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WOMAN TO ADVISE NAVY.

The suggestion that a woman might be appointed as a member of the advisory board of "geniuses" for the United States navy, leads the Baltimore Star to denigrate itself "disgusted" with the "sheer impudence," remarking: "If there is one human activity in which women have taken less conspicuous part than they have in the invention of recognized machines of war, it does not come to mind."

Aside from the unnecessary vehemence of the Star's comment, its point may readily be allowed. Women have certainly shown no gift for inventing "machines" of war. And if it is objected that this is simply because they have never been interested in warfare, and don't want to invent implements or mechanism of slaughter, the anti-feminist editor might retort that women have shown precious little inclination to invent any kind of machinery whatever. He might point out that even in the domain that has been women's peculiar bailiwick from time immemorial—the kitchen—nearly all the utensils have been invented by men.

Women undoubtedly have talent for adapting mechanical means to domestic ends, when once their attention is definitely directed to the need of improvement and they are once reconciled to the necessity of change. But it seems still to require men to provide the initial ideas and impetus, and even progressive women take a prodigious amount of stirring up before their minds are attuned to mechanical innovations.

With all due regard to this psychological fact, however, it may be pointed out that it would be a mighty good thing to put a woman on the naval advisory board. There is plenty of work in the navy for a bright woman, quite apart from the creation of new contrivances of slaughter and defence. Particularly a woman's viewpoint is needed to provide for the comfort of the men in the navy.

The ordinary warship makes far too little provision for sleeping quarters and recreation facilities. Everything is for the guns and ammunition, and the care of the human beings who operate them is an afterthought. This is a purely human problem, of the sort for which women have real genius.

The utilization of feminine intelligence and instinct in such matters is in line with the larger housekeeping which clear thinkers recognize nowadays as women's peculiar field in public life. It would be worth while to have women—the right women, of course—on every naval and military board, to think about the "men" while their male collaborators are thinking about the "machines."

NOW IS THEIR TIME.

It is saddening to note the decision of the American Red Cross to withdraw its doctors and nurses from the European battlefields on October 1. Of the 16 units all will return to the United States with the possible exception of the two in Belgium, the point at which there is the greatest need. The action of the Red Cross is necessitated by lack of funds, as is the date mentioned the general fund, aggregating \$1,650,000, will have been exhausted.

At the beginning of the war many American philanthropists, men and women of great wealth, came to the front with proffers of aid to the war sufferers. Money and personal services were freely tendered. A number of individual relief enterprises were launched while scores of well known men and women of America volunteered as nurses, etc.

For lack of organization and experience little was accomplished in this way and these volunteers, or most of them, were compelled to reluctantly abandon the noble work.

Now they have a real opportunity to give vent to their charitable inclinations in a thoroughly practical way, a way that will be understood and appreciated. The sum of \$1,500,000, equal to the amount which has carried the Red Cross through a long year of war, might be raised by these same people in 24 hours and never be missed by them.

The Rockefeller Foundation, if so disposed, could alone contribute that sum and it would be but a bagatelle to that pretentious body. The work of the American Red Cross is too well known to need recounting. It would be a grievous thing if it were indeed compelled to cease operations because of lack of money.

This is an opportunity for America's millionaires to show whether their great solicitude for the wounded and suffering soldiers, expressed so blatantly one year ago, was genuine or merely as was charged by many—for affect alone.

HOW GERMANY MAKES ENEMIES.

Padgett Bros. Saddletry Co. has an old, and quite large, factory in the southwest.

They accepted an order, a while ago, to make a lot of saddles and harness for the English government. They did so because making saddles

except for a little bunch of crepe hanging on the barn doors of "big business."

DON'T HURRY THE "LETTING."

The Washington Post, with a strong odor of war in its aristocratic nostrils, declares that the country wants an extra session of congress immediately and the letting of contracts for ammunition, uniforms and munitions.

Our guess is that the country does not want an extra session of congress until Pres't Wilson feels that he cannot handle present war affairs without one, and that he will not call one for the purpose of preparing for war at a remote date. He knows the mysterious ways of the "war trust."

Undoubtedly, the next congress will consider the great question of a national policy as to preparedness for war. In this session, there ought to be a splendid fight over the matter of letting contracts for war supplies. The slogan "Let Uncle Sam Do It!" is going to be heard. The letting of contracts of the war department has been a matter of shame and robbery, in times of peace as well as in times of war. There should be a radical change. The country may want preparedness but it does not want it under the old scheme of gouging by private concerns.

HOW THEY SCRAMBLE THINGS!

Somebody ought to appoint a national committee to unscramble the politics of poor old Massachusetts.

Here's Eugene Foss, three times elected governor as a democrat, who announces that he's going after the republican nomination hot-footed. And Nelse Clark, who proclaims that he's out for the progressive nomination, notwithstanding that the progressive state committee has formally endorsed Billy Shaw, the prohibition choice for governor.

Later, there will be straight republican and straight democratic candidates, and maybe crooked ones also.

Let Messrs. Roosevelt and Bryan take heart! There'll be precedent for their running for anything they like, in any party.

THE END, DESTITUTION.

"Finis" is to be written at last in the Danbury haters' litigation. The last resort to stay the judgment of the court has been exhausted and 149 poor families are being evicted from the homes for which they saved and scraped a life time. Most of these are at present out of work and destitute.

It would require a vivid imagination to picture a sadder ending to the story of the haters' strike of 1902.

Columbia may well bow her head in shame and sorrow.

GIVING THE OTHER FELLOWS THINGS.

The Germans being in possession of Poland, Russia announces that the Poles will be given autonomy.

The giving away of things that the other party has got is one of the conspicuous features of this war. But it is pleasant to think that the Poles may get something out of the catastrophe, and we don't care who gives it.

WHY NOT "AMERICANS"?

Hon. Julius Kahn, addressing the Jewish Chautauqua at San Francisco, objects to the term "American Jews," but wants them called "Jewish-Americans." It is a plea for the hyphen.

But why not call them just "Americans," if they are good citizens? A hyphen, or anything else depicting a nationality, or a class, or a clan in this country, is bad.

The Kansas winter wheat crop will amount to 115,700,000 bushels, according to the estimate of the state board of agriculture. At \$1.10 per bushel the Kansas farmers will rake in a sufficient quantity of shekels to save their war-harrowed feelings pretty considerably.

President Wilson, dispatches relate, has demanded that Zapata release Hudson, editor of the Mexican Herald, in response to an appeal made by his friends, which shows how unreliable reports from Mexico are. Who ever heard of an editor with friends?

We can see how they might confound Mr. Taft at his morning plunge with the appearance of a submarine off New England coast, but what part of Bill was unsubmitted to make 'em think it a German submarine sticks us.

THIS WAS PUBLIC OPINION.

In Dallas, Texas, as well as many other places, "big business," in the shape of the street railway companies, has been waging war on the jitneys. But in Dallas the jitneys were fortunate in having a real newspaper openly on their side—the Dallas Dispatch.

Contrary to public desire and in open repudiation of a pre-election pledge, the city council of Dallas passed an ordinance which practically legislated the auto-buses off the streets.

The Dispatch took up the fight and aroused the people. Dallas has the initiative, the public's weapon of offense and defense. A referendum petition for a "square deal ordinance" was circulated. Eighteen hundred signers were needed to submit the question. Signatures came fast and thick. Eighteen hundred, two thousand, three thousand, to and behold! forty-five hundred—a clear majority of the qualified voters. The city fathers were paralyzed into quick action. They did not wait to submit the ordinance to a vote. What was the use of spending two thousand dollars for an election, the result of which was pre-determined? They passed the jitney men's ordinance in a hurry. Pres't. Everything is lovely in Dallas.

MURDER MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

Puzzling Problem Solved by Clairvoyant, Although Baffling to Police.

The murder of Captain Hanska is at last cleared up as thousands of the readers of this newspaper can affirm after reading the famous story of "The Red Button" which was distributed to everyone who complied with the conditions printed in the coupon in Sunday's paper. This wonderfully thrilling story holds your interest from the first line to the final word, and presents to each reader the same problems which confronted the New York police, and much speculation will be enjoyed throughout the course of the novel by the reader as to who actually killed the captain. Many of the distributing points are still supplied with sufficient books to take care of late comers and those who failed to take advantage of the numerous offers of this newspaper to secure this exceptionally fine novel should apply before Tuesday evening as the stock is necessarily limited. Clip the coupon from last Sunday's paper and present it at any of the branches named in the announcement appearing elsewhere in Sunday's issue and get th's masterpiece of detective fiction.

THE MELTING POT

COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US.

NO clairvoyant vision is required to see that as long as the Latin-American delegates believe there is nothing essentially wrong in the settlement of the affairs of a nation by revolution they are standing around in the way of restoring peace in Mexico. Obviously, it is going to take something more than diplomacy to get that idea out of their noodies.

MEANTIME, to avoid unnecessary delay, the U. S. might well go ahead with its Mexican policy.

THE degeneracy of photography is nowhere as apparent as in the movies. Time was when the camera could be relied upon to reproduce things as they were. Now its highest achievements are found in the reproduction of things as they are not.

THE zone of the local newspaper's influence is illustrated by O. C. B., who postal cards us from Atlantic City: "While going along the board walk I heard a newsdealer calling papers from all parts of the United States and Canada. I asked for a South Bend paper and he handed me the latest edition of the News-Times. Some class, I would say!"

Some Awakening, We Infer.

(Wallowa, Ore., Sun.)

After an elapse of two years, the music fever has hit Wallowa again, and the result is that a band has been organized and regular practice nights have been set. Last Thursday night some ten of twelve of the old war horses came together in the city hall and organized an organization had been perfected someone says: "Let's play a tune." The slack was taken out of the bass drum strings, a quart or more of dust was removed from the tuba, and after a few more preliminaries, the gang turned loose, and such an awakening as was witnessed will not be forgotten soon. This being the only organization of its kind in the country, the boys should be encouraged and we will soon have the best band (none excepted) on the coast.

From Berlin to Warsaw Was a long, long way. And it kept the Germans fighting Many a long, long day; But the way ahead is longer, From Warsaw to Petrograd, And if what we hear is true, The road is awful bad.

OUR gold supply is a little better than \$2,000,000,000. FOREIGN papers please copy. C. N. F.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

FIGURES CONFUND CALAMITY HOWLERS.

(Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.) Confronted on every hand by unmistakable evidences of a return of prosperity and finding their doleful wailing reacting to their own confusion, the calamity howlers are today seeking to attribute the recent revival of prosperous times to the demand for munitions of war from foreign nations, excluding or ignoring the improvement in domestic and foreign business conditions and war orders.

They disregard the order for 94 locomotive engines of the largest freight type just placed by the Pennsylvania company, the order for 50 freight engines of the same type placed by the Erie, the resumption of work in car shops on all the east and west lines in preparation for the movement of grain, the voluntary increase in production in the steel industry as announced by the Willys-Overland company and a number of large eastern manufacturing plants.

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Now, why not put a few of the alienists on trial?

Outdoor Life



is most enjoyable when the Skin is in a healthy condition

MUNYON'S WITCH HAZEL SOAP

For Sale by AMERICAN DRUG CO. 133 N. Main St.

GEN. SCOTT'S MISSION.

(Indianapolis News.) If all the Mexican leaders were Indians there would be greater ground for confidence in the success of the mission on which Gen. Scott, chief of staff, has been sent. To be sure, the exact nature of that mission has not

Advertisement for Electricity featuring the headline "You Have Tried The Rest---Now Try The Best---Electricity" and the name "Indiana & Michigan Electric Company".

Advertisement for "Don't Pay" featuring the headline "Don't Pay" and the name "The Morris Plan Company".

Advertisement for "COBS FOR FUEL" from South Bend Grain Co.

Advertisement for "SHERMAN'S" Successor to Wilhelm's READY-TO-WEAR FOR WOMEN.

Advertisement for "BOYS' TENNIS OXFORDS" from Kinney's.

Advertisement for "SAILORS" Everything For Your Home.

Advertisement for "SLICK'S LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING CO."

Advertisement for dental services: "We Can Save You One-Half on Your Dental Bill."

Advertisement for dental services: "Come in and talk it over with us. Examination Free."

Advertisement for dental services: "White Dental Parlors"

Advertisement for furniture: "McGILL'S FURNITURE"

Advertisement for a drug store: "Public Drug Store"