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JOB MUST BE THOROUGH

While reports from all sources show great war preparations in all departments, the work is not to be allowed to lag in any particular. The arrangements for extending the draft age may be accepted as a certain indication that there is to be a larger list of man-power available for service. The subject will not be received with exact unity by congress, but there will not be a great amount of discussion, and what the war program calls for will be met. The ages will likely be from 19 to 40, but in any case there is evidence that the United States is to have an army that will be efficient and adequate. That is the only reasonable way to go about the business. It is a job that lies before the country and there is to be no failure and no chance to be taken which will render the sacrifices already made of no avail.

It is a practical certainty that the crown prince's army will be driven back, or perhaps it is more accurate to say that they will retire anyway to the Vesle river, where it may be supposed that they will be as well entrenched as it is possible to be to meet further pressure from the allied armies. But henceforth it is to be a war of aggression on the part of the allies and of defense on the part of the enemy. It will require an abundance of man and munition power to keep up the ascendancy, and it is idle to believe otherwise.

This condition has been foreseen for a long time and all the resources of the country are to be marshalled for the impending task. It is some satisfaction to be told that 50,000 airplanes are within sight, and also to know that the submarine menace is becoming less and less in evidence. The troop arrivals in France are also keeping well up with the schedule. While all these things are as satisfactory as could well be expected there is every evidence that there will be no let-up whatever. As many men will be called as can be mustered and at the same time keep up the essential industries at home. If all indicates that unless the very unexpected happens the conflict before it becomes unquaffably decisive, will last well into next year if not longer. All plans are being laid to make the issue certain and peace permanent when it does come.

CASUALTIES LIGHT.

While the country has received notice to be prepared for a more extended list of casualties and the reports today are more large than heretofore reported, the number of actual fatalities is not large in proportion to the number of men engaged. It is to be hoped, but hardly expected, that the proportion will keep on in this way. But the

casualties, even if much more extensive than at present reported, are nothing like the destruction of life that was witnessed at Gettysburg and Cold Harbor and many other places that could be named. And all the armies engaged, both north and south, would make but few divisions of the armies now on the western front.

Every casualty list that comes brings the fact nearer home that it is a serious affair and that the sacrifices that are being made come as a silent plea for steadfastness at home. There is no war giving and war effort that comes anywhere equal to that of the men who stand like a stone wall and those who man the machine guns to the last breath. The people at home can never adequately repay the men who stand to the end at the front for the principle that freedom on earth may again reign.

THE DETECTIVE STORY

A careful study of the latest volume of detective fiction gives the following results for 115 pages:

- Number of nods, 135.
- Broadest jump made by hero in Apache den, 121 feet.
- Number of people who "nod comprehendingly," fifteen.
- Number of whistles of astonishment, twelve.
- Detective hero sucks in his breath seven times.
- Reformed crook seen heaven in a good woman's eyes, four times.
- Highest speed attained by detective's limousine in pursuit of kidnapers, five hundred miles an hour.
- Highest distance climbed by detective up precipitous wall, forty-five feet.
- Number of occasions on which he might just as well have used the stairs, five.
- Number of languages spoken by detective hero like a native, apparently, twenty-four; also a smattering of ancient Javanese and Tasmanian.
- Number of occasions on which reformed crook narrowly escapes being accepted by the good woman and so ruining the story, twelve.
- Number of inquiries from wife of reader whether it isn't time to put away the trash and go to bed, five.—New York Evening Post.

SAYINGS OF WISE MEN

- Learning without thought is labor lost.—Confucius.
- They never fall who die in a great cause.—Lord Byron.
- It is well to think. It is divine to act well.—Horace Mann.
- Men do less than they ought unless they do all they can.—Thomas Carlyle.
- To live thy better, let thy worst thoughts die.—Sir Walter Raleigh.
- He who has learned how to obey will know how to command.—Solon.
- Words are daughters of earth but ideas are sons of heaven.—Ducrot Johnson.
- A friendless heart is like a hollow shell that sighs over its own emptiness.—Thomas Hood.
- Absence of occupation is not rest; a mind quite vacant is a mind distressed.—William Cowper.
- If you know how to spend less than you get you have the philosopher's stone.—Franklin.
- Good nature will always supply the absence of beauty but beauty cannot supply the absence of good nature.—Joseph Addison.

LUSH LACONISMS

- Stock speculator's tippie.—Margtn.
- Too many toots make a man destitute.
- A couple of horns don't make the moon full.
- Would you call a pony of brandy a spirited animal?
- The highball isn't always an antidote for low spirits.—Boston Transcript.

AROUND THE WORLD

- In England it is mandatory to employ at least 70 per cent of female labor in all industrial plants.
- The tailoring trade in New York city has over 20,000 women workers of the voting age who are unutilized.
- A resident of Richmond, Cal., has saved all the odds and ends of string for 17 years, and now has a ball weighing 80 pounds, and is said to contain about 40 miles of string.

Bill Hart Picture at Saturday, Sunday—never shown before. 8-22t

RUSH SHIP BUILDING

Fleets Take to the Waters at 158 Great Building Plants.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(By United Press.)—Germany took 40 years to build up her war machine. The United States shipping board has taken less than 10 months to bridge the Atlantic ocean with ships.

Exigencies of the war have forced this government to accomplish things it never before believed possible. And no task faced was greater, perhaps, than the building of ships. Today, America's merchant marine is the greatest in the world; its growth has been amazing even to the shipbuilding officials themselves.

The shipping board, since its creation, last September, has placed 1,714,172 deadweight tons of vessels in service. Two hundred and sixty-one seagoing ships, of seagoing capacity, have been commissioned. This does not include the scores of ships already built and owned by American citizens.

Besides the 261 bottoms completed, nearly 200 other hulls are afloat in various stages of completion. These will aggregate approximately 1,800,000 tons.

One hundred and fifty-eight shipyards are engaged in producing ships with which to transport men and materials to the front. Keels have been laid or will be laid on more than 700 ways, and 250,000 men are doing their bit in the shipyards of the United States.

YOU ARE DOING IT.

Every time you read, you purchasers of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, of what the United States is doing in France in building wharves and railroads, or deluging the Germans with gas or shelling them out of position with big guns or shrapnel, or of bombing their arsenals or cities, or of the great work of our army and our navy, or of the building of ships here, or of any or all of the great or small achievements of America, here or abroad or on the seas, you buyers of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps truthfully can say, "I had a hand in this"; "I contributed to this"; "I am helping do this"; "It is part of my work."

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CHRONIC CONSTIPATION.

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"THIS INTOLERABLE THING."

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Upon my forbidding frontier shine the symbols of Tyranny, and a great, obscure people bow down to me in fear and serve me as a god.

The glorious genius of an intelligence derived from God I prostitute to the service of passions shared with brutes.

Devoid of pity, despising mercy, I know no joy but the wild delirium of battle, that revels in destruction and is blind to the odds.

I force my devoted subjects from peaceful homes, fling them to the flaming cannon, and leave them writhing in grotesque agonies on fields of ghastliness and grief.

The dead who have died in my defense I leave to rot upon the stricken field, pausing in my vulture flight only long enough to whet my sword for a more sanguinary desolation.

I lay siege to splendid cities, adorned with the choicest gems of Art and the cherished trophies of civilization. And lo! when I depart only gutted ruins are left to tell the story of their vanished splendor.

My ruthless rapacity I justify with the philosophy of "blood and nation is to exploit the small and the weak; that God, working thru the pitiless laws of evolution, wills the subjugation of the weak and the survival of the strong.

I make a mockery of Christianity. I beguile my subjects into the belief that the ideal of universal peace and brotherhood is but the bleat of sentimental sheep, the sophistry of fools.

Treaties, peace-pacts, the solemn pledges of a nation's honor, I convert into mere "scraps of paper"—points of strategy to deceive the amiable and the unwary.

Materialism, physical force, I make the only foundation of a nation's glory, cannon the sole custodian of a nation's honor. Intrigue I substitute for diplomacy; I fill the world with hateful spies and corrupt the policy of peaceful nations with my insidious machinations.

I seduce the genius of a great people: Scientists, philosophers, statesmen and captain generals, devote their inspiration to my glory, and dedicate their works to the perpetuation of my pomp and pride and power.

And thus I clothe my wanton brutality in a seductive splendor and create the illusion that my mission is God-like and benign.

For the support of my colossal establishment I lay a crushing burden on the shoulders of the poor. I squander the lives and savings of my subjects and return nothing but the glamor of a splendid tyranny.

The glory which I confer upon the plant few is as cold and cheerless as the nodding plumes on a hearse, as shallow as the shimmer of the silver plates on a coffin.

I am without conscience, or honor.

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