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"We shall win" exclaims the kaiser, making no mention of Gott, however.

Jordan is said to be a hard road to travel, but Gen. Allenby doesn't stop at that account.

"Comparatively heavy" is the way the Germans describe their losses. They are probably all that.

Trotsky sees the light.—Headline, which is probably more than can be said for some of his baiters.

Massachusetts doesn't seem much inclined to make two or three bites of the prohibition amendment cherry.

The Red Cross is now getting in its work on the battle fronts. It merits our undivided and heartiest support.

Gen. Wood seems to think there will hereafter be less of trench warfare. That is apparently a logical conclusion.

Having relieved himself of a load of pressure, Senator Lodge doubtless feels better. Now, let's hear from the colonel.

A sporting editor gave his life in heroic fashion in a French trench. We bet umpires would also shine in "shock" troop service.

It is claimed that federal food administrators have not fixed a price for Texas onions. Couldn't get near enough to 'em?

Mr. Shropshire has made no recent public declaration of his political plans, but he has prudently retained his position in baseball.

Finding it impracticable to make the high courts bipartisan at this time, the republicans gracefully consented to make them nonpartisan.

Chicago "wets" are not going to take any chances on a local option referendum if they can help it. One can hardly blame them—their time is so short.

And exchange suggests that "standing behind the president" might be profitably amended by traveling in front of him in the direction of the firing line.

"Gen Pershing wants 100,000 books a month for our army in France." Then, they should go forward promptly. Just now, however, our boys are finding little time to read.

Miss Margaret Wilson is in the west where she sings for the soldiers in the camps. She sometimes brings down the house by singing "Dixie" in response to encores.

The present week is termed Holy week because it is observed in commemoration of crucifixion week. There are other reasons why it is a week of anxiety for Americans.

At the very worst, it would seem that the Dutch would prefer seeing their ships commandeered by somebody else and willing to pay for them to having them sunk for the fun of it.

Gov. Patterson has gone down to Alabama to assist in the prohibition amendment campaign. He may also further elucidate his views for the benefit of the Montgomery Advertiser.

Turkey's insistence that somebody's self-determination would lead to a preference for Turkish rule, indicates that a sense of humor may sometimes be encountered in the most unexpected places.

A committee on farm labor, which has recommended among other things, a temporary closing of saloons in the country districts, reminds us that there are still some parts of the country entitled to our sympathies.

The state has brought suit against Shelby county to recover \$24,661 of alleged unpaid fines and costs. Just a few years ago a large overdraft of the school fund was sued for and recovered. Shelby is sure some thrifty.

New names continue to make their appearance even on the western front. Artillerists have suspected that the big mystery gun, which has been shelling Paris, is the Austrian Skoda. But that doesn't help the matter much.

The Rocky Mountain News wants the little fellows punished who "cry out" wrong features of the papers they are selling on the streets. This should be done gently, however. Last Saturday we heard one of them call out: "All about the great allied drive." The little patriot at once perceived and corrected his mistake. It was of the head, not of the heart, which had been keyed up for his own country.

COUNTER OFFENSIVE NEXT.

News is much more reassuring from the great battle this morning, though we must not deceive ourselves that we are yet out of the woods.

The enemy has been brought almost to a standstill. A counter-attack has been preparing and we shall, no doubt, soon have intelligence of its effects. Berlin claims it has already been made and has failed, but this is not borne out from the London cables.

In the last twenty-four hours the French, south of Noyon, have held the invaders in the neighborhood of Lassigny. The Paris official bulletin says that the French hold the "left bank" of the Oise. This unambiguously means the west bank, as the actions about Lassigny indicate. Americans are there with them, fighting shoulder to shoulder, as did LaFayette with Washington. It is not likely the Germans will strike to the east. If they cleared the Oise river banks, they would still have to effectuate a crossing. It is a deep and navigable stream. Lassigny is about ten miles from Compiègne, and that point is something like forty miles from Paris.

On the north the apex of the wedge reaches Bray, about ten miles southeast of Albert. The London dispatches say that the Germans crossed the Somme at this point. But on this part of the line there is not much retrograde movement. Albert is about eighteen miles from Amiens. This is the objective in this sector.

Von Ludendorff claims a great victory has been won, but with what results he does not profess to predict. That's the dark future the Germans must face. Their victories are Pyrrhic. They pile up troubles for the supposed-to-be conquerors. Even in Russia there are reports of many difficulties being met with and a Bolshevik victory at Odessa. It seems from a report through a neutral source that Ludendorff insisted to the kaiser that this campaign would bring victory and peace. He will find he is mistaken. Even if the French and British have a wedge driven between them, which is extremely unlikely, it will not mean the shortening of the war.

As long as there are millions of French and millions of British in the field the war will go on and we shall finally assume our share.

We must consider this conflict in terms never before in the human mind regarding battles. Until three-fourths of some great army is engaged at one time the results are unlikely to be decisive. This is the comfort to be obtained from the situation. That the allies have suffered a heavy blow is evident. The capture of nearly a thousand guns is an indication of the other losses. All interest will be in the counter offensive. That is the test. In the next few hours the crisis will have been passed. Confidence is more and more pronounced in allied capitals, however.

THE RUSSIAN RIDDLE.

Much has been said in this country about Russia. Most of it has not been complimentary. But a good part of it has likewise been without very definite information upon which to base remark. Native Russians in the United States seem to know as little of the real situation as anybody else. A Birmingham newspaper quotes a Russian resident of that city as follows:

"Yes; I am a Russian, a native of Little Russia, and one would think I ought to have some definite idea about the Russian situation, but I have none. One thing I do understand: The Russian people are like a man whose business has been ruined, whose banker will not credit him and whose wife and children are hungry. A man in that condition cannot reason. That is Russia's state and accounts for the apparent inconsistencies in the conduct of the Russian masses."

It is only known over here that Russia has no organized, responsible government, or that the government has ceased to function efficiently. Naturally the result was very disappointing to the countries which were engaged with Russia in the war. There has been much harsh censure—too much, perhaps. When a state of anarchy prevails it is not so easy to fix responsibilities.

Russia is a great country and may some time become a great nation. The lesson of industrial organization must be learned, and the masses must be educated. But if peace were once restored and progressive policies set in motion, the recuperation and development of the country would probably be rapid. Just now the prospects are not bright for the early inauguration of such a program.

We wish Russia well. We also wish it were possible for her to render effective assistance to those who are fighting her battles as well as their own. If Grand Duke Nicholas had an army on the eastern front, the great drive would soon be over.

The San Francisco Chronicle hands congress a few well-deserved jolts because of its inaction on the water power bill. The Chronicle is very much afraid that the measure finally enacted will not be liberal enough to suit the capitalists. Congress seems, however, to have struck the happy mean. In order to avoid giving offense to either capital or consumer, it has apparently decided that doing nothing is the safer plan. Or perchance it is waiting for the president or somebody to tell it what to do.

Inquires the Jacksonville Times-Union: "Can it serve any good purpose to have our people believe the country is full of enemies and traitors?" Well, it affords some of us a method of doing our bit.

The Birmingham Ledger declares that "a friend of booze is a friend of Germany." And our contemporary would probably not change its opinion if booze were nicknamed "democracy" or "states' rights." That does not alter the smell.

RACE PREJUDICE.

A new reason for the apparent reluctance of Japan to take a more prominent part in the hostilities in Europe has been discovered by the Birmingham Ledger. Briefly put, it is race prejudice. As a leader of the Mongolians, Japan is holding aloof, conserving her energies and developing her economic power while the nations comprised in the white race are slaughtering each other and bankrupting their resources. This view has the novelty of being new and different, which is probably its greatest value. Japan's course is in all likelihood, influenced much more by geographic and economic than by racial reasons.

The Ledger cites as an instance confirming its theory, the recent unsuccessful efforts of this country to obtain shipping from Japan in exchange for steel which was desired by the manufacturing interests of the mikado's empire. But here, again, the race issue had little to do with the decision. The Japs probably reasoned that, with the prevailing dearth of shipping in the Pacific her merchant marine was a greater asset than steel would be. Japan has an intense race pride and is very sensitive about discriminations, but her economic insight is equally keen. The island kingdom is not overly rich in resources and it is a wise national policy to conserve them.

Various opinions have been expressed about Japan's purposes regarding Siberia—some of them approaching the hysterical—but it is apparent that she is in no great hurry about tackling that problem. Count Terauchi, the Japanese premier, who combines more or less of the traits of Bismarck and Von Moltke, has just declared that there is no reason for precipitate action in the Siberian matter. Undoubtedly this is correct. With the latter's consent, Japan might have repaired the Trans-Siberian railroad and gone to Russia's aid in Europe, but everybody knows that Vladivostok is not at present menaced by any immediate danger from Germany.

Any action taken which was manifestly unnecessary would, of course, be suspected as proceeding from ulterior and selfish motives. Japan understands this. She is trying to maintain her respectability and her reputation for good faith among the nations. Aside from this she is trying to conserve her own national and economic interests. Japan probably believes in the yellow race, much as we do in the white, but the instinct for self-preservation is stronger in all of us than racial antipathy. Divest Japanese policy from every racial consideration and it will still appear none the less shrewd.

STOCK AND FENCE LAWS.

The Copper City Advance, one of our weekly exchanges, calls attention to some of the difficulties involved in the repeal of the stock and fence laws in Tennessee, which has occasionally been suggested as a means of promoting the growth of livestock and especially hogs. This would, according to the Advance, cause an initial and continuing expense, on account of maintaining fences, that would far overbalance the value of such additional hogs as might be raised on the range. Besides, it would place this expense largely on the man who is laboring to produce crops from the soil for the benefit of his neighbor who might want to experiment with raising hogs without labor.

There is some merit in the Advance's contention. These stock laws have gradually spread over the state. The movement had its inception in public necessity. Timber was no longer available for fencing. It will hardly reverse itself and go backward. Its evolution tends more toward the eventual abolition of all fencing for crops. It is, of course, inevitable that changes of this kind should involve more or less hardship to somebody. But these laws cure more evils than they cause. Raising hogs on the "mast" was never a very important industry—never, at its best, equal to the value of fencing which it would require to permit it. Hogs which live on the range are not so healthy and thrive in growth as those which are cared for or pastured on cultivated crops.

Our timber has been used with such a reckless abandon in this country that a supply for the most necessary purposes is becoming quite a problem. And the cost of wire fencing is soaring beyond the reach of the farmer of moderate means. These conditions cannot be changed by law. Patriotic citizens should endeavor to conform as much as possible to the requirements of statutes which are the outgrowth of necessity. Fence laws do not make impracticable the raising of stock, which ought to be greatly increased. Very slight modifications might in some instances encourage the keeping of sheep, but the dog nuisance would have to be abated in order to accomplish anything worth while in this direction.

Tennessee's output of live stock and of all indigenous crops should be and can be greatly enlarged. But this desirable achievement can best be brought about by more intelligent methods and more intensified efforts. It is doubtful whether it would be expedited by undertaking the repeal of progressive legislation.

Probabilities of an invasion of England are again talked of. Napoleon was said to have regarded the problem of getting an army into England less serious than that of getting it out again.

The Ohio State Journal includes "Dixie" among national war songs. And there is where it belongs. President Hayes once went so far as to declare that the song was captured from the rebels. If it has not been sent to the front in France, it should be without further delay. Wouldn't it be fine for sounding a charge upon the Hun?

ONE MORE ACRE.

The following suggestion from the Progressive Farmer is so obviously timely that we reproduce it in the hope that somebody will read and profit by it who has not already done so:

"You've heard the expression, 'There's always room for one more!' and there is a great deal of truth in it. We believe that in this crisis in the nation's history there is 'room for one more' cultivated acre on your farm. Consequently we want to suggest and urge that you plant an extra acre of ground this year in some crop—preferably a food crop—and use the money you will thus make to buy war savings stamps, Liberty loan bonds, start a savings bank account, take out life insurance, or get a start in raising pure-bred hogs, sheep, poultry, etc.

"In the matter of saving and getting ahead, any man of experience will tell you that the first thousand dollars is the hardest of all to make—will tell you that in the beginning the margin between the thrifty and the unthrifty man is very small. One man forges ahead just a little, the other man falls behind just a little—but what a world of difference in results. 'Let's start on the drive ahead by planting an extra acre and then saving the money it makes!'"

The great drive in Europe is very distracting, but we must not neglect to keep the ball rolling for a great increase in the production of food. The war would soon collapse without it. One more acre with help so scarce may be a big undertaking but the stake is worth the effort.

Not only is the farmer impelled by his love of country, but the attraction of a certain reward for his labor. Patriotic and economic inducements go hand in hand. One more cultivated acre will help greatly in winning the war.

DIVERTING WAR CONTRACTS TO WEST AND SOUTH

(Marine Record.)

The government is making an extensive survey of the location of war industries, and this may result in the transfer of many of the war contracts to various sections of the west and south, where factories are not so congested.

It is thought that labor is more plentiful and easier to obtain, and it is certain that shipping facilities are much better in this section. The many ramifications of the subject have recently been discussed, it was learned, between representatives of the war industries board, railroad administration, treasury, shipping board and the labor department. Attempts are being made to formulate a definite policy, which probably will be announced soon.

The necessity for an early decision is emphasized by the fact that hundreds of contracts placed last summer after the United States entered the war will expire in April and May, and a general distribution must take place. Scores of manufacturers' representatives in Washington looking for contracts, and members of congress from the middle west and south are urging a gradual shifting of the industrial burden to their regions. Director-General McAdoo has said that some of the traffic load must be taken off eastern carriers both by re-routing of export traffic through southern ports, and by positive efforts to place contracts with due consideration to the transportation factor. The joint policy of the railroad and shipping boards to divert more export freight to south Atlantic and gulf ports, now beginning to materialize, is certain to result eventually in the shifting of manufacturing toward those points it is pointed out.

SOCIALIST ORGAN IN SUPPORT OF WILSON

Declares War Is Becoming War by, of and for Democracy.

(New York Tribune.) Pearson's Magazine, the organ of socialists, radicals and other forces, in an announcement yesterday called upon the socialists in this country to support the war aims and the peace policies announced by President Wilson and the British labor party.

War by Democracy. "Democracy, real democracy, is beginning to function in an approach of the allied nations which are really fighting, and when democracy functions through the allied governments, then the war indeed becomes a war by democracy, of democracy and for democracy as a whole."

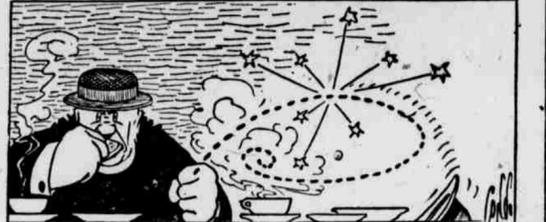
"I believe the time has come now in this country when the socialists and radicals must change their attitude toward the war or they will be charged with being ridiculous. 'Surely the socialists of America may join hands with the British labor party, with the socialist party of France and Italy, England, France, Italy, America—these are the only real powers fighting Germany, and on the shoulders of the people of these four countries lies the burden of winning or losing the fight for democracy. 'I do not include Japan. Every real democrat must prefer that the Japanese should stay out of active participation in the war, and just for the one selfish reason that Japan is an autocracy.'"

"Thousands of American socialists are in the army and there will be more thousands called. There are millions of socialists in the allied armies. When the conscripts of our face shot and shell they will fight as passionately as the non-socialists. We who are not in the army cannot wash our hands of the war. The time has come for the socialist party of America to unite itself in policy and sympathy with the labor party of England and the socialist parties of Belgium, France and Italy."

President Against Reaction. "Nothing is clearer from the events of the last year than that the president has been in the line of the forces of reaction. Therefore it is of the highest importance that the radicals work with fervor than against the president."

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

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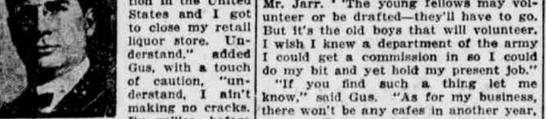
THE JARR FAMILY

By Roy L. McCardell

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"Guess who I seen in a uniform?" remarked Mr. Slavinsky, the glazier, in an awed tone. "It wasn't nobody but that young fellow what is a tooth doctor down the street, Dr. Gumm!"

"What is a toothpuller for in the war?" inquired Gus. "My, I wonder if my bartender, Elmer, will go work at a soda water counter in the army after they have prohibition in the United States and I got to close my retail liquor store. Understand," added Gus, with a touch of caution, "I don't make no cracks. By golly, before this war I was a free citizen what could insult anybody I was fond of. But now I dissent insult my best enemy for fear somebody will run to the secret service and announce me as a German proper gander."



"Oh, I guess you are loyal, all right, Gus," said Mr. Jarr, soothingly. "But what's this about Dr. Gilbert Gumm, the young dentist, being in uniform?"

"In uniform he is, for I seen him," replied Mr. Slavinsky. "My boy Shidney is in the army, and he owed that tooth doctor \$18, and I bet you that tooth doctor has bought a uniform and gone into the army to collect that money from my boy Shidney, for you can't get in the army without a uniform."

"By golly! Everybody is going into uniform these days," said Gus. "I seen that big fat fellow what's a Wall street crook and a friend of yours, what's his name—Starver? Well, I seen him yesterday wearing a uniform, too."

"You mean Starver," said Mr. Jarr. "Yes, he's got a commission in the financial advice division, I believe. He goes to the various camps on pay days and advises the soldiers not to invest in unlisted stocks."

"Hepler, the butcher, says he expects to go into the meat division, he'll be wearing a uniform, too, I respect," remarked Gus.

GERMANY'S THEORY OF LIFE

(Architect Kelsey in Art and Archaeology.)

It requires no profound insight to perceive that the world conflict, the horrors of which on the material side have stunned the imagination of mankind, is only the visible manifestation of a conflict of ideals. I do not refer to ideals of government, except as a part is included within the whole; I mean a conflict between irreconcilable theories of life, which underlie and condition all activities of individuals and of the group; which shape education, which profoundly influence the trend and fruitfulness of research, and ultimately give character to civilization as a whole.

The theory of life now dominant among the governing class in Germany is a harsh form of the doctrine of the survival of the fittest. This is coupled with a belief in the state as the best and end-all of human activity, and in war as a redemptive agency, facilitating the elimination of the less fit. The individual tends to become devoid of significance. The state regulates, controls, uses the individual in whatever way may best seem to serve its interest. With justice the highest legislative body of the German empire has lately been characterized as chiefly a debating society. The German nation moreover is obsessed with an amazing conceit of its own superiority. And in reality, its efficiency is almost beyond belief. It has mobilized for war its men, its money, its science, its crafts. Future generations will marvel at the ramifications of its administrative system. Its effective organization of all resources of thought, skill and material has seemed to be complete. Only one thing has German efficiency overlooked, only one consideration: there is still a moral order in the world, and for the human species fitness to survive is not wholly expressed in terms of matter and mechanism. In the homely verse of Hosea Bigelow:

"An' you've got to git up airy Ef you want to take in God."

But let us reflect for a moment. Fifty years ago France was considered the best of all nations of civilization. Nothing only that which is fundamental, can we truthfully say that the Mexican venture of Napoleon III. represented a higher ethical standard than the present foreign ventures of the Kaiser? The transformation of France since 1870 has recently been styled "the French miracle." May we not hope to witness, in the rise of a new and nobler Germany, a "German miracle?" Millions of men there are, of many lands and tongues besides those dominated by Berlin, who would rather live in a free, self-governing, and untrammelled, and would enforce, the creed of ruthlessness, could they but have the opportunity and power. Nevertheless, no fair-minded man, who tries "to see life steadily and see it whole," will for a moment concede that that creed truly represents the consensus of civilization at the present time. The development, within a century, and the world-embracing activities, of philanthropic organizations of a hundred—yes, of a thousand types, much more convincingly than the deliberations of Geneva or Hague tribunals, attest the trend of modern civilization toward the lessening of "man's inhumanity to man," and the recognition of inalienable human rights.

DEMOCRACY SHALL NOT PERISH

(Speech by Senator Wm. E. Borah, of Idaho.)

Whatever the cause, however perverse the fates which bring us to this crisis, we are called upon not to settle questions of territory or establish new spheres of national activity, but to defend the institutions under which we live. Who doubts should we fail that the whole theory and system of government for which we have labored and struggled, our whole conception of civilization, would be discredited utterly? Who but believes that, should we lose, militarism would be the

the conflict was not conclusive. The elder Napoleon was obsessed by the same dream of world dominion, the same passion for military glory, the same obsession those against whom we war. But he, too, saw his universal scepter depart when chance and fate, which sometimes war on the side of Waterloo. And now the issue is the same as before, and again this dream of world dominion, this passion for military glory, torments the souls of our would-be masters. And now again somewhere on the battlefields of Europe the same fate awaits the hosts of irresponsible power. In such a contest and with such an issue we cannot lose; it would not harmonize with the law of human progress.

It has been the proud belief of some that not only would this war result in greater prestige and greater security for free institutions, but that it would effectuate the spread of democracy throughout Europe. We all hope to great things, for we believe in the ultimate triumph of free institutions, but we must not expect these things of a broken-down republic. It is a war often heard in that part of the world and then heard no more, the story of Russia just now being written in contention and blood, admonishing us that the republican road to safety and stability is encompassed by all kinds of trials and beset by countless perils. Democracy is the severest test of character which can be put upon a people, that must be learned and acquired in the school of experience. It cannot be handed whole and complete to a people, though every member of the community were a Socrates.

But what we have determined in this crisis, as I understand it, is that we will keep the road of democracy open. No one shall close it. If any nation shall hereafter that to the sublime requirement of self-government an choose to go that way, it shall have the right to do so. Above all things we have determined, cost what it may, to keep the road open. 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