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Pray for yourself. "Lord that I might receive my sight," for there are better things to see if you can only see.

SMOLDERING FIRES

The two kaisers are attacked from the rear. Accounts of the strikes in Germany and Austria may be exaggerated. On the other hand, the facts may be under stated.

In any event, they present the gravest situation that has yet confronted the two dynasties. The strikers must be controlled and speedily controlled. If not, they will develop into revolution and civil war.

With an army entirely loyal Hindenburg will hold Germany in subjection. His real peril will come when a part of the army revolts. The czar went down the long trail because the army joined the revolution.

To hold the Austrians in subjection is more difficult. The incoherent racial groups of which the masses are composed are more difficult to control. The Austrian army has many regiments who hate the Hapsburgs and all they stand for.

The peoples of both Germany and Austria have been living for three and a half years amid death and desolation. It must be gradually filtering into their minds that they are suffering all these woes merely to aid the vain ambitions of Prussian junkerdom.

NEW JERSEY, tagging along at the tail of other states, has enacted a local option liquor law. It is estimated that the enactment of the statute spells the doom of more than 3000 saloons throughout the state.

Its blunders have brought junkerdom and the German people close to the parting of the ways. The present revolt may be, probably will be, suppressed. But the impress is left. The fires will go on smoldering. The situation is stimulus to America to press forward and hit hard.

COREY AND THE COMPANY

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER COREY knows a thing or two. He is the eminent oracle who decided for a 6-cent fare and issued a public statement to that effect before briefs against the 6-cent increase had been filed.

Mr. Corey has issued another public statement. "The commission had no alternative than to increase the streetcar fare," he says, "because the company could not possibly operate without it."

"Without the increased fare the company would go into the hands of a receiver," says Commissioner Corey. How about public morals going into the hands of a receiver?

"If the car patrons are willing to do with 41 per cent less cars, the undersigned is willing to restore the 5-cent fare," says Mr. Corey. Is Mr. Corey speaking for the company? Has he been authorized by the Philadelphia banker, he of the \$10,000 salary, to strike the proposed bargain with the people of Portland?

Two Kansas City women who, at the point of their revolvers, held up a drygoods store and made away with six pairs of masculine trousers are demonstrating the argument of the anti-suffragettes that the women want to wear the pants.

The economic fruits of the victories won against him in every part of the nation have put him with his back to the wall. Sober workmen, increased efficiency, speeded production, added comforts in homes made destitute by his withering hand, all these things, and more, have been too much for him to combat.

Edward H. Forbush, state ornithologist of Massachusetts, in making a plea for the seagulls, says they ought not to be killed because they follow up the submarines to pick up their refuse, and thus tip the war sharks off to pursuing destroyers. Without questioning his statement, it would be interesting to have the professor tell us how the refuse gets out of a submarine sealed up under the surface.

THE TWO PORT FOLLY

There is no power on earth that can keep American production at its maximum and ship the entire product through two ports without constant repetition of congestion, says the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger. It adds: The solution lies in utilizing all the great ports of the country.

It is the exact situation in another form that is presented on the Pacific coast. The attempt here is to route everything through "two ports." The attempt to route all traffic through two Atlantic ports is what the Ledger says is inefficiency. The Ledger continues: The ships not getting the coal are held up in New York. Were the ships at Philadelphia, they would have their coal. Moreover the railroads between Philadelphia and New York would be relieved of the necessity of handling tons and tons of fuel.

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The water power bill as it will go to law. Efforts will be made to hamstring it, to strangle it, to back-scramble it, to mutilate it, to delay it, to defeat it.

YOUR WAR BREAD. It has a peculiar sound, and it may have a peculiar taste to all of us who have been raised on the fine white bread that our mothers used to make and our wives have been baking. But we are going to like it, or go without.

brought home to all of us. War bread is to be the messenger. We have been a people of dainty appetites, as to bread. We have demanded the whitest flour, and the lightest loaf and a crust of golden brown. Nothing less would satisfy; something better was continually sought.

And we will like it. Its coarse fiber and hearty substance will smooth the wrinkles of dyspepsia out, and put snap in our muscles and fire in our eyes. Here's to war bread. Eat it down.

HI! COREY! WHO'S YOUR BOSS?

"Well, T. Paer said, as he led the meatless gravy over the wheatless bread. "I see by the paper that Hi Corey has burst again."

"What does he say in his brief for the Portland, Railway Light & Power company?" T. Paer asked.

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LEST THE WAR BE LOST. Portland, Jan. 31.—To the Editor of The Journal—Will you kindly use your influence with the president to secure the resignation of Secretary Baker and the other members of the cabinet? If you could likewise induce the president to retire into private life, I along with Colonel Roosevelt and most of the other real patriots in the country, would esteem it a favor to use a service to the nation. I have little hope that you will be able to accomplish this, for presidents rarely resign, and besides, Mr. Wilson is a stubborn man, and as I well know, instead of consulting Colonel Roosevelt and others of our leading Republican statesmen on such important questions, he uses the office of a typewriter and comes to a decision unaided; but presidents don't count for much these days, and if The Journal will write editorially every day calling upon the president to resign and will fill its columns with news articles demonstrating his well known incompetence maybe we'll be able to get results.

the personnel of the government because I am not satisfied with the manner in which this war is being managed. I do not know how to serve the drafted army, or how well they are trained, but I am sure that they are not so numerous nor so well trained as they should be. What does the present draft law do for the army? What does Baker know about it? He is only secretary of war, and can't possibly know anything, and all he can tell the president is that he doesn't know. I am not attacking the president or Mr. Baker, but the system. There's too much red tape. What we need is a strong, virile, driving force to get things done. The red tape and raise an army between sunrise and sunset, as Mr. Bryan neatly put it. Some good Republican, for example, Let's create a war cabinet composed of Colonel Roosevelt, Mr. Taft and Mr. Root, and inject efficiency into the conduct of the war.

Secretary Daniels ought to resign, too. The navy, we are told, is at a very high state of efficiency. If this be so, and how can anybody tell anything about it in the absence of a congressional investigation—it must be in spite of Mr. Daniels, not because of him, and the country is not safe as long as he remains in his present position. No man so stubborn and thick-skinned as that is what the secretary of the navy; I suggest some good Republican for the position.

SMALL CHANGE

What did we tell you? But at that isn't it great stuff? Sure. The snow clears the smut and the germs from the osone. Stirs the iron in the blood. Starts the old pep coursing from the roots of your toenails to the roots of your hair. Smooths out the crinkly brain wrinkles and keeps the brain from getting all hot in-home-town. Trail-shoveling mornings, and brisk startit nights.

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PERSONAL MENTION. Standifer Is Back. G. M. Standifer of the G. M. Standifer Construction company arrived in Portland this morning from Washington, D. C., where he has been conferring with the emergency fleet corporation.

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United States Preparations. From the Vancouver (B. C.) Province. The German boats they will win the war before the United States troops arrive does not produce a hysterical rush at Washington. The United States war department is laying a foundation for a great campaign, and it is apparently a determination to strike with great force when the nation strikes. In this respect the United States is more free to choose than Britain was when she entered the war or has been since.

Loony Couple. From the Boston Transcript. "Loyalty is crazy on the subject of gold and his wife is equally crazy over auction sales." "Yes, and the funny part of it is they both talk in their sleep. The other night a judge in the Boston bar, Judge Biggs, says 'Fors' and immediately Biggs yelled 'Four and a quarter!'

Ragtag and Bobtail

Stories From Everywhere. To the column all readers of The Journal are invited to contribute original matter—in story, in verse, in philosophical observation, or in striking opinions—on any subject. The material accepted for publication will be paid for at the editor's special rate.

Kidding Wilson. SHE is one of the most obliging telephone operators in the most popular hotels in Washington. But she thinks she knows when she is being "kidded." So, says the Des Moines Register, when a man makes a call on a certain day, and asked for a very distinguished guest at the hotel, she inquired the name. "Woodrow Wilson," came back over the phone. Now, this is an old gag, and it doesn't go any more.

The Most Terrible. "What was the most terrible sight you saw in the trenches," asked the interested friend. "Well," replied the soldier just home from France, "the most terrible sight I saw was the dead man's face when I broke the rum jags."

Uncle Jeff Says. The people in Portland seem at first to be mightily well trained and to be bucklin' down to the six-cent fare as meek as might be expected. But they may be really a lot of Texas steers. Toggett broke a pair of Texas steers last week in the early days. They went fine to his whistles till one day he drove 'em to town and the new railroad engine took 'em to the city, they thought meant to run for all they were worth, and they busted their yoke agin a tree and got in with the wild cattle. Somethin' like that as them Portland people up surprisin' 'em.

Nothing the Matter With Portland

By H. S. Harcourt. Just at this writing a woman's full length sealskin coat would cost 800 sacks of \$1.50 per sack potatoes, or the crop of 13-13 acres of wheat yielding 20 bushels per acre and selling at \$1.50 per bushel. This may be a little high, but so many ladies are not wearing full length sealskin this winter.

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Dr. Rubert Blue Commends Book. "How to Live" Receives Commendation of Surgeon General of United States. No health book ever published ever received such favorable medical profession as "How to Live."