

# NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

## In Which Red Hair, "Booze," and Heredity Mix

WASHINGTON.—He was in the prime of life, with the prime left out. And he had been to Baltimore. You could tell. Two young women passed him, and the one with a straw helmet on the reddest head you ever saw turned up her nose and commented:

"He'll get run over the first thing he knows and serve him right. I hate a man who drinks."

The other young woman must have been foolish in spots, of course, or she would never have worn heels high enough to make her wobble, but she had her share of humanity and common sense.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself for saying a thing like that. Maybe he can't help it any more than you can help the color of your hair."

"Well, I like your nerve."  
"Heredity; that's what it is. Mother says that when she was a girl it was an every-evening occurrence for some young fellow to be brought home in a hack, but that as the years went on and men began to realize that they couldn't dissipate and do big brain work, they left off their spree and their sons of today show for it. By the time Paul is grown you won't ever see a poor chap like this one. But your Mazie will probably have a daughter with hair as red as her own—which shows what heredity will do."

That was all there was to it, except that—  
If you consider the good old times when society kept its sideboard—and contrast the epidemical zigzags of that treasured past with the sporadic speers of the present, the shrinkage rather proves that "high heels" was half-way right.

And that is enough to ask of any woman or man.



## Much Food for Thought in Jolly Man's Greeting

WITHIN a stone's throw of the capitol—if one be a good hand at throwing stones—there is a side street of close-jumbled buildings, mostly laundries and stores. The stores sell tea in little fagots tied with silk and packed in glass-topped boxes, and there are curious lacquered things, and china decorated with pagodas, and maidens who have no existence outside of plate rims—unless they may be on visiting terms with the ladies who inhabit French fans. But that is too serious a problem for amateur discussion.

One woman, in passing, always looks up at a certain house because of a handed-down memory of laughter and tears. But the old house has always kept its eyes closed and took no notice until the other day she caught it celebrating with wide-open shutters and flags. And down on the pavement a group of men who own the stores and laundries were looking up at the flags and saying in their tongues of Babel come again:

"Our flag is red because it has been dipped in the blood of the dragon that China has slain. And the sunrise typifies the dawn of China's freedom. We know we shall be free because the Stars and Stripes have sworn it—"

Of course, the men on the bricks might not have been saying a word of all that. It is just what they looked as the American flag waved close friends with the flag of the orient. But, anyhow—and there's no disputing this—the old house was saying to the passing woman, as plain as any old house could say:

"My dear, I went out with the old regime, but, you see, I am figuring in the new one."

That sounds foolish, naturally—unless you know about old houses that are handed-down memories; but here's something you will have to consider worth tabbing:

A jolly man breezed along, flared a social hand toward the group of yellow men and called out:

"Hello, fellow patriots!"  
You can't go back on a greeting like that, because it means the brotherhood of man—and that means: Everything.

## Not Always Easy to Pick Out Film Favorites

THEY were standing at a certain corner, waiting patiently for the appearance of a certain well-known motion picture star.

They were women, those who were waiting patiently, hoping to get a "close-up" of the dainty one who has charmed so often on the screen.

Suddenly one woman nudged another.

"Here she comes!"  
All eyes turned to look up the park path.

There tripped a dainty creature, surely.

A fur piece rested around her shoulders, although the day was somewhat warm.

"She looks like an actress," said one.

Nearer came the dainty one. The adoring ones timidly advanced. The beautiful one looked around her. One of the women stepped forward.

"I beg your pardon," she said, surprised at her own boldness. "Are you Miss —?"

The pretty creature looked puzzled for just a second. Then she laughed.

"Why, I'm looking for her, too," she replied.

Now, the curious thing about this is that it seems to be a standard happening now in connection with Liberty Loan campaigns here.

Last fall the Liberty Loan committee had three motion picture stars rounded up for a morning appearance in Lafayette square. That morning it had to go and rain, of course—a drizzling, cold rain. The circular stand was built around Jackson's statue, all right, and was right there when a gang of ambitious photographers showed up to wait for the appearance of "the stars."

Pretty soon a magnificent creature came along the path. Surely she was the star of all the stars expected that morning, the photographers thought.

"You are Miss —?" said one, confidently, as the girl came nearer. She wasn't however. She was a Washington girl looking for her favorite "film" star.



## Too Big a Load of "Firewater" Brings Heavy Fine

RETURNING patrons of so-called "booze specials," those who do business with "bootleggers" and others who have the slightest notion of drowning their troubles in alcohol, will do well to have a fifty-dollar bill in their pocket.

Major Pullman, superintendent of police, having decided to require that amount of collateral in cases of "plain drunk."

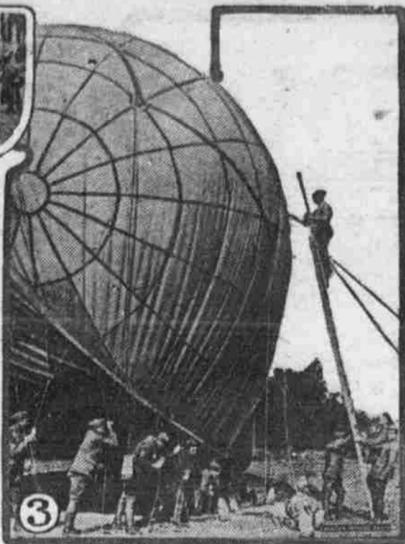
Major Pullman issued an order to the department making the new plan effective at once. In cases in which the intoxicated persons add the offense of disorderly conduct or assault to their intoxication the collateral will be \$75 or \$100, the captains being given discretionary power as to the amount.

Police court records show that fully 75 per cent of the persons who deposited \$25 collateral at police stations permitted the forfeiture of the money rather than to appear in court, and Major Pullman and his captains reached the conclusion that they looked upon the collateral as being a license to get drunk.

FIFTY DOLLARS! HIC—THEY'RE CRAZY HIC



1—French cavalrymen escorting German prisoners to the rear after a fight on the Somme. 2—Review of the Thirty-sixth division, National army, from Camp Bowie, in Fort Worth, Tex. 3—Canadians repairing one of the big observation balloons that are of so much help in directing the fire of the artillery.



## NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

### Preparations Made by Teutons for Renewal of Drives in France and Italy.

### HUN NAVY IS CONCENTRATED

Wilhelm and Charles Renew Austro-German Treaty—Russia Writhing Under Kaiser's Oppression—President Names Hughes to Investigate Aircraft Production Charges.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Operations of last week in the war zones led to the prediction that the central powers were preparing to strike hard and soon on two fronts—in France and Italy—with some prospects of a great naval battle in the North sea. It was admitted by the Germans that their tremendous losses were largely responsible for the delay in resuming their drive on the west front. They were very busy reorganizing their forces and bringing up fresh troops who have not yet been engaged in the fighting there. Rain and mud, ably seconded by the allied aviators, made difficult the moving of supplies by the Huns, but they kept at the task doggedly. Meanwhile their artillery ceaselessly pounded away at various important salients held by the allies. In return the latter gave more than they received.

There were many infantry operations that must be classed as small because of the magnitude of the warfare, but which resulted in the recovery of valuable positions by the allies. In one or two instances the Germans also gained footholds in the lines but counter-attacks always drove them out promptly and they invariably suffered heavy casualties. The Kaiser's armies, however, showed no especial signs of weakening, and no competent observer doubts that they are still capable of tremendous efforts and will make them. General Foch and, indeed, all the allied commanders, await the renewal of the offensive with confidence that their men can withstand it.

The same confidence prevails on the Italian front, where also General Foch is in supreme command. The Austrians have been concentrating great forces there, including much artillery they have had on the French front, and they were expected to deliver their blow between the Stelvio pass and Monte Grappa, just east of the Brenta, in the hope of breaking through to Brescia and Milan. The Austrian positions in that sector are admittedly better than those of the Italians. To repel the expected drive the Italians have the assistance of British, French and American forces in number at least equal to the Italian forces sent to France and Flanders.

Early Tuesday Italian naval units succeeded in stealing into Pola harbor and torpedoing an Austrian dreadnaught of the Viribus Unitis class. At the same time Italian seaplanes engaged and routed the Austrian battleplanes over Pola.

The prediction of a naval battle in the North sea was based on the fact that the entire German Baltic fleet, excepting a few light cruisers, was recalled to Kiel, and great activity at that base was reported. The German navy probably feels a bit humiliated over the second British raid on Ostend, in which the old cruiser Vindictive, laden with concrete, was sunk at the entrance of the channel, blocking it to all large vessels.

Participation in the fighting on the west front by the Americans brigaded with the British and French is increasing daily, and it is now made known that whenever American troops predominate in the brigade divisions these divisions will be put under command of General Pershing. This, it is believed, will bring larger numbers of our boys to the battle line rapidly and contribute greatly to the spirit of unity and concerted effort. The war depart-

ment explains that the brigading plan in operation is temporary, adopted to meet the emergency in which it is desirable to send over as many Americans as possible without waiting for their arms and ammunition. Later they will return to the American army and will be using American equipment. It is gratifying to note that General Pershing now issues daily official communiques on the doings of the American forces, following the system of the other allies.

The continuous battle for supremacy in the air raged with increasing intensity all through the week and official reports led to the belief that the flyers of the allied armies generally had the best of it. American aviators won several notable victories. General Pershing reported the commissioning of nearly 1,000 student aviators. The French have delivered to his army 500 battle planes and 900 training planes, and the Haviland battle planes made in America are beginning to arrive.

On Sunday Emperor Charles visited the Kaiser at great headquarters and made plans for a renewal of the Austro-German alliance, to last twenty years. The news of this course was received with rejoicing by the pan-Germans of Austria-Hungary, but, equally of course, the treaty is bitterly opposed by the Slavs and other anti-German elements in Charles' realm. The people there as a whole are more and more desirous of peace and there is fear that the agreement will Prussianize their army and compel even greater efforts in the war. By some the preparations for an offensive in Italy are looked on as a direct result of the conference. According to Copenhagen reports, the two emperors selected kings for Lithuania, Courland, Estonia and Poland, but the men chosen were not named.

The meeting of the rulers was attended by the kings of Bavaria and Saxony, who, though not invited, sought to maintain the importance of their kingdoms as parts of the German empire and not leave Prussia the "sole arbiter of German destinies." That sounds big, but the fact remains that Prussia is as much the boss of the German empire as ever.

The Kaiser is treating Russia just as a thoroughly defeated enemy might expect to be treated by him, despite the peace treaty of Brest-Litovsk. His demands are exorbitant and enforced by arms, and in an address to the town council of Aix-la-Chapelle he announces that "Sebastopol has been captured with a big, richly laden fleet there." More than that, he is preparing to call on the Baltic provinces that were a part of Russia to supply men for the German armies. No other construction can be placed on his proclamation recognizing the independence of Lithuania, in which he says: "We assume that Lithuania will participate in the war burdens of Germany which secured her liberation." As Lithuania has neither money nor munitions to contribute, the Kaiser must mean men, and the Lithuanian national council says the country will not consent to have its citizens dragooned into the ranks of the Kaiser.

In the Caucasus the Germans undertook to gain control of the grain, coal, oil and iron districts by the capture of Rostov-on-Don, but they held the city only one day, when the Russians recaptured it. There are several powerful groups of Russians operating in the Don region, and others all through south Russia, and Germany has proclaimed war at Ekaterinoslav, Odessa and Poltava and mined the entrance into the Sea of Azov. In the Ukraine the anti-German movement increases daily, the people being very bitter. In European Russia, says a dispatch from Samara, less than half the arable land usually cultivated was tilled this year, owing to the shortage of seed, horses and implements and the unsettled condition brought about by the land division. Well posted Britons are urging that the allies continue to help Russia in the work of reconstruction in order to balk the efforts of Germany. It is recognized by all that Germany's peace hopes now lie wholly in the east and that if she is permitted to realize them she will have won the war regardless of the conditions imposed on her in the west.

Lening professes to see signs of a counter-revolution in Russia and on Monday he issued a call for help to prevent it. The family of the late czar has been removed to Kiev and is in the hands of the Germans. Near the Mongolian-Siberian border General Semenov continues to wage successful war on the bolshevik forces.

The Finnish White guard seems to have gained almost complete control of the country, celebrating the capture of Tammerfors by massing 500 Russians and Great Britain has offered to recognize the Finnish republic on certain conditions. The trouble there may not be over, however, for late reports say a great number of Russians are massed on the border of Finland and a big battle is imminent.

President Wilson and the senate military affairs committee conflicted again last week when Chairman Chamberlain proposed a resolution that would permit the committee to inquire into the conduct of the war, though the initial purpose was merely to investigate the aircraft production collapse and consequent charges of dishonesty. Mr. Wilson declared unequivocally that he would consider the adoption of the resolution as a declaration of want of confidence in the administration, and a restrictive amendment by Senator Thompson of Kansas did not remove his objections to it. On Wednesday the president announced the appointment of Charles E. Hughes to act with the attorney general in the aircraft investigation and the choice was received with general approval. The former justice of the Supreme court made a great record in the New York insurance investigation, and it is believed the criminal charges in the aircraft production matter will be thoroughly gone into by him without fear or favor.

Under the able leadership of Mr. Schwab the shipbuilding forces of the United States are going ahead with their work at a great rate. The big concrete steamer Faith, built at San Francisco, underwent trial runs that were altogether satisfactory, and the steel vessel Tuckahoe was declared ready to sail from Philadelphia just 37 days after the keel was laid. The shipping board decided Thursday to build 14 concrete tank steamers, with a total capacity of 105,000 tons, and four concrete cargo vessels. The board also prepared to let contracts for 200 more wooden ships of 4,700 tons each, in addition to 200 recently authorized, in order to keep the ways occupied until the end of the war. Thus the shipping problem is gradually being solved, and while America and Great Britain are building vessels their navies are sinking the German submarines in increasing numbers. There were reports last week that Germany was about to put into commission some U-boats larger than any yet seen, but the allied naval commanders said they were ready for those, too. To further restrict the activities of the undersea craft the British have laid a great mine field in the North sea, covering about 22,000 square miles. The mariners are growing more and more skillful in evading the submarines, as is shown by the fact that in the first four months of this year 172 British vessels were attacked by them and escaped uninjured.

The Overman co-ordination bill finally was passed by the house by a vote of 295 to 2. Representatives Sterling of Illinois and Gillett of Massachusetts casting the only negative votes. All attempts to amend it were voted down.

The house passed the conference report on the bill requiring the registering of youths who have reached the age of twenty-one years since June 5 last. Their names are to go at the bottom of the lists.

With the appointment of Felix Frankfurter as administrator of war labor activities the government put into operation its plan for controlling and directing the labor supply, his duties being administrative as contrasted with the judicial and legislative functions of the war labor board headed by Mr. Taft.

Appealing to the people of small means, the government last week launched a War Savings stamp campaign that brought excellent results all over the country. Elaborate plans were also completed for the campaign to raise the second Red Cross war fund of \$100,000,000.

## NERVOUS PROSTRATION

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There are mothers and mothers. One kind turn their children into the street to keep the house tidy.

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