

What the Editors Say.

That Texas minister who announces that he is going to leave the word "obey" out of marriage ceremonies is probably starting a movement for the conservation of useless words.—News Times.

The news dispatches report many more of our boys now over in France. Many more will go within the next few weeks. The movements thus far have been accomplished without loss of a single man. We may have five or ten million there before we stop the Kaiser's mad onslaught.—News Times.

The "calling down" the German submarine commanders undoubtedly received after that week when they sank only one large British vessel must have been something to remember, for they have been stirred to fearful efforts since. Even at that, however, their score has been under the average.—Oregon Register.

Why does not the administration at Washington begin a drive on the excessive tobacco users? By limiting this absolutely useless and expensive habit to one or two "smokes" a day, and investing the surplus in government war securities. A few millions would soon be added to the war chest.—Willamina Times.

Every man who speaks in praise of the Kaiser's actions is thrusting the swords of unrest into the vitals of his own country. It is these chaps, infesting every town, village and hamlet who are discouraging our young men from the path of duty. They are worse enemies to the flag than is the enemy in the trenches. Fight the foe at home.—Seaside Signal.

The inter state commerce commission has at last recommended to the government what the press of the country has been prophesying, namely that all the railroads of the land be taken under control as a war measure. It is proposed to pool every railroad into a mammoth system to operated under the direction of some central body.—Sheridan Sun.

It took France twenty years to emerge from a monarchy to a republic. The "reign of terror" which began with the destruction of the Bastille in 1789, as compared with the doings today in Petrograd, will give much hope to the lover of humanity and liberty that the Russians will yet emerge into the sunshine of liberty such as has the great French nation. Give Russia time and she'll make it.—Telephone Register.

From local grocers it is ascertained that some people went to the stores Friday morning to purchase sacks of sugar, because an announcement had been made by the state food administration to limit purchases to \$1.00 worth. The fellow that wanted to buy a sack was not as patriotic as he might be. The proclamation has gone out to save sugar, and it must be observed. Grocers have been asked to report buyers of sugar who infringed on the new regulation.—McMinnville News-Reporter.

The Brazilian Cabinet resolved to send the six best units of the Brazil Navy to European waters to aid the allies. Brazil is showing her faithful colors and does not propose to let that egotistic ruler, Big-Bluff-Bill, the blood-thirsty, satanic low-lived greed by stealing their country from them as he had planned. The Brazilian people were informed of the Kaiser's unequalled low down treachery just in time and it did not take Brazil long to send everyone of the Kaiser's official tools back home where they belong. And they were sent home in disgrace, considered pirates and highway robbers. They were lucky to escape.—Banks Herald.

You may be surprised to know that there is no flag of truce in this war for burying the dead and caring for the wounded between the fighting lines. It was abandoned by the allies more than a year ago. Time after time the German soldiers advanced under a flag of truce, only to deceive English and French troops and then make a bloody attack. Other times when English or French advanced under a flag of truce they were deliberately shot to pieces by order of German officers. The allies put up with this as long as they could endure it, then quit asking for flag of truce rights. It is never used.—Telephone Register.

From coast to coast meat and wheat saving days are gaining in popularity. In New York a majority of the restaurants are observing the days for the saving of these commodities. The New York Stock Exchange Club has officially adopted two meatless and two wheatless days each week. In Wisconsin 160 hotels in one month effected a saving of approximately 17 per cent in meats and 14 per cent in wheat. All public eating houses in Colorado observe wheatless and meatless days. More than half of the 66 dining car services of the country have pledged to have meatless and wheatless days. And so it goes all over the country.—Itemizer.

We overheard one man remark: "Why should I eat less than the soldiers, who are now getting good pay, have the fat of the land?" There are several reasons, but three are sufficient: So as to be sure that our sol-

diers will get the best in the land and plenty of it; so that the stay-at-home can save money and not spend it all is something not really necessary to keep him alive; because the man at home can save money and not spend it all in something not really necessary to keep him alive; because the man at home does not risk his precious life in defense of his country and property interests, and the boys at the front do. Some men are not exactly small, but they do not think.—Woodburn Independent.

A California editor was walking down the street one day, feeling rather gay—probably had just landed a two inch double column "ad." from somebody—when he ran across the sheriff holding a public auction. He forthwith bid two dollars on a parcel of land which the official was selling for taxes or something. The property was "knocked down" to him. Mr. Editor Man kicked about paying the two plunks—probably didn't have them by him—but by some hocus pocus managed to raise the money and paid it over. Afterwards he discovered that he had bought 500 acres of land, worth \$1500. The historian doesn't say what the editor did next, but as California is not a prohibition state, it perhaps may be surmised.—Observer.

There is no reason why the smelt of our Oregon rivers should not take the place of the world-famous sardine and the food economists are beginning to find this out. The number of true sardines now consumed is small in proportion to the whole number canned under the name. Vast quantities of sprat serve the purpose in the English markets, and only epicures are able to distinguish them from the Mediterranean sardines which originally derived its reputation for superior excellence from French skill in treating it with wine and olive oil. The mahaden of our own Atlantic Coast also does duty as a sardine when canned for export. There is no good reason, however, why the Pacific Coast smelt should require any camouflage to insure it a market. There is no prejudice against it, and it is so good to eat that it ought to make a name for itself on its own merits if marketed with care.—Oregonian.

No Place or Time For Treason.

In 1776 the War of the Revolution, there were hundreds and thousands of Tories, and the colonies were far from united; yet they achieved their freedom and founded a republic, "dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

In 1812-15, the second war with Great Britain, the young Nation was so far from a unit that some of the states refused to furnish their levies of soldiers—notably Massachusetts and Connecticut.

In 1846-48, the war with Mexico, with a background of extension of slavery, the South dragged the North unwillingly into conflict with a weaker neighbor.

In 1861-65, the war of the Union, no state, and no county in any state, was free from the taint of copperheadism.

In 1898, the war against Spain, the sentiment was farly well united; but the controversies over the result of the war were serious.

Now, in 1917, in the great war for the freedom of the world and the preservation of civilization, the United States is of one mind, one soul, one heart, one voice, one body. Witness the declaration of war against Austria passed by Congress without a dissenting vote in the Senate, and one in the house—a Socialist. The one Senatorial obstructor, La Follette, is obviously so awed by the determination of the people and fearful of their wrath, that he absents himself from his place in the Senate. He is a lonesome traitor.

Let traitors—actual, potential, secret, or fifty-fifty—beware. The time is here when the people, sobered by the deadly nature of the conflict, and impressed by the knowledge that the National existence and their personal fortunes are in the balance, will assess treason or half treason at its worth, and deal with it accordingly.—Oregonian.

Now, Come Across.

During the Liberty Bond campaign there were a few who persisted in saying that the war was being conducted for the benefit of the men with money. Despite the fact that the bonds were put in denominations as low as \$5, there were many who claimed that that put them above the reach of many. Many who made such statements were honest in making them. Others made them just to have some excuse for argument against the manner of the conduct of the war, and still others made them merely because they didn't know any better.

If any war has been conducted in a manner to give the wealthy no advantage over the poor, this war has been conducted in that manner. The intention was to place the bonds within the reach of all. In the conscription law no advantage was given the rich. In fact they got a little the worst of it. In the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. drives, the amounts to be subscribed were apportioned according to wealth and the wealthy were visited by local committees who knew how much they were able to give.

The final stroke that forever takes away the argument that any advantage is given the rich is the placing on sale of "baby bonds" or saving certificates and thrift stamps, which can

now be purchased at any postoffice. The certificates are in denominations of \$5 and the thrift stamps in denominations as low as 25 cents. Can anyone say the chance for war investments has not been placed within the reach of all? Those who were honest in saying that the bonds should have been issued in smaller denominations will buy the "baby" bonds and thrift stamps. Those who were merely talking may have to shut up for a while.—The Signal.

Possibility of a German Offensive.

Already German appears to have begun on the Western front the process, to which it has long looked forward, of using its eastern armies in offensive action against the soldiers of France and England. General Byng's surprise victory in front of Cambrai probably forced the German hand, but it is only reasonable to suppose that some such attack as that of last Friday would soon have taken place in any case. The Russian situation now is such that, regardless of the ultimate outcome of peace or armistice negotiations, the bulk of German troops can safely be withdrawn for concentration opposite the allied lines in the west. That this concentration of large numbers of men and guns has for some time been going on there is little reason to doubt.

The heavy German attack in the Cambrai sector, accompanied by a less violent onslaught at Verdun, may prove to have been only the first waves of a really important attempt by Hindenburg to take the offensive in the west after more than a year of being satisfied with holding his own. If this turns out to be the case it will be because he has now sufficient men for a desperate undertaking of this kind. Reports from Cambrai state that the German forces in Friday's attack were the greatest since the first battle of Ypres. In that battle there were 600,000 Germans against something like 150,000 English. If 20 divisions were in the German attack of last week, as the English dispatches assert, the odds may have been almost as great as they were at Ypres. The issue at stake was, of course, much less.

Would a great German offensive overwhelm the allied lines? With Verdun in mind, there seems very little danger. The possibility that any new German effort could excel that of Verdun is most remote; and the net gain to Germany in that campaign was practically nothing. But this does not alter the fact that the Germans may now be pulling themselves together for another Verdun, in which American troops will be among the participants.—Spokesman Review.

Hun Cradle Song.

In a note accompanying, the writer of the subjoined verses says: "The enclosed is horrible—it has a horrible subject. Will you print it? It may help impress the horror of the forced child bearing in Hunland! What manner of viper will be bred?"

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The Kaiser o'er us his watch will keep.

Child of rape and trembling fear,
I know naught of thy father, dear,
Save his eyes with their lustful leer.

Sleep, little Frankenstein, sleep,
The Beast o'er us his watch will keep.

Begotten, born and bred for war,
Spawn of the Dragon's Teeth you are!

On nature's face a monstrous scarl!
Sleep, little Frankenstein, sleep.

—Jessica Margaret Arthur,
Ashland, Ore.

Germans Lose East Africa.

London, Dec. 3.—"East Africa has been completely cleared of the enemy. This official announcement was made tonight.

German East Africa, which has a coast line of about 620 miles and an estimated area of 384,000 square miles was attacked by the British forces, including South African troops under General Jan Christian Smuts from the north and by Belgian and Portuguese troops from the South and West. The campaign began early in 1915. Prior to this, British East Africa has been invaded, and General Smuts found that he had to contend with an army of about 50,000 native troops aided by 3000 Germans and possessing powerful artillery.

Starting on March 8 the British troops in two weeks of hard fighting drove the German army off British territory and had cleared a considerable section of their country.

With the loss of East Africa, all of her colonies have been taken from Germany. These had an area of more than one million square miles and a population of about 14,000,000 including 25,000 whites.

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