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THE STRONGEST ALLY

Naming the allies in their order of entering the war, with the object of stating all 16—or is it 17—is becoming as much of a diversion as naming the presidents used to be. But not many of the players at this game remember to add the strongest ally of all, the one entering the lists with us right now, in its usual quiet, unobtrusive but powerful way.

The strongest ally of all is the spring.

Spring means gardens. It means food. It means warmth and less demand of fuel. It means smoother seas of air which to transport soldiers and their supplies.

Spring helps our enemies, too, but not in the same measure. The soils are by now so depleted, the workers so few and weak in the Central Empires that this year spring means not so much aid as disappointment.

But to us, from the rancher with his thousands of acres to the woman in the flat with her tiny window boxes, spring means hope.

In some parts of the country, gardens are already being worked. In others the ground will be frozen until early May. But everywhere, as the approach of the equinox turns men's minds with the turn of the season, hope rises, ambition stirs, energy grows.

The strongest ally cannot do his work alone. He needs us all—with all our hope, our ambition, our energy.

Attention! Shoulder blades! Forward march! On with spring—to the garden!

Piscatorial sharps say the fishing is going to be fine this year. But alas! They won't be many of us this year who have time for fishing.

The Russian government has announced that hereafter it won't pay any ambassador more than \$3,000 a year. The announcement is superfluous. Anybody who gets half that much out of the Bolsheviks will be lucky.

It appears, from the testimony in a Chicago packing house wage dispute, that the firm can't afford to reduce a work day to eight hours or to raise the men's wages because the president himself only gets \$65,000 a year, and all the company made last year was \$5,000,000.

"A ROUGHNECK WAR"

A correspondent who has only recently gone to France, carrying with him an accurate knowledge of the state of mind at home and at the same time seeing the war in a new, fresh way, sends back this illuminating comment:

"We Americans at home think that all an American soldier has to do is to get off a transport at some French port in the afternoon, eat a good dinner, get his shoes shined, leave an early morning call and go out next day and amputate one of the Kaiser's ears."

He insists that the thing isn't so simple as that. This war is no genteel boxing match, for points, according to established rules, with fair play guaranteed.

"It doesn't take long to discover, from contact with actualities in France, that this is a ROUGHNECK war. We are up against a nation of roughnecks, and our men must be just as rough and tough as our enemies."

"I do not mean that we should attempt to match the German atrocities and brutalities outside of actual combat. But on the field of battle we should be, and must be, prepared to meet the German army with its own weapons."

"It follows naturally that the war for the United States must be fought by strong two-fisted, red-blooded soldiers, commanded by strong, two-fisted, red-blooded of-



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ficers." And he reminds us that "the war is being fought in France—not in debating societies or chambers of commerce or Bible classes or legislatures, state or national, in the United States."

We may as well accept that fact. We have our work to do at home, and highly important work it is. But the real work is in France. It consists in beating a brutal, powerful army at its own brutal game. It's a nasty and uncongenial job, but it has to be done, and done in that way. Then our boys will come home from the bloody rough-and-tumble and be gentlemen again, in a world they have made fit for gentlemen to live in.

One-third of the Western passenger trains have been cut off. And nobody will kick—if they put the released locomotives promptly to work hauling food and fuel.

It is announced from Washington that householders ordering next winter's coal will be obliged to tell how much they've had this winter. It won't take long to tell.

Wooden ships may not be so good as steel ships, everything considered, but a wooden bridge is at least better than no bridge at all. And such a bridge is now building, at an unexpectedly rapid rate. The present outlook is for 380 wooden ships, aggregating 1,530,000 tons, by June 1. And steel ship construction is said to be proceeding no less rapidly.

BOOKS WE READ

The sort of reading done by the general public from year to year may probably be gauged with fair accuracy by the new books published.

And examination of the records for 1917 is illuminating.

Economics, apparently, is almost as popular as fiction. And religion comes next. There were 922 works of fiction published in this country last year, 902 works of economics and sociology and 798 of religion and theology. History, poetry and science came not far behind. Plainly, we're not so slavishly devoted to fiction as most of us imagine.

Moreover, the proportion of fiction to the total number of publications was only a little more than nine per cent. And at no time in the last seven years has it risen above ten per cent.

The tendency today is more distinctly toward "solid books" than it has been for many years. Perhaps four-fifths of our publications come definitely in this class. And it should not be forgotten that a large percentage of our novels are solid enough in a way—stories written for a purpose, and filled with facts and propaganda. We're a pretty serious people, and we do more serious reading than any nation in the world.

If present prospects are fulfilled, the launching of new ships from American shipyards will soon come nearer making one continuous, interminable splash in Germany's ocean.

"Circus bigger and better than ever" read the posters. And in Germany they have eaten all the zoo animals.

A dry petition a fifth of a mile long will be presented to the Massachusetts legislature. And there'll be lines longer than that forming in front of Boston bar rooms if the legislature shows any signs of taking it seriously.

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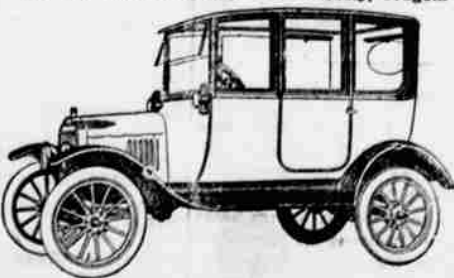
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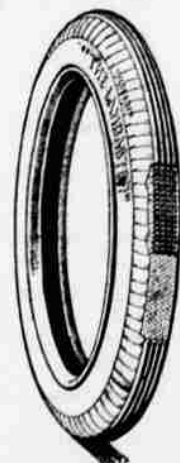
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