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OUR ITALIAN COMRADES.

In speaking of "our allies," again, we say, let us not forget the Italians. It is time for Americans to appreciate the big, fine part they have played and are playing in the war.

We did begin to wake up a year or more ago, when Cadorna was smashing toward Trieste. But then came the disaster of the Isonzo, and the retreat that nearly gave the allied world heart-failure. Since that, beyond a feeling of relief at finding that the Italian line holds most Americans have not given the southern battle front much thought.

That line is more than holding. It is so strong that the central empires seem to have given up their much advertised spring drive. Italy was always more than a match for Austria-Hungary alone. Now she is not afraid of all the power that Kaiser Karl can muster, with his eastern army released by the Russian collapse and additional German legions at his disposal.

The spirit of Italy burns brighter than ever. The nation is fighting with unity and determination comparable to those of France. The Italian army is rebuilt. The economic system is reconstructed. Italy is on a 100 percent war basis.

Our own Italians have been as keen to see the issues at stake, as quick to volunteer, as ready to make any required sacrifice, as any other class of Americans. They make admirable soldiers.

There is a new army of more than 250,000 Italians in France, with its number being continually augmented. Italy, besides holding the enemy in the south, will yet play a big part on the western front, adding her abundant man-power to ours to replace the losses of France and Great Britain.

May 14 is appointed as "Italian-American day." It should be made memorable. Heretofore we have underrated Italy, as a result of her own silence and modesty. Just as we used to overrate Germany because we swallowed her self-glorification. Let us give a brave and loyal ally the credit and comradeship that she deserves.

OUR OBLIGATION AND PRIVILEGE.

Although South Bend as a city need scarcely notice it, Mishawaka and the rest of the county must, that another campaign for funds for the Red Cross is on. South Bend is exempt, save for the dip it will make into the "War Chest" funds recently raised, yet this time, it seems likely that patriotic Americans, wherever they are, will be more willing and ready to subscribe to this necessary work, than ever before. The work of the Red Cross goes unchallenged. Thank heaven, this one branch of war work is sufficiently free from political or religious control, that it can go on and perform its functions without being lied about, for either political or religious effect.

Americans know more about the Red Cross and its work than they knew at first. Letters have come from friends and relatives in the war zone telling of its unflinching efforts. Women in this country have learned much about this organization of mercy as they have worked on bandages and hospital supplies or have knitted sweaters and socks.

The work of the Red Cross has come closer home to Americans now that our own boys are on the firing line. There's a personal appeal to every real American these days in the fact that son or brother or husband or neighbor lad may need just such help as the Red Cross has to give, and need it desperately any day, any hour now.

The Red Cross works ceaselessly, at home or abroad, looking after the families of the fighting men, watching over those men themselves from the time they don Uncle Sam's uniform to their actual participation in battle, and after that in hospitals, in prison camps in Germany and back home again in rehabilitation work.

It's a national obligation that touches every one of us, to maintain the health, comfort and peace of mind of our fighting men. It is also the privilege of every individual who has money or labor to give to the work to share proudly in the service of the Red Cross.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

Speaking of the congressional elections next fall, Ethhu Root says:

"There are probably 20 or 30 congressional districts in this country where there is a loyal majority, but where there is so large a disloyal minority that a division of the loyal majority may let a pro-German in. In every one of those districts democrats and republicans and all loyal men should get together and agree upon the loyal men of one party or the other who is the surest to carry the district, and to unite on him without regard to party.

"There is one great, single predominant qualification for an election to the next congress, and that is a loyal heart. The one important thing is to put men in congress who will represent the driving power of the American people for the winning of the war. I don't care whether a man is a democrat or a republican or a progressive or a socialist or a prohibitionist, as long as he has a loyal heart. Otherwise it is treason to send him to congress."

That's exactly the way the public feels about it.

SHALL WE DO LESS.

If the motive of thrift does not appeal to you in the matter of purchasing War Savings stamps, consider the appeal of your patriotism. Our country is engaged in a terrible war. Thousands of our brothers are enduring the miseries of camp life and the fearful strain and danger of the trenches. Thousands of them will offer their lives, other thousands will be maimed or crippled or injured in health. The country needs money to maintain them, and to make their service effective. The War Savings stamps and certificates are a means of raising this needed money. The country looks to you to furnish it. It is your part in winning the war for democracy.

How small a part it is! It may require some self-sacrifice as to luxuries or pleasures. It may, indeed, demand self-denial and abstinence from comforts—even a reduction in the amount of what are regarded as necessities. But even if it does, what are these discomforts compared with those suffered by the young men who are fighting your battles?

Your part is indeed small in the great sacrifice! Will you not cheerfully, manfully "do your bit"?

THE KAISER'S DISADVANTAGE.

Hindenburg's reckless extravagance in human lives is not without historic precedent. It is typical of autocracy in any time. Wellington recognized it in the days of Napoleon's success.

Speaking of Napoleon, Wellington is reported to have said that the former had "one prodigious advantage—he had no responsibility, he could do as he pleased. No man ever lost more armies than he did; I could not risk a man. I knew that if ever I lost 500 men without the clearest necessity, I should be brought upon my knees to the bar of the house of commons."

The Germans possess that dubious "advantage" today. Their masters are perfectly willing to lose more armies than any other nation has ever lost. But fortunately for the world it is a fact that losing armies doesn't mean winning wars. The Kaiser has made the most of his advantage, but he will find that his success in losing armies hardly compensates for his failure in everything else.

GETTING RESULTS.

The first week of this month saw the launching of 16 new merchantmen, with a total tonnage of 89,195.

One of those ships was launched in 27 days after the laying of the keel. That feat led the president of the New York Shipbuilding corporation to call May 5, "the greatest day in the history of the American shipbuilding industry."

Admiral Bowles declared, truly enough: "Nothing was done in building the Tuckahoe that cannot be done over and over again in any shipyard in the country. It is only a question of careful organization and planning, good teamwork and ample supplies of material." These conditions are now being met. The result speaks for itself. And we have hardly begun.

Who said America couldn't build ships?

At least 80 percent of American college students will engage in farm or other war-production work the coming summer. And they'll get as much valuable education out of it as they ever got out of college in a similar period.

Free advice to the amateur gardener: Plant something that will spring a surprise on you next spring by coming up of itself. Rhubarb or asparagus, for example. And why not some fruit-bearing shrubs or vines?

Even vacations are now being "rationed" in Germany. No visitor is allowed to stay longer than four weeks in any small town. But we fail to see the hardship in that. Americans are lucky to get two weeks.

"Cracke Nature's molds, all germinates spill at once!" said Shakespeare's Lear. William wasn't much of a speller, but his war sympathies seem to have been correct.

The secretary of the German imperial treasury tells the Reichstag: "We do not yet know the amount of indemnity we shall win." Let's be charitable, and not tell him.

Finland is another country that invited Germany to help her against her own enemies. And now we read that the Germans have captured 20,000 Finns. Poor fish!

Don't ever forget that the Italians, too, are our allies. Italy has sent a quarter of a million men to France, to fight alongside of ours, and is sending more right along.

"Austria near bankrupt," says a headline. Considering the real condition in Austria, that's a near-compliment.

Other Editors Than Ours

VICE PREST MARSHALL ON THE K. OF C. FUND. (Fort Wayne Journal Gazette.)

So far as I have been able to ascertain the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus are proceeding along identical lines in throwing open their buildings in army camps to soldiers of every faith and of no faith, not for proselyting purposes, but to amuse, instruct, hearten, and to do what is the greatest thing, deepen the religious faith of the men in khaki—deepen it, I mean, in the essentials of faith and not in the mere outward church manifestations. From whatever source, I hear of the work of the Knights of Columbus as being fine, patriotic, self-sacrificing and liberal. The work ought to be amply supported and upheld by the people of Indiana.

The above from Vice Prest Marshall is quoted as indicative of the attitude of everyone from Prest Wilson and Pershing down through America's leaders in the war toward the present K. of C. campaign for subscriptions to its war fund. Allen county is doing splendidly, but none too well considering the magnitude of the work that is being done in the camps and on the front by the two great organizations, the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus. Every American interested in bringing the boys back home when peace has come as clean and wholesome as when they went away will find a personal appeal in the work and will respond as generously as he can. And there is no more reason why a non-Catholic should not subscribe to this fund than why a Catholic should not subscribe to the Y. M. C. A. fund, or why a Jew should not subscribe to both. They are all American funds for the saving of American soldiers.

The German junkers say that America is a dollar nation. All right. The dollar makes a good missile when properly shot, and the over-subscriptions to the Liberty loans and other war-winning drives proves we have hundreds of billions of them to make into bullets.

"Newt" Baker now admits there are more than half a million American soldiers in France. That's a good figure upon which to base an estimated presence there of a million or more Sammies—and a million or two more are going over.

THE MELTING POT

"Come Take Pot Luck With Us"

WHEN SCIENCE NODS.

By James J. Montague.

The calory theory has now been found to be useless as a measure of food values—News Item.

For years, as a means of conserving our salaries (We hate to eat things that we cannot afford), We always have carefully counted the calories. In all of the food that we've hoisted aboard. "What care we for taste if the viands are nourishing? We'll cut out the steak and eat cabbage," said we. And soon our financial affairs will be flourishing Until we are able to buy out John D.

And so, ere the cook was allowed to prepare for us A sausage its contents was solemnly checked. We never let any one set out a fare for us Till we saw that the calory count was correct. And though we soon found we were faring but meagerly, For flavorless food didn't tempt us to eat. We clung to the calory regimen eagerly And always ate beans when we hungered for meat.

But now it appears that we vainly have dieted On worthless assortments of vegetable junk. And we will confess that we're rather disquieted To learn that the calory stuff is the bunk. We've given up hope of conserving our salaries, We eat all the breakfast our systems can hold. With never an effort to count up the calories. And the high cost of living goes on as of old.



POSITIVELY ALARMING.

Now we are threatened with a shortage of hemp, which means great tribulation for the Germans the first rainy day after the allied victory.

ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

They will soon be calling the Austrian dynasty the House of Mishapburg.

IT'S FALSE!

Look out for all strawberry shortcake which is heavily camouflaged with the beaten white of eggs.

EASY!

Our boys will black the Kaiser's lamps. If you will buy War Saving stamps!

How to Make Fit the Unfit

BY WOODS HUTCHINSON, M. D.

The fierce light of the red torch of war is a wonderful revealer of inmost truths. Not in half a century of peaceful life would we have got such a vivid and striking X-ray picture of the very framework and vitals of the nation as we have had thrown upon the screen for us during the past six months.

Like most such intimate revelations it proved disconcerting, not to say disquieting at first. To the general American public it came as something of a shock that of two and a half millions of our young men in the very flower of their youth examined for military service 29 per cent were rejected on account of physical defects! Nearly a third of our young manhood, in the healthiest and most vigorous decade of life unfit! Then what must the physique of the rest of us be like? All that we had ever heard of modern degeneracy and the decay of national vigor and health under city conditions, seemed to be confirmed.

But shocks of this sort are often wholesome and the reaction from this one after the first gasp was prompt and healthy. "What are we going to do about it?" was the first question that almost asked itself. How much of this unfitness is preventable? How much of it curable? How can we go about it to make the best of the present situation and to lessen the chances of its recurring again in future?

To these the answers were prompt and hopeful for the future. At least half, if not two-thirds of these shortcomings that caused rejection are due to preventable causes. Fully a third of them can be cured by the resources of medical science and another third patched up and improved so as to make them capable of useful national service in some other position than in the front line. So that two-thirds of the difficulties can be remedied if we attack the problem with vigor and intelligence.

Furthermore the percentage of unfitness is disquieting enough and not at all to our credit, we have the partial consolation of knowing that we have solid ground under our feet and a good foundation for future improvement from the fact that the percentage of rejected men in draft examinations is little or no higher than it was half a century or a century ago.

Indeed in our civil war for instance, the percentage of rejections was actually slightly higher, about 31 per cent, although this included also men of more advanced ages. A like comparison was found to hold in Europe between the percentage of drafted men rejected in the Napoleonic wars and in the present colossal struggle, after making allowance for the difference in standards of examination and the much closer attention paid to comparatively minor defects, such as eye-strain, defective teeth, ear-troubles, flat-foot, etc. Nearly a third of the rejections for instance in our own recent examinations were due to conditions of the eyes and teeth.

Moreover the standard expectation and rate laid down by military experts and used in calculating the probable fighting strength of a nation is that of the men of military age only 50 per cent will be found fit for actual service, though this covers a wider range of ages than our draft and includes men up to 40 or 45 years of age. And the rate of unfitness in times of peace runs higher still, in our own regular army for instance from 60 per cent to 70 per cent of the recruits are rejected and in the English standing army 50 per cent to 60 per cent.

So that it is hardly necessary to labor under the discouraging belief that we have to deal with a decay

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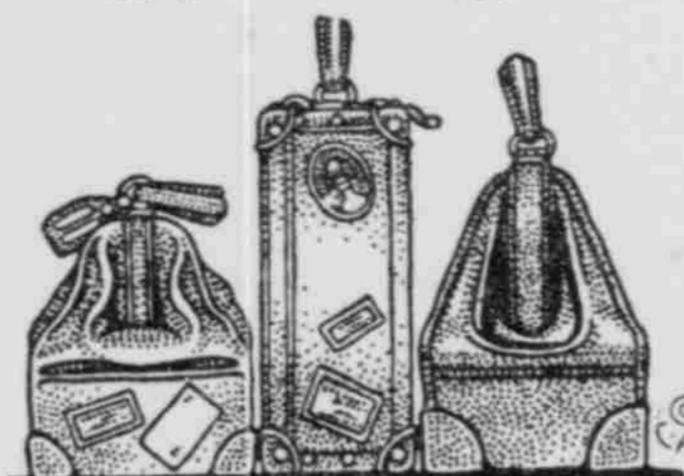


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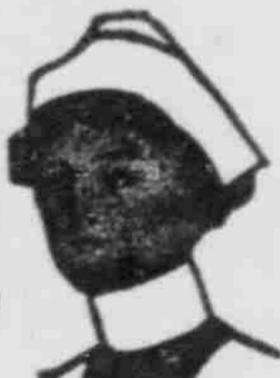
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