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THE HORROR AT HALIFAX

The catastrophe at Halifax appeals to humanity's soul—the death roll, the reeking wreckage of a splendid city. War's savagery has made us accustomed to grim totals in the killing of stalwart men. We have not become indifferent, yet we do not regard with horror, as in times of peace, the loss in life that results from the clash of armies on Europe's battlefields.

NEW YORK WOMEN

New York women are frank in telling what they intend to do with their votes. On that score the testimony of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is especially interesting—she is, perhaps, the highest ranking woman in this country's suffrage army.

HOBSON AND STRATEGY

Richmond Pearson Hobson, who is fighting his country's battles through syndicated articles and the lecture platform, sees defeat for the Germans in their Italian victory.

THE VOTE IN PRUSSIA

The Prussians have the promise of suffrage reform and of revision in the make-up of the kingdom's legislative body. The Kaiser's first promise was that these changes would be made after the war, but that didn't suit; he said, a few days ago, that the reform will be undertaken now.

In its present shape the Prussian franchise is a travesty. There is no secrecy or privacy about it—the vote is open. The voting power of each elector at the primary depends upon his property or the amount of taxes he pays.

large cities, university professors and the like. The Kaiser has promised a new deal; as has just been said, the franchise for the election of members of the lower legislative branch is a farce.

ARE WE EXPOSED?

In a good many instances the newspapers are disposed to regard with indifference the recent prediction of Rear Admiral Tennyson who says that a German air raid will probably be the experience of several of our Atlantic coast cities in the near future.

An adventure of the sort would, after all, be no great surprise—it is quite in keeping with several of Germany's war undertakings. One day a German U-boat bobbed up serenely in a United States port.

An airship raid of the sort would be sufficiently disturbing; many of us remember how Boston was frightened, during the war with Spain, when the report was spread that Cervera's fleet had sailed from the other side and was headed for Boston harbor.

UNIVERSAL TRAINING

Probably the session of congress will give attention to universal military training and commit the country to a definite policy. The subject was discussed quite to the weariness of congress and the newspapers and the public during the first Wilson term.

Unfortunately the president adopted a course that was radically wrong, after playing fast and loose with it while Garrison was in the cabinet. With the result that precious time was lost. It now is accepted belief that when Mr. Wilson was running for his second term on the proposition that he kept us out of war he and his official associates well knew that within a short time, as sure as fate, we would be belliceres.

At fearful cost we have already learned that unpreparedness does not keep a nation out of war. It did not work that way with Great Britain; it has not worked that way with us. If our policy goes at it earnestly, in a policy for universal training, the opposition probably will not be formidable.

Commander Hobson's views on military matters would carry more weight, perhaps, had he not indulged in comment on the strategy of the British commander in France some months ago. When the British won their victory in the battle of the Somme, compelling Hindenburg to execute his "strategic retreat," Hobson very frankly told the readers of the Sunday papers that the British had made another blunder.

ODD EVENTS IN TODAY'S NEWS

GETTING USED TO "RATE."

New York—Jean Signor, five, will have \$18,000 annually to spend on living expenses. The child's guardians obtained that allowance following the statement that the baby's father lived at the rate of \$50,000 a year.

HERE'S ONE WAY OUT.

Minneapolis—Whether or not a soldier's pay is sufficient to provide alimony was one of the issues in the divorce case of M. De Witt Taylor filed against Grace Taylor, heard by District Judge W. C. Leary. Judge Leary decided that it is not and ordered no temporary alimony be allowed Mrs. Taylor.

WILL BE "SHOWN."

St. Louis—Other than Missourians have to be "shown" if developed recently when United States Marshal Borgan and Postoffice Inspector Craig arrived here from Pittsburg with Allan C. Thomas of Richville, Ohio, in search of "buried treasure."

LUKE M'LUKE SAYS

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About the only time a woman doesn't mind having reflections cast upon her is when they come from her mirror.

A lot of people are puzzled over the enormous Dry vote polled in Ohio this year, but it is easily explained. Richmond Pearson Hobson failed to help the Wets by stumping the state for the Drys.

There's no saying that a man is too fresh to usually mean that he is spelling for a fight.

It must be wonderful to be a young woman of marriageable age and not know what your name will be a year hence.

It doesn't take many months of married life to transform the kiss of love into the kiss of investigation.

Another reason why we love a Corn Fed girl is because it is easier to live with 200 pounds of curves than with 100 pounds of nerves.

The world is always willing to admit that the man who admits he is wrong is all right.

An old-timer, who has been through the mill, has to laugh when he hears fellows in the middle twenties begin to tell hard luck stories.

A man uses a lot of judgment about buying cigars. And a woman uses a lot of judgment about buying hats. But neither can use that much judgment about selecting a husband for their daughter.

Any time a woman tells you that her husband keeps no secrets from her you know that her husband is a clever liar who is an artist at keeping them.

When a woman gives a party she is afraid that one of the guests might go home hungry. But when a man gives a party he is afraid that one of the guests might go home thirsty.

When a man's fixed income from an estate amounts to \$10,000 per year we forget to laugh at him when he tells us that he has an annuity of \$10,000 a year.

OUR DAILY SPECIAL.

About the Time You Think You Have the World at Your Feet Your Foot Slips.

Names is Names.

L. O. Coyne lives at Tacoma, Wash.

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS AT BUTTE THEATERS

PEOPLES

Hippodrome vaudeville: Today and tomorrow, new show, six acts.

ANSONIA

Vaudeville and moving pictures: Today, "Fair and Warmer."

AMERICAN

Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, "A Game of Wits."

ORPHEUM

Moving pictures: Coming Saturday, "The Spoilers."

RIALTO

Moving pictures: Today and tomorrow, Fanny Ward in "On the Level."

RED CROSS POEM.

Interminable folds of gauze For those whom we shall never see, Remember when your fingers pause That every drop of blood to stain This whiteness falls for you and me.

RIPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason.

LAMENTATION.

When man, too tired to travel, lies down and catches in, we plant him in the gravel, and raise a mournful din; we buy some crepe and wear it; our grief, we cannot bear it; the passing of such merit is certainly a sin.

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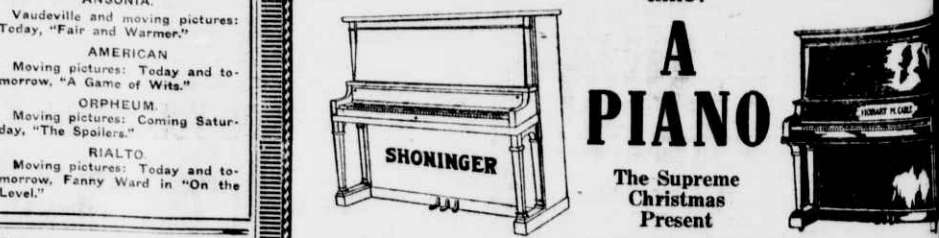
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