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## TALE BEARERS.

THE air continues to be full of preposterous German  
lies about American war activities. The lies them-  
selves have become a familiar thing. One scarcely  
notices them for themselves, but the kind of people who  
boost this vile enemy propaganda is a never ending source  
of surprise. It is with a feeling of amazement that one is  
brought face to face with evidence that people one has  
always regarded as intelligent have nothing but dead wood  
and mush where they ought to have brains.

But not all the carrying of tales is due to stupidity and  
credulity. Some of the men and women who repeat  
the lies about sickness in the cantonments, of transports de-  
stroyed at sea and regarding the work that the patriotic  
men and women of the country are doing know full well  
that they are lies, but they pass them on because of some  
quirk in their souls which makes it possible for them to get  
pleasure out of doing mean and contemptible things.

But whatever it is that makes men and women play this  
German game they are not entitled to any consideration.  
The next time you hear one of the stories make the teller  
of it understand just where he or she stands. Perhaps the  
circulation of such stories would stop if it became the rul-  
e to tell those who engage in the traffic just what right minded  
and intelligent people think of them.

## NEWSPAPERS AND THE WAR.

THERE are signs that we are going to have a season  
of petty fault finding in this country. It is already  
at hand in the columns of some newspapers that have al-  
ways been conspicuous by their activities "in opposition"  
during peace time and which while they have never enjoyed  
much repute for wisdom, or even for knowledge, have  
achieved reputation of a kind because of their wonderful re-  
sourcefulness in belittling the achievements of men who  
are intrusted with large responsibilities in public life and  
business.

In turning these talents into an examination of the con-  
duct of the war some of these journalistic Pinchots have  
been misled into enterprises of doubtful value, by the tempo-  
rary success which Northcliffe of the London Mail,  
Times and a string of other British publications, has at-  
tained. But even if it is conceded that Northcliffe is en-  
titled to all the credit that is given him it ought to be ap-  
parent that his peculiar performance cannot be duplicated  
in this country for the simple reason that no one editor and  
no string of newspapers can dominate the thought of the  
United States as the Northcliffe papers dominate England,  
which is a closely populated comparatively small country.  
The man best fixed to make the effort to parallel North-  
cliffe's bulldozing of the government is Hearst, and he  
made the blunder at the breaking out of the war in Europe  
of backing the wrong side. He has been abusing the  
American government from the very beginning, but no one  
who can tell the difference between honest and dishonest  
journalism pays any attention to him.

In Chicago there is a newspaper which has always taken  
itself with great seriousness, and which, to tell the truth, is  
a great journal that until about two years ago was edited  
with conspicuous force and ability. This paper has cre-  
ated no little interest among observers by the effort it has  
made to do in this country what the Times has done in  
Britain. The interest lies mainly in noting the feebleness  
of the imitation; the lack of sincerity, grasp of the situation  
and driving power of the campaign and the flatness, not  
to say failure, of the results. This enterprise has caused no  
little irritation among the newspapers of that section of the  
country who realize that nothing good can result from such  
a campaign, but that is about all that has accomplished.

London is the journalistic as well as political, financial  
and commercial capital of the British empire. Paris bears  
the same relation to France, but Chicago is just Chicago,  
and thunder as much as they may no one pays any atten-  
tion to the newspapers of that town outside of a limited

people if they were to give the captain  
of the Valley Bell a nice brisk cross  
country ride on a rail.

## RUFF STUFF

Good morning! Did you have a little  
gas in your house this a. m.?  
Not to mention Sunday a. m.  
Of course it was hell on the East  
side, but how would you like to be liv-  
ing in Halifax?  
In the unauthorized litany of the old  
British army there was a line which  
ran—  
"From Hell, Hull and Halifax, good  
Lord, deliver us."  
East side could not expect to horn  
in on such distinguished company.  
No jury would convict the East side

section. And that is the keynote of the newspaper situa-  
tion in the country. There are a number of centers which  
have newspapers of such strength and excellence that no  
one paper will ever dominate the country. Indianapolis  
has one paper, for instance, which is by far more ably  
edited than any of the pretentious papers of Chicago.  
The greatest morning circulation in the country is not at Chicago  
or New York, the two leading cities, but at Boston, and for  
years the situation was such that in naming the three most  
powerfully edited and influential papers in the country only  
one paper in a big town would have been cited, the New  
York Sun. The other two on the list would have been the  
Springfield Republican and the Portland Oregonian, both  
in comparatively small towns.

In the circumstances it will be well for newspaper read-  
ers not to pay too much attention to alarmist articles in  
newspapers unless many of the more respectable papers  
of the country take the same stand. People who have  
made a study of the matter know that when any really  
big question comes up practically all the newspapers that  
are worthy of confidence are to be found on the same side  
of it.

## DRAFT CONSTITUTIONALITY.

THE government through a brief filed has asked the  
Supreme court to dismiss the cases attacking the con-  
stitutionality of the draft law on the ground that the  
attack upon the law is frivolous. What the government  
wants in such a matter all loyal citizens will acquiesce in,  
but it does seem that the present is as good a time as any  
to settle forever the right of the Republic to raise armies  
for its own defense and to send them anywhere after they  
are raised.

No reasonable man, well read in the history of the na-  
tion, who thoroughly understands the genius of the govern-  
ment under which we live doubts that the course that has  
been pursued has been legal as well as right from a practi-  
cal standpoint. Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, put the  
matter bluntly when he said on the floor of the Senate last  
spring that once war is declared anything the government  
deems necessary for the preservation of the nation is legal.

Yet it was because they really did not understand that  
all the so called disloyalty in this state, which cut such a  
premier figure, at the recent sitting of the Federal court  
in Philippi, developed. These people were not disloyal at  
heart. They have imperfect ideas regarding their liberties  
and they thought they were standing for the things for  
which which our forefathers fought. The present may not  
be the proper time, but there really ought to be an authori-  
tative statement on this vitally important question to the end  
that the troublesome ignorance be dispelled. And it can  
come only from the Supreme court.

At Charleston, this state, which in the past two years  
has become one of the country's most important chemi-  
cal manufacturing centers, it is announced that one  
company has perfected a formula for synthetic dyes and  
is already shipping 500 pounds a day of blue dye. This  
kind of news is more ominous for the future of Ger-  
many than reports of battles lost. It has taken us a  
long time to get started on filling the gap in our indus-  
trial and commercial life created by the dropping out  
of German products, but if the war continues for an-  
other year this rich market will be lost forever to the  
Germans.

Zero weather means many costly fires, reduced effi-  
ciency on the railroads and general suffering, but it  
does not improve the situation to lose one's temper.  
Keep cool; to get hot about cold weather discomforts  
only makes matters worse.

Charles R. Wilson, a well known Huntington business  
man, is urging that the game and fish protective laws  
be suspended during the war in order that the public  
may be supplied with a cheap form of food. It is bad  
advice. England and France have discovered to their  
sorrow that it is a mistake to lower any of the protec-  
tive bars and standards. To seise out the streams of  
the state and kill off the game now would merely serve  
to prolong the food crisis beyond the period of the  
war. The only sensible thing to do is to economize.

Reports from Madrid indicate that the revolution in  
Portugal has been successful after three days' fighting.  
They are attaining a rather ominous efficiency in the  
revolution business over there. Some afternoon busy  
Fairmont people may read in their favorite news-  
paper that a revolution which began in the Fatherland at nine  
o'clock that morning was so successful that the new  
government was organized in time to celebrate the new  
rule at lunch.

Confronted with a formidable armed opposition at  
home the Bolshevik government of Russia has thrown  
its pacifist principles to the wind and forbidden even  
attempts at mediation between the factions. It proba-  
bly is a policy born of necessity. It is a waste of time  
to try to fraternize with a foe who wants to cut your  
throat.

Our sympathies go out to the Wheeling Register,  
which was burned out of its home by the big fire in that  
city last night. A fire of this magnitude in a newspaper  
plant is bad enough at any time, but just now when the  
railroads are overloaded and it will be difficult to get  
machinery and material with which to resume opera-  
tions, the inconvenience is bound to be intensified.  
However, The Register has warm hearted neighbors and  
it has been tendered, and is making use of, the Wheel-  
ing Telegraph plant.

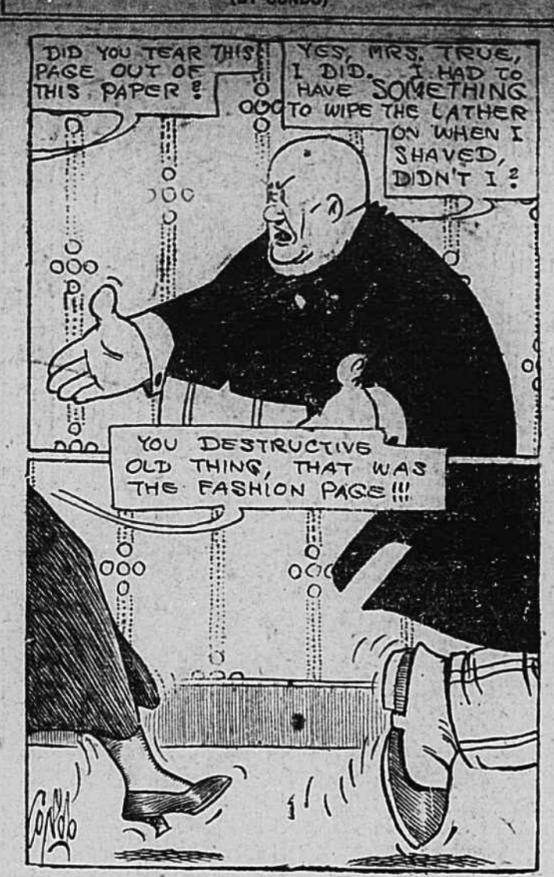
## SHORT AND SNAPPY.

Some people won't save by the war savings stamp sys-  
tem, because 25 cents is such an insignificant sum, and  
they can't save by bank deposits, because that takes  
such a large sum.—Clarksburg Exponent.

"Soldiers and kiddies' first!" is the Christmas slogan  
this year.—Connellsville Courier.

Civil war has broken out in Russia.  
Lenine and Trotsky wanted peace so  
that they could cash in, but the Don  
Cossacks, who did not mind the peace  
part of the program have other ideas  
about the divvy.  
That guy who sent a false fire alarm  
to the East side Department Saturday  
night has a queer sense of humor.  
Nice stiff fine and a good lecture  
might make him see the joke in a dif-  
ferent light.  
Colored boy who was arrested here  
the other day on a charge of killing a  
woman in Clarksburg admitted that  
during a fight he had grabbed the wo-  
man's throat and "then for a few min-  
utes he did not know what happened."  
That's what they all say when they  
are cornered.  
But this was a particularly bad case  
of loss of memory.  
Autopsy shows that dead woman had  
had four of her teeth and part of her  
jaw bone knocked out.  
You could tell the man who had a  
pile of coal in his cellar yesterday by  
the triumphant grin on his face.  
But there were not many of them.  
In spite of the discomfort which the  
cold snap brought it is nice to see the  
snow and feel the holiday tinge in the

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



(BY CONDO)

## MANNINGTON

Remodeling Completed.  
H. R. and F. E. Furbee have about  
completed the remodeling of their  
store room in Market street. The  
place presents a very neat appear-  
ance and will give them a third more  
space.

Daughter Born.  
A little daughter was born to Mr.  
and Mrs. Wesley Higinbotham, near  
town, Monday, December 3rd.

Mrs. McGuire ill.  
Mrs. McGuire, who is here the  
guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. R.  
Burt, of Pleasant street, is quite ill  
at the Burt home.

Will Return To West.  
Hugh W. Prichard, who has spent  
the summer with his parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. A. L. Prichard, in Pleas-  
ant street, will leave tomorrow for  
Colorado Springs, Colo., where he  
will spend the winter.

Resigns Position.  
Miss Jean West has resigned her  
position as teacher of the Curtisville  
public school. Rev. Michael of  
Logansport is filling the vacancy.

Stree Open Till Christmas.  
Beginning this evening and con-  
tinuing until Christmas, all the stores  
of the city will be open evenings.

Attended Party Here.  
Mrs. Carrie B. Carpenter and Mrs.  
Jennie Hess, of Fairmont attended a  
party given for the Ladies Birthday  
Club at the home of Mrs. A. W.  
Prichard, of Washington street,  
Thursday afternoon.

Miss Higgs Entertains.  
The A. F. N. Club was entertained  
by Miss Alice Higgs at her home in  
Buffalo street, Friday evening. The  
time was spent in knitting and at a  
late hour refreshments were served.

Theatre Party for Guests.  
Miss Sarah Louisa Furbee enter-  
tained at a theatre party Saturday  
evening in honor of her guest, Miss  
Violet McCloskey, of Fairmont.

Community Service Campaign Pro-  
gram.  
The Patriotic Community Service  
Campaign to be conducted by Dr.  
Frederick Vining Fisher was launched  
at the Auditorium yesterday after-  
noon when Dr. Fisher spoke on the  
interesting subject, "Will the Church  
Survive the War?"

At four o'clock a conference with  
the business men of Mannington was  
held at the same place, and at which  
there was a good attendance.

His program of today follows: 9:30  
A. M., Address to high school pu-  
pils, 10:30 A. M., Conference with  
pastors, 11:30 A. M., Address to  
upper grades, 2:00 P. M., Confer-  
ence with Woman's Club, in M. E.  
church parlors, 3:00 P. M., lecture;  
"Over the Top in Your Home Town,"  
auditorium, 4:30 P. M., Conference  
with public school teachers, 6:45 P.  
M., picture matinee for the children,  
auditorium, admission 10c, 8:15 lec-  
ture, 1. Horizon, a war lecture, 2. Il-  
lustrated lecture, "Your Own Am-  
erica," auditorium, admission 15c and  
35c.

Breaks Arm in Fall.  
Thomas A. Leonard, of Dancer  
avenue, fell on the icy sidewalk in  
front of the C. W. Busby store in  
Buffalo street, Saturday evening,  
breaking the right wrist. The mem-  
ber was set by Dr. W. J. Leahy.

Marriage License.  
A marriage license has been issued  
for Lawrence Laughlin, of Fairmont,  
and Miss Gladys Crim of this city.

Mr. Cochrane ill.  
James C. Cochrane has been very  
ill at his home in High street for the  
past few days.

Applies for Enlistment.  
Jay H. Sturm will leave this eve-  
ning for Parkersburg, where he will  
be examined for enlistment in the  
U. S. Navy. Mr. Sturm is the son of

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
John Moran in Littleton.  
James B. Landgraf, of Covington,  
Pa., and W. B. Wilkinson, of Illinois,  
N. T., arrived here and will be re-  
employed by the Marion Window  
Glass Company.  
Mrs. Clyde Henderson has return-  
ed from a visit with her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Owens in Littleton.  
J. S. Cornell of Littleton, was a busi-  
ness visitor here during the week.  
Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Leggett, are  
guests of friends in Wheeling.  
The Misses Lurie Miller and Gladys  
Kimball, of Littleton, were recent  
visitors with friends here.  
Frank Magers spent Sunday with re-  
latives in Moundsville.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Wise spent  
Sunday with relatives in Hundred.  
T. J. Rex, Claude Basnett, T. S.  
Hardesty, A. L. Parrish, E. J.  
Davis, Ed. P. Conaway, Lewis Cord-  
ray, Frank Lee, Fred Robinson, L. R.  
Criss and Harry J. Haight, are serv-  
ing on the petit jury in Fairmont this  
week.  
Net Robinson has gone to Shinnston  
on business.  
Miss Mabel Vogan, who is teach-  
ing at Glovers Gap, spent the week  
end at her home in Homewood.  
Miss Eva Matheny has returned  
from Clarksburg, where she was the  
guest of relatives.  
Howard Lightner returned last  
evening from a visit with friends in  
Wheeling.  
Charles Franklin of Alliance, Ohio,  
is here for a visit with his parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. Columbus C. Wilson.  
P. G. Mallory spent Sunday in  
Cameron, the guest of friends.  
Albert W. Piepers left last eve-  
ning for a visit in Wheeling.  
Miss Minnie Ott, of Morgantown,  
is here for a visit with her sister,  
Miss Sarah Ott, of Sycamore.

cent conference of Associated Char-  
ities, summarized:  
"Doctors know whether or not  
some people are a little more  
insane than the rest of us."  
Judge K. M. Landis, in a speech  
commemorating Illinois' Centennial  
year referred to the barbarity of the  
Indians, remarking:  
"There is this to be said for  
the Indian: He did not claim to  
be the senior partner of the Al-  
mighty."  
Dr. Harry A. Garfield, national  
fuel administrator, approves the plan  
of the Coal Shippers' Terminal Pool-  
ing Association, in a letter to the ad-  
visory board, in these terms:  
"I heartily approve of your plan  
and urge its immediate adoption and  
application to such congested centers  
as I shall approve from time to time."

## United Woolen Mills Leases Carr Building

The United Woolen Mills company  
has leased the L. P. and L. L. Carr  
building at the corner of Main street  
and Cleveland avenue for a period of  
ten years and will occupy same as  
soon as some contemplated altera-  
tions are finished. The Woolen Mills  
now occupy a store room at 106 Main  
street.  
President W. A. Hensch of the  
United Woolen Mills company will  
arrive here tomorrow from Parkers-  
burg, and will make plans for the oc-  
cupancy of the new structure, which  
is a three story brick building.

## Travel Cases

Travel cases for la-  
dies or gentlemen, for  
the young folks. Different  
materials, different  
assortments, different  
kinds of cases. Look  
them over. \$2.50 and  
up.

## What People Say and Some Side Remarks

Jesse V. Sullivan, executive secre-  
tary of the state council of defense,  
in an interview in The Wheeling  
Register, said:  
"The County Councils of De-  
fense, working under the direction  
of the National and State Coun-  
cils and initiating such activi-  
ties as they deem necessary  
have been asked by the authori-  
ties at Washington to co-ordinate  
all other patriotic organizations  
now executing their efforts to the  
prosecution of the war."  
Governor Cornwell's suggestion of  
a hospital commission of physicians  
does not exactly suit some of the  
thinkers of the state. Prof. E. H.  
Vickers, of the University, at the re-

## CRANE'S Drug Store



## JOIN OUR Christmas Savings Club NOW OPEN

Hundreds of checks have been mailed out by this  
bank to the members of the club this year. To the  
hundreds receiving these checks Christmas will be  
one of gladness.

Costs nothing to become a member only your reg-  
ular payments—no fees, no fines, nothing to lose.

We can arrange the payments to suit the person  
desiring to take a membership—from a few cents  
per week to several dollars.

## Club Forming—Join Now

Get everyone in the family to join. Show this to  
your friends and get them to join.

Everybody welcome.

Call and let us tell you about our different plans  
and enter you as a member of one or more.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS A MERRY ONE.

## The Peoples National Bank of Fairmont

## CARE OF LIBERTY BONDS

Why keep your bonds at home, exposed to  
the dangers of fire and theft, when they may  
be absolutely secure in our vault? Provis-  
ion has been made for the care of bonds of  
all denominations. We will be very glad to  
take care of yours without charge.

## The National Bank of Fairmont



## The Christmas Slippers Have Arrived

House slippers make ideal  
gifts because they are always  
so welcome and because they  
carry with them the wish for  
comfort.

In the new holiday stocks that  
we are now showing are house  
slippers for every member of the  
family. It is none too soon to  
buy, while assortments are full  
and fine.

Men's house slippers in Rom-  
eo, opera and Everett styles, in  
tan or black, \$1.60 to \$2.50.

Men's Felt Slippers \$1.25 to  
\$2.00.

Women's Julietts, trimmed with  
fur and ribbon and in a great  
variety of colors \$1.25 to \$2.00.

Children's felt slippers, 90c to  
\$1.25.

"Comfy" and bouclé, slippers  
in many colors.

A complete stock of winter  
footwear for all the family.

## SHURTLEFF & WELTON