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Likewise the Liberty motor also seems to be coming into its own.

Baron Burián just knows that peace is coming. He can feel it in his bones.

Attacking the kaiser's palace seems to be a new idea in fighting for peace.

The Banner rather naively insinuates that Nashville's loan quota was too small.

Few Americans had any other idea than that the Liberty loan would go over the top. It is the American way.

Even "Tiger" Clemenceau says "our" victory is not one of revenge, but one for civilization.

Perhaps the capture of Ostend and Zeebrugge may help to hurry the U-boats back home.

Keep it in mind that the Sixth federal reserve district went over the top for the loan.

Japs oppose militarism.—Headline. That's all right. The colonel never did like Japan much, anyway.

No pork in Boston's port.—Headline. Which leaves us in some doubt as to whence the beans are seasoned.

The present seems a suitable occasion for that unconstructed queen of Rumania to say something.

The Hon. Leslie M. Shaw is still writing epistles insisting that the tariff be taken care of in the peace terms.

Allied commanders are inclined to admit that the Germans have an assortment of retreat specialists.

If everybody will look the other way, the kaiser will substitute an olive branch for a torch.

When Holland gets hungry and the kaiser looks less threatening, American food becomes more desirable.

A significant feature of the new Czech-Slovak government is that it has money in circulation.

Every day is moving day for the boches who have spent the past four years in Holland.

It is rumored that Viscount French may resign the job of lord-lieutenant of Ireland. Perhaps the work is too tame.

For four years the central powers were four in number. But now there seem to have been some additions—or multiplications.

Four years ago a portion of the Belgian army was crowded over the Dutch border at Antwerp, but now the worm has turned.

Count Karolyi urges break with Germany.—Headline. That's the system. The count has sense almost like a human.

The end is approaching. The Hun is retreating from Champagne. Now, when he leaves his beer, it is time to sing the doxology.

Prohibition seems almost as irresistible as the allied advance. The governor-general recommends its adoption by the Philippines.

Maximilian Hardin is something of a seer. He now declares that no people and no class will be the same after the war as before.

What Turkey would doubtless like to know is whether the game could be stopped even by unconditional surrender.

An exchange declares that a good, hearty laugh will drive away disease. Still there is nothing hilariously exhilarating about the influenza.

So far as we have observed, the pope's inquiry has not yet disclosed the present postoffice address of the former czarina and her daughters.

Hungary has declared its independence and announces that only a "personal union"—whatever that is—will be retained with Austria hereafter.

Autonomy is the word which Emperor Charles has been trying to think of ever since the letter to Prince Sixtus.

The Knoxville Sentinel makes the startling announcement that the colonel will not occupy a seat at the peace table.

Of course, the Germans have not been guilty of cruelty. Their record in Belgium and France has been one long series of deeds of affection!

The clown prince seems unable to regain lost popularity in Germany, but he keeps well ahead of the advancing allies.

We believe in moderation in all things, but it will be easy to pardon Paris if French enthusiasm and joy go over the top in that city.

No official advice has been received as to how many more drops there are of Hohenzollern blood before the last one.

It is not easy to understand how Kerensky is restraining a few imperial remarks on the situation—unless in the meantime he has drifted back to Russia.

The senate finance committee has thrown out the house provision in the revenue bill which taxes certain official salaries and the income from state and municipal bonds.

It has been estimated that the average dog consumes \$34 worth of food a year—and produces nothing. This would raise a half dozen lambs, which would go a long way toward feeding and clothing the family.

ANSWER TO AUSTRIA.

The president told Austria it wasn't for him to say what should be the form of its government; that was a question for the peoples of Austria, but he called their attention to the fact that since he made his address on Jan. 8, 1918, when he spoke of autonomy for the provinces of the dual monarchy, this government had recognized the belligerency of the Czech-Slovak nation and had recognized the claims of that nation for independence.

Thus do we apply the principle of self-determination. It is another form of expression for that statement made by Thomas Jefferson and frequently repeated by Woodrow Wilson, that "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

This is the ruling spirit in American democracy. It has given us that "indissoluble union of indestructible states" which have so far proved the highest development of the principle of local self-government.

The Austrian kaiser has told his people he wished to form a federalized government. We do not know whether he can or not. If he had promptly accepted the principles declared by the president on Jan. 8 he might have made good with his scheme to give Bohemia and Moravia, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina autonomy, and no more.

Today, however, it seems too late. The disintegrating forces which have proved so disastrous to Russia are operating in central Europe. Hungary, which with Austria has occupied position of premier among the dual monarchy, is unwilling to remain in a federation in which the Czechs and south Slavs will be as strong if not stronger than the Austrian Germans and the Magyars. Complete success of the allies will cause a renewal of the demands of Rumania for the annexation of Transylvania and the Banat. A restored Serbia will seek closer union with the Serbs north of the Drina.

It is but in pursuit of the ordinary and expected workings of human nature that the entente and ourselves encourage the breaking up of the central monarchies into smaller units. Germany pursued a similar course toward the Ukraine, Russian Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Livonia and Finland. For centuries the chief fear of Germany had been of a Muscovite invasion. Now it practices to the east the policy of "Divide and rule." So France and England are not yet willing to face a future restored Germany, with powerful allies in Austria and the Balkans. So anything we can do to promote the separatist spirit in enemy countries is fair in war. We hope to create a front in the interior of enemy lands. It was just in this way that the federal government encouraged in the '60s the formation of West Virginia out of the flank of the Old Dominion and received it into the Union.

Whether the new front shall be organized on racial or class lines is immaterial. It may depend on the national fires of patriotism still burning in the hearts of the Bohemians, the Poles or the Slavs, or it may be through encouragement of the minority socialists to overthrow the hated autocracy, which has so long repressed them, or it may be both. At the same time we must keep in mind justice, so that all settlements may not be overturned in the future.

Mr. Wilson, with his idealistic plan for a league of nations, for disarmament, for unrestricted economic relations, and for the doing away with alliances, except to include all countries, imperils every strong government whose people are not homogeneous and united, and shakes every monarchistic institution. If this league of nations is formed it will thereafter make much less difference as to boundary lines or flags. The principle of local self-government of smaller units which are grouped in larger federations of governments much like ours, and with decentralized control, will restore liberty, promote individualism, and tend to check the movement for state socialism. It was not necessary for the south to establish a new government to retain the privileges of free men.

It must be frankly said that there is a danger in paying too much attention to racial aspirations. Problems will arise for settlement which are insoluble. Take for instance the Balkans: races and religions are mixed there to an extent which can be described by no other term so well as "scrambled eggs."

The difficulties in Russia have been shown to be serious. The Ukrainians, who are asserting their right of sovereignty, are basing it on traditions of centuries ago. Yet they have lived under the government of Petrograd since the time of Peter the Great, and the natural evolution would seem to be to return them to that center. Poland offers difficulties of a serious nature. The Poles of Russian Poland have three fought for separation from Russia, but the Poles of Austria have been well satisfied with their lot, and as for the Dantzig region, these Poles, who comprise about half the population, have lived under the Prussian government since 1778. There is no more certain cause for a future war than the dismemberment of a country. The president has kept this idea before us. It was the wrong done France in 1871, which, as the president has said, kept Europe disturbed for fifty years, and in the case of Italy, the provinces for which she is fighting were given Austria in the time of Napoleon. That same ruler reduced Prussian territory by half, and in 1813, after his flight from Moscow, the Prussians fell on him.

The future of Bohemia and the south Slav provinces offer serious questions. The Czech-Slovaks together number 3,000,000, which live in adjacent regions. The retreat of the armies of this nation through Siberia will go into history with that of Xenophon's 10,000. The allies feel a strong sentimental attachment to the Czech-Slovaks. As for the south Slavs, Italy will dispute Serbia's claim to the region about Trieste. The coasts are Italian, the hinterland-Croatian. It will probably be found on investigation that not all these people, nor those of Transylvania wish to desert their old allegiance. In Bohemia and in the Tyrol there is a

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large Teutonic population. There is to be kept in mind that the dismemberment of Austria may add its German population of about 10,000,000 to Germany.

We have not in America studied these questions of race so thoroughly that we ought to give offhand opinions. It is very much better that such a settlement as is made shall depend more largely on the self-determination of all these racial and national problems, considering at all times that it is not best for world peace except for grave cause to undo conditions which have existed for a long time, and also leading up to a world parliament in which no ambitious people shall be able to threaten the peace of the world. If we do not proceed with the idea of such a league it will be necessary to destroy entirely the power of the one.

To attain Mr. Wilson's desire of federation will save oceans of bloodshed.

WHAT KIND OF SURRENDER? Col. Roosevelt gets excited when the subject of peace is mentioned. And he seems quite unable to rid himself of the hallucination that he is the authorized spokesman to determine the conditions in case the world should once again relapse into peace. More than nine months ago the president enunciated his famous fourteen principles as a basis for world peace. These he has elaborated in various addresses since. The colonel has all along been fully aware of these conditions, yet, so far as the record indicates, manifested no particular objection until Germany approached the exhaustion of her strength and showed a willingness to accept the terms laid down. Then a vociferous din was raised last night by the world returns to a condition of peace. In the course of an editorial discussion of the contention under the caption of "The New Imperialists," the Newark News says:

"These fourteen principles in their acceptance are intended to establish a new condition of affairs in the world. Roughly, they are that no politically competent people shall be ruled by another without their consent, and that the commercial competition among the nations shall be so guarded by the old exclusive treaties, exclusive uses of waterways, coaling stations and such uses of colonies shall be done away with. The idea is to destroy imperialism by destroying the merciless competitive conditions which made it both a privilege to be fought for and an incentive to destroy the freedom of other nations, directly or indirectly, exactly as was attempted through Huerta in Mexico not so very long ago."

The colonel is an apostle of war and force. He scouts every proposition looking to the possible elimination of the profession of war. He seems to doubt the possibility or desirability of the world living in peace. Probably he is an imperialist of a new sort. He believes in the beneficent control of one people by another. Description of the colonel, however, as an imperialist of a new sort is, we think, one of doubtful novelty. There are distinctions among imperialists, it is true, no great fundamental differences. The whole theory is at war with democracy. In their final analysis, the colonel's precepts are at one with German Kultur and militarism. The kaiser ravaged Belgium to get at France, and the colonel "took" Panama while congress debated. Both made scraps of paper of sacred treaties. The colonel, of course, favors reparation of Belgium, but he flies into a rage when his successors or his countrymen suggest reparation to Colombia.

Our Newark contemporary further notes that "the same cleavage is by no means confined to this country, but is under the surface among our allies." It is cropping out in both England and France. That paper is, we are convinced, that "the allies are in very grave danger of not winning this war conclusively unless both on the battlefields and at the peace table they will stand out for these common, unselfish purposes which Wilson characterized as a people's peace." In other words, there is danger that the war may be won in form and lost in substance. Illustrating this suggestion, the News continues:

"There are junkies in all countries of the earth, people who cannot avoid the motive of national aggrandizement. They will have to be held in check, held by the people of their own countries under the guidance of sincerely democratic leaders. For, if they have their way, they will merely start a scramble for spoils among the victorious nations, and in the end they will not only have disrupted forever their own alliance, to say nothing of any future league of nations, but will more than likely find that in the general disgust Germany will have evoked among the chief profites. Not only that, but as soon as the allies' own people fully detected any such actions by their governments, these governments would have invited revolutionary moves which it would be impossible to suppress, because the great mass of the public would have no confidence left in their governments."

Still further along the News remarks that "there can be no union among us in rival selfishness," and declares that it can only come through unselfishness. The allies must not only win a victory over Germany, but over selfish inclinations among themselves, as was hinted in the president's speech of Sept. 27. "This is what is meant by a people's peace, a peace of democracy." A democratic peace concedes equal opportunity for all and removes a basic cause for war. Reserving the privilege of the strong to dominate over the weak involves rivalries even among the strong and paves the way for powerful and burdensome armies and navies to spread terror and destruction over the earth. This is German militarism. The colonel understands this thoroughly, and favors it ardently.

The surrender of Germany is apparently approaching. This may—if based upon definite known terms—bring an early peace. It may conceivably—if unconditional—precipitate a contention among the allies over the spoils which will sow the seed of future wars. A democratic peace will place nations, as well as individuals, on a plane of equality and leave little to fight over hereafter. With democracy and daylight diplomacy established, there will be small occasion for any nation to arm itself to the teeth and go swaggering about threatening the peace and safety of others. Selfishness is war's prime cause.

Secretary Lansing remarked a few days ago that Germany is bending. She must be describing a loop by this time.

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WHAT IS SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE IS SAUCE FOR THE GANDER



CONQUERING THE AIR.

With that minimalist style peculiar to the New York Evening Post, it submits the following interesting comment on recent and probable future developments in air navigation: "Whether the British airplane that flew across the channel to Paris with an upright piano aboard carried a performer playing 'Rule Britannia!' we are not informed. The Handley-Page machines might easily carry a whole chamber-music company with full equipment. Last year one of them mounted to a height of 7,180 feet with twenty-one passengers, a weight that must have approached 3,000 pounds, and that achievement attracted only passing attention. We read of these machines carrying a crew of four men with three guns and a ton and a half of bombs, or of Caproni carrying more than three tons of bombs, without the flicker of an eyelid; but we are as yet unaccustomed to thinking of their business in terms of peaceful freight. In good time we may hear that the Posey county creamery marketed four tons of prime butter in Chicago in the freest of air. The practicality of overhead air and undersea navigation has been thoroughly demonstrated during the progress of the present war. It only remains to adapt them to conditions of peace and develop them—especially the former—along lines and in accordance with commercial demand and scientific progress. The end of the war will find America in possession of a big merchant marine and a big fleet of aircraft which it will be necessary to absorb into the peaceful pursuits of transportation and trade.

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WILL TAKE UP NEW ISSUES.

Mr. Edward Rok, editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, who has been in London as a guest of the British government, has made a statement in the London Times in which he says that nothing has surprised and depressed him so much as the "apparent uncontrolled solicitation of our boys by women on the London streets and in hotel lobbies and restaurants."

The London Daily Mail, commenting on the statement, warns the nation that American public opinion, which has insisted on the cleansing of its own cities, "will not suffer that its young manhood shall continue to be plundered and poisoned by the uncontrolled free trade in vice and disease which is allowed to exist in this country."

It is indeed well that the London newspapers are taking up this very important question. Britain's work in the war has been marred by these social diseases. The United States has shown that by popular regulations in cities and about training camps the evils may be greatly reduced. We have also proved that the sale of liquor to soldiers can be reduced to a minimum. This is another great problem which Great Britain must solve. Lloyd George has said that it was the only issue he ever tackled which got the better of him. Now, with the world ready for the better solution of all these social and economic issues, it will be a good time for John Bull to make a move against John Barleycorn.

OPPOSES DIRECT ACTION. H. J. Brown, a Montana lawyer, has been over to Washington in order to give the country the benefit of his advice. He takes it for granted that peace will come some of these days, but he is not exactly sure that the reconstruction will be according to his liking. He is plainly disturbed over the inroads upon public opinion being made by what he terms the "direct action theorists." But he is hopeful that we will "drift back" to the conservatism of our forefathers.

To Mr. Brown, the primary laws and the suggestion that the supreme court might be influenced by public opinion are especially repugnant. That the people might decide a matter of governmental policy for themselves is the rankest sort of heresy "Can there be anything more absurd than to imagine a proper currency law being established in a voting booth? The great men of the past attained their position and the great foundations of our government were laid without any direct action whatever, nor was the right of such action claimed by the people of that time," according to Mr. Brown. There must be a guardianship somewhere or ruin will follow!

Mr. Brown has probably forgotten that one of the most conservative countries in the world orders things very much after the fashion which he has indicated with such evident alarm. In England the issues are submitted direct to the people for decision, the parliament gives the people's verdict legal effect and the supreme court does not presume to interfere. There is direct action for you without even the necessity of conforming to a written constitution. Yet who has ever charged that the government of England is unstable or that life and property are not safe there?

It is entirely probable that the American people will insist on having something to say in the decision of issues which bind them. The primary laws will remain with us, and the people's will, when constitutionally expressed, will prevail. Popular rights will hardly be subordinated to property rights. Mr. Brown's comparison with the bolshevik and the I. W. W. will not seriously alarm anybody. He is, without doubt, trying to serve the interests of those who have little to brag about over those who he attempts to hold up as idols.

China is apparently unable to elect a vice-president. So are other countries, however, are not so fortunate.

A survey of the famous Rheims cathedral, preliminary to plans for repairs or restoration, could probably now be undertaken without fear of German shells.

An exchange notes that "flu" makes an improvement on the personal appearance of sundry male persons, but a risk of the contagion is preferable to seeing a pretty woman bungled up that way.

It may be that the people of occupied districts robbed themselves, burned themselves out and killed themselves. The innocent Hun was not connected with it.

We have not heard from Col. George Harvey for a few days, but his voice is understood to be for the unconditional surrender of the democratic party.

Suppose you had "buted" into the peace negotiations with an insistent cry of "unconditional surrender," and suppose you had kept it up in season and out until it had become an accomplished fact, and then suppose you were not consulted about the terms finally to be prescribed for the enemy. Wouldn't that jar you?

South America developed a keen interest in the Liberty loan, some \$2,00