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A WORLD JUBILEE.

The suggestion of a world jubilee to be held in the United States on July 4, 1919, to celebrate the allied victory—a suggestion that has been put into the concrete form of a resolution and introduced in congress—will doubtless meet with an enthusiastic response throughout the country and in other countries. Whether it will be practicable to hold such a celebration next year depends largely upon the manner in which events shape themselves during the next few months. If the revolutionary movements now in progress throughout the central empires are quieted soon and the peace conference succeeds in promptly and amicably adjusting all the various issues that will come before it, next American Independence day may properly be observed as Independence day for the whole world, says Washington Post. Otherwise it may be necessary to postpone it until a later date. The celebration should be at the proper time, when the stage is properly set. It would contribute largely to the new era of friendship that is ushered in by the end of the war, and would help to cement in strong ties the nations of the world. War, it is hoped, is now a thing of the past, and in its place is to come a new understanding among the powers, through which their disputes will be adjusted without recourse to the sword. A celebration of the sort proposed will promote good feeling and confidence, and it should be held at the earliest appropriate time.

It is fitting that the historic room which saw the birth of Bismarck's Germany, the autocratic, militaristic, brutal, lawless, aggressive Germany, should also see its death. It is well that the nation, whose rulers stood triumphant over the fallen foe in the throne room of their ancient kings, should send their delegates today to this very room, there to atone for the injustice of the last, says New York Sun. It is a satisfaction due to France. It is a humiliation which should symbolize for German militarists the end of their dreams of world power, the discredit of the false ideals upon which their empire was founded, the passing away of the old Germany, the beginning of the new.

German "efficiency" was an abject failure in Alsace and Lorraine as in Schleswig-Holstein, and in Poland, and in Africa. It consisted merely in rigidity of rule, in a refusal to recognize the native rights of subject people. And yet these were the people, these Germans, who set out to accomplish world dominion, says Washington Star. The tears that are now being shed by the people of Alsace and Lorraine, tears of joy for their liberation from German rule, are the surest proof of the righteousness of the present victory over the most evil power the world has ever known.

Under the agreement of the United States food administration with the food controllers of the allied nations, our breadstuffs export program for the coming year will aggregate 409,820,000 bushels, which is equivalent to more than 60 bushels for every farm in the United States. The program calls principally for wheat, but from 100,000,000 to 165,000,000 bushels may be of other cereals, including rye, barley, and corn.

It is said the poor in Austria gather at the doors of the hotels in the cities and fight for the scraps of food. That is the end of the dream of world domination by which the kaiser and his militarist advisers have brought such disaster upon his allies, who, in their blind folly, allowed him to lead them to their ruin as sacrifices to his ambition.

Price quotations of 50 years ago show "frying size" chickens selling at from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a dozen, bacon 6 to 17 cents a pound and sugar 16½ cents a pound. Thus we hear of all the ages and foremost in the files of time perceive that the onward march of civilization has brought us the blessing of cheaper sugar!

It will be just like posterity to become cynical and ungrateful enough to remark that the Americans of our generation were patriotic, altruistic and abundantly blessed with vision, but none too heavily endowed with common sense.

It is good to know that Kolchak has been made dictator at Omsk. After that the arrest of Avksentieff and Zensoff comes with the logic of a proposition in mathematics. But Vologodsky and the rest of the alphabet still remain to be dealt with as they deserve.

DO NOT DODGE.

Whatever the difficulties to be met they are not made easier by trying to dodge them. In trying to dodge a missile from one direction you may come in line with one from a different direction. When we dodge trouble we are more than likely to get into other trouble no less easy to endure. Look with courage on what must be met. Faced with courage, difficulties are half conquered. Better meet and conquer difficulties than to dodge them. Do not dodge—duties that devolve on you. Duties performed add strength and dignity to character, says Milwaukee Journal. It matters little what these duties are; though they be of the simplest and humblest, well and truly done, they acquire dignity. Stand up bravely and squarely to meet the difficulties of life. With courage you will conquer. You will come through life with fewer scars than by trying to dodge duty or difficulty. Trying to evade begets in a man a cringing spirit. He gets a habit of truckling, and upright, self-respecting manhood is gone. Don't dodge if you would hold yourself above meanness.

Chateau-Thierry! The words are opulent in suggestiveness. It was there that the soldiers from America dared hell for the cause of humanity and their flag and turned a German hope into a despair. It was Chateau-Thierry that gave the Germans the first taste of America's fighting qualities and revealed to our brothers in arms the invincibility of the boys who had come across the seas to put shoulders to theirs. Chateau-Thierry looms large in the war. It will loom spectacular in history. It will be a shrine for American hearts, says Louisville Courier-Journal. Soon there must stand upon that battlefield a monument to the heroism of American boys who achieved the impossible and who sealed the death warrant for the kaiser's army. And Argonne forest and St. Mihiel—the whole procession of them leads to Sedan. Chateau-Thierry was the gateway to the end.

Verbal controversy is one of the most useless things in this world. People who engage in it could seldom be convinced by any argument, however logical and however temperately presented. But the trouble is that, logical or not, the dispute rarely is conducted in a moderate way. The argumentative ones grow excited in spite of themselves; sometimes they become angry, sometimes they are merely "hurt." In any case they are likely to become incoherent or discourteous according to their temperament and to part with coolness, all because they do not know when to stop.

Provisional President Daszynski is a resident of Cracow, the second largest city of Galicia, which former crownland is to be incorporated into the Polish republic. Daszynski was for many years a member of the Austrian parliament from Cracow and worked tirelessly for Polish political freedom. He is an all-around statesman, possessing great natural ability developed by long parliamentary experience. He is also one of the ablest lawyers in central Europe.

Von Bernhardi wrote a book, "How Germany Makes War." Who will write its sequel, "How Germany Makes Peace?" She makes war in an advancing attack with the upraised sword in one hand and the torch in the other, but she makes peace on her knees, with her hands outstretched, begging for bread.

Italy was the first victor of the war, for she drove the invaders out of her territory and sent her troops upon enemy soil before the call for peace ended the actual battles. The Italians have fought like heroes and no small part of the glory will be theirs when the history of the war comes to be written.

Great Britain's war debt is more than \$35,000,000,000, and her war bonds are owned by fully a third of all persons living in the British Islands. Bonds so held may be rather an asset than a liability in the last analysis of their effect on national energy.

It is said that hatred of England is growing in Germany. The Hun is quite capable of believing that the entente nations did Germany a great wrong by defending themselves from her aggression and by refusing to sacrifice themselves to insure her the coveted place in the sun.

Europe has been astonished at the rapidity of the United States in turning itself into a fighting nation, but, then, history could have reminded them of that from the start we were a country of minute men.

One remembers when certain people nodded wisely and said, "You mark my words—the German fleet will come out before long." And it did!

And now the manufacturers say that soap is going up—just when the world needs it most.

GRASSHOPPER AN IDIOT.

Now take the grasshopper for example. No insect on earth more sorely needs to ask daily to be excused for living. The bee has a business. The wasp has a business end. The ant has an investment and the grub worm has a grudge. But the grasshopper has only an existence—an aimless existence. When we say aimless we speak advisedly, for the scientists tell us that when a grasshopper catapults his corporate self into space by the propulsive power of his hinged hopping poles, he has no idea where he is going to light. It may be in the lake or the brush fire or the kerosene can or the paddy bed; it is all the same to him. Examine his countenance. He looks the perfect fool. At the top of the head two bulging eyes as expressive as the eye of a dead carp; and below this a nose like a wooden plowshare. This is all. There is no forehead, no brain and no room for one. The grasshopper, we find, is an insect idiot, says Minneapolis Journal. The best he ever did was to keep out from under foot of his betters.

There may be well-intentioned people who say that virtue always leads to success and vice to misery. But it is an obvious and monstrous falsehood in a world where we profit by the good deeds of our parents and where millions are suffering unutterable tortures because of the deeds of foreign potentates. That those who suffer must have been wicked, and that those who triumph must have been virtuous, is one of the most inhuman beliefs in history, says New Republic. As to the doctrine that the reward of virtue is to be found in a clear conscience or high satisfaction—that is an even more violent falsehood. The people who suffer most from their conscience are obviously the sensitive and high-minded, while self-approbation comes most easily to the complacent and fortune-favored Jack Horners. The doctrine that the reward of moral life is a feeling of satisfaction or happiness is not only contrary to moral experience, but is intellectually sterile.

An American correspondent gives a most deplorable view of Germany, prostrate, on the verge of famine and the people almost apathetic in their misery. But the authors of all this ruin brought upon outsiders and their own alike, the criminal rulers of the Teuton nations and their officials and advisers, have fled the country to live in comfort, according to their calculations, while the people they have misused and betrayed are left to suffer. No wonder the demand is growing for their punishment, and that indignant protests are rising against their continued enjoyment of immunity.

About 8 per cent of the men called to the colors unable to read! Think of it. Three hundred thousand American soldiers unable to read! Conditions like that are what is putting steam into the demand for federal control of public education. Some of the statesmen tell you this isn't a nation, but a federation, says Houston Post. But it is a nation, and states can shirk their duty this way and get by with it.

The sanctity of royalty is now an exploded idea, and there is no reason why a man because he is a king, should be immune from the consequence of actual criminal acts. The ex-kaiser should be treated as any other criminal trying to escape justice, and he certainly should be put under a restraint which will effectually prevent him from scheming again to assail the peace of Europe.

It has been suggested that a day be set apart to be known as Fathers' Day, on which fathers at home and sons abroad will exchange letters, as was done on Mothers' Day. The mothers have always been exalted, and justly so, but fathers have been rather left out in the cold. But now father is to have his day at last.

A Washington man proposes that as the United States was in the war 584 days, a Liberty monument to the memory of our heroes be erected at the capital, one foot in height for each day, making it 584 feet high, with the names of all who gave their lives engraved on bronze tablets to be placed in the interior of the monument.

If you think that New York attained the summit of self-expression on Victory day, just wait until Pershing's veterans come marching up Fifth avenue after their victorious attempt to secure the right for self-expression to the world!

We observe that since November 11 the prices of officers' clothing and fixtures have fallen 25 per cent. And we believe the civilians will be able to buy woolen underwear and blankets a little cheaper next May.

We have now entered upon that happy period long referred to as "After the War."

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