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Back on the Marne again, the French are on familiar fighting ground.

The same reckless disregard of human life dominates the German general staff.

The brave American Red Cross nurses are coming up to the highest expectations on the western front.

General Foch is sometimes pronounced General Fox and often called the "old fox." Undoubtedly he has not run out of the tricks of the trade which made him renowned.

It is estimated that half a million German soldiers were used in the present push on the Aisne front and that as many more are in reserve back of that line. The Germans are long on the concentration of energy.

Nearly everyone will admire Premier Clemenceau's daring but they will not accord applause to his foolhardiness. Clemenceau can do better service to the allies in Paris than he can as a prisoner in Germany. Therefore, he should stay a reasonable distance back of the fighting line.

The great trouble with the American official war bulletins is that they are anywhere from 12 to 36 hours late, or some time after the information has become public the world over. The British and French official communications are the first intimations to the world that some great event has taken place.

There will be regret in many parts of the state that Secretary of State Frederick G. Fleetwood has decided not to be a candidate for re-election to that office. One of the reasons for the regret is that he has served capably in the unexpired term of Guy W. Bailey and another is that it will be necessary to break in a new man for the place.

A new note of solemnity was added to the 1918 Memorial day, the feeling that the nation is about to be called upon to make a large new sacrifice for the preservation of its integrity and honor. President Wilson's adjuration to spend the day in fasting and in prayer was more literally followed than proclamations of presidents have been followed for years; people felt an increased sense of personal obligation to make the day a fitting tribute to the men who have fought to make the nation safe as they bore in mind the call which is being made to-day on the youth of the country to continue the work carried out by their forefathers. Therefore, it was a far more fitting Memorial day than usual in recent years.

If any question were to be asked why the Germans were able to make such deep inroads into the allied line as they have made between Soissons and Rheims it would be to inquire what the allied armies were doing that they permitted the Germans to make such enormous concentration of troops as they made on that front without finding out such fact. It is part of the duty of the air service to make reconnoissances, to act the part of reconnoitering forces, to determine what movements the enemy is carrying out. Manifestly, then, it is the duty of the air forces to locate the concentration of enemy troops in large numbers. Possibly the task laid before the allied airmen was too great and it may possibly be that the Germans cloaked their concentration so closely that the movement was not to be detected in that manner. However, it seems to be a reasonable inquiry to ask whether the allied airmen were employed to the extent of their ability and in the right purpose.

WHICH SHALL TRIUMPH?

The Germans are reported to be counting on the lifetime of military training of the German troops to show its superiority over the rapidly developed military training of the American troops; and there is considerable arrogance expressed over the prospects that the American army will break down under the pressure of the German experience. Other things being equal, that might be the case; but other things are not equal in this instance. The Americans have something back of them besides "lightning made" soldiery. They have the consciousness of a good cause, entered upon with an entirely unselfish purpose, and they are going into this war with the feeling that they are fighting for the right. Nothing is calculated to steel the arm as much as such a consciousness, the consciousness that one is fighting for the right. They are not fighting simply for aggression as the Germans are; they are fighting to preserve the rights of small nations, to wipe out the bully of the world and to make the world safe for the development of ideals and ideas. In the second place, the American troops are backed by the solid support of the American people, and they feel the assurance that the entire people of the United States are with them, in fact, that the people have commissioned them to go out and represent them in this modern crusade for the right. In the

third place the American troops are backed by the greatest material resources of the world at the present time, the most moneyed nation, the most productive nation in general, and, in many ways, the most alert nation of the world. The American soldiers know that all those resources have been turned to the support of the millions of men who are going into the war and that they (the soldiers) will receive as good treatment at the hands of the people at home as it is possible to give. They will receive the best of food; they will be furnished the best of equipment; they will be given as many of the comforts of life as it is possible to give a soldier; they will be tenderly cared for if sick or wounded; and their dependents will be provided for in case death should intervene for the individual soldiers. In short, the soldiers know that a merciful government is back of them and that a merciful people are back of the government.

That, in brief, is why "other things" are not equal in the present conflict between the United States and Germany and that is why the lifetime military training will not triumph over the hastily gathered army of the United States. The American spirit is going to be a most powerful factor. The American morale will count heavily in the balance of this war. The lifetime of Prussian military training cannot triumph over such spirit and such morale.

PROTESTS AGAINST R. R. WAGE DECLINE

And All Are Milder in Tone Since McAdoo's Appeal Not to Strike Against Government.

Washington, June 1.—As a result of Director-General McAdoo's appeal to railroad employes not to strike against the government for higher wages, the number of protests against the new wage order received at the railroad administration suddenly declined yesterday and are milder in tone than previous messages. The board of railroad wages and working conditions will take up here, next week, all complaints of employes who feel they were given insufficient increases. By this time, it was explained yesterday, railroad men will have had an opportunity to study the wage order in detail and to comprehend that it was issued with the expectation of later making many modifications.

GREAT MILITARY CITY.

Trent is Center for Austrian Activity on the Italian Front.

Headquarters Italian Army, June 1.—Austrian prisoners captured in the patrol raids along the mountain front tell of the intense activity which centers at Trent, the railway center of concentration, where all the Austrian men and supplies are brought down for use in the Brenna valley, Lagarina valley and all along the mountain front. The city itself, they say, is a huge military camp which extends ten miles southward to Calliano, and eastward through the Sugana valley which is the great artery leading to the Brenna valley and the plains of Italy. The railways have been trebled, so that this whole section is joined by a network of railway sidings and connections. The military administration is carried on chiefly at Trent, the headquarters being in the Pretoria palace near the famous old cathedral of Trent, where the council of Trent was held. Near by is one of the main barracks located in one of the historic monuments of the city. In the Piazza Dante the bronze statue of Dante has around its base a number of dilapidated canno, which was claimed to be trophies of war. The city is practically evacuated of its civilian population and given over entirely as the base for military operations on the mountain front.

NO SUMMER OUTING.

For German Children in Holland Because Holland is Short of Food.

Amsterdam, June 1.—During the first three years of the war, Dutch charitable organizations have every summer brought thousands of German children and given them a summer vacation in Dutch homes, where they could get better care and nourishment than at home. This year the society which has charge of the migrations announces that it will be impossible to get permits for any similar trips, owing to Holland's own food shortage.

Who Will Claim Them?

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Barre postoffice for the week ending May 30, 1918: Men—Barre Monumental Yard, F. G. Barrett, Ed. Brown, Wildra Bayva, Frank Hendry, Ernest Poulaine, William Green. Women—Ruth Bolton, Mrs. Albert Ninkovic, Miss Florence Poulaine, Marie T. Wheelock.

On Wasting Talents.

One former president, W. H. Taft, and two candidates for president, Messrs.

Financing the War. There is an idea prevalent among many classes of people, and we hear it often expressed like this: What a tremendous amount of money there is in this country! Where does all the money come from? We hear this especially after the flotation of a Liberty Loan. Now the answer to this question is simply this. The money does not come from anywhere, and there is no more money in the country to-day than there was before the first Liberty loan was floated. The point is this — financing this war is not a money transaction at all, it is simply and purely a matter of credit. Unfortunately, the amount of credit is expressed in terms of dollars, and this is where the confusion arises. Such vast financial transactions as the three Liberty Loans must of necessity impose great burdens upon the credit system and consequently require considerable inflation. This inflation is made possible, however, and can be used with safety through the Federal Reserve System. When these fundamentals are fully understood, people are coming to a fuller appreciation of the value of our great banking system. We are members of this system and are therefore contributing directly to its greater usefulness.

MABEL SYRUP'S COLYUM. "To have a lively and not a stolid countenance."—Truth of Intercourse. "The time has come to conquer or submit. For us there is but one choice. We have made it."—President Wilson. Italy, We Salute You—They Are Your Sons! About 40 Italians who could not speak a word of English arrived recently to work on the road. As soon as they could get off the car they found their living quarters and immediately went out and a flagpole and hoisted the American flag.—News item. Smith Feathers has returned from Camp Devens, where he was discharged after an examination.—Springfield item. Four guesses why and no fair guessing underweight. The Dun Is at the Gate. The Grand Union peddler stopped a while at Charles Spaulding's.—Briggs item. Now comes June and commencement. Down the shaded aisle that leads through leafy elms to the old academy in Home Town is heard the padding of eager youth in blue serge of figured poplin. What a world of confidence in the footsteps. Don't laugh at them. Remember when you graduated? You, too, wore a collar that fretted your neck, and shoes that squeaked ominously as you walked across the stage to get your parchment from the school directing of member how you struggled somehow to your feet and made an impassioned plea for the preservation of something or other; how you saw your best girl home from the graduating exercises; and how you dedicated yourself to high and holy achievements as you sought the sleep that would come for thinking of the day's doings. You, too, wore a solemn young Johnnie. So hilt your lip and try to restrain a smile as you see the boys and girls bidding a sober goodbye to "the dear old school." Really, it is sort of sad. Don't laugh. Green Mountain Echoes. Those who did not go to church last Sunday missed a lot.—Piermont item. The first installment of the lady farmers arrived Saturday and will be found at the Homestead farm by those needing such help.—Walpole item. The flowers appear on the earth and the time of the singing of the birds is at hand.—Langdon item. Some large animal took an old turkey out of her coop Saturday night from H. R. Comstock, leaving about 20 little turkeys without a mother.—Acuteville item. Ben Gay planted three-fourths acres potatoes in two hours. Who beats him?—Cavendish item. Mrs. Thomas Bushway left Thursday to visit in East Georgia, 175 miles away.—Astead item. The educated ponies at town hall last week were well patronized. It was really wonderful.—Orfordville item. The air is fragrant now with apple blooms and the soft green of the mountain side is a wonderful sight for the eyes.—Ludlow item. The people of Reading would like to know why some of the men don't fish their own brooks. Some would like a meal of trout from their own streams.—Reading item. Carmi Fields was over from the east side on a business and social survey.—Cristy district item. George Oviatt is able to ride out; is gaining fine. Has a new piano.—Fletcherville item. You've Said a Pageful, Gabe. Dear Mabel: Just a line to—Well, what I want to know is whether you are in favor of calling the new long-range baby killer a Hun or a Gun? Gabe. The First of June. Sweetly smiles the sunset, through dark boughs golden gleaming. Tenderly to westward, faint and far away, Up into the glory of the sky my heart drifts dreaming. Dreaming in earth's wonder hour at closing of the day. Sadly weeps the sunset, as lost winds wander weeping. Weeping with the nightingales, for the morns of May. May, whose fragrant loveliness in the grave is sleeping. Sleeping in that heaven of dead, sweet things that cannot stay. Dead and gone the sunset: and, as night is falling, Faint with June's first sweetness, when the lilacs sway. Dim with far sweet memories, the voice of May is calling. Sadly to the twilight heart at closing of the day. —H. K. The Lighter Side of War. Olin Hewitt, formerly of this place, who enlisted with a Burlington unit, is stationed at a Tennessee camp, and expects soon to go overseas. Olin writes some very breezy letters full of jolly life in training, and speaks especially well of war gingerbread.—Cold River item.

Overheard in Burlington. (Contributed by W. M.) Goodbye, bar-room. Don't you cry. You will be a drug store. Bye and bye. What with nonessential employments due for a wholesale evacuation, our thoughts wander idly to the man who spends his Sunday afternoons gathering washings for the wife's Blue Monday. Hold on, barkeep. Don't you sigh. You'll serve Bevo. Bye and bye. M. S. COMPLETE HARMONY. Between U. S. Government and the Steel Producers. New York, June 1.—Elbert H. Gary, president of the American and Steel institute, speaking at the convention of that body here yesterday, declared that the United States government and the steel producers were now working in complete harmony and understanding and that all suspicion toward the industry had been dissipated. Judge Gary, discussing the question of taxation, said there was talk of doubling excess profits and income taxes and expressed the opinion that the steel men were willing to be heavily taxed to defend the rights and liberties of the world, provided the levies were equally distributed and the money wisely expended.

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