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FRATERNAL ORDERS MAKE FOR ALTRUISM.
PERHAPS you are an Elk. Mayhap—or mishap—not, but at all events it will not discomode you particularly to read a word of appreciation of that order. The writer, in proofreading the little paper which 1062 circulates among its members, could not but be impressed by the spirit of patriotism pervading the columns. With pride the names of the members who have gone to the colors are printed in big, black letters. The lodge speaks casually of the big sum of money it has invested in Liberty Bonds, of its subscription to the Red Cross, Knights of Columbus and Y. M. C. A. activities and other financial sacrifices made. The order mentions such matters in an out of the way place, for it would no more think of advertising its charities than would a Mason solicit membership.

Not only the Elks, but all fraternal societies, are showing a wonderfully patriotic spirit in these troublous times. They are leading spirits in bringing about the altruistic world which will be born when the shedding of blood is over and the social revolution, which must inevitably follow, has come to a happy conclusion.

TEUTONS NEED PRECIOUS METALS.
GERMANY is in such urgent need of gold and silver that it has asked its subjects to donate their personal ornaments and belongings made of these metals, for the use of the government. According to the Frankfurter Zeitung, this request has not met with a liberal and unanimous response and the metals have not been tendered in sufficient quantities. After remarking that the gold contributed by the people would still represent but a tithe of the precious metal needed, as it exists only in the possession of a limited well-to-do class, the Frankfurter Zeitung says further: "It is, however, quite another matter in the case of silver. People of all classes possess silver ornaments, tea services and other objects, and these can be converted into silver coinage which at the present time would prove eminently useful for payments abroad. For the purpose of keeping up and strengthening our foreign exchange in neutral countries, the Imperial bank has been compelled of late to send considerable quantities of gold abroad.

"A good influx of silver would repair this deficit at least in part and prevent the necessity of drawing further upon our gold reserve, the keeping up of which has become the measure of our economic strength and capacity to hold out financially till the end of the war. Even though silver has not the same value as gold as a means of international payment, yet the fact of its going up at the present moment so considerably in price that today it is worth more than at any time during the last twenty-five years, proves the great demand it now enjoys."

That Germany is compelled to resort to such an expedient to obtain gold and silver, and is even more in need of a larger supply of copper, indicates a source of weakness that in time may shatter the Teutonic governmental and military efficiency.

IMPERIAL GERMAN CODES.

VERY great curiosity exists at this time as to how representatives of the United States government worked out the key to the secret code of the Wilhelmstrasse and made translation of the intercepted messages sent by Count Von Luxburg, the German ambassador in Argentina, to Berlin and to Count Von Bernstorff in Washington. The deciphering of these messages revealed Von Luxburg's advice to sink ships from Argentina "without trace," showed ex-Premier Caillaux's treachery to France and gave the state department in Washington an insight into the imperial German government's machinations in this country which was very illuminating, especially as to the plots of Von Bernstorff, "the personal friend of America," and his immediate colleagues, Von Papen, Boy-Ed and Dr. Albert.

Chief Flinn, of the secret service, and his operatives, obtained many communications written by these men in code, which were deciphered. When secured, the messages appeared to be only a series of grouped numbers. Long and very painstaking work revealed that these numbers were used in connection with an old German dictionary, which is out of print and rarely seen outside of Germany. A specific group of numbers gave the page and the word on the page. But the system varied with each successive word so that substantially a new rule had to be worked out as each was deciphered. This entailed prodigious labor before the problem was finally solved.

The imperial German agents had separate codes, diplomatic, military and naval, which, while all followed the same principle, were so differently complicated that each was practically a separate code. It is evident that the craftiest of German minds worked out these codes. These men were indeed subtle. They recognized the always baffling principle of simplicity, and though they made the ciphers complicated enough in a way, this complication, when understood, was surprisingly incomplex. The simple, direct method of the United States secret service in getting at truth as an augur bodes into a board has proved the greatest stumbling block to imperial Germany's plans in North and South America.

TAKEN FROM THE TELEGRAPH.
An alcohol tank blew up at Marquette, Mich., and shook the city. It is said to think what would happen if an alcohol tank should blow up in the lower end of Tonopah's business section.

The latest pro-German tale is to the effect that shipyards, warehouses and other sites are being set on fire because of labor dissatisfaction. When anybody spills such rot into your ear you may rest assured that he is either the innocent victim of propaganda or an active German sympathizer.

"No more magnificent force than the American army in France was ever placed in the field. I never saw a better looking lot of men in my life. Their moral tone is higher than you will find among civilians."—Capt. Arthur Radelyffe Dugmore of the British army.

Personal note: Emma Goldman will start immediately to Jefferson City, Mo., where she will be the guest of a state official for the next two years. Her friend, Alex Berkman, starts south simultaneously, to Atlanta.

Somebody claims to have discovered that great talkers never go insane. Probably the rest of us are safe, too, because we don't have to listen to them.

Will the women, when they come into power, insist upon a single standard of competency for dishwashing?

"Milkmen to Sell Thrift Stamps."—Headline. Their customers will need them.

If Secretary Baker speaks true, and it is inconceivable that he would speak otherwise than true on so serious a subject, the rapidity with which an effective army has been lauded in France, without the loss of a man en route, is marvelous. It is doubtful if "Pro Bono Publico" or "Constant Reader" could have done better.

BIG DRIVE UNDERTAKEN TO AID IN RECRUITING BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 5.—The Boy Scouts of America organization in this city, which a year ago numbered 190 members, now has approximately 1800 youngsters enrolled, according to officials in charge. With the enormous increase in membership has come the need of additional finances to properly take care of and educate the boys along the lines of organization. Foremost among the needs is a permanent camp of instruction, and it has been decided that \$10,000 will be necessary to make this a reality.

BRITISH AND TURKS ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT EXCHANGE PRISONERS

(By Associated Press.)
BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 5.—British and Turkish delegates, who have been conferring here for some time in regard to a proposed exchange of prisoners, have closed their negotiations after reaching what the British delegates described as "a satisfactory agreement."
The negotiations provide not only for the exchange of prisoners, but also for a complete inspection of prison camps. Turkey has about 10,000 British prisoners, mostly Indians, while Great Britain has 50,000 Turks.
It is expected that the agreement will be immediately ratified and within a few weeks the first exchange will be made on Swiss soil, 1,000 British invalid prisoners being exchanged for 1,500 Turks. After this exchange there will be an examination of all prisoners under a low schedule of disability by a mixed commission of Turkish and British doctors, this arrangement doing away with the delay incident to the employment of neutral doctors.

MAY REDUCE IMPORTS

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loan of tonnage, but many American soldiers will go abroad in allied vessels. This was arranged for in the inter-allied conference at Paris and was announced on the return to the United States of Colonel Edward M. House.

Shipping board officials estimate America's shipping output during 1918 as from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 tons, much of which they expect to become available in the summer. Production in the latter half of the year is expected to more than double that during the first half and officials say the shipping situation will grow steadily more favorable as the year advances.

Supplies for the allies and for the American army abroad still are piling up faster than they can be transported and it is estimated that more than a million tons of cargo are awaiting shipment along the Atlantic seaboard. Even had the country's production of materials come up to expectations and had the railroads been able to transport it no more goods, officials say, could have been transported across the seas.

The shipping board, realizing the situation, is re-doubling its efforts to speed up the building of ships. With the assistance of the labor department they are creating a reserve of shipyard labor, which they expect to place in the yards as fast as it can be absorbed.

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CHILDREN TO AID IN FURTHERING CAUSE

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 5.—This city has turned farmer and its boss overasser is Chief of Police D. A. White. It is a "help carry on the war" movement. Vegetables and Belgian hare will be the specialties on which the city will specialize. Large plots of vacant land adjoining two of the police stations have been laid out and the work already is in progress.

Policemen, city officials and neighborhood citizens are the volunteer cultivators. The same plan was carried on in a similar but smaller scale last year and was found to be most profitable. Among other things, the city prison was kept supplied with potatoes for five months. A big crop of beans already is in sight.

WAR SERVICE BOARD HOLDS ENTERTAINMENTS

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 5.—In a little brick cottage on the Fort Bliss street car line, which has been converted into a soldiers' club, the war service board has been holding entertainments for the soldiers of the border district and cavalry division here. Almost every night this little 5-room house is crowded to the doors with men in the olive drab uniform of service. Dancing, music, a program of recitations and children's folk dancing make up these informal programs, which are given for the men from the different regiments on the border.

The war service board and its sub-committees act as hosts at these parties for the enlisted men. The cottage was rented as a temporary club for the soldiers pending the completion of the permanent soldier club, which will be ready for opening by March 1.

UNITED STATES MAY BE DEPENDED UPON

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee declared today that the United States would furnish more men and money for the war "in a far shorter time" than the nation and allies had hoped. He stated this in a speech introducing the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill.

HOOVERIZING ON PAY.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Feb. 5.—The military authorities at Paris have begun, somewhat late, it must be admitted, to realize that many an army officer on special duty in Paris, especially a lieutenant with his \$60 a month, may be worse off than a workingman with \$3 a day. So consequently it has been decided to institute a mess for officers at which they can lunch or dine economically. The scheme will offer a meal at 49 cents. The contractor will be allowed to buy his provisions at army prices.

LIKE OLD-TIME WESTERN RULE.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 5.—Clubs frequented by military men home on leave have been troubled by officers carelessly depositing loaded revolvers in the cloak rooms, and several of the clubs now display a notice reading: "Members and visitors returning from the front are requested to unload their rifles or pistols before leaving them with the attendant."

Jones' apple cider just arrived at Hall Liquor company. Six hits a gallon. adv23st

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CHILDREN FIGHT LION WITH FISTS AND ARE AWARDED MEDAL BY KING

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 5.—In recognition of their courage in fighting off with their fists a cougar which attacked them, King George has awarded the Albert medal to two children of Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island. The children are Doreen Ashburnham, 11 years old, and Anthony Farrer, 8 years old. According to the account of the incident recorded in the Official Gazette, it transpired as follows:

On the 23rd of September, 1916, the two children left their homes at Cowichan Lake for the purpose of catching their ponies and, when about half a mile from home, they were attacked by the cougar. They were almost upon the animal before they saw it crouching in a path at a corner. The cougar first sprang upon the little girl and she was knocked down with her face to the ground, the animal being on her back. The boy at once attacked the cougar with his fists and riding bridle, driving the animal off the girl. It then attacked him and his companion, getting to her feet, came to his rescue, fighting with her clenched hands and bridle, even putting her arm into the cougar's mouth, to try to prevent it from biting him. She succeeded in getting it off the boy. It then stood on its hindquarters and fought with her, but evidently was disturbed by some sound, as it presently slunk away and ran under a log, where it was afterwards killed. The cougar measured over seven feet from nose to tip of tail.

MANY ALIENS ENTER THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

(By Associated Press.)
HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 5.—During the last year 5718 aliens entered the territory of Hawaii, according to figures given out by the federal immigration office. There were 4161 Japanese admitted and 557 Chinese.

The total number of aliens is an increase of 1139 over last year. Of the Japanese, 955 were "picture brides" sent here by Japanese matrimonial agencies. A total number of 2779 Filipinos, not classed as aliens, were admitted. Of these 525 proceeded to the mainland and 716 returned to their island homes.

DISCHARGED FROM ASYLUM.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETER, Minn., Feb. 5.—Ralph L. Crosby, confessed murderer of John Bell and his wife at Red Oak, Ia., in August, 1914, was discharged from the St. Peter state hospital for the insane late yesterday afternoon upon orders from Attorney General Linden A. Smith to the state board of control. Crosby was released to Sheriff R. A. Dunn of Montgomery county, Iowa, and they left last night for Red Oak.

Hot Tom and Jerry at the Bank Buffet. adv

A SERIOUS OUTBREAK.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 5.—The most serious rioting in the street car strike occurred when three hundred strike sympathizers stoned cars to day, forcing them to return to the barn. Two shots were fired.

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