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It is altogether too much to believe that a superfluous offense has been undertaken against the Germans, but the news reports show that enough is going on to make them sit up and take notice. All present movements show that the offensive now undertaken is of the tactical kind. With the big rush which the Americans are making and the operations of the French and Americans east of Rheims, there will be a demonstration of what an actual "pinch" movement looks like. They are making it risk so far, and it is probable that within 24 hours and not more than twice that long all of Prussian forces within the triangle, of which Flanders, Rheims and Chateau Thierry are the apices, will be evacuating their salient a whole lot faster than they ever got in. There is no other help for them, unless they have huge reserves, which are not indicated by the operations of the past three days. Every hour further threatens their lines of communication, and they cannot long maintain themselves when shut off from ammunition and supplies. It is quite probable that the world will witness another of "tactical retreatments," as they are described by the war office at Berlin, but which would be more easily understood if they were given their proper name "defeats."

But whatever the tactics and the trend of operations for the time being, the great German offensive has, on its fourth day, become a sorry failure, and every hour hastens the time when it will become perhaps an ignominious and panic-stricken retreat. The "superman" is learning something in a practical and impressive sort of a way that he had never dreamed was a possibility.

What does Kaiser Bill think by the time about the American soldier? What do the peace feelers think about maintenance of historical traditions divine right of kings and the absolute impossibility of any interference with Prussian autonomy? What has become of the supermen?

NO COMPROMISE.

There is nothing about the present issue of this time that makes of partisanship, and the ones who attempt anything now in the way of party advantage will only find that the reaction will be more certain and disastrous than any temporary advantage that can come. Will H. Hays chairman of the republican national committee, puts the duty of his party in this order: First, to do everything in our power to win the war now, second, for peace with victory and never peace by compromise, bargaining of principles which would

should be. Notwithstanding von Kuehmann's forced resignation and the Austrian foreign minister's battery of the American president, not a single word of recognition or acknowledgment has come from any of the allied representatives. Peace proposals are mere details anyway. The first thing is to smash the power of the Hun and talk about peace afterwards, when there will be more time to give the subject proper consideration than is permissible at the present, while the preliminary job is under way.

FACTS ABOUT FIRE

South Sea Islanders in the remotest days got their fire by the friction of dry wood.

The primal Alevian Islanders rub sulphur over quartz, make a rude match, and so strike a light.

"Issue spake unto Abraham," in the twenty-second chapter of Genesis, "and he said: Behold the fire and the wood."

But we have no history of any race of men who didn't know about fire. The earliest Bible records speak of fire.

For stealing fire from the gods and giving it to man Prometheus was chained to a rock. That was Greek mythology.

Living in the shadow of the north pole, the far-off Eskimo strikes quartz against a piece of iron pyrite and gets a flame.

The most sequestered tribes of Africa and Central Asia knew about fire when the white men first made their acquaintance.

When Columbus came to America he found Indian fires burning. The Indian rubbed dry sticks together and quickly got a spark.

How Adam learned about fire we know not, but apparently Eve cooked food, although the famous apple was doubtless eaten raw.

It was said that when Magellan first sailed around the world he did find among the Ladrone people who never saw fire. When the Spanish adventurer burned their huts the natives thought the flames were a beast which ate up wood.—Grand's Talk of the Day in the Philadelphia Telegram.

WAR DON'TS

Don't criticize, unless your criticism is constructive, and will help.

Don't be discouraged. Faith is not a sentiment, but an act of will.

Don't listen to what ex-President Taft calls "whispering traitors."

Don't sit down, and wish the war were over. Start out and work to get it over.

Don't grumble at being asked to do something you have never done before. Fall into line.

Don't wish you were serving in some different line from that you are in. You are needed where you are.

Don't forget that we are fighting for right, and therefore must win. Insert in your morning prayer the now immortal words, "They Shall Not Pass!" —Jane Dransfield of the Vigilantes.

SCRAPS

The first self-moving gun carriage was invented in France in 1790.

An alarm clock which awakens deaf sleepers by jarring their beds has been invented in Germany.

There is only one chance in 17,000,000,000 for a mistake in finger prints, according to a French scientist.

For hurrying a slow fire without danger to the user a paste made of kerosene and wood ashes has been found effective.

Many of the toy-makers of the Sonneberg district in Germany have now turned their attention to manufacturing munitions of war.

There should be no reason why your son, or daughter or friend should not have a Kodak, when you can buy one at Silverthorn's for \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$7, \$9, \$10, \$11, \$13, \$15, \$20, \$24 and up to any amount you wish to pay. These are all Eastman Kodaks, and you will have full instructions about using them, without extra charges.

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There are middles, smocks, sweaters and coats for outdoor, that is, for all sorts of sport and recreation wear. And their comrades are skirts, bloomers or breeches, according to the sort of service to be required of them. For tennis and golf, skirts that will wash again and again and come out as fresh and unfaded as when they were new, have not been rivaled as yet by bloomers or breeches—for some other sports, skirts are a thing of the past. With these washable skirts plain blouses are worn and swifter little coats made of summer flannel, serge or other materials—and, of course, sweater or sweater coats.

The coat's the thing this year, that has almost absorbed the attention of those who specialize in designing sport clothes. And it has been presented in a variety of new styles so that when it is slipped on over a skirt and blouse it tones up the costume, lending it neatness. Sleeveless coats of satin and velvet were among these new ideas and have proved themselves successful. Among new arrivals the simple but swifter little coat shown in the picture, need not fear comparison with coats of more costly goods—it has some points of advantage over them. It is made of summer flannel in any of the gay bright colors and

touched up with white in pearl buttons, pique collar and arrow-head finish of pockets.

Just the skirt for this coat is shown with it. It is of heavy white pique and fastens at the middle of the front where a row of white pearl buttons finishes the overlapped seam. There are any number of sport hats that will top off this practical and pretty outfit. But its youthful wearer has chosen a tan of white corduroy, one of the "blue devil" models that embodies much dash. Its long tassel matches the coat in color. Where something more dignified is needed, for an older woman, one of the recent braids in white embroidered with red or silk flowers against the crown, would make a good choice, and there is the perennial Panama with handsome hand or scarf that belongs to all summers.

Various shades of beige, biscuit and string are dominant in the early summer clothes, because they are an imitation of khaki. There are splashes of blue, black and green against the neutral coloring to enliven it.

THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

Of the old-time vegetable dyes Brazil possesses an almost endless variety.

In some parts of northern Arabia the hills are so well stocked with bees that no sooner are hives placed than they are occupied.

Tungsten, which only in recent years has come into general use, was discovered exhaustively by a Spanish treatise written in 1781.

With the lions, tigers and other members of the cat tribe, the night finches them at their liveliest, and they sleep most between the midday meal and supper time.

Because of the war Scotland has been cutting down a great many trees to supply its own needs. Much of the land thus cleared will eventually be used for agriculture.

Currants from Greece are now packed by machinery in a manner which is far more cleanly and economical than the old "hand methods." The latter have always been questionable.

A cablegram from the American consul at Padang, Sumatra, received April 22, states that the government has prohibited the exportation of cinchona bark, quinine, quinine salts, tin, tin ore and kapok.

Uruguay has appointed a commission to investigate the feasibility of a scheme to turn the locust pest into a blessing by using these insects in the manufacture of fertilizer, soap and lubricants and stock feed.

The hell of Mahomet is as full of terror as his heaven is of delight. The wicked will suffer alternately from cold and heat; when thirsty, boiling water will be given them, and they will be shod with shoes of fire.

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When R. L. Newton of Albany could not find a man to work on his wood saw his wife pluckily took the job and for almost a month now has been successfully handling the saw. Mr. and Mrs. Newton saws from 12 to 18' corda per day.

On Saturday, August 17, Astoria will celebrate completion of her million bushel bulk grain elevator and storage bins. The program is being arranged by Chairman Stone and investigations will be extended to the leading grain shippers as well as to representatives of the commercial bodies of the Northwest to participate. The last concrete for the bins has been poured, the machinery has been installed, and the plant will be ready to receive grain August 15. Already the commission has received applications from grain shippers for the use of the full capacity of the plant for handling this season's crop.

The labor shortage is becoming acute in Polk County and efforts are being made to supply the men needed to harvest the crops.

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