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"I pledge allegiance to the American flag and the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

CURRENT COMMENT.

A LITTLE more than four years ago a famous conference was called at Potsdam. To it were summoned the leading men of the German Empire, political leaders, ambassadors, financiers, soldiers. The kaiser presided. He explained the situation, and the proposal of the government to use the murder of the Austrian archduke as a pretext for establishing the supremacy of Germany eastward toward the Persian Gulf. Our accounts of the conference are fragmentary. Presumably the kaiser recalled how his appearance "in shining armor," as he had put it in a speech, had frightened off Russia from its protest to Austria-Hungary against the violation of the Berlin treaty in annexing Bosnia and Herzegovina. Doubtless he suggested that there would be no war. But if war should come was the empire prepared? We have a definite testimony on how he put the question to one after another of the men at the conference, and how each answered ready except the bankers, who asked for at least a fortnight to put their affairs in order. The words there spoken brought death to millions of men and heart breaking grief to untold multitudes of families. And now another conference was recently in session at Berlin and Potsdam to consider the fruits of the first. We can only imagine the change in the kaiser from the boastful arrogance of expected triumph to the dejection of defeat. We can only imagine the despair and anger of that proud group over the ruin in which their folly has involved them—to say nothing of their country. What a pall would have fallen on that first brilliant conference if its members could have pierced the veil of the future and looked ahead over these four long years!

IN the dark days of last spring the indomitable Clemenceau of France remarked that the war would be won by the side that could hold out the last quarter of an hour—and that the Allies could do it. Events have vindicated him. It was in the last quarter of an hour relatively speaking, that Germany crumbled.

THE end of the war does not mean that at once our boys all will come marching home again. Both military and economic reasons, it is said, might make that unwise, and Uncle Sam has not been too busy with the war to lay farsighted plans for the welfare of the soldiers after the war. So, while a large part of the army probably will be sent home as soon as the terms of peace are signed, there are indications that it will be at least a year before some of the troops are again on American soil. One convincing indication is the plan worked out by the Y. M. C. A. and approved by the G. H. Q., for a system of army schools which will give every soldier, whether he came to the army an illiterate or a college graduate a chance to fit himself to hold a better job when he returns to private life than he held before, and those who remain in the army every encouragement to fit themselves for promotion. The plan includes the sending of one thousand professors from American universities to Europe, the establishment of a school in every army post, hospital or leave area with a permanent population of five hundred men or more, the establishment of a correspondence school for smaller bodies of men and the enrollment of advanced students in such famous universities as Oxford, Cambridge, Glasgow, the Sorbonne, Paris and Bordeaux. The army schools will be organized by the Y. M. C. A., but will be under the control of

the army. The Y. M. C. A. has been enlisting professors for this service for one year or more.

AS an after-war problem the tariff looms large. It will be the leading issue in the early period of reconstruction. War taxes will disappear, tho not immediately, with the conditions that required them. Peace taxes will be levied for the era of peace. And, of course, peace taxes will require a revision of the tariff. A new tariff law will have to be enacted. Two things may with safety be assumed. The new law must yield a large amount of revenue. We shall not, because, we cannot, return to the old figures of either income or outlay. There will be a large establishment to support according to new and larger necessities. The second thing is that our new tariff law must take into account changes the war is making in other countries besides our own. New tariff laws when peace comes will be the rule. Every European nation will be obliged to revise its tariff; and as we shall be trading with them, and they desirous of cultivating us, we must adjust ourselves somewhat to their adjustments. The policy of live-and-let-live will survive the war. We have never had an out-and-out free trade tariff, and one could not be enacted. But we have had tariffs whose authors had inveighed against protection while forced to hold on to protective duties. The results were ho-eus-poeus, which failed in operation. Such was the Gorman-Wilson tariff of 1894, and such also the Underwood tariff of 1913. Between those two enactments came the Dingley tariff, framed on frank protection lines, with protection objects confessed and directly in view, and it proved in operation a great success. It not only raised all the revenue the government needed, but stimulated production in all branches of activity, and completely restored business confidence, which, at the time, was at the lowest ebb.

FOOD scarcity abroad must continue for some time after the war, so that it would seem that the high agricultural prices will prevail, and this especially for meat products. Herbert Hoover has called attention to the depletion of the livestock herds of Europe. Wheat stocks may be low and yet one great harvest will replenish them. The permanent grain stock is always very small in comparison with the annual crop. But the permanent livestock herds are not rebuilt in a season or a year. The United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce has issued a bulletin that will be very valuable to all captains of industry, since it gives the results of a survey of what has been done and is being done among all the leading countries in preparation for resuming normal business. The bulletin contains also a list of 450 commodities that the bulletin says will be in "abnormal demand" following the declaration of peace. Among foodstuffs there are included in the 40 commodities wheat, corn, rye, cats, barley, sugar, rice, potatoes, coffee, meats and fish. That is foodstuffs alone comprise more than one-fourth of the commodities that will be in abnormal demand in rebuilding. The bulletin states further that our own government's greatest preparation for after-war trade is "the construction and organization of a large merchant navy, backed by large and efficient shipyards and docks." It enumerates quite a long list of things that different bureaus of the government are doing to help in after-war adjustment and activity. Mr. Hoover is working to induce the bringing up of American livestock, and a notable thing has been done with regard to hogs, the supply of which in the United States has increased in the last year 50 per cent, from 60 million to 90 million head. Wool is one of the commodities that will be in abnormal demand, according to this bulletin, and the farmer's industry, in short, seems to face a period of continuing good times while the world is rebuilding what it has destroyed.

TALES OF TOWN

THE WAR IS WON!
The kaiser wore a worried frown, His under lip he bit, And moaned: "Mine Gott in Himmel! Do your women always knit? No matter what, in rain or storm, Your boys are always fit, Because they're warm in garments Your women folk have knit: Mine Gott, Yanks, I quit; Yes, my old throne I quit; I can't compete with armies, Whose women always knit."
The Hun "superman" seems to be in the soup.
The influenza mask is a good tobacco cure, if it is worth nothing else.
In 1870 Germany made France get rid of its emperor, so Kaiser Bill has no grounds for complaint now.
According to our calculation, the proper amount of sugar to use is just not so much as you want.
It was a German writer who said:

"War must leave nothing to the vanquished but their eyes to weep with."

One of the meanest things a woman can do to a man is to ask him to carry her knitting bag.

An Emmett young woman has found scriptural authorization for hugging: "The waste places shall be made glad."

In caring for the teeth one of the important things to remember is where you put them when you went to bed.

The best sermon is not always the short sermon. The best sermon is the one that seems short, whether it is or not.

An anonymous correspondent puts it this way: "If Kaiser Wilhelm doesn't go there, what's the use of having any hell?"

Why is a church bell? The people always get to the theater or to the circus on time without waiting for a bell to ring.

Der All-Highest—Courage, mein beoples! Your kaiser will nefer desert you! Der Beoples—Dot's vat ve vas afraid of, alretty!

When a man dreams it is of a parade which he, clad only in his night-shirt, is conducting in the presence of an admiring crowd.

Ring out, wild bells, Across the snow! The kaiser's going— Let him go!

This weather makes a fellow wonder, not so much what became of his last summer's wages, as what became of his last year's winter underwear.

Private (who has just found a piece of wood in one of his frankfurters)— Say, I don't mind eating the dog, but I'll be darned if I eat the dog house.

Anyone who is good at mathematics and wants to figure in large numbers might try to figure how many questions the boys over there will have to answer when they get home.

The Yankee pants Are olive drab, The French's Red as flame; The Scotchman Wears no pants at all, But he gets there Just the same.

It is stated that for every Liberty motor constructed in his works Mr. Ford exacts a profit of \$1000. And Mr. Ford admits he can build Liberty motors faster than sheep can jump a fence.

A chaplain, on making his rounds in the base hospital of a large cantonment, stopped at the cot of a darky and said: "Sam, how is it that you are in bed today? You were quite well when I spoke to you yesterday." The darky replied: "Well, pahson, ah done was kicked by a mule." "What in the name of goodness did he kick you for?" "Ah guess ah done fogot to salute."

The world's history is a divine poem of which the history of every nation is a canto and every man a word. Its strains have been pealing along down the centuries, and, though there have been mingled the discords of roaring cannon and dying men, yet to the Christian philosopher and historian—the humble listener—there has been a melody running through the song which speaks of hope and halcyon days to come. History is but the unrolled scroll of prophecy.—Unknown.

"Massif."
Among the words of foreign derivation to which the war has introduced the reader is the French word massif, which means a more or less widely extended region of high land, usually with a number of summits grouped about one culminating point. The word is not precisely new in English use, for geographers have long found it a useful addition to their own particular vocabulary, and a great many persons who had forgotten it until the fighting began in France now recognize it as an old, although not a familiar, acquaintance.

Fashions in Humor.
A lady once suggested "Alice in Wonderland" to a steady-going matron. The volume was soon returned with thanks and with the explanation that what was wanted was something "light," not all those puzzles. Unquestionably, there are fashions in humor.

Opportunity to Be Seized.
A porter in London was engaged in cleaning a luggage van, when the door swung back, striking him violently on the head. "Oh! Pat," he exclaimed to an Irishman standing on the platform, "I believe I've cut open my head." "Well, begor, now's the time to get something into it," was Pat's witty reply.

Just So.
To be successful a farmer has to be sharp as a razor.—Boston Transcript.

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