

What the Editors Say.

Man now outclasses the birds in at least certain phases of flight. An Italian flyer recently went from Turin to London, 656 miles, without a stop, covering the distance in seven hours and seven minutes, and no bird known to ornithologists could have equaled that record.—Telephone Register.

Too much advice regarding farming comes from fellows sitting behind roll top desks. Too much advice for the housewife comes from women who never stuck their hands into dish water. This expert business can be carried too far, and it begins to look as though it has already gotten several miles ahead of the procession.—Telephone Register.

A Forest Grove lady in a letter to a local newspaper suggests a practical plan of food conservation in eliminating refreshments at social gatherings. She says there is a woeful waste of food in the refreshments deemed necessary at church, lodge and social affairs and says that people do not eat this food because they are hungry but because it is the custom.—Independent.

Ninety-six war gardens in the city of Baker, produced crops worth \$12 each. H. C. Saymour, state club leader, says that this is about typical of the work all over the state where a special leader was provided. Many thousands of dollars were cleared in the garden work, not counting the increase obtained by advising nonclub members, and including young people to go into garden work.—Williamina Times.

The Kansas State Agricultural College has estimated that it takes 99 cents to raise a bushel of wheat in the Middle West under the present conditions. This means that those farmers, who are growing rich because of high war prices, are making a net profit of \$1.21 a bushel. From all we can learn they should have bought a few less high-power automobiles and a few more Liberty Bonds.—Newberg Independent.

This office is in receipt of a letter of thanks for the part it has taken in the second Liberty loan campaign. It comes from the general publicity committee at San Francisco. We are but one of over 25,000 publications that have had a part in this campaign. Every publisher has done his duty through a sense of patriotism. He doesn't feel that thanks are necessary. The same may be said of a million more persons who have aided in the campaign and who doubtless have had their letter of thanks, also. We figure that the expense of sending out these letters to publishers costs at least \$500, and to send to a million more means over \$20,000. This country has not yet begun to conserve along some lines.—Telephone Register.

The Oregon Voter, in its last issue, tries to gracefully retract the uncalculated slanderous things it recently said about the country newspapers. It was impossible, however, to get out of the position in which it had put itself and do it with grace. The Voter's pusillanimous attack upon the country press through a deadly chill over some of the nice things the country press would like to have said about the Voter's editor, who acted as chairman of the publicity committee of the state library loan committee. It was rude and discourteous, to say the least for Chapman to lie about those who had made it possible for him to make a success of the job. The Sentinel has received a letter from Chapman highly complimentary as upon our work for the Liberty bonds, and Chap, is hereby forgiven.—The Sentinel.

The figures given by Sir Eric Geddes in his first address to parliament day before yesterday effectively dispose of the German boast that the submarines will bring an early victory to the central empires. At the same time, they shed some interesting light on the reported mutinies in the German navy. In view of his assertion that between 40 and 50 per cent of all the submarines in service have been sunk and that the sinking in the last three months exceeded those of the entire year of 1916, it is not difficult to understand why German sailors should so greatly dread submarine service as to be inclined to revolt against it. When the submarine crew's chance of death is one out of two, it is not surprising that underwater service should come to be invested with a peculiar horror.—Oregon Register.

Perhaps the Huns have learned by this time that barbarous treatment of prisoners has a contrary effect from what was anticipated and the American soldiers captured the other day may receive better treatment than was given the first English and Canadian soldiers that fell into their hands. It was found then that the prisoners' companions instead of being intimidated by the barbarities were eager for revenge and the luckless Germans who confronted them paid the penalty for the policy of the higher command. And it will not be one whit different in these United States, and the first report of indignity and abuse of the men captured while on patrol will be followed by a flame that will girdle the country and reach across the seas to scorch the perpetrators. It has been said that we are taking this war very calmly, but that is our way. We know we have an unpleasant job before us, but we are going to do it and do it well. But reports of anything like what happened to our cousins in the early days of the war will speed things up, and full payment will be exacted with a healthy interest. And the boys who are training all over the land will tell you that the payment will not be in money.—Independent.

The Elderly Man's Innings.

The war is altering to a great extent the national view of the elderly man in business. For years past there has been a clamoring for "young blood" especially in the West. Gray-haired men were almost tabooed from responsible offices. At every turn one was met by youngsters just out of college, in positions of trust and responsibility and public office—positions that should have been filled by men of sound judgment, experience and tested ability.

The strenuous pace to which business has been subjected in past years was the main cause for this demand for young men. It was thought that old men could not keep up the pace—forgetting that in order to accomplish the maximum of achievement it was not necessary for him to maintain the pace, as his skill and his experience, born of long practice, counted for more than the dash and fire of his younger competitor.

This state of affairs have been carried on to extreme, and the really capable men of the country have been in numberless instances displaced by youngsters with very little to recommend them save their "dash." But the tide has turned. With the coming of the younger men to the colors, the managers of the business world are being compelled to have recourse to the despised gray hairs.—News Reporter.

Most Monstrous Tragedy of the Ages

Another proof that Prussian ruthlessness is systematic, not the acts of lawless individual soldiers, comes in a news dispatch from Amsterdam that the German authorities in Belgium have imposed a fine of 10,000,000 francs on the province of East Flanders because it failed to place 40,000 laborers at the disposal of the Germans by November 1.

This gives the American people just another glimpse of what their lot would be under German military occupation of the United States. The 40,000 additional workers demanded from a single little province are to be subjected to conditions of involuntary servitude that are worse than the darkest phases of African slavery in American history. They are put under brutal, armed overseers, driven for long hours at the hardest sort of manual labor, fed on starvation diet and lodged in concentration camps that would be a disgrace to a humane farmer's stock barn.

The term "laborers" as employed in the German command for 40,000 additional workers means not only men. The cruel Prussian dragnet draws in girls and women, many of them of gentle rearing. Even the children are scourged to their daily tasks. We think most of the horrors of trench fighting; but Prussian terrorism has inflicted a worse fate on millions of millions of noncombatants—in northern France, in Belgium, in Serbia, in Rumania, in Russia, in Poland and Armenia. Wherever the black eagle flies the unhappy land is scourged with death and desolation. Women and children have perished in millions. It is the most monstrous tragedy of the ages.—Spokesman Review.

Organizing Our Man Power.

Representative Kahn, of California, ranking member of the house military committee, has announced that when congress meets in December he will submit an amendment to the draft law to make it include all men between 18 and 40. The administration is said to be opposed to raising the maximum age limit. The proposal, however, raises some interesting questions. The author of the measure frankly declares that his purpose is to provide an ample supply of men for what may be a long war. He is afraid that not enough men can be obtained from the 10,000,000 registered under the present law.

Nobody knows how long the war will last, and therefore nobody can tell how many soldiers we shall need. But experts on the other side seem agreed that the possibilities are unlimited by the preparation we have made. The conscription of eligible men between 21 and 31 is expected to provide 2,000,000 men. It is regarded as unlikely that more than that number of Americans can be used to advantage in Europe. Our allies say they need food and military equipment more than fighters. Machinery is depended on now to win battles. Our chief role it to provide our allies with all the material resources they can use, and ships to carry it in. If we undertake to raise armies on the same scale as Great Britain's, we shall cripple our productive power.

And yet, it might be worth while to follow the main lines of Congressman Kahn's proposal, and register all the men from 18 to 40—not necessarily for military duty, but for the sake of having great, organized bodies of men who could be used for home defense or for any other great national purpose. The lads under 21 and the mature men over 31 would never be called to the colors unless all the eligible men of prime military age were exhausted. But work could always be found for them in war time, and perhaps in time of peace, too.

Suppose the government enrolled the 21,000,000 male Americans included within the proposed age limit. It would possess invaluable data concerning the major part of our energetic and effective manhood. It would know the capabilities of all these millions, and how and where to get them when wanted. It could assign them, in case of need, to any vital national task, giving each man the work best suited to him.

We have as yet hardly begun to appreciate the possibilities of cooperative effort on a national scale. The war is teaching us. We're learning to work together, and acquiring a new sense of public spirit and service. It might be a good idea to go ahead in some such way as this, while the organization's good, and organize our whole vast man-power.—Umpqua Valley News.

Von Bernstoff's Criminals Should be Hanged.

Within fortnight three great fires have destroyed vast stores of food-stuffs, live stock and munitions in this country. That at Baltimore Tuesday night, as well as the conflagration at New York and in the Kansas City stockyards, was obviously of incendiary origin, says the Spokesman Review.

Undoubtedly the criminal organization built by Von Bernstoff prior to his departure from Washington is engaged in a far-flung conspiracy to cripple the military forces of the United States and interfere with the sending of supplies to our allies.

If the shoe was on the other foot Germany would employ ruthless repressive measures. Suppose that there remained in Germany hundreds of thousands of American citizens, as there are now in the United States hundreds of thousands of German aliens, subjects of the kaiser.

Suppose that Germany had copies of official cablesgrams that our Ambassador Gerard, while still in Berlin, had sent to Washington, reviving his expenditure of vast sums of American money to hire desperate criminals to blow up munitions plants, sink ships in German harbors, incite strikes in German factories and burn German storehouses.

Suppose that these crimes continued after the departure of the American ambassador, as they continue in this country after the departure of Von Bernstoff.

This is what the German government would be doing: Immediately after every suspicious fire, every bomb outrage, every scuttling of a ship in harbor it would round up all American citizens in the district and shoot every 10th or every 5th man or woman if that failed to stop the destruction, it would kill every third man or woman and imprison all the others in starvation prison camps.

Humane America will not resort to Prussian ruthlessness, but humane America must find a way to put a quick stop to these treacherous crimes against its safety. And it is feared that they will not end until our authorities shall have hanged a score or more of the guilty wretches.

A South German Chancellor.

The appointment of Hertling, the Bavarian prime minister, to be German chancellor is a remarkable departure in German political procedure.

The chancellorship has, since Bismarck's day, been regarded as a Prussian post. The office of Prussian prime minister and German chancellor have been combined. To put a South German in, and a Catholic, is significant, indeed, of remarkable internal changes in Germany. Even if the change be cunningly designed to veil Prussia's dominant part in the war it is eloquent of trouble in the old system and relations with the allies.

The allies have no reason to expect from the Bavarian prime minister any more sincerity or genuine peaceful disposition than from a Prussian chancellor. The power of the German war lords is badly undermined in Germany, but is still supreme. The main object of Bavaria's sudden rise in the empire is probably to enable the Germans, on top of the Italian success, to come forward with new proposals calculated to impress the world favorably by their moderation.

The Bavarian party has been more in sympathy with Austria and its peace desires than with Prussia. Prussia seems to find it convenient at present to withdraw somewhat from the German leadership. But the move is palpably a dodge to save Germany's face. Notwithstanding the German and Austrian success over the Italians, the Berlin war lords know full well that if they let the war proceed on the western front Germany will be smashed thoroughly.

Facts About New Income Tax.

Every individual whose net income during the calendar year of 1917 has been \$1,000, if single, or \$2,000, if married or at the head of a household must make a report to the collector of internal revenue.

These reports must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918. The income tax due, as shown by these reports, must be paid to the collector of internal revenue on or before June 15, 1918.

Failure of any one coming under the law to make his report or pay his tax subjects him to heavy penalties. The income tax is passed upon net, not gross income, which means the return from salary for service, or profit from business, trade, profession or any other source, less certain exemptions and deductions specified in the act, which do not include living, personal or family expenses.

A husband whose wife has an income separate from his, must include his wife's income statement in his report, or else each must make individual reports.

A single person who has aged or infirm parents, or children dependent upon his support, can claim the income exemption of \$2,000 as the head of a household. Single individuals with net incomes of \$3,000 or more, and married men with net incomes of \$4,000 or more, must pay a tax of 2 per cent, both under the income tax law of 1916 and the war revenue act of 1917. If the net income exceeds \$5,000 still a third the surtax, is added, proportionate to the amount of the excess, ranging from 1 to 50 per cent of the amount.

Lawyer Keeps His Word.

"I haven't any case," continued the client, "but I have money." "How much?" "Sixty thousand dollars." "Fifteen! You have the best case I ever handled," said the lawyer. "I see that you never go to prison with that sum." And the Client didn't—he went there broke.

SAW THE KISER'S DOOM

Three Hundred-Year-Old Prophecy of German Monk is Coming True.

A most remarkable prophecy, made by the German monk, Fratre Johannes, in the year 1600, seems to be nearing a fulfillment. As a key to the prophecy one has only to realize the following: The Kaiser is a German Lutheran—he has a withered arm. Germany is the Black Eagle. Austria, her ally, has also an eagle. Russia is the White Eagle. France is the cock. England, the British Empire, is the Leopard.

The following prophecy by the monk Fratre Johannes, who lived about the year 1600 is remarkable in its application to the present world crisis. The authenticity of this prophecy was at first doubted because of a few discrepancies in the text but the matter was referred to the newspaper information bureau at Washington, and director Frederick J. Haskins replied as follows:

"In reply to your letter asking whether the prophecy of the monk Fratre Johannes, is real, we would say that this prophecy was discovered in old parchment in the convent of the Holy Ghost, at Wismar, in Germany, and is kept under glass in the town hall of this city. There have been numerous translations which text vary somewhat. We are returning your copy of this prophecy.

The discrepancies which we noted and which you also may notice, are probably due to the variations in the translation of the text. On the whole it is a remarkable prophecy. It is as follows:

The real antichrist will be one of the monarchs of his time, a Lutheran Protestant. He will invoke God and give himself out as His messenger, or apostle.

This prince of lies will swear by the Bible. He will represent himself as the arm of the most high, sent to chastise corrupt peoples.

He will have only one arm, but his innumerable armies, which will take for their device the words, "God is with us" will resemble the infernal regions.

For a long time he will act by craft and strategy. His spies will overrun the earth, and he will be master of the secrets of the mighty. He will have learned men in his pay, who will maintain and undertake to prove his celestial mission.

A war will afford him the opportunity of throwing off the mask. It will not be in the first instance a war which he will wage against a French monarch. But it will be one of such nature that after two weeks all will realize its universal character. Not only all Christians, but Musselmans and even more distant peoples will be involved. Armies will be involved from the four quarters of the earth.

For by the third week the angels will perceive that the man is antichrist and that all will become his slaves if they do not overthrow this conqueror.

Will Massacre Helpless.

Antichrist will be recognized by various tokens—in special he will massacre the priests, the monks, the women, the children and the aged. He will show no mercy, but will pass, torch in hand, like the barbarians, but invoking Christ.

His words of imposture will resemble those of Christians, but his vows of all the human race.

He will have an eagle in his arms, there will also be an eagle in the arms of his confederate. But the latter will be a Christian, and will die from the malediction of Pope Benedict, who will be elected at the beginning of the reign of antichrist.

In order to conquer antichrist, it will be necessary to kill more men than Rome ever contained. It will need the energies of all the kingdoms, because the cock, the leopard and the white eagle will not be able to make an end of the black eagle without the aid of the prayers and the vows of the human race.

Never will humanity have been faced with such a peril, character, the triumph of the antichrist would be that of the demon, who will have taken possession of his personality.

The Beast Incarnated.

For it has been said that 20 centuries after the incarnation of the word the beast will be incarnated in his turn and will menace the world with as many evils as the divine incarnation has brought its graces.

Toward the 2000 the antichrist will be made manifest. His army will surpass in number anything that can be imagined. There will be Christians among his cohorts and there will be Mohammedans among the defenders of the lamb as well as some heathen soldiers.

For the first time the lamb will be red—for blood will flow in the domains of the four elephants at once.

The black eagle will hurl itself upon the cock, which will lose many fathers. It will soon be exhausted, but for the leopard and its claws.

The black eagle who will come from the land of Luther, will make a surprise attack upon the cock.

The white eagle will come from the north. The black eagle will find itself forced to let go the cock in order to fight the white eagle, whereupon the cock will have to pursue the black eagle into the land of the antichrist and to aid the white eagle.

Great Battle on Lutheran Soil.

The battle fought up to that time will be as nothing as compared to that which will take place in the Lutheran country.

When the beast finds himself lost he will become furious. Men will be able to cross the rivers over the bodies of the dead.

Antichrist will sue for peace many times, but the seven angels will march before three animals of the land, will have proclaimed that victory will not be given except on conditions that

antichrist will be crushed like straw mitted to cease fighting so long as upon the threshing floor. The three animals will not be per- antichrist has soldiers. It will be made manifest that the combat which will be fought out in that part of the country in which antichrist forges his arms, is no human conflict. The animal defenders of the lamb will exterminate the last army of antichrist.

Antichrist will lose its crown and will die in solitude and madness. His empire will be divided into 22 states, but none will have any longer fortifications, armies or ships of war. The white eagles, by order of Michael, will drive the Crescent out of Europe, where there will be no longer any but Christians. He will install himself at Constantinople.

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