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

The Two Great Questions In Conflict.

The peace treaty seems to have been sidetracked temporarily to make way for the drive against the high cost of living. It is a natural shift, answering to an imperative public demand that something be done about the food question. The public is obviously more concerned with food just now than with international affairs.

It appears, however, that this shift of interest is largely due to public impatience over delay in handling the peace settlement.

According to the testimony of a newspaper which has been sounding opinion on the street, in many cities, believes there was unnecessary delay at Paris and that there is now unnecessary delay in Washington. He recognizes that all sorts of developments in industry and commerce are awaiting the formal wind-up of the war—that reconstruction cannot begin and business cannot get its stride until something is done about the peace treaty. He doesn't know much about the merits of the German settlement, or the league of nations covenant; but he is willing to take a chance, leaving the details to the senate, if the senate will only act quickly.

Ratification of the treaty, in some form or other, would certainly be a logical beginning of the campaign against intolerable living expenses. Surely there is no reason why both cannot be handled at once.

Shower Baths For the Soldier-Farmer.

In view of the statement of Col. Arthur Woods, who is head of the government work of re-employment of discharged soldiers and sailors, that 98.2 per cent of former farm workers are returning straight to the farm, another report has particular interest. That is the announcement from many quarters that these soldier-farmers are demanding improved living conditions on the farm. In fact, they are apparently placing shower baths and well-ventilated sleeping quarters ahead of high wages in importance.

It is said that fully 80 per cent of the men who have returned to farm work in the Delaware Valley are taking a firm stand for decent and comfortable living quarters with full sanitary equipment.

This is going to be a fine thing for the farm of the future—not to mention the farm worker. It would take a smaller percentage than that 80 to bring about radical changes in living conditions in the rural district. It stands to reason that a farmer who puts in shower baths for his hired men is going to do as much for his own family before very long. The up-to-date farmer takes excellent care of his livestock and machinery. They are well housed, kept clean and in good condition. It is high time he made the same provision for excellent cars for his workmen, for his family and for himself.

Food waste has just as much to do with high prices as food extortion.

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Cruelty Exhibited In Reform Schools.

A Boy's Industrial School at Manchester, N. H. is under investigation because of complaints of cruel treatment which have come from boys sent there. Governor Bartlett has taken the matter under his special observation, and a sweeping investigation of all New Hampshire reformatory schools may follow.

The problem of discipline in any school of correction is a difficult one, but there is never any excuse for cruelty. The delinquent who is sent to the reformatory to be reformed, not abused. No person should be put in charge of such an institution who is not of proved suitability for the position.

A reform school, improperly conducted, ruled over by a brutal hand, becomes a school of crime. The boy or girl committed to its care becomes an adept in deceit, through the influence of fear.

The dictates of common humanity demand that the children entrusted to the state for any reason shall be kindly treated, first because they are children, next, because under proper supervision they can be made valuable members of society. Abused and maltreated, they learn early to make society pay its debt.

What concerns the world today is not who is to blame for starting the war, but who is to blame for not ending it?

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

David Gough, described as a "healthy, wholesome young man with light hair and a somewhat plain, good-natured face," and better known as His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, is 25 years old, and is held apparent to the British throne as the oldest of the five children of King George and Queen Mary.

He was born on June 23, 1894 and, according to his royal biographers, received "a careful and common sense education, mentally and physically, and has ever shown simplicity in manner, dress and life." The prince, whose full name is Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David Gough (his family's favorite name for him is David), has four, perhaps, distinguishing characteristics. He carries a cane, is a splendid swimmer and dancer and is very fond of animals.

The highest dignity of all the British ruler's nearly 400,000,000 subjects, a veteran of the great war—will bear to President Wilson and the people of the United States the expression of the British Empire's appreciation and gratitude for America's participation in the conflict and her part in achieving final victory. While in Washington he will be lodged in the White House, "just as President and Mrs. Wilson were made to

Prince of Wales' Death in Danger.

The prince came out of the war with the rank of a major and the navy rank of lieutenant. He is now Colonel-in-Chief of the Cadet corps of Great Britain and Ireland, Chief of the Boy Scouts of Wales, High Steward of Windsor, a governor of Wellington college, president of King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Grand Master of the orders of St. Michael and St. George and the British Empire, a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England and Prince of Wales, and chairman of the British pensioners' fund at home.

The prince was a little more than 20 years old when the war broke out and with his younger brother, Prince Albert, entered the military service. He joined the Grenadier Guards and the beginning of hostilities and on November 1, 1914 was appointed an aide-de-camp on the staff of Field Marshal Sir John French. On several occasions he showed courage by going into the trenches in support of his troops and upon his 21st birthday, which he celebrated at the front, he was severely wounded by shrapnel. He was riding in a motor car in which he was riding and killed his chauffeur. He escaped injury. Shortly after President Poincaré bestowed upon him the Croix de Guerre.



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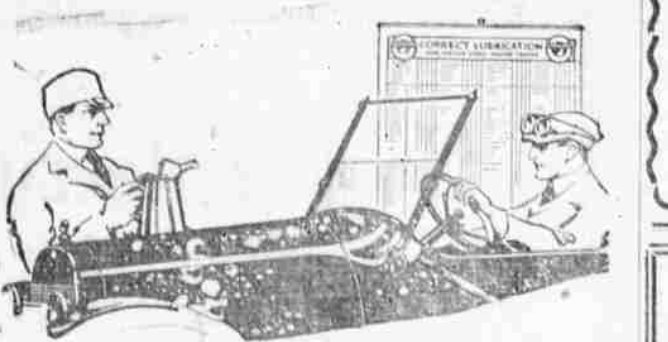


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Job Printing, The Observer, Main 37.

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