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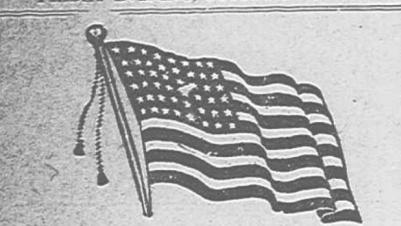
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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

STOP IT.

THE great war has already claimed more than 40,000 American soldiers as casualties. The list will constantly grow larger.

England has lost more than 900,000 troops in killed men. The German loss in killed has been more than 2,000,000. The French losses have been almost as great.

Statistics which have made a study of war casualties declare that in killed alone the casualties of all nations, Russians, Serbs, Rumanians, Turks, Austrians, Bulgars and those before mentioned, have been more than 10,000,000.

The majority of these men were young. They were the men who would have tilled the fields, worked in the shops and raised the families of tomorrow.

They were the promise, unfulfilled by the mad dream of the brute of Potsdam.

Ten millions lives cut off at the time when they were proceeding into usefulness to civilization. Civilization is paying the price and must continue to pay.

But this orgy of bloodshed, of murder and rapine must never be repeated. It is you who must see that it is not repeated.

Buy Liberty bonds. If you have bought, buy more.

WILHELM'S ABDICATION.

WHAT our esteemed fellow West Virginian, Newton Baker, in a careless moment said about the war being 3,500 miles away applies with equal force to the political situation over there and what seems to us in the good old U. S. A., to borrow a little of George Cohan's stuff, as a reasonably stable situation probably has all the effect upon veteran European journalists that a storm at sea has upon a sailor from Iowa making his first cruise.

Which explains why such tales as that from Stockholm to the effect that the kaiser had abdicated receives serious attention at the hands of the representatives of the great press associations. When the bottom is dropping out of things, literally as well as figuratively, the gentlemen who are busy garnering the news of what is occurring in this troubled world cannot afford to run any risks. Almost anything is likely to happen at a time when the things that actually are happening are the very ones that six months ago seemed absolutely impossible.

But even at Stockholm they ought to know that there could not be anything in a report that said the German emperor had quit. Wilhelm may be dropped, but he never

Some one else has to put up the dough.

And pay the taxes, if the Thomas plan is adopted.

Now they say Ludendorff has broken down.

Small difference that would make.

His old war machine has broken down all over.

And even a super-superman can not put that Humpty Dumpty together again.

That is, not unless they get an armistice.

In which event they would build an entire new machine.

But they are not going to get the armistice.

In the year 1917, the last for which statistics are available, 2,696 miners gave up their lives while digging coal to win the war.

Mr. Ervin Hicksenbaugh, who has been connected with the Anderson Restaurant Co., of Fairmont and Clarksburg for the better part of the time for the last two years and today is filling the same capacity as chef for the J. W. Boyers Restaurant, 223 Madison street, that he has formerly filled for the Anderson Restaurant Co. Mr. Hicksenbaugh is known to be one of the best chefs in this part of the state and he will be glad to greet his old friends at his present location.—Adv.

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But maybe not.

That bunch is not interested in how much it costs to run a campaign.

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RUFF STUFF

These reports that the Kaiser is thinking of quitting must make the Old Scratch uneasy.

Bill would make the devil hustle to hold his job if he were relieved of the routine cares of a journeyman emperor.

We'll say this for this war:

That be that the only place where men's names were given in full was college catalogues.

Now every time a busy private does anything the newspapers print his cognomen in full.

And some of 'em are so long that the committee looking after the conservation of white paper ought to give the matter a flicker of attention.

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will quit, not even if he is given an opportunity to employ the word abdicate as a euphemism for something with a harsher sound which implies that he is going to quit without his approval. Quitting is not a Hohenzollern trait. There is a millennium of history behind the present head of the family and about the only thing in any of it that is calculated to inspire approval in the mind of a disinterested observer is their sticktoitiveness. The family has grown from the station of a frontier guard to imperial rank in one of the most powerful countries time has produced with practically no other talent than a wonderful ability to hang on until the cows come home. Time and time again the ability to do this has plucked success out of the jaws of defeat for the Hohenzollerns. The career of the great Frederick was notably sprinkled with incidents of that character.

So, there is not much danger that William will abdicate. The spirits of ancestors he admires so much will not let him. But there is another and a more powerful reason. If he abdicated now he would have to go out of the family for a successor who would have the least chance of staying himself. It was all very well for the emperor to plan to parcel out the world among his stalwart sons. He was winning when he indulged himself in that particular dream. But at a time like the present to attempt to hand over the empire to the thoroughly discredited Crown Prince or any one of the Crown Prince's all too well cared for brothers would be merely to start something that on one but the Almighty could stop.

AIR TACTICS.

NOTHING brings home more sharply the change in the character of warfare in the past four years than yesterday's report that 350 American airplanes took part in one maneuver over the German lines. It is probable that this is as many as all the airships in the great German military establishment at the outbreak of the great war. We know that it is seven times as many as the British had. But it is not in the mere increase in numbers that this great air expedition stands out strongest. It is in the fact that they are now using them in such great flocks, or fleets, or whatever it is they call them when they are assembled together.

The term cavalry of the air is a reality at last, and in a comparatively short time the air forces are going to make the problems of the retreat specialists, already formidable enough because of the unwieldy character of the so-called mobile artillery, much greater. Airships by the hundred; bombs by the ton; machine guns enough to supply a regiment spitting from the air. That is what it means. To be chosen for rear guard action in the German army next summer will be tantamount to death detail. And we do not believe the morale of the German army, already sadly shaken by the discovery that German strategy is not infallible, will be able to stand up under it.

In a statement issued last night President Wilson said that "recent events have enhanced, not lessened the importance of this plan." That is true. The triumphant oversubscription of this loan would have the same effect upon enemy morale back home in Germany that Allied superiority in artillery and airships is having on the German armies.

Reports of the sinking of the steamship Ticonderoga in which scores of American sailors and soldiers perished agree that the U-boat shelled the stricken ship's life boats. No peace treaty which does not provide for the trial and hanging of the commander of this submarine will have the approval of public opinion in this country. A peace with punishment would put fear into the hearts of the Germans for a century.

In a speech made last night at the centennial of Auburn Theological seminary Secretary Lansing stated the principles that underlie the peace treaty to be stern justice tempered with mercy, but without forgetting the frightful wrongs that have been committed against mankind. The fact that the American secretary of state frankly announces such views probably will cause no end of uneasiness in German naval and army circles when they learn of it over there. The general who ordered the destruction of Cambrai, for instance, is quite likely to be set to wondering what will happen to him when the end comes.

Capitol police are wiser than the ordinary authorities of the city of Washington, for instead of arresting Woman's party members when they make demonstrations in front of the Senate wing of the big building they simply take the banners away. No martyrdom in this. Indeed, judging by the newspaper accounts of what has happened, about the only possible result of such demonstrations when they are met in that way is to make the women who indulge in them thoroughly ridiculous. Screaming, fighting, kicking women are not likely to inspire any one with respect for the capacity of the sex for self government.

It is said that Berlin statesmen told the Turks that peace parties would spring up in all the Allied countries upon the announcement of the Maximilian peace plan. And what happened everywhere was a practically unanimous demand for a complete knock out, if Germany finds it hard to understand what is the cause for this it can find it in a study of the way the policy of frightfulness reacted upon an astonished and horrified world. Even sincere pacifists feel that there can be no peace as long as Germany remains uncrushed.

MONONGAH

No Letters.

Norman Stout, a well known young man from Monongah who is in France with a National army division, tells that he likes his work but is unable to get much mail. He has been in France almost a year and has received only a very few letters.

Back From Funeral.

Charles Leiving returned yesterday from Letart, W. Va., where he has been attending the funeral of his father, Henry Leiving.

No Meetings.

The local chapter of Red Cross has postponed its regular meetings until after the influenza quarantine is off. Officers were supposed to have been elected Wednesday evening but the meeting was not held and no officers elected.

Personals.

Mrs. Earl Wise of Fairmont was in Monongah yesterday.

Miss Ruth Klem and Davina Watkins was in Fairmont yesterday evening.

Mrs. Baibrige of Fairmont was in Monongah yesterday.

Miss Hamilton of Fairmont was among the out of town callers in Monongah yesterday.

Home Baked Pies and Pastries, Boyers Restaurant. Adv.

FIGHTING HAS NOT STOPPED SAYS GOV.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 11.—Governor Cornwell has issued the following appeal to the public:

October 12th, Liberty Day, has been set apart as the centennial one for the big drive for bond subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan. Everywhere parades were planned and meetings arranged. The plans are disarranged by the epidemic of influenza sweeping the country. It is unquestionably true that public interest has adapted somewhat by peace talk, abated we fear in accordance with the pro-conceded German plan, for Germany's sincerity is yet to be proven.

If we stop fighting or working to talk peace we are lost. Our enemy is unquestionably staggering, but the knockout blow may be a considerable distance in the future. It never can be delivered if we take off our fighting gloves and begin a discussion of Germany's suggestion among ourselves. This bond campaign is the supreme test. Coming coincident with widespread illness and many deaths among our soldiers in camps as well as among our people at home, the morale of the people will be put to the test. Our fidelity to the cause for which our men are fighting and our loyalty to them, are on trial.

The Fourth Liberty Loan must be a success. Parades and meetings would have helped on Liberty Day if every man and woman who intended to participate in those parades and meetings will constitute themselves as personal solicitors and devote the same time and energy to procuring subscriptions as they would have devoted to the work on Liberty Day. West Virginia's quota will be raised.

Remember! The fighting has not stopped. Remember! If we stop working or fail to furnish the way it will stop—stop by the inability of our men to carry it on. We must work and continue to work for the Loan, no matter what befalls us, or failure and defeat will be our portion.

JOHN J. CORNWELL, Governor.

Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

USING THE GRAND ARMY.

From the Clarksburg Telegram.

A most reprehensible campaign trick is being employed by Democratic state headquarters at Fairmont to drag the Grand Army of the Republic into the mire of Democratic politics and to use it to further the personal political ambitions of Clarence W. Watson. A circular letter, purporting to be signed by a former adjutant general of the West Virginia Grand Army of the Republic, is being sent broadcast through the mails to members of the organization throughout the state in which they are urged to vote for Watson on the ground that during the brief time he was a sea in the United States Senate he treated "our comrades" in pension and other matters with an overwhelming generosity and collected in at brazen appeal "to join in this non-political movement" to send Watson to the Senate by "our" votes and influence.

All posts of the Grand Army of the Republic throughout the state ought to place the stamp of disapproval upon this shameful abuse of its good name.

The circular letter, while in reality a letter from an individual to another, has been worded so cleverly by the campaign managers as to give the inference that it is from the Grand Army of the Republic as an organization. Although the letter is signed by the individual's name with careful regard to the fact that he was a member of a certain cavalry regiment in the Civil War, it is written throughout in the first person plural. "We take this means," it starts out, "saying to you what is in our hearts to aid the candidacy of Colonel Clarence W. Watson." And throughout the letter such phrases as "we gratefully recall," "we know that," "by serving us," "we appeal to you," are used. The biggest joke or the whole letter, however, is that contained in a brazen appeal "to join in this non-political movement" to send Watson to the Senate by "our" votes and influence.

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OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)

PLAGUE TAKE THE LUCK! I CAN'T FIND MY KNIFE!!

WHERE DID YOU LOSE IT?

THAT'S A BRIGHT QUESTION! IF I KNEW WHERE I LOST IT I SUPPOSE I WOULD BE HUNTING EVERYWHERE FOR IT JUST TO KEEP MY BLOOD CIRCULATING!!!

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The Selection of Your Fall and Winter Apparel in An Important Problem! The Earlier the Selection, the Greater Your Satisfaction!

America's Answer To The Hun—

The Answer of America is It's Men—

The Answer of America is It's Women—

The Answer of America is It's Red Cross—

The Answer of America is It's Industries—

The Answer of America is It's Resources—

The Answer of America is

Good News for Those Who Want to Spend \$10 or Less For a Hat

A great many women feel that \$10 ought to buy a very good hat And It Does—At This Store!

We have specialized this season on hats at this price and below, and the display of them is broad enough to satisfy every taste and requirement.

Goods, purchased when in the market last week are arriving daily—and the newest feature in fur-trimmed hats are shown. Every maker of our Pattern Hats has co-operated with us in offering a \$10-hat that is the Best Value to be found anywhere!

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