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Mr. Taft's Advice.

Mr. Taft is in a position where he can speak out on topics of importance to the country, and is performing an excellent public service in doing so.

In his latest deliverance Mr. Taft warns against calculations based on the unimpaired stimulated figures of our present foreign trade.

Here, then, are two points: (1) How long will the war last? and (2) what will be the condition of Europe as to production and consumption on general lines when peace is restored?

Point number one is beyond the range of prophecy. Those best qualified to express an opinion are the chariest about doing so.

Point number two is more inviting for speculation. Great as have been the dislocations and the losses thus far, they have not paralyzed the industries of the countries engaged in the war.

The close of the struggle, then, whether it comes this year or next, will not present a picture of exhaustion. Europe will probably still possess the elements of a rapid rebound.

Mr. Taft's object is to warn against a too great trade optimism on our part. In the way that war has brought as much prosperity, peace will take it away.

The 1915 Fly Fight.

Appropriately following the completion of the fortnight's clean-up campaign comes the announcement that the District government will cooperate with the Star in the annual fight against the fly nuisance, which in previous years has resulted in material gains in community health.

Bluegrass and Booz.

The democrats of Kentucky are sorely perplexed over the drink question. Their present control of state affairs was obtained on a platform declaring for county unit, and that policy now prevails.

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1911, is leading the statewide prohibitionists among the democrats. He was nominated and elected senator last year over the opposition of the drink interests.

A bit of gossip from the state is that if the senator loses his fight; if the democracy rejects statewide prohibition, and nominates and elects a county unit man for governor, Mr. Beckham will be asked to resign his office.

But the turmoil is not localized. National leaders have been drawn in, and their names and attitudes are being conjured up for votes.

Mr. Bryan has always had a strong hold on the Kentucky democrats, although in his first race for the presidency enough of them bolted to give the state to the republicans.

Mr. Wilson, on the other hand, was not strong until after his nomination at Baltimore. Kentucky was a Clark state at the national convention.

It is a very interesting situation, with a national bearing. If prohibition is kept out of the platform, Mr. Wilson will have won; if it is adopted, Mr. Bryan will have won.

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SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Important Consideration.

"A woman ought to be able to cook and keep house," said the thrifty youth.

"Don't bother about that, son," replied his father. "Before you marry a girl make up your mind whether she can get on with a servant who will do the work."

Practical Difficulties.

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Sense of Solemnity.

"You always wear black clothes when you go to hear Mr. Hefty make a speech."

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noted, so that all may understand that it is unlawful to pound the dust out of floor coverings in such a way as to send it into other premises. The reason for the rule is obvious. Dust is dangerous. It is a bearer of disease. Carpet dust is a combination of many kinds of organic and inorganic matter, much of which is positively harmful.

While Secretary Daniels' reference to the superior condition of the United States Navy cannot be construed as in any sense a suggestion of threat, it is worth considering by nations whose methods of handling explosives at sea are slightly incalculations.

The next American multimillionaire who tries to buy up art treasures should be welcomed by Europe for his willingness to remove articles of priceless value to humanity to a place of safety.

Professional guessers are now busy trying to decide whether the rise in steel was due to an outlook for a speedy peace or to a prospect of an unlimited demand for war materials.

King George's example should go far in making total abstinence popular, but he would be at an advantage if he had a temperance speaker like Secretary Bryan in his official family.

Suffragists can congratulate themselves on the changes that have come since the term "woman's rights" was regarded merely as a humorous reference.

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The reductions we are making now should induce all prudent buyers to place their orders for reupholstering and repairing Furniture at once or during the months of the summer, anyway.

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