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GERMANY'S TROUBLES

Lloyd-George, with his customary
common sense and direct speech,
broke through a blur of British
gloom the other day by remarking
that, while German victories were
blazoned to the world, German
troubles did not appear in the bulle-
tins. He quietly invited British war-
riors to think a little about the en-
emy's predicament.

It's another variation of the fam-
ous epigram of Gen. Foch, the hero
of the Marne. During that battle
an officer came to him in despair, say-
ing: "My men can do no more. They
are exhausted."

"So are the Germans!" said Foch.
"Attack again!"

He was right. The Germans proved
to be more exhausted than the
French, and the battle was won and
France saved.
That is the situation today in all
big essentials of the war. France
herself is not bled so "white" as Ger-
many is—has not lost so many men
in proportion to her population. The
man-power of the allies is immen-
sely superior. Even now, before our
power makes itself felt, Germany
does not venture to attack on the
western front without calling on Aus-
tria-Hungary for help. And Austria-
Hungary has suffered no less than
Germany has. Economically, all com-
parison becomes ridiculous. In mor-
ale, the allies are just as superior.
It's a good rule for anybody, when
disposed to feel blue about the war,
just stop worrying and just think of
the fix the Germans are in.

Work and Play.

Variation of types of work properly
adjusted will often substitute for what
is generally known as play, says the
New York Times. For instance, one's
brain center may become weary at a
monotonous occupation, and a decided
change of occupation, notwithstanding
it be what we usually call work, will
permit the first brain center involved
to rest while another works. But we
come back to the fact that what most
people regard as play is an occupation
that they are not required to perform,
and, it would seem from a psycholog-
ical standpoint to give greater rest if
it be an occupation that is particularly
useless from the standpoint of produc-
ing economic results. Therefore there
should be time set aside in the work
of the day, no matter whether it be
varied or not, when the environment
may be changed and play should be
taken up.

Did Hard "Bit" for Flag.

After going without tobacco several
weeks, so the money could be used to
purchase a large American flag, the
old inmates of the Hempstead (L. I.)
poor farm recently had the pleasure
of seeing the colors break from the
flagpole in front of the only home they
know.

Some of the men are eighty-five
years old and the loss of their tobacco
was a great hardship. The old fel-
lows talked of the deeds they had
seen done for the colors in the Civil
war and heard of in the Revolutionary
war, as they planned the pleasure
that was to be theirs. The overseers
of the poor, Daniel J. Morrison had
Frank Himmell, after the flag raising,
gave the patriotic old men fine cigars
and they started to make up for the
lost smokes.

The Blue Cross.

The Blue Cross fund was organized
in 1912 in Constantinople by Lady
Lowther, the wife of the British am-
bassador in Turkey at that time. At
the beginning the fund was used for
the Balkan wars and at the beginning
of this war was turned over to the
British and French governments to
work in co-operation with their army
veterinary corps and was immediately
accepted. The president of the organi-
zation is Lady Smith Dorrien, but she
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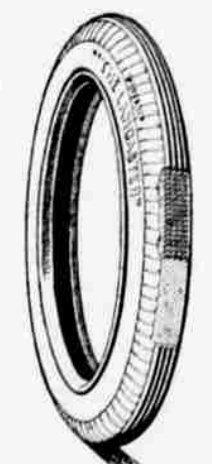
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