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SURPRISING ECONOMIES.
Plans for conservation are effecting surprising economies, while startling wastes are being neglected. Aside from war's destruction, the avoidable loss of human life is enormous, and we are told that in New York state there were last year 837 deaths from automobiles alone, an increase of about 100 per cent in five years. The food waste from the killing of animals on railroads would feed a great army. The Cotton Belt route of the St. Louis Southwestern operated only 1,809 miles of track in the year ending with June, 1917, but on this track 2,792 head of cattle, horses and sheep were killed—a loss of possible food products estimated at more than 1,000,000 pounds. It is believed that a greater waste per 100 miles occurs on many Western railways. An example of waste-saving is furnished by the London General Omnibus company, which no longer cleans the axles, engines and other parts of vehicles with kerosene, but removes the oil and grease in a solution of caustic soda, leaving the metal perfectly clean. Five-sixths of the kerosene formerly used is saved. The oil collected from the soda bath, and oily cleaning rags, is sent to a central depot, where the oil from the various garages, including that extracted from the rags, is cleaned and barreled. The rags are ready for further use, while the oil reclaimed, being now unsuitable for lubricating, runs two 80-horsepower Diesel engines, a surplus being left for sale.

Everyone has noticed the very large number of names of foreign character in our casualty lists. They generally outnumber what may be called "native" names. "Native" names of Americans are now the names found in every country in the world, though we still persist in the odd discrimination. Now note what the treasury department reports regarding subscriptions to the last Liberty loan. Eighteen per cent of that loan was subscribed for by people of 83 foreign nationalities, with the Germans showing in the largest numbers. No one needs to be told that this land is full of men of German birth who could not be more thoroughly American if they had been born here. Just so with other thousands of aliens. All are Americans; all believe in America; to them America is everything, says Buffalo Express. Ours is a wonderful country.

"I'm a brother to a scout," said a little boy. This was his explanation for attempting to help up a large woman who had fallen and for picking up her numerous packages which had fallen. "I'm too young to be a scout, but my brother is one." That boy's brother was a walking recommendation of the scout law. The best judges and witnesses of the real character of a boy are his younger brothers and sisters.

Democracy is marching on in Europe, King George has abolished the practice of halting traffic in the streets of London when royalty is taking a drive. He, says the people must not be inconvenienced. This is a slight thing in itself, but it shows how the point of view is changing under the stress of war and what reorganization there is going to be when it is over.

The new plan will open up a possibility of an army of 16,000,000 men. That ought to interest the kaiser a little. It also ought to interest the home folks to know that the army of 5,000,000 with which we shall win this war will cost the small and inconsequential sum of \$40,000,000,000 a year to maintain, send over, and repatriate.

We observe that the new income tax schedule will take from a \$5,000,000 income the small sum of \$3,527,000. That will leave only \$1,473,000 for the poor devil to live on.

SERMONETTE

Weston F. Shields, Pastor.

Text, Joshua 7:13 "There is a devoted thing in the midst of thee, Oh Israel; thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the devoted thing from among you."
Joshua sent three thousand men against Ai, and they were badly defeated with a loss of thirty-six men. The loss of men was not great, but their loss of courage was deplorable. This just followed the victory of Israel at Jericho, and Joshua knew that the defeat would revive the hope and courage of the enemy. He fell on his face before God in prayer, but God commanded him to arise and stand upon his feet. Evidently it was not the time for prayer but for action. There was sin and transgression in Israel's camp.

The strength of Joshua and his people was not in the size of the army, but in patriotism to God and freedom from sin. In the investigation Achan was discovered as the offender. He was the weakness and disgrace of Israel and her armies. At the capture of Jericho everything was to be devoted to destruction and to Jehovah. Obidience to God was the vital thing. Achan disobeyed God and stole a Babylonian mantle, two-hundred shekels of silver, and fifty shekels of gold and hid them in his tent. In one sense his sin was personal, in another sense it was national. Is there any sin that is simply personal? Is not the whole nation weakened by the moral corruption and degradation of a single citizen? There was only one thing to do and that was to destroy the sinner, and so repudiate his transgression in the sight of Israel that the conscience of the people would be quickened to absolute obedience and moral purity before the living God. Israel could prevail only in being right with God and true to his commands. Achan was sentenced to death. He and his family and his belongings were buried beneath a heap of stones. Terrible was the condemnation visited upon him by all the people. All sins must be personally repented of before God if there is to be salvation to the sinner. If the sin is against society, it may be necessary for society's welfare, that the sinner be destroyed. Is there any sin that is not in some way against the good of all the people? A community must obey God. A nation must obey God. That is the way to be victorious. This truth is so emphasized that it cannot be changed. The secret of the power of any community or nation is in obedience to God and in moral cleanness in his sight on the part of each and every citizen. A community can not harbor a moral reprobate or a great wrongdoer and not pay the penalty in weakness and disgrace. A community is under the moral law of God. The nation is bound by the moral law. The world is in the grip of the moral law. Does not the greatest moral obligation go with the greatest unit of society? No man any where can evade the demands of the moral law no matter what he professes religiously. What will the World do with William Hehenzollern? He and all Germany followed the his turian Treitschke who taught that Christianity did not apply to the state. The state has but one sin and that is to be weak. The basest and most inhuman things could be done to advance the state, and for the state a citizen should sacrifice not only his life but as willingly his honor. For the gratification of his selfish ambition the Kaiser plunged the world into a bloody and inhuman war. Can the World forgive him unrepentant? Can crews heads commit such sins and go unpunished while the humble citizen suffers for a vast deal less offense against the welfare of man? Will the whole world now follow in the way of strength, or will it go in the way of weakness? Christianity in its high standards of honor, truth, justice, pity, and human brotherhood has won the War. We are all being deeply convicted that from 1918 onward and as never before the individual, the community, the nation, and the world must get right with God. Sin in any form cannot be embraced nor the sinner condoned without weakness and humiliation. Touch not that which God has forbidden. If Jewish Gilbert Helland was right when he wrote his conviction of the need of his day, and put it in the form of a prayer, then much more should it be our prayer today:

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State Teachers' Examinations will be held at the Court House in Vale on December 18, 19, 20, and 21, 1918.

Following is the program for one-year and five-year subjects:

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- Friday—School Law, Theory and Practice, Writing, Composition and American Literature.
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County Superintendent of Schools.

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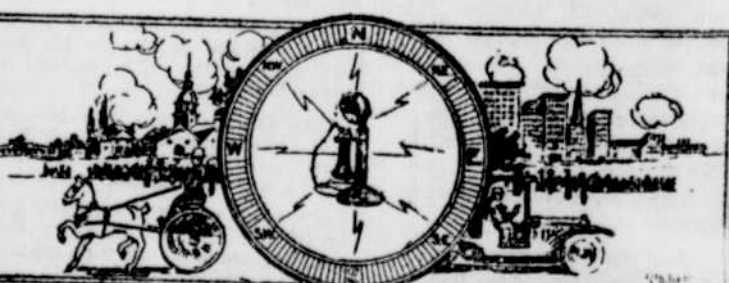
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