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devotion was to "feed the brute" and were regularly bombarded with chocolates, cookies, cake, and culinary blandishments. To the food was added voice offerings of cigars, guaranteed to inspire gratitude and smoke dreams of the fair donor!

Then the ungrateful creatures rose up and exploded the theory of countless ages! They drove the recipe back to its lair. They reduced the most accomplished cooks to helpless tears. They did all this by writing under the little red triangle the refutation of the charge of utter materialism. Food was not the main object of their affections! The girls back home were coldly informed: "The fudge you sent was delicious, but—" and "I liked those cookies fine, but—" and "Don't bother to send cats, we have plenty here, but—" The burden of that red triangle mail is—"Any gifts in the way of candy and cigars will be most humbly and thankfully received, you may be sure, but firstly, and foremostly—write to me!"

There! We knew it! The pen is mightier than the cook book! The way to a man's heart is not through the stomach—it is through the postoffice!

ONE MINUTE OF PRAYER.

TONIGHT at 7 o'clock the bell of the Williams Memorial M. E. church, South, on Fairmont avenue will for the second time summon the people of Fairmont to at least one minute of prayer for the success of the American armies and the safety of the men who are serving the nation in its hour of peril. And each evening at the same hour until the end of the war the same summons will ring out.

There will be no lack of response in a Godfearing community like this. Mothers and wives with loved ones in the army or navy, men who feel strongly about the need of a triumphant issue of the war to the end that militarism shall disappear, and even the boys and girls with patriotic instincts will find at least one minute to offer up a silent petition for American success, and for a world purified by the sacrifices this great peace loving republic has been making and will continue to make.

But there will be those who are troubled by the thought that throughout Germany also they are praying for success and to the same God? But what of the difference in the character of the prayers? In Germany they pray to have their enemies strafed and the brutalizing Prussian system of government given dominion over the whole earth. In this country we pray not for the subjugation of any people, not for the infliction of divine wrath upon any nation, but for the success of the political theories which insure the greatest possible freedom of conscience and individual independence within the state and for the reign of that peace to prepare the world for which Christ was sent into the world.

Lincoln disposed of this question of doubt about both sides invoking God's aid against the other when he said that in the case of the North and South the prayers of both could not be answered; the prayers of neither were answered fully, because the Almighty had His own purposes. It will be the same in this war. Those who pray in the proper spirit and for proper ends may feel sure that their prayers will have an influence upon shaping the purposes of the Almighty. Those who stand before God and ask Him to loose His mighty powers to further selfish and reactionary powers and to punish their enemies regardless of how these enemies may stand in the eyes of God approach dangerously close to blasphemy.

Pray for the safety of your loved ones. That is perfectly proper. But when you go further pray for the triumph of right.

Dispatches from the front say that prisoners taken recently admit that Germany cannot win the war, but are of the opinion that the Allies will never be able to enter Germany. General Pershing on the other hand says that Germany can be beaten, and he probably knows better than the people of Germany. At all events there never was a better time for Germany to simply throw herself upon the mercy of the Allies. If it is necessary to crush the German empire to put contrition and humbleness into the hearts of the German people, the Fatherland will have to pay the bill.

Accidents such as the one which wiped out six lives and caused a large amount of property damage at Dola on the Short line road Saturday night are not common, but they are by no means unknown, and it is a striking commentary upon the American propensity to carelessness that one should occur in an old oil and gas state.

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By writing we stand, by dividing we fall. Then join in hands, brave Americans all.

TEACHERS AND BUSINESS.

THIS week Fairmont will be host to the school teachers of the county who will come here to attend the annual institute, and make the usual preparations for opening the school year. The West Virginian hopes that the visitors will have a pleasant and professionally beneficial visit in the city.

Always one of the most important factors in the American scheme of life, the school teacher this year is an object of greater solicitude upon the part of that part of the public which has children in the schools than has been the case within the memory of the present generation. Last winter it was with great difficulty that it was possible to keep the schools all open and this winter it is going to be even more difficult. It is not too much to say that it will be impossible unless a convincing appeal is made to the patriotism and the professional pride of the young people who have been educated for teaching.

Teaching is never one of the well paid professions, but it provides many men and women with a life work of which is most congenial and which enables them to be of some real value in the world and to have a hand in the shaping of the course which the generations which come after will follow. In short, it is a soul satisfying calling, even if it does not provide much purple, fine linen and the things that people who have more money than good sense buy.

At a time like the present the teaching profession cannot begin to compete with business in the race for employes. Business for the time being can pay better—much better—and it will offer certain other attractions that teaching does not offer, but the young man and young woman who really has the educator mind will do well to hesitate a long time before forsaking the school room for the counting room and business generally. We are of the opinion that many of those who resigned teaching positions last year to take larger salaries in business have regretted the change many times and the same thing will be true of those who are yet to yield to the temptation to go after the larger rewards held out by business.

Moreover business has its ups and downs. The present salaries will not last forever. If it takes ten years for the pendulum to swing back after the war ends most of the men and women now at their intellectual best will be on the down tarrack. They will be all right, assured of their income and positions and able to give full value for their pay if they remain in their profession. But business would have no further use for them. Business wants young blood, and while it may not always be so brutal as to kick out the old employe it cuts their pay.

TO A SOLDIER'S HEART.

ONCE upon a time a successful but cynical house-keeper informed her marriageable daughters—"The way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

And ever since that day eligible young men have been plied with fudge, invited to dinners "I cooked all by myself," treated to home made pies and cake, and generally attacked in the seat of digestion—confounded by tradition with the seat of affection!

Therefore, when all the eligible young men marched away to be soldiers they were pursued to camp and ship by the feminine obsession that the only true expression of

RUFF STUFF

Test prisoners say the allies must be kept out of Germany.

And if the armies cannot do it there must be immediate peace.

Gosh, how funny looking a Superman is when his yellow streak shows on the outside.

City police department turned a wife better case in the city over to the county Sunday without making an effort to make an arrest. It wasn't in their line of duty.

And the only way the state highway department can get the automobile laws enforced in this burg is to send a man here from Charleston.

Evidently the only thing that really counts under the jurisdiction of the local cops is drawing their pay.

There would be a whole lot less looting in this town if that nest of counterfeit taxis at the Watson hotel corner was cleaned out.

Boston Americans say they want play if the proposed schedule for the

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

J. M. Orr, presided at the banquet given the executive committee of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association at Clarksburg recently and called on "Uncle Dan" Howard, Lloyd Bailey and others for after dinner speeches. After the affair was over Orr was anxious to know "ow the gang looked upon his maiden effort as a toast-master. He asked Lloyd Bailey if he had made any "bull." Lloyd replied: "You made the biggest bull possible when you called on me for a speech."

Rev. Merton S. Rice, of Detroit, speaking at the Winona Bible conference, said: "A lot of men would like to take the C out of Y. M. C. A., but it is the business of the churches to keep the C in it."

Rev. Rice is opposed to denominational religious work in the army and says: "I believe all Protestant work in the contentions ought to be committed entirely to the Y. M. C. A. and all Roman Catholic work to the Knights of Columbus."

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The minister did not evade the boring question either, saying:

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