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SIGNS OF TEAMWORK IN THE WAR.

Up to the present time the thing that most impresses the distant observer of the European war is the general lack of "teamwork." The fighting has been done in one section at a time on one front or the other. No doubt the military leaders and strategists have had their reasons for this fragmentary practice and the most probably reason is the enormous consumption of ammunition in any sector where the fighting is intense and driving tactics are undertaken.

In most of the fighting the central powers have taken the aggressive. They have concentrated men and ammunition for some time before the point of intended attack and then suddenly launched their offensive along a sector of four or five miles in length with the main attack concentrated in a space of a few hundred yards. This would seem to offer temptation to their opponents at some other point or several others where the defensive line is supposed to have been weakened by the withdrawal of troops.

After the tide of war swept back from the Marne to the Meuse there was a long pause along the western front. Meanwhile the Russians hammered their way to the Carpathians only to be forced back, and then the prolonged struggle went on about Warsaw. Then came a pause on the eastern front and an attack was made around Ypres intended to drive through to Calais. All through the war thus far the fighting has been spasmodic and intermittent. This lack of team work permitted the drive through Serbia by a concentration of the central powers' forces. Russia had been fought to a standstill and was supposed to have been eliminated from the war on the assumption that it would be many months before she could resume the offensive.

But at present there are indications of team work. The drive toward Verdun is associated with a decided activity on the Russian front. British troops have just made a concentrated attack on their opponents before Arras. Meanwhile there is a long wait in southern Turkey and along the Greek frontier. Statements are given out from the head-

quarters of the French army that they believe they see the end of the war in prospect, but possibly they are looking far ahead of the present. Present indications seem to point to an unprecedented activity along all fronts and to simultaneous fighting at several points in place of the old practice of one fight at a time. This can only be done by an enormous accumulation of munitions all along the fighting fronts. The prospect is that during the remaining months of the conflict the munitions business will be carried on under higher pressure and on a larger scale than ever before in order to support concentrated action that will hasten the day of peace.

PEONAGE.

Those who know economic conditions in the south realize that the civil war was merely a step toward the abolition of negro slavery. It prevented the actual ownership of human bodies, and was well worth the terrible price paid for it, yet it left the south still dependent, to a very great extent, on negro labor and left the negro struggling under burdens which would crush the weaker members of any race into degradation. Out of the negro problem has grown the national disgrace of lynching and late outbreaks have led "The Crisis," a magazine devoted to the interests of negroes, to present a clear explanation of the prevalence of this form of savagery.

There are three counties in Georgia with a negro population of 31,000 and 18,000 white inhabitants. The negroes perform the bulk of toil on plantations for wages which barely maintain them and are held to their tasks by a severe system of discipline. The white minority holds the whip hand by force. The slightest affront or injury visited upon a white man by a negro is followed by swift and violent retaliation. Lynch law is a necessary accompaniment of peonage. The notoriety acquired by Georgia, and by certain other sections of the south, does not imply a low level of community morals, nor that a type of white man lost to all sense of justice and mercy dominates public opinion. Murderous outlawry, unpunished by the state, is merely a form of the sure penalty arising from any system which is founded on oppression.

There is a shortage of labor reported in every line of industry, and now the lake carriers are fearful that they won't have men to man all the boats that will be in commission. Why not draft the idle rich from some of these channels of industry?

An expedition has gone into Asia after a blue tiger. This animal has been seen by explorers, but no specimen ever has been bagged. That has also been the case with other colored animals.

The Bowery in New York is to retain its name, despite the sinister associations of the old days. There is a pleasant flavor, anyway, to by-gone sins and half-forgotten wickedness.

Arizona Indians who fought United States troops years ago are to be engaged as scouts with the Villa pursuers. It is safe to say that these old warriors will be as happy as hound dogs on the first day of the season.

Another sad feature of the war that should not be overlooked entirely is the possibility that it may leave Mr. Bryan with no yodlers to accompany him on the Chautauqua next summer.

A coast light visible 150 miles through smoke or fog has been invented. But would it serve to illuminate a liquor committee session?

STOLEN WISDOM

A stout heart crushes ill luck. Be not arrogant when fortune smiles nor dejected when she frowns.

Fortune does not stand waiting at any one's door.

Fortune lost, nothing lost, courage lost, much lost; honor lost, more lost; soul lost, all lost.

There is no one luckier than one who thinks himself so.

Foxes, when they cannot reach the grapes say they are sour, or not ripe. Better free in a foreign land than a serf at home.

A foe to God was never a true friend to man.

Beware of a reconciled friend as of the devil.

Better an open enemy than a false friend.

Defend me from my friends. I can defend myself from my enemies.

Have no falling out with your friend for a trifle.

A loaded wagon makes the least noise.

Beware of him who makes you presents.

Whatever is given to the poor is laid up in heaven.

A golden key opens every door except that to Heaven.

Where there is gold there dwells the devil.

The good that you do is not lost though you forget it.

He is unworthy to govern, who governs not himself.

A tree that affords shade, do not cut down.

Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them.

Our Heads Slope Down

In the American Magazine "Sid" says:

"One of the most amusing facts of our life is that Bud Fisher, maker of newspaper comics, should get for his work fully ten times as much per year as ex-President Eliot of Harvard ever got.

"Bud" makes \$150,000 a year, and although Mr. Eliot never confided in us about personal matters, we can make a mighty good guess that the learned doctor never saw more than \$15,000 a year in his life.

"Let's be frank. Ex-President Eliot is a wonderfully smart man. We all respect him and feel that we are way below him. We know that he thinks deep thoughts and knows how to write them down. We realize that if it were possible to measure a man's brains and ability by dollars he would start in at \$10,000 a week and get a raise at the end of the month. But Mr. Eliot doesn't get the money. He can't get the money. He can't bring it into the box office.

"Now the joke, if there is one, is not on Mr. Eliot; it is on us. You and I are the ones who decide how much Mr. Eliot shall have and how much 'Bud' shall have. What is the explanation? The explanation is that we won't pay anything like as much for the dignified impersonal expression of principles and wisdom as 'Bud' serves it, with 'pep' and personalities.

"There is still another way to get at an understanding of 'Bud'. Take the cartoonist of the old school, who caricatures public men and public events. Why does not that kind of cartoonist have to be satisfied with less than 'Bud's' income? The answer runs this way:

"Human beings first think of themselves. They can't help it. They are built that way. In this fact is found the reason why the modern newspaper comic strip is more popular than cartoons of public men or events. The newspaper comic, such as 'Bud' and Goldberg draw, is about you and me. The old fashioned cartoon is about somebody else—Woodrow Wilson or Theodore Roosevelt, for example—and while you and I regard Wilson and Roosevelt as interesting, we cannot honestly say that we are as much interested in them as we are in ourselves. The newspaper comic maker, either instinctively or by design has discovered this truth. So, instead of giving us a picture of Wilson or Roosevelt, he gives us a picture of a comical happening right in our own home or our office. There in the picture is you—and there am I—and over there is that benevolent we know, who acts just that way. We have seen him do that a thousand times! Oh, what an idiot he is!

"And so, wedged into the New York subway, or on a Euclid Avenue car in Cleveland, we look first at these pictures and chuckle over them. After which, with diminished enthusiasm, we proceed to a solemn consideration of the news of the day and the editor's discussion of national preparedness."

A Persistent Veteran.

Spokane, Wash., June 10.—For downright persistency, "Uncle Lew" Wilmot, veteran of the Nez Perce Indian war of 1877, is entitled to a medal.

Thirty eight years ago, when "Uncle Lew" was only 40 years old, he tried to get the War Department to adopt a rifle sight which he firmly believed would increase the army efficiency 50 per cent. Now his white hair and beard flow down to his neck and con-

Advertisement for 'A Big Line For Summer' featuring illustrations of boys in various poses and a list of clothing items: Boys' Sport Blouses 50c, Boys' Nifty Caps, Boys' Cloth Hats and Straw Hats in many styles and patterns, Priced 50c.

"Best Ever" Special \$5.00 Suits. Defy the Hardest Wear a Boy can Give

If mothers always bought such splendid wearing suits as "Best Ever" brand, the cost of dressing their boys would be materially less. The new coats are Norfolks and belted models, lined with alpaca and serge, pants cut full, and full lined and taped. The materials are new and guaranteed all wool. Sizes 5 to 16 years. Some of the suits have 2 pair of pants. Priced \$5.00

Beyond Tompare Boys' New Summer Wash Suits

Our new showing for Summer is without a doubt the most attractive lot we've ever shown, plus the usual wide variety. In very latest styles—Billy Boy, Tommy Tucker, Norfolks and Middy Styles and straight pants. Made from the very best Tub materials, such as Galitea, Repp, Drilling, Denim, Chambray and Percales. In a great range of colors and patterns—Contrasting collars, cuffs & belts. Sizes 2 1-2 to 8 years, all moderately priced \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$2.50

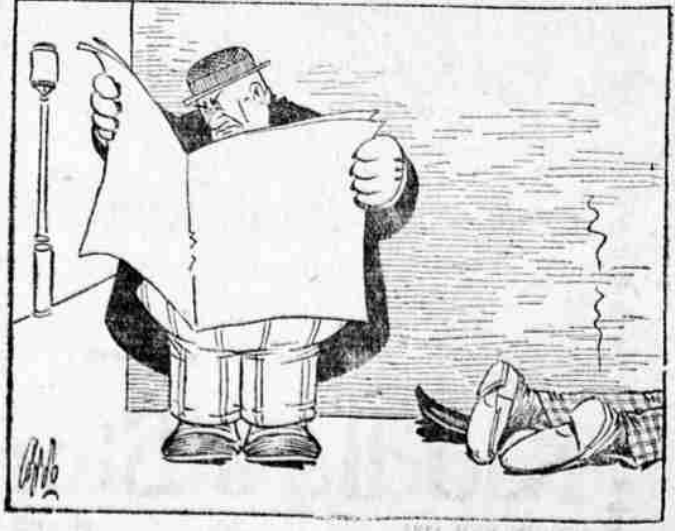


Advertisement for Auditorium, Chicago Coliseum, and Sagamore Hill, featuring a map of the region and a small illustration of a man on a hill.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE---By Condo



THE ACQUAINTANCE WHOSE FAVORITE FORM OF STREET SALUTATION IS TO APPROACH YOU WITH HIS GUARD UP AND PULL SOME ALLEGED CLEVER FOOT WORK AS A MOCK CHALLENGE TO A SPARRING MATCH.



veal his collar, but he and his rifle sight are still live issues. The aged veteran can still shoot straight—there is no doubt about that. A trunk full of medals attests to that fact, and Wilmot still follows the rule he adopted in bird shooting 60 years ago, "Through the head or no meat." Just before the soldiers left Spokane for the Mexican border two weeks ago, "Uncle Lew" and his rifle performed on the army range at Fort George Wright and the white-haired veteran made better marks than the best riflemen at the post could make. Some of the boys in blue took Wilmot's rifle and bettered their own marks made with the army rifles. The showing was so impressive that one of the officers stated in a letter to the military affairs committee of the Spokane Lyman sight as adjusted by Mr. Lew Wilmot is a great improvement over sights no win use." After 38 years Lew Wilmot is hopeful that his sights will be adopted. "I don't want, and shan't take a cent for my trouble," said Mr. Wilmot. "I am confident that the sights I am using will increase the shooting efficiency of the army 50 per cent. That is enough for me." Savoy Hotel Guests. M. M. Carroll, City; G. L. Zulein, Peck, Ida.; W. H. Reeler, Spokane; Edward Miles, Lostine, Ore.; H. W. Cowan, Walla Walla; H. J. Butler and wife, Fruita, Ore.; A. Luna, North Powder; Even Gapsibh, City; C. Gezel, Portland; Chas. Brubam, Cowan Noa, Enterprise; Henry Fletcher, Enterprise; Herbert, Bond, Henry Becker, Portland; R. Stodlard, City. People in England are to get up an hour earlier. They should have got up about twenty years earlier for their present peace of mind.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank featuring an illustration of a man with a bank book and a magnifying glass over a dollar sign. Text includes: 'Every dollar that the Careful Man Banks in his youth will increase a hundred fold to him in his old age', 'HERE'S A FACT: THE MONEY YOU SPEND NOW IS MANY TIMES THAT MONEY, BECAUSE IS IS CHEATING YOURSELF OUT OF THE PROFIT THAT MONEY WOULD EARN FOR YOU SOME DAY.', 'IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ARE THROWING AWAY THE "FOUNDATION" ON WHICH YOU COULD BUILD A FORTUNE. YOU ARE CASTING AWAY THE SEED WHICH WOULD BECOME A TREE IF PLANTED.', 'PLANT SOME MONEY IN OUR BANK. 6 1/2 % Money for Improved Farm Loans. La Grande National Bank. LA GRANDE, OREGON. Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Resources \$1,000,000.00. Fred J. Holmes, President; C. C. Penington, Vice President; F. L. Meyers, Cashier; E. Zundel and H. E. Coolidge, Assistant Cashiers. DIRECTORS: Fred J. Holmes, J. G. Snodgrass, J. F. Conley, C. C. Penington, H. S. Brownton, F. L. Meyers, A. Blokland, A. T. Hill, H. E. Coolidge.'