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... This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war ...

AMERICA'S WORK GREATEST.

There is no rivalry among the allies for claims of credit, but there is a tendency on the part of some statesmen to discuss the three great powers on equal terms. Recognizing England's wonderful work on sea and land, holding back no credit from France and Italy for their defensive and offensive programs, we still urge that the great work of the war has been done and will be done by America. It was America that fed England and France when food was the first essential. It was America that furnished munitions legally at a critical moment and it was America that sent the reserves when the allied reserves were falling. But this is not the big thing; the real thing of the war is that we have sent a million and a half men across three thousand miles of water and an average of half that distance over land, says St. Louis Times. Our boys are fighting far from home. England's men are merely across the channel from "Blighty" and France is fighting on her own ground. When the war is over the big credit for winning it must come to America, where it belongs.

The German diplomats speak of "pawns" which they hold in their hands for trading off at a peace conference. But they are veritable pawns compared with the knights which the allies have on the chessboard. Their control of the sea gives them, so long as the Germans cannot break it, a power which can be used so as to compel Germany in the end to ask for peace. German trade can be openly threatened for a generation to come unless the German government agrees to such terms of peace as have been laid down by President Wilson, says New York Evening Post. Germany has already a warning of what may happen in the plan of the administration to take away the Hamburg and North German Lloyd docks in this country.

One important service which the press does for the public is incidentally emphasized in the address of the Hungarian premier on the state of affairs in Budapest when he said that the nonappearance of the newspapers had resulted in a regrettable spreading of false rumors which had a bad effect upon the agitation among the working classes. With the regular and reliable channel of news suppressed or hindered, the easy manufacture of alarming or incendiary reports spreading rapidly becomes the inevitable result.

From a boy's letter: "Believe me, mother, a great battle is a wonderful thing. When I got started—I was in the first wave—I only thought of one thing, and that if certain figures in familiar gray-green uniforms got in our way we had to kill them. Bullets and shells did not worry me at all." Gorgeous picture of the will in action, of the man oblivious to everything on earth but his own goal, of the soldier's pride of craftsmanship! Bullets were nothing, Huns were almost nothing—merely things that got in the way.

An American division in France, composed entirely of German-born men, did excellent service in one attack. This is a complete answer to the kaiser's dream of controlling events in America through the agency of the German citizens there. In the majority, the love of liberty given by their adopted country made them, to his astonishment and dismay, only too eager to fight for its flag.

McAdoo has opened a complaint bureau where travelers on the railroads may send their kinks. A small thing, apparently, but yet significant, for it is likely to result in imparting stimulus to those who may be indifferent to the success of federal operation of the railroads.

Families on this side are asked again to write none but cheerful letters to the boys overseas. It is hard to be cheerful under the circumstances, but it is one of the small sacrifices exacted by the patriotism which calls for all exclusion of self until the war is over.

THE MORALE.

"Morale" is a great word these days. Here is an article in the New York Times magazine entitled "Italy's New Morale." What does it mean? Certainly not artillery, regiments, munitions of war, or anything of a material nature. It is altogether a different force. It is spiritual, or as Ben Hur described it, "the resolution which is the soul of a man's soul" It is that which possesses a soldier to make him brave, faithful and self-sacrificing, says Ohio State Journal. Without it he is a coward. So the great thing is to keep up the morale of an army. The recent victory of the Italians was won by their morale, by their spirit pushing to the front, where brave deeds were needed. The morale is the grandest part of any man, wherever he is. It is needed everywhere—in religion, education, politics, business, family life. But it never comes for low, mean cause. The spirit is God in the life of a man. The morale is the reawakening of ourself from within, where God put all of real worth in a man. So it makes a better fighter, better business man, better scholar, better worker out of a man.

The use of certain New York school-houses during July and August as dormitories and training schools for several hundred soldiers is an admirable instance of proper utilization of resources and of effective co-operation, says New York Evening Sun. The purpose is to give intensive technical training in mechanical work to selected men, whose services will be greatly needed by the army. The school equipment is well suited for this instruction. If not so used it would have lain practically idle. When the summer's course for soldiers is over it can be returned unharmed, to its primary purpose. The government will pay for all necessary temporary changes. It is a good idea, benefiting all interests concerned.

Still, there is going to be some tall howling if some husky professional athlete is exempted because of the amusement he sells, whereas some narrow-chested accountant is dragged out and sent to the trenches. Athletic amusements are all right, but those left behind can indulge in such themselves without exempting the muscled kid from military service.

French aviators in a seaplane carrying 600 pounds of cargo flew from Paris to London in two hours and three-quarters and back again in less time. With the development of aviation on the practical side, there may be no need of that long-mooted tunnel between England and the continent.

Many thousands of boys reading the stories of the age of chivalry and the brave deeds of gallant knights have wished that they, too, might have had a chance to fight for God and the right, to rescue beautiful ladies and little children from brutal assailants, and to rush into battle with the knowledge that "Thrice armed is he who knows his quarrel just." The present war permits the youth of America to become the decisive factor in saving not only women and children but the whole world, including Germany, from the curse of Prussianism for generations to come.

The Pennsylvania railroad in June found places for 1,148 more women employees on its lines east of Pittsburgh. This addition makes the number of the road's women employees in non-office positions 8,354. This is remarkable progress toward feminizing the great railroad; but feminization nowadays, in view of woman's proved capacity for man's work, does not carry the old signification of the term.

Lord Northcliffe, in an article in the Petit Parisien, says: "I have lived both in Germany and the United States, and I believe that America alone could beat the Germans." And there are about 100,000,000 Americans who agree with this estimate of their fighting capacity, once they get started fairly.

The announcement that three American army corps of 250,000 each have been organized may inspire further levity in the German press, but there they are, and more Americans are arriving in a constant stream. The Von Ardennes and similar writers may falsify but they cannot change the facts.

Food Administrator Hoover, who has figured out the situation, says there will be plenty of sugar and plenty of food of all kinds for the people of the United States if consumers are careful. The watchword for all consumers therefore is "Avoid waste!"

The worst thing about being a wood-en Indian is that some foul-smelling cigar store always comes up and stands behind him.

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He leaves a widow and one boy, with his mother, a sister and brother, and many friends to mourn his loss. Funeral services were held at Kenworthy's parlors, Lents, by Rev. L. B. Jones. A number of railroad men paid a tribute to Mr. Avery's memory at the grave.

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