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New and Troublesome Malady.

The following report of a new ailment is going the rounds:

With the cessation of hostilities the Red Cross is called upon to combat a new epidemic, originating this time within its own ranks. The affliction is known as "I'm thru-enzi."

The initial symptom is a sense of lassitude—a feeling of "What's the use? It's all over. Why should I work?" Steps are being taken to isolate the germ—also those who are carrying it.

The epidemic is not widespread; nevertheless an effort is being made to stem its advance.

"Cold feet" is a marked symptom. Another indication of the presence of the germ is forgetfulness (that the boys are still over there).

The victim, as a rule, cannot concentrate the mind (on knitting).

The sight becomes impaired (can't see to sew).

The ears become affected (can't hear the appeals of hundreds of thousands of refugees who must be clothed and fed and housed).

Heart doesn't beat as it used to and in advanced stage that organ apparently turns to stone.

A vaccine consisting of equal parts of tincture of I-won't-quit and Red Cross spirit, a dash of patriotism and a peck of pep is effective.

As a Permanent Policy.

The stress of the war has demonstrated in the main that so far from being anything in the nature of a conflict between capital and labor, it has been one of the means whereby there has been much closer relationship. Commenting on this subject the report of the secretary of labor just made public says that the fixed policy of the department has always been to acknowledge the right of both employers and wage earners to organize and to use its influence against abuse of organization by either side. Upon this theory the conciliation service of the department has always operated.

It is felt, however, that the rights of organization and of collective bargaining are no longer in dispute, since they have been formally adopted both by employers and by wage earners through the war labor conference board. This agreement between two hitherto conflicting elements is presumably temporary in nature, but there is no good reason why it should not be regarded as permanent. If the principles upon which that agreement was founded can endure the stress of war, it is fair to suppose that even greater success will attend their application during the calmer periods of peace.

The war has demonstrated that American patriotism is not restricted to any section of the country nor to any class or group of individuals nor to any stratum of society. The great need for sacrifice for the common good

engendered by the war has impelled both employers and wage earners to lay aside old prejudices, old suspicions and old hatreds. Both laborer and employer have done this in supreme measure during the past years. In continuance of that spirit of sacrifice lies the hope for the further attainment and development during the days of peace of that democracy for which we have taken up arms.

Enormous Crop Values

Details of the crop estimate for the year were made public from Washington yesterday. The entire value is placed at \$12,272,412,000.

It has appeared lately that the only concrete thing in the way of bigness was that of the war expenditures, but now comes the man formerly dubbed as "Mr. Hayseed," and shows that the dollars for war are a side issue as compared with his regular and dependable output.

The estimates show, it is stated—and when it comes to talking about billions the only recourse is to let the statistician have his way—that this is better than a five-year average.

"Well, we have been getting along very well for the past five years and have sent a great deal to the European countries besides, so there is no need to worry for the ensuing twelve months." It is the same as a guarantee that the people of the United States will have all they need, if they do not have all they want, and that there will be enough left over to supply the needy across the water—at least sufficient for those whom this country will feel it is its duty to help.

Hurrah for Uncle Sam's crop output!

ORIGIN OF DOUGHBOY

Authorities Are Unable to Definitely Explain the Matter.

Many civilians have wondered why the American infantry are commonly known as "doughboys" and from the variety of explanations given, it is not at all clear what it means or had any special fitness for it.

There are three versions given in the "official manual" of the army: "1. In ancient times, when infantrymen used to clean their white trimmings with pipe clay, if caught in the rain whitening would run, forming a kind of dough—hence the sobriquet 'dough boy'."

"2. The tramp of infantry marching in mud sounds as if their shoes were being worked and pressed in 'dough'."

"3. From 'dough' (mud) then 'dough'—the idea being infantrymen are the soldiers who have to march in the mud; hence the expressions used in the sixties and early seventies in referring to infantrymen as 'dough crushers,' 'dough makers' and 'mud crushers.'"

The reader may take his choice. He may find none of the three convincing.

Somewhere insists that this term had its origin in Alaska, having been applied for years to American adventurers in that country. If so, it might be simple enough to find out why it ever came into use. Once adapted, it is easy to see how it might be transferred to Americans on a foreign military expedition. But if the origin is correct, why were those Alaskan prospectors called "doughboys"? Future dictionary-makers will want to know. Contemporary lexicographers certainly give no help. The Standard dictionary defines "doughboy" simply as "a boiled dumpling of raised dough." The secret may be hidden in that definition, but who can drag it forth?

HOT WEATHER DON'TS

Don't encroach on your neighbor's sidewalk when shoveling snow.

Don't let the children go to bed with cold feet—or your wife, either.

Don't put your skates on the register to thaw out. It's a very untidy habit.

Don't handicap your poor horse in his fly fighting by putting a heavy blanket on him.

Don't impose on the conductor by requiring 95 cents change when the weather is below zero.

Don't return your neighbor's snow shovel too hastily. There may be another heavy fall in a month or so.

Don't abandon your automobile in a deep drift. The humane society is watching for just such opportunities as this.

Trials All Have Value.

Trials without discovery forces within. Says Victor Hugo: "There are instincts for all the eras of life." A deep perplexity awakens a flash of insight; a bitter opposition sets the soul on fire; a grave peril opens our eyes to horses and chariots of fire; a severe catastrophe evokes a heroism of which the sufferer had not thought himself capable.—W. L. Dickinson.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

At least the *Qu* is asking to be squeezed at.

Prune pie proves popular as one of the consequences of war.

American air sees in France are trying a lot of German dozes.

The supreme sacrifice is made if the home is well as on the battlefield.

Straight railroad straight shooting beat any possible confusion of lines.

Report to the right authority not only the spy but the equally mischievous grifter.

The article that looks as if it had suffered most from the war is the war-time doughnut.

The halberd should bear in mind those terrible Yanks have only just begun to fight.

It may not be long before we are getting letters from the boys "somewhere in Germany."

Spanish influenza got its start in Europe where the custom of men kissing men still exists.

Uncle Sam in a bulletin says you can't pay over \$12 for a pair of shoes. A lot of folks can't pay \$12.

Too many persons are making bonfires of leaves. Why should such good garden material be burned?

Allied aviators are now masters of the air. Allied armies also seem to be in charge of the ground floor.

As long as they don't button up the back, father doesn't care whether women's dresses are short or long.

The Japanese custom of using paper lanterns and burning them might have its value when influenza is prevalent.

Guard against influenza not only for your own sake but for the sake of friends, neighbors and the public in general.

Some of the doughboys are dropping German airplanes with their rifles. They are simply crazy over this new machine gun.

Seeing what our corned beef can do in battle, the European nations may decide that corn bread is worth cultivating.

Much to their surprise a great many people have discovered that they like war bread better than the straight white kind.

Germany is wishing that poison gas is ended. What a lovely place the world would be if there were none but Germans in it!

Like the gypsy moth, the grip germ is likely to spread until its food given out or its natural enemies can multiply and check it.

Diversion, relaxation and relief from mental strain will do more toward warding off influenza than gloom and depression.

A flying machine, to test its strength, carried a piano from London to Paris. We may get hear sounds of music floating through the air.

Some women will not really understand the horrors of war until they ask the regulated shoe dealers for heels over 1½ inches high.

Evidently the Kaiser does not consider his sons as part of the German people, who he has asked to give their last breath for the fatherland.

A good many retail stores have been in the habit of wrapping up packages which did not need wrapping. That practice is discouraged by government order.

The patriot who is in our midst with advice on how to get the clocks back to normal has nothing on the other one who has an infallible cure for influenza.

Don't imagine you are the only one who is making great sacrifices. A dispatch says that the king of Siam has given up horse racing for the duration of the war.

If it makes any difference, a New York man has discovered—or else knew all the time—that the term "doughboy" was used in England as long ago as 1880.

Women enemy aliens must register like the men. This is a case which must give civility pause, for the female of that species is often more dangerous than the male.

Experts are said to be able to tell the age of a fish by counting the lines in its scales. These are a kind of fathoms to which the average boy so far has given little thought.

Berlin's clothing commissioner announces that satisfactory substitutes for clothing will be available this winter. What would seem to you to be a satisfactory substitute for clothing in the winter time?

And now the German high command can explain that ignorance of modern warfare practices caused the Americans to bombard a sector that they did not intend to attack, and therefore, permitted them to surprise the Huns.

WANT AD will do.

ANNUAL CROP ESTIMATE

Value Is Near \$12 Billion Dollars More Than Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Estimates of production of the country's principal crops, announced by the department of agriculture, place the corn crop at 2,580,814,000 bushels, and the wheat crop at 917,100,000 bushels.

The total value of the nation's principal crops this year is estimated at \$12,272,412,000, compared with \$11,458,032,000 last year, having their value on the price paid to producers December 1.

Forecast of production of the principal crops have been made from month to month throughout the season and preliminary estimates already have been announced for most crops. Wednesday's report, however, makes final estimates of production.

They follow: Winter wheat, 558,449,000 bushels. Spring wheat, 358,651,000 bushels. Oats, 1,038,359,000 bushels. Barley, 256,375,000 bushels. Rye, 60,103,000 bushels. Buckwheat, 17,782,000 bushels. Flax seed, 14,557,000 bushels. Rice, 40,423,000 bushels.

White potatoes, 397,675,000 bushels. Sweet potatoes, 86,234,000 bushels. Hay (tame), 75,440,000 tons. Hay (wild), 14,374,000 tons. Tobacco, 3,840,000,000 pounds. Sugar beets, 2,822,000 tons. Maple sugar and syrup (as sugar), 55,512,000 pounds. Sugar beet seed, 628,400 pounds. Sorghum: syrup, 29,224,000 gallons. Beans (all states), 17,733,000 bushels. Peanuts, 53,497,000 bushels.

Kaffirs (6 states), 66,936,000 bushels. Broom corn (5 states), 58,900 tons. Onions (14 states), 13,438,200 bushels. Cabbage (9 states), 565,200 tons. Hops (4 states), 20,193,000 pounds. Cranberries (3 states), 370,100 barrels. Apples (total), 173,432,000 bushels. Apples (commercial), 25,444,000 barrels. Peaches, 40,185,000 bushels. Pears, 10,342,000 bushels. Oranges (2 states), 15,587,000 boxes.

Biblical Town of Gaza.
At-Mintar, or the watchtower, still exists to the east of the town of Gaza. It is where Sampson is said to have carried the gates of the city. On the road from Gaza to Jaffa are ancient olive trees, many of them more than one thousand years old, with gnarled bark and immense trunks. There is an old legend which credits Gaza with the invention of the first mechanical clock. These were perhaps the sand clocks which are still used in some mosques.

"Nemesis."
Nemesis was a goddess of justice and divine retribution. The word comes from a Greek verb meaning to do out, distribute, dispense. In Greek mythology Nemesis was a goddess personifying allotment, or the divine distribution to every man of his precise share of fortune, good and bad. It was her peculiar function to see that the proper proportion of individual prosperity was reserved, and that anyone who became too prosperous or was too much uplifted by his prosperity should be reduced or punished.

PERSIAN SHAWLS
USED FOR DRESSES

BY MARGARET ROBE
(Written for the United Press.)
Persian fashions are blended in the folds of a Persian shawl.

And quaint cashmere they're wearing here. Most any old way at all.

PARIS, Nov. 19. (By Mail)—If Omar Khayyam only could come to Paris now I'm sure he'd feel quite at home. There's such a Persian atmosphere, what with every one who's chic at all affecting a touch of a cashmere shawl about her person. Still, on second thought perhaps it's just as well he can't run in on us, for although he'd have no trouble in wrapping up a jar of wine or a bag of verses, or even a "thou" to show beside him, just fancy what a shawl of broad tickets he would have to come up for a whole loaf of bread.

The exquisitely blended shades of old blues and reds and rose are so charming in the blurring scroll designs of the antique Persian shawls. It's no wonder they have gone to Persian heads in the shape of chic little turbans. It doesn't seem to matter whether the turbans be Russian, Turkish, Moorish, Hindoo or just 20th century Persian, the lovely cashmere shawl adapts itself with perfect perfection to any nationality or age.

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