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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.**

"I'm against universal military training," said a man the other day. "I don't know what it would lead to." Well, we didn't have universal training, and we all know what that condition came near leading us to. It came near leading us to defeat. If France and England had not held out in a valiant and unexpected manner, Germany would have pushed in the whole world's face. Uncle Sam should not go crazy about militarism, but he should keep a well-conditioned musket hanging over the fireplace, and he should practice at a target occasionally. The Lord helps those who are righteous and can shoot well.

"THERE is enough red in the Stars and Stripes to satisfy me," said Alderman William P. Keneally in the New York City Hall on a proposed ordinance to prohibit the carrying of the red flag. There ought to be red enough in the national emblem for any American citizen, or any foreigner who enjoys the protection of our flag.

IN these hours of jubilation, let us not forget those among us who have gold stars on their service flags. While the great wave of joy is rolling over the country, remember there are also sad hearts in every community, and when the victorious army comes home with bands, banners and shouting, some of the best boys that ever lived will be left behind—peacefully sleeping in France. Don't forget those whose sorrow almost equals our joy.

GERMANY is a yellow nation. Belgium was devastated, her people enslaved, her children dying, her most precious possessions violently taken from her, for four years, and in all that time her people, from king and queen down, did not complain of their lot as much as the Germans have since the armistice was signed. France for fiftyone months was a battle field, her capital endangered, her sons sore pressed by the invaders, but France never lost her courage or whimpered. Serbia was wiped out, the victim of atrocious crimes, and she kept her courage. Russia, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey—all have been beaten in the field and forced to surrender, and every one of them has behaved with a certain amount of resignation betokening courage. But Germany howls like a whipped cur, cringes before its conquerors, weeps crocodile tears, begs, whines; all the yellow, all the aniline dye works in all Germany ever turned out couldn't make her yellower.

WAR'S casualties are shocking, perhaps because they occur in the open, in masses, and are deliberately inflicted in a dramatic way. We can scarcely realize the truth that the deaths from the influenza in the last three months in the United States have far exceeded the deaths from casualties in the war among our troops. The deaths alone from the "flu", however, are almost or quite equal to the war casualties of every description. War on disease is something that this country can well afford to expend vastly more money upon than it has done in the past.

WE are of the opinion that the campaign just closed hurt the cause of government ownership of railroads considerably. It has always been recognized even by the advocates of government ownership, that there was a danger of making the railroads part of the political machine of the party which might be in power. When Director McAdoo sent out word that the employes of the railroads were not

to mix in politics it was supposed by many that he meant what he said and that government was to be divorced from partisan politics. Of causes there were those who insisted that the raise in wages was granted for partisan advantage, but then most people acknowledged that in view of the great advance in the cost of living the raise in wages was justified and ought to have been granted even if it did mean that cost of passenger and freight traffic was increased from 50 to 100 per cent. But at the very close of the campaign Mr. McAdoo came out with an appeal to the railroad men to vote the Democratic ticket. It was a bold and shameless effort to use the power of the Secretary as controller of the railroads for purely partisan purposes. It may be that if the Republicans had been in power and there had been a governmental manager of railroads he would have done the same thing, but that does not change the fact that this experience in practical government ownership of railroads, has shaken the confidence of a great many of its former advocates for if it is true that government ownership cannot be divorced from partisan politics then we had better not have government ownership. If the vast patronage that would go with government ownership should be used to further the power of whatever party might happen to be in power, it would become a most dangerous and corrupting influence. With the development of the hard surfaced roads thru the country transportation is likely to be revolutionized so that railroads will in time cease to be an important factor. If we are right it will be wise to wait and see. We do not want to load the people up with the burden of 20 billion dollars worth of useless railroad property, if coming changes make it valueless.

IN the campaign of the Meuse, or of the Argonne as it has also been styled, 750,000 Americans in the last days of the war broke the German hinge upon which retrograde movements of the German hordes on all the western front moved. It was the most difficult ground in all the war, except the Hindenburg line broken by the British in the decisive battle of the year. And it was as vital as anything in the war, the first Marne excepted. Therefore it was that Marshal Foch in his tribute to the American forces under General Pershing wrote that they would be able to wear "the Meuse" on their victorious battle flags for all time. Yet it is reported that it is Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood and "the Marne" that Americans most think of and that will always stand for America's part in the war. In fact both these conceptions of the American contribution are equally warranted. The French cheerfully agree that it was the Americans, principally the invincible marines, who did in truth halt the German advance. This was at Chateau Thierry and at Belleau Wood. Chateau Thierry was the hinge of the original thrust back by Gen. Foch, when he saw that the enemy was effectually stopped. If that hinge held, as it had done, then the swinging advance north to Soissons and south to Rheims could be and was made. America does not have to boast of bearing a crucial and telling part in the fighting, yet history will record that it was after all, American troops who checked the up to that point and time victorious German advance, and it was at the last American troops who on the other hand broke through the German hinge in the Meuse campaign. The French and English have a long roll of heroic achievements to their honor, but America's were equal in difficulty and results to any in the war.

Ordinarily, the public is slow to accept new theories and achievements claimed by scientists, but the doctor who said the influenza epidemic was due to a shortage of sugar is gaining a lot of mighty favorable publicity.

Dr. Judd, dentist, Monroe Bldg.

**TALES OF TOWN**

**"SOME DAY."**

Maybe not today—tomorrow  
(It's the long way cross the foam,  
But there's joy for all past sorrow;  
Some day they'll come home!

Once again the paths that missed them,  
In Love's peace they'll roam;  
Know Love's arms—the lips that kissed them;  
Some day they'll come home.

Joy, to set the world-bells ringing.  
But, in cot and dome,  
Sweeter song the heart is singing:  
"Some day they'll come home!"

The flu is very much like love in that it keeps a fellow sick a long time after he is well.

"Freedom of the seas" will undoubtedly be easier to enforce than it is to define in popular terms.

Next year, we are promised, there will be plenty of sugar. Well, then, there will be a shortage in the grape crop.

A telephone girl bought an alarm clock. When it gave the alarm the first morning, she turned over in bed and said sweetly, "Line's busy."

"The public has gained in health by food conservation," says an expert. Yes, but hang it, when you gain health, your appetite generally improves, too.

Says Old Bill Misgivens. "A man brought a turkey gobbler to town the other day and sold it for \$6.40. I can remember when my father bought a milch cow for \$7."

The government needn't waste any time worrying about finding jobs for the two boys from The Index office who are in the army. Send them home. We'll take care of the rest.

K-K-K-K, P.  
Poor little K. P.  
You're the only j-j-j-j-job that I abhor  
And when the m-m-m-m-moon shines,  
Over the mess hall,  
I'll be mopping up the k-k-k-k-kitchen floor.

Most soldier boys hanker for sweets. One of them writes home from France that he has saved a hundred dollars which he expects to blow in on American candy as soon as he gets back to where it can be bought.

It is to be said of the woman linotype operator that she does not leave cigar or cigarette ashes all over the keyboard, although she sometimes takes time from the rush copy to powder her nose.

A lot of scientists keep working away trying to lengthen human life, when the life we would have would be long enough if only some genius would invent patent bedclothes that wouldn't pull out at the foot.

During setting-up exercises, the officer ordered his men to get down on their backs, stick their feet into the air, and move their feet as though they were riding bicycles. All of the soldiers obeyed instructions, except one Irishman, who got down on his back and stuck his feet into the air, but refused to "peddle." "Private O'Brien," screamed the officer, "Why don't you peddle? Don't you know you are flirting with the guard house?" "If you please, sir," replied Private O'Brien, "I'm coasting."

On a recent rainy Sunday morning the pastor on his way to church, thinking to protect his trousers from the wet, had turned them up at the bottom. Upon reaching the church, he forgot all about his trousers. His good wife, from her pew, saw his oversight, and when the plate was passed she dropped a note to the pastor. Thinking the note was a church notice of some kind he placed it with the rest. Imagine the consternation of his wife

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NOTIONS  
NOVELTIES

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MILLINERY  
CORSETS

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Special, yard

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and HOSIERY

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You read a good deal about conserving man power, and the Government is putting many laws in operation to that end.

You don't hear much about conserving the Woman Power of the country.

The men should commence at once to conserve the woman power of the Nation.

Probably the best way to start is to see that every woman has a Real Range in her kitchen. She is entitled to the best.

Have your wife call at Hawkins Hardware and examine a Real Range. There is only one Best Range and that is

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**Her Xmas Present**

The giving of a life insurance policy to a wife as a Christmas present is both sensible and sound in economic principle. Many presents are quickly perishable, many are only glittering baubles, but a life insurance policy that provides a lifelong income for the wife is of lifelong endurance. A policy of that character is a retainer of the home and the fireside circle. Without it, Christmas joys, and indeed a mother's hopes and plans for the happiness and the education of her children, may perish when the father goes.

Therefore, whatever else of usual Christmas giving is done by the father, he should give, as his choicest offering, not only that which assures the continuance of Christmas joys, but also that which will make certain the wellbeing of mother and children through all the coming years.

The old reliable Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York is selling income policies, which provides a stated monthly income for those left behind when the head of the household is taken away.

See FRANK R. CHAPIN about one for Christmas

and the congregation when the pastor read, "Henry, turn down your pants!"

The American soldier was telling his host about the size of some farms in the west. "You might not believe it," he said, "but a friend of mine has a farm so large that he starts out with his plowing in the spring. All that he can do is to plow and sow one straight furrow before autumn. Then he turns around and harvests the crop on his way back." "Oh, yes, I can believe that," said the host. "It is like my son-in-law's farm out there. Two weeks after they were married my daughter and her husband started for their pasture to milk the cows and their two children brought in the milk."

For any itching skin trouble, piles, eczema, salt rheum, hives, itch, scald head, herpes, scabies, Dean's Ointment is highly recommended. 60 cents at all stores.

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