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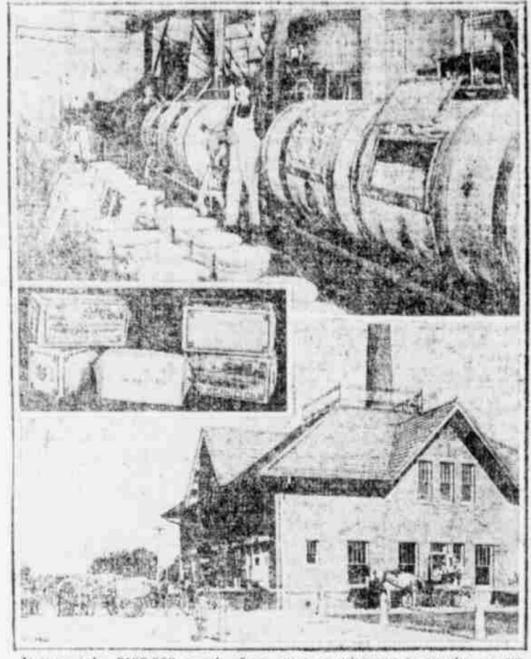
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HOME GUARD AND SUNDAY DRILL

A Question of Propriety Has Been Raised in the Sunflower State

THE PASTORS OPPOSE SABBATH WORK

And As a Result the Corner Debating Societies of 'One of the Towns of Eastern Kansas Have Plenty to Do Fighting Out the Question as to Whether Patriotism is More Essential to Win the War for World Democracy Than the Strict Observance of the Day Heretofore Devoted to Church Duties and Rest.

Three pastors at Beloit, Kas., have raised a question which will no doubt be perplexing to a great many good people.

It is whether or not the local Home Guard unit shall be permitted to drill on Sunday.

The pastors of the Methodist, the United Brethren and the Presbyterian churches have written protesting to the adjutant general of the state. Their representations are just what one would expect. The guard appears Sunday afternoon on "our beautiful streets." It is of course a big crowd. One Sunday the throng was estimated at 2,000. It leaves any Sunday afternoon religious meetings a poor chance. It, besides, wastes both those who drill and those who look on so much that they do not feel like going out to any religious services in the evening.

Is Not the Trouble

This is not all the trouble. The preachers fear that when the days get finer, units from the farm districts may come in and join the town chaps in drilling and carrying guns, and further, that possibly the boys will add target practice to their exercises.

One can be certain what the rejoinder to this protest will be. These members of the Home Guard, in town or country, have no time for their drills save on Sunday, unless willing to take two or three hours at the end of a hard day in the store or on the farm. That would indeed be an impossibility for the men who are raising Liberty crops on the farms, which have been declared battlefields quite as important as those whereon armed men contend.

One's first impression in that the protesting pastors do not quite realize that the first and one great thing to do is to win this war, and that Sunday activity to that end is an activity that does not desecrate the Sabbath day, but on the contrary hallows it.

Home Guard Duties

The Home Guard represents war preparation of war provision. It is to train young men approaching the draft age or to provide a force of state constabulary to perform the duties that were performed by the militia companies that have been mustered into the national service. It has never been objected that an army which saw a good chance to fight on Sunday should not do it, and in fact many of the important battles of history were fought on Sunday, a notable recent battle being that of Manila bay. But if engaging in battle on Sunday does not desecrate the day, if the execution of war does not do it, can we very consistently hold that preparation for war would do so?

It would be a debatable question in time of peace. Even then there would be something to say for the Sunday drill. But we, all of us, away over here are in the trenches in this war. Nothing that we can do to conduce to victory should be left undone, and what we ought to do we should do when we can do it.

Let the pastors of Beloit, consider with respect to these military musters and maneuvers, that their churches are Y. M. C. A. "huts" at an encampment, and join hands and hearts and aspirations with the Home Guard. Let them ask for a chance to participate as the Y. M. C. A. participates at the cantonments and see if the result is not satisfactory.—Omaha World-Herald.

Pretty to See But

Young farmerettes in trouserettes may look very attractive, but they would be of very little value stacking alfalfa or helping to thresh wheat, says Prof. Pillsbury. The educator perhaps forgets that pretty girls in stunning bathing suits are not supposed to go near the water nor is anyone supposed to fish when on a fishing party.—St. Louis Times.

Those who remember the slyly love songs of Will S. Hays wonder how it ever came about that a son of this man could ever become the manager of a great political party.

AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

That the Father-in-law Took of the Young Man He Had Supported.

"Henry," said his father-in-law, as he called his daughter's spouse into the library and locked the door, "you've lived with me now for over two years."

"Yes, father."

"In all that time I haven't asked you a penny for board."

"No, sir." (Wonderingly.)

"In all your little family quarrels I have always taken your part and decided in your favor."

"Always, sir."

"I have even paid some of your bills."

"A good many, father."

"And in every way helped you along."

"You have been very kind, sir."

"And I have tried to be, my boy, and I hope you appreciate it."

"I do, sir."

"Then the small favor I am about to ask of you will no doubt be granted?"

"Most certainly, sir."

"Thanks. Then I want you to tell your mother-in-law that those tickets for the supper club dance which she picked up in my room this morning must have accidentally fallen out of your pocket, and we'll call it square."

HAS SOME VOCABULARY

The Artist Who "Wrote Up" a Wedding in Montana Could "Sling Words."

After the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room, where a wedding dinner was served, replete with the most luscious viands conceivable by the human imagination. The turkey, which had been roasted under the personal supervision of the bride, possessed a delectability of flavor impossible of description. It was the unanimous verdict of the numerous assemblage of appreciative guests that never before in the annals of human history had a turkey more delicious, more savory, more ambrosial been the object of human consumption. Both the business office and the editorial rooms of the Standard were largely and brilliantly represented, and the collation was interspersed with highly intelligent affabilities. Constant streams of sparkling repartee rippled across the table. Lucid anecdotes and refined civilities of every variety abounded, the festivities in every way being characterized by vivacity, suavity, chivalry and irreproachable respectability.

ANDREW'S RURAL SCHOOLS PROSPEROUS

The rural schools of Andrew county, as well as those of the towns, stand very high as to all around merit. One reason for this was revealed rather clearly at the annual convention of school boards held in the circuit court room in Savannah last week. The meeting was called by County Superintendent Dobbs and was presided over by that official.

Each board in the county had been supplied with a circular in which inquiries were made as to the condition of the school, the buildings, equipment, etc. All came prepared to answer these questions and to discuss all features looking to the betterment of the schools. Some splendid suggestions were made and many ideal conditions were reported. In fact, every officer present seemed imbued with the importance of making the schools of this county equal to those of any other county in the state.—Savannah Democrat.

Not long ago the average American looked with awe upon the financial dealings of Rockefeller, Morgan and Carnegie; but the war has produced a man whose commercial activities make the transactions of these men look like the sales of a peanut vendor. Edward R. Stettinius today holds the distinction of being the biggest buyer in the world. Rising from obscurity, he now has full charge of the purchasing of war supplies of the United States government. As surveyor-general of supplies in the war department, Mr. Stettinius supervises the buying of millions of dollars worth of food and equipment for the soldiers.—Marcelline Mirror.

The Kaiser sees the "hand of God" in successes in the East. The assumption of "friendship" between the Almighty and the Kaiser seems to be a species of insulting sacrilege. Come to think of it though, the idea is not much more daring than is the assumption that the Lord was concerned in the work of the idiots who have been trying to run Russia lately.

We know that we are not through with the coal shovel for the season and a fear has been thrown into us that we are not through with the snow shovel.

Chicago is getting to be a dangerous place in which to hold a national party convention, the "bolts" are so frequent.

IT PUZZLED HIM

The Canny Old Scot Could Not Understand the Golden Stream.

Sir Thomas M'pion tells a good story about a Scotchman who went to a horse race for the first time in his life. Says Sir Thomas: "This Scotchman was a feeble minded old man, and his companion who took him to the race meeting presently persuaded him to take a sixpence in third race on a forty-to-one shot.

"By some amazing miracle this outsider won. When the bookmaker gave old Sandy a golden sovereign and his suspense the winner could not believe his eyes.

"Do you mean to tell me," he said, "that I get all this for my sixpence?" "You do," said the bookmaker.

"My conscience!" muttered Sandy. "Tell me, mon, how long has this thing been going on?"

The idea is that at the end of the planting season there shall be no vacant lots.

Will Not Until It Is Done

The New Republic has the idea that we and our Allies are too "war weary" to keep on fighting unless we are occasionally heartened up a bit by a new definition of war aims from the President. Perhaps so, perhaps no. But some of us have a notion that we are fighting to keep Germany off our backs and that we will keep on until we are sure Germany is sufficiently chastened to wish to keep off. We don't see how any of us can quit until that simple aim is achieved.—Kansas City Post.

Another favorite way of keeping the home fires burning, is to have a bonfire when the wind will blow the smoke over to your neighbor's house.—Worth County Times.

The Kaiser says he will fight to a finish. If he sticks around long enough he will be accommodated.—King City Democrat.

This long range bombardment of Cambrai may indicate Byng has got his second wind.

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The well known "first robin" probably got up this morning with a sore throat, chills and rheumatism.

Anyone who reads the evidence about the Hog Island contract will be convinced that there is something in a name.

Ambassador Francis has now stepped at Volodga long enough to justify us in getting out the map and looking the place up.

Speaker Clark is 65, but of course former Speaker Cannon regards him as only a kid.

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