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ABOUT ENTANGLING ALLIANCES.

George Washington warned his country against entangling alliances with foreign nations.

Theoretically, we are not concerned in European politics, though we have entered the war for democracy against autocracy.

But actually our country must watch with deep concern all the movements of European diplomacy and political intrigue.

We must take note of the efforts of Germany to have the nations of Europe return to the status quo ante, and of Austria, her ally, to have peace without "forcible annexations and indemnities."

As President Wilson declared in his note to the Russian provisional government in May, "it was the status quo ante out of which this iniquitous war issued."

And peace without "forcible annexations and indemnities" might be so construed as to mean almost anything.

The United States went into the war for the purpose of making democracies safe in the world; including our own democratic nation.

Unless an enduring and just peace based upon a society of nations including Germany, can be brought about, America's interest in the European settlement is now much more a vital question of national security than it was six months ago.

If the world is to remain in the coming peace under the old order of the balance of power and competitive armament—as it must if the Germany of the war lords is to be a part of the status quo ante—then the United States will have, by force of circumstances beyond her control, become a military nation to so remain as long as Germany shall exist in the state of preparedness it took her forty years to attain.

The German people might gradually come to the conclusion that their ideals were wrong, and so in time get their country into accord with the rest of the world. But the people of the United States could not afford to depend upon the working out of such a conclusion in the German mind.

We would have to maintain a standing army and a larger navy, and be prepared for defense constantly, and constantly be on the watch for sudden attack.

Niagara having been harnessed to it, the war chariot may now be expected to break a few speed records.

In taking over all the railroads, the president has demonstrated that he no longer has "a single-track mind."

Why discuss the whys and wherefores of the war, its cost, etc. We are going in to win at any cost. Having put our hand to the plow, America will not look back.

With sugar beets at \$19 a ton southern California ranchers will see a silver lining to this year of grace, 1918.—Los Angeles Times. Oregon ought to be growing more sugar beets too.

Getting right down to brass tacks, a nominal diet is anything you have the ability to indulge in and the stomach to assimilate. The high-brows may put it differently, but this definition is universally accepted.—Exchange.

To honor one of the first three soldiers to die for America in France, the Corregidor post, Veterans of Foreign War, of Los Angeles, has changed its name to James B. Greaham post. The change is fittingly made, and others like it are coming.

The London Nation observes that Lord Rothermere, brother of Northcliffe, "is to be air minister (the hot air department remaining in Lord Northcliffe's hands.)" Thus American slang continues its successful invasion of literary England.

It has to be remembered, says a financial paper, that the speculative market will be restricted by the new government railroad regime. Sad as it may appear to those who get rich trading on margin, railroad stocks must hereafter tend to be

stabilized, not to say "pegged," on account of the government guarantee of net income for the period of the war. It is the uncertainty of the movement of prices in stocks that makes speculation inviting, so Mr. Wilson has still another crime to answer for in limiting the opportunities for getting rich quick in this country.

The people of the United States have been asked to make January a month for the consumption of potatoes. Here is the preference of a neighbor, who says: "We'll take ours with the jackets on, and then peeled and fried for lunch the next day."

Seventy thousand prisoners and 1400 guns taken, 1,000,000 casualties inflicted on the enemy in twelve months, all topped off with an over-subscription of 200 millions to a loan of 10,000,000,000 francs, leaves the "exhausted France" theory about "bled white."

Very few people here at home will presume to dictate to General Pershing the course he should pursue regarding the strong drink question, but there are many who will think more highly of the general for endeavoring to separate his army from all kinds of intoxicants. He is evidently trying to make some arrangements with the French government whereby the war zone will be bone dry so far as the American soldiers are concerned. Whether he succeeds or not is that undertaking, it is a great gain to have his personal influence cast on the side of army prohibition.

AS TO REVIVALS.

Don't you grow weary of hearing wisacras speak of the religious revival as "an emotional debauch" and "the great psychological crime?" It

may be true that some of the so-called religious organizations, at their gatherings, become enthusiastic to a point of fanaticism, but even fanatics are happier, if not better, that dead people and are in a way to learning more and living more.

The fact is that, as a rule, those who are most opposed to religious revivals are most in need of the influence of some such institution. The cold reasoner, who is afraid that his emotions will overcome him and who never gives way either to a natural or a spiritual impulse, is often farther from the truth than the blindest sinner who through fearless abandonment, learns his own weakness and his strength.

The nature of many people is so phlegmatic, either naturally or from conformity to convention, that they require constant shocks to keep them awake. All experience is educational, and emotionalism is that phase of education that compels people to feel as well as to think. Those who dare to live may make many mistakes, but those who are afraid of life are already half dead.

THE POSTMAN.

It is now possible to send a letter from the United States to Jerusalem without the mail going through the hands of Turkey.

There is a postman who passes by the narrow street known as Via Dolorosa, on his way to Pilate's judgment hall, before starting out on his rural route leading to the village of Bethany.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Tally, another spring day.

The old bride still stands.

Some sweet day it will be in use again.

When the water gets low enough to drive some supporting piling.

There was more talking in the war capitals yesterday than fighting on the war fronts.

Perhaps it is approaching the stage where the talking will be done around a peace council table. That time must come, of course. The war cannot last always, and many people think it cannot last much longer.

The disloyalty charges against Senator La Follette are to be taken up in the upper branch of congress tomorrow. Something may of course be done, but more likely there will be merely a lot of hot air turned loose.

Don't put the if in thrift.—Boston Herald.

The country may submit to a pork-ox day but congress—never!—New York Herald.

It is feared that when Russia finally finds herself she will not know what it is that she has discovered.—Kansas City Star.

Siberia might get good and even for generations of oppression by exiling political prisoners to Petrograd.—New York Morning Telegraph.

The Bolsheviks are reported to have abolished all church weddings. This is carrying their peace campaign altogether too far.—St. Louis Star.

Even the kaiser's best friends in congress are willing to declare war on Turkey and Bulgaria. The Bulgarian and Turkish vote isn't important.—Empire Gazette.

We don't know when Germany will strike on the west front, but it is our business to see that when she does strike will make a large dent in her ambitions.—Chicago Herald.

Hats off to Ignace Paderewski, the famous pianist and poet! He has been assigned to the training camp at Fort Niagara for the mobilization of 2000 of his countrymen already enrolled for service in France. In the meantime, he has canceled all of his engagements.

Lloyd George was able to report the other day that the tea supply had been assured, so that England is safe from a great peril, but in some English towns there is not only a bread line but a whisky line.

Will the government also regulate the tips of the Pullman porters?

How easy it is to advise a man and a woman who are healthy to be happy!

It is one thing right after another in this workaday world—Hiram C. Gill threatens to make another race for mayor of Seattle.

The old fellow who dreamed that the government would some day run the railroads now has the opportunity of saying "I told you so." We are making history rapidly.

"Beg pardon, sir, could you change a quarter for me?" "How'd you wish it changed?" "Into a dollar, if you could manage it, sir!"—Philadelphia Record.

FUTURE DATES

January 7, Monday—Remodeled Williamette university chapel to be presented to public. January 8, Tuesday—Semi-annual meeting of board of trustees of Williamette university to be held in Portland. January 9, Tuesday—Annual meeting First Congregational church. January 12, Sunday—Mass meetings in Salem and other Marion county towns to promote Armenian-Syrian relief.

Editorials of the People

(The Statesman is pleased to print communications upon topics of general interest at any time. There is accurately no limit to the topics of "general interest." It is asked only that correspondents refrain from personalities and use care that nothing be written of a libelous nature. Letters must have writer's name and address, though not necessarily for publication.—Ed.)

Pleads For Red Cross.

Editor The Statesman: There has been a call through the city papers for more help in the Red Cross work, the article stating that less than a dozen women had offered their services. We wonder why there should be need to ask for help.

Mothers of Salem, what matter whether it is your boy or mine who is at the front. Mine is and yours may be and they may die for the want of that bandage you might have made. Oh! the selfishness, of humanity!

House mother, let John take his lunch downtown. Let Willie and Mary have bread and milk for their fathers. Leave the finger prints on the window just one day. Rally to the help of the Red Cross, and help save my boy and your neighbors.

"Inas much as ye have done it unto the least of these"—A Working Woman.

PHILIPPINES TO HELP CONSERVE

Administrator Is Appointed to Aid in Stimulating Production

Manilla, Dec. 23.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—To enable the Philippine islands to play their part in saving the world from the pinch of hunger, the Philippine congress has passed a bill through both houses authorizing the appointment of an administrator for the stimulation of food production. Compulsory labor is one of the means the Philippine secretary of agriculture is authorized to adopt, if necessary.

In this connection the long expected bill to permit the importation of Chinese laborers has been introduced in congress. It provides that they shall be allowed to remain in this country only five years and may not acquire any property during this period of contract. At the end of five years they will be returned by the government to the country whence they came.

Another bill is under consideration compelling the registration of all able bodied men who are without work. Municipal governments are empowered to offer them work of some sort and if they refuse, to send them to jail.

There is also a proposed measure enabling the government to fix the prices of all food products and investing the secretary of commerce and communications with the powers of dictator in this matter. He will seize all business connected with the sale of food stuffs, that is being run at an exorbitant profit.

It is expected that, in some form both the stimulation of food production and the regulation of food prices will surely become law.

SATISFACTORILY EXPLAINED.

Mrs. Youngbride—"Our cook says those eggs you sent yesterday were quite old."

Grocer—"Very sorry, ma'am. They were the best we could get. You see, all the young chickens were killed off for the holiday trade so the old hens are the only ones left to do the laying."

Mrs. Youngbride—"Oh, to be sure! I hadn't thought of that."—Omaha News.

SALTS FINE FOR ACHING KIDNEYS

We Eat Too Much Meat which Clogs Kidneys, Then the Back Hurts

Mots folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

CRIME AGAINST BELGIAN YOUTH IS NOT REFUTED

Minister Thinks Atrocities and Victim's Condition Two Questions

WHOLE CITIES CRUSHED

Belief Is Held No Mutilated Children Are in United States

New York, Dec. 20.—Belief that there are in the United States no mutilated children from Belgium, victims of German atrocities, is expressed by the Rev. J. F. Stilleman, director of the Belgian bureau here, despite rumors to the contrary.

Atrocities Not Cleared.

"But this has absolutely nothing to do with the question of German atrocities or of the treatment meted out to Belgian or French children," declared the Rev. Mr. Stilleman. Some people seem to think that unless children with hands cut off are brought to this country there could be no truth in whatever they hear concerning German atrocities.

First of all, children whose hands would be cut off would most probably die. If they survive, how would they be gotten out of Belgium? Supposing they were, no one in France, England or Holland would permit the bringing of these children to America. There are, thank God, enough kind-hearted people in these countries to give these poor little victims whatever care and affection their sad condition calls for. It is not necessary to bring these children to this country to establish the facts in the matter. We can not bring the bodies of those that were murdered, no more than we can bring our destroyed cities to this country.

Small Children Victims.

The official reports of the Belgian government on the massacre of Dinant, give the names of 605 victims in that unfortunate city of whom there were eleven below 5 years, six from 5 to 9, twenty-two from 10 to 15, and twenty-seven of 16 and 17 years of age.

"The same official reports on Louvain give the names of 210 victims, of whom there were three less than 5 years old, five from 10 to 15, six of 16 and 17 years-old. The Belgian government possesses a great many sworn affidavits as to the cruel way in which these people and these children were murdered.

Rumor Held False.

"I believe that the rumors as to mutilated children being in this country are started and circulated by the Germans themselves for the sake of being able to declare them erroneous and to claim victoriously, though illogically, that all other accusations are to be judged untrue since in this particular case no proof is forthcoming.

"Several of the witnesses of atrocities have been and are at present in America, the most noteworthy among them being professors of the Louvain university. These witnesses, however, are often afraid to speak on account of the reprisals the Germans

Winter's Terrors Overcome



The healthy person enjoys cold weather. It is only when the circulation is poor, when the blood is thin and the system under its proper condition, that cold weather has any terror. Invigorate the body by restoring the circulation, throwing out the waste, and overcoming the stagnation of catarrh, and you will enjoy crisp weather.

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would take up their relatives living in Belgium.

Accusations Not Refuted.

"The accusations against the Germans will stand unrefuted and Germany will continue to be abhorred as a most degraded nation in history until the Germans will submit to a complete and official inquiry conducted by a disinterested court. This, however, they have always refused. The Belgian Free Masons appealed to their comrades of Germany asking a fair investigation. The Belgian bishops acted likewise, as well as the Belgian Socialists. In all these cases the Germans refused. They had the opportunity of clearing their reputation and they have the same opportunity today, but they know better than to attempt so desperate a task."

ROYAL NICKNAME.

"Edgar" "Yes, mother." "What are you children doing?" "Playing royalty. I am a Knight of the Garter, and Edwin is Saturday."

"That is an odd name for royalty."

"Oh, it's just a nickname on account of his title."

"What is his title?"

"Night of the Bath!"—Youstons-Atown Telegram.

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