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Quick Work in Japan
From the Bulletin of "Japan Society" we glean the following item of information:
A cargo boat of the 9,000-ton type was recently launched at the Kawasaki dockyard, Kobe, Japan.

Whether it be wooden ships or steel ships or both, the need is imperative that shipbuilding on the largest scale ever contemplated should begin at once in every American shipyard, for war purposes.

A Citizen of the United States
The fervor of the American welcome to Marshal Joffre has to some extent diminished the ovation that under other circumstances would have been accorded the Marquis de Chambrun, the great-grandson of Lafayette, who accompanies the party.

The Marquis de Lafayette and his male heirs forever shall be, and they each of them are hereby, deemed, adjudged, and taken to be natural-born citizens of this State, and shall hereafter be entitled to all the immunities, rights, and privileges of natural-born citizens thereof, and they and every one of them conforming to the laws of this State shall have the perpetual enjoyment of such immunities, rights and exercises.

The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution makes the citizen of any State a citizen of the United States.
Vive le Marquis de Chambrun, Citizen American.

In the same connection it is pointed out that at a session of the legislature in 1794, which Lafayette addressed, he said:
To have been early adopted to have seen French and American standards united in the cause of mankind, to have so peculiarly shared in the confidence and friendship of the United States, are ideas the more pleasing to me, as I am assured, when I reflect upon the difficulties this country overcame, that she will attend to the means of splendor and happiness which now, thank God, are at her disposal.

Evidently the Maryland delegation has made out its case. The Times records the motion that the Marquis de Chambrun and Marshal Joffre be urged to visit our neighboring city of Baltimore, and may we be there to see!

The Lusitania Anniversary
Two years ago today, the muffled sound of a torpedo striking a huge passenger vessel was heard around the world. Its echoes will reverberate down to the last syllable of recorded time.

The sinking of the Lusitania, following the advertisement from the German embassy warning Americans not to board the ill-fated ship and resulting in the loss of American citizens, including women and babies, numbering 114 souls, was a deed that alienated American sympathy permanently from the cause of the central powers, enabled Americans to forego the neutrality they had tried to observe, caused the condemnation of any violations of international law that only affected property rights, and finally was the main contributing cause for the declaration of war against Germany, when that misguided nation justified murder on the high seas by announcing that it would be continued without restriction, not only against the merchant ships of belligerent nations, but of neutrals as well.

the fuse which finally exploded under the Prussian throne.
A German pastor recently declared that the mark of a true German was his absolute justification of the sinking of the Lusitania. That means that the taking of life without law, which is the definition of murder, is to be justified. That is the spirit that must be changed if the peace of the world is to be insured. It would be interesting to know what is the real opinion today of the mass of the German people concerning this fateful international crime and its culminating punishment.

"Peace Without Indemnities"
The Socialists who have already arrived at Stockholm in anticipation of the peace conference there are divided in their sympathies as to the merits of the contending sides. But the slogan, "Peace without indemnities" has already received a rude blow by the obtrusion of the case of Belgium into these preliminary deliberations.

All seem agreed that the case of Belgium is exceptional. Camille Huysmans, secretary of the International Socialist Congress, says:
When we say peace without indemnities we consider that it is understood that Belgium must be re-established and that its material losses must be made good. We do not look on that as indemnity.

The prospective chairman of the coming sessions of the congress, Mr. Branting, goes a step farther. He declares his opinion as follows:
Belgium must be re-established and indemnified, and the actual devastation wrought in the occupied districts of France should be made good. As to France, I am not referring to the unavoidable destruction incident to the war, but to the deliberate laying waste of the country and to the methods adopted to cripple the country's economic future.

German intrigue has been busy with the Russian Socialists inciting them to demand a peace without indemnities either as to territory or money. But when the case of Belgium is considered the contention goes to pieces. The case of devastated France, wantonly destroyed, is close skin. And what of Serbia, against which the original impossible demands of Austria, backed, if not incited by Prussia, were made? What about Armenia, subjected to such a depopulation by wholesale massacres as not even the unspeakable Turk has been guilty of for some generations? What about the restoration of an independent sovereignty in divided and misgoverned Poland? What about the continuance of Turkish control over Constantinople, and the passage of the Bosphorus?

The more these various questions arising out of the war and the methods of its prosecution by the central powers are studied, the more the well-meaning Socialists of Russia and the neutral powers will see that they have adopted a meaningless slogan in the supposed interests of an early peace. Little Belgium, invaded in violation of a solemn treaty, styled a mere scrap of paper; resisting the German advance and sacrificing herself to save France, then suffering all the horrors of occupation by the Huns; her girls and women ravished; her stately churches destroyed, her people starved at home and deported to the land of their despoilers; her helpless cities fined for the resistance the Belgian army made—Belgium rises as the avenging angel to destroy the hopes of Germany for securing a separate peace with Russia, or any peace that does not involve acknowledgment what poor reparation can be made for a hideous series of international crimes.

In the meantime, American Socialists who have left in their constitutions any germ of American patriotism will see to it that by no word or act of theirs is Russia encouraged to make a peace which would be treason to her allies, among which is now numbered the United States of America.

So Dr. Dumba thinks the President of the United States is an Anglophile autocrat. Certainly when it comes to real American Germanophilic, there ain't no sitch animal.

Germany will believe in the reality of American inventive genius when the submarines that leave their home ports regularly fail to return.

It is true that Dumba had a disagreeable experience with Presidential autocracy.
If the Reichstag is to have authority over the army and navy by the new amendments to the constitution, it is probable that parliamentary assembly will be talking while the allies including ourselves are marching into Berlin.

LETTERS ON MANY TOPICS TO THE TIMES FROM ITS READERS

TO TIMES READERS

The Times is receiving great numbers of letters from its readers. No communication which does not carry the name and address of the contributor will be used, but both will be considered confidential if requested in made.
Publication will not be made of letters on unimportant subjects or religious questions. It will not publish abusive personal attacks nor criticisms which the Times deems unwarranted by the facts as it knows them.

flag flying, for your appeal to "hang out the flag" was met with spontaneous reply from all parts of the city, and today we see our flag astir everywhere, for that spirit which you created has not died down.
But I wonder, Mr. Editor, if you permit your campaign to die at this stage whether or not you may not be doing our country more harm than good by the proud emblem of dignity, justice, and power, which, if insulいた, millions will spring to its defense, and these millions will die in its defense.

Consider Starvation Fit Punishment For Food Dealers Who Gorge the Public.
We are constantly hearing of the destruction of food by cold-storage plants and dealers in order to keep up the price of food. Yesterday I heard that not long ago carloads of food were dumped into Lake Erie at one of the ports. Such reports should be brought to the notice of the public and the Department of Justice. Persons guilty of such crimes should be punished by starvation just short of death. "Let the punishment fit the crime."

Plan of Using Cats or Poisoned Grains to Rid Gardens of Sparrows Brings Dismay to Heart of Song Bird Lover.
In one of your excellent columns in last night's Times, you published an article that I read with dismay. The heading is "How Gardens May Be Rid of Sparrow Pest." Having been quite a successful gardener for the past four seasons, and having had my share of trouble with the sparrows, I read the article eagerly. I agree fully with the two ideas of flying rags and scarecrows, but I wish to protest most earnestly against the other two, namely, the spreading of poisoned grain or the keeping of a cat.

A Daily Example of Criminal Waste Such as Must be Suppressed if We Are to Triumph in War.
The place was a quick-lunch room, the time 1:15 p. m. The personages, an old man who might have been a retired banker, lawyer, or such like. He had a vegetable soup, crackers, and water; check 10 cents. A 200-pound capable woman, of any, forty or more, ordered Boston baked beans, bread and butter, coffee, check 20 cents. At the same table, an eighty-five-pound flapper, all diked out in the latest scream, picked out tenderloin steak, asparagus on toast, mashed potatoes, lettuce salad, pot of tea, strawberry shortcake, and ice cream; check \$1.25.

Get the World Together, This Correspondent's Slogan.
Ours is an age when impossibilities are made possible. A few years back a world war was deemed impossible. Today has proved it but too possible. When this century opened the Federation of the World was an "iridescent dream" a "phantom's delirium."

ets derision." Today it "blazes a planet's prayer."
The agenda to be discussed at the coming international conference at Washington, and classed with topics of such primary importance as the "freedom of the seas" and "federation to prevent future wars."

What more sensible or necessary topic than there be the well done adoption of the business man's motto "Get Together!"
Governments are simply the people's business agencies, to do for them collectively what cannot be so well done by individual effort. Obviously these agencies can be united. In one instance they are already quite successfully united, I refer, of course, to the Universal Postal Union.

Would You Germans as Sheld Against U-boats.
I have a suggestion to make for combating the submarine propaganda of murder and destruction. Let the steers of every ship that ply between America and European ports be filled to capacity with German prisoners, and then let the imperial German murderers torpedo their own men.

Down with the autocrats of earth!
Down with its pomp and pride!
Down with oppression! Fling the door of freedom open wide!
Give to the sea her white-winged ships.
Give to the brother man his rights,
Give to the world God's peace.

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immune from torpedoes; but loss of a tug would not involve loss of life, as the other tug on the ship would be on hand to take the crew in.

On the return trip from England the danger would be reversed. In fine, why not, as a temporary expedient, provide floating harbors for protection of supply-ships through the danger zone?

Profess Against Government Employing Both Husbands and Their Wives.
The Civil Service Commission is holding examinations today for typewriters, and again on the 4th for clerical positions in the departments here.

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Today's Calendar WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Fair tonight. Tuesday, partly cloudy; little change in temperature; gentle to moderate shifting winds.

For Virginia north portion—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature; south portion—cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably rain; moderate east to northeast winds.

Cool weather still prevails generally east of the Rocky mountains, except in Florida, and there were heavy frosts from New Mexico and Colorado northeastward into western lower Michigan. West of the mountains temperatures are reasonable.

There were general showers in Texas, light local rains in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and the east Gulf States and rains in the north Pacific States. Cloudy weather, with rain, will prevail tonight and Tuesday in the South Atlantic States. Showers east of the Mississippi river the weather will be partly cloudy.

There will be no temperature changes of consequence. A cold front will tonight in the upper Lake and western lower Lake regions.

The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coast will be gentle to moderate shifting, mostly northeast and east; on the south Atlantic coast moderate to fresh north and east. Light to moderate south on south Florida coast; on the east Gulf coast moderate northerly.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have moderate shifting winds, with cloudy weather to the Grand Banks.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
5 a. m. 41 11 a. m. 48
8 a. m. 42 2 p. m. 52
10 a. m. 43 5 p. m. 54
Average temperature for this date for the last thirty years, 45.

High Tides.
8:24 a. m. height 23 2:10 p. m. height 5 1/2
Low Tides.
1:24 a. m. height 1 1/2 7:10 p. m. height 1 1/2

WEATHER CONDITIONS.
Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations, at 8 a. m. today, except fifth meridian times:
Temperature. Rainfall.

Station. High. Low. Prev. 24 hrs. Weather.
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Amusements Today.
Belasco—"Mr. Rip Van Winkle," by Mack and Wig Club, 8:15 p. m. and 8 New National "Intolerance," 7 p. m. and 8

Scheduled for Today.
Concert by United States Marine Band, Marine Barracks, 8:15 p. m.
Concert by United States Soldiers' Home Band, bandstand, 8:15 p. m.

Scheduled for Tomorrow.
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