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Ludendorff in Austria. If it were not imperative that Austria resume the offensive against Italy, Ludendorff would not be at Austrian general headquarters in the Trentino, supervising the preparations for this new thrust.

If Germany did not know that the "cracking" of the Hapsburg hegemony must be prevented at all costs, even at the cost of retarding the new blow in the West, she would not permit her greatest military brain to be energizing operations on any front except the major one, where she vows she will win the war.

What is the true inwardness of the Austrian situation? Is it even more critical than the outside world believes? Is a gigantic revolution there merely awaiting the touching of a match to the powder box?

Every possible angle of speculation already has been exhausted, so it is, needless to go over them again. One point, however, cannot be emphasized too often: that Austria not only is the gate and vestibule to the Constantinople and Bagdad corridor, which is an essential part of the pan-German plan of conquest, but it is the buffer between Germany and the Ukraine—the entrance to all Southern Russia, with its rich stores of grain, oil, and minerals. Germany cannot take any chance of Austria collapsing. She does not intend to do so.

It was Ludendorff who recently said that the war would end before the current year is out, although "the chimneys may go on smoking" for months afterward. He meant to indicate that Germany would have the coveted decision in her grip before Christmas, although the war might drag on through the better part of 1919, as the enemy might not recognize the conclusiveness of his defeat, and the futility of further efforts.

His logic would be impalpable if it were not for the American war power. The allies have no qualms about admitting this now. Bonar Law recently stated that he "trembled" to think of where the allied cause would be now, if America had not come into the war.

Ludendorff has more immediate dangers confronting him than the full development of the American war power, however. He is determined to prevent Austria from following the example of Russia. It may require careful supervision on the part of Berlin to keep the "ramshackle empire" together in these critical days. Another debacle on the Italian front would make Vienna and Budapest the storm centers of the war.

The Defenseless Home Defense League.

Representatives of the Home Defense League will meet this evening in Masonic Temple, Eighth and F streets northeast, to consider the issue of equipment and arms.

This is a vital issue, and upon it depends the future of this organization which had its birth at the beginning of the war amid considerable enthusiasm and good intentions.

The Home Defense League was formed as a second line of defense of the police department to be called for duty in cases of emergency.

More than 2,000 enlisted in the league as defenders of the home. The motive of all of these members was highly patriotic. These men are generally middle-aged, men with families and men of business, who miss no opportunity to serve their country.

And now this membership of 2,000 is dwindling daily, because the Home Defense League is defenseless.

The members have no rifles, no revolvers, no policeman's badge, key or whistle. They have no rights of a policeman, not even his club.

In justice to the members of the Home Defense League it is the duty of the proper authorities to say at once whether they desire the assistance of such an organization or not.

These men have unselfishly given much of their time to meetings, drills and other business of the league, and if they are not to receive the co-operation they merit, and be armed as home defenders should, their time can be more profitably applied elsewhere.

It is regrettable that patriots should have already been juggled about for so many months without a definite support and definite understanding as to their position.

Bastille Day.

The people of France with deep feeling observed America's natal day, and on the Fourth of July came nearer to the hearts of Americans here and American soldiers "over there" than ever before. The Stars and Stripes waved over French homes that day and heart-felt French cheers resounded throughout all France.

On the Fourteenth of July France celebrates her Independence Day. There they call it Bastille Day, the anniversary of the birth of liberty and human freedom in France, when the Bastille fell and the people reached out for the reins of government.

No finer tribute to France could be paid, no other honor we can bestow upon French people will be half as well appreciated as our uniting with them in cheering the memory of those liberty-loving men and women of Paris who on July 14, 1789, stormed the Bastille and swept that loathsome prison of oppression and handiwork of cruel despots from off the face of the earth.

Americans in France, and that includes the million of our fighting men, will help France celebrate her sacred day of liberty. But that isn't enough. Even as France observed our Independence Day so we in the United States should observe her Bastille Day.

Former President Taft is at the head of the movement here, and many other Americans are just as interested in spreading the Bastille Day celebration movement all over the United States. Will you help? Will you display a French flag at your home and place of business on the Four-

teenth? Will you do your bit toward making France feel that America loves her and her citizens who are fighting with us against the treachery and brutality of the Huns?

Firemen's Salaries.

The executive committee of the Board of Trade has approved a recommendation of the public order committee for a flat increase in salary of \$300 on all salaries of men in the Washington fire department.

The Washington Herald commends this action, because it is another step forward to a fair remuneration of the underpaid fireman, an existing condition, and the danger of which this paper repeatedly has emphasized.

This stamp of approval of the executive committee of the Board of Trade for increased salaries again shows the justness of the firemen's cause.

For who should more promptly and thoroughly realize the seriousness of the lack of adequate fire protection than the business man?

Firemen should be paid more, and they must be paid more immediately. Many of them are leaving the department because there are other positions which do pay larger salaries.

Today fire houses are placarded with the sign, "Wanted—Able-bodied men for the Washington fire department, etc."

This is an unusual help wanted advertisement, and impresses a serious condition which should receive immediate attention.

The fire risks in Washington today are far greater than they were a year ago. Blocks of frame buildings have been constructed in the past several months. There are 100,000 more lives to protect now than there were a year ago. And there are fewer firemen to meet the emergency.

Firemen should not only receive more salary but also the two-platoon system. No employer asks his employe to work twenty-four hours a day.

Hun Preposterousness.

Perhaps the acme of German preposterousness was reached in the giving out by the German admiralty of a statement denying that a Hun submarine torpedoed and sank the Canadian hospital ship Llandovery Castle.

"Apparently no one observed a submarine. The cause may be attributed to a British mine," says Berlin.

And this despite the fact that several survivors of the Llandovery Castle were taken aboard the submarine and interrogated, including among them the captain and second officer of the hospital ship; despite the fact that the submarine cruised amid the wreckage, apparently intent on "sinking without trace"; despite the fact that a conversation took place between the U-boat commander and the captain of the hospital ship!

There can be but one explanation of such infernal and prima facie falsification of facts; Germany has been convinced that she has gone one step too far in brutality and ruthlessness.

Possibly the Prussian war lords are beginning to fear the effect of such atrocities on public opinion at home. Killing doctors and nurses is a game two can play at. While it is extremely unlikely that the allies' reprisals will take this inhuman form, the German mind can conceive of no reason why the allies shouldn't commit the same crimes their own people do.

There is no weak defense of the sinking of the Llandovery Castle such as Germany offered for the Lusitania crime. There is only blind, obstinate denial in the face of facts.

The Huns can make their own people believe in their denials—they will believe anything the Kaiser tells them.

That's why the Germans call themselves "Michels"—in plain English, boobs.

These "Michels" will pat themselves on the back and say:

"There! We Germans aren't so atrocious, after all!"

But German opinion and world opinion are as separate as the two poles.

Ready.

When the first American soldiers, taken captive by the Germans, arrived at the German prison camp at Tuelch, in West Prussia, they found 360 ten-pound packages of food awaiting them. No, indeed, the Huns didn't send that food! The American Red Cross did. That's how they are spending your money, the dollars you give to the Red Cross, and that's how they will spend other dollars you may give.

Sic Temper Tyrannis!

The Lighthouse on the European Stage at the Theater of War is proving mighty uncomfortable for Germany. She has fallen down in every role—even that of Villain. The Opening Night of her great "Dove Play" soon to be produced, will see the Curtain of Defeat rung down before the first "notes" of the "Peace Overture" reach us!

Fur would fly if the Federal Trade Commission ever got after the rent profiteer!

Our report of that Chelsea baseball game indicates that King George is not in the Walter Johnson pitching class.

Ben Tillman lived long enough to see the navy he helped build make ocean lanes safe for millions of America's fighting sons going "over there."

The Hungarian minister of national defense has tried to excuse the recent Austrian defeat in Italy. Excuses are pretty poor food for a starving nation.

They don't seem to realize it, but one of the things we're fighting for is freedom, for German people, forever, which they'll never get if their Kaiser wins.

Germany's "blue-blood" families are fast losing their male members in the conflict. These are the JunCURS to whose filthy machinations the cause of it all can be plainly traced.

The government needs gasoline and motor lubricants. Here's where the "oily" bird catches the devil.

Sweetheart and nurse—two martyrs—the "girl he left behind him" and the girl who bravely goes along.

The U. S. Marines.

Let me tell you a story, a story that's true. Of a man in the service that never gets blue.

He has a revolver, he carries a gun; He works for his Uncle and says that it's fun.

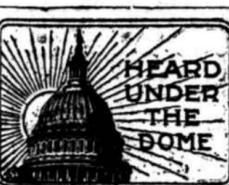
When troubles come up he's the first on the scene. He's as brave as they make them—a U. S. Marine!

He's at home on the land, he's at home on the sea. He's at home anywhere that he happens to be.

The Army and Navy are good as can be. But they'll never catch up with the U. S. M. C.

Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn

By DWIG



For months and months past—two months and a year in all—we have been watching with the closest interest the progress of a party upon the affairs of the District of Columbia.

Watching because we have always taken a keen interest in things governmental and because we thought some of the stories we heard about the District must be grossly exaggerated or perhaps entirely untrue.

But it is with regret that we state here and now that the most laudable of government exists here. It is not the fault of the Commissioners, nor of their subordinates, nor of the people, it is indubitably the fault of Congress itself.

We hope, for the good of the District, that the tide will begin to flow the other way one of these days, and that Congress will realize its responsibilities and will proceed to shoulder them manfully.

There are many things wrong and many remedies which might be prescribed. We will endeavor to enumerate for the benefit of our readers.

First—The people of the District should be given a share in their government—not all, but a part. Suffrage should be extended widely but none the less liberally to the people of the District on matters which are necessarily of only local interest.

Second—More money should be voted to the District by Congress in a sensible form of taxation should be imposed wisely but none the less liberally to the people of the District on matters which are necessarily of only local interest.

Third—The Commissioners should be chosen by the people and should be vested with more power than they now have. They should be made to feel that their position is one with the power given to members of a city governing body under the commission plan. Responsibility should be as fixed as it is under the present plan.

Fourth—Jurisdiction should be divided and the Commissioners allocated to the various parts of town and hold regular meetings, in their section, with the people to the nearest. All matters pertaining to that section of the city should be discussed frankly and fully with the Commissioners and those then should receive the attention of the Commissioners in joint session, if need be. In this connection, it would unquestionably be a good move to enlarge the Commission so as to give an operating head to the important departments and one who would make it his business to keep in close touch with the people themselves.

The one outstanding difficulty here is that no one appears to make the public business his business. Congress has the power now, but the responsibility is not fixed and is not, unfortunately, assumed by any of those who have power to fix it. It is an aliphod, careless way of doing business. It should be supplanted as soon as possible with a form of government that will respond to the needs of the people. We repeat it, "RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE."

If this is done there will be no complaint at all. Everything will be achieved that needs to be achieved. We have heard much about the automatic telephone system and we have heard people here speak about it as though it were a new and mysterious system. We lived in a city of 60,000 inhabitants where the automatic has been in operation for more than eight years—and we have seen the system reduce its competitors to such a point that a merger was effected and the automatic entirely replaced the other energy system.

It is a pronounced success. It operates quickly and surely and troubles are minimized. It satisfies the phone patrons as they can not be satisfied by any other system. The system is operated by the brother of Dean Albert Woods of the Maryland State College, and as such a success from the outset that this telephonic wizard Woods was made the head of all the independent telephone associations of the nation.

We advise someone herabouts to get some information about the automatic telephone. It will interest them and cheer them, and perhaps convince them that the system should be installed in dear old Washington.

Some of the pure food commissions of the various States could be brought here with profit to suggest to the administrators of the District pure

A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' THE YEAR.

By John Kendrick Bangs.

AN APPEAL. There are children in the world, little packages of life, all of hope and joy and loving, wholly innocent of strife; little rompers in the sunlight, little hearts with peace aglow, knowing nothing of man's baseness, unacquainted all with woe.

Let us guard them, let us keep them in these days of tangled skein, all secure in their seclusion from the clouds of human pain. And no matter how we suffer from the heart-break of the day, let us guard them, let us keep them while the little children play.

Let us keep alive our hoping, and our loving, and our cheer, let us set aside all yielding to the threat of a gloomy future. For the sake of those our children—little packages of life, full of faith and golden sunshine in the midst of human strife.

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food laws for instant and regular application. There is decided room for improvement in this field. Every bit of perishable food offered for sale should be put in glass or under screens—yet a trip through the city will amaze pure food advocates at the abominable provincial manner in which food is handled. We hope the people of the District will see to it ere long that something is done in this respect. It is none too soon to start right now.

We say "the people of the District" advisedly. For although they have no power to compel this they have the right to refuse to buy food not taken care of in a sanitary manner. If they boycott the unsanitary food dealers, the deed will be done. No legislation is required to bring this about.

"I AM FOR BOY SCOUTS" AVERS POINDEXTER

"I am for the Boy Scouts," declared Senator Poindexter at the band concert given by the Boy Scouts at Camp Humphreys Sunday afternoon.

There is only one aristocracy in the country and that is the aristocracy of service," said the Senator.

Colin H. Livingston, of the national council of Boy Scouts, told the soldiers of the way the boys were striving to stand behind the army and the country.

An address was made by Senator Sherman on the sacredness of the task before the fighters and urging both the soldiers and scouts to do their best.

Non-Sinkable Lifeboat Gets Federal Approval

San Francisco.—Built like a raft with passenger compartments on both the top and bottom so that the craft is always right side up, and equipped with a movable centre weight for stability, with a self-bailing device, a "non-sinkable" lifeboat recently invented by Captain William Jacobo, of San Leandro, was tried out by the Federal inspectors in Oakland with very satisfactory results.

The boat was launched in the water here when it dived under the water, righted itself, and then took a normal position after the bailing valves had emptied it of water. The inventor claims that because of the self-bailing device the craft cannot sink.

OPHELIA'S SLATE.



New York, July 8.—Half the world wants to go on the stage and the other half wants to write plays. This is the dramatic situation that theatrical managers are facing up in New York. There is always a rush of young girls to secure theatrical engagements. Very few land as they present their abilities by letters to Belasco, the Shuberts, Klaw and Erlanger and others. The letters are generally waste-baskets.

The other day I talked to a theatrical manager who has developed many stars. I asked him what he considered the best way for a young girl to secure a theatrical engagement. After a moment of thoughtfulness, he said "Courage is the most essential thing. Next comes confidence. Courage to withstand the tribulations. Confidence in the aspirant's ability."

The truth is that most of the young women who have reached the dizzy heights of stardom are products of small town stock companies. Laurette Taylor, Clara Joel and Fay Bainter came out of the West unknown and soon saw their names blazoned up in electric lights against the Broadway skies. They learned to act in the small stock companies.

A few stars have been picked from the dramatic schools but actual experience seems to be the only open door. A well educated young girl has written me from the Far West to come back to the land of reality. He has the stardom that always gets married before she has a chance to develop. As a stepping stone to marriage I should say that the chorus is the greatest institution in the world. It seems to be chronic in the part of certain rich young New Yorkers to acquire chorus girl brides.

There were five new girls on Broadway in a production of mine which was produced in New York cities and showed promise. I was keeping an eye on them. In three months all were married. And all married men of more than the average wealth. They had all had their stars but in my opinion they are happier as they are.

Not more than ten years ago a man could have the back of his neck shaved and stay in the theatre. He was a nescient, but times have changed. One of Broadway's well-known fashion plates went into a Fifth Avenue barber shop to be trimmed. The barber was from the wilds of Connecticut and when his customer fell asleep he shaved the back of his neck.

It is well to draw the curtain down upon the scene when the customer came back to the land of reality. He almost wrecked the shop, and before he left the amazed hair cutter was shivering with fright atop the barber pole in front.

The Broadwayite retired to his little 50-room dugout on the Sound and is living the life of a hermit until the back of his neck again becomes presentable.

He is a Y. M. C. A. worker, and is back from "over there." He tells of the spiritual influence that is spreading among the soldiers. Men going into battle find great comfort in the fact that the "old" back home are praying for them, and it is not unusual to see soldiers kneeling reverently in prayer in their trenches. Apropos of all this, the men around New York camps are making different jingles about the boys over there. Here is one: "Round Her Neck She Wore a Yaller Ribbon" is being discarded for "God, Spare Our Boys Over There."

It is the new army and navy song prayer. The chorus runs "God, spare our boys over there; keep them in your tender care; mothers are kneeling, loved ones appealing; angels protect them everywhere. Hear our fervent prayer. On bended knee, hear our hearts' rosary, and spare our boys over there."

High School Students Adopt Standard Dress

Independence, Kan.—Middy blouses and suits of white or blue, combinations of the same, and white, black or brown shoes with stockings to match, will be the dress of Montgomery County high school girls next year, the girls decided at a meeting at the close of the school year. High heel shoes and silk waists and stockings are taboo.

Food will win the war—profiteers will lengthen it.

Army and Navy News Best Service Column in the City

Secretary Daniels has requested that photographs of men of the navy who have lost their lives in service against the enemy be sent to recruiting division, Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, to be preserved in the navy's records.

To perpetuate the memory of enlisted men of the navy lost during the war, photographs are now being carefully collected. As rapidly as these pictures are received copies are made, and the originals returned to the owners.

A photograph of each man is then forwarded to the training station where he began his career in the service. There a memorial gallery of honor or a man's corner is formed, so that for all time the faces of the men of the navy who have made the supreme sacrifice may be honored by the youths of the future sent to the station for training.

Relatives of men who have been lost in the present war who have not received requests for pictures are asked to mail them to the department for this memorial.

All pictures should be securely wrapped after they have been marked with the name, branch of service, and training station the young man entered after enlistment. These should be addressed to the recruiting division, Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. When copied the photograph will be returned to the sender with one of the copies.

Maj. Donald D. Davis, Aviation Section, Signal Reserve Corps, now detailed as liaison officer between the purchase and supply branch, purchase, storage and supply division, and the Signal Corps, is relieved from duty and will report to the director of aircraft production for duty in the production department.

Chaplain James A. Smith, National Army, is relieved from duty with the 8th Division and is assigned to the 103d Depot Brigade. He will

report without delay to the commanding officer of the brigade for duty.

The Acting Chief of Ordnance, Brig. Gen. C. C. Williams, has announced the personnel of the Ordnance Department board that will work with United States Steel Corporation officials in the building of the Neville Island ammonia and refrigeration plant.

Charles C. Jamieson will be president of the board. Serving with him will be Col. Charles M. Wesson, Lieut. Col. H. E. Hunt, Lieut. Col. W. F. Barlow, Lieut. Col. F. E. Walters, Lieut. Col. R. P. Lamont, and Maj. Charles A. Walker, Jr.

This board will represent the Ordnance Department in the preparation and approval of plans for the construction of the Neville Island plant under the terms of the contract between the United States Steel Corporation and the Ordnance Department.

The appointment of the following named officers in the National Army, with rank from June 11, 1918, is announced:

To be colonels: Lieut. Col. Thomas W. Hollyday, Field Artillery, National Army; Lieut. Col. William F. Jones, Field Artillery, National Army.

Col. Hollyday is assigned to the 33d Division, National Guard, and Col. Jones to the 25th Division, National Guard.

Maj. John T. Aydelotte, Medical Corps, is relieved from duty in the Southern Department and will proceed to Waco, Tex., and report in person to the commanding general, Camp MacArthur, that place, for duty as camp surgeon.

The appointment of Lieut. Col. Ernest R. Tilton, Field Artillery, national army (transfer, Coast Artillery) to the grade of colonel, national army, with rank from June 11, is announced. He will proceed to Fort Crockett, Tex., and report to commanding officer, Coast Defense of Galveston, for duty.

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