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The War Is Done, but We Must Not Forget.

Only yesterday that long range gun opened fire on Paris and we feared the Hun had won. A few hours later the Germans swept through the battered lines with victory at their finger tips.

Then Chateau Thierry leaped to an undying page in history when America raced to meet that roaring tide of death singing "The Yanks Are Coming." Followed the beginning of the Yank offensive that was to roll on and on to St. Mihiel, the Argonne forest, Sedan and turn the German flag to white.

Now we're discussing peace. Our troops are coming home. The edge of our enthusiasm is wearing off a little, the hurraing is dying out all too quickly and business and dollars are getting up steam.

Those tragic days at the Marne are beginning to seem pretty far away. The thrills we had in the war news are becoming a bit hazy. We read an interview with the cocky, poster platoon slayer of Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt who wants to come to America and we realize that truly the war is over.

But we must not forget. Let us keep before us the deeds of our men who have put deeper color into the red of the flag, a new brilliance in the starry field and a purer white that betokens a hope for world peace. We must freshen our minds with memories of American service and sacrifice. We dare not forget.

Our service is not ended. Our job is not finished. In the memory of the deeds of the valorous Yanks, subscribing our part of the Victory loan becomes rather a pleasure than a stern duty and in the meantime let us help hold their victories by holding our Liberty bonds.

Spain's Request for the Pillars of Hercules

The demand of Spain for the return of Gibraltar calls up ancient sea memories.

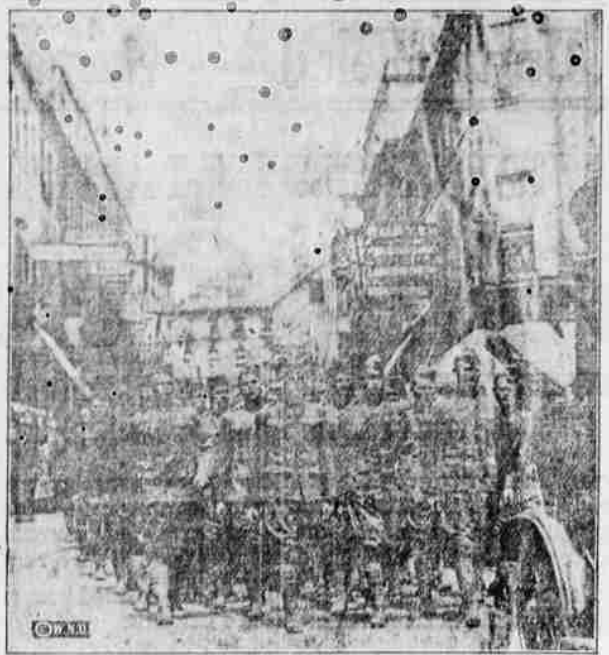
That famous rock, held by the British for more than two centuries, is one of two twin promontories that have guarded the entrance of the Mediterranean since the dawn of history. The other, now called Ceuta, stands ten miles distant, on the tip of the Moroccan peninsula, marking the apex of the African continent.

The ancients called them the "Pillars of Hercules." According to the old myth, Hercules, the Greek demigod, had pushed them apart to make the wide, deep channel through which the waters of the Mediterranean mingle with those of the Atlantic. Like all myths, it doubtless shadowed forth a truth. Geologists say that Africa and Europe were once joined at this point by a rocky ridge.

To the old Greeks those "pillars" marked the limits of the known world. In Homer's time the ocean beyond them was a vague region of terrors and terror. If the Phoenicians—the Britons of antiquity—were ever seafarers, it is venturing through them, they left little record of their adventures. Until shortly before the Christian era, Gibraltar marked the jumping-off place of civilization.

Now that little strait is the world's greatest gateway of commerce and communication. And Great Britain, guarded on the gulf as most of the world's important sea gates, stands on the straits of the fortified rock which has become in every civilized

AMERICAN PARADE SWINGS THROUGH LONDON



When Britain reached the end of the rainbow and found American troops really peering through her ports to France, by tens and hundreds of thousands, her heart welled up within her and a welcome they will long remember was the portion of the arriving Americans. Above is shown an American regiment marching through London in parade.

land a synonym of invincible strength. Spain asks for that rock, on the ground that it is geographically a part of the Spanish peninsula. Inasmuch as the accepted peace platform is concerned with the racial rights rather than geographical traditions, it is not likely that much attention will be paid to the request.

Gibraltar is but a tiny place, only a couple of square miles in extent, and its inhabitants, though speaking a sort of Spanish, have not been predominantly Spanish for 200 years. The place is pretty thoroughly Anglicized. Moreover the world is pretty well persuaded that Great Britain has not abused her use of the famous "pillar" and can be trusted better than Spain can if it is to remain under any particular national guardianship.

Using the Spirit of War to Bring Peace.

In one of his speeches in England, President Wilson told of the remark of a friend of his, "When peace is conducted in the spirit of war, there will be no war."

And isn't it the truth? If nations gave to the promotion of peace one hundredth as much devotion, effort and money as they give to the prosecution of wars once started, surely there would be mighty few wars. And if a tithe of the thought and foresight that statesmen have hitherto given to preparing for wars and fighting wars were given to the construction of guarantees against war between times, would there be any wars at all?

The whole world knows how the statesmen of the allied nations found a practical way to pool their own thinking machinery and their countries' resources when it came to a question of international unity or destruction. They formed a league of armed nations, in complete co-operation, and so defeated Germany and saved the world. Is there any reason why a similar spirit and effort cannot now devise a plan that will stop all such catastrophes hereafter before they start?

Making the Ocean the Dumping Ground of War

Hundreds of thousands of pounds of T. N. T., one of the high explosives much used during the war, have been dumped into the sea off the coast of New Jersey, in accordance with an order of the railroad administration.

This deadly stuff by the carload has been a standing menace ever since the armistice was signed. Now some of it has been shipped abroad and the rest of it is disposed of in the simplest manner known to man. It is a great pity that every measure which war involves cannot be just as simply and easily eliminated.

The world has no more desire to be torn to pieces by war than to be blown up by T. N. T. The sooner the peace conference gets together and determines upon a policy wise enough and deep enough to swallow the dainties of the world as the sea swallowed up the explosives, the better for all concerned.

Now Comes the Time to Pay for Our Fun.

Congress, it seems, authorized expenditures for fighting Germany to the tune of \$10,000,000,000. The signing of the armistice made possible various reductions in spending the total down to something like \$5,000,000,000. This is more than \$500 for every man, woman and child in the United States. If the paying of this vast sum were divided according to population, it would be a very small sum indeed.

ability, how many families would have to work and pinch for years to foot the bill!

But even so, would any true American begrudge his slaving and pinching and paying? This is a nation of good sports, and gladly will its citizens pay the piper for making the Germans dance!

Britain to Establish Ministry of Peace.

The British government is considering the establishment of a new administrative department called a "ministry of thrift." It is intended to encourage national saving and make permanent the thrifty practices adopted by the British people during the war.

The idea is not merely paternalistic or philanthropic. It is meant for the welfare of the people themselves, to be sure. But it is also meant to accomplish two very important things: First, to enable Great Britain to take care of her huge war debt; and second, to undermine the tendency toward radical Socialism and Bolshevism.

If this is a good thing for Britain, it is surely a good thing for America. An English government official is quoted as saying: "Great Britain needed to learn the lessons of thrift and economy, but our American friends needed it much more. I wonder where or they have been in the war long enough to have gained the benefits from it which France, Italy and England have gained."

A definite, persistent campaign for continued economy, carried on under the direction of a governmental department, would surely help our people to make up any such deficit in the lessons of war.

EVERY FARMER WHO IS ABLE TO DO SO SHOULD STORE ICE

Where ice and sawdust or other insulating material for packing the ice, is available it is most unfortunate for any farmer not to have a full supply of ice for the many purposes needed. In the northern dairy sections most farmers do this and find the cost is very little, though it may involve some hard work. A small ice house is not at all necessary. One square in a barn or shed, tightly boarded, is suitable, but double boarding is desirable to provide dead-air space. The blocks of ice should be packed solid in the center leaving a space of about 19 inches on all sides for sawdust or other insulating material. If snow is available, be sure to fill all spaces between the cakes of the bottom tier of ice with it and spaces of each tier above as the mass is built up. This will exclude air and the ice will keep much better. The ice mass thus forms one large solid block covering a space about 10 feet square with a height of 10 to 15 feet. The insulating material then to be packed around the mass should be tramped down as firmly as possible for each foot of material added, then the top covered with the same material to a depth of not less than 18 inches. Hauled in this way, a good supply of ice is inexpensive.

Printing in China.

The Chinese follow the primitive way of printing from engraved wooden blocks. The matter to be printed is first written by means of ink, upon paper which is pasted face downward upon a block of a pear or plum tree. After the paper becomes dry it is rubbed until an inverted impression of the characters is left. Then the blank spaces are cut away and the block is turned over to the printer, who works by hand. He takes care to ink the characters equally and to avoid tearing the impression.

The Upper Crust.

Little Miss Oregan—I suppose, now, she is only birds of the blither class that go South for the winter—Boston Transcript.

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OBITUARY

IDA LILLIAN SHELTON

Mrs. Ida Lillian Shelton was born at Thompsonville, Ky., on January 27th, 1886, and died in La Grande January 1, 1919, at the age of 32 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Mrs. Shelton, who before her marriage was Miss Gray, was married to Chesley Shelton on July 6th, 1905, and from this union there was one child born, Lester, who is about 11 years of age.

Besides the husband and son the deceased leaves her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Gray of Elgin; one sister, Mrs. Gillman of Portland; and four brothers, Grant, Edgar, Charles and Wade of Elgin, who deeply mourn her loss.

They do not mourn, however, as those who have no hope for the left a testimony that she was at peace with her God and reported to be at rest. So, with this hope, we turn our eyes from earthly sorrows, press forward, take courage, and sing as we journey, "Our Loved Ones Are Waiting for Us."

WILLIAM F. BAUMAN

On Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, all that was mortal of William F. Bauman was laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery.

William F. Bauman was born in Odel, Germany, March 12th, 1878. When 16 years of age he emigrated to the United States and immediately took out his naturalization papers and became a citizen of the United States. He lived in Iowa until March 1, 1901, when he came to Oregon.

On August 20th, 1904, he was united in marriage with Rhoda L. White, which union was blessed with three boys, Frederick W., aged 12; George E., aged 10; and Samuel W., aged 8. Mr. Bauman has lived in La Grande since 1913, and had been an employe of the George Palmer Lumber company ever since coming to this city. Although born in Germany, there was no more loyal supporter of the American cause than William F. Bauman.

SOME OBSERVATIONS.

A true friend is a jewel that shines in the dark.

A cheerful lie makes more friends than a solemn truth.

A woman of few words usually has the reputation of being dumb.

A girl thinks a man is brave because he isn't afraid to swear.

People with peppery tempers are not the salt of the earth.

No, Raffalo, earthquakes were not invented by the Quakers.

As a man grows older he has more sympathy for the chap who can't deliver the goods.

A diplomat is the fellow who has acquired the art of going after what he wants while the other fellow is waiting.

—Contributed.

January 10th last day to pay water rent without a penalty.

The soda fountain business is now open. All kinds of hot drinks, tamales, eschelades, chili con carne, hot malted milks and hot chocolate and coffee are served at all hours from 8 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. at Silverthorn's 1-4-3t.



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