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Then join in hands, brave Americans all. By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall.

WOMEN AND THE WAR.

AT Pittsburgh on Saturday between 30,000 and 40,000 women marched through a drizzle in a Liberty loan demonstration which was arranged for and carried out entirely by women.

The average citizen is not very bright about these things. And that explains the backwardness, not to say stupidity, of most of the city, county and state governments in this country.

These women of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia who are doing so much to hold up the hands of the Republic at this trying time are the same women whom a Pennsylvania Legislature refused a second equal suffrage election.

Some day these political bourbons will disappear in this country about as rapidly and completely as did the people who wanted Germany to win the war.

PRICE FIXING.

ACCORDING to the April Bulletin of the Federal Bureau of Labor, food price fixing in Germany has been a failure. This conclusion is arrived at, apparently, because the upper classes of Germany are rolling in wealth, which they use to make illicit purchases of food at enormous prices.

This is a curious document to be sent forth by a government which is itself committed to a price fixing policy. It might do a lot of harm but for the fact that it is not so, as far as its conclusions are concerned.

If there had not only been price fixing but rationing in Germany the German empire would have been starved out of the war long ago. If there had not been price fixing and rationing in England the U-boats would have done to the English exactly what the stupid German high command expected they would do.

RUFF STUFF

Busy police court this morning. Some one must be running booze across the line again. Teets took a crack at the Yanks Saturday night. Wonder how they liked the way it worked out? They came across flourishing their rifles and shouting insolently. Report does not say how they want neck, and a whole lot of them never lid go back. The particular bunch now known that the Americans in France rather than the German army is a much weakened organization. Speaking of weather. Which of course nobody was. The guys who planted their potatoes on Patrick's day will have to do it all over again if this keeps up much longer.

not read in the way they are expected to read... right down to a system of food and price control... as that of the Germans themselves, and so far as possible be gleaned from the columns of the British newspapers, rapidly adhered to by each and every Englishman.

INVESTMENT OR TAX.

SUPPOSE that you look at the matter from this standpoint, which is by no means the best standpoint: You have \$50, say, which, for one reason or another, you're fearful to invest in a Liberty bond.

It is certain that the government wants that \$50. It is certain that the government is not going to let its men in Europe suffer for lack of food or ammunition. It is certain that the government can get your \$50.

Here are three certainties which you cannot set aside in order to save your \$50, be ye pacifist, pro-German, un-patriotic, miserly, or just the ordinary indifferent.

If the cost of this war is not raised by your investing your money in a bond at 4 1/2 per cent interest, payable to you, it will be raised by taxing you, without any return to you. Therefore, it is certain that the government can get your money, as aforesaid. Finally, those who don't volunteer to pay will be compelled to pay. This applies to the \$50 man not less than to the \$50,000 man.

The bond-seller doesn't call on you successfully, the tax-collector will. The former wears 4 1/2 per cent profit smile; the latter calls with a threat of penalty. Finally, your \$50 has got to fight, though, perhaps, through indirect taxation. Volunteer it, and your sleep will be sweeter. Wait until the government takes it from you, and you'll have an everlasting grouch.

It is safe to say that 90 per cent of the unmarried men in this country average better than \$4 per day of income. A dollar a day saved means a bond in 50 days. Please observe how many of the single men among your acquaintances never wear the bond button. There are only two reasons why they shouldn't be wearing it. One reason is that they haven't thought it; the other that they're not patriotic enough to wear it.

Americans on the Toul front were given a dose of the real thing Saturday night and Sunday morning, but they seem to have given the other fellow much more than he bargained for, and that makes it all right. The Germans will have to pay a staggering price for any successes they win from the American forces.

Announcement that French and British troops have been landed on Kola peninsula and are cooperating with the Belahoviki forces in an effort to preserve the army stores at Archangel and Mourmansk from the German doubtless, was a surprise in this country. It revives the hope that the Germans will yet have to face opposition on the east front which will make it necessary to hurry some of their troops back there.

When San Francisco's quake happened the business men used the resultant fire to distract attention from the real nature of the disaster. But the people in the southern end of the state have nothing like that to fall back upon, and it is going to take a lot of boosting of the glorious climate to make the public forget what happened yesterday when the whole lower end of the state rocked as the result of a quake. But this disturbance is not at all surprising. The whole of California is known to be in an earthquake zone and quakes are likely to happen at any time.

In a telegram to the new Austrian premier Count von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, says that the battle now going on is due to the fact that the foes of the Central powers slighted their readiness for peace. When the Teutons really are ready for peace they will find that there is no disposition to slight their overtures. But from now on they must come clean if they want any one to pay any attention to them.

Saturday British light naval vessels chased German destroyers back into the protection of their mine field at Helgoland. Evidently if the German high seas fleet is getting ready to come out it will be accorded a warm reception.

The experts say the German high command is preparing for one more blow. And after that it will prepare for other blows as long as the German people make no protest against the useless slaughter. The German military party has got itself into a position where it must keep hammering away, in the hope that a lucky shot will turn fortune in its favor, or give up. And inasmuch as the people have to do all the suffering and pay all the bills it will keep right at it.

SHORT AND SNAPPY

The Germans are said to have discovered a serum against poison gas. What they want most to do is to inoculate themselves against that most horrible disease called Kultur.—Charleston Mail.

"Come into the garden, Maud," and do yourself proud.—Wheeler Intelligence.

We are going to make the world safe for—now! not what you're thinking about here. But—safe for the Yankees.—Guyan Valley Thunderer.

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

IN ENGLAND. From the Baltimore Sun: In England the man with a \$1,000 income pays an income tax of \$45 a year to the government. The man with the same income here pays no tax at all.

In England the unmarried man with a \$1,500 income pays the government \$101 a year. The man with the same income here pays the government \$10 annually.

In England the unmarried man with a \$2,000 income pays the Government a tax of \$157; the married man with the same income does the same. In this country the \$2,000 income married man pays no income tax at all; the unmarried man with a \$2,000 income pays \$20.

In England the average tax on incomes above \$3,000 is six times as great as the average in this country. In England 80 per cent of war profits is taken by the Government as taxes. In this country the excess profits tax averages a little over 58 per cent.

And the people of England generally, men, women and children, are making

Evening Chat

Rev. J. E. Wells, of the Diamond Street Methodist church, preached an unusually good sermon yesterday on the subject, "The Stewardship of Personality." Rev. Wells said, "God created man in His own image" and "A house on a hill cannot be hid," two sentences bearing on personality. It takes some of us a long time to learn that we are living with persons and that God is a supreme person Himself and character of an individual. Our self, personality means the nature mental, moral and social resources help to make up personality.

Mr. Wells said there was a great deal of truth learned from the emotion, yet some people turn up their noses at emotion—no sentimentality, like the foam on soda water, but the emotion of the soul, which makes men greater, building them as well as ruining them. It is one of the mighty moral forces of the world.

The world is made or broken by influence, and the mightiest influences in the world are wrapped up in the hearts of men, and as to have it to owe and not to own, so we're in debt to God for all phases of personality. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world" because the most powerful force in the world is personality. He said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches," the branches of a divine personality. One Christmas a man wrote this letter: "Your best gift to the world is the gift of yourself—I want to thank you for just being yourself and my friend."

It is worth more than anything in the world. There's nothing a man can gather up with more power than himself. Government is made and nations are torn apart by personality, the power of the soul.

Mr. Wells spoke of boys: A boy is a volcano, a thunder storm. He is a terrible volcano. He may be a boy who is more destructive than Vesuvius. He may build cities. When you're dealing with a boy, you are afraid he will throw a stone in the garden or destroy the polish of your floor. We all think a lot of the people on our floors. These are boys in Fairmont, whose personalities will be worth more to the world than all the coal mines within a radius of fifty miles.

As a result of personality, Niagara Falls was not of much account until it was discovered by man that electricity could be made from them. Now Niagara Falls runs the street cars at Buffalo.

Sometimes a man confuses personality with mere body. He will give fifty per cent to a lawyer to save the rest of it, but he will give it all to a doctor to save his life. He thinks his body is himself. It is not. Mr. Wells spoke of the selfishness of living to oneself. He called a person so doing a traitor. Living to oneself meant that we were not acknowledging the stewardship of our personality. He felt that all the forces within us should be given to the world, forces of sympathy in the form of definite tasks. He said: We don't want to tie ourselves down to definite tasks. Our Sunday Schools are crippled for lack of a teaching force. Christian work of all kinds is crippled because men and women won't tie themselves down to do a share of the work necessarily. Mr. Wells said a lot of people come to him to tell what they thought ought to be done, but not for six months had he listened to any one ask what might be done to help the preacher. You pay your preacher a fair salary and then expect him to waste your money tramp around trying to get people to do the necessary retail work so that he may have time to do what he ought.

Mr. Wells closed with a prayer asking that we be taught to realize that we were persons of personality, not better than any one else, but forceful and resourceful enough to be of great aid to others if we did not underestimat ourselves. He asked that we think these things out.

So simple a thing as a robin taking a morning splash in a pool of water in the road brought a number of people to a standstill near the Catholic church yesterday morning. The robin was of unusual size, hale and hearty. He splashed with immense enthusiasm, turning in all directions, lying flat and throwing the water over head and wings until they glistened in the sunshine. That robin found a great deal of bird-joy in his morning bath and did not partle that an audience enjoyed it also. After a thorough cleansing, he stepped out and hopped immediately to the edge of a nearby lawn. There he combed and brushed and cast admiring glances at himself, occasionally hopping a short distance and back again with a wide-swinging chirp which said, "I'm entirely fit for the Sabbath—and any particular young lady robins that may happen along!" This is the time of the year when Mr. Robin cannot afford to neglect his toilet. Looks have won many a woman and even the birds know how it is done.

Pink apple blossoms are in bloom and white butterflies are flying everywhere. Yellow dandelions are growing profusely and the violet season has arrived. The children are bringing large bunches home every day, and many a teacher's desk is laden with them.

Several experiments are to be tried in the city this spring. A number of large box-shaped piles of dirt are to be planted in potatoes. Strips of board with divisions in between hold the dirt in place and the potatoes are supposed to sprout out in all directions. When time to dig them, the owners of these odd looking potato patches are expected to let down the bars and catch a lot of potatoes as they roll to the ground. Whether they do or not remains a question. It has been done, and there seems to be no reason why it cannot be done again.

Neighbors are going to watch and smile doubtfully—till time to go after the potatoes, when there is going to be an audience on hand.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

John Sweeney was hardly sane enough to discuss his recent case of smallpox caught yesterday, for a nine pound locomotive engineer came to that home Saturday afternoon at 5:30. But he managed to make it plain: "I may have forgotten one of the laborers who was working with the gang loading stored coal at Hutchinson where I went with my locomotive. I don't know how else I could have contracted the disease."

Mr. Sweeney had a very severe case but is of the opinion that it did him good for he is in capital health now and he does not regret his run-in with the smallpox.

H. G. Gaunt, chairman of the Mountsville Red Cross, indignantly denied the report heard over there that the recent Bilks Ministers only led to \$50 being turned into the Red Cross and gave the amount after expenses were deducted, was \$26.93. He says: "Why anyone should seek to cast reflection by starting the story is without explanation unless it be one link in the chain of pro-German propaganda. The Red Cross is deeply grateful to the Bilks and others who have held benefits and enabled the local chapter to meet its bills for all supplies to date without having to call upon the public in a campaign for funds to carry on its work."

WEST VIRGINIA PATENTS. As reported by H. E. Dunlap, patent lawyer of Wheeling, W. Va., the Patent office records show the recent issue of the following patents to West Virginia inventors: F. C. Davericks, assignor of 1-2 to L. S. Hornor, Clarksburg, process for making gasolene; A. H. Donally, Fairmont, spring-wheel; John G. Lukens, Wheeling, signaling for water-cooling systems; D. R. Porter, assignor to H. C. Cooper, Clarksburg, meter for measuring gas; also meter for gas measurement; E. M.

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