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Job Star Service Flags for After the War.

Business institutions everywhere, during the war, have proudly displayed service stars to show the number of men they gave to the army and navy.

The end, however, has not really come. It is not all over until all the boys who went away to fight have come back—all the living—and resumed their places in civilian life.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer springs a suggestion that deserves to find quick acceptance everywhere. It hangs out a flag bearing several stars and under them the explanatory words "Returned Soldiers Employed Here."

Germany's Many-Sided Political Family.

For the benefit of readers who may be interested in German politics, here is a resume of the political parties now active in Germany, as compiled and explained by the London Times.

The Majority Socialists, headed by Ebert and Schulermann; The Independent Socialists, headed by Haase, Ledebour and Barth; The Spartacus group, followers of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg;

Of all these parties the first named is now dominant. The Spartacides or Spartacuses, though numerically small, have sought to rule by terrorism, and nearly succeeded so far as Berlin is concerned.

These two are moderately intelligible in their politics and leadership. The rest, even as described by the Times, seem to constitute a dim, chaotic shadow-land of politics, with subdivisions of membership and shades of opinion and influence that mean nothing to an outsider.

The Germans have always complained that Americans do not understand them. Assuredly we do not understand their political system, so complicated as we are to only two parties of definite antecedents and principles.

A Mysterious Force Behind the Prohibition Sweep.

Is there any more remarkable episode in American history than the sudden sweep of national prohibition? The New York Tribune, on sending

on the ratification of the federal amendment with such celerity and unanimity, adds a plausible mystery. There is nothing in contemporary politics or life, the Tribune hopes, to explain any such action.

There was, indeed, not much visible and indisputable evidence that this movement was near to great a climax. Everybody recognized that prohibition sentiment had grown rapidly during the war, and several states had joined the dry column.

Economic considerations seem to have had little effect. Great industrial communities, hitherto regarded as naturally and permanently in favor of the liquor traffic, have turned against it.

Racial tradition and preference seem to have exerted just as little restraining power. "German" cities like Milwaukee and Cincinnati and St. Louis, and cities like Boston and Chicago, with large mixed foreign populations accustomed to moderate drinking, have gone the way of more typically American communities.

How explain it? The Tribune, even while calling it a mystery, suggests the answer. "Perhaps our legislators are right, and there is a strong, unseen, popular current to account for the phenomenon."

There is, it is a current so strong that even state legislators, uplifted as they often are in accurate reading of their constituents' minds, have caught this magnetic appeal from the general public mind—an appeal just as definite and strong, though intangible, as that in favor of a peace league of nations—and have been unable to resist it.

The Russians around Archangel hats white bread. They say they have eaten black bread for fifty years and dislike the change. Why not organize a Black Bread Relief society? It might solve the disposal of all those substitutes which one government made us buy last winter, but ten could not make us eat.

Sinking the German Fleet

The daily papers have made some quite readable copy of late out of the rumor that to avoid jealousies and heartburnings among the allies, it was urged that the surrendered German fleet be conducted to the location of some mid-sea hope in the ocean, and be inducted there as the safest means of avoiding disrupting disputes.

The sinking of the German fleet is a fairly late like the Holy War, and the Royal in India, and a few other things which are almost forgotten. The incident has its value, however, in reminding us that the Hun is still running true to form as the same sly, intriguing old trouble maker as of yore.

Disarmament, partial, or by the slow process of depreciation without replacement, may not be seriously considered at the treaty making. It would be too much a case of dismissing the shepherd before the wolves were toothless.

The conduct of the German navy throughout the war has been one huge joke. Its stage entrance had been so brilliantly worked up, the world was prepared to witness something really formidable. In the first few weeks, owing to advance information of when the fatherland would be called on to defend itself against invasion, a few German cruisers and armed merchantmen did make some havoc among unarmed freighters.

Never was there such a complete naval surrender since Noah abandoned the world's entire merchant marine. The German fleet, and the loss of the Spanish armada was the sensation of the century, far more exciting like the surrender of the German fleet. They were in "beered over the out-come, the surrendered vessels were carried over in a shocking dry condition than which no greater time is possible in the case of a fleet."

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE SUITS, OVERCOATS, RAINCOATS. THIS IS NO SPECIAL PURCHASE FOR SALE PURPOSES—NO SEASON-END ACCUMULATIONS OF ODD SIZES AND LEFT-OVER STOCK. N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE.

It is reported that William Jennings Bryan has consented to appear in vaudeville for the mere pittance of \$1500 a week. He is quoted as saying that he had tried almost everything else and might as well try the vaudeville stage.

The French say they have a complete list of every piece of machinery or machine part stolen from them and from Belgium, and its present location in Germany. And yet Sherlock Holmes is supposed to be a purely English product.

The Kaiser's religious scruples alone have kept him from committing suicide. Probably the religious form which he observes promises future punishment for the evil doer, and he is afraid to take a chance.

The rivers and harbors bill was passed by congress. The next step is to get somebody to make the rivers and harbors passable.

Lots of Americans who went away "woop" are coming back "heroes." Don't change the title when they doff their uniforms.

It would be easier to know what to do about Mexico if it were known how much of the Mexican news is fact and how much propaganda.

The First Slangster

Vespasian Gracius was a regular fellow. I'll say he was! He was the lad who first used slang, and believe me, he got away with it! He had some line of talk. None of the others could hold a Roman candle to Vespasian when he was going good and strong.

As a boy he lived with his parents in the Justinian apartments on West Sixty-ninth street. He went to the South side high school in Rome and was particularly bright in Latin.

Vespasian liked to hang out in front of the cigar store on Campus Martias and ask the smokers for cigarette coupons. The kid wanted enough to get a boy scout suit.

The popular in the grandstand seats frequently frowned on Vespasian's slangy way of selling peanuts, but the gladiators were openly pleased with his pithy sayings.

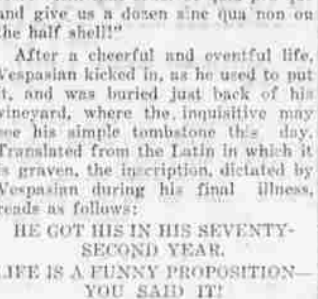
Much as he liked the work in the coliseum, Vespasian finally gave it up in order to get into something for himself. He had a good chance to go into the oil business in the temple of caeter, but he decided against it and opened a billiard hall just back of the Forum on Commerce street.

Don't Suffer

MANY men and women are suffering because they are treating effects instead of removing causes. Why bother with liniments and lotions for rheumatic pains, backache, stiff joints, sore muscles, biliousness, nervousness, floating specks in the vision, dizziness, puffy pouches under the eyes, or other symptoms of kidney trouble when the kidneys can be made well and strong, thus removing the cause of the symptoms?

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HE GOT HIS IN HIS SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR. LIFE IS A FUNNY PROPOSITION—YOU SAID IT! —Cartoon Magazine.



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The soda water fountain at Silverthorn's is doing a nice business in hot and cold drinks. Also hot tamales, eschaldas, chill con carne.



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ACQUIRING A PERFECT FIGURE. Most women who have perfect figures did not have them originally. They have acquired them. A woman gradually takes the shape of her corset so the corset produced by the most artistic designer is the right one to wear to secure a perfect figure. MODART CORSETS Front Laced. are most symmetrically and artistically designed. They are comfortable, stylish and gradually mold the figure into those beautiful lines that every woman admires and desires. PAULINE LEDERLE

PLANNING FOR PLANTING. In planning for the planting of your crops you are very careful to put the right crops in the right place. You don't close your eyes and put any kind of old seed in any kind of old worn out soil. You get the best seed you can find and put them into the soil and have the soil in good condition—you try to get everything in shape for good results. But how about the place you are planning to plant your dollars? There is as much difference in some banks as there are in some soils. This bank studies the needs of its customers—is a bank of personal service and a dollar deposited with us will thrive. La Grande National Bank Member Federal Reserve System.

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