

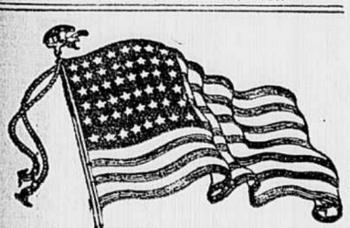
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Members of the House Naval Affairs Committee visiting Seattle made the statement that half of America's Atlantic warship fleet is hereafter to be assigned to permanent stations on the Pacific.

From Washington comes a dispatch relating that the packers have been released from all food control. Almost simultaneously it is announced from Chicago that hog prices have jumped to \$20.10 the 100 pounds, a point not far below the record high figure of the war.

Half a loaf is better than no bread, but beer with 1.4 per cent alcoholic content may not be expected to satisfy the thirst of Uncle Sam's soldiers.

Victory for the wets in the Chicago election and the Baltimore primary signifies little beyond the fact that they still are active and perhaps have hopes of overturning the constitutional amendment when they get a hearing in the courts.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of the United States Naval Collier Cyclops, with a crew of fifteen officers and 221 men, fifty-seven passengers and a cargo of manganese, will in all probability never be fully explained.

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Rather than stultify his conscience by permitting his name to remain at the masthead of a paper whose expressions failed to reflect his views, Colonel Henry Watterson has asked to be retired as editor emeritus of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

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George Harvey, is in a more advantageous position, since he controls the policy of the medium for which he pens his unrelenting attacks on the President, and the permanency of his job is assured.

Inviting Another War

ASSOCIATES of France in this war and around the peace table can have no jealous desire to defeat any of its aims. They are not only willing, but they are eager, to assist in strengthening its frontiers, in safeguarding its people against possible assault in the future and in exacting reasonable security from the enemy for the indemnities which Germany must pay for the criminal damages inflicted upon French property.

But when France sets up a claim to German territory, as it has in the Saar Valley, its friends know that a situation is being created which probably means another war. There is no nationalistic ground upon which the French may appropriate this valuable German asset.

If the Saar Valley is taken, contrary to the fourteen points laid down by the President, and contrary to the anti-imperialistic policy which has guided the allies in their readjustment of the map of Europe, the chances are that Germany will one day strengthen itself to reclaim what France took from it.

French statesmen may argue that Germany, if properly disarmed now, can never be strong enough to fight again for the Saar Valley or for anything else which it may lose in the peace about to be made.

But France regained health and strength within a decade. Germany's indemnity was paid off in an astonishingly short time, and in less than fifty years France was able to build up an army that contributed enormously to the defeat of the ancient enemy.

Has that element among native Irishmen now demanding full independence and apparently preparing to fight for independence the right to invoke the support of such nations as America, on the ground that the proposed league of nations guarantees the right of small peoples to live and to determine under what form of government they will live?

This is not a hypothetical question. It involves no mere theory or the application of no vague idealism. It is not an abstraction, to be dismissed without consideration. It is a very practical and concrete proposition. It has been raised by the evident militancy now existing in Ireland.

Looking at the question objectively, it is difficult to see how Ireland's case can be brought before the peace conference or before the league of nations to be created by that conference. Ireland is not a small nation. It is not a nation at all. It is an integral part of the United Kingdom.

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SEEN ON THE SIDE

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Health Talks by Dr. Wm. Brady

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FROM GATHER VIEWPOINTS

National Problems Discussed for Readers of The Times-Dispatch by Authoritative Writers—A Daily Editorial Feature.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

The war has forced many of the belated countries to realize the interdependence of nations involved in modern industrial life. It has also brought out clearly the fact that under modern conditions of industrial specialization a country so industrially developed as Great Britain may depend on a foreign country for finished products and raw materials.

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