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Monmouth Meditations

If the man who sails the ship can be drafted why not the man who builds the ship?

We are told that the German peace negotiations have been suspended but how much happier would be the resulting emotions if the announcement was made that the negotiators were.

On the war question there is room left for only dishonest differences of opinion.

Doubtless there is a fine crop of German barons who expect to blossom out as Russian grand dukes.

Little sins are eggs from which great sorrows are hatched.

By this time it must have dawned upon the Russians that the olive branch which the Germans handed them, was pruned from a lemon tree.

Roses are not nearly of as much importance in winning the war as beans and potatoes.

There is nothing that spurs a

ball team on to victory like the rooting of a loyal crowd of home people. The moral support is a great incentive and this is the reason why in our great national effort to make victory sure, we want no dissension among the backers at home.

Unless people swallow flattery it is apt to make them sick.

The course of civilization is never backward. On to Berlin.

From fashion reports it appears that Spring gowns this year will be smaller than the bills they cost.

When America entered the war there were on hand 50,000 trained officers that the nation would not have had were it not for the "Plattsburg training camp" conducted through the foresight of General Wood, with only the passive support of the administration. Before the war is over we have a lingering suspicion that General Wood will have a more conspicuous position than he occupied during the first year thereof.

Mayor Harley of Astoria for the past two months has been sending letters from Washington in which he has continually criticised the state's representatives and senators for not doing more for their constituents, comparing Oregon unfavorably with other western states and piling all deficiencies at the door of the state's corps of public servants. Some of these communications were published at first, but soon the editors of the state learned to ignore them. Now Mr. Harley has come out for the governorship on the platform that in order to put the state in the front rank Oregonians need light wines and beer. It occurs to us there might be a chance if all the liquor vote is concentrated on Harley and the temperance forces scatter over the field that Harley might be nominated. Here is matter for the dry voter to consider and base his action accordingly.

It does not take a great deal to start a story, like the small weed seed that sprouts and grows into a large bush, and in these times when false stories can do much harm it is well not to help them on any by repeating them. This thing is not the outgrowth of the war but is something that has always existed. Take such an institution as the Normal, stories get started with little or no foundation, and growing from day to day sometimes assume grotesque forms and the management has to be constantly on the alert to destroy and combat their influence. Civic institutions, business on a large scale—are alike subject to this sort of thing and when the object is as large as the army or the Red Cross work the opportunity for the busybody is so much the greater. The war stories are not all German propaganda either. A great deal of it originates in human cussedness, as much apart from any organized work as anything could be. But war work emphasizes team work and reduces individuality and these stories interfere with team work and must be combatted.

The Juniors of 1918 certainly put up a day that their successors in the years to come will have hard work to equal. Apart from the fact that it was more serious than usual the program covered several distinct entertainments and must have taken a great deal of work in preparation.

It is odd that any one so peaceful as Miss Hunt, the Portland assistant librarian pretends to be, should have been as warlike as she was in her opposition to war work

The hysterical outburst before the recent Wisconsin election, has now entirely subsided and the bystander may think back upon it and wonder. Some of the wild statements made at the time in the daily press prompted Congressman Jas. Frear to go to the authorities with a few questions. He discovered that Wisconsin has more soldiers on the battle front in France than any other state in the Union with the possible exception of Massachusetts, 20,000. Also that the state without fuss or stir, or riot or any sort of objection, now has 46,000 soldiers in the service of Uncle Sam. It is also stated that the state has over subscribed promptly for Liberty bonds, for the Red Cross and other war activities. People who have read the daily papers recently could be pardoned for the belief that Wisconsin is a Little Prussia, that its citizens are divided in allegiance to the Kaiser and the President of the United States. The truth is that Germans do not dominate Wisconsin. Out of eleven congressmen, not more than two are of German antecedents. Mr. Phillip, its present executive is the only governor of German parentage the state ever had. Few German politicians have been successful in a state wide sense, possibly for the reason that most Germans are Democrats and the state is normally Republican. The German vote, like the labor vote is cultivated by the politicians, but neither one is in actual numbers as powerful as it assumes to be.

Two of the greatest of baseball infielders were John Evers and Joe Tinker of the Chicago Cubs. A good share of the time they were not on speaking terms save for a sarcastic jibe one would hurl at the other when he made a misplay. Glaring at one another, quarreling like a couple of cats they played steadily and brilliantly and usually victoriously. In the same way the two great political parties of the nation could if managed rightly, buckle down to the task of winning the war.



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