

What the Editors Say.

An idea of the bigness of the automobile business is obtained when it is considered that 1,000,000 hides are used annually in the upholstering of motor cars.—News Reporter.

The Y. M. C. A. fund will total more than \$50,000,000 instead of the \$35,000,000 asked. The American people have again made it plain that they do not propose to let any good cause suffer for lack of funds.—Oregon Register.

Failure is inexcusable in war. No explanations are acceptable for failure or neglected to carry out orders. Degradation at least, if not death, will be the fate of the German general who was in command of that particular section of the "Hindenburg Line" when Lieut General Byng's British tanks "did their damndest" last week. On the other hand General Byng, because of his success, has been elevated in rank.—Itemizer.

Italy produces two-thirds of the amount of food she consumes, France about one-half, and England only one-fifth of what her people use, while Germany produces four-fifths of all that her people in normal times consume. These figures help us to understand why it is necessary for the food supply in the United States to be conserved if we are to meet the requirements of our allies and win the war. People who haven't enough to eat can't fight, and those who fight can't produce.—Telephone Register.

Germany is defeated and crushed to-day, every prisoner taken admits the shabby condition of Big-Bluff-Bills domain. The Kaiser thing's soldiers are starving, the people are starving and the aged people are not wanted. He would have had to surrender long ago, had he not robbed, plundered, enslaved and murdered the peaceful people over whose country he pushed his army against their. He is an outlaw of nations, robbery, murder, and destruction, and insults to innocent people have been his specialty, and black treachery his ideal principle. Crush that monster. It must be done to make this world safe for the future.—Banks Herald.

There will be a lot to talk about in the next Presidential campaign. The supposition is that this war, though successful, will break the Democratic party when all is devulged and that it is immaterial whether McAdoo is a candidate or not. There is a slight possibility that there will be a stronger party than both the Republican and Democratic before the exciting political year of 1920. Sparks are already noticeable, but the great conflagration will break out just as soon as it is settled that Germany is doomed and freedom of speech can be indulged in here without injury to the country's cause. All are now Americans, but in a short time will partisan spirit be displayed.—Woodburn Independent.

Mr. Otto H. Kahn, a German born American and well known New York banker and philanthropist, has become a leader in the nation-wide movement of loyal citizens of German birth and ancestry to teach all persons of similar blood ties, that the Germany of today is not the Germany the refugees of eight years ago, loved but fled from with regret. Mr. Kahn describes the change thus: "From each of many visits to Germany for twenty-five years I came away more appalled by the sinister wrought transformation, Prussianism had wrought amongst the people and by the potentous menace I recognized in it for the entire world. It had given to Germany unparalleled prosperity, beneficent and advanced social legislation and not a few other things of value, but it had taken in payment the soul of the race. It had made a 'devil's bargain.'—Umpqua Valley News.

Making Money out of Patriotism.

When, last spring, government agents discovered that certain manufacturers of flags had capitalized the new demand for national banners by advancing their prices by leaps and bounds, there was action that quickly curbed that particular form of extortion. Lately, however, there has come to view a similar form of commercialized patriotism that is legally safe and not amenable to either official or private pressure.

For some months the vogue has been growing of "service flags" to be displayed from homes or business houses, with a star for each man who has gone from those places to the colors. It is a pleasing and appealing custom, and has been endorsed by the president and given every form of encouragement by the government. Reports from different parts of the country show that the device has also been adopted, for revenue only, by a shrewd eastern man who discovered that an obscure section of the patent laws gives the right to patent any flag that is not similar to the national standard. So he took the accepted form of "service flag" to the patent office, entered it as his design and is now entitled to demand a royalty from manufacturers, a to per cent levy of every one of these flags sold. Some firms have quit making the flags, others have added the to per cent to their selling price. It would be unfortunate if a pretty custom should be discouraged by some one's money making aspirations. Fortunately, however, the mothers of soldiers are good enough seamstresses so that if they

want to show their pride at having sent a man to the army they need not depend on the regular channels of trade.—Spokesman Review.

Dries Gain in New York State.

The final returns from New York state on the liquor question are still somewhat in doubt, but indications are that there has been a net gain of at least 115 dry towns, making a total of 640 dry towns out of a total of 933. This is the biggest sweep ever made by local option in New York state. The next largest victory was two years ago, when about 90 towns were added to the dry column. These returns from New York state are particularly significant because the wet forces attached a bone dry feature to the liquor law during the last session of the legislature in the hope of bringing about a reaction. The present returns show, however, that only about eight or ten towns changed from "dry" to "wet".

Most of the cities of New York state will vote next spring on the wet and dry question under the new city local option law passed last year. It is expected that the newly enfranchised women of the state will make themselves felt at these elections.

California Getting "Dry."

It is no longer a thrilling story, even for the radical dries, to read in the morning paper that a state, county or city has put the saloons out of business. It is becoming to be looked upon as a matter of fact, and when the report went out that Los Angeles had put the stamp of disapproval upon her booze joints the returns were taken as a perfectly natural thing for a self-respecting community to do.

John Barleycorn is in contempt and disrepute, he is a slacker and a traitor and the nations at war have recognized him as one of their worst enemies. The allies have put the ban on him, and in the United States he is not allowed within miles of a training camp. This is the edict of the government, that recognizes she cannot win the war with a bottle of booze in the hip pocket. Booze interferes with the training of men, it interferes with the production of war materials; it interferes with the transportation and mobilization of supplies, it is ruinous to discipline, to health and efficiency.

And when the war department recognizes these things, and sets about to preserve and protect the nation by destroying the influence of booze, it is in effect declaring the saloon an open and dangerous enemy. The community is not therefore doing its bit that is harboring and protecting and supporting any number of saloons in her midst. She will not reach her highest degree of efficiency in support of the war policy of the government until she clamps down the lid and sobers up. While we are urging people to make sacrifices to win the war, we ought to demand that this leak in our efficiency be plugged up. And this is what is coming. This war will not proceed many months until there will be no saloons in the United States, because Uncle Sam has set about to conserve his strength and he recognizes that the saloon is the most dangerous impediment in his scheme of getting ready. We attain our highest efficiency when sober, and not when drunk.—Red Bluff (Calif.) News.

Hoover's Goin to Get You.

The darn old Hoover pledge has come to our home to stay; To frown our breakfast bacon down, and take our steak away; It cans our morning waffles, and our sausage too it seems, And dilates on the succulence of corn, and spuds and beans. So skip the sugar in your cake, and leave the butter out, Or Hoover's Goin' to get you if you Don't Watch Out!

Oh, gone are the good old days of hot cakes thickly spread; And meatless, wheatless, hopeless days are reigning in their stead; And gone the days of fat rib roasts, and two-inch T-bone steaks, And doughnuts blump and golden brown the kind that mother makes And when it comes to pies and cake just learn to cut it out, Or Hoover's Goin' to get you if you Don't Watch Out!

So spread your buckwheats sparingly and peel your taters stin; And tighten up your belt a notch and don't forget to grin. And if, sometimes, your whole soul yearns for chortcake high and wide And biscuits drenched with honey, and chicken, butter fried, Remember then that Kaiser Bill is short on sauer kraut, And Hoover's goin' to get him if we'll All Help Out!

Government Regulation of Food.

David Lubin predicts that, while America has demonstrated good faith and willingness to help win the war through government regulation of the food supply, the measures thus far adopted will fail because they run counter to those in common practice in every-day business. The solution, he believes, is found in the Sheppard bill, now pending in congress, which reverses the existing order of things

by operating through the farmer up to the central food control board in Washington—a system recently adopted in France and already in operation in other parts of Europe. Fixing of prices by the government and self-denial by the individual are of little use without such a system, he believes.—New York Post.

CANNOT CRUSH INDUSTRY.

War Will not Cripple a Nation That Has Developed Its Manufactures.

An esteemed contemporary has made a strong presentment of its case but the case is involved in doubt. Reviewing "the havoc of war and the battles' confusion" it holds that we cannot for many years be injured by European competition. The editorial is in style and in pathos one of the best that we have read since the war began.

Yet John Fiske had cause to speak of "the increasing toughness of civilization." Where is the evidence that war can crush the industry of a nation that has attained to skill in manufactures, that has for centuries accumulated capital, that has a long established agricultural system, or that has grown accustomed to the sea? The myth of the phoenix is a childish tale compared to the marvels of Holland in her long war with Spain; England in her civil war and in the great Napoleonic contest; Germany after the Seven Years' War; France after her downfall in 1871.

Our two wars with Great Britain developed manufactures; our war with Mexico brought on feverish activity; our internal strife was no sooner over than we set about the great highway to the Pacific. War consumes, burns, wastes, spreads havoc everywhere, and for that reason it calls forth the power of repair and reconstruction to a degree unknown in quiet times.

Peace, however, shows the power of rebound and revival. What Southern city was thrown out of the race of commerce by yellow fever? The fires in Chicago and Baltimore are merely chapters in municipal history—there is no "Hinis" about them. An earthquake has shaken San Francisco, but has no more killed her than Black Hawk's raid killed the Middle West.

It is too early to say what European towns are non-competitors, and what are preparing for their greatest achievements. This much we know, that France has this year held her greatest industrial exhibition on record, that Germany is floating her seventh loan, that Great Britain is sending more goods to us every week. In all the horror of war the philanthropists say that, while they see the widow and the orphan, while they look on the soldier's grave and watch the hospital tents, unemployed has almost ceased to exist.

It may be well before predicting the collapse of great nations to consider the reviving power of the individual man. Everybody knows weak characters, who readily yield to adversity or break under temptation. But the merchant who starts anew the morning after the fire, the farmer who is unshaken by drought or cloud burst, the man who leaves the hospital and finds a better position than he had before his injury, the resolute character who breaks the chains of intemperance, the boy who is sent to a reformatory and makes his town proud of him, are to be counted in the reckoning. We have such unconquerable spirits here, and there is no reason to doubt that there are men just as sturdy in every European land.

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Illustrious name that rhymes with king!
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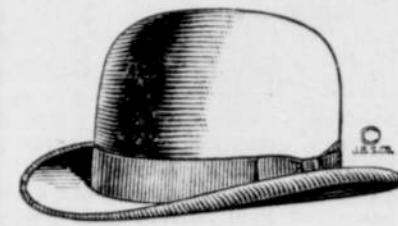
Another Converted Brewery.

Florida's first sugar refinery is interesting for various reasons. It marks the opening of an industry new to that state. Also, the first plant to be devoted to the production of sugar is the plant of the Florida Brewing Company which has been in operation for 20 years, making liquors. The officers of the company decided to go out of the brewing business there as so few counties left in Florida where the sale of beer is not restricted. And indications are that Florida will be voted "dry" in the near future.

Cuban methods of sugar-cane growing are to be introduced as the most suitable for climatic and soil conditions in Florida. Two previous attempts to start cane growing in the state failed for lack of knowledge and sufficient resources. But the brewing company interested now undoubtedly will be able to put its project through. The brewers and distillers who don't stop to repine at the gradual displacement of their business are finding that there are a good many opportunities for useful and profitable enterprise upon them. They are converting their plants with comparatively little expense to all sorts of manufacturing purposes. And the energetic ones haven't lost anything yet.—Umpqua Valley News.

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STOMACH TORN UP
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