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Monmouth Meditations

It is about time that we heard something new and startling from Russia.

The good old summer time is a good time to take the slack out of the labor slackers.

Austria Hungary appears to be living up to the letter of its name.

Harmony in a group or community is like lubricating oil on a machine.

No, we don't want to intervene in Russia, but if we are to carry this war to a fitting and triumphant conclusion, we may have to.

You won't have another chance to buy Liberty bonds until October 1. In the meantime surplus cash may be invested in meat and spuds and a few other side issues.

It is said that America must feed the world and reports from the wheat growing centers is to the effect that the dinner bell is about ready to ring.

With the bulk handling of grain which is to go into effect this year all the hired man will have to do is to stand around and pull the levers.

A charity worker admitted in court that she got twenty five per cent of her collections. It was not revealed, after other workers and expenses had been paid, how much charity got.

In the picking of cherries it is to be noted that the ripest and reddest always grow in the places which are the hardest to reach.

We believe the people who are looking for a speedy ending of the war are nursing a hope not destined to materialize. It is a long way from the trenches in France and Flanders to Berlin and a great many battles must be fought ere the program as laid down in President Wilson's Fourth of July address is carried to a proper completion.

Attempting to do business without advertising is like sitting down with a milk pail between your knees and waiting for the cow to come up and be milked.

It would be becoming in the food administration to explain why the use of wheat flour was put back on the 50-50 basis after Oregon had officially agreed to use no more wheat flour until after harvest. Discipline in war time is a fine thing and the spirit of the people to do as they are told and not question orders is in evidence in all directions. But still a few explanations in a while ease up matters a trifle.

From the way ball players are being drafted they are planning to establish a quality league in France.

The kaiser has been wont to

sneyerfully refer to the American soldiers in France as "lightning trained" and they are developing a few of the characteristics of lightning.

Prof. Powers' talks on the European Powers was a powerful series of discourses that made a vivid impression on the mental powers of many Monmouth people.

Up to date, as far as ice cream weather is concerned, we have had a very successful summer school.

Secretary von Kuehlmann's little joke about "mutual confidence in each other's honesty and chivalry" evidently was too much for his royal master and it is reported that the secretary has been made to walk the plank. Jokes of that kind might be overlooked when made in private conversation. But in the reichstag—the Kaiser couldn't stand for anything so crude as that.

If the experience of the pair in the story of Darby and Joan could be duplicated in many other kinds of service it might do a world of good. People are apt to envy the lot of others whom they consider more fortunate, and to change around once in a while would correct ideas a little and make them more tolerant. The business man should try farming a while and the agriculturist should shoulder the responsibilities of costs and collections for a time in order that each may get the other's view point.

We occasionally receive English propaganda in the way of circulars, pamphlets, pictures, maps, etc., and one characteristic of it is that it is always direct, to the point and economically arranged. It differs materially from the American propaganda in that it is free from camouflaged politics, possibly for the reason that the British government does not have to depend on politics for its perpetuation.

One hundred negroes were killed in a recent railroad collision in Tennessee and less than two dozen lines were taken in the daily prints to tell about it. The negroes were on their way to work in a powder plant. The death of that many men on no man's land would have been given the front page and black headlines. Both were engaged in war work but as the philosopher says "there's a difference".

With a good and ample cherry crop under the can tops, the winter need have no terrors for citizens of the Willamette valley.

"For day is a drifting terror" says Kipling, evidently referring to the spring cockerels who are headed toward the decapitation block.

A change is as good as a rest, and here is a hint for the patriotic citizen who plans his vacation so as to help on with the work of winning the war.

Reports from different sections of the country indicate that the experience has been universal to the effect that the last drive of War Savings Stamps was a hard one to negotiate. The money will be raised but only with extraordinary effort. Come to think of it, however, winning the war is an extraordinary effort and putting it over is considerably harder than putting over a loan of the size of the one the W. S. S. called for.

An advertisement in a Berlin newspaper, reported by the "Information Belges," shows some of the many uses to which paper is being put in Germany: "Paper stuff for dresses and aprons. Paper stuff for business suits. Paper stuff for manufacture of suits. Paper stuff for upholstery and tapestries. Pa-

per stuff for trunks and bags. Paper stuff for bags, pillow cases and mattresses. Splendidly assorted lots for sale."

The box-car situation is better at present than it has been at any time during the last three years, according to advice received by the Department of Agriculture from the Railroad Administration. On May 1 box cars began to move into wheat territory, and wheat carrying roads are expected to have on their lines more than the normal amount of cars owned by them. Cars are being parked in wheat loading territory, which was impossible last year. The Railroad Administration will continue to move cars into wheat districts as long as there is any indication that additional cars will be needed.

The original order that the approval of a regimental or higher commander was necessary before packages might be sent to members of the expeditionary forces has been modified so officers with the rank of major and higher may approve shipments. The approval of a company commander is not sufficient. The question of the shipment of parcels to France first came to the attention of the War Department when the commanding general of the expeditionary forces cabled that congestion of such articles had reached such a point that French railroads were unable to handle the load. A board appointed by the Secretary of War and the Postmaster General examined 5,000 sacks of parcel post mail, and found that the articles being sent not only, in the main, were absolutely unnecessary, but undesirable. The investigation showed that the amount of such mail had reached a total of 500,000 pounds a week, and was steadily increasing.

Relatives and friends, according to a recent statement by the War Department, will find they often can do a greater service to soldiers by sending them money for the purchase of articles in France than by forwarding the articles. Tobacco is now being supplied as part of the Army rations, and merchandise of nearly all kinds may now be purchased in France through the huge general store established by the Quartermaster Corps at lower prices than charged by retailers here.

While loading logs at Cleveland's mill, Tuesday, Abe West had the misfortune to fracture a leg. His team was making a hard pull and a tug broke letting the singletree fly back with great force striking him on the leg below the knee. He was taken to the hospital at Dallas. — Falls City News.

A suit was filed in the circuit court here this week by J. P. Logan, proprietor of the grist mill at Kings Valley, to enjoin the Public Service Commission of Oregon from granting to the Charles K. Spaulding Co. and the latter from operating a boom franchise on the Luckiamute, on the grounds that it will be a serious damage to the plaintiff's business.—Itemizer.

Harold Fisk, a brother of the postmaster of Dallas has been appointed a brigadier general. He was appointed to West Point from Portland and graduated in 1897, just in time to see service in the Spanish war. Previous to the war he was a military instructor in the war college at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Rev. D. A. MacKenzie of the Dallas Presbyterian church will take up Y. M. C. A. work at Vancouver.

According to the Independence Monitor a new saw mill is to be erected in Suver.

The Wiggins-Richardson Co. of Independence is shipping 100 bales of hops to South America.

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