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A TIME FOR PRAYER

IN TIME of danger or distress a child cries instinctively to its mother. When disaster impends or the skies of our little world threaten to fall in upon us we turn to God for help.

The appeal of the three Cardinals of the Catholic Church in America voices this thought in strong and appealing language: "If we fight like heroes and pray like saints, soon will America overcome mere force by greater force and conquer lust and power by the holier power of sacrifice and faith."

When all men join sincerely in genuine prayer three times a day not only will peace be assured, but there will be nobody to plot wars.

"Fish" Mr. Hoover says, "must be more widely used for food," and many, many of us will be willing to help him catch 'em.

TARIFF AND WAGES

CHAIRMAN HURLEY, of the Shipping Board, told the Illinois Manufacturers' Association the other day that the American manufacturer must learn to regard the whole world as his market after the war.

There is certainly no objection to utilizing all the raw materials of other countries within the capacity of our own mills to absorb, but in the matter of exchange of finished products we must look to it that the whole world does not regard the United States as its market in finished products, which will most likely be the case under the Democratic tariff policy.

Everything points conclusively to the fact that the wage differentials between the United States and our European and Oriental manufacturing competitors will be far wider than they were before the war started. There has been wage increases the world over, but nowhere so great as in the United States.

Manifestly, it is idle to suppose that the American manufacturer can maintain anything like the present wage scale and prices of work and produce commodities at the cost at which like competing articles are produced abroad.

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AT LAST

AT last Fuel Administrator Garfield has come to his senses. The fuel shortage has driven him to warn the breweries that they can expect no more coal after their present supplies are exhausted.

At the same time the United States Senate has injected into the agricultural bill an amendment which will prevent the manufacture of beer or other drinks, after a reasonable period, in which food products are used, involving the saving of millions of bushels of grain each year and 3,100,000 tons of coal.

The government has held out for beer far longer than most people have deemed wise, but at last it has been compelled to yield to public opinion.

The nation won't buy many war supplies on the taxes levied on servants.

BACKED UP AT HOME

SOME of the men who helped form the Harrisburg Reserves, the city's home guard, with a great flourish of trumpets last summer, and then quit the drills when the weather got cold, ought to note for their own benefit in future matters of the kind that the businessmen of the city have come forward handsomely to purchase equipment for the Reserves to use in the training of men of draft age before they are called to the camps, and at the same time to promote the efficiency of the corps.

The Kaiser, having fed von Kuehlmann to the Junketers, will now look about for another pig to fatten.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have agreed on something. For the last fortnight some hardy spirits have been engaged in an effort to secure a protocol between Justice Eugene C. Bonnell, the gubernatorial nominee, who declines to discern any sincerity in the bosses of the machine in Pennsylvania and A. Mitchell Palmer, the Democratic national committeeman, who is willing to recognize Bonnell with limitations.

There is a way to meet the competition, however: If the American workman accepts the wages and hours of his brother toiler in Europe production costs here will be lowered to the European figure.

With a new Russian republic created every day, we begin to understand why Nicholas insisted on the title of Czar of All the Russias.

THE PRIVATE

[From the Stars and Stripes in France]

He kicks about his meager pay, he kicks about the grub. He swears by all that's holy that his corporal is a dub; To him each regulation is a source of much distress.

He crabs about each feature of his military life; His idea of delight is to engage in verbal strife; He prides himself on knowing every regulation of the army.

But he really doesn't mean it, for it's just a clever ruse; And we know that chronic kickers have no time to get the blues; And the kickers make good fighters.

—Pvt. George E. Parker, Co. L, —Inf.

LET'S BE FAIR

[From the Evening Ledger, Phila.] The figures given out by the Treasury Department showing the alleged exorbitant profits of merchants and manufacturers, supplementing the information contained in the report of the Federal Trade Commission, are unfair and misleading.

A small business man with \$10,000 capital who turned his money over twice a year before the war may have turned his capital over four or five times during the first year because of increased business.

There is nothing easier than to make figures lie, it is only the Treasury Department is deliberately attempting to create the impression that all business men whose capital has been working overtime since the war began are dishonest profiteers.

Reason We Need Pockets

One reason a man has more pockets than a woman because his collar is too tight to permit him to throw things down his shirt front.—From the Galveston News.

Low Visibility

"She says she prefers to do her marketing by telephone." "Why so?" "Says she can't bear to see how little she is getting for the money."—From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

LABOR NOTES

- Of 150,000 Australian trade-unionists enlisted, 45,000 have been killed.
Our lighting and power industry employs \$20,000.
Printers at Richmond, Va., have secured an eight-hour day.
Jacksonville (Fla.) carpenters demand 75 cents an hour.
Electrical workers at Fresno, Cal., now get \$7.20 a day.
Firefighters of St. Joseph, Mo., have organized a union.
Toronto (Canada) textile workers will ask increased pay September 1.
Employees of the Western Union will get a bonus on October 1.
Louisville (Ky.) horseshoers ask \$4 a day.
Brewery workers at Kansas City have received an 18 per cent increase.
Tacoma (Wash.) teamsters have secured an eight-hour day.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

