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Monmouth Meditations

Each individual apple and cherry tree is a natural bouquet this week.

Not only will the recently married men of military age not be exempt from service, but they will have to continue married.

Cheer up, fellow private, the blisters and aches are nothing to what they will be when the season gets well warmed up.

Notwithstanding various devices designed to exterminate it, the garden four footed submarine continues its depredations.

There are numerous examples of the great American housewife who are reducing overhead expense by going in for cheaper millinery.

The most ardent advocate of selective conscription is the man who has no close male relations between the ages of 21 and 30 inclusive.

Despite the promises of the weather man the cold weather lingers. About the warmest thing seen this spring is the color of the garb some of the young ladies are wearing.

It looks as though Germany were about to make a mighty effort to complete the job before Teddy gets over and gets after them.

When our experts have the submarine properly curbed by a new invention there is a splendid chance for genius to devote attention to some way of making bread out of sawdust.

Russian socialists have a splendid chance to demonstrate the ability of socialism to do a few of the things claimed for the theory. Instead they are illustrating the same old reality of practice.

Those selective conscripts soon to be pressed into service may never get within several thousand miles of a battle field but their collection and preparation will be a splendid object lesson for our military minded neighbors.

Joe Leiter, plunger, who was not able to corner wheat in times of peace, but who has made numerous millions in the process in times of war, is now posing as a patriot and giving expressions of disapproval of various people who do not toe the particular mark which he has scratched. A just judge and a fearless prosecutor might give Leiter a new view point.

Something like one twelfth of

the grain shipped abroad is sent to the bottom of the ocean by submarines according to a report and a considerable portion of what remains with us is dumped into vats for the making of beer and whiskey. While the orchestra is tuning up, we will listen to a few extempore remarks on "Modern Civilization" by Congressman Swattem.

While we fret and fume at delays in the great war game there is room for suspicion that not all of the moves are made where they are open to inspection. While we chew over the plans for building more ships to provide more fodder for the submarine sharks, we surmise there are plans going steadily forward to get at the sharks nests and destroy these pests where they breed.

We hear considerable now about the exhaustion of France and England and their need of help but there is no reason to assume that Germany is any better off. Both sides after the hard fighting of the past month show weakness from the prolonged strain. The arrival of an American army at this time would have a decided effect in disheartening the one and encouraging the other. The effect would be psychological and would be very much increased if the name of Roosevelt was attached to the newcoming host.

For a nation which claims remarkable efficiency the leaders of Germany have made some remarkable blunders. They thought with their intensive preparedness it would be possible to reach Paris before anything could be collected to stop them. They thought when Turkey was crowded in there would be a "holy war" that would disrupt India and Egypt. They thought the Boers would rise and regain their freedom. They thought Ireland would seize the chance to free itself. They thought Japan would take advantage of the chance to antagonize us when the U. S. became involved. They thought Mexico was capable of having a foreign policy. Now they think the submarines will rule the sea. They have been mistaken before. They may be mistaken this time.

The activities of the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work in the war we are entering is centering on a strong effort to waken the people of this country to its seriousness. The following is from a statement issued by Ivan B. Rhodes, secy of the Y. M. C. A. for Oregon and Idaho:

"We have now entered into the greatest war of all history. Two thirds of the peoples of the earth are represented in the conflict. More men engaged than in all previous wars combined. Never more than two million in any previous war. The numbers of men and boys under arms are: 17 millions, Russian army, 12 millions, German and Austrian armies, Germany never was so strong in man power as now, 5 millions in French army, 6 millions in British army, 3 millions in Italian army, making a total of 43 millions of men spending 105 million dollars per day. The twenty greatest wars in 125 years cost 22 billions of dollars. This has already cost 95 billions.

"If war continues our responsibility cannot be released except by sending an American army across the Atlantic. Some of our leaders hope for peace by Christmas, but leaders in the Army

Department are definitely planning for two or three years more of war. America is undertaking to enlarge the credit of her allies. We must be ready to throw our entire resources into the effort. Mr. Balfour of England, says 'America is not taking its part in the war seriously enough'.

"5 million men and boys have been killed, 7 million have been hopelessly mutilated, aside from the 70 per cent of the wounded who are patched up and sent back to the lines; 6 millions are in prisoner of war camps of from 5 thousand to 75 thousand men, with conditions in many cases worse than Andersonville prison in the Civil war; 5 million are now in military and naval hospitals. In Moscow alone, are 12 hundred hospitals, all crowded. 440 thousand have passed through the Moscow receiving hospital. When Mr. Mott visited Moscow, he saw the last one of 26 trains of 20 cars each bringing wounded into Moscow in one day."

Special attention is given to the need of the soldiers, of the home influence. The tendency, released from the ties of association, is for the soldier to lose his head and plunge into all sorts of excesses which offer themselves only too freely. The Y. M. C. A. provides quarters for spending the leisure time, reading tables and tables for correspondence. It is the strongest agency there is for the checking of evil tendencies among the soldiers and has been endorsed by leaders of thought who have personally seen its restraining and protecting power. While it is evident that the government should finance this work it has not done so and must depend on private subscriptions. \$3,000,000 is to be spent in the nation. \$42,000 is Oregon's share and a campaign to raise this money is on at present. These are some of the facts in a phase of the war as they confront our citizens.

OLD AUNT MARY'S.

By James Whitcomb Riley.

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WASN'T it pleasant, O brother mine,
In those old days of the lost sunshine
Of youth, when the Saturday's
Chores were through,
And the "Sunday's wood" in the kitchen,
too,
And we went visiting, "me and you,"
Out to Old Aunt Mary's?

It all comes back so clear today,
Though I am as bold as you are gray—
Out by the barn lot and down the lane
We patter along in the dust again,
As light as the tips of the drops of the
rain,
Out to Old Aunt Mary's.

We cross the pasture, and through the
wood
Where the old gray snag of the poplar
stood,
Where the hammering "red heads" hopped
awry,
And the buzzard "ratsed" in the clearing
sky
And lolled and circled as we went by
Out to Old Aunt Mary's.

And then in the dust of the road again,
And the teams we met and the country-
men,
And the long highway, with sunshine
spread
As thick as butter on country bread,
Our cares behind, our hearts ahead,
Out to Old Aunt Mary's.

Why, I see her now in the open door,
Where the little gourds grew up the sides
and o'er
The clapboard roof! And her face—ah,
me!
Wasn't it good for a boy to see?
And wasn't it good for a boy to be
Out to Old Aunt Mary's?

The jelly, the jam, and the marmalade,
And the cherry and quince "preserves"
she made!
And the sweet-sour pickles of peach and
pear,
With cinnamon in 'em and all things
rare!
And the more we ate was the more to
spare
Out to Old Aunt Mary's.

And the old spring house in the cool green
gloom
Of the willow trees, and the cooler room
Where the swinging shelves and the
crockets were kept,
Where the cream in a golden languor
slept
While the waters gurgled and laughed
and wept,
Out to Old Aunt Mary's.

And, O my brother, so far away,
This is to tell you she waits today
To welcome us—Aunt Mary fell
Asleep this morning, whispering, "Tell
The boys to come." And all is well
Out to Old Aunt Mary's.

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