

Divorce and Brigandage. Weakness Doesn't Rebel. Moaning Railroad Lawyers. The Russian Father.

Liberty develops queerly in Russia. In a hundred places the Russians are carrying on little civil wars. Four thousand killed in one place.

Armed brigands in groups of sixty travel about Petrograd in automobiles, visiting clubs, robbing the inmates—in the name of Liberty.

In the name of liberty, divorce is made easier and thirty-eight thousand ladies and gentlemen immediately apply in Petrograd alone.

The American dentist of the German Emperor comes home with a pass across the frontier that the Emperor signed.

He says that the food situation in Germany is not as bad as has been reported. Possibly Kaiser dentists are fed better than the average.

In Austria, conditions are desperately bad. The best ray of peace hope is there.

"Why don't they rebel, how soon WILL they rebel," the world asks, reading that men and women starve in Austria.

STRENGTH rebels, not weakness. The starving are weak. It is easier for them to lie down and die than fight.

In France once the people were so miserably poor that laws were passed forbidding survivors to eat the bodies of those that died of the plague.

The French revolution did not start with men and women tempted in their misery to eat dead human bodies.

The France that rebelled was comparatively modern Paris eating wheat, drinking red wine, with iron in the blood and thought in the brain.

The well fed, intelligent, educated descendants of the illegitimate sons of French noblemen, that had used their "droit du seigneur," overthrew government by royalty, nobility and clergy.

It isn't the lady mentioned in The Song of a Shirt that rebels or goes picketing. She will "stitch, stitch, stitch" her way into the grave.

Not the sweat-shop workers with just enough pay to keep them alive need worry gentlemen sitting on piles of greenbacks.

But let those gentlemen look out, for the well-fed men and women of the cloak and suit trade, earning their eighteen to twenty-five dollars a week—and more in good times—sunning themselves on Fifth avenue and discussing intelligently the latest news from Russia.

WEATHER: RAIN TONIGHT, COLDER TOMORROW

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WASHINGTON, TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 19, 1918.

[Closing Wall Street Prices.] PRICE TWO CENTS.

GERMANS WIN FIRST VICTORY IN RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE BOLSHEVIKI GOVERNMENT WILL FIGHT ADVANCE

PRODUCTION OF STEEL BELOW NORMAL; MORE COAL IS NEEDED

Steel Plants of Country Running at Only Half Capacity and Unfilled Orders Are Rapidly Accumulating.

By DAVID LAWRENCE. Fundamental to the success of our war program is an abundance of steel to build ships, locomotives, cars, and instrumentalities of transportation as well as to make projectiles and munitions generally.

Figures Tell Story. Figures tell the story. In the war industries board are charts showing the orders received week by week in the steel plants of this country for the United States Government, including the army and navy emergency fleet corporation, and the allied governments as well as non-governmental demands.

Shipments Decline. But even with this distinction in shipments between essential and non-essential orders, it is a regrettable truth that between December 8 and January 15, shipments of merchant bars declined 60 per cent, plates for merchant ships fell 50 per cent, and shell steel 45 per cent.

Must Be Stimulated. It is in the interval that steel production must be stimulated and, of course, this depends on fuel and transportation. No crisis is here, but the problem that is worrying our Government is the future.

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Washington Flier Reported Felled By German Raiders



ENSIGN ALBERT DALTON STURTEVANT, Of Washington, who is missing, his seaplane having been shot down.

BROADWAY PAYS TRIBUTE OF SORROW AT CASTLE'S BIER WASHINGTON FLYER, MISSING IN FIGHT, NOT YET GIVEN UP

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Broadway today said good-bye to Vernon Castle, captain of the Royal Flying Corps, and premier dancer, who gave his life that another might live.

Comrades Bear Casket. Borne by six cadets of the Royal Flying Corps, the casket bearing the aviator-dancer was brought into the church following the boy choir.

Native of Washington. Born here in Washington, May 2, 1894, Albert Sturtevant grew up a typical Washington boy.

Mrs. Castle Meets Body. Mrs. Castle had met the body when it arrived at the Grand Central station this morning, and had gone with it to the Campbell funeral church.

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RAIL PROBLEM HERE BECOMES ONE OF CITY OWNERSHIP

McAdoo Not Likely to Take Over Lines, Being Already Overloaded With Work on Steam Roads of Nation.

By BILL PRICE. Federal control of the street car lines of Washington, along the same plans as govern the steam railroads of the country, under the direction of Secretary McAdoo, need not be longer hoped or sought for by the people of the District, and the question is narrowed down to one of continuation of private ownership, under most exasperating and irritating conditions, or municipal ownership to be authorized by Congress.

Factors in Decision. The decision to keep hands off the local traffic breakdown is based upon a number of considerations.

Appeals have been made to the Government from a number of cities to take over electric lines. Wherever there are strikes or troubles that deprive the people of efficient service the first thought is to unload on the general government.

Freight Cleared From Terminal, McAdoo is Told. The Washington terminal is working under normal conditions, and all freight has been cleared.

Senator Chamberlain Will Go Under Knife. Senator Chamberlain, Oregon, will be operated on today for appendicitis.

BURLESON GIRLS WORKING TO HELP U. S. WIN THE WAR



MISS LUCY BURLESON, Yeowoman. MISS SIDNEY BURLESON, Stenographer.

One Daughter Works For \$41 a Month As a Yeowoman—Sister Training To Be Typist.

Miss Lucy Burleson, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Postmaster General Burleson, considered the wealthiest member of President Wilson's Cabinet, is today working for Uncle Sam for \$41 a month.

Leaves Capitol Above Capital. While his colleagues debated and investigated in the confines of the Capitol this morning, Congressman Overmyer of Ohio, played hide and seek in the clouds, 4,000 feet above Washington as a passenger in an airplane with Col. C. F. Lee, of the British Royal Flying Corps.

Eight Men Hurt in Explosion on U. S. S. Montana. Eight men were injured when a cartridge case exploded on the U. S. S. Montana during target practice.

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RUSS FLEE DVINSK AS INVADERS LAY SIEGE

Stronghold on Dvina River, 100 Miles From Riga, Offers Practically No Resistance to Kaiser's Forces.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 19.—"The Germans have entered Dvinsk with little resistance," the war office announced today.

Russia Will Fight. Petrograd, Feb. 19.—Russia will fight.

Trotsky Tells Terms. Foreign Minister Trotsky, addressing the Bolshevik executive committee, outlined publicly for the first time the startling peace terms presented by Germany, which Russia refused.

Russian Attempt to Halt Germans at Dvina River Fails. Berlin (via London), Feb. 19.—"The Russians made an unsuccessful attempt to blow up a bridge over the Dvina river, the German war office announced today.

Austrians Occupy City by Agreement with Ukrainians. Vienna (via London), Feb. 19.—"General Von Linsing's army has occupied Lusk," the war office declared today.

Bolshevik Arrest Ukrainian Government Heads for Treason. London, Feb. 19.—All of the members of the Ukrainian government (the Central Rada of Kiev) and the Ukrainian peace delegation that effected a treaty with the central empire, at Brast-Litovsk, have been arrested by the Bolshevik government.

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