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IN THE SWIM.

There are many Americans whose loyalty has stood every test, and who yet feel unable to reconcile themselves to our participation in the European conflict.

They recognize that assaults have been made upon our prestige. They feel that the honor of the Republic has suffered insults against which a merely verbal protest would be only a confession of weakness. They are spending their utmost effort and resource in this gigantic encounter, and yet they feel an abiding regret as they see us drawing further away from that tranquil isolation in which we viewed with security of spectators the moves and countermoves on Europe's chessboard for over forty years.

"This aloofness can never come again," is their complaint. They do not realize that it could not have been preserved under any conditions.

We have not always been rich. The spectacle of latterday prosperity misleads us. We forget that it is the latest thing in modernity. A few years ago this was the pioneer nation, and pioneers are poor.

So short a time has it taken us to become familiar with surplus that we overlook its novelty. When we had barely enough for ourselves we exported nothing, and our intercourse with other nations remained about zero.

Then came the overflowing cornucopia, and export trade. We lost our political detachment, and we are unlikely ever to regain it.

Of course, it is possible for us to make export trade illegal after the war. In a comic opera nation it could be done. With us it would mean the ratification of a tyrannous principle more onerous than any enactment of pre-revolutionary Russia. Such surrender of our bodies and our goods would mean serfdom.

Since, then, we cannot refuse to rub shoulders with other nations we may as well make their acquaintance. The founders of the church were commanded to fraternize with the Gentiles, and here we find a sane precedent. We may like our neighbors better than we think, and they will not like us the less if we show ourselves able to protect ourselves from any aggression to which such intercourse might make us liable.

THE POLLS.

It was Chesterton who said that a mind of very moderate caliber should be capable of finding something more interesting to do than work. This may be true of work, but it is certainly true of voting.

It is generally when some real or fancied grievance enrages us that we want to rush to the polls, and these spasms of wrath usually seize us when there is no election pending. At other times we ask to be spared the mental exhaustion entailed by the study of internal and international politics, of tariff and revenue problems, of industrial and sumptuary legislation.

Yet, whether we like it or not, there is just now a duty incumbent on all of us. Not only must we compare one candidate's platform with another's, but we must investigate the record of each, and make certain that there is no mark upon it which classifies him as a danger to the nation in these days of crisis. In all camps there are unworthy aspirants—some of them insidiously disloyal, and the fault will be ours if through negligence and apathy we allow enemies of democracy to take part in legislative councils.

Voting may be a dull and tedious function, but it is as much a patriotic duty as shouldering a rifle.

FEEL CHESTY, HIRAM?

And now Mr. Hoover announces that the U. S. can feed itself and the allies all through the winter.

The food situation in Germany is reported to be bad. Report about Germany's internal affairs are rarely dependable, but there is no doubt about Hoover.

Our old friend Foch may feel some pride at the chain of recent victories which have wiped out half of Germany's 1918 gains on the entire western front. But Hiram Hayseed (Heaven help the city folks who invented that name!) has handed the Kaiser a heavier wallop than Foch.

In Indiana an agent of the bureau of crop-estimates lately saw a farmer driving six horses hitched to a disk plow and leading three drawing a harrow. He was doing work that would have employed a gang of men a short time ago.

At big city theatres they like to bring down the final curtain on a patriotic spectacle—Columbus Triumphant—or some other symbolical conception. They would strike a truer note if they gave a spotlighted portrayal of that lone farmer with his team of nine.

JAM.

Certain diseases are the peculiar privilege of armies. They attack the digestive organs. Civilians are less vulnerable because it is easy for them to get fresh vegetables. They depend less on canned foodstuffs.

The antidote is jam.

You might as well deprive a soldier of his rifle as cut out his preserves. Read a doughboy's daily ration, and listed with his one and a half ounces of this and his two ounces of that you will find his steady standby—jam.

You girls get plenty of fun in winter making fudge. You will get just as much this fall preserving blackberries. And you might as well start the fun right now by picking the blackberries.

The community jam-kitchen is already an institution in some neighborhoods. Don't all speak at once.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that two thousand stenographers are needed in the Government service at Washington, D. C. Examinations for the Departmental service are conducted each Tuesday throughout the Eleventh Civil Service District at stenographer and typewriter examina-

tion points, but at any time and place where a sufficient number of applicants may be brought together for examination. Application blanks and full information may be secured from the Local Secretary, Eleventh Civil Service District, Postoffice Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

The Fordson tractor is the result of extensive trials and experiments conducted by Mr. Henry Ford, covering a period of many years. Before placing the tractor on the market, every detail has been thoroughly tried out under actual farming conditions in various parts of this country and abroad.

Experience has pointed to the small, light tractor as being the one machine which will fill all varying conditions satisfactorily.

In developing the Fordson tractor, the aim has been to produce a small tractor which will be low in first cost, reliable, and above all—efficient.

Being small, light and economical, the Fordson tractor is adapted for use on small farms, as well as on the largest. It will pull all farm implements and do the work generally done by horses on the farm. In addition, by its belt pulley the tractor will drive farm machinery such as a threshing, ensilage cutter, sawmill, etc., making the Fordson a truly universal tractor.

In design and construction the Fordson takes a long step in approaching the ideal tractor. The simplicity of its operation and construction will at once appeal to the farmer.

Special devices were perfected to keep out dust and dirt. All moving parts are enclosed and thoroughly lubricated. The number of lubricating points requiring attention are very few and easily gotten at.

The motor, transmission, and rear axle are assembled together, forming one rigid unit, which, combined with the three-point suspension, relieves these parts of all strain.

The absence of any frame gives accessibility to all parts for making adjustments or repairs, and allows the tractor to be taken apart in a few minutes.

The motor is of substantial design and is capable of delivering its full power continuously. It embodies features which have been used with success in other fields for many years.

The Fordson tractor is on display and for sale at the Valley Motor Co., State and Front streets, Salem, where it can be seen any time.

When the war is over Germany is very likely to discover that she has no special use for a War Lord.

Between the desire to satisfy the war department and the desire not to incommode the public too seriously, congress is skating on pretty thin ice nowadays.

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