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TO URGE GOVERNMENT TO CALL MEETINGS OF NEUTRAL NATIONS

New York, Nov. 9.—(Special)—Supposing that a dozen men, six on a side, had been fighting in an open square until some were dead, others dying and the rest of them bleeding and exhausted. Would it be impertinent if a big, respectable, disinterested citizen, should step from among the disgusted onlookers, and say: "Here fellows, cut this out; you are nearly all in, and if you are ready to use a little common sense, let's talk this thing over?"

In substance that is what a strong group of American citizens propose. They have seized upon Lloyd George's expressive sentence, that "men have stood at the door of Hell and marched into the furnace" as furnishing sufficient reason why the neutral nations should attempt to close that awful door in order that a few rulers may not continue to order them to march into the furnace.

The American Neutral Committee, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, is com-

posed of earnest men and women like Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent; Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of New York Evening Post; Governor Edward F. Dunne, of Illinois; Governor Capper of Kansas; Governor Ferris of Michigan; Governor Yager of Porto Rico; Rear-Admiral Chadwick; Judge Ben B. Lindsay of Denver; John Hays Hammond, the famous mining expert; Thomas Mott Osborne of Sing Sing fame, and a hundred other prominent citizens from every walk of life. As neutrals, these people have proclaimed that their object it "to support our Government in any effort it may make towards a just and lasting peace." The specific object of the Committee is: "To urge our Government to call or cooperate in a conference of Neutral Nations which shall offer joint mediation to the belligerents by proposals calculated to form the basis of a permanent peace."

Peace Petition Unique.

New York, Nov. 9.—(Special)—The yarn about the man who angrily declared: "Here, two of you hold my coat; one man can hold me", may possibly be applied to Europe right now. The Neutral Committee has received a copy of peace petition which has been signed by 150,000 Britons; Germany, through official and unofficial utterances, has repeatedly signified its readiness to quit. In France there are organized movements to stop the war.

"A few war lords in the belligerent countries cannot speak for the whole people", says Miss Rebekah Shelly, Secretary of the Committee, who assert that "America, rich in war gold, stands by and raises no hand to check the colossal destruction". Miss Shelly adds: "The duty of the United States, backed up by the entire neutral world, is to attempt mediation on a basis which shall safeguard just claim of belligerents, and provide for international guarantees against future wars. We are exerting our energies just now in arranging a monster petition, which we want the people everywhere to sign, urging the United States Government to act."

How Many Read Papers?

New York, Nov. 9.—(Special)—It requires 1,446,632 newspapers every morning to meet the demands of the reading public of New York. That is, assuming that the six leading morning dailies, cover the entire field. The New York World stands at the head of the official sworn statement to the Post Office Department, with 398,984 circulation. The American is second; next comes The Times, The Sun, Tribune, and finally the Herald, with a trifle less than 100,000. It would be interesting to know what per cent of these are left on subway and elevated trains each morning—the percentage is very large.

Public Smoking Opposed.

New York, Nov. 9.—(Special)—"Old Doc Pease" of Philadelphia believes in the enforcement of the anti-smoke law. This does not mean that he cares anything about belching chimneys, of the burning of soft coal that might in due time change the color of nice, white shirt waists, or soil the adornment of white fur, which Broadway misses draw up close to their fair shoulders on real hot days. "Doc" Pease has a mind that runs in grooves

where blue laws rest in comfort. However, if it were not on the sidewalks or smoking in public places would ever be visited upon offenders. Quite recently Dr. Pease was instrumental in causing the arrest of offenders who smoked cigarettes in the New York subway. As a matter of fact, thousands of people violate this law, and are unmolested, but once in a while a real reformer like the Philadelphian comes along, and his appearance as witness in the public courts excites newspaper reporters, who write columns about the activities of characters, who like Pease, are attempting to reform the universe by pestering a few individuals.

Old Mortgage Cleared Up.

New York, Nov. 9.—(Special)—Settlement has been made on a mortgage executed sixty-seven years ago. The principal was 2,000 and the accrued interest is \$7,890. The mortgage called for interest at the "lawful rate." The people of West Virginia have also had an object lesson as to the way in which interest grows. In the adjudication of the financial difficulties between Virginia and West Virginia, the Supreme Court of the United States rendered a judgment of more than \$5,000,000 in favor of the mother state. To this was added accrued interest from the time of the commencement of the action, amounting to \$7,000,000. In order to settle its claim the state of West Virginia has dug up a record of the ceding of the Northwest Territory by the state of Virginia. Congress has indicated that it will permit a suit to be instituted against the Federal Government to adjust this claim which runs back to the time of the formation of the republic by the original thirteen states. West Virginia's part, if judgment is rendered, will be more than sufficient to wipe out the indebtedness to Virginia.

Would Abolish Glass Milk Bottle

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 7.—(By United Press)—The death knell of the glass milk bottle in Pennsylvania has been sounded. Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, the state commissioner of health, says that "it will have to give way in the near future to the destructible bottle that will never be used a second time."

This is taken to mean that within a few weeks the Health department advisory board will rule that the glass milk bottle must go. Such rulings have all the effect of statute law. Commissioner Dixon doesn't like the danger of infection through the promiscuous distribution and gathering of bottles, no matter how cleanly the dairy or creamery may be.

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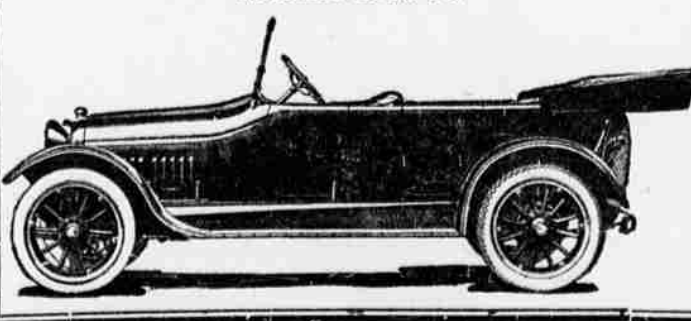
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