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EM-TEES

RUSSIA—AMERICA

A wind in the world! The dark departs; The chains now rust that crushed men's flesh and bones.

Feet tread no more the mildewed prison stones, And slavery is lifted from your hearts.

A wind in the world! O Company Of darkened Russia, watching long in vain,

Now shall you see the cloud of Russia's pain Go shrinking out across a summer sky.

A wind in the world! Our God shall be In all the future left no kingly dole,

Decked out with dreadful sceptre, steel and stole, But walk the earth—a man in charity.

A wind in the world! And doubts are blown To dust along, and the old stars come forth—

Stars of a creed to Pilgrim Fathers worth A field of broken spears and flowers strown.

A wind in the world! Now truncheon From the true self is ended; to her part

Supreme again she moves—and from her heart A great America cries: Death to Tyranny!

A wind in the world! And we have come Together, sea by sea; in all the lands

Vision doth move at last, and Freedom stands With brightened wings, and smiles and beckons home!

—John Galsworthy, in the London Chronicle.

WAR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Dear Ed.—About this income war tax. I don't think it's right. Why should I, because I'm making pretty good money through my own efforts, pay up a big tax. I know what I'll do.

When they send in for my tax I'll write out a check and not put down any amount but let sign my name. Don't you think that's a good idea and don't you think it will fool them?—Izzy Wise.

That's a great idea, Izzy. You bet, you'll fool 'em.—Ed.

Dear Ed.—I hear there's going to be a war. You know I'm fond of traveling. I'd like to take a trip some where out of the United States, Iceland, for instance.

I'm just crazy about traveling and want to start right away. Where could I get tickets?—Max Chilly-pedals.

We understand, Max. Sh-h! Just run down to the recruiting office. They'll fix you up. Bon voyage!—Ed.

Dear Ed.—I don't like the idea of being drafted. How would it be if I cut off my right hand at the wrist. Wouldn't I be exempt then?—Archie Yellaspine.

No! They'll draft you as a short-hand writer. Better way to be exempted would be to fall asleep on a railroad track.—Ed.

Dear Ed.—I'm a ukulele player. Friends tell me I might get in a military band and get a commission.—H. Flat.

They're not your friends. More likely put you out of commission.—Ed.

A LITTLE OF THIS AND THAT

A Cleveland recruit went under the dentist's drill for 15 hours so he could get in the army. Now he's going to war to recuperate.

And again Sherman wasn't just right with his well known phrase. Since Turkey has put the kibosh on us it may mean the lid for us on Turkish cigarettes.

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THE WAR TARIFF.

RICH and poor alike will be muled by the proposed war taxes. The poor will pay in the increased cost of living. The rich will pay taxes upon incomes as well as upon luxuries. Business of all kinds must contribute its quota. Postal increases affect everyone, particularly publishers. Internal revenue and new taxes reach to remote departments of business and household life.

The rich will pay liberally, but the very rich not as liberally as some of them have requested. There is no conscription of incomes of over \$100,000 as desired, though the normal income tax has been doubled, the exemptions reduced and surtaxes on great incomes increased.

Those affected have no reason to complain, unless the tax is really confiscatory. Those with incomes have less reason than anyone to object. A comparison with similar taxes in England, shows that American wealth will hardly bear its proportion of the burden. A married man with an income of \$3000 a year, would pay \$20 or 2 percent a year on the excess over \$2000 under the proposed law. In England the income tax takes \$441 from such an income. On an income of \$5000, the proposed American tax is \$90, but the British tax is \$920. Against an American tax of \$440 on a \$10,000 income, the British levy \$2330. On incomes of \$1,000,000, the proposed tax is \$319,106, and the British tax is \$415,000.

The American schedule is far more lenient with the person of small income than the British war tariff and not quite as severe upon the large income and if the war continues any length of time, and the policy of pay as you go is maintained, incomes can expect to be forced to contribute as liberally as they have to in Britain. Even then they will not be contributing proportionately with the poor, who in increased price of food stuffs are already paying a great share of their incomes.

By conscripting all incomes above \$100,000, this taxation of poverty could have been avoided. The average person has an income of less than \$1000. This income is continually decreasing in purchasing power and is already hardly sufficient to meet the barest necessities of life. To tax them now to pay for the war is unjust when there are so many other sources of revenue, and when there are so many burdened with useless and needless wealth.

The viewpoint of one of these wealthy men, E. W. Scripps, the newspaper publisher, regarding such taxation follows:

"Some of us have very large incomes, and we are prompted, and even by the opinions of society compelled to indulge in great extravagances. We employ servants who produce nothing for the common good, and only minister to our vices. We purchase costly and showy clothing, houses, food, furniture, automobiles, jewelry, etc., the production of which has taken the labor of many hundreds of thousands of men and women, who, if they were not so employed would be producing other commodities in such quantity as to cheapen them and make them more accessible to the poor.

"An enormously high rate of income tax would have the effect of diverting all this labor, that is given to practically useless things, into other channels, where production would be useful to the whole people.

"In the case of the government of the United States, the income is so enormous that out of it could be paid double the amount that the war is costing England annually; and except for the disturbances and readjustment, the people of the country would suffer not at all, while they would be greatly benefited by the discipline and the necessity of thinking hard, and perhaps working harder."

The government which taxes the rich and the poor, should protect both from the food manipulator and speculator, who does not hesitate to traffic in human suffering to coin his dirty dollars. Such tainted money should be marked and all food manipulators branded as traitors to their country.

America Is a Humbug Says the Berlin Tages Zeitung

"What can America do?" asks the Berlin Tageszeitung. "She has neither soldiers nor ships; she is a turnip-and-cauliflower bogey; less she is a mere screech!"

"Germans need take no alarm at the 'dread dangers' that threaten them from America. Whatever the Americans say and do, or say that they will do, is based on humbug. That is the only power in their land.

"Barnum is much more a representative American than Washington. Humbug is all the noise about leadership in industry and commerce, humbug the prating about equality and freedom, humbug the timely senseless display of luxury, humbug the imbecile christening of insignificant towns with names such as Rome, Utica or Memphis, where they put up a quasi-Greek temple or miniature pyramid, and in that rubbish behold the quintessence of all that was great and lofty in the kultur of the ancients.

"Humbug are the learned lectures of Roosevelt and the mock humility of Benjamin Franklin; humbug are the 'heroic' deeds of the American militia; humbug the republicans who do not fight against the monarchy but do not oppose aristocracy. Humbug, too, is the Yankee talk of war, except when there is a prospect of making some extra hundreds of millions of dollars; and finally, the very name America is humbug.

"True, to the fight this humbug no German gun has yet been cast, no German warship built, but as well might we send our fieldgrays to battle against the winds of heaven as against the formless, imaginary creature which we call American humbug an equally vain would it be to alarm ourselves at the thought of a coming collision with so intangible and evanescent a thing."

UNFILLED STEEL TONNAGE A RECORD

NEW YORK, May 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel corporation on April 30 last was 12,182,052 tons, as announced by the corporation today, an increase of 471,439 tons over the previous month and again breaking all previous records.

STOP RECRUITING FARM LABOR, SAYS GOVERNOR

SALEM, Ore., May 10.—Governor James Withycombe today sent to the war department a telegram urging that recruiting in the rural districts be discontinued because of the critical scarcity of labor on the farms. "I venture to suggest the vital inadvisability of the continued recruiting of farm labor," wired the governor. "Harvest time will find us unable to reap the crops already sown. Acceptance of volunteers is justified in cities, where food production is not directly affected, but very ill-advised in rural districts."

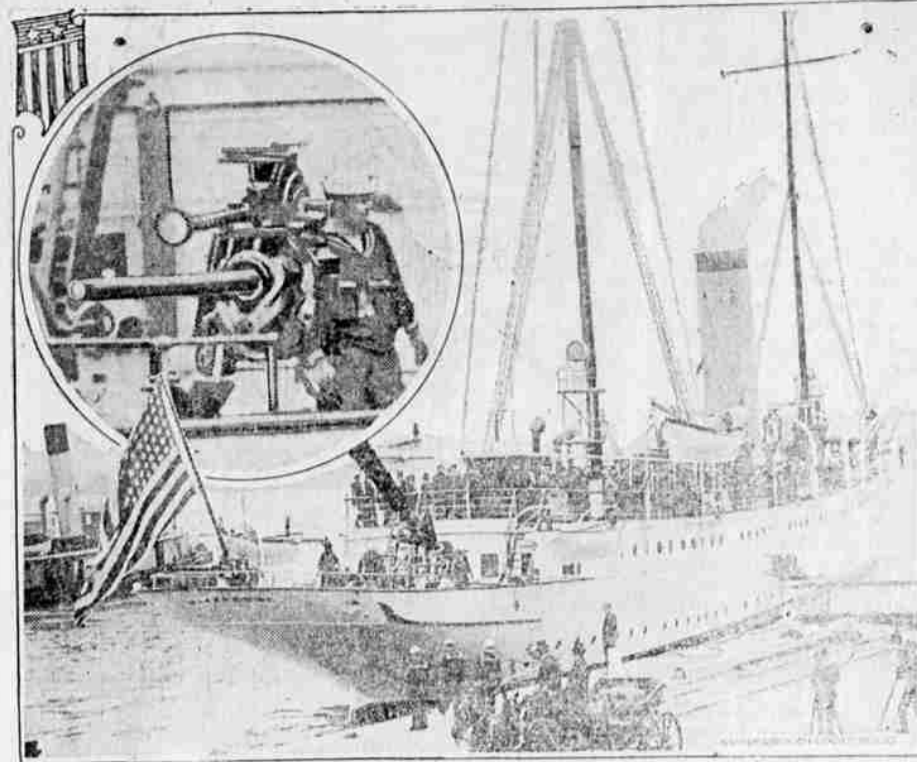
BELGIANS FORCED TO FIGHT FOR GERMANS

COPENHAGEN, May 10.—A representative of the German war department has admitted in the reichstag that a number of Belgian subjects resident in Cologne were drafted into the German army, in spite of their protests that they were veterans of the Belgian army. The admission was made in answer to an interpellation by a radical socialist deputy. The war department official promised that the question of citizenship in those cases would be reviewed.

CALIFORNIA STUDENTS SIGHT SEEING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 10.—Forty-two University of California students who arrived here yesterday on their way to serve as members of the American ambulance corps in France are to have a week of sight seeing and entertainment before their departure.

PRESIDENT'S YACHT IS READY FOR BUSINESS, TOO



Three-pounders at the stern of President Wilson's yacht, Mayflower, are ready to "pop off" any enemy submarine that may poke its nose into view of the sharpshooters on close watch. Inset shows a close view of the guns.

OIL TANK MOTOR SHIP ABLAZE AT SEA, SINKS

NEWPORT, R. I., May 10.—The British oil tank motorship Sebastian, which was being towed by an American gunboat to a new England port with fire raging fiercely in her hold, sank today. Thomas Jones, a marine gunner attached to a government vessel which had the Sebastian in tow, was lost.

No information as to how the gunner lost his life was made public. The Sebastian sent out "S. O. S." calls Tuesday night, and a patrol boat took the crew off yesterday morning. The origin of the fire was not now revealed.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN MEANS SPEEDY PEACE, SAY GERMANS

LONDON, May 10.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, quoting Berlin advices says:

"The reichstag has begun its second reading of the navy budget. Dr. Pfleger, naval reporter of the budget committee, declared that the submarine loss for April would not be less than 1,100,000 tons and added that the reichstag looked forward to the activity by the German navy with a confident hope of a speedy and victorious peace. Vice-Admiral von Capelle, minister of the navy, who followed Dr. Pfleger said:

"This recognition is new stimulus to us to fulfill Germany's expectations regarding the U-boats, which have faced enthusiastically the great task of decisively intervening alongside our victorious army. I assure you that the U-boats will persevere until the end. We have the necessary boats, a trained personnel, fuel, and all necessities."

"Thousands upon thousands of hands are actively engaged in producing new submarines and new material for torpedoes and mines. Not only is the number of submarines continually increasing, but the boats are always improving in quality; they are always better types and of greater efficiency. Officers and men are crowding forward for submarine service."

BELGIAN RELIEF TAKEN OVER BY UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The American government today assumed the immediate financial burden of Belgian relief by arranging to lend to the French and Belgian governments jointly \$15,000,000 to be expended by the American Belgian relief commission for food to go to Belgium and northern France.

The money will be advanced in monthly installments of \$12,500,000, of which \$7,500,000 will go to Belgium, and \$5,000,000 to France. The way has been left open for the commission to apply for more money when the loan is exhausted at the end of six months.

Under the arrangement the American commission will bear the entire cost of supplies, thus relieving the British and French governments which hitherto have borne about 80 percent of it. Administration of the relief abroad will be left to the hands of Spanish and Dutch agents for the Belgians and the French themselves. The money lent is a part of the \$2,000,000,000 allied fund being raised here.

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BALFOUR PLANNING TO VISIT CANADA

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Members of the British mission prepared today to take part in the joint reception with the French mission at New York and later make a tour of the middle west and a visit to Canada. Sub-committees continue to work on detailed discussion of subjects referred to them and hope to report to the main body next week.

Mr. Balfour called on Secretary Baker at the war department this morning to discuss collating the work distributed among the sub-committees on hospitals, material, munitions, intelligence and the sending of an American expeditionary force to France.

PERSHING HAS BEEN CALLED TO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Orders summoning Major-General John J. Pershing, commanding the southern department, to Washington, have aroused much speculation here. Officials have declined to comment on reports that the general's visit is connected with the subject of selecting a commander for a military expedition to France.

General Pershing is known to have the confidence of administration officials because of his record as commander of the punitive expedition in Mexico. There are indications that the general was summoned here at the personal request of Secretary Baker. The secretary said movements of army officers were not proper subjects for speculation.

LIBERTY BOND IS GIVEN TO MRS. KAISER

LIVINGSTON, Mont., May 10.—Citizens here yesterday subscribed \$100 for the purchase of a "baby" Liberty war loan to be presented to Mrs. W. J. Kaiser, a German-American mother of this city in appreciation of her patriotism in giving to the nation her three sons, none of them 21 years old.

The youngest son, Wallace, aged 15, enlisted a month ago as an ordinary seaman. Earl, aged 19, leave this week to join the coast artillery service. Roland, aged 20, left here yesterday for the Presidio, San Francisco, to join the officers' reserve corps. He was a senior in the high school and was given his diploma, wrapped in an American flag, just before departing.



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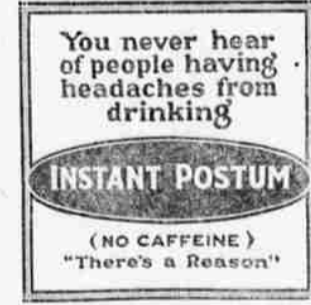
MARINE CORPS NEEDS EXPERIENCED ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The marine corps is especially in need of technical men—men experienced in electrical, mechanical, civil and automobile engineering, and aviation, and is offering special inducements to men of this kind who want to be the "first to fight," according to an announcement made from their headquarters today.

To insure a completely uniform and trained body all marine corps recruits must first undergo preliminary null and naval training, but upon its completion those so desiring are available for positions in which they are best fitted.

WIFE'S CONFESSIONS BRING FREEDOM TO VAWTER

CHRISTIANSBURG, Va., May 10.—Chas. E. Vawter, former professor of physics in Virginia Polytechnic Institute, was declared not guilty last night of the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr., wealthy young society man and sportsman, whom he shot to death in the Vawter home early on the morning of March 13. The jury was out two and a half hours, but, according to one jurymen, only one ballot was taken. Vawter's defense had been based on the unwritten law and self-defense.



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The Submarine Question

The latest dispatches are that the U. S. government had solved the submarine question. The Crater Lake Motor Co. wishes to inform the public that they had nothing whatever to do in solving that great problem. They do admit that they have solved the automobile question to a great extent, where economy, good workmanship and service are concerned. You have only to come once to assure the Crater Lake Car Co. of your patronage. Welding and all kinds of gas engines repaired, country trips made to repair spray engines. Open until 11 p. m. at nights.



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