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

A REVISED MOTTO.

According to a captured Prussian officer, the motto of the Prussians is: "We will win the war or all go to hell." Wrong, as usual. Samson, the son of Manoh, of the tribe of Dan, had a similar motto and made a successful landing in the place to which the Prussians are bound, but he took no one with him not entitled to a free pass. If the Prussians did not object to truth in mottoes as in other things they could fashion a real motto by a slight rearrangement of the words they have used in their misfit, says Louisville Courier-Journal. Thus: "If we win this war we shall all go to hell." The truth of that is recognized by those who are fighting the Prussians, if it is not understood by the Prussians themselves. That is why it is not in the possibilities that they shall win the war; why the powers of darkness cannot prevail.

General Pershing is determined to drag from the bean the truth about its nutritive qualities if there is any merit in science. He has ordered to the front twenty additional nutrition experts, who will put the bean through a course of laboratory sprouts and in due time set forth their findings. It is too bad that this grave question must be settled by scientists, for otherwise any number of housewives who know nothing of chemistry would gladly go over there and promptly cook crocks of pork and beans to melt in the mouth, whose fragrance would draw winners from a poker game, whose flavor would delight an epicure and whose nutritive qualities would turn lounge lizards into "adiators."

The German people may be easily deceived by official misrepresentations, but the dullest among them might pertinently ask why, after glorious victories, the authorities should hold out as subject of rejoicing retreats unembarrassed by the enemy. Glorious victories which end in retreats, with the poor consolation of such retreats being unobstructed, will find it hard work to make themselves popular with such dubious glory as their only tangible result.

Japan has something of the western spirit of enterprise, for it is making arrangements to attract tourists who, after the war, are expected to shun Germany and Austria and bring the tide of prosperity attending them to the East. The annual tour is one of the golden eggs the central powers are going to miss after they have killed the goose laying them by destroying international friendships.

Small Boy's Cleverness.

A small boy entered a drug store and inquired the price of an ice cream soda, for which he intended to pay a dime. The clerk told him the price was 15 cents. After a moment of deep meditation, the lad asked the price of a glass of soda, and was told 5 cents. Then he ordered an ice cream cone, tariff a nickel. Ordering the soda, he deftly whisked the cone contents into the glass, getting his portion of home-made ice cream soda for his dime. The proprietor chuckled and gave him a dime to try the clever trick on a rival druggist on the next street.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The gushy, mushy love talk of an eighteen-year-old kid is solemn, refrigerated, adamant and meaningless rhetoric compared with the sizzling, steamy, seething, confagatory baby talk handed out by an old widower of sixty-five when he has fallen for the wiles of a well-to-do widow who owns her own home.

Four years ago Frau Bertha Krupp, principal owner of the Krupp works, offered the long-range gun to the United States for use at the Panama canal on account of the intimidation it would produce. Judging by that effect on Paris, the United States escaped a bad bargain by not investing in it.

The enthusiastic French are going to change their map some more in compliment to American comrades. In addition to naming a Parisian avenue for President Wilson they propose to rename the Bois de Belleau in honor of the Yankees who captured it.

WALNUT IS WANTED.

There was a time when the walnut tree stood very high in popular favor. In the mid-Victorian period its wood was eagerly sought and widely utilized. They made household furniture out of it, and stair rails and doors and many other useful things, says Cleveland Plain Dealer. A walnut bedroom set was the pride of the housewife. Skilled wood carvers conjured in black walnut, and the cleverest joiners matched and shaped it. Then came a revulsion in favor. Walnut was pushed aside. It languished in attic and in woodshed. It fell a victim to the rude handling of the junkman. The treasured walnut bed gave way to mahogany or maple, or brass or iron. The trade in walnut lumber was wrecked. Now, by a strange twist of time's steering gear, walnut comes to the front again. The government wants walnut. It wants a great deal of it. It wants it for gunstocks and airplane propellers. Walnut is the ideal wood for these important purposes. Even a single walnut tree is welcomed by the munition and airplane makers. Patriotic woodmen are asked not to spare that tree, if it happens to be a walnut. The man who sacrifices a tree for government uses has the proud satisfaction of knowing he is helping to complete a Hun-destroying gun, or to propel an equally destructive airplane.

Splendid is the vision it raises. Over and over again people have asked themselves the question: What good can come out of this war commensurate with its awful cost? Why does God permit this war? Is another form of the same question. More and more it begins to appear that there may be an answer to it, says Baltimore Sun. If from this war shall arise a new civilization, in which strong nations shall no longer be free to wrong weak nations, in which people shall choose their own rulers and their own forms of government and shall not have them imposed upon by force, in which there shall be a common standard of right and privilege for all peoples and nations," and the assertion of right shall not be "haphazard and by casual alliance," but there shall be a "common concert to oblige the observance of common rights," if such a civilization is founded upon this bloody struggle, then it will not have been fought in vain.

America is fully able to say what shall be the peace terms without assistance from Baron Burian. The mothers of this country are not giving their sons to die upon the battlefield only that Germany may be given opportunity to gather her resources and recuperate her forces for another conflict. The end of this war must be the end of Prussian militarism—the end of the kaiser—and the end of the autocracy which he has created in central Europe, says Houston Post. These demands will be the beginning of the peace terms; and America will listen to no others until these be attained.

Our women war workers are spending their high wages on good clothes. The price of men's clothes has doubled and the men are economizing, but a double price does not drive women to economy, for their factory wages, on the Baruch plan of equal pay for equal work, are the cause of a change in advertising which makes itself a report of new conditions in woman's world. And the women will probably satisfy their yearnings until clothes are standardized and pro-rated. What statesman will have the courage to declare lingerie nonessential?

The imperial vice chancellor of Germany suggests that Belgium might be restored without conditions and without indemnity. That will not be done. Belgium will be restored, but conditions will be laid down by the allies and Germany will pay an indemnity which will cover the material damage done that country ravaged without the slightest license of international law. There will be conditions and indemnities, the Hun may be assured—more than he desires.

A noted German military critic talks about "further developments which would cause the ultimate aims of the entente powers to retire into crepuscular remoteness." This ought immensely reassure the German masses by its learned length of thundering sound thus volleyed against the enemy in an artillery fire of verbosity.

Germany loaned Turkey four airplanes and the British have captured them all. An airplane, we take it, was about as useful to a Turk as a cake of soap would be.

In short, an excellent opportunity now offers for former Sunday joyriders to go to church and see how it feels to be good.

The town of Ypres has suffered terribly, especially from the tongues of those who attempt to pronounce its name.

It is a question whether Belgians or Serbians are getting most enjoyment out of the recent turn of events.

MEN FROM OREGON OFFICIALLY HELD NATION'S CLEANEST

Surgeon-General Blue Wires Fact is Disclosed in First 1,000,000 Camp Reports.

Only Fifty-nine Hundredths of One Per Cent Found to Have Venereal Disease on Arrival at Cantonments.

Surgeon-General's Official Telegram

Oregon Social Hygiene Society, 720 Selling Bldg., Portland. A tabulation of one million reports first received from camp surgeons throughout the country shows that Oregon leads the country with a rate of fifty-nine hundredths of one per cent found to have venereal disease on arriving in camp. It is hoped that Oregon can continue vigorous measures in combating venereal diseases during the period of demobilization and thereafter.
RUPERT BLUE.

Oregon men, called to the colors during the greatest of all wars, were physically the cleanest in the entire United States Army.

Such is not the mere boast of any citizen of this state, backed only by a high sense of local pride, but it is the established record of the United States Army, communicated to the Oregon Social Hygiene Society by Rupert Blue, Surgeon-General, thus giving it the greatest possible weight.

As will be seen by perusal of the foregoing telegram from Surgeon-General Blue, a tabulation of 1,000,000 of the first reports received from camp surgeons places Oregon in the lead with a rate of fifty-nine hundredths of one per cent (which means less than six men to the thousand), or, compared with another wire from him, this state's standing is but a fraction lower than 18 times ahead of the state with the highest per cent of infection, which was eight and nine-tenths per cent (eighty-nine men to the thousand).

This constitutes one of the grandest and proudest records of the whole war period and, great as has been this state's part in all patriotic endeavors, nothing could fill the hearts of its people with a higher degree of pride than the official acknowledgment from the National Capital that Oregon's men stood far and away above all others in clean manhood.

"That the work of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, carried forward for but seven years, should produce such magnificent results, is a subject of the most gratifying kind to the entire Board," said Executive Secretary Cummins. "Every one of the men who have worked so hard to bring about the result regard this official notification from the Surgeon-General as a complete vindication of the program sought to be carried forward in this state. That the public will respond to sane, clear facts, rightly presented, is also demonstrated beyond doubt. Educators, who have assisted greatly in the work, may well feel that young men under their tutelage will absorb the benefit to be derived from information along physiological lines, rightly administered. Parents must now see plainly that their children should have the truth as to their physical beings and that, having this, untold good will result." "Future generations, following, are bound to demonstrate the benefits of Oregon's clean manhood, as set forth officially," commented A. F. Fiegel, president of the Society. "This record cannot be overestimated. It is a glorious achievement."

"The full significance of the official announcement from Dr. Blue is difficult to grasp," said Adolph Wolfe, treasurer of the Society. "Dealing as it does with human life and morals, it is, in a larger sense, more important than many other achievements, not to detract one whit from any of them. At the outset, many good people doubted the ability of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society to accomplish worthwhile results. I think now, however, no further comment need be had. Surgeon-General Blue's telegram is sufficient."

Lieutenant-Colonel P. C. Field, division surgeon of the 91st Division at Camp Lewis, has officially credited the splendid record made by Oregon men to the educational work that has been and is being done by the Oregon Social Hygiene Society.

Certainly the king business is not what it used to be. Young Crown Prince Charles of Roumania has declined to desert his recently acquired bride, even though she is of humble birth, in order to be sure of succeeding his father on the throne. Thrones are so unstable nowadays.

The worst of it is, the prices of the most worthless and needless of all articles of merchandise go higher and are in keener demand according to their worthlessness.

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