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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

PEACE PROPOSALS.

True to the forecast the projected German drives are preceded by some left-hand suggestions of peace. Such a suggestion is reported of von Hertling, the German chancellor, who asserts the Germany military and political leaders are ready to receive sincere proposals for peace. The quickest way to get a sincere proposal is for Germany to trot it out, if it has any to make. Things have got in such a shape that it is up to the German political and military rulers to say how much they will concede, and they will then probably be advised in the matter.

One of the "honest and sincere" moves on the part of Germany as a beginner would be to take their armies out of French and Belgian territory, where they had no right to go in the first place. Then if there could be assurance—but of course there cannot—that an honest and serious attempt would be made to restore Belgium—a reparation that Germany will never be able to fully accomplish—things would begin to take a shape in which the German powers would be believed to be really serious.

The peace terms from this side of the house have been stated over and over again, and why should they be continually reiterated?

The mistake which is made in the Prussian counsels is that by some means or other all the overtures should come up to them, when in fact they should come just the other way.

There were no suggestions from the Reichstag or elsewhere from German sources of "honest and sincere" peace when the military host undertook the job of over-running the world.

The pace talk that comes from Berlin is easily analyzed. It first came more as a defiance than as a matter of mutual concession. This was to lead the German people to believe that the German armies needed only to stop when they got ready. There was a fine chance of peace at any time up to about the date that the foreign minister told the military leaders that Germany could not bring a decision by the force of their arms. The tone now becomes a little more conciliatory when the offer is made that there is a possibility that Germany will listen to overtures, if they are "honest and sincere." This is also stuff on which the German people are to feed. Up to this time the situation is the same as in the days of Patrick Henry: "There is no peace"—and there will be none until the German military power is crushed.

NOT WAR SERVICE ENTIRELY

While the country is being drained of its young man power, and especially just at this time from the farms, it is not war service alone,

or the operation of the draft that is wholly responsible. Many of those who have gone away have sought employment in the government industries, such as the shipyards and the like. And there is a reason beyond that of personal patriotism. In these places the wages have been higher than it is possible to pay on the farms or in the ordinary employments in the country districts. The wage of \$5 and upwards per day has been very alluring to those who have been receiving much less than a hundred dollars per month. The pay in the shipyards, under the initial scale, was a mighty strong inducement to desert the shop and the farm and this inducement is augmented in proportion to the advance in the wage scale in the government industries. In the case of some of the shipyards, for instance, there seems to be no end to the demands being made for increase of wages, under the plea of the advancing cost of living.

If such a thing were possible, drafting of men to build ships at wages set by the government would be as equitable as it is to the one who is called to arms and his pay is arbitrarily placed at \$30, and no choice is left to "take it or leave it alone." He must go. The ship-builder—many of them—are apparently bigger than the government when they insist that wages must be increased or they will quit the job. There is a big and heretofore unreconcilable difference both in patriotism and common equity of the things in this critical time. The draft law is not drastic enough yet to meet a few phases that need to be met.

OREGON MARBLE CAVE

Three And A Half Miles Of Passages And Grottoes.

Amid the wilds of southwestern Oregon, almost unknown to the world at large, is situated a series of underground chambers and passages remarkable for their size and for the beauty and unusual character of their decorations. Within the last few years they have been made a National Monument and are now known as the Marble Caves of Oregon.

At the present time a visit to the caves is no small undertaking. From Grants Pass or Medford a 30-mile drive takes one to the camp at the end of the wagon road. The rest of the trip must be made on foot, or mule back, up a steep trail, 10 miles in length. During the summer months the Forestry Service stations a forester at the caves as guide and caretaker. He takes a special interest in conducting all visitors through the caves and in pointing out to them the many interesting features of the trip.

The caves consist of three and a half miles of marble passages and grottoes, ranging from one to four or five stories in height. In places the connecting corridors are so low that one must crawl on all fours for a considerable distance. Elsewhere the chambers are so large that the opposite walls and ceiling are scarcely visible in the dim candle light. The largest cavern measures over 500 feet in length, and its arched ceiling is 100 feet above the floor.

Throughout the entire cave the stalactite formations are rich and wonderfully varied. In some chambers the ceiling is a mass of small stalactites, from the points of which hang starlike glittering pendants—drops of water. In one superb room the roof is covered with gigantic inverted white tulips; in another, folds of massive draperies cover the walls supported by immense fluted columns. Here stalactites reach down from above and embrace their stalagmite sisters, thus forming pillars of surpassing symmetry and beauty; there is a miniature Niagara stands outlined in white marble, beyond which a magnificent Solomon's Temple is carved deep into the heart of the mountain.

The trail up to the caves is a long, steep climb, but as one ascends, a marvelous panorama of scenic beauty, of forests and canyons, of snow-capped peaks and distant vistas, is spread out before him which, even apart from the caves, makes the trip one long to be remembered and well worth the effort it has taken.

Has Almost Constant Rainfall. Curiously enough, it is in India that we find the wettest town in the whole world, according to a British agricultural expert in India. The town, where there is an almost constant rainfall, is called Cherapunji, in Assam. Its average rainfall is 600 inches or 50 feet a year, which is nearly a foot a week.

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HOME ECONOMICS.

Fish Salad.
When possible, go to market and select the fish yourself. You can tell a fresh fish by full bright eyes, bright red gills, firm flesh and fresh odor. Be sure that the flesh along the back bone smells fresh. It spoils first there. Don't buy fish that has been "thawed" out several days before its sale, for it spoils quickly after thawing. If frozen, fish will keep in good condition for months. Buy it frozen and let it thaw in a cool place, then cook it immediately.

There are hot evenings nowadays when you would like to serve a cold main dish. Obtain any fresh fish, skin, cut into neat pieces about 2 x 3 x 1 1/2. Put together in a loose bag and simmer slowly for 20 minutes in plenty of water to cover to which has been added 1/2 cup vinegar, a few whole allspice, cloves and pepper-corn and two teaspoons salt to the quart of water.

Serve with meat garnish or in combination with fresh tomatoes or green beans or lettuce with a boiled dressing.

- Green Tomato Pickle.**
1 gallon green tomatoes.
1/2 dozen large onions.
3 cups brown sugar.
1/2 lemon.
3 pods of red pepper.
3 cups vinegar.
1 tablespoon whole black pepper.
1 tablespoon whole cloves.
1 tablespoon whole allspice.
1 tablespoon celery seed crushed.
1 tablespoon mustard seed.
1 tablespoon ground mustard.
Thin. Sprinkle over them 1/2 cup of salt and let stand overnight in a crock or enameled vessel. Tie the pepper, cloves, allspice and celery seed in a cheesecloth bag. Slice the lemon and chop two pepper pods very fine. Drain the tomatoes and onion well. Add all seasoning except one pepper pod to the vinegar, then add the tomato and onion. Cook for 1/2 hour, stirring gently at intervals to prevent burn-

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