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## THE BIG "SERIAL"

THE war has worked remarkable changes in news values. What was a "big story" before the war is now worth but a few lines. A murder, a spectacular fire, a railroad accident, seldom are these worthy of large headlines nowadays. The important news is the news having to do with the international situation. Does an event effect this or that nation's participation in the war—will it effect this country? If so, it is important news. Thus the newspaper readers of America, and their number has doubled or tripled since the war, are losing their provincialism. They read not for the thrills to be obtained from crime and scandal, but to obtain facts for an intelligent judgment as to what the international situation promises.

Furthermore, we have had to brush up our geography and history, so as to read the war dispatches intelligently. And as foreign news has grown more important the system of gathering it has grown more efficient. The Associated Press, of which the Bonanza is a member, has representatives in every country and almost every city of the world. The day the "big" news event transpires that day it appears in the Bonanza. An answer to Wilson's remarkable peace-terms address is expected this week from Germany in the form of an address before the reichstag; the Brest-Litovsk negotiations continue; investigations resume at Washington; the Germans are preparing for that long-promised offensive in the west; Italy's food shortage has become acute; French socialists (who have forced the resignation of cabinet after cabinet) have just been denied for the second time passports to Petrograd; 25,000 mutinous German soldiers at Kovno are reported still barricaded against the loyal forces; Spain is in a ferment, as is Portugal. It is a continued story of absorbing interest. What will the developments of tomorrow be? Will Trotsky make separate peace after all? Will the rickety Spanish government last very many more days or weeks? Will Germany absolutely refuse to consider the terms of President Wilson? Will the French Socialists accomplish the downfall of Clemenceau's cabinet because of the passport incident? Will the British hold the German western offensive? It is a gigantic game of chess and every move is freighted with significance. Tomorrow's news may change the entire aspect of the war. And when the greatest news of all "breaks"—the E. O. S. flash that a peace agreement has been signed—you may be sure the Associated Press will get it first.

## BACK OF THE LINES

EVERY one knows about what the fighting man has ahead. His business, in the main, is to fight. But how about the work of those back of the lines? I have in mind, as a prelude, two major league ball clubs. The first team had the leadership and the material to win with. There was no question of this. But the fan support at home was lacking—both in the way of attendance and direct encouragement. The home fans apparently took it for granted their club would win the pennant and for this, or other reasons, were lukewarm in their support, and over-critical of any managerial or playing mistakes, says Grantland Rice in an article written for the committee on public information.

The result was a purely human turn. The club finally became discouraged, began to sag in morale, began to wonder just what the use was in playing for that type of support. Needless to say it lost the flag. The second team had good, average material, but nothing bordering upon the invincible. But it carried the full and complete support of its home fans who paid their money at the box office and who stood back of their club on the field, as loyal in defeat as in victory. Back in the grandstand and the bleachers they helped to fight for their club. This team, with its morale finely molded by such support, fought its way to the front, and held the peak against better looking clubs.

These are not hypothetical cases. They are not what might have happened. They are what actually took place.

War is only a game upon a highly scale. Like any other game, it requires leadership, material, team play, training, sacrifice—and support back of the lines.

What are the concrete, definite ways of giving this "support back of the lines"?

"That war," remarked Ian Hay (Maj. Beith) recently, "will be won by the allies to a certainty, if the nerve and nerves of the people back of the lines only hold out."

Those backs of the lines, who are not in position to serve at the front, can help immeasurably to win this war and end it with greater speed if they will only keep their minds upon the injunctions of the day—if they will keep their minds upon economizing, upon sacrificing, upon swinging into line with the most effective team play the world has ever known. The entry who "does his bit" on the ball field never wins a pennant. It is the one who "does his all."

There isn't an American who doesn't wish down through the depths of his soul for a swift and proper ending of this war. This goal can only be reached by united team play back of the lines, by united sacrifice, united economy, united aid, united loyalty, united concentration upon the main object ahead, the winning and the ending of the war. The longer citizens put off their day of complete sacrifice, of needed economy, of complete team play, the longer this war goes on and the greater the sacrifice that waits ahead.

## CLIPPED AND CREDITED

For first-class, prime blasphemy, read the kaiser's latest peace outburst.—Detroit Free Press.

Why not burn the Christmas gift stogies and help conserve the coal supply?—Duffysville Clarion.

The weak point in the kaiser's address was where he said he wasn't "boasting."—Springfield Republican.

When the affectionate Russian bear hugged Germany it got a jolt in the short ribs.—Atlanta Constitution.

Perhaps it was the intention to wait and capture machine guns from the Germans.—Kansas City Times.

Speaking of well developed mix-ups, how is the Russian situation for a horrible example?—Birmingham Ledger.

Secretary Baker's weekly summarization of war doings proves him to be a diligent newspaper reader.—Albany Journal.

Hereafter "Made in Germany" is the term to cover practically every story of a questionable character.—Pittsburgh Post.

The governor of Ohio seems somewhat disposed to challenge Fuel Administrator Garfield for the championship.—Galveston News.

The sultan of Turkey announces, with great regret, that no safe conduct can hereafter be granted to pilgrims to Mecca.—Tacoma Ledger.

In Washington an attempt is being made to show that the uses of the public's adversity in the sugar situation are by no means sweet.—San Antonio Express.

## DESPITE WAR SWEDEN HAS MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF ATHLETICS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Notwithstanding its proximity to the scene of the European war, Sweden has just completed the most successful athletic season in the history of sport in that country. Under the coaching of Ernie Hjertberg, formerly prominent in American amateur and professional athletics, the Swedish track and field performers have made remarkable strides and will be factors to be feared in years to come when international track competitions shall have been resumed.

The year 1917 was the most successful in the history of Swedish athletics, both from the viewpoint of general interest and of performances. Twenty-two new Swedish records were established, and four of these being at the same time new world records. Three of these world record performances were the work of John Zander, the phenomenal long-distance man, whose defeat of Ted Meredith at 1,000 meters in the Stockholm Stadium in October, 1916, will be recalled. A. Ballin, who tied with Zander on that occasion in 2:31.2, equalling the world's record, has two of the new Swedish records to his credit, and Zander has three, apart from his world's records. Both Zander and Ballin are special pupils of Ernie Hjertberg.

Zander's world's records are: 1,500 meters, 3:54.7; 3,000 meters, 8:35.7; 2,000 meters, 5:31. His best performance was the 1,500-meter run, which Zander ran alone. The former record, 3:55.8, was held by Abel Kiyat. Zander clipped no less than 5.2 seconds from Attila's record in the 2,000-meter run, and 9.10 of a second from the 3,000-meter figures. The other world's record to go was for throwing the javelin, best throw with each hand, in which Yngve Hackner set a record of 114.28 meters.

The other new Swedish records established follow: 60-meter dash, 6.3 seconds; 200 meters, 32.1 seconds; 400 meters, 59 seconds (Ballin); 440 meters, 50.6 seconds; 800 meters, 1:55.2 (Ballin); one mile, 4:17.5 (Zander); 5,000 meters, 14:59.6 (Zander); 400-meter hurdles, 56.1 seconds; four-man relay, 400 meters, 48.1 seconds; four-man relay, 800 meters, 1:31.1; four man relay, 1,600 meters, 3:28.3; four-man relay, 6,000 meters, 17 minutes; high jump, 1.89 meters; pole vault, 3.883 meters; discus throwing, both hands, 83.46 meters; running, three miles, 14:37.7 (Zander); 1,000-meter relay, first

man running 100 meters, second 200, third 300 and fourth 400, 2:15. One new record was also established in the peculiarly Swedish contest known as the "mellanhop," a jump for length over the gymnasium horse.

The condition of college athletics at eastern institutions is well illustrated by the situation at Cornell, one of the leading universities of the section in the support of sport. There is hardly one department of athletics in which, at the beginning of the year, a complete program or schedule is planned. Efforts are being made to support, as far as compatible with other more important activities, each and every branch of sport indulged in during the spring months. The situation in rowing is perhaps typical and as outlined in a recent issue of a university publication gives an insight to conditions prevailing at Cornell at this time. The article, in part, is as follows:

"Rowing plans have not yet crystallized. Practice on the rowing machines in the gymnasium will go forward, and when the inlet is clear of ice in the spring, crews will be boated as usual. On account of the early closing of the university, however, it will be difficult for the management to schedule dual races, either on Lake Cayuga or elsewhere. It is taken for granted that no attempt will be made this year to revive the Poughkeepsie regatta. Obviously Cornell could not participate in such a regatta next spring. John Collyer, active rowing coach, was in Ithaca recently and while here he conferred with Mr. Courtney and others on the rowing situation, but no definite conclusion was reached.

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# German Version Of Negotiations

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 14.—The report of the Wolff bureau, the German semi-official news agency, on Saturday's deliberations at the Brest-Litovsk peace conference says that at the opening of the sitting Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, announced that the central powers recognized the Ukrainian delegation as "an independent delegation representing the Ukraine republic," but that formal recognition of the Ukrainian republic as an independent state would be reserved for the peace treaty.

M. Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, followed Count Czernin, saying that such conflicts as had occurred between the Russian government and the Ukraine "have no connection with the question of the self-determination of the Ukraine, concerning which there is no room for conflict between the two sister republics."

M. Bolubowysch, the Ukrainian secretary of state, accepted the statements of Count Czernin and M. Trotsky and announced that his delegates would participate in the peace negotiations on that basis.

The delegates discussed the German claim that the Russian wireless statements issued during the recess constituted a transgression of the spirit of the armistice. M. Trotsky desired to know in what particular the spirit of the armistice had been transgressed and General Hoffman of the German delegation replied:

"At the head of the armistice treaty stood the words 'bring about a lasting peace.' Your Russian propaganda transgressed this intention, because it did not strive after a lasting peace, but

Final decision will not be made until later in the winter.

"In general, athletic activities except in basketball and wrestling have been unusually quiet since Thanksgiving, the attention of the undergraduates being turned largely toward enlisting and the draft regulations."

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## SMALL PERCENTAGE OF DRAFTED TUBERCULAR

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Less than 1 per cent of the 800,000 men examined for the United States army were found to be tubercular, Colonel G. M. Bushnell of the surgeon-general's department declared in addressing a war conference called by the National Jewish hospital for consumptives at Denver, which has been offered to the government for care of army consumptives. Measures were being taken, Colonel Bushnell said, to keep infected men from entering the army by draft and from remaining in the army after the disease has been discovered. He said that the United States army was the "best cared for in the world."

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