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A YEAR'S RESULTS.

The German Admiral von Tirpitz is quoted as having said to a gathering in Hamburg:

"To the present, in this war, Great Britain has won rather than lost."

Despite the rather unsatisfactory situation with which the year 1917 is closing, what the German admiral says is quite true.

Germany has yielded some ground in the west, has lost heavily in men, and her civilian population has suffered indescribable privations. But in the east Russia has been utterly defeated and Italy has been all but crushed.

Germany has added greatly to the allied territory held by her a year ago. If she has made no gain in the west, surely the situation in the east is almost as good as she could make it.

The Kaiser speaks of his victorious armies. Lloyd George tells us that peace cannot be made while Germany's armies are victorious. It is generally recognized that the visible results of the year have been in Germany's favor. But von Tirpitz states that Great Britain has won rather than lost.

Great Britain has not lost a foot of territory. On the contrary her colonists are holding quite 1,000,000 square miles of German colonial territory.

Great Britain has more than held her own with Germany on the western battle front. She has pushed the von Hindenburg line back. She has inflicted greater loss upon the enemy than she has suffered. She holds a much larger number of German prisoners than she has lost.

If the submarines have destroyed many British merchantmen, think of all the German over-seas trade gone, and think of the eminently successful supplying of the allied armies in France and Italy, due in the greater degree to the British navy.

The end of 1917 finds the war an unfinished business. Russia is perhaps definitely and permanently out. America is definitely and purposefully in to the finish, whether that be one, two, ten or twenty years away. So Germany's victory over Russia has been nothing but the swapping of a beaten enemy for an unconquerable enemy of incomparably greater resources and power.

America will come up strong this year, stronger still in 1919, still stronger in 1920. That is the enemy Germany has drawn in exchange for Russia—a nation that will be stronger each year as its vast resources come into play, while Germany's resources must dwindle as a result of a gradual wearing away.

Russia's collapse does not alter the truth of von Tirpitz' declaration as to Great Britain's preponderance of advantage, and he might have added that the English-speaking peoples of the world are now leagued together in unshakable purpose. Their task may be difficult, it may entail sacrifices incalculable, but they are going to hang on until it is completely accomplished. They have the men, the power, the resources, the money and, best of all, they have the spirit. The victory is not going to come soon, it is not going to be easy, but it is going to be as complete as human hands can make it.

THIS YEAR'S GARDEN.

Despite all the fun that has been poked at the American "war gardens" of 1917, there remains the fact that they were a wonderfully important factor in solving the problem of living during the winter that is now upon us. All vegetables are fairly cheap in the markets, particularly potatoes and onions. There is no shortage of any vegetable in most localities and the millions of cans of fruits as well as vegetables that were put up for use have helped to keep the high cost of living within reasonable limits. And the war gardens must be grown again.

At this season of the year, when confinement in the house becomes irksome, there is a game that all can play. If there are no new seed cat-

alogues available, there soon will be if requests to seedsmen are made for them. Perusal of them and the resultant list of things needed for the year 1918 war garden will prove both interesting and—later on—profitable as well.

The food administration makes the declaration that spring is right behind Santa Claus. The seedsmen see spring before the average person. They are working unusually hard just now to stimulate the early buying of garden seeds because they expect the demand, when the season comes, will be greater than they can meet. The manufacturers of farming implements, fertilizer dealers and various others are striving in the same direction. They are begging people to shop early, because when the spring rush does start it will be difficult to fill all demands promptly.

Indoor gardening is a good deal like winter baseball. About all one can do is to perfect a board of strategy. Mother may feel that more ground should be devoted to beans this year, while father possibly may have set his heart on tomatoes. There will be gardens devoted to only one thing and gardens where an effort will be made to grow everything in the catalogue. Hotbeds will soon be ripe and the time will arrive for early plant growing. Out of the winter councils will come perfected plans for the war gardens of 1918.

The housewives of America are believed to have canned a billion quarts of garden products last year. This year the food authorities want to double that amount. This will mean additional demands for cans, so that it will be well to save all the cans, you have, likewise bottles. Any bottle that can be used for preserving fruits or garden truck should be held on to.

Billy Sunday says he expects to go to heaven from Chicago. He might just as well start from Gresham as the New Jerusalem Limited has full right of way and no flag stations on the line.

Will Mr. Hoover enlighten us on this: If a person swore off eating dark flour forty years ago, preferring to starve to death, can he recall the oath now as a war measure?

ABOUT GRAMMAR.

That great numbers of persons pass through grade schools, high schools and even colleges and universities without gaining ability to write or speak good understandable English is a fact that causes frequent comment. It is particularly noticeable in newspaper offices, coupled with that other deficiency—poor spelling.

Aside from orthography, which is often an art and not given the attention it should receive, the first thought that comes with each re-statement of the truth about this failure of grammar in the educational system is that redoubled attention should be given to the teaching of English.

And to most minds the thought is associated with the idea of teaching grammar more thoroughly than is being done. That seems a depressing and unkind program to most adults who recall their own attitude toward a subject despised by most normal-minded youngsters. So a joyous relief comes from the suggestion that the teaching of grammar is not the teaching of English.

Such teaching as is laid down in the text books in grammar most widely used for pupils or younger students of the public schools seem to be a hindrance rather than a help in acquiring the art of expression. Proof is abundant that such teaching as is given does not bring correct speaking.

But of more importance than formal correctness is intelligibility—the arrival of the idea of the writer in the mind of the reader. Grammar teaching is painfully unrelated to the life the pupil knows outside of the classroom and desires to express them. For this a vocabulary is needed, and the youthful vocabulary is limited. Hence the use of slang in conversation, which is often enough expressive but faulty.

Today is the beginning of the year 1918—the most solemn year, in the life of the American nation.

This time next year perhaps congress will not be closing up a two weeks' vacation.

Have you quit writing it 1917?

In about three months from now we'll be hearing political speakers with such a wonderful fund of oratory that we can't help thinking what fortunes they could have made if they had directed their talents to selling Quaker oil.

Stationery dealers were at a loss to understand the demand for lavender tinted stationery during the holidays. They probably didn't realize that the color harmonized with the new 3-cent stamps.

If you have in mind building a large wooden ship or two, go right ahead, the government won't interfere with you if you don't interfere with the government—which is fair enough.

"We must take things as they come," says an exchange. There is no escape, but we suppose there is more fun in taking an invitation to dinner than in taking the measles.

Persons whose conscience will not permit them to become members of the Red Cross had better retire out of the public gaze for a time and do a little reasoning with it.

Right on the heels of the holidays comes the warning to do our next winter's fuel buying early. Can't a fellow take a long breath and look around him?

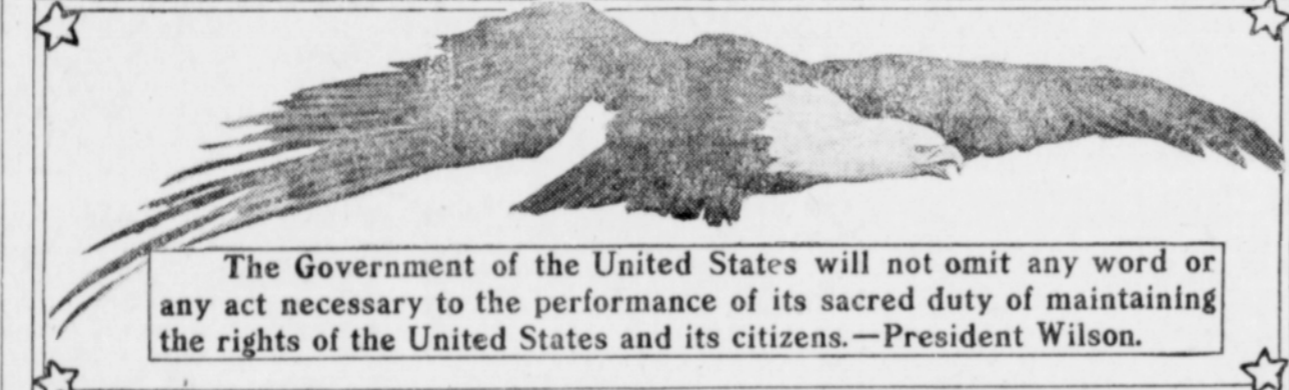
Seattle does not deserve much sympathy in being kicked by the same mule the second time. And Mayor Gill declares he is going to run again.

In view of the nation's request that less soap be used, perhaps the first coating could be removed with a fine grade of sandpaper.

The aviation department may be hampered by the lack of several necessities, but there's no lack of space in which to do its work.

What will happen to the railroads after the war is a minor problem to what the government is going to do with them now.

If that sugar famine continues during the summer we will ask Mr. Hoover to list lemonade as a misdemeanor.



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