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CALL ON AMERICA.

A NUMBER of press dispatches in The Times recently plainly indicate the enormous demand that is being created by the war for American foodstuffs, machinery, clothing, and manufactured articles of all kinds. The enforced closing of European factories by the call to arms of the men who formerly worked in them is one of the contributing causes of this great demand.

Here is one item of news that should be reassuring to those doubting Thomases who see nothing but hard times and ruin ahead. The Post of Washington, D. C., notes: "An agent of the Russian government placed an order recently in Detroit for 150 motor trucks, to be used for military purposes. The automobile factory, which had laid off some of its men, hurriedly sent out word for them to return and go to work. The trucks are to be built and delivered at New York as rapidly as possible. The order will call for the payment of \$750,000. Canadian agents are in the United States buying up horses for the British army. They are trying to buy 100,000 head. The other day a French officer appeared in St. Louis on the same errand. In Chicago the meat packers are filling rush orders for enormous quantities of food for the armies in Europe."

And this, in the very nature of things, is only the beginning. Even if the war should end tomorrow the demand for American food and supplies would go on for many months in growing intensity.

But the war will not end tomorrow. It will not end until Europe is exhausted. It will not end until every European dollar has been spent.

Nobody can foresee the extent of the demand upon the resources of North and South America before the end is reached. But it may be said with assurance that there will be little surplus in foods and many articles of manufacture for many years.

We may later have to help pay the awful cost of this tremendous holocaust, but for the present prosperity is assured for peaceful America.

MILITARY EXPERTS PUZZLED.

SURPRISE is manifested in some military quarters because the terrific war operations in Europe are overturning military tradition and developing phases wholly unexpected by military experts, who have gone wide of the mark in their predictions of what would happen. It must be remembered, however, in making these forecasts the military wisecracks were without the advantage of more than theory to bolster up their opinions. Until the present conflict no man had observed first rank powers in clash under modern military conditions and with modern military equipment, says an exchange. No man knew precisely what would happen and no man can estimate accurately until the answer shall be given by the conflict itself. The one remaining certainty in the situation is that war is precisely what General Sherman declared it to be a good many years ago. Modern development has not made it in any wise more desirable.



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GOOD ENEMY

A more glorious victory cannot be gained over another man than that where the injury began on his part, the kindness should begin on ours.—Tillotson.

APPLES

Here's Thessalia, here's the sky  
Old Sicilian revelers knew  
When at morn they rollicked by  
In the daisies and the dew,  
Here's your lips of Helen, drunk  
Into one gold globe of sweet—  
Taste, and turn to something young,  
Dancing on Bandusian feet.

Apples, apples, tart and fine,  
Apples red, and apples yellow!  
Apples of Falernian wine—  
Playing hades with a fellow!  
Grimes' Golden, Stayman, Rambo,  
Smokehouse, Carthouse, Jonathan,  
Fruit from groves of Marleambo.  
No, from vales American.

Here's your April and October  
In the thin skin of a gleam:  
Here's your Bacchic god knocked over  
Just from tasting sun and dream!  
Walk up, wake up, have an apple,  
Bibed in summers that shall be  
Born again in beams that dapple,  
All this mist of land and sea.  
—Baltimore Sun.

OUR DAILY CONUNDRUM

Why is an army like a newspaper?  
Answer tomorrow.  
Answer to yesterday's "Why is a dressmaker not likely to lose her books?"  
Because she has an eye to each of them.

When a Coos Bay man tells a girl that he can't live without her, she proves him a liar by marrying him.

Somehow we just can't help feeling sorry for a minister when he feels like making a few remarks that would not look well in print.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY.

What has become of the old fashioned girl who kept her wad of gum stuck on the side of the bed while she was sleeping?

THE WISE GUY SAYS:

"When a girl imagines that a big boob who has bristles on his chin, and who smells like an old pipe, is the greatest thing ever invented—that is love."

A Coos Bay doctor may be ready to cut any old thing except his bill.

What a lot of stitches some Coos Bay men drop when they try to mend their ways.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Don't butt in—unless you are a goat.

When the office seeks the man there is nothing in it.

It's surprising how much attention women attract from each other.

Men fight with their fists and lose. Women fight with their tears and win.

Perhaps a man may have dumb luck if he has sense enough to keep his mouth shut.

People wish a newly-wedded couple happiness—but they don't expect their wish to come true.

And once in awhile, a widow wears a mourning veil so you can't see how pleased she looks.

The man who boasts of the wonders he is going to work never amounts to much as an actual worker.

The man at the bottom of the ladder has one advantage over the man at the top—he doesn't have so far to fall.

Industrial Review of the State

The heads of the state insane asylums are drafting a parole law that will result in reducing by 200 the number of patients kept at state expense.

Greendale, Lake County, is organizing a co-operative well drillers' association.

The Tillamook cheese product for 1914 will total 4,101,962 pounds.

About the only cities in the state that are able to reduce tax levies are those conducting publicly owned utilities.

Central Oregon irrigation projects are planning to cost \$450,000 from reclamation funds.

The Newburg cannery closed with a pack of 500,000 cans.

Oregon City claims the lowest tax levy in the Willamette Valley.

To get idle men employed upon the land is one of the problems to come before the Legislature.

A \$20,000 brick will displace the old Comstock hotel at Klamath Falls.

At Ashland the Home Steam Laundry has put in a new steam press.

A new county office sought to be created by the Legislature is public defender.

Gresham is to be connected with Portland by hard surface road.

In the last half of November, coast ports shipped 17,000,000 feet of lumber to San Francisco.

Bend has lowered city and school taxes.

An Ashland firm has begun manufacturing a folding crate to ship vegetables and fruit.

Archie Mason, contractor, is pushing hard-surfacing of a mile of Milwaukee road. The cost is \$15,000.

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The Workmen's Compensation Commission asks salaries for two years of \$90,720. The State Labor Commissioner collects \$21,000. The two bodies are to be consolidated.

Carleton has a new steel bridge and eight blocks of paving.

Linn county has no debt and a reduced tax levy.

Silverton has more buildings going up and taxes coming down.

A 31-pound gold brick was dug out of the Ogle mine, Clackamas county, last week.

Portland gave a local firm of contractors the big Shattuck school contract over a lower bidder in Montana.

A modern two and a half story concrete dairy barn for 100 cows will be built at Rose City.

Lents has \$75,000 in new buildings going up.

The Celilo Canal is being rushed to completion with 850 men.

Helix is assured an electric light plant.

F. W. Dodge of the Rogue River public service corporation reports increase from 500 to 1500 horse power.

Merz & Lathier are going to give Forest Grove a creamery and ice cream factory.

Hotel Lauchlin at Forest Grove, which was recently burned, is to be rebuilt.

The Oregon State Fair Board asks for \$123,638 to erect new buildings in 1915.

Who Said War Prices?

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