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**YOUNG AND OLD.**

**Young—**  
What makes the date so strange, my dear?  
What makes the date so strange?

**Old—**  
The men have gone from the date, my dear,  
And that makes all the change.

**Young—**  
The lanes and alleys are still at night,  
No laughter or songs I hear.

**Old—**  
Our lover-lads have marched to the fight,  
And maidens are lonely, my dear.

**Young—**  
The kine are slow to come to the call,  
That once were all so quick.

**Old—**  
They miss the voice known best of all,  
Of John or brother Dick.

**Young—**  
And will the date be always strange,  
And dull and sad, my dear?

**Old—**  
Ay, lassie, we shall feel the change  
For many a mournful year.

—By Henry Allsopp, of England, from "Poems of the Great War," published by the Macmillan Co.

**WHERE CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED**

THE question as to the duty of the press in war time is again raised by the ac-

tion of the Associated Press in failing to withhold a story telling of the arrival of more American soldiers in France after having been requested to do so by the war department. The Hearst service has also been under criticism for failure to co-operate with the government.

In the case just at hand the explanation of the A. P. officials is that they refused to grant the request of the war department's censor on the ground the publication of the news in question would do no harm. But who is the best judge on that point, the war department or the news vendor? If there is to be a conflict of opinion, as in this instance whose views should govern?

Unhesitatingly the East Oregonian takes the view that where troop movements are concerned newspapers and news agencies should scrupulously observe the suggestions of the government when secrecy is wanted. A seemingly innocent story may be exactly what the enemy is looking for. Obviously the war department officials are in better position to use disinterested judgment on such subjects than anyone else.

One of the first requests made by our government of newspapers was that no publicity be given to troop train movements in the United States. It was a proper request because there are German spies and perhaps radicals of other stripe who might like to wreck such a train if a good opportunity presented itself. The East Oregonian has carefully observed the government's request on this subject, even when certain competitors did not do so. The view of this paper is that good journalism calls for such a line of action even if at times it means sacrifice of interesting news. There is plenty of room for aggressive newspaper work without getting on the borderland of treachery to the nation's interest in war time. What is true of individual newspapers is even more true of news gathering agencies.

Russia is giving the world a sample of a democracy without co-operation and co-ordination of forces. The United States is old enough in self government to be able to do better than Russia and the press should show the way.

**NO CONGRESS CAN WIN A WAR**

CONGRESS may lose a war for the United States, but congress cannot win a war except as it aids the executive department of the government to make war effectively. No wiser answer has been made to all the arguments

against the concentration of war power in the President's hands than the statement of Senator Knox in behalf of the Priority Board Bill:

Something has been said about the lodgment of power in the President. If there ever was anything that demands the single arm it is the prosecution of a war. Divided counsels in war are always fatal, and no one saw that more clearly than the fathers of the Constitution and those who expounded it contemporaneously.

The direction of war implies the direction of the common strength, and the power of directing and employing the common strength forms a usual and essential part in the definition of the executive authority.

This applies to the food-control bill no less than to the priority board bill. It applies to every other war measure as well, and is the final word in condemnation of the rider to the food bill which creates a committee on the conduct of the war to harass the President and his cabinet with congressional politics and against which the President now so weightily protests in a letter to Congressman Lever.

There is only one way for a government constituted like the government of the United States to carry on war successfully. That is for congress to place in the hands of the President every power that is needed for war purposes and then hold him strictly accountable for the victorious exercise of that power.

War cannot be waged on the town-meeting principle, as Russia is proving to the consternation of all her allies. Nor can war powers safely be withheld on the theory that they might be abused. Abuses may come, but they must be dealt with concretely and not as figments of the imagination.

All this is as well known to representatives and senators as to anybody else. The cry of a "dictatorship" that is raised in congress whenever a war measure is under consideration is invariably made from motives of deception. When a senator or a representative wishes to oppose a bill for reasons that he is reluctant to make public he begins to declaim against a dictatorship.

It was the pretended fear of a dictatorship that induced the senate to provide for three food directors in place of one, but the real reason was to cripple the food administration and tie the hands of Herbert C. Hoover, whom the President has selected for the work. Similarly, the proposed committee on the conduct of the war is to restrain a dictatorship and insure efficiency; yet its real object is to play congressional politics with the war and meddle with its prosecution. It would never have been conceived by men whose whole-hearted intention is to beat

**FAMILY MURDERED IN AUTOMOBILE**



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD HUMPHREYS AND EDWARD, JR.  
Edmund I. Humphreys, coal operator of Cambria county, Pennsylvania, his wife and boy were murdered the other day in a mysterious way, while they rode in an automobile near

Carrolltown of that state. All were shot to death. George C. Tompkins, owner of the Newburg Coal Company along with Humphreys, was arrested and charged with murder.

The Buffalo mining company of Pendleton is making extensive developments in its Granite creek district.

**Are You One of Them?**  
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**KAISER SAID TO HAVE CALLED 2,000,000 MORE MEN TO COLORS**  
Washington Hears That Mobilization for Next March Is Answer to America's Draft.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Germany's answer to America's draft was received at the war department today through confidential channels. The Kaiser is said to have called more than 2,000,000 men to the colors for March 1 of next year. The reports indicate that 2,200,000 reservists are being prepared for the front. It was impossible to get precise details concerning the ages and fighting capacity of these men. Some of them undoubtedly have been at the front in previous campaigns. Others are supposed to be men who have been invalidated home for months.

It is assumed the men have been called to meet the onslaught which the allies are expected to direct against the Hindenburg line after the American army begins operations in the first months of the spring.

**"Girl in Overalls" Injured.**  
BALTIMORE, July 28.—The first injury of a "girl in overalls," who is replacing a man at the Baltimore & Ohio repair shops at Locust Point occurred when Miss Annie Fisher, 19 years old, suffered a broken arm

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Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., son of Colonel Cornelius Vanderbilt, has enlisted in the Ammunition Train, 528th Division, U. S. Army (the New York

National Guard division). He is engaged at present in clerical work in the armory of the regiment, but it is expected that later he will be transferred to the Headquarters division.