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THE WARRIOR.
Mine be the warrior's blood who,
stricken sore,
Lies in his quiet chamber till
he hears
Afar the clash and clang of
arms, and knows
The cause he lived for calls for
him once more
And straight way rises, whole
and void of fears,
And armed, turns him singing
to his foes.
—Theodore Garrison.

SLOWLY BUT SURELY
THE fighting in Flanders gives further indication of allied supremacy. The gains made are important but not yet decisive, though the

loss of Lens will be a real blow to the kaiser.
The upshot of the matter is that without by any means having reached their maximum strength the allies have gotten into a commanding position, on land as well as on the sea. The kaiser on the other hand having already attained his maximum strength is on the down grade. He is slipping, to use the vernacular, and it is going to be harder and harder for him to stand the gaff.

There is significance in the almost frantic appeals for peace from the kaiser's camp and in the determination and unanimity with which the allies reply that the war must be finished before peace can come. The plain answer is that the leaders on both sides have the same opinions as to how the war will end if it continues long enough.

TO MAKE GERMANY A SAFE NEIGHBOR

GERMAN officialdom now tries to make their people believe the reason the allies will not discuss peace is that they wish to "crush Germany." They know and the German people will in time learn that the plan is not to crush Germany but to break Teuton autocracy and ruthless militarism. They want to make Germany a safe neighbor, not one that may grab some other nation by the throat at a supposed favorable moment.

England from self interest does not want Germany destroyed as a nation. To wipe Germany off the map as a European power would mean to build up other continental countries, Russia perhaps, to a point stronger than John Bull might desire. Therefore it is not likely England will wish to force the war to any such extremes as Berlin claims. The same situation in a degree applies to France and Italy. The United States of course has no desire to "crush Germany" and fights merely to vindicate international decency and to make the globe a safe place for a nation governed on democratic lines.

A PLACE FOR JUDGMENT

OUR draft board is proceeding fearlessly to do its duty as it sees it, without reference to friendship or influence of any sort. It is the right spirit; it is better to err on the side of vigor than by being too weak or flabby.

If justice is done or mistakes be made let it be hoped the district board will correct them. Under the draft law there should be an abundance of men for service without crowding the exemption subject too strongly. It will likewise be a mistake from the standpoint of national service, to take men for the army when they are of exceptional value in industry or production.

OUR STALWART YOUTH

THAT young American of the 20th century were physically inferior to their forefathers, as a result of the flabbiness of peace, was asserted pretty generally before the beginning of the present war. A Washington report says that of 72,914 men who offered for the officers' reserve 51,836 were found on preliminary examination by civilian physicians physically satisfactory. A higher percentage of physical fitness probably never was shown by an equal number of applicants for military service. A few centuries ago, when any able-bodied man was considered fit to bear arms, the entire 72,914 would have been, physically, acceptable. Less than 51,838 would have been physically sound. As late as the civil war, when confederate officers made the requirements for the cavalry service 'ability to ride a horse and fire a gun' and the standard of eligibility for infantry service 'ability to walk and carry a gun' more than 51,838 of these men would have been accepted, but that five-sevenths of them can pass up-to-date preliminary examinations shows that the blood, the bone and the brawn of the breed have not run down during a period of peace.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

FROM THE PEOPLE

UPHOLDS CHILD BEATER.

Pendleton, August 16.
Editor East Oregonian:

Please permit me space to protest against the punishment meted out to the young colored girl, who was subjected to insult by boys, and who took the only means in her power to protect herself. The press reports that she was fined \$20. It seems to me on the facts printed that she ought to have been commended and the boys publicly spanked. Any girl, no matter what her color or station in life, has a moral and legal right to protect herself against injury and insult and it is a grave shame upon our city and country that any law exists whereby she can be punished, if she has spunk enough to exercise that right. I hope that the city council will promptly return the fine paid by this girl and compliment her on her good work. Boys ought to be taught to respect girlhood and womanhood, whatever color or condition in life.

ELLA P. LOWELL.

Mrs. Lowell has evidently been poorly informed as to the facts. After being found guilty, sentence on the girl was suspended until the following day. She was fined \$10 and not \$20.
No one will uphold the behavior of the boys and no one will blame the girl for resenting an insult. However, it is difficult to conceive of any one commending the beating of a four year old boy with a stick, no matter what the provocation. Had the girl administered the punishment to the older boys from whom the little fellow took his cue, the case would probably never have come in court. But a child of four is hardly old enough to be held responsible and the means employed by the colored girl to punish him will hardly be construed by the council as "good work."

LA FOLLETTE SCORED

BY EDITOR IN PARIS
American senator's efforts said to be last attempt of pacifists to save crushed Germany.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—(Eureo) In an attack on Senator La Follette's demand in the United States senate that the American government outline its objects of war (interprets the senator's action as "the last raising up of the arms of the pacifists in an endeavor to save beaten Germany.")
The paper adds: "As Germany's condition grows more serious, Senator La Follette, whom we might call a militant pacifist, grows louder and demands that the United States state its objects of war."

"Now that victory is assured to the allies he would wrest the spoils from the conquerors, leaving Germany uncrushed and in a position to raise her head again."

Montana Lands Hill County

The first belief that the live stock in Montana would be greatly lessened by the conversion of arable lands into farms, has not proven true, for a time there was a decrease of the stock on the range lands, but this is rapidly being overcome by increasing smaller herds raised by the farmers within the enclosure of their lands—Careful breeding is also improving the grade and quality. Thirty-six breeders of pure bred cattle and horses are listed in Hill County alone. It is estimated that there are more cattle owned in the Hingham district than there ever were under the range conditions, strange as it may seem to the distant reader, a majority of the livestock ranges in the open and unsheltered.

WE NEED MORE PRACTICAL FARMERS AND HOME BUILDERS to help bring into cultivation and production our large areas of fertile and grain growing land still untouched by the plow.
We believe you can make more money here and live better in proportion to the investment required than anywhere else in the Northwest. In educational facilities you will find Montana ranking with many of the older states, and the people of Montana yield to none in pride and interest in their educational institutions. Forty-two churches in Hill county alone, and of missions now active, and a number of religious societies, among them being the different Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Scientist and Salvation Army.

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