—My husband is an incessant smoker of cigars, pipe and cigarettes. He also chews tobacco while at work.

Books and Authors. Winifred Kirkland's charming little descriptive sketch, "Christmas in Littleville," which appeared last year in the Atlantic Monthly, has been put between the covers of a little book, and now appears as a dainty booklet in dove gray boards under the title, "My Little Town."

"To-Morrow Morning," by Edith Barnard DeLano (Houghton-Mifflin Co.), is a warm-hearted story of a young girl dealing with the affairs of a married couple in the late thirties.

"A Treasury of War Poetry," edited with introduction and notes by George Hervey, has just been brought out by Houghton-Mifflin Co. In this volume we have the permanent record in poetic verse of the most important experiences and deep feelings aroused by the war.

"In the retrospect of future historians," writes David Jayne Hill, in his new book, "The Rebuilding of Europe," the year 1914 may have been noted as the year when the world was divided into two camps.

A little while ago it was intimated in certain quarters that the German ambassador in Washington had been appointed as German ambassador to Constantinople.

It seems incredible that a modern state, a state that came into being only a generation ago, and when democracy had been long recognized and established form.

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United States Shipping Board Confident This Plan Can Be Carried Out. LABOR SITUATION BRIGHTER

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WASHINGTON, October 16.—One million tons of shipping will be launched before March 1, 1918, by the United States Shipping Board.

This great addition to the new American merchant marine will come chiefly from the American, British, French and Norwegian ships now building in this country's yards.

The Shipping Board now cherishes this belief, because of a new light upon the hitherto dark labor horizon. It seems probable that 300,000 or 400,000 men needed to build the ships will be exempted from military service.

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RECOMMEND EXEMPTION FROM MILITARY SERVICE. [By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, October 16.—In order to make certain the carrying out of its great shipbuilding program of 1,000,000 tons by March 1 and some 13,000,000 tons in the next two years, the Shipping Board has under consideration the question of recommending exemption from military service for all men employed in shipyards.

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COAST CLERKS GO ON STRIKE

Demand Recognition of Recently Formed Union and Open Headquarters Here. RAILROAD IS HIRING OTHERS

Only 50 Per Cent Go Out, Officials State, Most of Them Being Young Men Whose Places Can Be Filled Were Recently Given Increase.

With the employment of additional clerks and the shifting of other employees to other divisions, there was no delay yesterday in the loading of freight by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company as a result of a walk-out shortly after 10 o'clock by twenty-eight clerks.

The freight clerks declare that the strike is the result of the railroad's failure to recognize their organization, the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Clerks' Union, which was formed in 1915.

Officials of the Coast Line told the clerks that the railroad could not recognize the union at this time, because of the critical situation of the cause in handling government supplies.

The matter came to a head last week, and General Superintendent W. H. Newell, with headquarters in Rocky Mount, N. C., addressed the men. At that time, he stated, matters did not seem threatening, and he agreed to take the suggestion under consideration.

A short time later, however, Mr. Newell, who is in charge of the work, had been stopped by the strikers, and their attention was directed to the vast amount of work demanding their attention.

Emphatic denial was made by railroad officials that the strike was the result of a dismissal of one of the clerks, or that any threats had been made against any of the men.

Voices of the People. Letters must give the name and address of the writer. Names will not be published if writer so requests.

Battle of Frazier's Farm. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir.—One of the most distinguished leaders of the Confederate States Army was Captain A. R. Walters, of Danville, Va., white-haired and a veteran of the sixties. He is still erect and as militant looking as ever.

Waste Is a Crime. To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir.—Mr. Hoover and the government are demanding that this time all possible economy be observed by the country, and they have and will find ready response.

That Little Black Sheep. [For The Times-Dispatch.] Poor little black lamb, dove strayed away out in the rain and hail— And the shepherd said, oh, highland, Go find my sheep again.

For that little black sheep was me, Richmond, October 12, 1917. R. S.