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

### NOT TO BE FOOLED.

A chaotauqua speaker said the German military power had been able to fool the German people all the time; the Russians part of the time, but were unable to fool the Americans any of the time. The autocracy is busy enough just now in keeping up the delusion to their own people and they will continue to be in this predicament.

It was only a day or two ago that the Berlin press came out with more than usual candor and admitted that the loss of territory in the recently halted drive Parisward "was important." By very slow degrees the people of Germany are coming to a realization of the force of American participation in the conflict, a bit of information which the soldiers of the kaiser are rapidly finding out. It will still be necessary to further delude the home people, to keep the home morale toned up so that the military may be still kept "in the saddle."

The next coup for home delusion may be expected to come in the way of peace proposals. If the crown prince's army in forced back or even held from any further advance, peace propositions may be looked for. The next proposal is likely to be very much further conciliatory than anything heretofore put out, and it will have a two-fold purpose. It will be so framed as to tempt the strength of the morale in America by making the proposals on such terms as will seem to be an equitable way to stop the conflict and save further loss of life. This peace offensive will, in all probability, be received with distrust and will like the recent feelers, meet with no response on the part of the allies. This will open the way for the kaiser to show his people that the allies are bent on the destruction of the German empire in its entirety and that the only recourse left is for all the people to die for the Fatherland to the last ditch. That's the way it will turn out and for that reason there is a probability of very much more fighting to be done, even if the armies of all the princes are routed.

This situation is perfectly well known by the officials of this country and that is why the war preparations are continuing on the present mammoth scale. The plans show that, whatever may be proposed, the American people will continue not to be fooled and will not be side-tracked in the world's great mission lying before them.

### WOMEN IN WAR WORK.

In Italy more than 120,000 women are facing the hardest work of the war in occupations that formerly have been supposed to belong exclusively to men, according to

lions of the Italian Government. An extract translated from a recent report follows:

"Women in factories have left lighter work to take men's places, and peasant women have come to the cities, attracted by high wages in the munition plants. Women, being employed in making airplanes and their work is recognized and appreciated, although three years ago this was not considered a suitable occupation. Lombardy is the largest industrial center and Milan the chief industrial city, but everywhere conditions have changed fundamentally.

"Every effort is made to guard the health of munition workers. This is particularly necessary for the peasant women who are unaccustomed to long hours indoors. Physicians are stationed in each factory to attend to emergency cases and there are rest rooms with baths and showers. Club rooms and places of amusement also are furnished to guard the moral welfare of these simple women in their new environment. Their homes are officially inspected and the landlords are required to keep the property in first rate condition. Municipalities control rents, which consequently remain reasonable in spite of the crowding of the cities.

"The munition plants are situated outside the towns and the workers travel back and forth on the street cars. In most cities the fare is 2 cents, and during busy hours tickets may be used that cost even less.

"Day nurseries have been established in the munition plants and the women bring their younger children with them in the mornings. An allowance of time is given to nurse the babies, and as a result of this the number of nursing mothers has increased from 27 to 50 per cent, while infant mortality has decreased from 36 to 9 per cent.

"A law compels all munition workers to register in the national pension fund. Since the war a second fund, to which employees pay a small sum monthly, has been started to provide for conditions after the declaration of peace, when many of the munition makers will be compelled to find other employment."

### CLASSIC DRAMA IN JAPAN

Both Chorus and Music Accompany the Pantomime of the Actors on the Stage.

The actors—sons of the sons of generations of actors passing on as a legacy of great price to the right to act in these strange "No" plays of old Japan—entered and made their exits by way of the bridge. At their approach, Gertrude Emerson writes in Asia, unseen hands lifted and held back a curtain of persimmon and iris colored silk that hung at the door of the dressing room. Their costumes had wide skirtlike trousers and all the furs and configurations of an autumn wood or a mountain forest burned in the color of the brocades. Sometimes they had the streaming white hair of ghosts. They stamped with their white stockinged feet on the polished floor, which gave out a muffled echo. With their flowing sleeves they hid their faces, turning and swaying in rhythmic dances. With their fans they wrote the meaning of their dances in the air—the climbing of a mountain path to a forsaken shrine, a gift of water to a weary pilgrim, the picking of herbs, the flight of a bird across the sky, the falling of flowers—or of tears. The chorus sang in suppressed tones, holding their breath intently, explaining, now the action, now the thoughts passing through the mind of the actor. The musicians beat on their drums and above all other sounds wailed the flute, thin and tremulous, piercingly sad, like a lost soul tormented of demons.

### FROM CABBAGES TO KINGS

Writer Impressed by Accumulation of Subject Matter of Every Description in Print.

Perhaps the most valuable instrument for perpetuation is the printing press, writes Bruce Cummings in Science Progress. No sooner is an event over than it is reported in the daily press, and the newspaper preserved in the British museum for all time. Within the sacred rotunda of the British museum reading room may be perused the novels of Charles Garvice, as well as the great Chinese encyclopedia of the Emperor Kiang-hi in 5,020 volumes.

In books our knowledge to date is rounded up and displayed; you may read a book on a lump of coal, a grass blade, a seaworm, on hair combs, carpets, ships, sticks, sealing wax, cabbages, kings, cosmetics, Kant. A very thick volume indeed was published last year upon the thorax of a field cricket. It would require a learned man to catalogue the literature that deals with such comparatively trivial

## Swagger Military Styles in Habits



We just can't get away from the military influence in styles; but it has centered on that portion of feminine apparel that is made to withstand hard wear, as riding habits and service suits of various kinds. There is the military cape among wraps, but it appears to be an inspiration of other days or other lands—none of our officers and soldiers are going about in picturesque and flowing capes. Wherever it came from it is something to be thankful for as an addition to fair woman's wardrobe. It has spirit and grace; lending its "air" to the wearer who knows how to carry it off.

In riding habits and outfits, colors and lines are reminiscent of khaki and olive drab uniforms. Shoes and puttees vie with high boots, and small military caps with regulation riding hats for favor in the eyes of this summer's sportswoman. For indsummer Palm Beach cloth, linen and heavy shantung are offered in place of the substantial weaves in wool that provide habits for other seasons. Besides these there are lighter weight wool mixtures, in khaki color, with almost invisible threads of green and red shot through them, among the most practical of habits since they are adapted to any season.

One of these appears in the smart habit shown in the picture, to be

frankly indebted to military uniforms for its lines and details of finish. The breeches are cut on the same lines as those of khaki-clad soldiers and, instead of high boots and riding hat, puttees and a cap are worn, adding strength to the military flavor of a swagger habit. There are two large patch pockets at the left side of the coat and a small silt pocket, for the handkerchief, at the right. The blouse worn under the coat has a high turnover collar with a four-in-hand tie slipped under it.

Coats are full skirted and therefore appear a little shorter than they were, but the length remains the same—that is eight inches above the top of the puttees or boots. Puttees may be regarded as a fad, for they are not as trim as boots and probably not as comfortable, but they make a pleasing variety for women who can indulge themselves in fancies.

Sleeves are wider just below the elbow are usually cut a little short of the wrist or are gathered into a tight cuff. This idea is also beginning to appear on coats which have wider armholes and loose sleeves.

Has 235 Species of Ferns. The island of Mauritius, less than one-third the area of Delaware, has 235 native species of ferns; Java, a little larger than New York, has 460, while Brazil contains 387. All Europe furnishes but 67 species, the Arctic zone, 20; North America, north of Mexico, has about 175 native species.

Slightly Mixed. Mrs. Mix—There was a time when you minded what I said, but now it's like water on a duck's back—in at one ear and out at the other.

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Fudge nougat sundae, that is one of those new dishes at Silverthorn's fountain. 7-29-31

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BRIDE AND GROOM HAVE RETURNED FROM THE EAST

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LAADD CANYON, Or., July 30.—(Special).—"Billy" McCauley and his bride have returned from points in the east and are receiving congratulations from friends.

The dance given in the old school house last Saturday night, in honor of Eugene Banton and Guy Miller was very largely attended. Our chapter of the Red Cross presented each of them with a nice sweater and bag and we were all made proud by the manner in which the boys received them. Eugene successfully passed his examination, but Guy was exempted, due to slight foot troubles, and has returned home very much disappointed. He is one of the 21-year-old registrants and enlisted hoping to be accepted in the artillery.

Practically everyone of Ladd Canyon was in La Grande Monday evening to join in the merry-making for the boys who were leaving, and many found themselves on the way at 5:30 Tuesday morning to the train to say good-bye.

Guy Miller, while in Portland for examination, surprised Lausa Council, who is ill in the Open Air Sanitarium, by paying her a visit. He reports finding her looking and feeling pretty well.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Bainbridge and daughter, Mrs. Roy Halley, recently returned from an auto trip to Walla Walla, where they visited relatives.

Mrs. L. W. Drumsmith has gone to Joseph for a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Mrs. Aaron Johnson entertained the Red Cross and Get-Together club members on Thursday, serving a nice luncheon at the close of the afternoon. As there was no sewing or hand, the afternoon was spent in knitting and cutting out gun-wipers. Mrs. Frank Holboake will be the next hostess.

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