

What the Editors Say.

A headline says, "You never can tell what a minister's son will do." Nor the son of anyone else, for that matter.—Observer.

If the kings, kaisers, emperors and czars had to go into the trenches and endure the hardships of a soldier there would be few if any wars. If the salaried chairman or walking delegates had to walk the streets jobless and hungry and endure the hardships of a striker there would be but few if any strikes.—Register.

Many speak of it as the "last great war." If at its conclusion, the nations of the war, Roger Babson, a noted statistician, proves that our boys who are to fight in Europe will not run anywhere near the risks of being killed or wounded that popular fear and imagination have conjured. Mr. Babson finds that about 150 men out of a thousand are wounded, and about 60 men out of every thousand are killed. In other words, the odds are about seven to one against the individual soldier being wounded and 16 to one against his death.—News Reporter.

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As the kaiser grandiloquently promises his soldiers that with God's help victory will perch upon their banners the rest of the world will draw a mental picture of divine assistance and aerial bombardment of his patriots with red crosses conspicuously painted on their roofs and filled not only with wounded French, but Germans as well. The God that would reward diabolical deeds of this kind is not the God the rest of the world has conceived and perhaps that is why Germany is on one side and the rest of the world on the other.—Independent.

Henry Clews, one of the world's greatest authorities on financial subjects says the farmers of the United States this year will make a profit of about \$6,000,000,000 on four crops alone, that is on corn, wheat, cotton and oats. Other farm crops will add largely to this and the animal industry will add other billions, and this will pour more of its money back into the pockets of the farmers. With this showing the auto dealers have a fine prospect for a prosperous season or two ahead of them, and all business is bound to show the effects of this fabulous wealth being distributed throughout the country.—Salem Journal.

The shortage of stock feed will certainly be acute in Western Oregon the coming winter. The most profitable livestock in this valley—dairy cows—will be forced upon the market in considerable numbers for the want of feed, while for the same reason the demand will be light. It will pay every stock owner who can sow a crop that will yield feed before spring pasture is available, to do so. Land on which a crop has been cultivated which has been spoiled by the drought can be plowed before the rains come and sown to vetch or rape, and with a disc plow the hardest soil can be put in condition. By getting the seed in promptly, growth can be secured from the time of the first rain, and a saving of high priced hay made.—Oregon Register.

Some of our scientific highbrows and government officials are greatly concerned over the oncoming exhaustion of petroleum and of hard coal. We don't need an ounce of either. We only lack brains and mass sense enough to harness the never-ending supply of electrical energy coming from our streams and lakes and which we as a people have allowed a lot of speculators and combines to claim. There is more electrical energy capable of being produced by storage water of Bull Run creek that supplies Portland with water than all the state now uses in the turning of its every wheel, shaft and pulley. The forest reserves are still with the people and water power there harnessed. For navigating ships at sea we might need crude oil or coal, but we do not require a pound for any other purpose whatever. The time will come when a gasoline-driven vehicle will be as rank an anchorer as a wooden ox-cart.—Mt. Scott Herald.

Herbert Kaufman in a recent article, gives the following vivid but truthful picture of the character and work of Herbert Hoover, the head of the government food conservation campaign:

"The martyrdom of Belgium is painted on his eyes. There are no woees he has not looked on. He saw old women cleaning garbage cans and barefoot children wander homeless in the snow and little girls dragged off to be camp toys. In those first shuddering weeks he held the road for Mercy. When famine and disease swept through the looted kingdom he beat them back and called his people to the rescue. Because of him, our name is nightly wreathed with prayers. He sanctified our flag and flamed its folds with faith. He moved our hearts and found the steaks of gold with which to ransom thousands from despair. None better knows what lies under Kultur's mask. He lived beside the Junker at his best and worst and watched the grim process of a Prussian conquest. He had no theories; his knowledge as a basic thing, an accretion of hard, stern facts. No other man has dealt at first hand with so many fundamentals of food administration. His own experience is fortified by the conservation and distribution practice of every important power, each of which has recognized

his singular efficiency. He is the best trained man for his special task among the war officials. His sympathies are with the multitude but a thorough schooling in big affairs will guide him to fulfill his duty as fairly as a just and sensible man can serve conscience and community."

Freeing the Seas.

It will doubtless surprise the German people to learn that our government is going right ahead with its plans to ship men and munitions to France in a steady stream, in apparent disregard of the U-boats that were meant to guard against any such contingency. The Germans were exhorted last spring by General von Hindenberg to hold out "until the U-boats do their work." And they have been holding out bravely. What the U-boats are not doing their work! David Lloyd-George the other day made public the bitter truth, which sooner or later will percolate through Germany despite censorship. The submarine campaign is a failure. Losses have steadily fallen since the beginning of "unrestricted warfare" at sea. In April the British lost 550,000 tons. In July the losses fell to 320,000 tons. For August they will be very much less than that. If all the neutral ships sunk were included, the average for the past few months, would still be less than half the amount the German government counted on sinking.

Indirect evidence will support these figures, if they need support. A statement of our steel exports—practically all war munitions for the allies—shows that we have shipped more steel to Europe in the last six months than we did in the corresponding months last year, and that the volume in recent weeks has increased. The U-boat menace has not been removed, but it has been met. Great Britain, counting her new shipping, has not suffered a net loss of much more than 1,000,000 tons altogether. And here in the United States with a building program which will provide millions of tons within the next eighteen months.—Umpqua Valley News.

W. J. Bryan, American.

"Before our nation enters a war it is perfectly proper to discuss the wisdom of going to war, but the discussion is closed when congress acts. After that no one should be permitted to cloak attacks upon this government or aid the enemy under the claim that he is exercising freedom of speech. No sympathy, therefore will be wasted upon those who have been arrested for unpatriotic utterances. They abuse free speech, and this applies to attacks upon the allies as well as to attacks upon the United States. We can no more allow our allies to be crushed than we can afford to be crushed ourselves. The defeat of our allies would throw the whole burden of the war upon us. We must stand together and fight it through. There are only two sides to a war. Every American must be on the side of the United States."

Since we entered the war no words have better expressed the first duty of an American citizen than these, which are quoted from an article in the Commoner written by William J. Bryan. Creditable to his political vision, his common sense and his patriotism, they may furnish light to some doubting souls bewildered by mocking voices and traitorous suggestions of sedition.

Worth Half a Million Men.

"Constantinople is the keystone of the Balkan arch; but it is more, it is the culmination of the German kaiser's dream. It is the sin qua non of a German empire of the East. With the allies in possession of Constantinople the castle of the Germans would fall to the ground, and all their military plans and aspirations find their way into the scrap heap. Constantinople can be taken from the east by using the resources of the east for that purpose, and it would not be surprising if this was not in the minds of the British high command when the operations which have been previously mentioned were planned. China has a wealth of iron ore, Japan has enormous manufacturing ability by which Chinese ore may be converted; India, Egypt and the Philippines have food, and there are no submarines east of Suez to break the flow of supplies. Russia's greatest ore deposits and iron works are in the Black Sea provinces, and the Black sea belt is known as one of the world's largest granaries.

"From Suez, from Bagdad and from the American Black sea ports as bases, a combined attack leading to Constantinople would stand a good chance of success. Transportation is difficult, but not impossible. The great wall of the Taurus mountains is a barrier pregnant with defensive possibilities; but they can be overcome, if not by direct operations, by flanking movements launched from the Mediterranean and the Black sea. With the eastern Mediterranean coast in British hands the allied forces at Saloniki could in large measure be transported to Beirut, Tripoli, possibly to Alexandretta, to take part in the movement converging on the Turkish capital. It probably would be an expensive campaign, but it would be worth half a million men.—J. B. W. Gardiner, in the September Century.

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Edison and the War.

Secrecy that attends the movements of Thomas A. Edison only intensifies the air of romance that surrounds the man upon whom so many Americans still pin their faith, and to whom they are still looking with confidence for a discovery that will simplify our problems if, indeed, it does not end the war.

Only a few years ago he was accompanied to the White House by Secretary Daniels and remained closeted with the President three quarters of an hour. It is a fair guess that the war was discussed and that the "wizard" had some important suggestions to offer, but it would be futile even to try to fathom the secret. Probably it had something to do with naval operations, else Daniels would not have gone along.

The rumor that he has already turned over to the navy department an important invention is justified if he has invented anything worth while for it would be in keeping with what we know of Edison for him to give freely of his genius without money reward. One thing it is wholly safe to predict is that if Edison produces a new contrivance there will be no haggling over terms of sale to the Government.—Oregonian.

Greedy Newspapers.

Sordid motives alone dictate the demand being made by some newspapers for pay at advertising rates for display space proposed to be given to help float the next Liberty Loan.

It is unfortunate that our new Senator, Charles L. McNary, should be the vehicle through which these selfish claims are being made to the Treasury Department.

To levy a toll on the patriotism of the country is unworthy of the press of America. True, it is mainly due to the superb publicity given the first Liberty Loan and the Selective Draft that these two essential war time activities of the nation have been carried through with success.

But the newspapers are doing only what they ought to do in giving this valuable publicity.

Advertising space should be sold to all who by its use make a profit. It should not be sold to our country to arouse patriotic fervor. Whatever space is necessary to yield abundant publicity to the Liberty Loan should be donated by the newspaper press. The Loan must be made a great success, and the press has the biggest part to play in making it a success. It is up to the press to do its part ungrudgingly.

It is to be hoped the administration will not yield to selfish newspaper clamor and grease the wheels of news paper patriotism with lucre.

Nothing the press could do would tend to destroy the country's confidence in its patriotism as would the acceptance of money for space necessary to be used to lay the facts of the Liberty Loan before the people.—Oregon Voter.

Try Business Administration.

Kansas is trying the experiment of a state commission of three members, with a business manager to handle all state affairs.

The state government is to be something besides an eleemosynary institution to hand out political plums and provide fat places. One of the greatest opportunities for reduction of taxes lies in this direction, and its application could be made to county affairs.

The people nominate and elect for the various county offices about fifteen persons, most of whom they do not know so far as qualifications for the office to which they are elected is concerned. The majority of those elected to the legislature go purely for the personal gain, financial or otherwise, and many of them have the power to make expenditures and buy supplies. They are all interested in getting the work done with as little inconvenience to themselves as possible and the good of the community is in many cases lost sight of. Of course, there are exceptions to this rule and sometimes a man will offer himself as a candidate from a real desire to serve his country in the best way that he can, but he soon becomes disgusted with the meddling of professional politicians and if defeated is very likely to have escaped. If he is elected he soon finds that he has to resort to almost questionable methods to be able to achieve any results.—Seaside Signal.

What Khaki Really Is.

It is pointed out that the uniforms now worn by the regular army and the militia should not be designated as khaki. This word designates a color, is of East Indian origin, coming from the word khak, meaning dust. It originated in India. It was first worn by native British troops and later by all British troops on campaign service. It was adopted by the United States government because of its serviceability and low visibility. About four years ago it was supplanted by the olive drab in both cotton and woolen. This color is supposed to have lower visibility than the khaki, which is lighter in color, and at the same time of the change it was claimed to be easier to secure the dye with which to process the cloth. It is a vast vat dye, and before the war was entirely imported.

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