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

WILL NOT STOP.

It is such reports as have been coming from the battle front the past few days and in fact nearly all the time since the 18th of July that is back of the Prussian pleas for peace. No such appeals came from them when they were in the ascendancy and if the Huns were still in attacking distance of Paris and the ports to such communications would be entrusted to the neutral messengers now. There is no doubt that the German armies are preparing for retirement from Belgium and France and the idea is to make their retreat as conveniently as possible and with a much smaller loss of men and materials than will be the case when the allied armies have progressed a few kilometers further.

The emptiness of the proposal is well analyzed in the report from Paris, which points out that Wilson's fourteen principles are accepted as the basis for "negotiations for peace." They are not acceptable as fixed propositions for peace. It is all an excuse for a parley and as a time-saver to stave off the inevitable. After it is done, there is no guarantee that any one of Wilson's conditions would be adopted. Premier Maximilian has no such authority and the final acceptance would rest entirely with the German kaiser and his military household. All that outfit have proven their incapacity of entering into and staying with an agreement a long time ago. They are outlaws in honor and in practice, and have been for a long time. They are, as the president of the United States has formally proclaimed, "incapable of making a covenant of peace."

These things are all well understood, and the significance of the offer at this time is that the Prussian war machine is about to the end of its row. It certainly is if there is no faltering on the part of the allies now. The time is ripe to conclude this matter exactly according to schedule and that is by the employment of "force to the utmost."

While no direct statement from headquarters has been given out it is considered a foregone certainty doors in the long white building from this end of the line, although France and Belgium are the countries primarily interested and are entitled to the first say. They will not be caught by the bait; neither will Great Britain or Italy.

Unconditional surrender and the demolition of the Hohenzollern dynasty is the thing that stands in the way of peace. These obstacles are so rapidly crumbling that the era of peace is near, and it will be accomplished without the loss of time in further talk and insin-

MANTLE IS NEWEST FUR COAT



This garment is a cape in reality, but it is so shaped that it seems to fall into broad sleeves, and the heavy collar of long fur, with the fur sack, completes the coat illusion.

cure proposals for negotiations. In fact, there is nothing to talk about. It is only a choice of giving up voluntarily or being forced to do so.

HOW MAY I SERVE?

If readers are curious to ascertain their standing in a calling a note or a visit to the nearest military bureau will supply the information, says Robin Baily in the Sunset Magazine. At the University of California bureau, 14 committees are in action composed of volunteer workers including professors and men of established reputation in the professions and trades most useful in war. Their reports regarding applicants for work in the fighting forces often cover 20 pages of typewriting. The result may be a gratifying or disappointing surprise to the subject. Some highly elated and some deeply humiliated persons have emerged from the now celebrated glass doors in the long white building on the Berkeley campus where the sifting of humanity goes on. But it is enheartening to know that all those who have passed through the ordeal at this far western headquarters have eventually buckled to with a will, whether they were selected for an important position, where highly specialized knowledge and great ability was required, or for labor involving merely powerful muscles and stamina. Even the colored giant from West Oakland, bearing unimpeachable references from a great railroad company, who, when asked how he desired to serve, answered: "Ah think Ah would prefer to act in an advisory capacity," became a pile driver in a shipyard without a whimper. Recent reports claim that he stands at 100 per cent as a pile driver.

"LIBERTY IS OPEN FOR INVESTMENT."

In his plea for subscriptions to the fourth Liberty loan, Private Harold R. Peat says in the October Red Cross Magazine:

"It is to the citizens of the United States that the greatest honor of the world has come.

"Americans, the fate of the peoples of the world is in your hands. It is yours to uphold now the traditions of your ancestors—it is yours to continue that for which your forefathers died. You are young, you are virile, you are fresh in the fighting field—your ranks are undepleted, your troops are not battleworn and scarred, your homes are not seared with sorrow, your country is not devastated, your towns and cities are not nightly raided by flying death. Citizens of the American States, Liberty is open for investment. The stocks of Liberty are on the market."

FUNERAL TOMORROW

Last Honors For Deceased Navy Lead To Be Held At Union.

The funeral of Clarence Eugene Geertsen, who died at the League Island naval hospital last Wednesday, will be held at the M.E. church in Union tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The whole community will unite in paying their respects to the memory of the young man who died in his country's service.

Clarence Eugene Geertsen was 21 years and 3 days old at the time of his death. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Geertsen, well known and respected residents of Union. Besides his parents he leaves a younger brother and a sister. The latter has arrived from Salt Lake to be present at the funeral.

AGED MAN HURT

J. Quinland Sustains Fracture of the Hip in Collision.

J. Quinland, the well known manager of the harness department of the M. & M. Company, sustained very serious injury yesterday evening when he was run into by a boy riding a bicycle. As a result of the collision Mr. Quinland sustained a fracture of the hip. Mr. Quinland is 80 years of age. His many friends will regret to hear of the accident that has befallen him.

HOUSING SHORTAGE ACUTE

On Wednesday afternoon, about 400 teachers from Baker, and Wallawa counties and outside districts of Union county, will arrive in town to attend the Blue Mountain Teachers' Annual Institute. Thus far, Superintendent Hampton reports 81 rooms in private homes listed for the period of three days. The hotels advise accommodations for 100 teachers.

The inference is obvious. Superintendent Hampton assures all willing to provide entertainment that the favor will be very greatly appreciated if rooms are listed with him before tomorrow evening. In addition, all having offered entertainment to the guests, and later making other arrangements, are urgently requested to notify either Superintendent Hampton or Professor Du Bois, that confusion may be avoided after the guests arrive.

Miss Gladys Miller is starting a class in piano. Call Black 1271. 10-6-18, pd

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Plurality Didn't Elect. In all of the three times that he ran for president Grover Cleveland polled a plurality of the popular vote. In his second race, when he was defeated, his plurality over Harrison was 98,017.

Which Kind Are Yours?

There are only two kinds of clothes, those that save and those that waste. If you buy wasteful clothes you are depriving the government of needed resources of material and labor.

If you want to save, insist on clothes of good quality; all-wool materials; reliable tailoring. One suit can be made to do double service this year if you wear it carefully and keep it well pressed.

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POPULAR SCIENCE

Nevada reports new manganese finds.

Colorado is increasing copper output.

Gypsum is now employed as a fertilizer.

American peat fuel production is increasing.

Peat has been found to be an excellent fertilizer.

The British army spends \$500,000 a year for the paste with which to polish the brass buttons on the soldiers' uniforms.

The greatest meat eaters are the Australians, who before the war consumed an average of more than seven pounds per head weekly.

AROUND THE WORLD

California regulates fish prices.

Hawaii will breed goats on a large scale.

Jamaicans can raise two vegetable crops yearly.

Berlin is threatened with typhus fever epidemic.

English railroads are cutting down passenger train service.

Alaska Eskimos sell furs and give the money to the Red Cross.

London's telephone and telegraph wires extend to 74,500 miles overhead and 921,000 miles underground.

BY THE OFFICE OWL

Some girls can do anything except acquire husbands.

It's the grave cases of the physician that benefit the undertakers.

All the world's a circus ring, and each of us at times is clown.

A regular man has to use a magnifying glass to see his own faults.

A man thinks long and speaks short; a woman thinks short and speaks long.

Principal Geyser Region. Geysers occur in most volcanic regions; most notable specimens are in Yellowstone region of Rocky mountains, New Zealand, Tibet, the Azores and in southwestern Iceland.

Owl Stopped Wheels of Industry.

The curious combination of an owl and a steel trap in which the bird had become caught and flown away, trap and all, alighting on a high-powered electric cable carrying 11,000 volts of electricity to run a mill at Goodyear, Conn., stopped the power and threw several hundred men out of work for several hours. Linemen, after several hours' search, located the owl, burned to a cinder.

Up to the Standard.

People who go in for speed records are not as wise as they think they are; speed without accuracy is of no avail. True, time is at a premium in every line these days, and we should not under any circumstances waste a minute unnecessarily. But if we aren't sure about any phase of our work we must take sufficient time to go into it and not rely on chance to help us where we cannot possibly help ourselves.

We Certainly Would.

"Would you call eating lobster and cream putting down a disturbance?" queries a correspondent.

Observer advertising will bring results.

Beautiful Dream Faded.

Helga was told she would have to wait until her birthday for a new doll. She tried to be patient, but a month seemed a long time to wait. One morning she awoke quite early, sobbing loudly. Her mother asked what was wrong. "My dreamed one had a doll, but I woke up and found my dream gone," cried Helen.

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"I have had more or less stomach trouble for eight or ten years," writes Mrs. G. H. Smith, Brewster, N. Y. "When suffering from attacks of indigestion and heaviness after eating, one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets have always relieved me. I have also found them a pleasant laxative. These tablets tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. If you are troubled with indigestion give them a trial, get well and stay well." Adv.

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