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## THE PIPINGS OF PEACE

THE complete report of the English premier's peace terms, published in Saturday's Capital News, and made the subject of telegraphic review and comment in yesterday morning's issue, turned the reader for the moment away from war and toward peace. There is no question that Lloyd George's speech as to war aims was intended as an opening for cessation of hostilities. It puts it squarely up to the Prussians. It supplements their meaningless peace chatter with something tangible and just. It calls their bluff.

We may soon know whether the kaiser really wants peace of a nature that will insure world tranquility or whether his blustering through representations to a misguided, and partially German-controlled, Russian group, was a continuance of his program of deception.

The world will welcome peace, and in no country will it be more acceptable than in the United States, just entering upon the more serious phases of the war. But the world does not want a German peace. IT DOES NOT WANT A PEACE THAT MERELY GIVES A BREATHING SPELL TO A HATEFUL, CRAFTY, MURDEROUS AUTOCRACY DURING WHICH IT MAY PREPARE FOR FURTHER OUTRAGES UPON CIVILIZATION.

In fact, it is doubtful if any peace pact with the Hohenzollerns would be acceptable. The conclusion is unavoidable, in the light of the inscriptions upon the scroll of history during the past four years, that such a peace contract would give no greater promise than attached in the German mind to the Belgium treaty of neutrality and other "scraps of paper."

The United States should emphasize its position that it is done forever with the kaiser, with the Bernstorffs, with the Boy-Eds.

Any peace should be concluded with those agencies in Germany that will respect a binding agreement and that will punish any official, however high, who undertakes to violate it.

Under all the conditions, this country will undoubtedly continue its preparations to actively and effectively enter the war. It is the wise thing to do in time of peace talk such as the Prussians have uttered and in time of peace bases such as have been laid down by the English premier and which there is little chance of the kaiser accepting in good faith.

## UNCLE SAM AND THE RAILROADS

FOR the 10 months of last year for which complete figures are available the revenues of the railroads of the United States increased 11.8 per cent, but the operating expenses increased 19.2 per cent. On the face of it that shows more of a loss than the average railroad stock dividend.

But profits are larger, we are told by some critics, than the figures indicate because of "watered stock." In our opinion the "watered stock" story is exaggerated, but assuming that it is correct, and that the other figures are correct, covering most of 1917, when the railroads did an enormous business, where will the government get off?

It starts on its railroad career with operating expenses exceeding revenues and propose to at once increase the operating expenses. It also proposes to pay holders of railroad securities a profit on the basis of average earnings during several years past. The government, therefore, does not take much stock in the "watered stock" story or it has gone with eyes open into a plan to pay dividends on inflated valuations.

The government further proposes to loan the railroads $500,000,000 for betterments.

Surely Uncle Sam has jumped headfirst into the railroad pond. He is confronted with operating expenses exceeding revenues, and more expenses coming, and with a condition that requires an expenditure from the public treasury of half a billion dollars before he can hope to attain that degree of efficiency that will make ends meet—and all the time he will pay, as per his own terms, a dividend to stockholders, more, perhaps, than they could hope to receive at least during the war.

It begins to loom large that this will happen: That the government will get so far into railroading, and the railroads will get so far into the treasury, that government ownership will be unavoidable.

## WHATCHAMA COLUMN

### PEPS

"HANG the spies!" exclaims ex-President Taft. Does he mean it literally or is he giving us the strongest cuss words he permits himself to use?

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HEAD of police dry squad arrested for bootlegging. Well, doesn't it take a drink to catch a drink?

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PROCRASTINATION is the theif of time, but it hasn't anything on pinochle.

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MAYBE the disposition will be, as to peace, to let Lloyd George do it.

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THE kaiser and the Bolsheviki are in a deadlock, but not dead enough to suit us.

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APPARENTLY the German people cannot substitute kultur for koal.

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IF the national government takes over control of everything, Washington, D. C., may become a city all the year round.

### THE FALL OF BERIAH BENT.

When rags-and-bones-and-hanks-of-hair, or portly dames and fat,
Or ladies of the genus that is sometimes known as "cat,"
Or ladies bearing grievous marks of blighted heart-romances,
Or ladies wearing camouflage upon their countenances,
Or ladies whose endearing charms had long ago decayed,
Or ladies large and masculine and masterful essayed
To peddle Red Cross memberships to old Beriah Bent,
He always clutched his pocketbook and answered, "Not a cent!"

I've joined it in Chicago, I've joined it in Duluth,
I've joined it twice in Hackensack, and that's the gospel truth,
I've joined it out in Fresno, Cal., and Providence, R. I.;
Nine times in seven different states I've joined since last July.
I've written on subscription sheets until I've dulled my pen,
So please don't ask me any more—I shall not join again.

When maids with figures svelte and trim, with wreaths of auburn hair,
And eyes like Maxine Elliott's, that smiled like Ina Claire;
When girls that talked like Billie Burke and looked like coryphees
Would fix upon Beriah Bent their soft and childlike gaze,
And ask him if he didn't have a dollar he could spare
To purchase cots and comforts for the soldiers over there,
Although he held a dollar in superlative regard,
He never failed to loosen up, and loosen good and hard.

He joined again in Tuckahoe, he joined in New Rochelle;
He joined in Minneapolis and Butte and Kalispel;
He joined in Kansas City, Mo., and Chattanooga, Tenn.,
And every time a peach came by he joined it once again.
Which brings to light an axiom you'll never find in books:
"The Janes will always land 'em, if they've only got the looks."

—Montague.

### RECEIVED BY A PHYSICIAN.

Dear Doctor: My wife have lost her recompense for me. She are giving her distributions to another man. I want you to send me something to put in her coffee and make her malignify herself to me again, if you please, sir. Yours truly.

### SHE WAS A BIRD, TOO.

A lady recently selecting a hat at a milliner's asked cautiously:

"Is there anything about these feathers that might bring me into trouble with the Bird Protection society?"

"No, madam," said the milliner.

"But did they not belong to some bird?" persisted the lady.

"Well, madam," returned the milliner pleasantly, "these feather are the feathers of a howl, and the howl, you know, madam, seein' as 'ow fond he is of mice, is more of a cat than a bird."

### FIRST AID.

So many accidents had happened in the mines that a number of miners determined to join the local ambulance class. When one of their mates happened to cut his finger or sprain his wrist there was a general rush for the wounded man by the ambulance corps, and by the time they had finished with him he usually looked like a cross between an Egyptian mummy and a patient at a hospital.

All this, of course, was valuable practice, and after many months of hard work in the class an examination was held.

"Suppose one of your mates should be badly frostbitten, how would you treat the case?" asked the examiner.

"Why, rub him with a man who's had a touch of sunstroke. That'd bring 'em both around."

### THE SENTRY WAS SENT.

A captain, returning to camp at night with his family, was challenged by a slightly inebriated sentry.

"Halt! Who's there?"

"Captain Smith and family."

"Captain Smith—advance to be recognized. Mrs. Smith and baby—mark time. The pup—at ease."

And then the corporal of the guard placed the sentry "at rest."

### O, MY, YES!

The Wisconsin senator is going to make a speech in his own defense. Let it be hoped that the gentleman from Potsdam gets an impartial hearing and then find himself on the sidewalk.

## Good Night Stories

By Blanche Silvis

### JIMMY RABBIT SETS A NEW FASHION.

Jimmy Rabbit returned home one day in tears. He had been frolicking through the dead leaves with several of his cousins when the game was interrupted by the bark of a wolf, and the happy party suddenly came to an end.

"I crawled under a brush pile, but Mr. Wolf saw my long tail, which I couldn't hide, and here I am—without my tail!" wailed Jimmy Rabbit.

"Oh, how strange you do look without a tail!" said Mamma Rabbit after she'd gotten over the first shock, for in those days all rabbits wore their tails long and fuzzy and Mamma Rabbit's family was the envy of Rabbitville, because of their beautiful long tails that curled up over their backs.

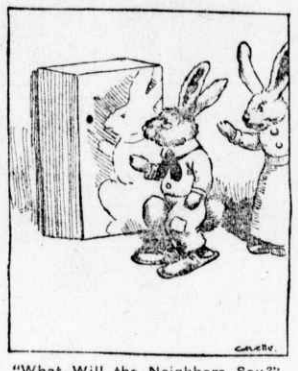
Jimmy Rabbit looked at himself in a shiny tin can Mamma Rabbit had propped up for a looking-glass, and then he began to laugh.

"I certainly do look queer, but what shall I do? I can't help it."

"You never can go around without a tail, and yours was the prettiest in all Rabbitville," and Mamma Rabbit began to cry, and all the little Bunnies, seeing their mamma weeping, began to cry, too.

"What will the neighbors say? You will have to stay indoors until it grows again!" sobbed Mamma Rabbit.

Jimmy Rabbit hopped up and down the floor and he looked so very funny that all his little brothers and sisters stopped crying and began laughing.



"What Will the Neighbors Say?"

"I know what I'll do!" cried Jimmy Rabbit. "I'll go back and find it. You can sew it on again, and no one will be the wiser."

And forgetting what a funny appearance he made, Jimmy Rabbit hopped out of the door and through the village trying not to let any one see him.

"Did you see Jimmy Rabbit?" one rabbit asked another. "He's cut off his beautiful long tail so short that you can hardly tell he has one when he hops," and the news spread so swiftly that a great crowd had gathered on the village green by the time Jimmy Rabbit who had thought himself unseen returned.

"That's a splendid idea!" exclaimed Mr. Gray Rabbit, the mayor of Rabbitville, "and I'm glad to see you have the nerve to stick to your convictions regardless of what folks might say."

At first Jimmy Rabbit was at a loss to know what his friend was talking about, then it dawned upon him that they were all praising his short tail.

"I just figured this way, you can hop much better with a short tail than a long one," replied Jimmy Rabbit proudly, "and you don't have to worry about your long tail being seen when you're trying to hide."

"Certainly a clever idea!" cried Mr. Gray Rabbit. "Of course, it looks strange at first, but when we get used to it I'm sure we'll agree with Jimmy Rabbit that short tails are much better than long ones."

And, what do you think? Before night every rabbit in the village had clipped off his tail.

Jimmy Rabbit ran home and told Mamma Rabbit, and she was quite proud of him.

So Jimmy Rabbit, through an accident, started a fashion that has been handed down through one generation to another, and now you never see a rabbit with a long tail. Short, stubby tails are the rabbit style. Next time you look at a rabbit you'll see.

## The Origin of Famous Sayings.

William Lloyd Garrison. 1805—1879

My country is the world; my countrymen are mankind.
—Prospectus of the Public Liberator.

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I will be as harsh as truth and as uncompromising as justice.
—The Liberator.

### CAMOUFLAGE.

The dominie was told by his family doctor that a glass of toddy would do him no harm. "I canna manage it," said the minister, "my housekeeper wad gossip among the church women."

"Oh, keep it in your private cupboard, and when you get your shaving water in the morning, get a little extra supply."

A month later one of the female parishioners who was calling on the housekeeper inquired as to the dominie's health.

"I'm sair afraid the meenister is losing his mind," was the answer.

"My goodness! how is that?" said the visitor.

"Well, he asks for shaving water five or six times a day."

### UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

Mistress—Susan, I understand that you walk out with a young man; I hope he is respectable?

"Oh, yes, ma'am; and he is a Frenchman, and can't speak no English."

"Then how in the world do you manage your courting, Susan?"

"Law, ma'am, isn't the kissin' and huggin' the same in every language?"

## 'HERE THEY ARE—THOSE AMERICAN ENGINEERS WHO GAVE FRITZ YANKEE FIGHTING AT CAMBRAI

Americans who had first brush with the Germans.

When the Germans in a turning movement near Cambrai after General Byng's big drive, ran across a number of American engineers repairing a railroad the Yankees put down tools of construction, took up tools of destruction and gave the Germans a little touch of American fighting in hand-to-hand combat.

## YOUR HEALTH

By JOHN B. HUBER, A. M., M. D.

*In our natural body every part has a necessary sympathy with every other, and all together form, by their harmonious conspiration, a healthy whole.—Sir W. Hamilton.*

### Bronchiectasis.

*3 years ago my husband complained of slight pain between the shoulders, lost weight, had a pulse of 50 one day and 150 the next. 2 months ago he had a burning in the throat, with metallic taste, violent coughing spells and he raised fluid with such a putrid odor that I could not stay in the room. His temperature varied from 100 to 104 degrees He perspired profusely staining the linen copper like. The sputum contained no tuberculosis germs. We had an X-Ray made of the lungs 4 weeks ago. It showed a good sized white spot at the base of the right lung in the back, and a thickening of a bronchial tube. Could he have tuberculosis without it showing in the sputum?*

*Answer*—I can judge only by your letter. There appears to be a bronchiectasis—an enlargement, a bulging, of a bronchial tube producing a cavity in which pus has accumulated for months or years. Your good family doctor should treat this, which will take no little time and patience on your and your husband's part. This ailment may or may not be associated with tuberculosis. I am sorry to have to state that it generally is. The absence of the tuberculosis germs in the sputum would not absolutely mean the non-existence of that disease. Only the positive evidence is certain.

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### NERVES AND THE THROAT.

*I have had nerve trouble for 15 years. For 4 long years I could not get to work. I gained in weight and did well until the grippe got me in 1912. I can't stand being among people. One year ago I had trouble in swallowing food. It would catch in my throat and choke me. I eat no meats nor vegetables. I can't swallow anything that's lumpy. One doctor said I had asthma. I have very bad spells of choking nearly every night about 6 o'clock. This takes my breath away and I can't even swallow. Another doctor said I had nervous contraction of the throat. Well, I know I have got it and if you can give me any idea I will thank you.*

*Answer*—I can judge only by your letter. You may indeed have some serious throat inflammation. The grippe had no doubt debilitated you as is so often the aftermath of this ailment; and the nervous system has no doubt suffered in consequence. I should judge the throat trouble to be "globus hystericus" of which I have frequently written. This is a nervous contraction of the throat which can be overcome by will power. The fact of asthma being diagnosed in your case fortifies this opinion, because asthma is at bottom a nervous affection. Of course you should eat meats and vegetables; you are not sufficiently nourished. Get a good doctor to pass the esophageal bougie down your gullet. If it passes all right that proves your ailment to be nervous; if it does not there is some real disease there.

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### SMALLPOX.

*Is smallpox contagious during the first stages of the disease?*

*Answer*—More so then than at any other time. Though the eruption is undoubtedly contagious it is not nearly so much so as the discharges from the nose and throat, which are most pronounced early in the disease. The same is true of measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria and other serious infections. Will mail you further information on receipt of a stamped and self-directed envelope. People who fail to send at least their address lose much time that is very likely valuable to them.

Dr. Huber will answer all signed letters pertaining to Health. If your question is of general interest it will be answered through these columns; if not it will be answered personally if stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Huber will not prescribe for individual cases or make diagnoses. Address Dr. John B. Huber, care of this newspaper.


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