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THE APATHIST

By Thomas Addison of The Vigilantes Apathy! I'm beginning to think that your apathist (to coin a

word) is pretty nearly as bad as your pacifist. You can at least pillory the pacifist, plant the red flag over him, and warn straighout Americans to give him a wide berth. But your apathist! What in heaven's name are you going to do with this chap! He isn't a traitor, he isn't a false propagandist, he isn't even a willful obstructionist. He is simply a human invertebrate—a dead weight in a war-working ists, and the advocates of various community that has got to be lugged along because there's nothing other social and political reforms. else to do with him.

Often this chap is what we used to call in pre-war days a "good citizen." He pays his bills, provides for his family, goes to church, gives a bit to charity, and-if it doesn't interfere with his intimate pursuits-registers and votes in the municipal elections. A good husband, a good neighbor, a good fellow-but not a good American

in these days we have entered on.

I know Mr. Apathist, and you know him. As a rule he hasn't anyone of his immediate blood in the army-he and his are all safe, sound and snug. You seldom see him at a patriotic rally, or on a committee to boost the Red Cross, or in a Y. M. C. A. "over there" drive, or buying Smokes for Sammies. But he buys Liberty Bonds-you bet! And War Saving Stamps, and Thrift Stamps. Good business, that; you can't lose. But these other things they are begging for-there's plenty of time to come across for them when we really begin to fight. And, you know, it's not so sure that we will have to fight. Something is likely to happen before we get to the firing line-peace, or a revolution in Germany, or something. And anyway, the government is running this show, and taxing the life out of us to do it. The government doesn't need my help. I'm just one in a hundred million. Let the fellows who have the money and time to spare do the shouting. I've got all I can attend to keeping up with my growing business.

You've heard Mr. Apathist talk just like that: I have, anyway. He has ten tons of coal in his cellar when the state fuel administrator says the limit is two; there are a hundred pounds of do credit to the German government sugar in his pantry when the grocer is allowing but three pounds a to a family of four; he burns up gasoline joy riding on Sundays when the government begs the people to help conserve the supply on platform of the new party, which is hand. In short, he's the care-free fellow citizen who runs right along on a pre-war living schedule when a patriot man has put the brakes

on his personal expenditures wherever retrenchment will foster the country's needs.

What's the matter with this chap? I'll tell you. He is afflicted with mental myopia. He is devoid of imagination. He is a materialist, a hedonist, an unspiritual clod of clay-self-centered as a turtle buried in the mud. He believes only in what is jammed up to his nose-what he can taste, touch, smell and hear. He can't visualize this war; he couldn't do it if he was furnished with a telescope that to the invitation to join hands with would give him a close-up of the bloody trenches in Flanders, or the new National party, though an audiphone that would let him hear the roar of the great guns, many of them are evidently holding The moment he put the instruments aside he would lapse into his off taking decisive action until the former sense of aloofness from the scene. Three thousand miles success of the new movement can away! What interest could he have in a thing so remote? If the be forecasted with a greater degree Germans were fighting on the next block-why, yes! He'd grab of accuracy. his gun and go out with the neighbors to head 'em off. He'd fight for his home with any man. But across the seas! Pshaw, what's the has already taken the plunge and use of getting all stewed up over something that doesn't actually has decided to unite with the Nationtouch you-your own comfortable, well-clothed hide?

That's your apathist! Dear Lord, how I would like to put a shaw has called a national convenpin in every chair he sits in-in every bed he lies in-in every shoe tion of the Prohibition party to he walks in-in every hat he sticks his head in. If I could only meet in Chicago next Tuesday, the prod him, body and soul, until he was all awake and alive, and day before the National party meets

would pitch in and do a he-man's work for the holiest cause human- to complete its organization. At ity's sun ever flamed on! If I only could!

Friend, have you an apathist in your town? If you haven't, merger of the two parties will be come down here to my town and I'll show you not one but one formally ratified. hundred of him. And if he reads this he'll wonder who the dickens I'm hitting at. He'll take it to himself just about as soon as a hog will take fleas from an alligator. Isn't it so, Mr. Apathist-YOUthe chap whose eye is on this line?

There is no room for doubting this war could not be expected to Thomas in America. We will all be shown, all right.

The Germans delcare that President Wilson is a Pharisee. Don't know about that; but he is a scribe for fair.-Exchange.

The Russian situation is up to Japan—and her allies and associates

American gas was bad enough, when a general engagement, and it is most they were at home. But they find active where the American troops the German kind several million are located. We are expecting every times worse.

stand against German and turn state's evidence.-Exchange. Yes; some day. And the sooner the better, for Austria and the world. And, some days, the news from Austria gives encouragement that this some day may come soon. And, some days, it appears to be quite a while

will be others. So great an under- to make it large enough for their taking as America's participation in purposes.

so forward, in such a state of unpreparedness, without some mistakes being made. The best we can hope for is that as few as possible may be repeated, and as few others as possible may be made, and that in all cases there may be no disposition to cover them up or hide them. Then the American people, whose warcur part of it-this is, will be patient and hopeful.

The heavy cannonading is heard The American soldier boys thought along the western front, presaging mother's son to do his duty.-Los Angeles Times, Expecting? Make Some day Austria will take the it stronger than that. We know that every mother's son will do his full duty. Not a doubt in the world

With the frequent appearance of Ukraine in the dispatches from Russia it may be interesting to know that in size it is but little less in area than Italy, Spain and Portugal combined. It produces two-thirds of the cereals of the entire Russian No doubt mistakes have been empire. It furnishes more than Germade; but they will not be repeated. many or France. Before the war, it That much is certain. We ought to was rather undefined. It was not profit much by the experience of a political entity. It was merely England.—Exchange. Not the same the name applied to a section of ones; not often, snyway. But there Russia. But the Germans have hoped

THE SINGER.

side of the sinking Tuscania, a stoutlunged trooper broke into that popuiar little camp 'ditty, "Oh, You've Got to Cut That Out."

Regarding this event, the Oakland, Cal., Tribune asserts that if the Prussian mind was not composed of what Mr. John R. Rathom calls kaiser than the damage wrought by his assassins in the Irish sea.

about the soldier who sings in the ering. dark shadow as well as in the bright sunshine. Certainly he will never ling frightfulness.

FORMING A NEW PARTY,

A new party is billed to make its formal debut on the American political stage the coming week, when leaders of the movement are to gather in Chicago from all sections of the country to complete the organizaation of the naw National party and to set it up on a platform of principles embodying the aims of the several elements whose support for the new movement is sought. The elements which the new party will make particular efforts to corral are the farmers, the labor organizations, the prohibitionists, suffrag-The platform, according to the plans of the leaders, will be made broad enough to hold every one who believes that existing conditions, socially, economically and politically are not as they should be. Among the things for which the new party will stand are national suffrage, national prohibition, the initiative, referendum and recall, short ballot, proportional representation, site value taxation, public ownership of public utilities, and the "full program for the farmer and for organized

The National party was informaily launched at a conference held in Chicago last November. The plans were discussed in only a tentative way at that time, however, and formal organization was left until later. Meanwhile the promoters of the movement have been conducting a campaign of propaganda that would itself, not in purpose but in scope. There is no intention to impeach the designed to be American to the very

There are many outward and visible signs that the work of propaganda has met with considerable success. Labor bodies, granges and other organizations in many widely separated sections of the country have given favorable consideration

The Prohibition party, however, al party. Chairman Virgil G. Hinthis convention it is expected the

Leaders of the new National party claim that they will enter the congressional campaign next fall with full assurance of electing at least twenty-five congressmen and three tion to keep its neutrality. senators. They believe the time is ripe for a vigorous agitation for the election to congress of men and women who will push the aims set forth in the party's platform, and particularly a program of "genuine public ownership on a democratic

The leaders say the forces of privilege and plunder are alert and actively preparing to thwart each and every attempt by the American people to secure economic justice. "Wa must be equally alert and aggresgive," add the leaders. "The fact that congress has adopted the federal prohibition amendment and that the house has adopted the federal

FUTURE DATES

Sunday school Association Convention at Woodburn. March 2, Saturday .- Basketball, Willamette university vs. Vancouver Bar racks, Salem. March 3, Sunday—Louis Albert Banks.

to conduct prohibition ratification mass meeting at First Methodist March 6, Wednesday .- Address Joseph K. Hart of Reed college of 'Platform of British Labor Party Willamette university chapel.
March 9, Saturday.—Meeting county fruit growers called t

March. 15, Friday.—Military tournament by Company A, high school adets, at armory.
March 17, 18 and 19.—Laymen's Missionary convention, Salem.

March 29. Friday— Oregon Hopgrowers association meets for dissolution.

March 30. Saturday—Freshman gleen. at Willamette university. May, dates not set—State Grange onvention, Salem, May 17. Friday. Trimary nominat-

suffrage amendment, two important planks in the tentative platform, A few seconds after a lifeboat makes the National party even more heavily laden with soldiers left the necessary than before. We must have in congress a body of men and women in full sympathy with these two great movements of democracy."

At the convention in Chicago next week each state will be entitled to as many delegates as the number of its congressmen, and to an equal number of alternates. From the convention headquarters the statement has been issued that the managers are in receipt of advices indicating that virtually every state will There is something unconquerable have full representation in the gath-

PENNIES.

By THEODOSIA GARRISON of the Vigilantes.

(Paris, Jan. 8 .- Children of the public schools of Paris have sent circulars to the school children throughout France asking them to subscribe one cent each for the adoption of American war orphans

The movement was introduced at -the Bercy school in Paris in recognition of American school children in adopting French war orphans.)

Jeanne and Pierre and the little Are sending their pennies over the

To "Les petits Americains," left as Fatherless, comfortless in a day.

Pitiful Pennies-yet each must seem Like the hoarded wealth of a miser's dream

To these who have cheerless days to

Before that penny is theirs to give.

Pitiful pennies-yet never a king Gave a more wonderful, perfect

The choicest gem of his treasury-Than Jeanne, Pierre and the little Marie.

O. courteous hearts and generous, Great is the giving you send to us-How can we take with undimned

The fruit of your baby sacrifice?

We may forget in the coming years Something of horror and pain and tears-

But never, as long as love may stand, The little coin in the outstretched Angeles comes the item of the par- at the home of Miss Emily Palmer, Washinton Star.

Jeanne and Pierre and the little Marie

Are sending their pennies over the

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

First of March. Collection day in Salem.

Japan wants in, very much. ~ ~ ~ She thinks her time has come to nterfere in Siberia.

And this fact, and a number of ther new ones, make the Russian situation the growing puzzli of the

American casualties in France increase as the operations of our forces oer there become more extensive. War at its best and worst is a dangerous business.

Seven women nurses went down with the hospital ship torpedoed by the German submarine. Just plain, sneaking murder.

Another cabinet change in Spain, owing to an inflamed public feeling illness. Mrs. Fargo is an active club had secured after great trouble a Daniel J. Fry. over the sinking by German submarines of several Spanish ships. It is hard for any self-respecting na-

The assurance that Salem is to get her starch factory is great news. We cannot get too many concerns here to work up the raw materials that are raised or may be had here. They will be successful and enduring.

There appears to be a bum A string in the concert of the powers and it belongs to Austria. How it does squeak!

General Pershing has asked that additional chaplains be sent to the American army in France. He recognizes the fact that there is nothng of more value than the consolations of the Christian religion in the depressing situation in which many of the men find themselves.

* * * Terry McGovern accumulated several fortunes and died in the charity ward of an eastern hospital. The estate of the late John L. Sullivan is less than \$5000 and he made two million dollars during his career in the ring. It is the old, old story. Neither knew the value of a dollar.

3 3 3 Kansas newspapers published in the vicinity of Camp Funston commend the progress and spirit of the negro troops there, thousands of whom are eager to be sent "over there." As one of them put it, he and the rest are "straining at the

hTe most of us will not worry about meatless days so long as we are able to get capon, sweetbreads. guina fowl and other acceutable substitutes. tI is wonderful what things we can get along without if we are compelled to do so .- Los Angeles Times.

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As a delightful echo from Los First Presbyterian church will meet filling up nicely, does it not?"scipation of local people in Red 645 Chemeketa street Friday, March Cross work in Los Angeles. While first, at 2:30 o'clock. The topic will be the immigrant in the United Mr. and Mrs. Asahel Bush were in States. that city recently, as guests of the Maryland hotel, they were noted among those who took an active part in a Red Cross benefit at the hotel on Washington's birthday.

Cotillion fall will be the scene of a dancing party next Thursday evening which will be given by the women of the Three Link needle club. Cards will be added to the stepping ham Lincoln," replied Bill thought-

Miss Clara Scott of Gates, Or., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Scott on Court street. Miss Scott legs ought to be just long enough is a sister of John Scott.

Mrs. E. Cooke Patton returned last night from Portland where she has been visiting for a week.

At the home of the bride's mother on North Fourteenth street, Miss Clara Belle Hausman was married to Charles E. Martin of Portland Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Richard N. Avison read the ceremony. The couple will reside

Mrs. W. F. Fargo of North Churc'a himself unfortunately. street is recuperating from a recent

the North Salem Woman's club.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Titus was planting flowers on the fresh grave celebrated last nihgt at their home of her late husband. on the Jefferson road with an informal dinner party. Circling the table Slocum,' said the minister. with the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Miss Winifred Rey the widow, wiping her en

nolds and Paul Reynolds.

The missionary society of the

ONE OF LINCOLN'S.

The novice was not enjoying his first trip through the air and his more experienced companion regarded him with some amusement. "I say Bill, what's on your mind?"

he demanded. "I was just thinking about Abrafully.

"Abraham Lincoln?" "Yes. I was thinking how truthfully he spoke when he said a man's

BADLY EXPRESSED,

to reach the ground."-Puck.

R. F. Howe, of the aircraft board, was talking about Lord Lansdowne' ill-received peace letter.

"Lord Lansdowne," he said, "informs us that in his peace letter, which followed on the heels of the Italian defeat, he meant to say what President Wilson so well said in his last message to congress. Well, Lord Lansdowne certainly expressed

"He's as bad as the minister who

"Walking complacently in the cemetery one afternoon, the minis-The first wedding anniversary of ter came upon a widow who was

'Good afternoon, my dear Mrs "'Good afternoon, doctor,' said

"He looked around him with a contented smile. Then he said: "'Our new cemetery seems to be

MEN ABOUT TOWN.

Baker, the tanner, Tanner, the miller. Miller, the farmer. Farmer, the tailor. Tailor, the painter. Painter, the carpenter. Carpenter, the mason, Mason, the joiner. Joiner, the lawyer. Lawyer, the barber. Barber, the sawyer. Sawyer, the tinker. Tinker, the plumber. Plummer, the carter, and Carter, the baker,

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