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The next time an American contingent lands in Europe, let's not Creel it.

The American army is within hearing of the German guns. Shortly it will be within feeling.

General Korniloff, the victorious Russian leader, came up from humble environment. It is of such stuff that democracy—real democracy—is made.

About one-eighth of every man, woman and child in Vermont is a member of the Red Cross. Pretty good showing even though the total contribution is not up to par.

No, Carranza, there is no slice of the United States war divvy for you or yours. If you wish to fight Germany, go and fight her and then come back and ask for a loan. In other words, show your good intentions first.

Look for redoubled U-boat activity against British commerce this week. The record of the past two weeks has not been of the sort to reassure German people, if, indeed, the German people are permitted to know the truth.

"Patriotism above profits" will be a very good slogan to hold up before American business interests during the progress of the war. Would that there might be some means of strict conformity to the thought therein presented by President Wilson.

How does the German crown prince dare to leave the German army alone and unprotected while he goes to Berlin to confer in the crown council? The German army, too, must fear for its safety while the precious son of the kaiser is away for a short interval.

The soldiers who are to go into mobilization camps will not object if they are sent to southern states during the cold months of the winter. In fact, they may be expected to desire transportation to such states if they are to be asked to live in roughly-constructed barracks.

The lowering of the height and weight requirements for the United States army does not, by any means, indicate a lowering of the fighting qualities of the army. Some of the smallest fellows are the best scrappers; that is, they have the best fighting spirit. Generally, too, they are able to shoot as well as the giants.

It is hard to believe that the kaiser has really thrown overboard his pilot of frightfulness, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the man who at the outset of the war declared that treaties were but scraps of paper, to be destroyed at will. Von Bethmann-Hollweg represents all that the kaiser has hoped for in the present war, and which is nothing good for the world.

The official figures of regular army enlistments in Vermont, as given out in Washington, do not square with the figures sent by the war department to Adjutant General Lee S. Tillotson of the Vermont military department. There is quite a discrepancy between 85 and 205, the respective figures; and the reason for the difference ought to be explained by the war department.

If the entente allies have any prayers to offer they should direct them to the god of industry in Russia, that Russian munition shops shall continue to turn out all the materials which the brave Russian armies need for the continuation of their great offensive in Galicia. Shells and then more shells are needed. There is no lack of Russian soldiers to sweep Austria-Hungary off the war map and threaten the same for Germany.

Every new force that is placed in the line against the Germans is subjected to a furious attack by the Germans. It was so in the Nieuport region in Belgium, where new British forces replaced the French marines who had held the line ever since the German advance toward Paris was stopped in the first year of the war. It will be so when the American army takes its position somewhere in the long line from the North sea to Switzerland. General Pershing may expect to receive a tremendous baptism of fire just as soon as the German forces learn that he and his men are opposing them. Such an attack seems to be the usual method of the Germans to endeavor to intimidate the new soldiers.

Beside of what Barre has already done in contributing men for war service, the draft quota of 65 men (unofficial) seems a comparatively light sacrifice. It is probable that well toward 200 Barre men are already in the service of the United States, to say nothing of the many who have enlisted from time to time in the Canadian and English armies. It has been said that voluntary enlistments prior to the operation of the draft would count to the credit of a community in the draft itself. In Barre's case the voluntary enlistments surpass the unofficial draft quota by a considerable margin. Nevertheless, Barre may be expected to

furnish her reasonable proportion of the state's total of 1,076 for the draft army.

With the St. Albans Messenger, we regret that the contingent of New York state hotel men who visited several places in Vermont recently did not extend their visit to some other well known cities and towns other than the few that were called on. The St. Albans contemporary remarks that they would have found a comfortable lodging in one of its hotels; and we say that the men from New York would have found a hotel in Barre that measures up to the best standards of New England. So, if the New Yorkers were simply out looking up good hotels in Vermont they slighted some of the best prospects along that line.

GARBAGE COLLECTION.

The Times would like to emphasize the statement of the health committee of the city council that all householders who wish to have refuse moved from their premises should determine the exact days on which collections are to be made and that the refuse should not be placed on the curbing until the evening before the collections. Since the garbage collection system has been in vogue in Barre there have been numerous instances in which unsightly piles of waste materials have been allowed to stand on the sidewalk because, perhaps, of irregularity of collections or because the householders were not aware of the stated time of the passing of the collection teams. Oftentimes these piles of old materials have remained on the sidewalks, or next to the curbing, for days at a time, lending a decidedly untidy and slothful appearance to those parts of the city. If householders become familiar with the schedule of collection and if the collectors maintain that schedule it will be possible to reduce the time in which the piles of waste material remain in the public thoroughfare to the minimum. All will agree that this would work a great improvement.

CURRENT COMMENT

Not a Fair Comparison.

The worst tommy-rot in the way of comparisons is to put Nevada at the head of the war service honor list and Vermont at the bottom. As a matter of fact, with its National Guard organization of over 2,000 men, several hundred men in the navy, nearly 200 in the regular army, and numerous others in various branches of service Vermont has furnished more men for war due in proportion to population than Nevada, and in a fair count is in the front rank of the patriotic states of the nation. Nevada has no National Guard and all its men who enlisted are accredited to the regular army.—Brattleboro Reformer.

W. H. Jeffrey's New Job.

William H. Jeffrey as state prohibition officer, an office created at the last session of the legislature, is the man for this work. "Jeff" has a heart as big as an ox, he thinks quick, knows when he is being imposed upon, and has ideas about redeeming men and women which should make him an admirable head for a clearing house which deals entirely with unfortunates, criminals and delinquents. Red tape is not a part of his equipment in securing a parole for one worthy of such. He has original ideas and in carrying them out will not be hampered, as he has the confidence of Gov. Graham.—Rutland Herald.

The Star Spangled Banner.

Mr. Edward Stanwood regrets that "we no longer sing more than two stanzas of 'The Star Spangled Banner.'" It is flattery to say that most of us do even that. The average American audience sings distinctly these lines: Oh! say, can you see by the dawn's early light—

Gave proof through the night that the flag was still there—

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

The rest is hashed and uncertainly hummed. That is nightly observed at Pop concerts, with no material improvement as the season nears its close.

"The Star Spangled Banner" will never be a national hymn in the true sense. Most persons are too uneasy in attempting it to regard it with real affection. Musically beyond the reach of the average individual, there is the additional handicap that its lines are difficult to memorize. Numerous song writers, however, have failed to oust it, and national pride should lead Americans in general to cultivate its acquaintance. If choral conductors wish to do something for the country, let them organize "Star Spangled Chorus." Present performances too severely tax the self-control of foreigners naturally astonished to hear this is the American national hymn.—Boston Traveler.

Waste Prevention.

It needed none risen from the dead, nor even a very much alive Herbert Hoover, to tell us Americans that waste has always been, nationally, our besetting sin. A bad habit so firmly fixed is not easy to reform, but the only way to end it is to begin to try. The late John Sherman said that the way to resume specie payments was to resume; the analogy holds perfectly good. To-day we hear of two channels through which concerted effort will bring good results in this matter of the prevention of food waste, which is the primary manifestation of our traditional failing. The hotel keepers and the churches now announce programmes calculated to influence large groups.

The church campaign has its start in Washington, where a committee representing virtually every denomination in the United States has been in consultation with the food administration officials. Weekly reports are to be made through the churches of what each fam-

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ly is accomplishing in saving necessities. Pastors are to be asked to keep their congregations constantly alert to their duty of food saving. Systematic weekly reports are to be made upon cards in form suitable for filing, and detailed suggestions as to meatless and wheatless meals and meals made from left-overs are included in the plan; it is only reasonable to expect that intelligent people will be glad to follow these hints, which are the result of an enormous aggregation of expert knowledge and experience.

The work of the hotel keepers has its mainspring here in New York, in a suggested scheme of action offered to Mr. Hoover by the New York City Hotel association. The plan has been laid out along lines suggested by him in various conservation announcements, and includes the use of a certain percentage of other than wheat flour in the bread served; bread and butter service of uniform weight; the elimination of beef from the menu on one day in each week besides Friday; the encouragement of the use of sea food and fresh vegetables and fruits; discouragement of the service of veal, lamb and suckling pig and of fresh pork; broiling, roasting, braising and stewing to be encouraged, and frying discouraged to conserve butter and lard.

Various other easy and obvious details appear in the plan, all of which are intelligent and reasonable and point to the end desired. We suspect that public attention need only be called to these proposals with due emphasis to cause the cheerful co-operation of good citizens.—New York Evening Sun.

JINGLES AND JESTS

Unthinkable.

Mrs. Gramercy—I hear you're going to move this spring.

Mrs. Park—Yes; we just can't face our old neighbors in a last year's car.—The Lamb.

Those Summer Furs.

Mrs. Styles—Isn't it unseasonable?

Mrs. Myles—Very.

"I'm so disappointed in the weather."

"Too bad."

"Why, yes; you see, I've got some new summer furs, and it's almost too cool to wear 'em yet."—Yonkers Statesman.

A Luxury.

"How are you feeling now, Mr. Tite-wad?"

"Oh, I'm better, but I've had \$250 worth of grip."—The Lamb.

Well Balanced.

Edyth—I think his mental balance is somewhat off!

Maude—Perhaps, but his financial balance is absolutely perfect!—The Lamb.

Household Hints.

One of the best methods of removing freckles we know of is the safety razor. It is necessary to remove two layers of the hide, but the freckles seldom come back.

It is a serious social blunder to serve English breakfast tea in the afternoon.

Preserving jars is a waste of time unless the jars have something in them.—Lewiston Journal.

Subtle.

"Darling, if you had it to do all over again would you still want to marry me?"

"My dear, if I had to do it over again and decided to marry you would be the one I would select."—Detroit Free Press.

Bird Visitors.

Flatbush—How are you getting on, old man?

Bensonhurst—Poorly.

"Really?"

"Yes, I planted a lot of garden seeds, and the chickens scratched 'em all up."

"That's bad."

"Then I planted corn and the crows ate that up."

"Awful!"

"And this morning?"

"More hard luck this morning!"

"The stork made a visit to my house."—Yonkers Statesman.



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