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THE EUROPEAN PUZZLE.

The combatants would exhaust their resources in a few months and that would end the conflict. That was the general belief when the world war opened. It was an oft-expressed opinion that the war would not only speedily bankrupt the nations engaged, but that the armies would be decimated so rapidly that an end would be brought to hostilities because few fighters would be left. The error of such forecast was long since shown. However, it was thought when hostilities in the great theaters of war ended that surviving peoples would of necessity turn to peace industries in order to avoid starvation, that there had been so much life and property loss that the war-weary nations would revolt at the thought of further martial strife. It was averred that Europe in large part was "bled white."

Long before the war was brought to a close by the armistice we had heard of the destitution that prevailed over a large part of Europe. Russia, both because of her original part in the war and the ravages of the Bolshevik, was supposed to be in an alarming state and it certainly has grown worse with the passing years. Poland suffered repeatedly from the ravages of conflicting armies. Both might have been considered long past the point of putting effective military forces in the field.

The result shows that the basis of reasoning on which men relied on order to reach a conclusion that it requires large treasure and abundant stocks of food as well as vast numbers of men in order to carry on war did not take stock of some reserve that apparently has been called to the aid of Russia, Poland and others who still persist in seeking to settle disputes by force of arms.

By some means the Russians are equipped and fed, mysterious though the source is. Poland may have had help from entente sources, though such aid has been carefully covered, if given. And these are not the only "utterly exhausted" nations, though the most notable, that are able to carry on war long after such a condition seemed impossible. It would seem that it is necessary to revise pre-war conceptions of what is necessary to prosecute military operations.

It would seem that it is possible to carry on war after the resources necessary to support a nation in peace are entirely exhausted. How it is accomplished is a puzzle, but we are faced with the fact.

A MAN MAY BE willing to wear loud clothes, but he wants the prices to be modest.

UNNECESSARY FOODS.

One thing that innocently sustains the high cost of living is the purchase of so many things that are unnecessary. We saw a woman going home from market with a basket filled with things that she could have done without. It was fairly filled with cantaloupes, bananas, oranges, and such pleasant incidents of the food line whose purchase simply increased the cost of the substantial items of the family diet. This reference is not intended to detract from the use of these delights, or to raise any invidious distinction between them and potatoes, bread and meat, but only to say that the large purchase of the unnecessary foods simply raises the cost of the necessary foods. For, however much we may expend for the lighter diet it does not seem to diminish the amount spent for the substantial foods. We do not argue that this fact should suggest legislation calculated to limit the purchase of the tropical fruits, but we do call attention to the economic fact that the more we spend for foods we do not actually need, the less we have to spend for those that we must have. A great deal of the crowding about the high cost of living travels by this route.

DELAY GIVES TIME FOR CONSIDERATION.

The delay in the soldier bonus legislation will give the people of the country, who must pay the bill, ample opportunity to determine what they want done about it. Congressmen are anxious to get the true sentiment of their constituencies before taking a step that will add a debt burden to the nation of from \$1,500,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000.

NOT A SCHOOL FOR CONVICTS.

Will some of our public officials ever get the fact through their heads that the United States army and navy are not intended to be reformatories? Every now and then the news of the day records an instance of some judge suspending sentence on a convicted youth on condition that he enter one of the fighting services. Generally there comes a prompt and deserved rebuke from an army or navy officer who indignantly resents the plain imputation.

The latest case of the kind is furnished by the governor of North Carolina who, in pardoning a 17-year-old boy who had been sentenced to a year in prison made it a condition that he become a United States soldier or sailor. The quick response of Adjutant General Harris, head of the recruiting division, is right to the point: "Neither the army nor the navy is permitted to accept any man for enlistment who has done time. Our army is not a refuge for convicts and the ranks in our new regular establishment are filled for the most part, with students attending the trade and vocational schools. These young men are representative Americans of the best type."

The high class of young man composing the personnel of our army was first strikingly called to general attention when our fleet made its memorable before-the-war trip around the world. The people of the foreign ports visited were astonished to find that American warships were manned by gentlemen. They were living refutations of such proverbs as "spending money like a drunken sailor." Since then educational systems have been established in both the army and the navy which have continuously attracted a fine, upstanding, ambitious type of American youth.

Granting that the discipline of these services would be beneficial to young men who have taken the wrong path in life, there is a sound reason for excluding former criminals from the ranks, and the present policy is not likely to be changed.

MINISTERS PROBABLY realize more than others that genuine chicken dinners are becoming scarcer.

WHEN PLASTERERS get \$11 a day the job of the political mud-slinger does not seem so attractive.

The-Passing-Show

A lady contributor to the Ladies Home Journal
NINETEEN year old girl doesn't
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WRITER says that a wife should NEVER under any circumstances INTERFERE in her husband's business but we
GUESS that spilling a drop or two of GRAY
ON a clean tablecloth must be regarded in
INFLUENTIAL quarters as in
THE nature of a sport.
ANOTHER reason why a fat man DOESN'T wear a braziere is because THE blame thing would ride up
AND get under his skin
EVERY time he sat down.
YOU may have noticed if you have ever
THOUGHT about it at all
THAT the less a man understands WHAT he is voting for the MORE excited he gets over an election.
AS we walked home the other night AND saw some kids playing ball on a SANDLOT, we found out that no one, not even
AN eighteen year old girl when a CATERPILLAR gets on her cat p-through mere
UNNECESSARY motions than the CRACK pitcher on a 14 year old baseball team.
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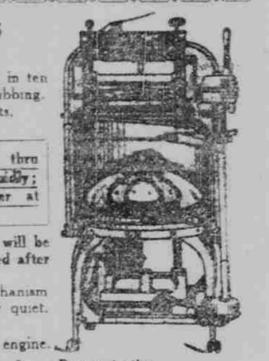
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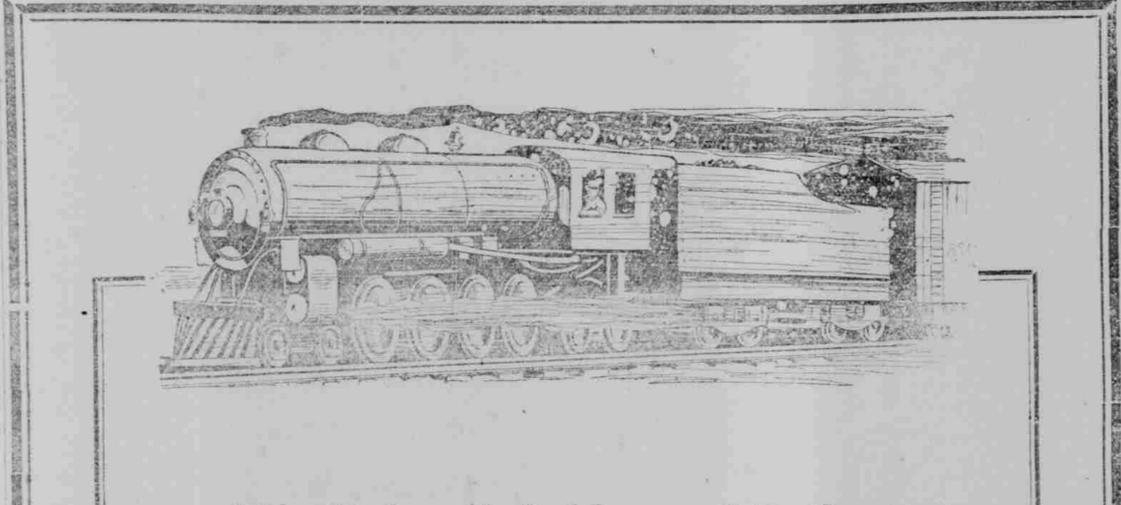
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The Unfounded Abuse of Railway Men Injures Only the Community That Loses the Trade of those Molested

When the Switchmen's strike became a thing of the past last spring many of the strikers, who were unfortunate enough to have been victimized, soon began to seek other work. Some found places with the industries; others went elsewhere and entered the service of railroads; still others sought altogether different occupations.

But—a small coterie in Hammond did not go to work. Instead they remain in Hammond, where they make it their chief business to jeer and otherwise annoy railway workers. Sometimes their annoyance takes the form of uniting in groups and assaulting anyone who may look like a railroad man. Unacquainted with the new men, the sluggers have made many mistakes. Several assaults have been committed upon men who have never been connected with a railroad; others upon railroad men connected with railroads that were not affected by the strike. Among those attacked was a white-haired engineer, incapacitated by failing eyesight. Firemen and railway men in no way connected with the issue also have been beaten.

Naturally this has resulted in just one thing. It has served to drive the trade of many of these railroad men from Hammond to Chicago and other nearby localities.

As railway employes these men are provided with passes and they are out no carfare in traveling to Chicago.

And the going to Chicago to trade by a large number of employes, especially switchmen whose pay averaged \$11.35 daily during July, causes no loss to the railroad.

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