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THE MIRACLE

WITH all our knowledge of the brutality of war and the poverty of mere physical force, we are sometimes over-awed by it, led to feel that it is the greatest, the transcending thing.

I had come to see the battle, staked everything for the battle, but that was not granted me. Instead, I saw the deeper havoc of war, the drag-men of the world, the singing peasants—down-life, crushed life, body-consciousness.

It takes an altogether higher plane of human consciousness to recognize this "miracle" of human brotherhood. Lines of soldiers, branches of dead, wall of cannon, isolated cottages—these are apparent to the most superficial observation.

The force that sweeps over mere ricks of bodies is quelled before it. The passion that burns up the youth and vigor of nations pales before it. It is something of spirit that transcends the brute, let men drag it in the mire as they will.

THE GLORY OF WAR

HERE is a little picture that helps us to understand the glory and the grandeur of modern warfare. It is taken, in substance, from the "Petit Journal," of Paris.

The assault was made by night, in the hope of surprising the defenders under cover of darkness. The assailants succeeded in getting close to the forts. But suddenly they found themselves entangled in a strong net work of barbed wire.

Now, ordinarily barbed wire is not enough, particularly in the dark. But those wires were charged with a powerful electric current. The foremost ranks of the besiegers were electrocuted, their bodies burning in the darkness with spurts of ghastly blue flame.

When the wires were clogged with bodies the current lost its power. The Germans thereupon charged over the head and rushed in solid masses toward the forts.

Then from the still silent forts came the flash of dozens of powerful searchlights. The assailants were blinded by the glare. They hesitated and started to retire. At that moment the silence was broken by rifle volleys, and a moment later the artillery was concentrated on the wavering columns.

Helpless against the invisible enemy, marked for slaughter by those pitiless searchlights, the Germans fell in windows. In places their bodies were piled several feet high.

Two columns of Germans, in the dazzling light, lost their bearings and attacked each other. The eyeless gunners watched the struggle for a while and then "fired into both sides alike to make the fight more even."

Soon there was no more work for the guns and all was dark again. But there was no more silence. All that night the groans of the wounded were heard.

A pleasant picture? Hardly a day passes now that has not scenes just as agreeable and ennobling. We need a new definition of war. General Sherman's is too tame.

ITALY'S POSITION

Italy is placed in a hard position. This war is none of her seeking, and with England and France she used her influence for peace. Since the outbreak of the war she has kept neutral, feeling justified in doing so by the terms of the alliance and because Austria had not consulted her before plunging into war in the Balkans, says the Springfield Republican.

From the outset it has been an impossibility for the government, even if so disposed, to wage war as Austria's ally; the question for some days has been whether public indignation would not force the government to declare war against Austria. There have been rumors of an impending mobilization, and the rumors have been denied; it is quite possible that the decision may rest upon the outcome of the great battle now in progress. In 1870 Napoleon III had brought the aid of both Italy and Austria against the formidable power of Prussia, but both were then weak, and both held off after the French army had begun to go to pieces after the scientific attack at Moltke. But whether French defeats would have a similar effect now is not so certain, for several reasons. For one thing, Italy fears that after deserting her ally she would have no mercy at the hands of the iron hand of Aus-

tria. It is possible, therefore, that a smashing French defeat, instead of alarming her into quiescence, as in 1870, would alarm her into lending her forces, by no means negligible, to the triple entente for the purpose of defending herself against the revenge of her former allies.

COSTLY TO NEWSPAPERS

"A big European war will be a fine thing for the newspapers," said one Philadelphia manager of a large electrical company.

"In what way?" I inquired. "Help you to sell papers," was the reply. Alas! Others may see your ointment, but you alone can observe the fly swimming around in it. The ink is scarcely dry upon the printed testimony of one newspaper manager to the effect that the Spanish-American War had cost his publication a tidy three-quarters of a million net.

The editor of the London Post told me his paper had twenty correspondents in the Boer War and cable rates were then \$1.20 a word from Cape Town. That African conquest was the biggest menace to newspaper dividends which London has experienced in a generation.

I saw dispatches come from Manila during our insurrection there which cost \$2000 a column. That included the price paid the special correspondent for sending out the article.

Yes. A convention of newspaper proprietors would as quickly endorse a great war for their own money-making purposes as a farmers' grange would vote to employ a pack of wolves to guard their sheep. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE WAR

COPENHAGEN.—The Berlin paper Neue Zeit says that since the mobilization the Doberritz road has been strongly guarded by a grenadier guards regiment from Spandau. Last week the kaiser motored along the road, his chauffeur continually sounding the emperor's special horn. Nevertheless two sentries stopped the car, asking for the permit.

The kaiser said from the window of the car, "I should think that my motor car might have been known as imperial property."

"Well, your majesty," replied one of the sentries, "we are commanded to bring to a standstill and investigate all cars without exception."

LONDON.—Frenchmen in London now have a newspaper of their own. It is the first French daily newspaper in England. Its title is L'Echo de France.

PARIS.—Stephen Pichon in an editorial in the Petit Journal quotes Napoleon as saying to Metternich: "A man like me cares little for a million lives."

To which Metternich replied: "You are lost. I thought so when I came here. Now I am certain." M. Pichon says it will be the same with the kaiser after many battles.

TRAINED MEN FOR BOATS

Under arrangements contemplated by the International Convention of Safety at Sea, passenger steamers will be required to carry a certain number of certified lifeboat men. In order to induce seamen to secure certificates, some additional remuneration will have to be offered. In Liverpool the lines propose to pay five shillings per month extra to seamen holding the British Board of Trade certificates as lifeboat men.

AMERICAN SPEED BOAT GOES MILE IN 66 SECONDS

The fastest time ever made in American waters by any sort of craft was made on July 3, 1914, by the hydroplane "Kitty Hawk VI" on the Illinois River at Peoria, Ill. A measured mile was covered in 1 min. 6 sec., or at the rate of 54.54 miles an hour. This tiny vessel, only 23 feet long, has a 24-cylinder gasoline motor, generating 300 hp, at 1600 revolutions per minute.

UNCLE SAM'S SQUAW

(Written for The Times.) When Uncle Sam comes down to town He always rides a squaw; She has a screech like a gulena hen, The worst I ever saw.

She also has two cylinders, Two pistons also there, Needles, nuts and bolts and pins, But alas, she has no hair.

She has a box for making gas, A tank to hold her oil, She's coated with a varnish thick, Her complexion wouldn't spoil.

She also has her spokes and rims Her rubber-covered tires, She also has a light in front, That's run by copper wires.

Two handles to hang on by A monkey seat behind, Another one for Uncle Sam A handy rig you'll find.

This squaw of Sam's will almost climb Right up a cedar pole But sometimes in a cranky fit She puts him in a hole.

One time she tried to bunt a Ford But got beneath the car, When Sam got off without a scratch That beat the squaw by far.

Another time she hit a horse That packed a preacher's wife, The squaw, and horse, went down the hill And no one lost his life.

Now Uncle Sam wears whiskers While gloves upon one hand But still he rides that squaw of his And rides to beat the band. —HEARSAY.

DANCE AT FINNISH HALL SATURDAY eve. Given by LINNEA LODGE. KEYZER'S ORCHESTRA.

CATHOLICS IN UNITED STATES

There are 16,067,987 Catholics in the United States, according to the 1914 edition of the Official Catholic Directory. The 1914 edition of this directory also shows that there are 24,224,609 Catholics under the protection of the Stars and Stripes. This figure is derived by adding the Catholics in Alaska, the Canal Zone, Guam, the Hawaiian Islands, Porto Rico and the Philippines to the total number of Catholics in the United States proper.

As the population figures are the most interesting, the directory editor has prepared a list of the twenty-five states having the largest number of Catholics. The banner states are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State and Number of Catholics. Includes New York (2,884,723), Pennsylvania (1,684,220), Illinois (1,395,892), Massachusetts (1,395,892), Ohio (781,179), Louisiana (585,000), Michigan (582,500), Wisconsin (578,195), New Jersey (565,000), Missouri (470,000), Minnesota (461,950), Connecticut (438,483), California (410,000), Texas (313,000), Iowa (277,095), Rhode Island (270,000), Maryland (261,000), Indiana (239,238), Kentucky (166,070), New Mexico (140,573), Kansas (130,700), New Hampshire (130,081), Maine (124,400), Nebraska (115,959), Colorado (109,182).

THE CLUCKING HEN.

The old gray hen has thirteen chicks, and round the yard she clucks and picks, and toils the whole day long; I lean upon the garden fence, and watch the hen of little sense, whose intellect is wrong. She is the most important hen that ever in the haunts of men a waste of effort made; she thinks if she should cease her toll the whole blamed universe would spoil, its institutions fade. Yet vain and trifling is her task; she might as profitably bask and loaf throughout the year; one incubator from the store would bring forth better chicks and more than fifty hens could rear. She ought to rest; her scratching legs, got down to tacks and lay some eggs, which bring the valued bucks; but in her vain perverted way, she says, "I'm durned if I will lay," and hands out foolish clucks. And many men are just the same; they play some idle, trifling game, and think they're saving wood; they hate the work that's in demand, the jobs that count they cannot stand, and all their toll's no good.—Walt Mason.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.

Every pupil who graduated in the eighth grade in June last is in the High School this fall.

The High School enrollment is 132.

There are 66 students taking Latin, 22 taking German, 20 in penmanship, 6 in shorthand, 22 in bookkeeping, 44 in chemistry, 6 in physics, 9 in botany, 11 in public speaking, 39 in freshman English, 37 in sophomore English, 41 in junior English, 10 in Senior English, 28 in ancient history, 37 in modern history, 13 in English history, 19 in American history, 39 in freshman algebra, 34 in sophomore algebra, 33 in plane geometry, 22 in typewriting, 12 in commercial arithmetic, manual training, 135, boys' cookery 24. Data on High School cooking classes not available to date.

The teachers of the grades and High School were given a little "get-together" reception on Saturday last by Miss Harkness, Miss Moore, Miss Griffin, Miss O'Connor and Miss Reese. Refreshments were served consisting of tea, sandwiches and cake.

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SCRATCHING FOR A LIVING

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary, How doth your garden grow?" "My neighbor's chickens Have raised the dickens— Ask them—they ought to know."

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ORIGIN OF SAILORS LINGO

Queer Phrases Used by the Marines Are Borrowed From Recognized Languages

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Practically every recognized language has been called upon at some time to help in building up the vocabulary of the sea.

"Davy Jones," for instance, might be taken to refer to some dead and gone Welshman, but the name is derived from quite another source. One should speak of "Duffy Jonah's locker," for that was the original "Duffy" being the West Indian name for a spirit or ghost and "Jonah" referring to the prophet.

Another expression gradually corrupted out of its original form is the "dog watch." It was originally the "dodge watch" because it lasts only two hours, and was intended to insure that the same men shall not be on duty every day during the same hours.

"The jury mast" has nothing in common with the "twelve good men and true" except its derivation, from the same French word "jour" meaning "one day." The jury mast is erected temporarily "for a day," just as the jury, in its legal sense, meant a tribunal summoned for a short time.

"The sheet anchor," the largest anchor carried by a ship, should really be the "shot anchor," and is so called because of its great size, which allows it to shoot out in case of emergency.

"Port" is a comparatively new expression. In the old days they used to refer to "larboard" and "starboard." "Starboard" has nothing in common with the twinkling stars in its heavens; it is derived from the Anglo-Saxon "steorboard" or "steerside." In Viking times the galleys were steered by an oar, which the helmsman held with his right hand. "Larboard" probably was a corruption of "lower board" the larboard side being inferior to the other.

The word "admiral" is Arabic, spring from "emil el bagh," or lord of the sea. "Captain" comes from the Latin "caput," but mate is Icelandic and means "companion" or "equal." "Coxswain" has a curious origin. The "coxswain" was a man who pulled the last oar in the captain's boat, which was described as the "cockboat." This, in turn, was a corruption of a small, round boat found on the Rivers Usk and Wye, and known as a "coracle." Coxswain is, therefore, a Welsh name.

Ready for Work.—Supt. Ashby is having the big bitulthic mixer hauled out from the docks today to have it in readiness to start the paving work as soon as the weather will permit.

Don't forget the Big Fair at Myrtle Point, Sept. 23 to 26.

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ONLY FEW AT SILO MEETING

Less Than Dozen Ranchers Hear Expert Tell of Improved Dairying Here

The silo meeting held this forenoon at the Odd Fellows Hall was poorly attended, only about a dozen ranchers responding. Prof. W. A. Barr, a silo expert who has been advising the silo work for the U. S. government and who is now working in connection with the Oregon Agricultural extension service, was present and spoke. It is to be regretted that more ranchers and dairymen were not present to avail themselves of the instructive talk on the building of silos, the proportion of feeds, etc. J. L. Smith, Coos county agriculturist, was here with him and was shocked by the small attendance. Mr. Smith said that they had good meetings at Coquille and Myrtle Point and the Clausen ranch on the lower Coquille.

Along the Waterfront.

The Elizabeth left Bandon last evening at 6 o'clock bound for San Francisco.

BAND DANCE PLATFORM Second and Market, Saturday night.

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