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Drunkenness in Great Britain has been reduced to an extent by the limitation of hours when intoxicants may be sold. War appears to have sobered Europe and make business brisk for America.

Unemployed workmen are warned to stay away from California. They are notified that if they are looking for work or charity, they will not find the former in California and will find the latter on the roads or the rock piles. Then prosperity is bowcutting the home of the native sons.

English economists are startled by the extravagancies of the people of the empire. John Bull is spending $5,000,000 pounds a day for war, he is spending [illegible] pounds a year for drink, and his subjects are indulging their fancy in grand pianos, cheap jewelry and cheap motor cars. There is widespread and enormous extravagance indulged in throughout the empire. This is not the most serious side. British imports exceed British exports and the difference is estimated at nearly $[illegible] a day so that England pays 5 per cent more than the nominal price of commodities. There is a day of reckoning coming. A nation, like an individual, is called upon to pay.

### A BILLION DOLLAR CROP

Ft. Worth Record: H. M. General of Tennessee is positive that more money can be made on cotton [illegible] and is equally certain that the long growing season of the cotton belt section makes it easy for farmers to raise food and feed. Yet with these advantages most cotton growers barely make a living and have to get credit for food for their families and feed for their teams while they are raising the crops.

Cotton, he says, is a billion-dollar crop.

In other words, the cotton, lint and seed, is a billion-dollar crop. It is now the debt-paying crop of the south. When the farmers of the south raise other crops and livestock sufficient for their home needs and to meet their living expenses, paying as they go, the billion dollars treasury search from this crop will be surplus money. As soon as this is done the cotton growers will be among the most prosperous farmers in the world and the cotton growing states one of the richest districts.

All this is true.

Cotton is a bonanza plant and produces a money crop. The south is its home. Many thousands of the cotton crop of the world is produced. All the world needs cotton. It isn't a luxury. It is a necessity. Hold it.

### THE PEOPLE NOT FOR IT

Muskogee Times-Democrat: [illegible] only a trifle [illegible] one of the several [illegible] seem to be directly [illegible] forcing the people [illegible] star: [illegible] in Oklahoma [illegible] galloping pressure [illegible] pressure [illegible] only [illegible] this was [illegible] more in Oklahoma [illegible] worn almost to the [illegible] ion by war [illegible] the people of this state are [illegible] have need to spend [illegible] hundred million dollars additional per year on militarism. President Wilson may be able to force congress into adopting his program, but he will not be able to make the people like it, so far as we have heard, none of the Oklahoma delegation have been afflicted by military bacteria which [illegible] to pervade the east. One Oklahoma congressman told us recently that he only knew two in his district who favored the new military program.

### MORE VELTPOLITIK

China is being urged to join the Allies. At first glance it might be argued that she is doing her share in that the millions of men in the Flowery Kingdom to the military age might be called upon to fill the ranks of the allied armies, in that same statistics which is going on, so that the end could be set down with mathematical certainty, but that is not the case, for two reasons. In the first place the Japanese of the belligerents are likely to give out before China's supply of men and if the allies have not enough men of their own to last until Germany is worn down, their finances are quite certain not to last long enough, with the added strain of trying to equip and put into the field another great army.

The other reason is, that masses of men do not constitute an army. The Chinese make good soldiers. There are millions of them available, more millions than we would have in the event of invasion of this country. Yet it is not practicable to use them because it would take too long to train and equip them. That is the same difficulty we should have, and this passing up of such an opportunity to get soldiers might be made to open our eyes to the need of providing some practical system for getting them to this country when we need them. What we should have, really, is a system which would provide trained men and complete equipment for assembling so many not a body of untrained men called citizen soldiers.

The purpose of the allies seems to be to [illegible] in the Dardanelles [illegible] in Belgium, Turkey and [illegible]. There seems [illegible] a desire on behalf Japan to participate in this war, because if she and China both are in alliance with England, France and Russia, all of whom have interests in Eastern Asia, such pressure as Japan recently brought [illegible] could be prevented by her creditors if they cared to do so. It is all a game of selfishness, of which Andrew Carnegie has been a master player, and in which he has not and has all the skill in view of the situation in the Balkans.

### BEST THING IN OUR TOWN

Mrs. [illegible] W. Oakes, Okla.

One day in the city where I lived a man came in one of the wholesale dry goods houses and asked for the proprietor. The proprietor said: "I am he. What can I do for you?"

"Nothing much. I just came in to have a little talk with you. My name is Kirkman. I am from York state."

"Is Mr. Kirkman there a word?"

"I will thank you. Well, by the way, you have a very pretty city here."

"Yes, we think so."

"I have been here two days looking around the city. I find you have many overall factories here. I would like to start one of them to start one."

So the made arrangement and the overall factory started up a small scale with five machines and the man from York State as cutter and manager. It wasn't long before five more machines were added and five more girls and soon a bigger world thing had to be gotten and more machines and girls to run them, and more men got on the road as salesmen and then the overall factory was beginning to be a great affair. Everyone belonging to the office had to be taken to the overall factory to see what was done there. Everyone remarked on the factory and the fine work done there. Soon there was a little jangling and unpleasantness and a man by the name of [illegible]. Then [illegible] girls to run the machines and 7 women to do the fancy work and more machines and one girl to wind the bobbins and a boy to run the bobbins and another man to help in the cutting. If you [illegible] women.

So you see the little [illegible] kept raising more business all the time.

You can see what the man from York State did for Mr. H. and our city. It gave employment to a world of people at the factory, besides the work that was sent out to be done at their homes.

Now I don't know [illegible] salesmen they had. They had [illegible] one time, I remember.

Now, I think if you [illegible] money to run so [illegible] would just think what [illegible] an idea in regard to the [illegible] of our world and something like an overall factory. [illegible] small business was started. [illegible] years ago and is still running and all the time doing more for our town. [illegible] now they are making shirts and [illegible] and one more man to do the [illegible] and [illegible] there is one man [illegible] work and [illegible] a family of six to take care of. So you see what good [illegible] from a little start.

Now, [illegible] the new road start [illegible] that world [illegible] at Lincoln [illegible] Mr. H. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Mr