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This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war.....

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CONSERVE WHEAT STILL.

The passing of wheatless days will be an unmitigated misfortune if the people of America get the impression that the removal of these days from the economic calendar imply that there is the old-time abundance of wheat.

That there is misapprehension about this is the strong tendency shown to buy wheat flour and yet more flour. It does not seem to be well understood that until the mills turn out all flour on a 20-80 basis, the Government expects private cooks, just as it requires public bakers, to use flour in the proportion named in all breads baked, excepting corn bread.

Home bread in many instances is suspiciously white, and it is so, not because the average housekeeper does not wish to conform to governmental requirements, but she believes that when she buys a substitute she is free to use it as she pleases, when the real idea, and the safe one is 20-80 for bread in any form whatever.

We earnestly plead with our home-makers to be as saving as possible with wheat. The fact that our Allies, as well as Americans, are required to use the mixed bread is proof that wheat is not to be wasted anywhere.

SANE SUFFRAGISTS.

The two leading suffrage organizations of Louisiana, the Woman's Suffrage Party Mrs. W. S. Holmes chairman and the Woman Suffrage Association, Miss Jean Gordon president, have agreed to work together for the proposed constitutional amendment giving the suffrage to women, ignoring all differences of opinion. This is obviously the proper thing to do, not only as best calculated to win success, but in itself to afford an argument that women can work together harmoniously for a common object. Were the women at this time to wrangle among themselves even as men do in political campaigns, the point would be pushed against the principle of woman suffrage regardless of its pertinency and justice.

The suffragists are second to none in patriotism and war work and intend to prove it anew in this appeal for justice through constitutional amendment by not incurring the expense of a state canvass but by leaving the matter largely to the judgment of the voters, only augmented by the distribution of information literature on the subject. A silent pleader will be a map of the United States, one of which will be placed in every post-office in Louisiana, showing the number of states that have given full or partial suffrage to women. This map will prove more loudly than words how far woman suffrage has spread and is spreading. It will be a dull man indeed who will fail to discern the inevitable, and discerning fail to put himself on the side of progress, justice and true democracy.

Before the smoke of the late primary quite blows away, we wish to enter a protest against the epithet, "Political Huns" applied to the supporters of Edward J. Gay by Mr. Lee R. Garland of Opelousas. While much said in political heat can be pardoned, this epithet is so far from fact, so incorrect in analogy that Mr. Garland should voluntarily recall it with apologies. There was no ruthlessness displayed by the Gay supporters, no outrage of any description, and no treachery to any one. Moreover with the Hun as a Hun it is inconceivable that any one could ever fraternize, therefore in characterizing the regular Democrats of Louisiana plus the independent element that opposed L. E. Hall as political Huns, Mr. Garland puts himself in the position of accepting as indisputable members of the party, persons of unspeakable character. The anomaly, as well as the injustice of this, is apparent.

Vardaman is still talking. First thing he knows he will say the words that will land him inside the espionage act. So let the wild talk go on.

"PEACE," WHEN THERE IS NO PEACE

The proposals from Austria-Hungary for a peace parley has met with never a bite from the Allied Nations; while Belgium laughs to scorn overtures from Germany. President Wilson's blunt refusal to enter into any peace discussion at this time struck the key note of Allied opinion, and has been met with enthusiastic response in America.

Whether these proposals are a rise of the Central powers to gain time as in 1917, or the independent movement of Austria-Hungary is not clear. If the former then it is not probable that it will find the ready credence that the peace talk of last year had in Russia and Italy, while if it so happens that Emperor Karl is indeed starting something on his own initiative, it is not likely that he will be permitted by the power to which he is in vassalage to pursue any independent movement for peace. The probabilities all are that it is merely a ruse, and should be treated with contempt from start to finish.

ONLY USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

The Council of National Defense has emphasized the necessity of restricting Christmas buying during the coming fall in order to save labor and material in the manufacture and sale of Christmas gifts and the transportation and delivery facilities necessarily involved in the large volume of Christmas purchases.

The retail interests represented at the conference held recently, have agreed not to increase their working force by reason of the holiday business over the average working force employed by them throughout the year and not to increase the normal working hours of their force during the Christmas season. They also agreed to use their utmost efforts to confine Christmas giving, except for young children, to useful articles and to spread the period for holiday purchases over the months of October, November and December.

WAR WORK ORGANIZATIONS.

Officially recognized war work organizations are the Young Mens Christian Association, Young Womens Christian Association, War Camp Community Service, American Library Association, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, and Jewish Welfare Board. The first four of these, according to previous plans, had been combined in a campaign to be launched in November, the last three in a campaign for January. The single campaign will begin November 11, lasting one week and will call for \$170,000,000 to be apportioned as follows: Y. M. C. A., \$100,000,000; Y. M. C. A., \$15,000,000; Catholic War Council, (Knights of Columbus) \$50,000,000; Jewish Welfare Board, \$3,500,000; American Library Association, \$3,500,000; War Camp Community Service, \$15,000,000; Salvation Army, \$3,500,000.

President Wilson has declared that it was evident the services rendered by these agencies are essentially one and must be rendered in the closest co-operation.

HOW TO PRONOUNCE 'EM

Here's an authentic list giving you the proper pronunciation of many of the French towns, rivers and other places on the present battle front, or likely soon to appear in the news:

Acheux Ah-shuh
Aisne Ain
Amiens Ah-me-ang
Albert Ahl-bair
Ancre Ank'r
Avesnes Ah-vain
Assainvilliers Assain-villair
Bouchoir Boo-shwah
Bucquoy Bu-wah
Caix Cay
Chaulnes Shone
Chipilly Shee-pee-ee
Combles Combli
Fismes Feem
Fresnoy Fray-nwah
Harbonnieres Ar-bon-nee-air
Lassigny Leh-seen-ye
Le Frettoy Luh Fret-twah
Lens Longs
Le Quesnel Luh Kes-ne
Mailly May-ye
Mezieres May-ze-air
Montdidier Mong-dee-de-ay
Moreuil Mo-rub-tee
Morlandcourt Mor-long-coor
Nesle Nail
Noyon Naw-yong
Oenilly Uh-ye
Oise Wahz
Ourcq Oork
Peronne Pay-ron
Plessier Ples-see-ay
Proyart Prah-wah-yar
Rheims Rahnges
Roye Rhaw
Roubaix Roo-hay
Soissons Swah-som
Somme Som
St. Quentin San-kon-ton
Vesle Vail

In many of the above names it is impossible to transpose French sounds exactly into English sounds, so the English equivalents are merely the nearest approximations.

CLEANING UP AFTER THE HUN.

Within twenty-four hours after the Germans were driven out of Chateau Theirry, V. M. C. A. workers had opened a hut with a canteen and facilities for the comfort and entertainment of the soldiers. There was a big job of house-cleaning to do first, for the Huns had left rubbish and filth piled high in every room of the old house. Men who had been prominent ministers and bankers back home scrubbed floors and lifted heavy cases. When the canteen opened, a line of soldiers formed and continued to form until the Military Police ordered all soldiers off the street.

WITH THE PAWS STICKING OUT.

Whenever you hear a man or a woman criticizing the Government in its prosecution of the war, by telling tales about the sins of omission and commission which have been committed by Uncle Sam, you can just put the lie to these reports and stamp the author as a pro-German. There are a few such men still at large who are filling the role of the proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing—Woodville Republican.

The Gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke xiv. 1.

It came to pass, as Jesus went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spoke unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; and answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? And they could not answer him again to these things. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him that come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the highest room; lest a more honourable man, go and sit in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shall thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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The entire civilized world seems plunged into one of those abysses of chaos that usually precede a portentous change for the better.

It is time for every man to remember that God is still overhead and our brother man beside us.

Such times as these are necessary to test our faith and maybe our courage. In the meantime we should grow every pound of food we can.

J. S. McGehee, Laurel Hill, La.

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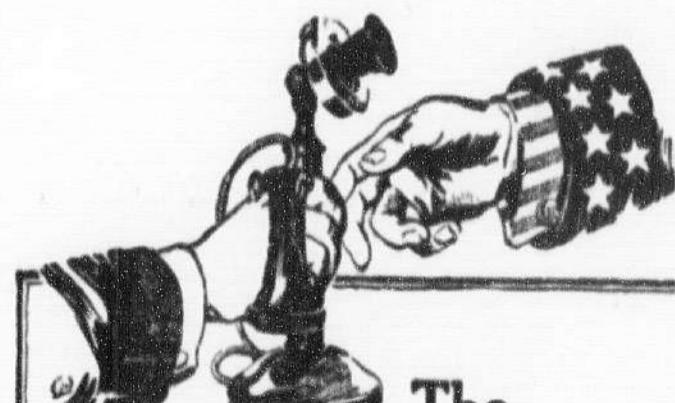
The United States Department of Agriculture urges every farmer to make an inventory of his tools, implements, and machinery at once and order whatever repairs and duplicate parts he is likely to need for the coming season. This is represented as being imperative if the farmers would be sure of getting repairs and parts at all this year.

Scarcity of raw material and shipping congestion is making it difficult for manufacturing plants to maintain their output and impossible for them to make rush deliveries. If the implement and farm machinery dealers place their orders now for supplies, it is not likely they will get any this summer. That they may order now it is necessary they should receive from their farmer trade some indication of its needs.

Owners of Deering or McCormick mowers, reapers, binders, hay rakes and presses, or any other machinery of these makes will do well to order their repair parts now, as it may be impossible to secure them later on.

CHAS WEYDERT

for your farm needs



The Government First

Tremendous as is the present activity in the marshaling of men, food and munitions for the conduct of the war, the placing of the Bell system unqualifiedly at the disposal of the government has relieved one paramount factor of preparedness.

Every American who wants to help win this war should bear in mind that private service must give way to government service should emergencies require that everything be subordinated to the telephone demands of the army, the navy and other representatives of the government.

So when the increased business of fall and winter is reflected in your telephone service by a slowing down and by more frequent "busy" reports, remember that we are using every means at our command to keep our service up to its usual standard. Every available position at our switchboard is occupied and it is difficult to secure additional positions because Uncle Sam's requirements have reduced the available supply of material to the point where manufacturers cannot make a definite promise of delivery.

Here's how you can help. Use the telephone only for necessary calls, particularly during the busy hours of the day. Be patient when there is a delay. Be cheerful to the operator and if you have trouble call "COMPLAINT."

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