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#### COURTHOUSE AND DOUGLAS.

"Significant signatures have already been secured to the petitions asking for a vote on the proposition to remove the county seat from Tombstone to Douglas, according to an announcement made this morning by Secretary Goll, of the chamber of commerce."

My isn't that nice? Just think, 3400 voters have signified willingness to vote on the "proposition to remove the county seat from Tombstone to Douglas."

Some early birds catch their worms, alright, but we are afraid that in this instance Douglas is before the dawn and will frighten the worm away.

The Smelter City is some, little town. It is flat, smoky and windy and offers other attractions to county seats and county officers. Why, Douglas and its chamber of commerce admit that Douglas is the only fit place in Cochise county for the court house. Douglas is very sure of itself. According to Douglas, apparently, there is nothing to be done in the entire affair except count the votes and bring the court archives over the hills from old Tombstone.

Oscar K. Goll typifies the Douglas spirit. That is, he would typify it if he should spell his last name Goll instead of with an o. The Douglas chamber of commerce is very certain of enough signatures to call the election but invites more Douglas citizens to sign the petition. This, it would seem, is rather a wise precaution, because when the supervisors get through comparing the great register with the petitions there may be a discrepancy.

Now we don't mind Douglas thinking that there is but one step to be taken. We don't mind allowing Douglas to think that the people of the Warren District are asleep. We don't suppose that Tombstone objects to obvious oversight and suppositions on the matter of county seat removal. When people or communities get over confident there is often a chance for a dark horse. Who knows the dark horse in this race? It certainly is not Douglas.

Rave on, Dear Douglas! It's good sport, this raving about the devil around the county seat removal bush. Tombstone is likely to resent your ante-bellum declarations but we enjoy them. We wish you lots of success in every kind of a community effort but when it comes to removing county seats it is proper to consider that a few people outside of the city limits of Douglas may have something to say about the matter.

#### THE PRESIDENT LEADS.

It appears that President Wilson is about to assume the energetic and intelligent leadership the nation needs. His appeal for the co-operation of various elements in the practical questions without timidity. If he is brave enough to lead, the people must not be reluctant to follow.

Mr. Wilson asks for universal service. That is the foundation and the protecting wall of a republic. It is not its major aspect military service. When a nation such as the United States goes to war, 90 per cent or more of the service its citizens can give it is civilian in character rather than military.

There are ten men behind the man with the bayonet. The man with the bayonet is selected for his exceptional and particular fitness to be with it. He has the post of honor and the larger consciousness of obligation assumed and service rendered. But in a properly organized nation there is a serious consciousness of service given with self-sacrifice and without any sustaining exaltation or emotional decoration. The men who do the chores are taking over responsibility for the success of the men who do the fighting.

President Wilson indicates a will to organize this nation properly. If congress were wise enough to be guided by his recommendations we believe that the tonic of a great enterprise wisely and courageously undertaken would be felt by the nation and that it would be safe in morale and mechanics for many years.

The president is leading, but congress may block the road. If congress will follow instead of obstructing, the waste and inefficiency of permitting the volunteer system to disorganize the nation in food production, transportation, manufacture, and fighting will be eliminated.

The president wants to use the draft. He is wise and courageous. Congress may prove itself stupid and cowardly.—Chicago Tribune.

#### "EL HERALDO DEL NORTE."

The "Yankee Pig" appears to be a favorite topic for editorial comment on the part of the editor of El Herald del Norte, allegedly a Constitutionalist organ published in Chihuahua, Mexico. A second time has this leader of a Mexican wilderness of thought pounded upon the United States as a subject. Each time he has held the "Yankee" up to scorn, laughed at his desire to work at his wish to earn and, lastly, at his determination to fight.

Uncle Sam's decision to fight may be a matter to laugh at on the part of El Herald del Norte, but from the point of view of the Yankee it is a fearsome thing. Not desiring to influence the gifted editor of El Herald, we might remark that a lot of sensible people have come to the Yankee's view of the entire affair.

Similar talk was heard prior to the Spanish-American war by periodicals in Spain and in parts of Latin America. The following war by the United States taught the doubters several lessons. Cuba, as a result, is today in close alliance with the United States and is berated by El Herald for its stand.

El Herald may be a very worthy newspaper, of sorts. It may have a very gifted editor and staff. It may be the leading Constitutionalist organ in Northern Mexico and may voice the sentiment of the First Chief and his regime in Mexico. But if it does, the First Chief, or some one who knows and likes the old man pretty well would center a favor on Mexico by deleting some of the matter which is allowed to appear in the columns of El Herald.

Uncle Sam is a trusting old man. He will stand a lot of insults. But when he is aroused to action—look out. When nations sharpen their knives something usually happens to receive at least a trial of the edge.

#### MAKING MEN FIT

The unfitness for military service of the young men of the country has been a source of much pessimistic comment and severe criticism. In many localities the per cent of men disqualified for enrollment in army or navy after physical examination is greater than that of those accepted.

In part this is due to the fact that some of the requirements are more rigid than necessary. Much of it, of course, is due to serious physical defects. There seems to be still another cause for the disqualifications. That is the prevalence of minor defects that could easily be remedied.

Cleveland hospitals have offered their services free for the restoration of eligibility in such cases. A story is told of a man who was anxious to enlist in the National Guard in an eastern city. He was an inch under height. He insisted that the extra inch was his, that it was there somewhere, but had been lost because he had been employed for months carrying heavy loads on his shoulders. He was given the benefit of the doubt. After stiff exercises under direction for a couple of hours, accompanied by judicious pummeling, the inch was restored to the man's height. And he was enrolled in the National Guard.

While not every would-be soldier has lost inches that could be restored so simply, there are numerous physical defects that could be corrected. And that is what the Cleveland hospitals intend to do. It's a mighty sensible and patriotic service. A lot of physical defects that have been neglected simply through carelessness or ignorance will be remedied. It will mean more recruits for the army and navy. But it will also mean a general improvement in the physical condition of a number of American citizens.

#### PUTTING SUFFRAGE UP TO WOMEN.

There is a new kind of suffrage measure before the Wisconsin legislature. It is a bill providing for a woman's referendum on the suffrage question. It proposes to make the women of the state, themselves, stand up and be counted, dividing the suffrage sheep from the anti-suffrage goats, before proceeding to do anything about giving them the vote.

Suffragist leaders will probably condemn this proposition as a hostile move, intended as an obstacle to their success in Wisconsin. But it is easily defended as a practical and sensible measure. Present day society is pretty well agreed that women should have the ballot whenever they are ready for it, and that it is of little use to give it to them before they are ready. But what is the test of "readiness?"

If there is any dependable criticism, it must be the women's own attitude. They are ready for suffrage whenever they have evolved politically far enough to want it and demand it. Until they have attained that stage, suffrage laws are futile. When they have once attained it, and can demonstrate the fact, no democratic community can challenge their right to full citizenship.

Let Wisconsin go ahead. If a majority of its women vote for suffrage, let them all have it. If not, let them wait until the suffragists can win a majority of their own sex. Then let the main voters proceed automatically to make their verdict effective. It is any better way? It will be an interesting experiment, at least.

In Boston 100 marriage licenses were issued Monday, a new high record. About 60 per cent of men applicants were of conscription age. 482 licenses were obtained at New York and 1150 in Chicago were issued, also new records.

German investments in American securities are placed at fully \$1,000,000,000. There is also a large sum of money held by banks here for Germans. Further sums are invested in business, such as insurance, and German interests have purchased large amounts of copper and other goods here, for delivery after the war. American investments within borders of Teutonic nations are significant.

## KING AND QUEEN HAIL AMERICA'S ENTRANCE IN GREAT WAR

**Put On Royal Robes, And All British Dignitaries Dress All Up To Do Homage To America.**

LONDON, April 20.—The entry of the United States into the world war on the side of the entente allies was celebrated in St. Paul's cathedral today.

King George and Queen Mary and numerous members of the royal house and the mayors of the twenty-six boroughs of London, dressed in their official robes of scarlet, peers, cabinet ministers, the ambassadors and ministers of the entente countries with their staffs, high army and navy officials and many Americans, including Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador and his staff, were present in the vast edifice.

The service was an impressive one. King George intoned the deepest interest in it. The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. C. P. Brent, Episcopal Bishop of the Philippine Islands. The Archbishop of Canterbury delivered the benediction.

The entire congregation arose near the end of the service when the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and there was audible throughout the cathedral the sound of subdued voices singing the anthem. Even King George's lips moved as he followed the lines and at the end of the stanza the words "home of the brave" brought a smile to the monarch's face and he turned and nodded to the queen.

"God Save the King" was a great vocal chorus in which everyone participated except King George. A large American flag and the Union Jack were the only decorations in the cathedral.

London and many other cities and towns throughout the United Kingdom were bedecked today with American flags in honor of the occasion. Even on the Victory Tower of Westminster Palace, the Stars and Stripes were hung to the breeze beside the British flag. Never before has any flag except the Union Jack or the Royal Standard been flown from the tower.

After the services in St. Paul's, King George greeted Ambassador Page and Rear Admiral Sims, U. S. N., who is on a mission to England. King George later held a few moments conversation with the admiral to whom he expressed pleasure that the American and British navies were working together in a common cause.

## 3000 GERMAN SPIES WATCHED IN U. S.

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department of justice officials. Such communications, it is explained, will be treated as confidential.

Investigation of the recent explosion at the Eddystone Munitions Plant near Philadelphia which resulted in the death of more than 100 persons, and of the recent fire at Minneapolis which resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands of bushels of grain, is proceeding but has not reached a stage, it is said, where announcement as to the findings can be made.

Thus far, it was said, the strict surveillance maintained over persons known to be of pro-German sympathy has revealed a tendency to observe the law more generally than the department had anticipated.

## VILLA DENIES BEING IN BABICORA FIGHT

**Bandit Leader Also Repudiates Reports of German Affiliations.**

EL PASO, April 20.—Francisco Villa was not present at the battle of Babicora ranch Monday afternoon, according to Villa partisans here who claim to have received a communication from Villa while he was encamped on the Conchos river fifty miles south of Chihuahua City. They say Salazar, Martin Lopez and other Villa leaders were in command of the force sent north by Villa to oppose General Murguía's advance from Casas Grandes.

The communication was brought to the border today by a Villa courier who left here for the interior of the United States to deliver important papers to Miguel Diaz Lombardo, whose present whereabouts was not known to the courier. Villa instructed Lombardo, the courier said, to deny that Germans were in his camp.

## ILL GET THOSE FELLOWS

By BRINKERHOFF.



## WAR SUMMARY

Steady progress is being made by the French troops in recovering the regions of Soissons and Rheims. In a new offensive they also have entered the German second line in the Argonne forest. German counter attacks on the Vauclerc plateau, south of Laon, have been repulsed.

Since the beginning of the French offensive last Monday, more than 19,000 Germans have been taken prisoner. Guns captured exceed one hundred, not including machine guns.

Northeast of Soissons the French on Monday occupied the village of Seney, a mile east of Nanteuil-la-Forêt and continue their advance toward the Chemin des Dames, a road paralleling the Aisne, four miles north of the river. On the Vauclerc plateau near Ailles and Hurtebis, the Germans are reported by Paris to have launched an attack "with large effectiveness." The effort was frustrated by artillery and machine gun fire. The artillery fighting in this region is reported to be continuing very actively.

West of Rheims, near Moronvilliers the French have taken several important points of support. In the Argonne forest, French detachments penetrated the German positions as far as the second lines. A great number of German dead were found.

The abandonment of the bank of the Aisne between Conde and Soupir is admitted by Berlin, which declares that the action completed the occupation of Siegfried positions. Berlin says that the French "follow hesitatingly."

Seney, captured by the French on Friday, is three miles north of Conde. Berlin says a second French attempt to break through in the Champagne was frustrated and the latest statement adds that new encirclements have developed between Soupir and Aidenett, which district includes the region of Moronvilliers.

There has been little activity on the northern front in France, and London reports no further progress for the British. From the eastern front there are no reports of fighting.

Both in Palestine and in Mesopotamia north of Bagdad, British forces have added to their recent successes. North of Wadi Ghuzze (Gaza) in Palestine, the British in an advance have occupied Turkish positions along a front of six miles.

General Maude continues successfully his advance on Samarra, forty miles north of Bagdad and his troops have forced a passage of the river Shatt-el-Adhieh, 12 miles southeast of Samarra. More than 1200 prisoners were taken in this operation by the British.

or had any influence with his army.

Government agents here announced late today they had information that governor Arnolfo Gonzalez, of the state of Chihuahua had resigned after having refused to take orders from General Carranza and had gone to Queretaro to confer with General Obregon, to whom he owed his appointment, according to this report. These federal agents insist that Villa's forces were successful in the fighting in western Chihuahua recently.

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