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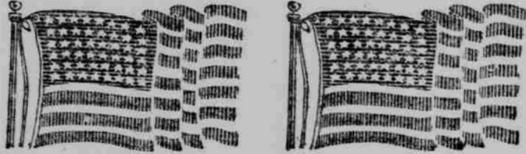
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### HOW LONG MUST WE STAND IT?

We have had a great deal to say about the ungodly prices people pay for coal nowadays. The coal situation smells to high heaven.

It reeks with unholy offensiveness. Manufacturers and the small consumers, finding that operators are refusing to make prices for coal at this time of the year and foreseeing that Indiana coal will be higher than ten dollars a ton, wonder if the U. S. is going to sit supinely and see everybody gouged and robbed by these coal fiends.

Isn't it the business of the people whom we put in office—the public service commission, prosecuting attorneys, to find out what is the matter?

No one is specially interested in the attempt of either the operators or the railroads to shift the blame from one to another. What the people want is coal, and at half-way decent prices. It seems to be a fact that the railroad controlled mines operate six full days a week, and have all the cars they need to haul coal for the roads. Other mines have no cars, and operate from fourteen hours to two and three days, and in rare instances, five days a week. One of the operators said that the high price of coal was due wholly to the influence of these company used mines.

There is no question but what the public is the goat. There is no reason why we should not have an abundance of coal at reasonable prices. Perhaps both the railroads and the operators are satisfied with the present situation, for the former get coal at a fair price, and the latter are able to charge a famine price to the general public. A remedy must be found for a situation that was bad last winter, and that, if left to itself, will be greatly worse next winter. The state or the national government will yet have to fix coal prices.

### ARE WE AT WAR OR NOT?

There are parts of this country that have fallen down on every single effort to do something to put the nation on a war basis. Recruiting, Liberty Loan, Red Cross funds have been passed up by some sections which refuse to consider war seriously.

Only last week Chicago, the windy, fell down four million dollars on its Red Cross fund. The call for 70,000 recruits is being ignored right and left. We are at war. It seems inconceivable that the people of this country should persist in thinking lightly of war, if they think it at all.

There is a kind of warfare which is merely armed resistance, ineffective and aimless because it is not direct. We might dawdle along from today until European peace time, playing we are at war, with minor losses and with minor successes, sinking a submarine now and then, getting a fair proportion of our merchantmen through the zone in safety, yet without advancing one inch toward victory and leaving the real outcome wholly to the efforts of the allies. If and when the allies win, so far as any step yet taken by the United States government or apparently contemplated by it for the future is concerned, will the menace to American shipping cease and peace come to us. If we want that peace to come, if we want the freedom of the seas, if we want the honor and the glory of compelling Germany to respect the sovereign equality of the United States, are we to leave it to the allies to accomplish our ends for us? There are better ways of subduing the submarines than by meeting them on the high seas. Those ways, if we follow them, will lead us in every direction of effort that will contribute to Germany's defeat.

If we are going into the war, let us go in. For of all the inglorious, ineffective, purposeless and intolerable conditions under which nations can exist, that of "nominal war" is the worst.

### LANDLORDS WHO PROFIT FROM VICE.

The action of the Gary grand jury in indicting property owners who rent their holdings to persons using them for gambling purposes and houses of ill fame probably will make that business unprofitable in Lake county in the future. In the past it has proven to be a lucrative source of income to a class of men and women who of course could not fathom why they were getting triple or sextuple rents for old buildings.

Excuses that one did not know to what use a property was being put, despite rental wholly disproportionate to a reasonable income, are not accepted readily.

If vice landlording is made unprofitable it is quite probable that vice itself will simmer down. Going after owners of property used for immoral purposes is almost a new procedure here, but it certainly is a wholesome and welcome one, and few moves for community betterment could be more appropriate.

### WOMAN WHO SOLVED CRUGER MYSTERY SEES WHITE SLAVE PLOT IN MURDER



Miss Ruth Cruger (left) and Mrs. Grace Humiston.

Mrs. Grace Humiston, the New York lawyer who solved the tangle surrounding the disappearance of Ruth Cruger in the face of scoffing and opposition by the New York city authorities and brought to light her murdered body after penetrating a tangle of police red tape and official discouragement, believes that the pretty high school girl was killed by two or more white slavers. The girl's body was found by Mrs. Humiston buried in the cellar of Alfredo Cocchi, an Italian who was released by the authorities following the girl's disappearance, and who immediately escaped to his native land.

### The Passing Show

IN her quiet yet forceful way the wif manages to hand us something at regular intervals

WE were deploring the transmissible germs on dirty paper money

AND spoke of the need of care and the danger

AND she chortled solemnly

"I KNOW you consider it dangerous for you are careful not to hand me any."

THANK heaven it has got a little warmer

SO that the girls who had to go around last winter with their wish bones exposed

CAN wear their furs.

A SMALL boy appeared at the back door of a neighbor's house and said to the matron who opened the door:

"GOOD morning"

"GOOD morning," the housewife returned, somewhat curiously

"I CAME over to tell you something"

"WELL, what is it?"

"LAST evening my papa was angry because the water boiled out of the steamer under the rolled oats"

"IS that so?"

"YES. And then he made up his mind to fix the steamer so that it couldn't happen again"

"WHAT did he do?"

"HE put some water in the steamer and then soldered it all up"

"IS that what you came over to tell me?"

"YES, and to borrow your step-ladder"

"WHAT do you want with the step-ladder?"

"I WANT it so father can scrape the rolled oats off the ceiling."

THIS man Kaiser Bill must have nerve galore

HE tackled a Standard Oil boat the other day?

A MAGAZINE writer thoughtfully tells us how whiskey can easily

BE made at home

THANKS awfully, but most of us have run against that home-made stuff

LIKE another chap we know it grated on our nerves to see a fellow who owes us ten bones

WEARING a Liberty Bond button.

EXPERT says when we reach 40, that 29 per cent of us are below par

WE trust the wif doesn't take him too seriously.

GOING back to that \$225,000 heart balm verdict

IT will have a tendency to make old men jump 30 feet in the air

EVERY time a pretty girl evn asks them what time it is.

BILL HASTINGS and Chas. Hick both take exception to our article on

"THE Feeding of Chickens"

BOTH regard it as a particular and an expensive proposition.

CREEL wants constructive not destructive criticism

IN other words all Creel wants is taffy.

### MONEY NOT TIED UP.

There seems to be an idea held by some that money invested in a Liberty Loan bond is going to be tied up for fifteen or thirty years. The belief is not warranted. Probably no property in the world outside of actual money or currency will have a wider and more ready constant cash market than the Liberty Loan bond.

There will be a constant demand for them from many sources. They are good security for loans from the federal reserve banks; courts have decided that they are legal and proper investments for trust funds; they are legal investments for insurance companies and other corporations whose investments are supervised and regulated by law; their international character (being issued for an international purpose and guaranteed in part by our European allies) gives them an international status and market. They will be sought for in India, in Egypt, Japan and Russia, England and France, Italy, and Australia, and in fact wherever any government bond has a market.

They have been truly called the premier security of the world. This is shown by the oversubscription of a billion dollars and over.

OF COURSE, there's no coincidence. Story in Chicago Examiner that John D. is reported to be taking \$1,000,000 worth of Liberty Bonds is followed by another one that Standard Oil of New York announces two-cent raise in gasoline.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

WELL, WE'LL SUGGEST IT.

To the Editor:

There are about 5,000 golf clubs in the country. At an average of 100 acres this means 500,000 acres of farm land held out of use.

Golf incites to profanity, lying about the score, wife neglect, inattention to business, Sabbath breaking and other vices.

Why not prohibit golf during the war?

On the redeemed links 100,000,000 bushels of potatoes might be grown. This quantity would furnish 2,000,000,000 chokes of French fried potatoes.

Professor Dumkopf, of Yale University, estimates that 8,168,432 foot-pounds of energy are daily wasted by golfers. The same energy applied to hoing corn would produce enough corn for 13,941,687,403 muffins.

Abolish golf during the war!

MORAL REFORM.

### AS TO SOLDIERS' CHORES.

Camp Kelly, San Antonio, Texas, June 24, 1917.

Editor Times:

Being one of the 840 Hammond boys that have had a few lessons in Uncle Sam's way of doing things and a reader of THE TIMES I find myself in need of information. I noticed an article in THE TIMES some time ago giving the definition of the army word "fatigue" as "chores." The question I want to ask is what does the word "chores" cover?

In Texas we find that fatigue means building roads, digging ditches, building barracks and airplanes and any

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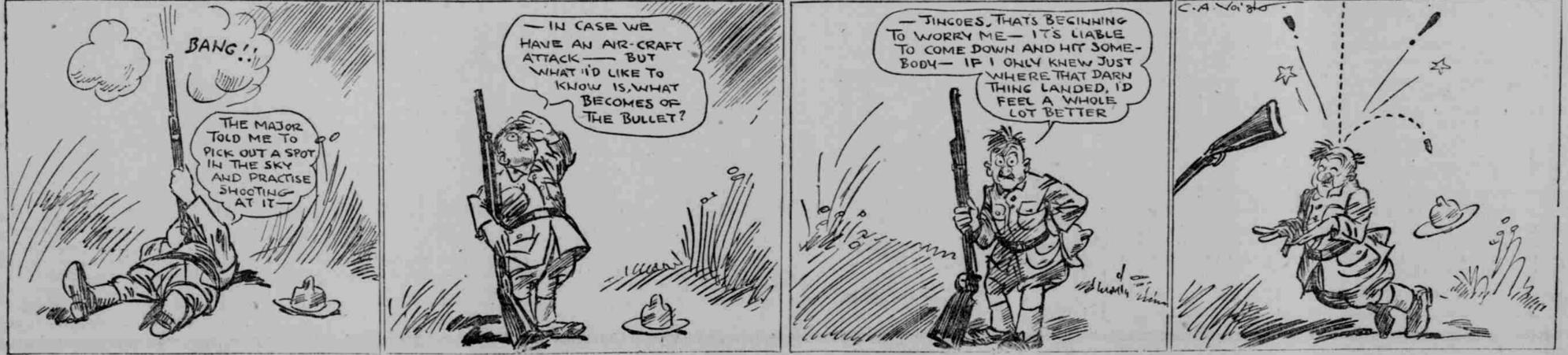
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other kind of work that is to be done. Am I not right in classing these as more than chores?

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### PETEY DINK—He Didn't Hit the Spot or the Bullet Would Have Stuck in It



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