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EM-TEES

A SMALL BOY'S VIEW.

You jus' can't 'magine how thet 'er cal'n'd'r looks to me. Jus' like 'twas mos' all fours and Jules, you see. Seems of a feller can't hardly wait fer't to come, I'm all wound up so inside and ready to hum. Talk about a fourth thet's all safe and sane, No one thet's hurt and none thet's maimed and lame, I can't stand thet no how you'd fix things up, I'm as anxious for a torn up tim 's any pup. To set up nice and stiff with m' collar jus' so, 'N' lie'n to the singin' and speakin' don't suit me, no, The smell of them there crackers jus' sets me all afire, I feel all swelled up big 'n' floatin' high'r 'n' high'r, Jus' like any balun thet's set out fer a time, To me an ole sane fourth, hit ain't with a dime, I'm jus' so full of zip for this big lan' of ours, I got to yell and whoop an' make a noise fer hours, My maw, she's right with me, a travlin' by my side, She says a feller's got t' show fer a lan' ut'a big 'n' wide, She says of y' got hurt, hits like sears fer olde U. S. She's gettin' things all ready—laid up in a row, There's the lin'ment bottle, some strips and amakes, When a feller's all done up with bumps, you see, She jus' plasters on some them things right quick, An' you can be back fer fun about firs' lick, 'N' my maw lets us eat on fourth July to our fill, Jus' drink pink lem'nade 'n' peanuts fit t' kill, 'N' when night comes 'n' you're dead clean thru, She dips y' in a tub and rubs till you are mos' blue, But when it's over an' y' sleep like bricks, too, You get up feeling like you was 'bout as good as new. —Effie Marie Baer, Rogue River, Oregon.

DISCOVERY OF SOAP MINE AT BROWNSBORO

Development work in the cinnamon district near Brownsboro has uncovered a "soap mine." It is a mineral soap, and it resembles the old-fashioned, dark-yellow soap-bar that corner grocers years ago used to display so prominently on their counters. In addition to that resemblance, it does the work that the old-time soap used to do with neatness and despatch and with less damage to the articles cleaned with it.

This mineral soap has been tried and found to perform the service effectively. There is a large deposit of it. The formation is so unusual that mineralogists have so far been afraid to name it; but it will be analyzed and properly catalogued in due time. It apparently has a clay base. Its other elements are known to be mineral, but, as a combination, they are a mystery. At all events, they make soap suds in combination with water and take dirt out of or from anything to which the suds may be applied in the usual laundress way.

MINERS ARE GRANTED INCREASE IN WAGES

SALT LAKE CITY, June 29.—The Utah Copper company and the American Smelting and Refining company, voluntarily granted an increase in wages today to all employees of the companies, effective July 1. At the mines and mills of the Utah Copper company more than 5000 men are affected and at Garfield and Murray smelters of the smelting company about 2500 men are affected by the increase which will add approximately \$50,000 monthly to the payrolls of the Bingham mines and the smelters.

WHAT IT MEANS

IT is often written that we are in war in behalf of democracy, which means government of, by and for the people. Such government necessarily means justice, equality and brotherly love—the higher civilization. If Christianity is the basis and inspiration of civilization, how can we avoid the proposition that we have declared a holy war?

And when we study our war, we find that it actually requires the strongest application of the attributes of Christianity, do we not? If so, the result must be Christian progress, a more general understanding of Christ's teachings and closer living up to them.

Our winning in the war is not so much dependent upon our power to slaughter as our ability and willingness to help others. The spirit that dominates us is not that of bloodthirstiness or greed, but of helpfulness. These Christian features of our cause and our policies make the war a holy one, and, logically, should result in a degree of spiritual regeneration.

For many years our great men have been worshipping Mammon, our women have been worshipping the frivolities, and our youth the false gods of ephemeral and enervating pleasures. The greatness of our men has been estimated on their bank rolls, rather than their service. Motherhood has been fading out as the sublime, holy mission of woman. And we have let a hundred fads and habits creep in to combat the leading of clean lives by our youth. Consent to the proposition that money might be right has been spreading more and more widely, until we have about added to our other aristocracies the most vicious, most spiritually debasing of all—plutocracy.

There's more in our war than mere preservation of democracy in England or France. There's our own democracy, which is insidiously attacked from within. We cannot worship both God and Mammon. The autocracy of Mammon, fatal antithesis to such Christian attributes as equality, liberty and fraternity, threatens our form of government, our public institutions and our very firesides, and to combat it is holy.

We will have in our army and navy Jews and gentiles, Catholics and Protestants, all denominations, most all the races, and the common destroyer of all denominations, all races, is greed for money. Our war is not only to put down political autocracy abroad, but, in the methods to which we must resort, in the processes through which we must prosecute affairs, it cannot fail to draw our denominations and our races closer together spiritually. The rich and the poor cannot bleed, sacrifice and mourn in common without closer brotherhood. The lines of blood-stained trenches will be remembered when the lines of creed and race are forgotten. In the hospitals shines clearest and strongest the great truth that all men are brothers. In great common peril, in great mutual suffering comes the unquestionable conviction that Christ was for all men.

After nearly twenty centuries of Christian martyrdom, prayer, preaching and endeavor, the world is engaged in the unholy occupation of slaughter. We are in the war that the things which mean Christianity in its broadest sense shall not perish from the earth, especially not from our own midst. Without hate or greed, we fight for the common brotherhood of the rich and poor among us, as well as of the victims of autocracy abroad. And it is a holy war.

RUSSIANS HALTED MESOPOTAMIA DRIVE

LONDON, June 29.—The military correspondent of the Times gives a detailed account of the present conditions of the British forces in Mesopotamia, showing a complete contrast with the revelations in the report on the Mesopotamian expedition made public Tuesday night in the blue book. The correspondent says the army there now is admirably provided for and medical arrangements are thoroughly satisfactory. The writer says events in Russia considerably influence the British position in Mesopotamia and in consequence of the inaction of the Russian army in the Caucasus the situation of General Maude, commander in chief, is radically changed. If the Russian offensive under General Yudevitch, ex-commander in chief of the Caucasus, had been prosecuted, the Anglo-Indian army would now form the left flank of the Russian line. General Yudevitch was removed and no offensive occurred.

ALSATIANS CALL UPON PERSHING

PARIS, June 29.—Major General Pershing yesterday received a delegation from the Alsace-Lorraine republican committee. Referring to the American commander's Alsace ancestry, the vice-president, M. Steinhilz, told the general how proud they were that a descendant of their little country had come to fight for the triumph of their inalienable rights and the restoration to France of the lost provinces. General Pershing was visibly moved. He said he was most happy to greet representatives of the valiant people who had suffered so deeply because of fidelity to their country, and that he had a warm place in his heart for Alsace, the land of his fathers.

GERMAN PRESS BOUND AND GAGGED

LONDON, June 29.—Special dispatches from Rotterdam say it is inferred there, in view of the gagging of the German press, that something drastic has happened or is about to happen in Germany. They quote the Frankfurter Zeitung, complaining that it was compelled to issue its political section until further notice without an independent expression of opinion and say the censorship now far exceeds anything previous. The press is declared to be completely muzzled. It is said the rail secret of the paper shortage is a government move to compel newspapers to print such bare news allowed, excluding commentary matter. The belief is expressed in Holland that next week's meeting of the Reichstag may produce startling developments.

ITALIAN MISSION HOLDS RED CROSS CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, June 29.—The Italian commission completed its formal conferences with American officials with a call on American Red Cross leaders to discuss co-operation with the Italian Red Cross. The mission will remain in this country several weeks to allow members to make personal trips. The Marquis Luigi Borsarelli Di Riveddo and August De Cuffelb expect to leave early next week on a trip through the west and probably will visit San Francisco and other Pacific coast cities.

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AMERICANS GUESTS OF BEEFEATERS AT TOWER OF LONDON

LONDON, June 15 (by mail).—The Yeoman of the Guard, or Beefeaters, as they are more familiarly known, who stand guard in their costumes of black and red, over the tower of London, are still talking about their guests, the American soldiers, who came over with Major General Pershing. They were the first American troops ever quartered in the famous stronghold. During their five days' stay in London the advance guard of the American army slept at and made friends in the place which Americans first think of as the spot where spies are shot.

Here, inside of the walls of the place which has played such an important part in England's history, were gathered khaki-clad men from all parts of the United States, destined to be the first of the American army to participate in the European war.

When these enlisted men returning tired and hungry after a hard day's investigation of the beauties of Westminster and St. Paul's, passed over the bridge of the wide moat of the tower, Beefeaters and members of the honorable artillery company stood at attention and saluted. Even the sergeant-major, engrossed in drifting raw recruits in the dry moat underneath found time to call his "rookies" to salute the Americans.

On one occasion when the Americans came tramping in singing the "Star-Spangled Banner," every British soldier within hearing stood and saluted. Some of the latter took up the strains of "God Save the King," and the Americans saluted in turn.

GREECE BREAKS WITH KAISER

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collected in the cages and more captives are reported on the way back from the fighting front. A number of machine guns also are reported taken.

The fighting took place in and out among bits of ruined buildings, collieries, pit derricks and the usual litter and paraphernalia of a mining settlement, only in this case the tangle had been made greater by the shell fire of many months.

The bombardment which preceded the attack was carried out on a fairly wide front and was of but slightly less intensity than that which has preceded some of the greater actions on the British front.

Germans Repulsed.

PARIS, June 29.—Picked German troops made a heavy attack last night on the Verdun front near Hill 304 and Avocourt wood, after especially severe shelling. Today's official statement says the attack was disorganized by the sharp reply of the French artillery and that the Germans obtained a footing at only a few points in the first line.

This morning the Germans made another violent effort east of Hill 304. It failed completely.

The Germans were active on the Aisne front also. All their attacks were repulsed.

German Report.

BERLIN, June 29.—German forces yesterday captured French positions on both sides of the Malancourt-Esnes road, on the west bank of the Meuse, in the Verdun sector, over a width of 2000 yards, and a depth of 500 yards, the war office announced today.

Today the Germans stormed a 300-yard wide French position in Avocourt wood. More than 550 prisoners were taken at both points.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The bill to count service in the army or navy as equivalent to residence and cultivation upon homestead entries, passed recently by the senate, today passed the house. Issue of a land patent to the widow or minor children of the entrant would follow death in the service.

Infants—Mothers Thousands testify

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RETAIL FOOD PRICES ADVANCE 5 PERCENT, 30 DAYS

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Retail food prices in the United States advanced on an average of 5 per cent from April 16 to May 15, as shown in figures compiled today by the bureau of labor statistics. During the year ending with May 15 they increased 39 per cent. The biggest jump during the month was in flour, which advanced 29 per cent. The increase in corn meal was 15 per cent; beans, 14 per cent; bread, 13 per cent, and rice, 11 per cent. The only drop in price was in onions, 30 per cent, and butter, 9 per cent.

Some of the month's increases are given as follows: Beef, 2 to 4 per cent; bacon, ham and lard, 8 to 10 per cent; hens, 1 per cent; salmon, 1 per cent; eggs, 3 per cent; cheese, 3 per cent; milk, 3 per cent; potatoes, 6 per cent; sugar 5 per cent; coffee and tea, 1 per cent.

The greatest advance during the year was made by potatoes, which advanced in price 149 per cent, and in flour, 122 per cent.

In the last four years retail food prices generally have advanced 50 per cent. Preliminary estimates by the food administration today indicate that farmers received an average price of \$1.50 a bushel for their last year's wheat crop against 98.4 cents the year before, and 97 cents the year before that.

GUARD TO BE SENT SOUTH AFTER DRAFT

WASHINGTON, June 29.—National Guard regiments will be sent forward to their divisional mobilization camps in the south immediately after they have been drafted into the federal service. Heretofore it had been expected that because of lack of tents it might be necessary to keep many regiments at their home armories or state mobilization points for an indefinite period.

The exact date of the application of the draft to the guard is still under discussion. Present orders are that the divisions of the eastern section of the country be drafted July 15; the central section July 25 and the western section August 5. It has been pointed out, however, that inequalities in relative rank among national guard officers would result from this three increment plan and the war department is debating the advisability of postponing the application of the draft until August 5 and covering the entire guard at that time in one operation.

CUT OUT BOOZE TO INCREASE COAL

WASHINGTON, June 29.—Eliminate strong drink from the coal producing states, J. D. A. Morrow of the Pittsburg Coal Producers' association, told the senate interstate commerce committee today, and coal production can be increased 25,000,000 tons a year with an adequate car supply.

Alcoholic liquor is one of the worst enemies of the miners in western Pennsylvania, said Mr. Morrow. "It is impossible to get men to work more than a few days a week, even when the car supply permits. The same trouble exists in Illinois and Ohio, and also was felt in Indiana until that state became dry."

GERMANY'S GOLD SUPPLY FAILING DESPITE EFFORTS

COPENHAGEN, June 29.—For the first time during the war the weekly report of the Imperial bank of Germany shows a decrease in its gold reserve, which this week is 76,000,000 marks below the preceding week. Increases for a long time have been steadily declining, despite energetic propaganda appeals to surrender jewelry. The bank, heretofore, however, has been able, though often by the scantiest of margins, to avoid the humiliating acknowledgment that the growth paused entirely.

This week's decrease is attributed semi-officially to heavy purchases abroad. The increase of the gold reserve has long since ceased to keep pace with the increase in note circulation. The bank several months ago was compelled to abandon the old legal basis of gold and silver covering for paper circulation and supplement metallic covering by reckoning commercial paper to make up the prescribed one-third cover.

With the gold supply failing, despite utmost efforts, financial authorities of late devoted their chief energies to a campaign to restrain an increase in note circulation by promoting the use of checks and bank transfers instead of cash.

LONDON, June 29.—According to a dispatch to the Times from Amsterdam, German specie from the Imperial Bank of Germany has been received there. The German gold has been consigned to several Dutch banks. The correspondent says it obviously is a small part of the German debt to Holland, chiefly for food-stuff, and is the only practicable method of preventing further serious damage to the reputation of the German mark.

The morning newspapers comment on the significance of the decrease in the returns of the Imperial Bank of Germany, saying they have been falsified throughout. They say that although returns are never admitted, the fact is that gold has been sent out of the country from time to time. The Times says the real difficulty for Germany is whether the gold she sends abroad will ever come back.

RUSSIA THANKFUL FOR RED CROSS AID

PETROGRAD, June 29.—The news of the intention of the United States to send a Red Cross mission to Russia figures in yesterday morning's papers. It evoked hearty appreciation in army and medical circles, especially at the headquarters of the Russian Red Cross.

FRECKLES

Now Is the Time to Get Rid of Those Ugly Spots. There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription ointment—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots. Simply get an ounce of ointment—double strength—from any druggist and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than an ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion. Be sure to ask for the double strength ointment as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

Report of Condition of The First State Bank

Table with columns for Resources and Liabilities. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, Bonds and warrants, Banking house, Furniture and fixtures, Other real estate owned, Due from approved reserve banks, Cash on hand, Expenses. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, Individual deposits subject to check, Cashier checks outstanding, Time deposits.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Jackson, ss. I, D. R. Terrett, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. D. R. TERRETT, Cashier. CORRECT—Attest: Samuel Mathis, Dan F. Wilson, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of June, 1917. G. F. WERTZ, Notary Public. My commission expires September 1st, 1919.

Lemons Beautify! Make Quarter Pint of Lotion Cheap

Here is told how to prepare an inexpensive lemon lotion which can be used to bring back to any skin the sweet freshness, softness, whiteness and beauty.

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quarter pint of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice thru a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoother and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quarter pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands, and see for yourself.



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Medford, Oregon, Jan. 18, 1917 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 241 South Front Street in Medford) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them, and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs. (Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witness:

- M. A. Anderson, Medford. S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point. Frank Lewis, Eagle Point. Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point. W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point. C. E. Moore, Eagle Point. J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point. Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point. Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point.

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