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WAR STILL RAGES

The European situation, instead of showing improvement, grows worse with the prospect of spreading to other countries not yet involved. The war-spirit seems to be in the air, and there are strong prospects of Turkey, Portugal and Italy getting into the strife.

The fighting is fierce and the slaughter is terrible with no deciding advantages on either side, while the rising resentment shows no sign of abatement, neither any token of peace.

How many have been killed and wounded is not being made known, neither is the movement of troops made public and the listening world stands waiting to catch news from the centers of battle.

How long it will last no one knows, neither can the human mind forecast what will obtain, but it is evident that where so many millions of men are taken out of the pursuits of production, and where so much destruction of property takes place, that sooner or later, there must necessarily follow famine and distress, to which pestilence, brought about by unsanitary conditions of the battle fields, strewn with dead men and horses, will add their blighting influence and carry away their tolls of sacrifice.

We believe that, if those who touched off the match that has led to so much murder, destruction and distress, could have foreseen what their cause of action was to bring upon humanity, they would not have taken the initiatory. But, yet, the nature of man is so perverse when led by anger and desire for revenge, that perhaps they would have danced with ghoulish glee had they known.

Is the world growing better? Some men are, but as to Christian nations, where can we locate them? In Europe? Hardly.

Russia's Experience With Drink

In abolishing the manufacture and sale of vodka during the war and in subsequently extending the period indefinitely, the Russian Government has cut itself out of a great deal of revenue, for it largely profits both by the sale and manufacture of the drink.

It took the war, however, to teach it that while it was saving at the spigot it was losing at the bung hole. The proclamation to stop the manufacture and sale of the liquor was an experimental war measure. The result was astounding to the government. It found that by that one act an economic revolution had been created. There was an immediate increase in the self-respect of the people. Instead of being

sodden with drink they were able to attend to their legitimate business and duties, they were able to do better work and they could take care of their debts and live better than they lived before. The result was a revelation to the government, hence the second proclamation continuing the prohibition of sale and manufacture for an indefinite period regardless of the length of time the war may last. No greater object lesson has ever been given in the history of the world: no finer demonstration of the economic waste that flows from drink could have been made. What Russia has found to its amazement the world is going to find and that at a period not far removed from the present.—Telegram.



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NO SALOONS IS GAIN TO TRADE

By E. B. LOCKHART
City Editor Salem Statesman

How does the dry policy effect Salem?

Listen: Here are a few items from the many finding their way to this newspaper office: A leading school man states that last year some boys and girls who attended the institutions with lack of books and clothing, will this year be well equipped with both because their parents are not spending their wages over the bars of the saloons.

No Saloons; Merchants Profit.

A contractor of Salem says that last year with saloons a number of his men were insufficiently shod and clothed, the money needed for this going into the saloons, whereas this year these same men, without saloons tempting their coin, are now wearing good woolen shirts and other articles of clothing and are well shod.

Where the saloon loses, the merchants and others profit.

A leading shoe merchant today told me that his books had been well cleared of bad debts this year and that he finds things in this respect, as well as others, greatly improved. A prominent—but why continue? The list could be continued indefinitely.

Because of these things I have mentioned, I am convinced that Governor West spoke truly when he said, Salem would never again be "wet." Because of them, I am convinced, a whiskey salesman from Portland, in my office, when the returns of the election showed the result, spoke truly when he said, "That plays hell with my business."

He was right. The prohibition policy prohibits.



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Average American's Taxes.

Somewhere in the United States in a small city lives the average American. He has a family of four, including himself, and earns \$517 a year. Some one else in his family, perhaps a stenographer daughter, contributes \$330 to the family fund, making the total income of \$847. He feels that he pays nothing, or next to nothing, for the privilege of living in a free country, with warships on the sea and street lights in front of his house, with a policeman on his corner, a public service commission looking after his interests and a copy of the Congressional Record coming to him regularly. The truth is that of his \$847 a year he pays \$140 toward the upkeep of his government.—World's Work.

Circulation of the Blood.

The idea of some sort of movement of the blood in man and the lower animals was possessed by Aristotle and other Greeks and by the physicians of the Alexandrian school as well as by the doctors and surgeons of the middle ages. In fact, even the village barbers knew of such movement. But no one, not even the wisest of men, had any conception of a continuous stream returning to its source—a circulation in the true sense of the word—or of the functions of the heart as the motor power of the movement of the blood until it was demonstrated by Harvey in 1628.

Pilgrims at Benares.

Benares, an Indian holy city, is the victim of pilgrimages. Many of the pilgrims are in the last stage of illness and find their way to the city to have their remains cremated on the banks of the Ganges. A large number of hospitals have to be provided for the reception of the sick, and the distinction of being a holy magnet is not greatly appreciated by the residents of the city.—Exchange.

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