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BOAT ROCKERS.

Every once in a while a suggestion pops up to the effect that after the conflict with Germany is over there will be a religious war, or that the next great clash will be a settlement between capital and labor, or some other untoward event is going to intervene to take away all the brightness that will come to the world when the Hun is driven to his lair and his claws pulled out by the roots.

This class of people are boat rockers, and it seems that there are always a few on hand to peddle out gloomy apprehensions. If there is any particularly pleasing thing that has developed out of the present situation it is evident in the very absence of religious discord and in the unity in which the adherents of all creeds join hands for the common purpose. With whom would the conflicting religious interests clash and what kind of a transformation could possibly come over them to change the untied sentiment of mind and heart into one of warlike discord? What would be the object to be attained?

Is not this a war as much for religious as for political liberty, on the same safe and sane grounds which were declared by the forefathers?

We have probably all in our younger days heard of the "church militant," and the "church triumphant," and such slogans aimed only at the hidden forces of evil, and have nothing whatever to do with that incarnation of satan against whom all are now joined in a deadly combat.

All such talk is absurd, and the adjustment of questions pertaining to our domestic relations will all reach settlement without recourse to the sword. All such propositions which indicate that the season of turmoil has only just begun is tiresome on account of its manifest absurdity.

THE BURDEN GROWS.

It has been decided first through the benefits of the European allies that there shall be economic and military intervention in Russia. There is not much wonder that the administration at Washington hesitated. All the principal allies of Europe are dependent to a great extent for financial help from America, and these unfortunate people who have been forced to bear the hardships of war, also look very largely to America for assistance and relief. It is not much wonder under these circumstances that there should be hesitancy until after decisive action on the western front before any radical move be made toward Russia. But the plan has been adopted and there will be no hesitancy nor backing away. The first movement will be that of the appointment of

a "feeling committee" which will proceed to Russia with the idea of determining just what is needed and the best means of going about the proposed intervention.

Manifestly, according to the news reports of today, there is no peace, either German made or of any other brand in the Russian territory. It is likely that the main object to be determined, if such a thing is possible, is what the Russian people want and what they will do toward helping themselves to make the help of others effective.

It will be remembered that this country has already advanced a considerable amount of money to Russia, and this was followed by the acceptance of the German-made peace treaty. All evidence indicates that it is a time for caution. The resources of the country are ready at any place and any time when it is known for a certainty that the efforts will be intelligently and be ultimately effective. The best course is the one that will be pursued and that is to find out how and to what extent assistance for Russia will be of any use. The decision, when once made, will be promptly followed.

AN INDEPENDENCE MESSAGE.

President Wilson Sends Out Four Minute Address For Fourth.

The following four minute address of President Wilson was read as a part of the program for the celebration:
 "You are met, my fellow citizens, to commemorate the signing of that Declaration of Independence which marked the awakening of a new spirit in the lives of nations. Since the birth of our republic, we have seen this spirit grow. We have heard the demand and watched the struggle for self-government spread and triumph among many peoples. We have come to regard the right to political liberty as the common right of humankind. Year after year, within the security of our borders, we have continued to rejoice in the peaceful increase of freedom and democracy throughout the world. And yet now, suddenly, we are confronted with a menace which endangers everything that we have won and everything that the world has won.

"In all its old insolence, with all its ancient cruelty and injustice, military autocracy has again armed itself against the pacific hopes of men. Having suppressed self-government among its own peoples by an organization maintained in part by falsehood and treachery, it has set out to impose its will upon its neighbors and upon us. One by one, it has compelled every civilized nation in the world either to forego its aspirations or to declare war in their defense. We find ourselves fighting again for our national existence. We are face to face with the necessity of asserting anew the fundamental right of free men to make their own laws and choose their own allegiance, or else permit humanity to become the victim of a ruthless ambition that is determined to destroy what it cannot master.

"Against its threat the liberty-loving people of the world have risen and allied themselves. No fear has deterred them, and no bribe of material well-being has held them back. They have made sacrifices such as the world has never known before, and their resistance in the face of death and suffering has proved that the aim which animates the German effort can never hope to rule the spirit of mankind. Against the horror of military conquest, against the emptiness of living in mere bodily contentment, against the desolation of becoming part of a State that knows neither truth nor honor, the world has so revolted that even people long dominated and suppressed by force have now begun to stir and arm themselves.

"Centuries of subjugation have not destroyed the racial aspirations of the many distinct peoples of eastern Europe, nor have they accepted the sordid ideals of their political and military masters. They have survived the slow persecutions of peace as well as the agonies of war, and now demand recognition for their just claims to autonomy and self-government. Representatives of these races are with you today, voicing their loyalty to our ideals and offering their services in the common cause. I ask you, fellow citizens, to unite with them in making this our Independence Day, the first that shall be consecrated to a declaration of independence for all the peoples of the world."

TABOO "MADE IN GERMANY"

The Italian Medical Congress for Resistance meeting recently in Genoa took action to liberate the medical profession of their country from the domination of the phrase "Made in Germany." The Congress voted to urge its members to do everything possible to avoid the use of German drugs, chemicals and surgical instruments.

Observer advertising will bring results.

THOMAS J. KEHOE



Thomas Joseph Kehoe of Liverpool, England, has the unusual distinction of being a war veteran at the early age of sixteen. He enlisted when he was fifteen and was but 4 feet 10 inches in height when sent to the front line trenches.

AMERICAN LABOR GREETS ITALIANS

United States Delegates Send Message to Workers of Our Ally Through Paris Meeting

A remarkably favorable impression has been made on the workers of Italy by recent addresses in Paris by Messrs. Wilson and Fry of the American Labor Commission. The addresses were delivered before a delegation of Italian workmen. In the course of his speech, Mr. Wilson said:
 "We desire to express to our Italian brothers the sympathy of the workers of America and our appreciation of the tremendous services of Italy to the allied cause and the sacrifices in its behalf made by both the army of combat and the army of labor. The interests of working men in all countries are our interests. We are determined to give them all aid possible and to assist them in every feasible way with the united backing of our organization. This is the unanimous desire of American labor. To American working men Italy represents the epitome of the history of the civilization that must be maintained and defended against Teutonic attacks. We have a profound faith in the belief that democracy will be victorious against Teutonic autocracy and oppression."

PRESERVE JUST ENOUGH.

Enough for the table.
 Enough for the lunch boxes.
 Enough for the boy at camp.
 Enough for the fair.
 Then can the rest—and use less sugar.

Tragic Fate of Queens.

France has had seventy-seven queens. Eleven were divorced; two legally put to death; nine died young; seven were widowed early; three cruelly treated; three exiled. Most of the rest were either poisoned or died broken-hearted.

You can't make a mistake in buying your Candy at Silverthorn's. It is always fresh and well kept. The refrigerator window from which the bulk candy is sold is quite a success; no chance for dust or flies makes it a popular window.



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WAS LOST BY A MAN.
 He carried it in a purse. The purse was kept in his inside coat pocket. The pocket was pinned with a strong pin. The man hung his coat up for a few minutes. When he returned the money was gone—
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If you spill salt you're sure to have a row with someone unless you throw some of the salt over your left shoulder.

When you see a spotted cat or a pluto mustang, make a wish and your wish will come true.

Never set your shoes on the top of anything or you're likely to be disappointed.

If you give a friend anything sharp as a gift it will cut friendship.

In walking with a friend allow nothing to come between you and your friend, for it might part friendship.

Never walk under a ladder; it's unlucky; especially if the ladder happens to fall on you.

It is said that three lighted lamps left in a row are a sign of death.

Wisacres claim that a child born with a veil is likely to become rich.

Old-fashioned farmers planted in the dark of the moon.

Unless a child falls out of bed during its babyhood it's likely to grow up an idiot, although the fall may cripple it for life.

A "newlywed" must wear out his wedding clothes before he can expect to prosper.

Those who whistle at night talk with the devil.

A female child that resembles its father is sure to be lucky.

A broken looking glass will cause seven years of bad luck.

FLASHLIGHTS

The best way to train a boy is to set him a good example.

In order to die rich some men make their families live poorly.

The trouble with the near-great is that they're not near enough.

The best politics and the best religion today is to be a patriot.

The man who does his best is usually the man who gives his best, too.

POPULAR SCIENCE

The man who is his own worst enemy certainly lives up to the injunction to "love your enemies."

The best tailor in the world can't make a suit of clothes to beat the khaki uniform Uncle Sam is putting out.

Every woman has a sneaking suspicion that her husband has a source of income that she doesn't know anything about.

We can remember the time when the chocolate icing on a cake used to be sneered at if it wasn't at least a quarter of an inch thick.

Men do many things in the heat of passion but few of those hot-tempered fellows ever seem to get mad enough at the kaiser to go and enlist.

Full sunlight is estimated to be 600,000 times brighter than full moonlight.

The pearl is the only gem that does not require the lapidary's art to bring out its beauty.

The development of water power in Norway has made electricity cheaper than steam in that country.

A leather covered metal tube to be slipped over an umbrella to roll it tight has been patented in England.

Concrete floors can be made almost noiseless by covering them with heavy tar paper, attached by cement.

Pennsylvania railroad states that shippers could save \$2,000,000 a year by more careful packing of freight.

A gasoline engine driven dynamo that is entirely automatic in its action is attracting attention in England.

The natives of New Guinea are the shortest lived people in the world, which is attributed to their diet of the larvae of certain beetles.

Italian railroads are experimenting with lignite, peat and peat mixed with other substances as locomotive fuel. A California inventor's suitcase is provided with legs and can be unfolded and set up to form a writing desk.

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Patriotic Committee Defied

There is No Room For "Slackers" On this Fourth

It is announced by the committee in charge that positively every store in La Grande will be closed for business tomorrow — there is no room for "slackers" on this Fourth, as it will require all the nerve of all the people, and then some, to make such a demonstration tomorrow as will make it certain, not only to "The Beast of Berlin," but to all people in the state of Oregon. La Grande has a place on the map that cannot be mistaken for any other town or day, in all these United States.—Observer, July 8d.

For the benefit of the public and, in particular, to every red-blooded American man and woman in Union county, Local No. 417 Retail Clerks' Protective Association most emphatically denounce the firm of **FRENCH & SCRANTON** for disregarding the wishes of the Committee in charge of our Glorious Fourth, in not closing their place of business before, during and after the parade. It is the wish of this Local to impress on the buying public that this is the firm that practices the desecration of Sunday, that is **UNFAIR TO LABOR** and to **THEIR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES**. Patronize Union Stores, **ONLY**—stores open at 8:00 A. M., close Saturday at 8:30 P. M.

LOCAL 417, R. C. INTERNATIONAL P. A.
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