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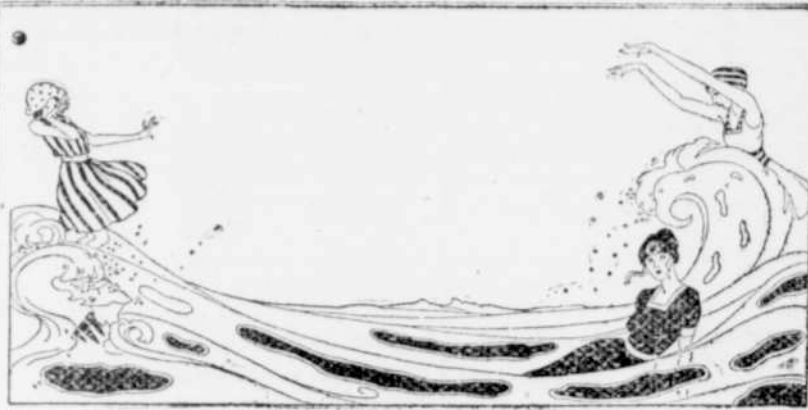
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THE BLUEJACKETS PROTEST.

No sooner has the country been unmistakably informed that its soldiers do not want to be called "Sammy" than the fighting sailors in its navy rise to protest against the appellation "Jackie." There is something about it that they do not like, that sits uncomfortably upon them and makes them ill at ease. Perhaps, and probably, it is the diminutive form. "Jack" has been a good name for a sailor almost ever since there were sailors and an English language. "Jack Tars" have sailed all over the world, in ships of war and in merchant clippers. "Bluejackets" still stands and causes no resentment. Your true sailor is least of all things in the world a mollycoddle. He will not be petted, says Portland Oregonian. He is deeply human, full of sentiment and affection, but there is almost nothing he would not rather do than show it. To the outer world he prefers to show a stern and even forbidding exterior. He is doing a real man's work; he is going to fight and die when he is called on to do so. You may call him a "shellback" or even a "gob" without embarrassing him, but not a "Jackie." "Jackie" sounds too much like "Rollie"—not phonetically, but sentimentally. The soldiers and sailors have a simple way of their own of settling the matter when they meet in public places. Between them it is "soldier" or "sailor," and nothing more. There lies a suggestion to those who desire to keep on the safe side. Both are highly honorable appellations, conveying every necessary implication of manly dignity and full capacity for a man's work.

The new Czecho-Slovak races have become welded into a nation by the fiery and long-banked furnaces of their own passion for liberty. They are to become a nation for the same reason that the United States became a nation, sprung from the spiritual and intellectual loins of the dreamers of Plymouth Rock, the Virginias and the Boston tea party, says New York Morning Telegraph. The lands, the waters, the foods, the fabrics, the buildings, the ships and all the material and sensible things which follow, would be only inert, meaningless and confused commodities unless they were vitalized and made eternally dynamic by that spirit which is the essence, the life and the identity of every nation which is fit to survive.

One German military expert is now holding up the retreat as a strategic masterpiece meriting admiration. In fact, the numbers and volubility of the explanations of defeat show the desperation of the German high command in such wild and futile attempts to bolster up the spirit of the people. They are fast getting to the point of proving that the nearer the enemy gets to Berlin, the more triumphant are their own splendid forces.

The story of the Italian lieutenant who was snatched up and borne away from a prison camp by an aviator sounds like some of the romances which highly imaginative writers used to write for the pure amusement of their readers. But the facts developing in this war only go to prove the old truism that truth is stranger than fiction, for imagination is surpassed by reality in its happenings.

If at the end of the fiscal year it be shown that the nation has not earned enough money to meet all the war demands and pay its living expenses, it will prove that the several millions of men and women who did no work to sustain themselves ought to be paid for their worthlessness.

Leading pachyderms are the elephant, the rhinoceros, and the automobillist who is able to enjoy himself riding round on gasolineless Sunday.

SERMONETTE

By Rev. W. F. Shields

Text—Ezekiel 22:30. "I, Jehovah, sought for a man among them that should build up the wall and stand in the gap before me for the land."

It may seem strange to some that God would be searching for a man to do a work upon which the good of the world depended. But this is just what God is always doing. The individual, then the family and the nation must stand in the gap before God that he may bestow rich and abundant blessings upon the children of men, instead of pouring out upon them his indignation and consuming fire. We weary sometimes in reading the prophets, and especially Ezekiel, because of the long list of judgments upon nations because of national sins. Israel is included with all the others in the common destruction because alike guilty. God wants to bless. God wants to save. He does not wish to destroy or curse. But some human agency must make the blessing possible. We were called by the President of our Republic to render praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God on November 28th for his great blessings during the year. Chief among these blessings he designates the triumph of the Allied Armies and the return of peace. We are proud of the part our heroes and our nation as a whole played in this great drama just closing. France, England and Italy played a more sacrificial part than we, and just as heroic a part as we in it. Dr. John H. Boyd of Portland, Oregon, says that the supreme part of America in this war was to give to the world a clear interpretation of the ideals for which the allied nations were fighting. And America's interpretation has become the basis of the armistice and the settlement of the peace of the world. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, was God's man to build the wall and stand in the gap before God for the world. This interpretation of the ideals for which the allied powers so heroically battled will broaden the sympathies of men's hearts, and bring into the minds of all through the spirit of God the vision of a better world. As the dove of peace hovers over us, even before she has settled to rest, we hear mutterings from the halls of Congress, and from many places, of those who wish to drop back into pre-war conditions, and to take up again the life of graft and greed of intrigue and profiteering to the oppression and wrong of the many.

When Ezekiel was charging Israel with bringing war and destruction and desolation upon herself, he told her plainly that it was because her teachers and leaders had followed false visions and the divining of lies, had used oppression and exercised robbery, had vexed the poor and needy, and had oppressed the sojourner wrongfully. We have fought for ideals. Our brave men have suffered, endured, and some have given their lives for the supremacy of ideals. Shall not our whole nation now live for the highest of ideals in all our individual and national life? As we take our place at the peace table, and among the nations as a world power respected and honored by all the nations of the Earth may we be God's nation standing in the gap before God for the world. May we render to the world another act of supreme glory in interpreting to it in terms of our national life the ideals of righteousness, purity, and uprightness that should prevail in all national households. The nation depends upon the individual. For the nation to be ideally right, each citizen must strive to be ideally right. Marshal Foch, Commander of all the Allied Armies, says: "We cannot maintain the ideals of liberty and justice, whether in war or in peace, without faith in Christ, for he was the great giver of freedom to men." President Wilson says, "A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of intimate knowledge of the Bible." To build the wall for better things and to stand in the gap before God for the highest good of the land we must individually accept the Bible and the Christ whom it teaches. Christ stood in the gap before God for a world's salvation. Will you? Will our Nation?

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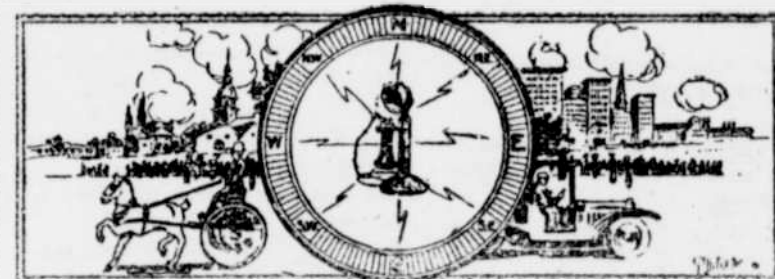
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