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TIMELY ASSURANCE.

While we grasp with avidity any and all signs that can be construed to indicate success in the great venture across the seas, the lecture by Dr. Wirt at the chautiqua grounds yesterday evening comes like a "blessed assurance" that the war program is on the way to certain and not far-off triumph.

Only a few months ago Dr. Wirt was a skeptic as to the progress being made toward annihilation of the powers of Prussianism. He was in the class with the senatorial and other congressional critics and the others who assumed the role of constructive objectors. In company with eleven others he went to the western front and was accredited with government sanction to personally investigate and to tell what he saw and found with the exception of things palpably connected with the exclusiveness desired in military secrecy.

The doctor's opinion has changed. He now says that criticism of the war program, the air craft production included, is a false alarm; it has no possible foundation. Every one of the million soldiers now in France are being cared for as if they were with their mothers at home. They have better meals every day than can be procured in Paris for three dollars.

The things that Uncle Sam has done in the past year and what will be done in the coming twelve months will stand out as the stupendous achievement of the age. Harbors and railroads have been constructed so that the transfer of a ship's cargo from the wharf to the battle front can be done in 24 hours—a thing which could not have been accomplished in as many days a year ago. The warehouses, covering 20 square miles, are already filled with ammunition and supplies to last a year.

Dr. Wirt is inclined to believe that the rout of the enemy must come from the air. They have entrenched all the way back to the Rhine and possible as far back as Berlin.

Thousands of airplanes with tons of dynamite will do the business. But the great element of success is expected from the German people themselves. As long as the armies of the kaiser are taking territory and are deluded with the promise that accessions and indemnities are in sight they are placated, but when this phantom is dispelled, as it will be, there will be a commotion among the German people. In this connection the speaker nearly paraphrased the remarks of Abraham Lincoln in the statement that the kaiser has been able to fool the German people all the time; the Russians part of the time, but he cannot fool England, France or the United States any of the time.

Dr. Wirt puts the end in sight in another year, and he presented many logical reasons for this pre-

diction. His message, divested of all semblance of hysteria, but based on facts and personal observations and experience, was one of assurance and good cheer to all who heard it.

KAISER'S HELPERS.

It becomes more and more evident daily that some sinister influence has been over the Russian element which persists in playing into the hands of Germany. The Lenin and Trotsky regimes are all of the same plan. It may be as well to let Russia sweat as to do any other thing, until there is settled in a decisive way the Prussian dream of occupancy of any part of France or Belgium or of any indemnity or reprisal which they may hope to gain. It would be all right to lick the kaiser all at once, but the next best plan is to do it by such degrees that the outcome will be like the handwriting on the wall. It is a matter for consideration that the Russian element which would be glad to rid the unhappy country of every semblance of Prussianism, cannot have their way, but they can, like Belgium and the occupied portions of France soon be assured that there is a brighter day coming.

All the conditions and circumstances show that the Prussian machine has been well prepared, not only in military power, but in the fine hand of diplomatic influences toward a common end. It will in the outcome meet the fate which inexorably awaits it.

But there is one part of the kaiser's game which should be discontinued in this country, and that is any yielding whatever to any propaganda which shows German intrigue. It is being pretty well established that such reports as those which were intended to discredit the Red Cross and other war efforts have but one source—the propagation of discontent in this country to help the kaiser in Europe. It is time to discard all such depressing influences and stand firm and united with the war program from start to finish. A re-baptism in American confidence is needed to purge the country of any and everything that in the least can be turned to any degree of help to the kaiser.

Tomorrow, the anniversary of the nation's birth, is a good time to begin.

DRIED SPUDS HELP HUNS

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Seven hundred potato-drying plants in Germany, and hundreds of other factories for food saving, are reasons why Germany hasn't starved. These figures come through government channels: potato-drying capacity in the empire, 37,000,000 hundred-weight; 250 drying cylinders, 400 open drying plants; 150 corn drying plants; 250 vegetable drying factories; 225 drying plants in sugar factories; and 22 milk drying plants. About 200 of the 1,500 milk kilns are also equipped for vegetable drying.

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FORUM

SHOULD BE STOPPED

To the Observer:
Steelhead salmon are running in Catherine creek. Thirteen were caught by three men yesterday. This should be stopped as we are trying to stock these streams so that the people of La Grande may go out and catch a mess of trout. These are the same steelheads they catch in Catherine creek. We are having the fry shipped from Clackamas at a big expense. When they kill one salmon that comes up to spawn it means the destruction of over 2000 fry. If there is no law to stop this, the sporting blood in the sportsmen should stop it.

A. V. ANDREWS,
Sec. Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club.

WORDS OF WISE MEN.

Style is the gossamer on which the seeds of truth float through the world.—Bancroft.

The aristocracy of mind and heart is the only aristocracy that none wish to destroy.—Aron.

The least error should be humble, but we should never permit even the greatest to discourage us.—Bishop Potter.

It is a sad thing when a man has either a reputation beyond his merit, or an ambition beyond his ability.—S. Beatty.

Liberty will not descend to a people; a people must raise themselves to liberty. It is a blessing to be earned before it can be enjoyed.—Tilton.

The flowers within our reach we tread down without so much as even looking at them; the tiny exotic, which is far less beautiful, we covet because it is difficult of attainment.—Aron.

Faith sustains the same relation to works that lightning does to thunder. Faith without works is dead—lightning without thunder is ineffective. Works evidence faith; so does thunder, lightning.—F. W. Robertson.

The greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world is to see something and tell what it saw in a plain way. Hundreds of people can talk for one who can think, but thousands can think for one who can see. To see clearly is poetry, prophecy and religion, all in one.—Ruskin.

The world is a solemn fact; we are in it, passing through it, let us try to understand it, let us grapple with its mysteries, let us think much of its responsibilities, let us ponder the thoughts of the inquiring minds of past ages, let us prize all the light we have from man—from God, so that we may be guided aright amid its perils and changing experiences.—Rev. Dr. Alexander Reed.

MYSTERY OF LOVE

Love is indestructible, its holy flame forever burneth.—Southey.

Love hath every bliss in store. Not to know love is not to live.—Gay.

The nectar which love's own hand pours never falls or sour.—Mallett.

Oh, what a heaven is love! And, also, what a hell!—Middleton and Dekker.

Unless you can die when the dream is past—oh, never call it love!—Mrs. Browning.

Love is the storehouse of Nature's joys, the highest heaven of pleasure.—Thomas Chatterton.

Love is not to be reasoned down, or lost in high ambition or a thirst for greatness.—Addison.

Love is more to a woman than ambition is to man—her light, her life, her very breath.—Longfellow.

Love is as sweet unto a shepherd as a king, and sweeter, too, for kings have queens that make the sweetest love to frown.—Greene.

There is music in the silent note which Cupid strikes, far sweeter than the sound of an instrument.—Sir Thomas Browne.

SCIENTIFIC FACTS

Machinery has been invented for shredding waste paper into an acceptable substitute for excelsior.

The Swiss government is conducting experiments in the use of compressed turf as a substitute for coal.

STORY OF TWO DOGS.

The One Born Across The Rhine Carried Messages.

By Fred S. Ferguson.
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN PICARDY, May 19.—(By Mail.)

This is the story of two dogs. One lies stark and stiff out in Noman's Land. He gave his life for the country of his master, a German officer. He was shot by an American sentinal while on duty as a soldier, carrying a message.

The other dog still lives, but for the coming of Americans to the little village that was his home he might have died of neglect and starvation. This dog is now known as "Tommy." Just what his French name was no one knows. He's of the crossed-bull and fox terrier variety, has had a bath since he fell into American hands, and is getting fat on the left-overs of food from

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BRITISH AIR HERO HERE



Capt. J. J. Hammond, senior air pilot of the British flying corps, is in Washington recuperating from pneumonia, which he contracted as soon as he landed in America several weeks ago. He has an experience of nine years of flying, three and a half years with the British army. Though he is around forty years old, it is expected that he will show official Washington some new stunts in the air as soon as he recovers from his illness.

heavy chain about a foot long snapped in a ring—the Boche dog's badge of the bondage for which he died.

See the Great Krugen.—Arcade today.—Adv. 7-3-18.

SOME CORSET FACTS



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PAULINE LEDLERE

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