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The action of twelve United States senators in conducting a filibuster in the closing hours of congress that defeated the will of the president, an overwhelming majority of congress and a like proportion of the people of the nation, will have at least one beneficial result, despite the fact that the act will stand out as one of the blackest smudges on American patriotism. It will solidify the American people behind the president in his determination to assert the inviolability of American life and commerce upon the high seas. In every section of the country men of every political faith have denounced the disgraceful filibuster. Ministers, merchants, professional men, laborers, farmers women, everywhere show a determination to assert for once and all American rights upon the seas, even if it leads to the war we so ardently desire to escape. The people do not want war if it can be honorably avoided, but they are ready to fight and sacrifice for the retention of their honor and their rights of life and commerce if it becomes necessary to do so. Today there is a grim set to the American countenance that means stern business.

EDUCATE MORE FARMERS

It is coming to be recognized as a most obvious fact that if we as a people are to again put our country on an equitable living basis we must educate more farmers. Not educate more farmer boys for professions, but educate more BOYS FOR FARMERS.

From the incipency of the public school up to within the last decade the entire trend of education has been away from the farm and toward the professions. Even the manual training schools have tended to swell the ranks of the mechanical trades at the expense of the farms.

No nation can achieve permanent prosperity without a great and prosperous farming class. When the farm decays the nation deteriorates. Our farms are the very life and heart of our country.

Some, though, may ask how we are to educate more farmers.

Very simple. Make every free school in the land primarily an agricultural school, and a literary school as a secondary matter. Bolles letters are not the crowning necessity of existence. Bread and meat are. Educate the youth of the land first toward that which is most vitally necessary to our national life, and when this is accomplished, of there be leisure and means for adding the frills, let them be added.

Nine out of every high school pupils on emerging from that school enter the ranks of the toilers, in some department or other. If in their education the farm has not only been made attractive to them, but they have been given a thorough and practical knowledge of its workings, then a large per cent of them will as a matter of course that as their occupation in life.

When war broke out between the allies and the central powers the world stood amazed at the wonderful perfection of the German military machine.

But the cause behind it was as simple as A. B. C. Every German youth had been educated and trained as a soldier FIRST OF ALL—after that for a vocation.

But in time war will cease. The arts of peace will again demand the attention and energies of the world, and among them there is none to compare with the great art of coaxing from Mother Earth her golden harvests.

But, you may ask, if all of the boys are educated to a farmer's life, what of the professions?

There will always be some who, by natural fitness, will gravitate to the professions, enough to keep their ranks recruited. As a matter of fact, these same professions could spare half of their present members and not suffer in the least.

Educate farmers! The farms are suffering for them, and the professions and trades are overburdened with them.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

Representative Robert W. Winston, Jr., struck the keynote on the question of Woman's Suffrage, at least for North Carolina, in his speech before the Assembly in opposition to the measure when he stated the question was not what we would gain but what we would lose in North Carolina if the plans of the suffragists went through. "Even granted that we would have better laws" said Mr. Winston "what would become of the home and the fireside?"

The objection of women's suffrage, as we see it, is not the question of the vote. That would be a small matter, but it is the unsexing of woman that we fear. Putting women into man's arena. Associating her with that free and easy mode of life that has the tendency towards the abolition of the sacredness of Sunday, wild and untrained children, loose family ties, childless marriages, empty churches and deserted homes.

As we try to fathom the future under such a rule our mind dwells on the many lovely feminine natures around us in this vicinity, both dame and maid whose great charm is that daintiness of femininity that makes the men of the south courageous and ready to fight for these loved ones who have so far evaded the call of the "Free Woman," which is not liberty but license. Think for a moment what a change would take place here if, instead of having the homage of every man in town they should become brazen, self-sustained, the equal of man in argument, both political and secular, upon the street corners, and leaving the home to take care of itself. Such a picture is horrible to our mind. And, yet, we are asked to remove the mother from the home and put her in politics.

As Cardinal Gibbons rightly stated on this question "When I deprecate female suffrage I am pleading for the dignity of woman, I am contending for her honor, I am striving to perpetuate those peerless prerogatives inherent in her sex, those charms and graces which exhalt womankind and make her the ornament and coveted companion of man. Woman is queen indeed, but her empire is a domestic kingdom. The greatest political triumphs she would achieve in public fade into insignificance compared with the serene glory which radiates from the domestic shrine and which she illumines and warms by her conjugal and motherly virtues. If she is ambitious of the dual empire of public and private life, then, like the fabled dog, beholding his image in the water, she will lose both, she will fall from the lofty pedestal where nature and Christianity have placed her and will fail to grasp the spectre of political authority from the strong hand of her male competitor."

IF WAR COMES

This is the title of an article by Frederick Palmer, appearing in last week's Colliers, and so valuable are the views expressed by this leading war correspondent that we shall quote certain passages from this article in the hope that our readers will read the entire story.

"Was the German note an act of desperation in keeping with the threats of some German extremists who said that if Germany had to go down to defeat she would drag the whole world with her?" Is the query that Palmer puts to his readers, and he is ready to answer it himself by tracing the unneutral acts of Germany towards this country during the past two years.

He further agrees with the average citizen that Germany could do us no real harm, but he disagrees with most of those who think that we could do Germany no harm, as the most of us do not realize the full power of this country.

In writing of Germany Mr. Palmer makes it plain that he does not mean the German people but the three rulers of Germany, the Kaiser, Hindenburg and Bethemann-Hollweg, who have, and continue to, illusion the German people into the belief that Germany is fighting the battle of defence and that England and France were half way across Belgium before Germany fired a shot at Liege.

"Hindenburg" he says "is the military master of the central empires; Bethmann-Hollweg is the public liar, and the Kaiser decides. All three are fighting to preserve the dynasty and their caste."

Hindenburg is for ruthless submarine warfare, according to this writer, for it means destruction of ships carrying supplies, and may mean a dearth of instruments of war, and for this reason we shall never be able to get "The Three" to acknowledge that the sea is for the transport of cargoes, and the international law is based on this theory.

A lawful blockade neither threatens nor destroys non-contraband cargoes, but the blockading submarine has no time to discriminate. Its whole method is that of destruction, not of warships,

without headquarters. She passes over that military line that Washington never passed in the most critical moments of the Revolution, and even the Germans have formerly prescribed such warfare, until it has now suited their purpose to themselves pursue it.

With a hundred million people, more than has England and France combined or more than the combined population of Germany and Austria. With mills equipped with every conceivable war material, which is now supplying the allies. With a people of initiative and energy, not the ignorant boor such as has been brought into the conflict by Russia, and with inventive minds that will come forward as necessity demands, United States is now better equipped to enter the war than Germany was when she took up the cudgels against the entire world.

It is probable that none of our soldiers will have to fire a shot. The navy however may have to render assistance and is in condition to do so. Principal among the duties that will fall upon this country will be that of financing the war, to take care of the book-keeping end of the business, and to be ready to furnish supplies sufficient to make the end a matter of only a few months instead of years, as it now seems.

As the belligerents have done so must we. Luxuries must come under the ban in this country as it has in Europe, and the seriousness of the undertaking must be brought home to everyone. Then and then only can the world be sure of a peace that United States can demand shall be a lasting peace.

THE WHATCHAMA COLUMN
(By George Martin)

We are tired of being idiotic. It's so blithering silly.

One can be entertainingly brainless up to a certain point, but beyond that one is merely annoying.

We had thought today to diagnose the toy terrier, that nickel's worth of dog with a million-dollar pedigree, which wags a warped lead pencil on one end and sports a nervous nose on the other. But that did not appeal to us.

Then we considered the porcupine; and figured out a fetching line about his being the original apostle of preparedness because he trains his hair for home defence. But we tried it on the office boy, and he didn't laugh, so we set that subject aside. We tried some other things, but they were just as useless.

There are times when even a professional fool can't do a good job of it.

"WEATHER OR NO"

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* The man who lets you in on *
* the ground floor usually winds up *
* by kicking you out of the win- *
* dow. *
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—Old Man Sage.

GOOD ROADS BY STATE AID

This act provides for the creation semi annually of a state road fund of \$400,000, or \$800,000 each year, for the next forty-one years, which will be loaned to the counties complying with the law at the rate of five per cent per annum which will in that period pay both interest and principal.

The first loans under this act will be made July 1, 1917.

In order to secure such loans twenty per cent of the qualified voters of the county must sign a petition, which will be filed with the Board of County Commissioners, asking for an election, County Commissioners, asking for an which will be held on the second Tuesday in May, 1917.

A new registration is necessary, and all the formalities for such election law must be complied with. Since such election must be held in less than sixty days, it is absolutely necessary that quick action be taken by the counties desiring to secure road money under this act.

I shall be glad if you will print in your next issue a statement setting forth these facts so that the necessary petitions may be circulated and signed without delay so that elections may be legally called for the 8th, of May.

I shall be glad to supply copies of the law and blank petitions to interested persons.

Your co-operation in giving publicity to this important matter will be appreciated.

W. S. WILSON,
Legislative Librarian.

TRAP-SHOOTING CHAMPION SAYS 675,000 CRACK SHOTS WOULD ANSWER WAR CALL

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Six hundred and seventy five thousand crack trap shooters will answer the nation's war call if it comes, according to a statement here today by Charles Henry Newcomb, National amateur champion trap shooter of the United States. Pennsylvania alone could furnish about 30,000 of them, he said.

By virtue of a certain mortgage to M. Hoffman & Bro. by Harrod Johnson and wife, Henrietta Johnson, on the 18 day of January, 1910, which is recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Halifax county, North Carolina, in Book 211, page 447, we will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction, at the Court house door in Halifax on the 2 day of April 1917, the following described piece or parcel of land to wit:

That piece of land containing ten acres, more or less, and being in said County and State, and in Coaconara Township, beginning on the path between Simon Smith's and A. T. Dickens' line, which runs into the old Tarboro road; thence up the path to Austin Spell's line; thence with Spell's line to a red oak; thence back to the path along Simon Smith's line to the beginning, and being the place where Harrod Johnson lived prior to his death.

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Herbert Smith, Assignee.
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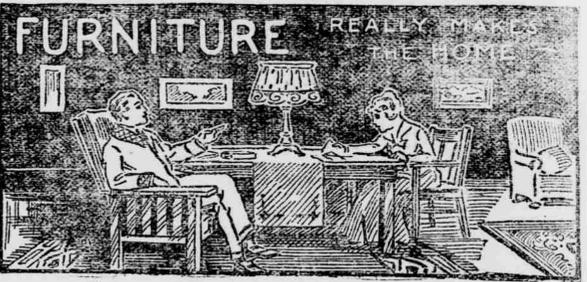
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