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## COUNCIL OF DEFENCE.

THE duties of this body of citizens is one of the most important of the war since the country must rely wholly on the executive ability displayed by the great industrial chiefs at the head of the system as advisers and auxiliaries of the regular military and naval establishment. Up to date there has been a surfeit of advice and at this moment the department of agriculture is busy in a way with suggestions how to assist in promoting a greater crop production. We have been told by the president that there is no intention to draw away from industrial or farming communities the men who must be relied on to keep the men at the front going with supplies of all kinds, but the movement lacks co-ordination. The several departments of the government are pouring out leaflets and advertisements by the million and paying thousands of dollars for advertisements of general appeals which should not be necessary after the months of publicity given the requirements of the nation and the admitted lack of preparedness. A good deal of this money will be wasted as it is misdirected and lacking cohesion. The first object which the government should strive to attain is an accurate list of every trade and channel of utility that may be employed in the remotest way in helping the actual fighting forces both at land and sea. Co-operation between employers associations and trades unions should be sought and then matters should be so organized that gardeners who are worth more at home than on the firing line should not be taken away from their avocations. Tradesmen wanted for the manufacture of munitions should not waste their time in drilling and attendance at training camps for six months or a year when at the end of that time it is found they are better adapted to be retained at their former occupations. Labor should be mobilized and the women of the country who are found capable of rendering service should be advised where their services may be employed to the greatest advantage. It is not every woman whose nature or temperament fits her for the trying duties of army nursing and the selection should be conducted as rigorously as the examination of men for admission to army or navy. If field laborers are needed there should be some place where such men could be directed and compelled to do their share in raising foodstuffs as though they were in the trenches. Men and boys not qualified for positions in the army would be found willing to accept responsibilities in the country or factories where they could serve in the places of those who would be of more value at the front. The system of mobilizing the men and women of the country requires unity of purpose and co-ordination of effort that is slow in materializing due to the apathy of congress, which insists on haggling over the necessity for the compulsory draft or preferential enlisting. Washington is described as apathetic in the extreme while New York is a seething mass of patriotism demanding results to gratify the feverish impulses for quick action. Whatever course congress chooses to adopt it should be understood from the beginning that no attempt should be made to rush a lot of half-baked recruits to the front, which would be nothing short of murder.

## HAMMERING AT THE HUNS.

THE mystery of the Hindenburg line continues to engross attention not alone here, but in Europe where they are supposed to be in close touch with movements at the front and in a position to infer accurately what is meant or intended by these withdrawing movements that have been the sole topic of speculation throughout the world news centers. To sum it up nobody seems to know or, if any one does know, there is no outward indication of the knowledge. The German retreat, although it began opposite the British front has been more rapid opposite the French. It may be assumed that the German command has fixed the retreat on broad strategical grounds. The direction of the Teuton line as it runs further north is not very clear. It was supposed that a junction was to be affected at Vimy ridge but that salient has been lost and now it is hinted that the stand will be made in or around Lens which the Germans cannot afford to lose. Once lost Hindenburg will confess failure in his fixed plans for that industrial center is one of the most important points on the whole front and one which would warrant great sacrifices to retain. Retention of the Lens coal fields and the Lille-Roubaix manufacturing region must be a continuing object of the German policy. Only a short retreat is possible in this part of the line and at some points, such as La Bassée, scarcely any at all. Further north again there is room for small withdrawals on both sides of the Ypres salient. The effect would be to shorten the line appreciably for the Germans. If these changes were carried out the shortening of the line would exceed 40 miles. This would enable the enemy to diminish its holding force considerably while the allies could not effect a corresponding diminution for some time since they would be holding unprepared positions against prepared ones. Thus von Hindenburg would find a large force set free for an offensive and this is what the British and French generals are anticipating. The reorganization of the Austrian command points to an early offensive on the Trentino against Italy, while Hindenburg's predilection for the Russian front, coupled with the circumstance of the Russian revolution, may tempt him to try again there on the Riga line with Petrograd as his objective. But neither in the Trentino nor in Russia nothing much can be done before May and both lines of offense may have to be abandoned owing to the intensive energy displayed by the allies in pressing their advantage in pursuing the retreat and occupying abandoned terrain. By the first of May the issue will be made clear and then it will be better understood why the German marshal chose to sacrifice the flower of his troops while playing a rear guard engagement. After all it is almost certain that the German army is falling back on positions that are skillfully fortified with the intention of establishing a clever trap for an on-rushing foe glutted with victory. Hindenburg in falling back, is playing a masterly game, since it brings him closer to his base while extending the base of the allies and subjecting them to greater en-

deavor to bring their munitions and men to the front. Germany appears to be conserving its resources while tempting the allies to a wasteful effort, but that remains to be seen as it must be disclosed during the course of the next two weeks.

## SHOOTING IN THE DARK.

THAT unpopular federal office holder imported from Colorado known as Gray, in writing an editorial in the Carson City Appeal, takes advantage of the owners of that paper to shoot off his mouth in a cowardly attack on the editor of the Bonanza. This fellow Gray has a weakling paper of his own, which serves as a sewer for his filthy ideas but there are times when the creature prefers to seek some other outlet that would not betray his personality so quickly. That is the system practiced by the ostrich pursued by the hunter. The bird hides its head in the sand and thinks its huge, misshapen body is concealed from view. Gray thinks because he writes in another paper that his putrescent identity is hidden but, like the polecat of journalism that he is, there is no chance of anyone being deceived for the stench is a dead give away. The editor of the Bonanza can always be found and there is no mistaking his personality for he stays with the game through thick and thin and never has to fire from ambush at any one. Criticism by the Bonanza always appears in the columns of the Bonanza and the editor of this paper never has to seek refuge under an alias or mask to give vent to his feelings. What he means he says and usually says so in a way that neither friend nor foe can make any mistake in knowing where to find the author.

## BASEBALL GAMES

### STANDING OF CLUBS

Name	Won.	Lst.	Pct.
San Francisco	11	6	.647
Los Angeles	7	7	.500
Salt Lake	7	6	.538
Vernon	8	9	.471
Portland	7	9	.436
Oakland	6	11	.353

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, April 20.—A sudden den downpour and sensational fielding by Jacobson gave St. Louis 6-2 victory over Chicago on the opening day of the American League season here. The visitors won the game in the third inning when they scored six runs, driving both Scott and Russell off the mound because neither could control the slippery ball. In this inning there was such a downpour that it was almost impossible to judge fly balls. Plank was hit hard but was given sensational support, especially by Jacobson, who accepted eight chances, most of which were difficult. Jacobson also starred in batting for the visitors, making three hits. Before the game players of both clubs gave an exhibition of military drill.

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, April 20.—Bodie broke up the first extra-inning game of the season here when, with two out in the twelfth and one on first, he drove the ball into the left field bleachers, giving Philadelphia a victory over Boston, 4 to 3. Bunting rallied in the seventh and eighth enable the home team to tie the score. Bodie led in the hitting. In six times at bat he made four hits—three singles and the drive which won the game which, under the rules was credited only as a triple.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 20.—New York made a clean sweep of its series from Washington, winning an exciting ten-inning contest, 3 to 2. The veteran Caldwell, and Dumont, a young pitcher, had a pitching battle until the tenth inning, when Rice tripled, driving in Milan for Washington's second run. New York came back in an effective manner, Peckinpaugh reaching the base on Judge's error and Nunamaker's single. Johnson then replaced Dumont and Gilhooley's double scored Peckinpaugh, Miller, running for Nunamaker, scored the winning run, a moment later when Maisel hunted to Johnson on a squeeze play. Both clubs had a military drill before the game.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, O., April 20.—Cleveland overcame a lead of six runs acquired by Detroit in the fifth inning, and won its opening game in the ninth, 8 to 7. Hits by Allison, Wambegans and Guisto in the ninth, coupled with Chapman's sacrifice, and a passed ball, were the factors in the last inning rally. Coveleskie, who started the game for Cleveland, was ineffective in the third, while loose playing behind Smith in the fifth aided Detroit in scoring three runs. Combe, who finished, held his opponents scoreless. Ceremonies of a military nature preceded the contest.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, April 20.—Boston won all four games of the opening series with Philadelphia by gaining successes in the morning and afternoon contests 7 to 3 and 4 to 2. Philadelphia's defeat in the second game was due to errors, which nullified the good pitching of Osceger. He allowed only five hits. Each of Boston's runs was caused by a misplay. Stock's poor throw on Massey's bouncer in the eighth allowed Gowdy and Maranville to score, breaking a 2-to-2 tie. Barnes was in good pitching form.

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, April 20.—St. Louis won the opening game of the National League season here from Cincinnati, 4 to 1. Cincinnati out-hit St. Louis, but could not get hits with men on bases, leaving 16 stranded. St. Louis hit Toney hard in the fifth and sixth, two singles, a double and a sacrifice fly netting two runs in the fifth and four singles yielding two more in the sixth. An error by Hornsby after two were out in the third accounted to Cincinnati's lone run.

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURG, April 20.—Pittsburg lost the opening game of the home season to Chicago, 10 to 3. Hendrix, pitching for Chicago, was effective with the exception of the seventh when Pittsburg scored two runs on two singles, and a fumble. A single, an error, and a wild pitch gave Pittsburg an additional run in the ninth. Three Pittsburg players were hit opportunely. Bunching of hits off Cooper in the third gave Chicago three runs. Two runs were scored off Jacobs in the fourth and two more in the fifth. Chicago hit Carlson hard in the ninth, scoring three runs. The opening was preceded by flag-raising ceremonies.

(By Associated Press.) BROOKLYN, April 20.—Brooklyn batted Benton as hard as New York did Smith and Dell, but four double plays by the visitors held the National League champions to a 3 to 2 score. Robertson prevented Brooklyn from staging one of their big batting rallies in the sixth, when after Daubert and Meyers had singled, he stopped a line drive from Wheat with one hand, caught it in the air with the other and threw to Herzog for a sensational double play. Fletcher, the New York shortstop, made a home run, a double and a single in five times up.

### PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

#### Yesterday's Games

At	Score
At Los Angeles—	R. H. E.
Vernon	0 6 0
Los Angeles	1 5 1
Batteries:	Johnson, Arellanes and Mitze; Hall and Bassler.
At Oakland—	R. H. E.
Portland	7 10 3
Oakland	6 13 2
Batteries:	Benton, Penner and Fisher; Arlett, Kramer, Colwell, Beer and Murray, Kihullen, Cowan.
At San Francisco—	R. H. E.
San Francisco	4 12 0
Salt Lake	3 7 0
Eleven innings.	Batteries: Smith, Steen and Baker; Hoff and Hannah.

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## OLD CLOTHES ARE A BADGE OF PATRIOTISM

(By Associated Press.) BUDA PEST, Hungary, April 20.—It is a badge of patriotism in Hungary nowadays to wear a coat with the side pocket on the right hand side revealing that the garment has been turned so as to make it presentable, thus saving the labor and expense of a new suit. In fashionable restaurants and hotels one sees many prominent people thus attired. Nobody, not even a war million-

aire, can afford many new suits nowadays, and the tailors are reluctant to make clothes even at their own price, which is now about \$90, cash in advance, for a suit which would have cost about \$20 in peace times. The tailor generally tries to dissuade a would-be customer from ordering a new suit, at the same time offering to turn his old suit, and make it look like new, for \$10 or \$15.

Just to vary the routine, the hunters are shooting each other for muskrats—Pittsburgh Dispatch. Another reason why we don't give large tips is because we have to pay our own expenses.—Daily News.

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