

OUR BLOOD BE ON OUR OWN HEADS IF WE HAVEN'T LEARNED LESSON

TWO BIG IFS—if we had had an army of 1,500,000 men trained and armed and if we had had a big merchant marine as wise counsel long had urged upon us—the war would have been almost over now, because we would have placed that big army in France in the first few months of our warfare and would have had as many more there before now. The allies would have had break-through strength on the west front and Russia would not have turned tail on the alliance. Russia, it will be remembered, was in the heat of a highly successful drive last July. By last July we would have had in Europe an army large enough to let even the dullest Russian see the peace he so greatly craved could be most easily won by going ahead.

Another IF: If we had had universal compulsory military education for a few years before we went into the war, we would have had that army of 1,500,000. The pacifists and the dollar patriots who now are lying mighty low, killed every measure looking to universal training but every citizen of us is to blame because we listened to their silly twaddle and admitted to ourselves that we hated the thought of war, and because we believed war was a thing of the past and because we loved our dollars too much to stand for taxation for preparedness.

Preparedness? How often that has been dinned in our ears that would not bear and how often the flag of danger has been waved before our eyes that would not see. Hobson as one of the first to warn us of possible dangers and was ridiculed for his pains. Chamberlain and Roosevelt called to us incessantly to prepare but they were just "alarmists." EVEN PRESIDENT WILSON WAS COM- PLETELY OPPOSED TO PREPAREDNESS UNTIL A LONG TIME AFTER WAR HAD SPREAD OVER EUROPE and practically everyone could see we were going to have very grave difficulty to keep out. Secretary Baker opposed preparedness and even after we got into the war he said, in effect, he was rather proud we were unprepared—explaining the preposterous assertion by saying our very unpreparedness proved our non aggressive nature. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, was against preparedness—but he did quite a little preparing under cover, like Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty in 1914, and our fleet, like Britain's, was the arm of defense most ready when it came time for blows.

Not having an army, nor munition supplies, nor cannon, nor airplanes, nor ships for troop and supplies transportation, we have been in a jumble ever since—doing fairly well, all things considered—and Germany has given the knockout punch to Russia, for the time being and concentrated all forces to break England and France. And what are we doing to aid them in this crisis? We have sent from our training areas in France to the battle field in Picardy more than 100,000 men," so Washington boasts. One hundred thousand men! In the name of heaven, WE OUGHT TO HAVE MORE THAN A MILLION MEN ON THE SPOT RIGHT NOW.

We haven't and there's no use lamenting now. It's too late. Our golden opportunity had to be seized three years ago, if at all, and we passed it by. But let us not close our eyes to the facts now. Let us see where we have been fools and profit by our folly. Let's have an army hereafter, a real, big army based upon and growing out of the principle of universal military training.

See what's happened in the past? Never again listen to the peace at any price or the sentimentalists, or the "old women" in or out of congress or the moral suasionists or the treaty makers like Bryan at whom treaty-destroying Germany roars with laughter—Bryan who predicted "a million

men would spring to arms between sunset and the coming of rosy fingered dawn." There is a paper called "The Stars and Stripes." It is published in France by the men of the American Expeditionary Forces. It is by and for soldiers. They are on the ground. They see what war has done. They see what Germany has done and is doing. And the horror their eyes have seen has shocked their minds into a grim conviction and that conviction causes them, in the "Stars and Stripes" to exclaim inelegantly but so earnestly: "DAMN THE PACIFISTS! DAMN THE FOOLS WHO WILL NOT SEE!"

We ought to see now. If we blind our eyes to the awful consequences of unpreparedness we deserve to be damned. Germany was better prepared than any other nation and got the jump on the allies. England was unprepared on land and a weak victim at the start. France and Russia were not unprepared and had it not been for their preparedness, Germany would have had all three of them beaten to their knees in the first six months. They bore the brunt while England was preparing, just as France, England and Italy are standing in the way while we are preparing. Sheer luck on our part, luck we don't deserve and never can count on again.

Universal training will come before the nation again soon.

IF WE HAVEN'T LEARNED OUR LESSON; IF WE DON'T PREPARE, THE BLOOD BE ON OUR OWN HEADS.

Growth And Transition IN THE FALL of 1915, a meager battalion of national guardmen stood guard at Clifton, Arizona, guarding against violence in the strike then in progress at the copper mines and smelters. Three companies of earnest but very boyish white Arizonians they were and a company of no less earnest young Indians. They didn't know much about soldiering, but they practiced all they knew. They were from the ranch and the store and a few from offices, and the rest from the government Indian school. Soldiering was to them just a little outing, usually just the weekly drill and the annual encampment at Prescott or Fort Huachuca. They didn't know what a few years had in store for them; that from the strike zone they would be transferred with the rest of the regiment to the Mexican border for more than a year's service and after that to somewhere else. This is written because the 158th infantry (First Arizona) soon will be in a new sphere of action, in the midst of the greatest, most stirring events the world has ever seen. They will be makers of history, helping shaping our old earth's destiny. Great progress for boys who once guarded a mining camp away off in the Arizona hills and looked no farther into the future than to be sent back home to their sunny ranches and their shops.

R. J. Tighe has made El Paso an effective school superintendent. The voters will make no mistake in electing as trustees, those who are willing to support Mr. Tighe. After this is done, the next step to create further efficiency in the schools would be to weed out any teachers who are disloyal to the superintendent. Mr. Tighe is a hard worker, he has ability and he has done enough to improve the schools of El Paso to win the support and the gratitude of El Pasoans.

Answering America's Call - By Harry Murphy



Little Interviews

Expert Nurse Helps To Make The School Children Healthier Spring Is Here, Says The Park Commissioner, As He Plants

MISS BEULAH BAUGH, expert nurse engaged by the Associated Charities to bring about health among the poor through the schools, will enable us to accomplish a great work.

Senators Take Gentle Digs at Border Problem Washington, D. C., April 2.—Although the late unpleasantness with the country south of the Rio Grande has been almost forgotten in the glare of the great world war, now and then an echo of the Mexican trouble still rings in congress.

TIPTON BUD talks some o' movin' in the city where he kin keep a son. The consumer's expense have jumped 50 or 100 percent, but he hasn't asked the government 't double his wages.

Another Big Drive Coming By T. E. Powers



When You Meet Old Acquaintances You Want To Pick The Ones To Meet

A LONG time ago, WHEN ALL I was earning, WAS EATING money, AND NOBODY knew me, AND I hadn't any initials OR MY picture in the paper, OR THREE little stars, BETWEEN EVERY line, AND DIDN'T know any actors, OR LOUIS Main, OR FRANCIS White, OR RAYMOND Hitchcock, OR ANY millionaires, LIKE CHARLIE Bassett, AND BOB Kriehiser, AND Z. T. White, OR ANYBODY, AND I was working along DOING THE best I could, THERE WAS A man, THAT I used to meet, AND HE was a big guy, AND POPPOPS, AND HALF the time, HE'D NEVER know me, AND I didn't like him, AND AFTER A while, I STARTED my column, AND WAS getting by, AND THE further I got, THE MORE friends I made, AND THIS big guy, WOULD CHASE me a block, TO TELL me, HOW MUCH he thought of me, AND JUST to only, IN A STRANGE city, I CAME out of my hotel, AND THIS big guy, WAS COMING up the street, AND I saw him, AND AT THE same moment, RIGHT ON the corner, I SAW a newsway.

Hogwallow Locals

WASHINGTON ROCKS went to Bounding Billows Saturday and brought back a pair of new pants. In compliance with the food regulations they are too small in the waist.

The bartender at the Hog Farm still house notices that since drinking went up nearly everybody, when they line up at the bar, is blind in the eye next to somebody else he knows.

A hog buyer is a prominent man. In driving a big drove down Main street, he cuts as wide a swath as the local Woodman drill team, makes as much noise as the fire wagon, and attracts almost as much attention as the governor.

Senator Sheppard, of Texas, "That may stand good for ten days; nobody man will long it will be when Mr. Villard will drive every Canadian man out of the north of Mexico."

When lack of funds prevent the erection of a new hospital at Palm Beach four corners started in and raised nearly \$20,000 in a few days.

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The Other Woman

Mrs. Hampton Throws Some Light On The Cause of The Baby's Attack Of Croup.

BABY LOU was her merry self the following day, but the physician had warned me not to be worried if, on night come on, she drew breath. When I told Jack that he proposed that I ask his mother to remain through the next night, but I did not consider this necessary.

"Dear Jack," I urged, "don't worry no! I can see already that the spring is dropping its taking effect, and that Lou is something more easily than an hour ago."

"Do you want to telephone to the doctor and ask him if he thinks he should see her?" I asked with a great effort to be patient.

Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

THE druggist mixes bitters, to boost the springtime his; he says all human critters need tonic such as his; for when the writer's going the blood is thickly flowing, and balls and things are growing; I say to him, "Gee whiz!" Since we're no longer roosting in winter igloos, the publishers are boosting spring's light and frosty booz; they say in spring we're reading a lighter kind of reading, so we'll forget war's bleeding; I say to them, "Gee whiz!" The teller's getting busy with shears and embers; a lot of fashions daisy he recommends to me; his pleasant spiel he spices with reasons why the prices have turned my feet to ice; I say to him, "Oh, cheer!" Now comes the poet vernal, by Teuton foe unshot; he peppers every journal with reams of tummy-rot; he grabs me by the bonnet and starts to read a sonnet that has white whiskers on it; I say to him, "Great Scott!" I've done my daily knitting, done is the washday task; and by my gait I'm sitting in evening's solemn hush; there comes to me a neighbor to talk of sword and sabre, of war and all its labor; I say to him, "Oh, slush!"

Short Snatches From Everywhere

Secretary Baker can't complain about having a difficult time on his visit to France. He says he is enjoying it very much.

The pitiful persecution of the poor packers looks like a twin to the way poor Germany is driven to fight for separate more man and less rhetoric will get us somewhere.—Houston Post.

"There is absolutely no room in this town or in this entire country, for an I. W. W.," said Judge Ben Jenkins. I want to place myself on record as saying that I believe in union labor, and the rights of the laboring man to be heard and to be given a square deal, but I am unalterably opposed to the I. W. W. methods of gaining those ends by destruction and sabotage.

"I have been in most states of the union," said A. G. Miller, "and I've visited both hemispheres, but when I get out of the army, I'll stay right here in El Paso. There is no town in the world that I have ever visited or heard of that is the equal of El Paso for climate and conditions. It has all the advantages of an island town, with none of its narrowness and isolation. It has many of the advantages of a seacoast city without the damp, foggy and unpleasant weather of the coast. It's the best town for climate that I think I've ever seen."

"I'm glad Jack has you, for, as he says, you are a great comfort to him."

More Signs Of Spring

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KINNY HANER'S TRIP

GOAT GRABBERS

WELL KNOWN SAYINGS ILLUSTRATED BY A. C. FRY TWO!!!

Answer to Yesterday's Whoop!

Answer to Tomorrow's Whoop!