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ARMENIANS "SAVED"

Russia, under the terms of a so-called peace treaty with Germany, has asked the latter country to rescue the Armenians from Turkish massacres. Such a demand on the part of Russia might elicit a smile from thinking people if the whole affair were not so ghastly and terrible. Of course, Germany will insist that the Turks cease their massacre of Christians! It is equally probable that Germany will take all her troops from the western front in order to punish the Turks for their brutality! Germany simply hates butchery and especially does she hate warfare against innocent women and children and noncombatants!

The Statistician gives the number of men killed in battle in the Union armies in the Civil war as 61,362; died of wounds, 34,727; died of diseases, 183,287. And the number deserted, 199,105. More than twice as many deserted as were killed in battle and died of wounds, and nearly twice as many died of diseases as were killed in battle and died of wounds. A partial statement, according to the same authority, gave 104,428 desertions on the Confederate side. In the item of killed in battle, the Civil war was a mere skirmish, as compared with the great war now being waged. But the item of desertions shows up the present United States soldiers in a white light by comparison. There are practically no desertions, even among the conscripted men. What makes the difference? Where is the man who has longed for the "good old days" of patriotism? In this respect, as in most others, the khaki boys now under the Stars and Stripes will compare more than favorably with any similar body of men the world has ever seen under arms.

Colonel L. P. Maus, Department Surgeon of the Western Department, United States Army, is in Oregon, looking for a site for a general military hospital for the rehabilitation of men who will return from Europe as the war continues; with preference for the Columbia and Willamette river districts, owing to the excellent health record of this section. Salem would be an ideal place for such a hospital. The Salem Commercial Club, and all our patriotic and boost organizations, should get busy—very busy.

Hindenburg must go forward or the war is lost to Germany. Hindenburg cannot go forward. He is up against a stone wall. Hindenburg will be damned if he does and damned if he don't.

Our Sammies held the Bosches again, against the biggest attack yet. Held them, and then some.

SHAKESPEARE DESCRIBED KAISER

"Thou sets the wolf where he the lamb may get; Whoever plots the sin, thou pointest'st the season; 'Tis thou that spurn'st at right, at law, at reason; Thou mak'st the vestal violate her oath; Thou blow'st the fire when temperance is thaw'd; Thou smother'st Honesty, thou murder'st Truth; Thou foul abettor! thou notorious bawd! Thou ravisher, thou traitor, thou false thief, Thy honey turn to gall, thy joy to grief! Thy secret pleasure turn to open shame; Thy private feasting to a public fast; Thy smoothing titles to a ragged name; Thy sugar'd tongue to bitter wormwood taste. Thou grant'st no time for charitable deeds; Wrath, envy, treason, rape and murder rages; Thy heinous hours wait on them as their pages. Guilty thou art of murder and of theft; Guilty of perjury and subornation; Guilty of treason, forgery and shift; An accessory by thine inclination To all sins past and all that are to come From the creation to the general doom."

Write the boys in France.

Do not allow peanut politics to camouflage itself as patriotism.

Hindenburg is worse off than the man who was between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Oregon being away over the top in the third Liberty loan, Secretary McAdoo is urging the rest of the country to get into line.

TOO GOOD.

Why kick on the poor cooks? It is no doubt a fact that more folks are made sick by good cooking than by bad. We are inclined to gorge ourselves and indigestion is almost sure to follow.

Former Presidents Roosevelt and Taft have buried the hatchet and joined hands. There is trouble ahead for somebody, and possibly some Democrat knows what party it is.—Los Angeles Times.

The world is growing "daffy" on cigars. In the United States, sales of 34,832,385,676 cigars in 1917, compared with 25,253,456,591 in 1916, shows an increase of nearly 10,000,000,000, or close to 40 per cent. In 1900, the total was only 3,258,716,305. The increase over a seventeen years' period has been nearly 1100 per cent. But the percentage of increase in Europe has been even higher.

It seems that there's such a thing as being too good—although few of us are guilty of working our virtues overtime. In a California court a decree of divorce was granted a pretty young wife who told the judge that her husband read the Bible all day long and forgot that she was in existence. [Probably he was only reading his favorite passages, however, for if he had searched the scriptures thoroughly he would have discovered that "He that provideth not

not for his own household is worse than an infidel."

DRY CALIFORNIA TOWNS.

Several California towns having recently gone dry, the Los Angeles Times is led to remark:

"Making a town dry increases the number of men eligible for laborers on farms. The man who is by law disarmed from his rations of whisky will be very thirsty, and does not the Bible say, 'Hoe, every one that thirsteth!'"

A WISE DECISION.

Secretary McAdoo has withdrawn an appropriation of \$4,300,000 for extensions and improvements of federal buildings, on the ground that the expenditure is not essential and that the country needs the money for other purposes. Three cheers for McAdoo's decision in this instance. It's a mighty good idea to invest that money in khaki and guns instead of lumber and cement—better to safeguard those federal buildings as they stand than to jeopardize their safety by depriving the army and navy of necessary equipment.

PRICES ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

It is an interesting fact that all throughout the ages, while prices have sometimes fallen, they have generally risen. The Yale economist, Irving Fisher, says prices are now five to ten times as high as 1000 years ago in France and from four to six times as high as 500 years ago. And so we are not the only generation to complain of the high cost of living. In the sixteenth century we find the complaint that wheat cost from three to ten times its average price during the three preceding centuries, and "all things else, whatever, sustenance for man, was likewise raised without all conscience or reason." This great upward movement of prices in the sixteenth century, Prof. Fisher says, followed the importation into France of silver from the new world.

"STUDY TO BE QUIET."

We are all willing to admit that there is no wisdom beyond omniscience, yet it is a strange fact that few of us are wise enough to trust the Supreme Intelligence in a crisis, but go fussing and fretting about as if the fate of the universe depended entirely upon our own decisions and actions. This is no argument for that negative philosophy that would have us sit still and do nothing. It is good to work, it is right to think and to try to think in terms of clarity and order, but after one has done his little best it is a safe plan to leave the rest with the Creator. For we are all only actors in the great drama of life while God is still the director in chief. "Take no thought for the things of tomorrow," said the great Teacher, and nearly 2000 years later the beloved Lincoln said, "Say your prayers and go to sleep."

THE VALUE OF FAITH.

One of the most shocking disasters that ever happened in the United States was the burning of the Oklahoma state hospital for the insane, in which thirty-six patients lost their lives, many of them running directly into the flames, not realizing what they were doing. The very thought of such catastrophes is likely to cast a shadow over the minds of the sanest, strongest of us, unless we keep our mental feet firmly upon the rock of faith, insisting on the belief that, in spite of all seeming discord and inharmonious, there is a great good plan back of it all. "For now we see as through a glass, darkly," "Every angel in his chainless freedom looks upon a slave; Every star that shines in heaven still must shine upon a grave; On the drift my feet are sliding, and my earthly eyes are dust— But to God a voice I lift in some such words as these: I trust."

THE BELLS.

Around the bells—to a degree which the nobler instruments of musical sound have never acquired—cluster the religious sentiments, the poetry and the closest heart expressions of the human race. From the cradle to the grave every milestone we pass on the journey toward the great eternal seems to be symbolized by bells. They ring cheerily for the birth of another soul; they toll solemnly for its departure. There are wedding bells for the brightest and most serious event in the lives of two who love. To the very old the school bell of childhood is one of the last remaining memories. And to no dweller in any Christian country, no matter what his individual beliefs, or mischiefs, can the pealing of the

FUTURE DATES

May 2, Thursday.—Dedication of Champagnon memorial building.
May 17, Friday.—Primary nominating election.
June 4, 5, 6 and 7.—State Grange convention in Salem.
June 30, Thursday.—Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association, Portland.

MRS. DOOLEY'S ADVICE TO WORKING GIRLS

Milwaukee, Wis.—"I wish all girls who work and suffer from functional disorders would profit by my advice and take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."



Before I was married, when I came home from work at night, I would be just worn out with pains which dragged me down. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it made me feel like a new woman. I can work from morning until night and it does not bother me, and I wish all girls who suffer as I did would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

Mrs. H. DOOLEY, 1135 25th Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Working girls everywhere should profit by Mrs. Dooley's experience, and instead of dragging along from day to day with life a burden, give this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. It has overcome just such conditions for thousands of others, and why not for you? For special advice, write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. The result of their 40 years experience is at your service.

THE SIMPLE-LIFERS.

Every sensible man and woman today is a simple-lifer. There are so many things which are difficult to get, so many controllers are hemming us with prohibitions, that all those who realize the futility of "kicking against the pricks" are making their lives simpler and more simple every day. Curiously enough, the large majority of us are feeling all the better for it! We walk where we once motored, and the exercise sets the stagnant blood in our veins running with fresh vigor. We eat, less and digest more. So little have we felt the deprivation that most of us are declaring that for the future it is to be the "simple life forever." There are, of course, some who struggle in their absurd vanity to keep the old life alive. Their time is mainly spent in evading orders of the food controller, or in discovering new sources of extravagance. Some day they will realize their mistake and join the happy army of "simple-lifers." You cannot have your cake and eat it. Our cake today is victory in the great war for freedom, truth and justice. That cake can only be ours if we deny ourselves all the other cakes we once loved so much. The "simple-lifer" is doing his duty, and that is why he is happy. His is the vision without which, as Solomon told us, "the people perish."—London Daily Express.

ALLIED CHILDREN.

(By Abbie Farwell Brown of the Vigilantes.)
English children over sea,
Boys and girls who talk like me,
Who give up butter, candy, meat,
And barely take enough to eat.
So that Belgian babies may
Not go hungry every day;
We will save and offer too,
And show what Yankee kids can do!
Little boys and girls of France!
Once you liked to sing and dance,
Laugh and chatter all the day,
Just as we do at our play.
There are tears now in your eyes:
We will be your true Allies,
Even as your fathers are,
Love shall reach you from afar!

POLISH BOYS WITH FLAXEN CURLS;

Dark-eyed small Italian girls,
Starved Armenian, Serbian, Greek—
Every tongue the sufferers speak!
Everywhere in Allied lands
Children stretch their little hands,
Hungry, homeless, cold and sad,
Oh, how it will make us glad
To remember we have done
Something kind for even one!
And when Right has conquered
Wrong,
Freedom to one Clan belong.
We children shall have helped to
make
A friendlier world, for kindness'
sake!

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Another superb spring day.
Bosches tried out the Sammies again yesterday.
It was the biggest try-out yet; and they found the Sammies at home.
Official: British improved their a little.

Official: Berlin says there is nothing new to report.

Conclusion: The lines more than held, and that is in favor of the forces of democracy.

Japan sent more troops to Vladivostok. She is in it with a toe, and she may soon be in it with a foot, or both feet.

The Bolsheviks have ordered the munitions and supplies at Vladivostok shipped to the interior of Russia. They may be shipped, and may be not. It will depend upon whether the Japanese think they may be intended to fall into the hands of the Germans.

However, it is just possible that when those six Hohenzollern boys get old enough to do a bit of kinging there may be no thrones to hold down. It does look that way.—Exchange.

Join the food conservation army. Flat feet are not barred.

One of the magazines is printing the story of Champ Clark's life. We are all set up with excitement awaiting the appearance of the chapter devoted to the proceedings of the Baltimore convention.—Exchange.

It has been ruled by the commissioner of internal revenue that a member of congress is neither an employee nor an officer of the government. What is a member of congress.

The wife of Douglas Fairbanks, the moving-picture actor, has quit him, she says. When Doug was working for about \$50 a week the Fairbanks family was happy. Why is it that money and happiness seldom agree?

The mark of an actor used to be that he could play Shakespearean roles well, but it is no longer so, and Robert Mantell is the only man in the public eye today who is appearing in the dramas of the master dramatist of all time. There may be a successor born to the Bard of Avon, but he is nowhere in sight. The masterpiece that he so gloriously wrought will never be surpassed.

AT THE LIBRARY

The following books are put into circulation at the public library this week:

"Mademoiselle Miss," letters from an American girl serving with the rank of Lieutenant in a French army hospital at the front.

"Militant America and Jesus Christ," an argument against the idea that the teachings of the Christ would be opposed to the part in the war being shared by his followers—Ribbany.

"A short account of explosives."—Marshall.

"Middle grade clerical examination covering arithmetic, letter-writing, copying, grammar, spelling and government."—Hecht.

"Beginner's troubles" the second volume in the "Practical photography series."—Fraprie.

"Black sheep, adventures in West Africa," fascinating letters from a gifted young American woman picturing the thrilling story of her life in a West African mission.—Jean Kenyon MacKenzie.

"Mary Slessor of Calabar, pioneer missionary," the life story of another woman who went as missionary to Africa, said to rival in heroism and devotion that of David Livingstone.

"Life and letters of Edward Everett Hale," edited by Edward Everett Hale, Jr. This has been one of the recent "best sellers" aside from fiction and war books.

"When I was a little girl, the year's round on the old plantation," an intimate picture of life in the South illustrated by old photographs.—Meade.

"Home crafts of today and yesterday" pleasing suggestions for useful and interesting handwork for the home.—Buchanan.

"Daffodil fields, and the widow in the Bye street"—Masefield.

"Everlasting mercy"—Masefield.

"In kings' byways"—Weyman.

"Miss Hurd, an enigma."—Anna Katharine Green Rohlf.

"The story of Kennett"—Taylor.

"The twenty-four where I took them and what they did to me"—George Fitch.

Grip Still Hanging On?

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Pilgrim—If I come in will the dog bite me?"

Mrs. Hawkins—We ain't no ways sure, mister. But the feller that let us take him on trial said he'd chaw up a tramp in less'n two minutes, but, land sakes, we ain't goin' to believe it till we see it done.—Grit.

CONJUGIAL BLISS

Little Tobin—Papa, did Solomon have 700 wives?

Papa—I believe he did, my son.

Little Tobin—Was he the man who said "Give me liberty or give me death?"

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