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THE WAR CRIMINALS.

One of the motives given by the allies for their seizure of German cities on the Rhine is the failure of the German government to turn over its war criminals for punishment, according to the provisions of the Versailles treaty. This is a matter in which Americans are keenly interested, because it involves one of the biggest moral issues of the war. The collection of reparation money probably concerns our people less, though it has a bearing on the repayment of the big debt due the United States from the allies, and Americans naturally would like to see France and Belgium get enough money from Germany to repair their wasted lands and cities. The moral accountability of the army and navy officers responsible for the worst horrors of the war is something that concerns all humanity.

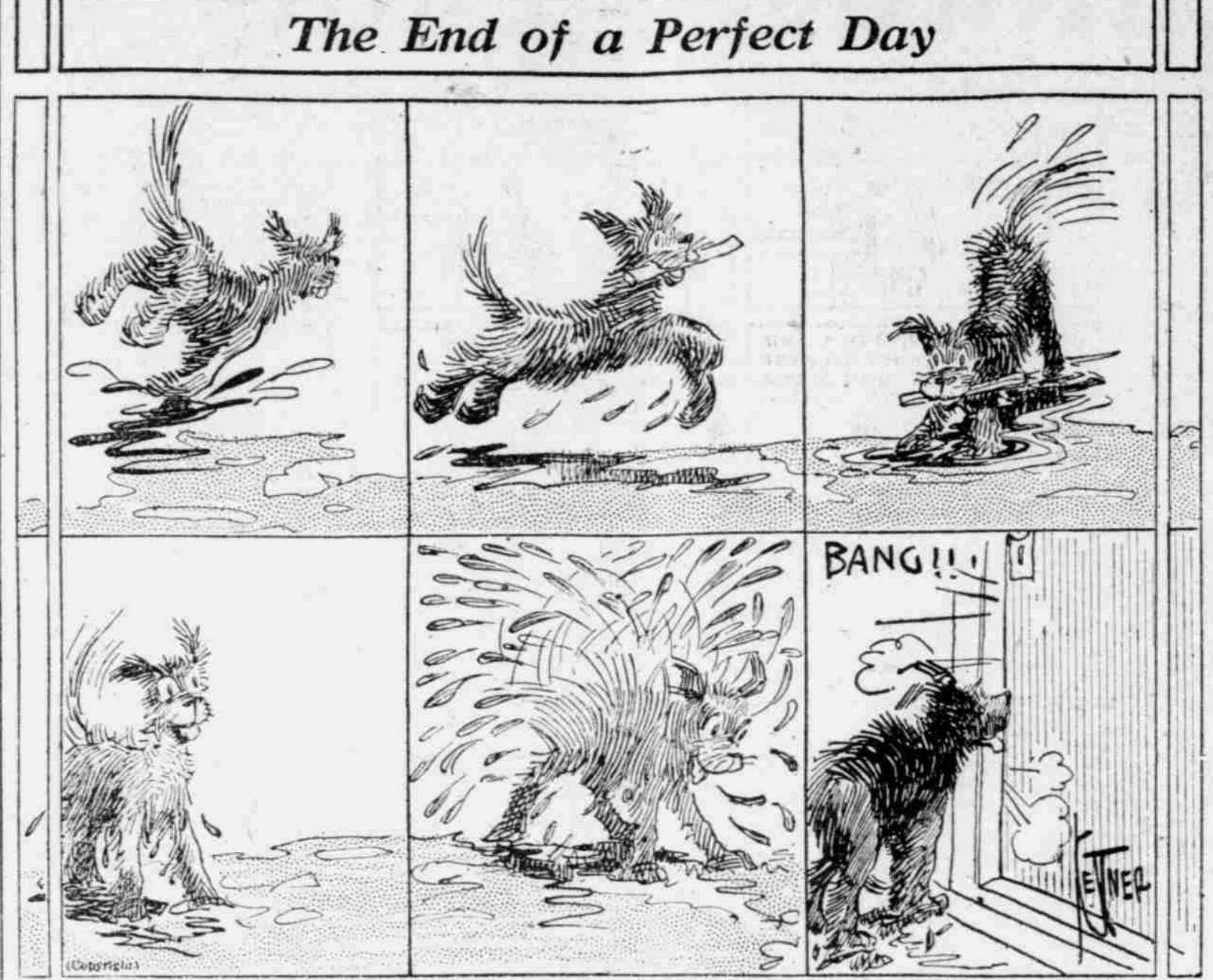
In recent months this matter has been apparently ignored by the allied powers. Having demanded the surrender of a long list of German offenders, they hesitated and compromised. The German government promised to punish its own war criminals, and the allies dropped the subject with a sigh of relief, while the world looked on dubiously. The world's Missouri attitude was justified. After a year or so of investigation, it was announced a short time ago that indictments had been brought against three or four accused men out of several dozen, and they were to be tried in German courts. What will happen to them remains to be seen. It is not expected that they will suffer much. The great mass of offenders are evidently going unscathed, as far as German authority is concerned. It is therefore up to the allies to punish them, if they can.

It is doubtful, though, whether even now the allies will insist on this point to the bitter end. Very likely they could obtain the surrender of a good many of the accused Germans, as the price of relinquishing their grasp on German cities and industrial districts. But the allies are much more interested in getting hard cash than in punishing malefactors. It is not likely, therefore, that any of that brutal band, from Wilhelm down to the lowest non-commissioned officer responsible for the shooting of non-combatants, will ever suffer anything worse than the torment of a Prussian conscience.

MARKETING LEMONS.

Eastern markets, it is said, have been overstocked with lemons lately, mostly brought in from Italy and Sicily. As a result, California lemon growers around Los Angeles have found their fine crops unmarketable and have been dumping them by carloads outside the city. One such dump, about 30 miles from Los Angeles, bore a sign urging passers-by to help themselves. Officials of the California Fruit Growers' association have heard further that some citrus growers have uprooted large orchards. In one case an orchard owner dug out 60 acres of full-bearing lemon trees. The Italian product has been sold in New York for \$2 a box. This is less than the California cost of production. High freight rates across the continent considerably augment the original cost of raising the fruit.

Not all American lemon growers are giving up in despair or indulging in the wasteful method of dumping their fruit beside the public highways. Some of them are dodging high rail freights by shipping their product by water, through the Panama Canal, at a much lower rate. This requires very little more



VERMONT NEWS.

Ten children in the family of Amos Blood of Orwell are ill in bed with measles.

The Peoples National Bank of Barre will open its new banking home at the corner of North Main and Elm streets today.

A telephone conference of the score of lines connecting with the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. in Vermont was held in Barre yesterday, there being an attendance of approximately 40 telephone people.

A community theater for Rutland has been suggested to the Rutland Woman's club by C. A. Simpson, special representative of the Community Service at Northampton, Mass. He urged it as a need for relaxation.

Frank W. Stevens, formerly of Rutland, died yesterday at his home in Burlington, from a complication of diseases. He was well-known, not only in Rutland, but throughout New England, having for 40 years represented the B. T. Habbitt Soap company as traveling salesman.

The seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rushlow of Enosburg Falls, have been taken from them, four of them being arraigned as delinquents and three as dependents. The mother is a deaf mute and the father not regarded as a day minimum. The union has filed suit to bring up the children in a proper manner.

Claimants against the closed Barre Savings Bank & Trust company are very slow in presenting their claims to the receiver of the bank, as up to the present time only 2,492 claims out of a total of approximately 7,000 have been presented. The law has set the limit of time for presentation of claims as July 1, 1921.

The Woodbury Granite company has suggested to the local G. C. I. A. at Bethel, a cut in wages from the present \$1 a day to \$0.75. The union has filed its protest and negotiations will be carried on between the committee and the company without any probable interference from the state. A large force of men now is at work in the sheds on the \$2, 250,000 Western Union contract.

Although she is only eight years old and small for her age, Lucy, adopted daughter of Mrs. Lucy Meilleur of Rutland, was adjudged an incorrigible child by Judge Leonard F. Wing in juvenile court yesterday and was sent to the Vermont Industrial school for the remainder of her minority. Mrs. Meilleur, who took the child from an orphanage and adopted her, represented to the court that she had no control over the little girl whatever.

J. C. Jones, of the Jones, Burke Salisbury company of Randolph, has been in conference with the officers of the board of trade at Montpelier relative to a landing field for airplanes. The above company recently organized to operate an airplane business. The officers of the board of trade will await a practical demonstration as to a field that could be made suitable for landing purposes before taking any action, after which, very likely, they will encourage the movement.

The meeting of the Burlington chamber of commerce last evening was addressed briefly by Admiral T. Mayo, re-sident of the city. Mayo, however, cut short his remarks and the meeting was adjourned owing to the sudden death of Benjamin T. Bartlett, one of the original members of the organization. In the early evening Mr. Bartlett was at the theater and was taken suddenly ill. He was removed from the building and died almost immediately after being taken out. Mr. Bartlett was the secretary and treasurer of the Allen-Bartlett Shoe company of Burlington.

The Direct Primary.
(Rutland News.)
Senator Vilas of Chittenden county, The Rutland News believes, is absolutely right in his defense of the direct primary. It may not be, however, that at present we get any better results than under the old convention system.

It is a self-evident fact, though, if government by the people is to endure it must come solely through the ability of the people to govern themselves properly. In Vermont the convention system gave us corruption. Officers were virtually on the auction block. Usually, however, we obtained men of more ability than at present we get through the direct primary. Yet the working out of the system was a travesty on justice and frequently a disgrace to the state.

The overshadowing virtue of the primary is that the issues are far more fully and publicly agitated, thus giving the public an opportunity to reflect on matters of public concern which would not otherwise be available. It is education; a consideration of paramount importance.

CLIPPINGS

With Now a Comment and Then Only a Caption

Mrs. Lizzie Ford, one of our best known gadabouts, Sunday in Atlanta recently.—Columbia Record.

Well, What of It?
The president spent some time yesterday in the cellar of the White House.—News item.

Mr. Boulton Sees the Silver Lining.
Leonard Boulton, who spent several days in the Valley, left the fore part of the week for his 350-acre farm over in Saline county. He made the trip with a horse and buggy, and the going was mighty slow, but he had the consolation that he was going all the time and didn't have to stall around and freeze because one of Dobbin's cylinders was missing fire.—Jewel Republican.

The girls of today don't have to worry about the big family Bible on the parlor center table, with all the family birth dates in it.

In Fact, They Were "Way Off."
Bill Pratt writes that eggs are off 2 cents but that the last he bought were worse off than that.—Whitewater (Wis.) Register.

Isn't She a Regular Cut-Up?
A festive touch may be imparted to rice croquettes by hiding a big raisin in the heart of each.—Domestic writer.

Armistice Declared.
Pettis Heddling and his bride say they have decided to board until they can agree on a dayport.—Arkansas-Thompson.

"Thousands," says the Gem Studio of Cuba City (Wis.) in its advertisement in the News-Herald, "are aching each year without a good photo of themselves."

Ezra says it's better to pass on without one than to die of heart failure over the proofs.

Aren't These Secret Societies Just Horrid?

The Orientals had a big time Thursday evening when sixteen unskilled men were initiated into the realities of the order. It is said that one man's wife kept a pillow in his chair for many days and that another newly initiated spent so much time in the bathroom that his wife became alarmed and called him. When he came out he was limping and a strong odor of Watkins liniment instead of lemon extract filled the room.—Lamberton Star.

There are still a few women who say: "I will ask my husband," but they are rapidly thinning out.

Preparedness.

Luther Clark went to work and built an addition to his house soon as he was married.—Crossett (Ark.) Democrat.

Headline: Hard-Hearted Mother Abandons Infant.

DOLL and carriage found Friday night on Concord st. Owner may have same by proving same and paying bill. 239 Concord st.—Adv. in Manchester Union.

A Partial Outfit.

FOR SALE—2 HOUSE LOTS IN Rival Side. Also baby carriage. Tel. 1255-J.—Beverly Times.

Which Do You Favor, Ezra?

Sometimes it's hard to tell which is worse, a secret vice, like home brewing, or an open vice, like saxophoning.—Kansas City Star.

Blue Monday in Concord.

I think all parties should be held in the winter, and then nobody would have to go to them.

I have noticed that the telephone always works when there is somebody on the wire to whom I do not want to talk. I am very fond of cold weather, but I would rather have it in the summer, when it is needed, than in the winter when it is not.

I am not naturally vindictive, but it is hard for me to be decent to a neighbor who washes and wipes the dishes for his wife.

I don't care whether I ever see a woman's ear again, so they need not uncover them on my account.

I see the cost of living has come down one per cent since last July, but if I hadn't read it in the papers, I would never have known it.

Combining Elegance and Simplicity.

The bride was lovely in a chic grey hat, rose adorned, grey gloves and an exquisite corsage bouquet of pink roses and valley lilies completing the costume.—Youngstown (O.) Vindicator.

The Short-sightedness of Henry.

Hen Sweeney put off filling his ice house because it was too blained cold when there was plenty of ice. Now he'll have to wait till next winter.—Sharp's Corner item.

You've Said Something, Ross.

Ross Cox saved wood for a Rhodes Monday and Tuesday. Ross says he has got money enough to do him a lifetime—if he should die in a day or two.—Larue notes in Rogers (Ark.) Democrat.

Would You Think This to Be a Compliment, Ezra?

George Crowder is arranging to move to Hoxie soon. George is a mighty good man to lose.—Imboden, Ark., Journal.

Just Saw and "Chaw."

Rollis Roddy is having his wood pile sawed by Mr. Chattin, satisfaction guaranteed—No smoking allowed.—Riverside item.

Where Was Jeff?

Alfred Allen, wife and three children, Matt, Boss and Jiggs, spent last Sunday at E. R. Kirby's—Mill Creek item.

A Waste of Time.

(Burlington Free Press.)
We dislike to interfere with any picnic or carnival spirit our good friends of either branch of the Vermont legislature may be enjoying, but we dislike to see them waste their time doing something that will be utterly futile. So authoritative a body as the supreme court of the United States has decided that congress has supreme and exclusive power under the federal prohibition amendment to say what per cent of alcohol in beverages shall be regarded as intoxicating, and what is not. If congress fixes a limit of one-half of one per cent of alcohol that may be legally used in beverages, will a Vermont law fixing any higher per cent be valid or not?

Today's Events

Centenary of the birth of Sir Richard F. Burton, famous English explorer.

Columbus, Ind., today begins a celebration of the centennial of its founding.

Ireland today will commemorate the first anniversary of the slaying of the Lord Mayor of Cork.

Gen. George P. Harrison, former congressman and commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, is 80 years old today.

M. Viviani, former French premier, sails today to confer with officials at Washington on the question of the French indebtedness.

Maj. Gen. Hunter Liggett, who commanded the First American Army corps in France, is to be given a reception and banquet in San Francisco tonight, on the eve of his retirement from active service.

Six leading women's colleges—Vassar, Barnard, Wellesley, Smith, Bryn Mawr and Radcliffe—are to engage in a debate today on the subject of the restriction of European immigration to the United States.

In the Day's News.
Rene Viviani, who is sailing for the United States today on a special mission of the French government to discuss outstanding questions with the officials at Washington, is a celebrated French statesman and former premier. He was born in Algiers and educated in Paris. He is regarded as one of the foremost lawyers of France. He was secretary of the Paris bar when he was elected to the chamber of deputies 30 years ago. In politics he is a Socialist. Although a friend and champion of the working classes, he has managed to retain the friendship of the upper classes. He has no serious opposition to good kings. In fact, he rather likes them, provided they do not interfere too much with governmental affairs. This will be M. Viviani's second visit to Washington. His first was in 1917, when he came to discuss the cooperation of the United States in the war.

Today's Anniversaries.

1808—Gustavus Adolphus IV., the deposed king of Sweden, signed a formal deed of abdication.
1817—Seth Green, the father of artificial fish culture in the United States, born at Rochester, N. Y. Died there Aug. 29, 1883.
1868—Irish Reformer, H. introduced in the British house of commons.
1871—The commune liberated about 11,000 political prisoners in Paris.
1883—Great mass meeting held in Cooper union, New York city, to honor the memory of Karl Marx.
1891—Charles N. Felton elected United States senator from California.
1896—Prince of Monaco extended the charter of the Monte Carlo casino for 50 years at \$400,000 a year.
1907—Thomas Bailey Aldrich, famous author, died in Boston. Born at Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 11, 1836.

One Year Ago Today.

U. S. senate for the second time rejected the treaty of Versailles.

Murder of lord mayor of Cork precipitated a reign of terror in Ireland.

Today's Birthdays.

Frank S. Monnett, former attorney-general of Ohio, born at Kenton, O., 64 years ago today.
Alice French (Octave Thanet), well-known author, born at Andover, Mass., 71 years ago today.
Sir Lomer Gouin, for many years premier of Quebec, born at Grondines, Que., 60 years ago today.
Duke of Westminster, who is reputed to be the richest man in the United kingdom, born 42 years ago today.
William J. Bryan, former secretary of state and three times the Democratic nominee for president, born at Salem, Ill., 61 years ago today.

Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.

The Park Ave. News.

Weather. Continued from last week. Financial News. Puds Simkins went to Smith's meat store on Westway and Mr. Smith gave him 4 cents too much change, and Puds was still standing there wondering whether it was by mistake or whether he was to give it back out of honesty, when Mr. Smith found out what he had done and took back the 4 cents without waiting for Puds to decide.

Skool Notes. Percy Weaver got kemp a hour after skool last Wednesday on account of Sid Hunt soaking him on the top of the head with his joggery. Miss Kitty lost a hearing aid in the school and came from without asking any questions.

Pome by Skinny Martin.

The End of a Perfect Candle.
I lit a candle one Thursday eve
It was beautiful, long and thick.
But 2 hours later it could only perceive
A little black hunk of a wick.

Beware of Crime Waves! Get your front door insured! We will try the door knob every 2 hours to see if it's locked, and if it is not we will ring your bell and ask you if you know it. Rates, one cent a day, 4 cents a week, 9 cents a month, 16 cents a year. The Ed Wernick and Lew Davis Fruit Door Insurers Co. (Advertisement.)

Intriguing Fables About Intriguing People. Sam Cross has an ambition to be a hand model, and he has your bell and asks you if you know it. Rates, one cent a day, 4 cents a week, 9 cents a month, 16 cents a year. The Ed Wernick and Lew Davis Fruit Door Insurers Co. (Advertisement.)

Glass in the Streets.

(St. Albans Messenger.)
A good example of the callous indifference some people have of the rights of others is action of an employee of the local electric light company who, while changing a bulb in one of the lighting standards on Messenger street, dropped the globe to the ground breaking it. As he went away his attention was called to the danger to automobiles, but he seemed to be unconcerned and the broken glass is in the road to this day.

Now that the snow has gone from the streets a large amount of slush, comparatively, is to be found in the streets. This is a condition that ought not to exist. Some business houses, those which give a thought to the welfare of the customers, clean up such things, but others fail to do so, thinking, perhaps, that it is the duty of the city government. The city government might well give some attention to this matter if it is getting time for spring house cleaning, and what is taken care of now won't be in the way to bother us later on, even if we have another snow storm or two. The citizens of this city are paying taxes enough to expect that the streets will not be filled with tire destroying obstacles.

And He Did!

WHEN I GROW UP I'LL SHOW YOU THE "PEP," I'LL SWEEP EVERYTHING BEFORE ME!



AND HE DID!

