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THE AWAKENING.

In sharp contrast with the Kaiser's statement of a year ago when he ventured that his empire would secure a "strong, German peace," is the proclamation made this week to his army when he contents himself with stating that he would be willing to accept "an honorable peace," whatever may be meant by that vague term.

It is evident that this latest peace drive was intended to be delivered later on, when the Hun leaders expected to be impregnably established in the famous Hindenburg trench line of defense until next spring, at which time another long-advertised "offensive" would occur. But once more another egregious blunder was committed by the German general staff. They did not conceive the possibility of this system of defenses being penetrated by the allied forces and their armies forced back into territory devoid of "prepared" positions that would not stand even the ghost of a chance of holding against the sledgehammer blows of the allies. But all this has happened and more.

The Kaiser, in an effort to secure a respite from the ceaseless pounding, has his new puppet-chancellor announce that President Wilson's fourteen peace conditions would serve as a "basis" for peace negotiations. He proposes further that an armistice be declared while these negotiations are being discussed. This would give Germany time to reform her shattered divisions and thereupon the "conditions" would be rejected one by one. A blind man could see the trap.

The hammering will continue, and while German military skill may be able to conduct a retreat so masterly that their long line may be brought back unbroken to the German frontier, the war is already lost to Germany when her forces are driven back that far. When invasion of her domains is imminent, we can look for an acceptance of the allies' ultimatum, even though it does not fall short of the terms that were imposed upon Bulgaria.

It is a grave question, however, if the conditions that will be imposed by the allies, especially in the matter of money indemnities, will ever be realized upon unless they overrun Germany until those conditions are actually complied with. The German government is not to be trusted to fulfill any pledge it may make under threat of anything short of actual force. They would apparently agree to any condition imposed, and the moment allied forces were withdrawn from her territory, and if her own armies were still capable of some offensive movement, her agreements with other nations would likely be repudiated. She is as strange to a sense of national honor as she is to a sense of mercy—and that is all. She comes nearer being the counterpart of an infuriated, merciless tiger, than does anything else on earth that is supposedly human. The law of nations permits it to run at large. It must continue to do so, but in order that the menace be removed it becomes imperative that the teeth shall be withdrawn, the claws clipped and the beast then hamstrung. Never until this is done will the rest of the world breathe easy.

Whipping Germany is no easy task, but it is doubtful if the job is more onerous than the one that will be allotted to the executive branches of all governments of compelling her, without employing coercive means, to live up to the conditions that will be imposed. The situation will be fraught with uncertainties at all stages. It is comparatively easy to force influence upon the tiger, but to change its nature, insofar as to infuse in it a sense of fidelity, is another matter. It is not pleasant to deal with a whipped, but sulky brute.

Rev. Frank W. Gorman, a former Portland pastor, has forsaken the cross of Christ for a cross of gold, and is touring the country in big-time vaudeville. Perhaps some day when he has made money enough with his talents in entertaining the public, he will be inclined, and can afford, under our

present system of a multiplicity of half-starved churches and as many creeds, to come back and labor again in the vineyard of the Lord.

The News has donated one corner of itself to the High School each week. The boys and girls will have complete charge of that corner and be responsible for everything that appears therein. The new department starts with the next issue. Here's hoping, fellows, that you won't have as hard a time filling that hole as the editor has filling the rest of the sheet.

Don't think because we have Germany "on the run" that we should stop in our tracks in the Liberty Loan march. Germany has retreated before and "come back." This is no time to "take chances."

The Kaiser's roseate dream of world dominion is about over and to him is beginning to assume the aspects of a hideous nightmare that will haunt him always.

Woodrow: "Heads I win—tails you lose!"
Bill: "Dunder and Blitzen!"

It did not take President Wilson long to apply the acid test to Hun sincerity and as usual it showed bogus.

When you see a Spanish microbe coming your way, dodge.

The Grandoldope

We have been notified, officially, That the News is an essential industry And to keep going. Sometimes We wonder Which way.

Curtis Hayden denies that His watch is an Ingersoll, That it is a Waterbury. Excuse us, Curtis; The Grandoldope Would not knowingly Do you an injustice.

Since we mentioned In this column That we used to warble Like a nightingale We have received One invitation to sing At a funeral. As there was no one else Available. It pays to advertise.

The more we see Of many men who have Been "through" college The more highly we think Of the few men Who allowed the college To go through them.

John Ketel is going to war. With almost reckless abandon He said in his questionnaire That he claimed no exemption. Was not engaged In necessary industry, Was single by profession, Could read and write, No small Ketels, And had military experience Drilling an awkward squad At O. A. C.

Further stated His physical inclination Was such that he could Chase the birds out of Machine gun nests And capture Their output Without the aid Of a step-ladder. He also claims To have written a book on "Life, Habits and Social Customs" Of cooties, And is preparing a treatise On "Spanish Henfluendways."

He was indiscreet enough To say he was born In Texas, And that settled it With the government. Now he's gotta go As a "shock" troop And as such We believe He'll make good And win the war.

Boston women of the most exclusive set are now organized into a military line with hands extended in welcome to soldiers and sailors who pass through the city. Hostess rooms have been fitted up at the Y. W. C. A. buildings.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedial. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When that tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; otherwise out of the ear are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hally's Catarrh Cure, sold by circulars, free. F. J. BENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists. Take Hally's Family Pills for constipation.

BOYS TAKE HOLD IN GOOD OLD AMERICAN WAY, SOLDIER SAYS

Hardships Ignored, Wounded Man Tells Mother—Don't Let Them Hinder Your War Work

By Mrs. Hazel Pedlar Faulkner
From a hospital somewhere in France a wounded American has written to his parents:

"We are going through hardships, but the boys are taking hold in the good old American way."

What a message for those of us who have remained at home! What a challenge to the vast army of men and women who are in the home guard, carrying on in the thousand and one ways that the exigencies of war have brought upon us.

"We are going through hardships," we can believe that, when we recall the dauntless charges which our boys have been making over there, and the daily lengthening casualty lists which are resulting from their fearless devotion to the task that is set before them.

We know they are going through hardships, when we stop to think of the hundreds upon hundreds who are wounded, and who for the time being at least need care and attention.

FIENDISH ENEMY ADDS TERRORS
Of course they are going through hardships, those boys from your home and mine. Hardships are a part of war. They are the inevitable result of a state of war. And when war is waged by an enemy so skilled in all the fiendish deviltries in which the Germans have indulged, they are the inescapable portion of every soldier participating.

But hardships are not the part of the war these soldiers of ours are thinking most about. They are but the incidents in the day's work.

"The boys are taking hold in the good old American way."

Could there be a better statement of their manner of facing what comes to them? Could there be a more definite course of action prescribed for those of us at home during these days which test the mettle of our souls?

MAKE YOUR ANSWER NOW
Are we going to take hold in the "good old American way?"

We have not had to go through hardships—ours have been an easier part. We have known little of sacrifice or deprivation. Compared with the offering of our boys, we have done nothing as yet. And now, here is the challenge sounded to us.

The good old American way is all that is asked of us. What is that way?

You must frame the answer, mothers and sisters of the west. Yours is an important part in the reply which the nation will make to the boys overseas. There is not one of us who would not spare her son if she could—yes, even spare some other mother's son the pain and hardship he must bear. We are not asked to do that. We could not, though we would.

But we can make his part easier to bear, we can go with him through the hardships, by lending completely of our money.

There is no longer need to explain what a Liberty Loan is. There is no more necessity for pointing out reasons for participation in it. This is the day when but to hear its call is to insure its heartiest support.

September 25th is the date set for our concerted reply through the Fourth Liberty Loan. Let us take hold in "the good old American way." What is the very best you can do to make that advance a smashing success like the boys over there are making?

You Can Stop These Casualties Quickly

The Brutal, Bloody Hun will be stopped when an overwhelming American Army lands in France and crushes him—not before.

The Fourth Liberty Loan is the next step in getting that army across the Atlantic. BUY LIBERTY BONDS DON'T MAKE EXCUSES MAKE SACRIFICES

(Editor: This is suggested as a standing feature for display in or alongside casualty lists.)

Pay the fearful soul of the German soldier and civilian as their lines continue to crumple up before the allies with only a few of the million and a half Americans over there in line. And five million more on the way. News of the over-subscription of the Fourth Liberty Loan will shake German morale again.

To Buy or Not to Buy is Not the Question—Buy.

Back Your Own With the Bond You Own.

KAISER PLANNED TO RULE WORLD AFTER 6 MONTHS WARFARE

Thought Theft of Iron and Coal From France, Land From Russia, Would Pay Bill

Planning world trade domination, if not actual world rule, as the outcome of a short six-months' campaign in Europe, Germany now finds herself outcast from among civilized nations, her people impoverished, her honor irrevocably stained by the blood of Belgium, and facing a future of fathomless ignominy and disgrace.

"I will make room for my growing people by taking some more of France and a few thousand square miles of Russia," said the Kaiser. "We will get the iron and coal in Northern France for manufactures which we will sell the conquered population of Russia, and this, besides indemnities, will more than pay for the war. England will not dare come in, and our merchant fleets will soon crowd her from the world trade routes."

"If the United States does not acquiesce, her manufacturers will get no more of our dyes and chemicals, her farmers no more of our fertilizers. And we will also take away from her all South American commerce."

GERMAN GRAVES GRIM ANSWER

Now, across the graves of a million of his young men, the Kaiser is beginning to see the sun set on the smallest of his ambitions. "Foch will never cross the Rhine," is now the German watchword. German cities, shrieking beneath the visitation of allied and American airplane bombers cry out: "No more of this barbarity." Such cries are echoed in the ghostly laughs of thousands of Gotha and Zeppelin victims in London and Paris. The Rhine will be crossed, and Cologne and Berlin will wince beneath the shells of Allied guns.

"Five million men in France," cries America. "Remember Belgium and end the war in 1918."

To America and her five million fighting men in France will come the greater glory of the world war. But that end will not be achieved without the sacrifice of thousands of those men, nor without the most earnest and united support of those of us at home. Where we have given valiant efforts to war work heretofore, we must thrust our shoulders desperately against the wheel of war preparations from now on. To no one person or class is it given to do a greater share in this war than any other person or class. Each must do his utmost.

WEIGHT RESTS ON AMERICAN FARMER

Upon no one class rests a greater responsibility than upon the American farmer, who with his wives and sons and daughters constitutes one-third of our population. He has the first and great responsibility of providing food for the nation at home, food for the fighting men abroad, and food for our allies in the battle line and their civilian population.

England, with millions of acres of parks and hunting grounds converted into farms can only raise crops to feed her people half the year. France, with every man in uniform, and nearly half her fields overrun by armies, does even less.

With her grain fields extended by millions of acres of new land, America is responding to the call and allied hunger will never be an ally to Germany. Billions of dollars of America's huge war loans are coming back to the farmer in payment for his grain and stock.

The farmer, for his future honor and standing in the nation, must see that every penny of this sum he can spare is reinvested in war loans. The Fourth Liberty Loan, now upon us, calls for but a portion of what America must spend in war efforts in the next few months. It must be subscribed promptly and overwhelmingly. That "the man who is not for us is against us" is as true now as when it was written centuries ago.

If YOU buy a fifty dollar bond when you COULD BUY a five hundred dollar bond, you are not doing your full duty as an American.



This is a reproduction of the window poster to which subscribers to the Fourth Liberty Loan are entitled. No AMERICAN Home should be without it.



YOU HAVE HEARD ALL OF YOUR LIFE THAT "YOUR MONEY IS YOUR BEST FRIEND."

IF YOU ARE LETTING YOUR MONEY SLIP AWAY FROM YOU, STOP IT.

YOU CAN STOP IT IF YOU WILL. YOU WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT. THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN BECOME SO IS TO BANK YOUR MONEY.

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WRECKED HOUSE HIDES BIG FRENCH GUN

From the ruins of one of their own shell-crushed homes, the French hourly train the guns that scatter death in billets and columns of marching troops behind the Hun lines.