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THE WAR OVER THE PROPOSED WAR CABINET

There will not likely be a war cabinet, as proposed by Senator Chamberlain.

It would be of little use if President Wilson were not in full accord with the idea and its aims. In fact, it might do more harm than good.

Senator Chamberlain's proposed war cabinet is obviously intended to be made on the British model.

It is very questionable that a success would be made of adapting the British idea to American conditions.

The war cabinet set up by Premier Lloyd George a year ago has not been vindicated by conspicuous success. The result after a year is that Lloyd George is virtually the whole thing.

The unsatisfactory British experience with a war cabinet would be repeated here if it were an effort to place the Presidency in commission with stout congressional strings tied to it. No inner political group of ruling men can by law be established at Washington for the prosecution of the war. No triumvirate can thus be set up by Congress, having representatives of the leading parties. As against the President such a group would be powerless, and calling it a cabinet instead of a council would not make it any the less an advisory body. For it is impossible to deprive the President of power commensurate with his constitutional responsibility.

The responsibility must be the President's in any event.

If President Wilson thought he needed a council other than his regular cabinet, it would of course be well for Congress to provide for this arrangement.

If he thinks, as he no doubt does, that the cabinet as at present constituted will serve the country better, as it has stood the test of all the wars we have before been engaged in, then the matter may as well be left as at present.

There are ample provisions for securing the services of the very men who would be selected to serve on the proposed new council or cabinet.

The most competent men in the United States, in nearly all lines, are giving their services to the Government freely.

Every patriotic citizen of the country stands ready to do the same.

It is not a "tempest in a teapot." The issues are too great to call it that.

And the discussion may have done good.

But the President ought to have his way, without question. He would have his way, any way, even with a new war cabinet or council.

The next thing Salem should put on the map is flax. It can be done.

The boy who buys a thrift stamp for 25 cents does "two-bits" for his country.

Kaiser Wilhelm is 60 today. Our Samplings in France are celebrating the day by preparing to knock the hel out of Wilhelm.

The German paper which said the Germans were starving was compelled to suspend publication for three days. Officially, therefore, they have enough to eat.

The loganberry is coming into its own. Which will mean great things for the Willamette valley, and more especially for Salem, the loganberry city of the world.

There is danger of Kentucky's amazing action in ratifying the federal prohibition amendment being overlooked.—Springfield Republican. No; there is no danger. The fact is too amazing.

It is costing the country a billion dollars a month for the part it is playing in the war and the worst is yet to come. "War is a good deal like sickness in the family. It draws on savings and increases ordinary outgo. The world is sick. Convalescence will come.

Since the National Guardsmen are arriving in France, what has become of the old-fashioned rule that they

could not be lawfully sent on foreign service.—Exchange. The rule was that they might not be sent on foreign service against their will. The rule was changed; but it need not have been. They all wanted to go. Not a single exception.

It requires an exhibition of supreme gall for a senator to rise in his place and charge the Republicans in congress with "playing politics" in the conduct of the war. Can't President Wilson be saved from his friends.—Los Angeles Times.

It is proposed to increase the strength of the navy by the addition of 150,000 men and they will be recruited immediately. The new warships will require crews, and the men must be ready with the completion of the vessels.

The business men of Atlanta have raised the \$15,000 required to secure \$25,000 from Julius Rosenwald of Chicago for the construction of a Young Men's Christian association building for Negroes. Now the white men of the Georgia city have started to raise an additional \$10,000 for furnishings. They could make no better investment.

One of the war lessons that must be learned by the American public is that of giving. It won't be a hard lesson to learn, for as a nation we are noted for a generous response to any worthy cause. There should be careful thought given to all money-raising enterprises not di-

rectly connected with the war. Any of these that can wait should be held in abeyance until the war with its enormous demands for aid is brought to an end.

Some time ago it was reported that 2000 doctors would be needed for immediate service in the war. At that time to greet a number seemed too many to hope for. And now ten times that number, without flourish of trumpets and without bravado, but just as service simply given to their own kind in their human need, have offered themselves.

BOOKS FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

More than half a million books have been sent by the American library association to American soldiers and sailors in training camps. Thirty-four library buildings have been, or are being, erected in the main camps. Trained and experienced librarians have been put in charge at these camps to organize and conduct the library service. The smaller camps, posts and forts and the naval stations and vessels are being supplied with books and magazines through their chaplains, Young Men's Christian Association and Knights of Columbus secretaries. Plans have been made for the supplying of books to the men on board transports and for the shipment of books to France.

The thirty-four buildings erected were made possible by a grant of \$320,000 from the Carnegie corporation. They are simple in design and construction, but are rather more attractive than the other camp buildings. They are equipped with comfortable chairs and provide a quiet, restful place for reading and study. The library building houses the central or main library. Every Young Men's Christian association and Knights of Columbus building, every Young Women's Christian association hostess house and every base hospital reading room in all these camps is a branch of the American library association camp library. Daily delivery of books, magazines and newspapers is made to these branches and deposit stations by an American library association camp library automobile.

The headquarters of the library war service are in the library of congress. Dr. Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, is general director.

THE LIBERTY MOTOR.

Expert motor builders of the country agree that the Liberty motor is all that has been claimed for it. It will be remembered that it was brought into being through their unselfish cooperation.

Fifty of them at an early private conference discussed the strong and weak points of their own motors as the basis for giving Uncle Sam the best motor possible. Out of the disclosures so made grew the Liberty motor, which Major James G. Vincent, late vice president of the Packard Motor company, told a recent gathering of motor men in New York city "is more efficient than any motor made abroad." This engine can be made in greater quantities than any other, on account of the standardization of its parts, and because of their recognition of its merits the allies have ordered in as large numbers as can be spared. Major Vincent might be expected to exalt this American product but the fact that so many other experts agree with his estimate is calculated to reassure the country in the face of the statement that foreign motors and air machines are always being changed and improved. Evidently these experts consider the present result the best possible, and to start off with what they believe to be the best motor in the world means so much of advantage. And, besides, the Liberty motor will drive the best fighting airplanes in the world; manned by the most efficient birdmen in the world.

The United States is now ready to begin the work of taking the dominion of the skies.

FUTURE DATES

January 27, Sunday.—Rally of Jefferson Sunday school district at Marion. February 2, Friday.—Farm day. January 30, Wednesday.—Lecture "A Trip Through Rome," by Professor Dumb at Salem Public library. February 5, Monday.—Mid-year examinations begin at Willamette university. February 4 to 9.—Registration of German aliens. February 10 to 13.—Ninth Annual Portland Automobile show. February 8, Friday.—Boy Scout anniversary to be celebrated in Salem. February 12, Sunday.—Time limit expires for payment of delinquent street assessments in Salem. February 11 to 17.—Father and Son week in Oregon. February 12, Tuesday.—Lincoln day. February 15, Saturday.—Celebration of fiftieth anniversary of founding of B. P. O. E. February 16, Saturday.—Mental examination to be conducted at Eaton hall for candidates for appointment to United States naval academy. February 18, Sunday.—Farm crop and market day. February 17, Sunday.—Joint celebration of Lincoln and Washington days, army. February 22, Friday.—Washington's birthday. February 22 to 24.—Western Oregon convention of Christian Endeavor society, Eugene. January 26, Saturday.—Basketball game between Salem and Albany high school teams. Salem floor.

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Peace before spring.

That is the hope of the German socialists.

Philip Schiedemann, the Socialist leader, came out into the open, for the first time since the war started, and talked in plain words. He knew he could do so safely, too, for the first time, or he would have minced his words.

The order from Washington is to save more wheat, and more meat—especially pork.

The American people will willingly comply. They want the soldier boys in France to be properly rationed, and they want the civilian population of the allied nations to have enough to eat.

The report of yesterday that Austria had broken away from Germany and would make a separate peace with Russia was not confirmed. That Austria would like to break away from Germany, however, if she dared or could, is evident to the entire world.

Philip Scheidemann, the German Socialist leader, tells the people of that country that Germany and the United States can agree on peace terms, excepting as to Alsace and Lorraine. The crime of 1870 persists in disturbing the peace of the world, as it has done for over forty years. There must be no such crime in the forthcoming peace terms.

Don't worry, there will be no shortage of salt in the country. Wherefore don't get too fresh.

There isn't a housewife in the country who is not sure that she could manage things better than Herb Hoover.

When the war is over the long knitting needles will be utilized to clean out the drain pipes under the refrigerator. That will be another job for mother.

The United States Supreme Court has declared the draft law constitutional. Back in the Middle West they would say the same thing, but refer to the measure as being "hog-tight."

It is all right to believe that in the "tomorrow of death" those who have lived useful lives here on earth will be transported to some far-off heaven, and certainly no one can disprove the contention of the religious minded that such a happy destiny awaits

BIG EATERS GET KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts at first sign of Bladder irritation or Backache

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from over work, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead; your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; 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 has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

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the faithful. But it is still a good plan to gather all the flowers of earth while contemplating the bliss of a more perfect afterlife. Indeed, it is reasonable to suppose that a wholesome appreciation of good vouchsafed men in this world will help to develop one's capacity for happiness in the world to come. "If heben is a bright and green as dis ol' worl," remarked an old dorky, "an' if de good Lo'd gibs me my wife an' children up dah, I won't hab no kick on de Noo Jerusalem." As Buster Brown says, "I'd be ashamed to mee my Makor and tell

A citizen of Milwaukee had a quarrel with his wife which ended in the courtroom. It was proved that his twenty-three children had taken sides with their mother and had beaten the old man unmercifully, but that did not prevent the judge from fining the pater \$5 for assault and battery. Why, do some men have to live, anyway?

Why give three cheers for the food conservators because they have produced a meatless mince pie? They have been all the rage for quite a while in Los Angeles.—Los Angeles Times.

SERBIA AFTER WAR PICTURED

Austrian Historian Says Big Countries Must Use Little Ones.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 10.—What Serbia and Montenegro have to expect from a victorious Germany is indicated in an article published in the German papers from the pen of the Austrian historian, Professor Heinrich Friedjung. He says:

"It will be the duty of the victor to consider carefully the good of the Serbian people, and not make them pay for the sins of their King and his advisors. The uniting of Serbia with Austria-Hungary will fulfill the desire of the Serbians for national unity. Serbian would be closely bound to Austria-Hungary by economic ties. In this way the Serbian people would emerge from the struggle victors, in spite of their terrible sufferings. The House of Hapsburg will give better guarantees for the prosperous development of the Serbian people than their own dynasty which is responsible for all their troubles. If Serbia kept her army and her independence, she would be used as a tool by fanatics supported by English and Russian money. But incorporated in the Austrian Empire, only small garrisons will be necessary. Austria will allow Serbia to export her products northward free of

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duty. The foolish policy of tariff wars against smaller neighbors must be abandoned. If the Serbian peasant does not have his son taken away for military service, and if he can export the products of his soil to Austria, he will be in a very favorable position.

"It would be a criminal error to unite Montenegro and Serbia. Montenegro could be allowed her independence with precautions. Obviously Mount Lovcen cannot be given back to her. Enemy statesmen make fine speeches about small nations being allowed to decide their own fate. But at the end of the war the great states will make use of the little ones in payment of their indemnities. Austria and Bulgaria will decide upon the future of the Balkans. In general there will be little change from the present position."

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