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The German Indemnity Is Very Small.

Most Americans, like most people of the allied countries, have a feeling of disappointment over the German indemnity fixed by the peace conference.

This \$24,000,000,000 or so is intended apparently to cover only the actual destruction wrought directly by German arms—the ships, buildings, soil, etc., ravaged and destroyed and to a moderate extent, the economic ruin wrought in destroying human lives.

The sum looks particularly small when we consider that it must be divided among several nations. It is expected that France will get about 55 per cent of it, and Great Britain 20 to 30 per cent.

In considering this subject it cannot be forgotten that Germany started this war, deliberately and criminally, and waged it by methods that were deliberately and criminally destructive beyond those of any previous war.

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Wasting Time and What It Means. Unless the public sets itself to good use of this extra hour of summer daylight, the result will be years of time wasted daily through the collective waste by individuals.

One authority who has been investigating says that in the city of Philadelphia alone 875 cars are wasted every day because the inhabitants of that city fail to employ their leisure time properly.

All this does not mean that every body should add to the time now spent at his daily job. Far from so!

Five good hours a day should be devoted to healthful recreation, as much of it out of doors as possible. Gardening, tennis, walking, riding, swimming, baseball, croquet, all are good.

Time spent in idle drifting leads to introspection with its depression and regrets, or to mischief as a natural reaction. Time spent in healthful activities means happiness and a keen joy just in being alive.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY... Germany prepares to launch third spring drive against Allies. Hurricane of five pounds Allied line from... Americans counter attack against first large German thrust at our base.

INLAND CITY ITEMS... Mrs. Sarah Simpson was laid to rest in the Inland City cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2:50. A short service was conducted at the grave by Rev. Leitch.

Pay Teachers Well and Demand Results.

"At least half the teachers in the United States are not fit to teach. We ought to get rid of at least 250,000 of them." This was the statement of D. B. Waldo, president of the Western State Normal school at Kalama, Wash.

Public opinion will be that Mr. Waldo has placed his number a little high. There is no doubt, however, that a good many teachers are now drawing salaries who would make better stenographers or secretaries, clerks or cooks or cab drivers.

It has been the custom, time without mind, to use the profession of school teaching as a harbor for many kinds of incompetence. A kind of sacred halo has surrounded the teacher.

Not only should the salary raising, already well begun, go on, but so should the standard of requirements for a teacher be raised. A good salary will not make a good teacher, and it will make a poor one.

Kentucky Night Schools Do Good Work

Seventy-five letters, each written by an adult "illiterate" in proof that he had conquered his illiteracy, have been filed with the Kentucky illiteracy commission.

The writers of these letters are only a part of the number who, under the unselfish volunteer instruction of a number of Kentucky school teachers, have learned to read and write in the night schools.

The week was started in 1911, and during the first winter 1200 pupils were enrolled. Since then the number has increased greatly. The result is an eloquent testimonial of the longing for education which lingers in many a human breast long after school age is a thing of the past.

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STATUE STILL MISSING... HELENA, Mont., April 26.—A request for information from a resident of Helena, Mont., as to the whereabouts of the silver figure of Justice, adorned by the thousands of the World's Columbian exposition at Chicago in 1893 as part of the Montana state exhibit, has called to mind a starter century mystery as to the disappearance of the once famous statue.

Interesting Experiment... A distinguished scientist has revived an afterimage artificially by means of the following experiment: After remaining in darkness for some minutes, he flashed a light into his hand. He then went to bed in total darkness and slept through the night. Before opening his eyes in the morning he again flashed a light, but this time on his eyes. By this means he revived the after-image of his hand in front of him, although he had not seen it since the previous night.—San Francisco Chronicle.

GRANGE CHIEF BIDS FARMERS SUPPORT LOAN

Thomas C. Atkeson, Representative of Patrons of Husbandry, Asks Aid in Drive

Thomas C. Atkeson, Washington, D. C., representative of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has sent a statement to the officers of every farm grange in the United States appealing for support of the Victory Loan. His statement to the farmers of the country says in part: "There lies just outside the doors of the American farmer a hungry world, a world which needs all our products, American farming rests on the safe basis of need and service. The investment of the hard earned dollars of the American farmer in the Victory Liberty Loan is a safe investment with a certainty of fair return. And the money will come back into circulation, making more business, increasing the market and demand for farm products, and increasing prosperity. Buying in the Victory Liberty Loan will make the farmers Victory Liberty Prosperity men. Do your part to put the Victory Liberty Loan over the top."

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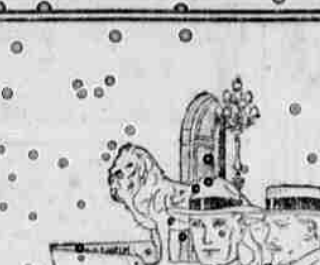
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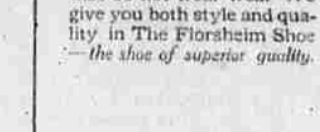
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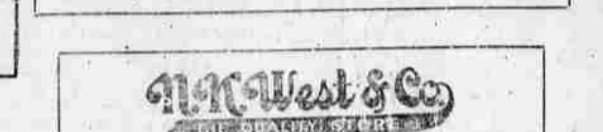
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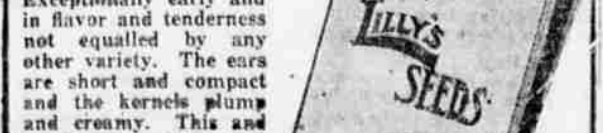
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