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## FIRST HARBINGERS OF PEACE

There were two stories came over the wires yesterday, and for that matter over the cables, for they came from Europe, that are suggestive.

One is an appeal issued by the English bankers asking all Englishmen to "see that the production and consumption of non essentials is halted, to husband their resources and incomes, and aid in every way in helping England raise the gigantic sum of \$9,000,000,000."

The appeal says that it is only in such a manner that England can hope to mobilize this vast credit and without this the war cannot be carried to a successful termination. It calls attention to the fact that this sum will be needed to support the great army of new men and pay for the vast quantities of munitions and arms being manufactured for England in all parts of the world.

The other is a statement made by Dr. Karl Helfferich, director of Germany's finances, who declared near the beginning of the war that Germany would never be called upon to pay war taxes because her enemies would be forced to pay indemnities that would settle all Germany's outlay in prosecuting the war. He now, in an address before the reichstag this week, admits that when the war is over, "in spite of possible indemnities, the taxes will be colossal."

This statement is, as it were, the first harbinger of peace. So long as Germany thought or hoped her enemies would be forced to pay the cost of the struggle, she had something to encourage her in its vigorous prosecution. With this hope gone, and a realization that the longer the war lasted the greater the bill for herself as well as her enemies, self interest will impel her to desire peace.

The load of debt she will have to carry now is staggering, as it is with all the other parties to the war; but with the prospect of this being doubled; with the war tax in effect on the top of the heroic sacrifices the nation has made both in men and lives; the masses will make the demand for peace so strong that all the nations will have to heed it.

Should the war end at once England, France, Germany and Austria would have a debt running up into the billions and Belgium and Serbia would be both bankrupt and desolate.

When "God Save the King" and "Hoch der Kaiser," sentiment and glory, are so far set aside as to allow the situation to be considered from its financial viewpoint, peace will be within hailing distance, and the two statements made above are an indication that this has, or is, about to occur.

Horse meat may be "sweet and palatable and good as any," as some one calls it but somehow it seems too much like cannibalism. The horse approaches more nearly the human in his intelligence than any other animal, and indeed is man's best and most faithful friend. Day after day throughout his life he works from early morn until night for his master, patiently and faithfully; and all that he gets for this life of service and toil is his food, and a shelter—sometimes. It is revolting to think of accepting the faithful service of a horse all his days, and when he is old and no longer able to work, sending him to the shambles and his flesh to the stew kettle. The cannibal warrior who gladly devours his enemy killed in battle, seems a brute indeed to civilized man, but he certainly in devouring his enemy does not have as a sauce for the feast the basest ingratitude. He does not "live off his friends."

The English language is surely full of puzzles, the same combination of words expressing two or more meanings. A dispatch from Berlin today says: "Dr. Helfferich, Imperial secretary of the treasury, is the only one of the kaiser's ministers of state who wears his hair clipped like a soldier at the front." Now does that mean that he has his hair clipped like a soldier who is at the front, or does it intend conveying the idea that he wears his hair clipped in front, like a soldier? No wonder the

foreigner has trouble in learning our language. Imagine if you can the bewilderment of the Frenchman who was wrestling with the conjugation of the verb "go." Some wag had written out the present tense for him: "I go, thou startest, he departs, we cut stick, you lay tracks, they absquatulate or skeddaddle." He puzzled over it a while and finally ventured the criticism, "She is vary irregular language," and he was right.

The health officials of Wisconsin having called attention to the life prolonging effects of a diet of limburger cheese, it is suggested by Addison Bennett that another department be started in the public schools for the purpose of teaching young America how to eat limburger with the least offense to the balance of the community. It is possible that the spell it would create would not be any worse than the average school produces.

Colonel Roosevelt's wealth is estimated at about one million dollars. Not a small sum to be sure but still hardly justifying his having a seat at that dinner where 15 of the guests represented a billion dollars. At the same time the amount would appear to shut him out from being the representative of the dinner bucket brigade.

Senator Tillman is developing socialism, but is taking it in small doses. He proposes to confiscate all incomes of over \$1,000,000 a year. If Ben will make the limit \$2,000,000 so as to make the newspaper men all safe he will get stronger support from the press.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago says he is going to clean up that city "if it takes his life." But then if it takes his life, how can he clean up the city? Now if he would resolve to clean up the village before he is snuffed out there might be something doing.

Percy E. Davis, of Albany, asks the Oregonian for the addresses of some of the powder manufacturing firms of the United States. Better watch our Percy, or you will be traveling the Boy-ed, Van Papen route.

The dispatches yesterday told of the president dictating for an hour or two to his stenographer. The story would have proved much more startling if it had stated he was dictating to his wife.

Villa is still somewhat ubiquitous, but is not maintaining his reputation, being in only three places yesterday. Maybe the Christmas shopping hung him up, he having forgotten to "shop early."



### EARLY SHOPPING

I've done my Christmas shopping early, I've bought my aunt some candied fruit, my niece a doll with tresses curly, my Uncle James a diving suit. I've laid in doodads by the dozen, and have them safely stored away, so every niece and aunt and cousin will have a present Christmas Day. I feel that I have done my duty, in buying ere the rush begins, and life now seems a thing of beauty, inspiring peace and blissful grins. When others, in the hurly-burly, are jostling, strenuous and worn, I'll say, "I did my shopping early, and I can watch these people mourn; oh, I can watch them struggling, sweating, with grief and anger in their eyes, watch all their fury and their fretting, and pat myself for being wise." The peace that passeth understanding, the early shopper always wins; he shops in peace, his presents landing, before the fearsome rush begins.

### Old Man Wants Wife To Help Him Up In the World

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 24.—Love for a younger woman—one with the intellectual tastes to assist a man in rising in the world—caused wealthy John H. Spring, really man, to admit frankly today that he intends to banish from his life the wife with whom he lived 27 years.

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tures maybe all this trouble would not have happened." Miss McGraw—who is 27 years old came here from Superior, Wis. She is suing her husband for divorce on the grounds of desertion. They were married in New York City, and she claims he deserted her in Washington, D. C.

### JANITOR'S ROUGH EXPERIENCE

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—W. S. Kelley, janitor in an Ellensburg hospital, has brought suit in superior court here today against Mary E. Day, owner of the hospital, Sheriff German, of Kittitas county and Drs. P. R. Pinchard and J. C. McAuley, alleging he was locked in a room with an insane man who had a razor, on February 29, 1914. He was terribly slashed, he declares. He asks \$20,000 damages.

### SAYS WE BECOME CRANKS ON HOT WATER DRINKING

### Hopes Every Man and Woman Adopts This Splendid Morning Habit

Why is man and woman, half the time, feeling nervous, despondent, worried; some days headachy, dull and unstrung; some days really incapacitated by illness.

If we all would practice inside-bathing, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of thousands of half-sick, anaemic-looking souls with pasty, muddy complexions we should see crowds of happy, healthy, rosy-cheeked people everywhere. The reason is that the human system does not rid itself each day of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living. For every ounce of food and drink taken into the system nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out, else it ferments and forms ptomaine-like poisons which are absorbed into the blood.

Just as necessary as it is to clean the ashes from the furnace each day, before the fire will burn bright and hot, so we must each morning clear the inside organs of the previous day's accumulation of indigestible waste and body toxins. Men and women, whether sick or well, are advised to drink each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Millions of people who had their turn at constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, nervous days and sleepless nights have become real cranks about the morning inside-bath. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will not cost much at the drug store, but is sufficient to demonstrate to anyone, its cleansing, sweetening and freshening effect upon the system.

### Question That "Tommy" Asked King to Answer

(By the United Press.) London, Dec. 1.—(By mail).—A touch of wartime humor at the expense of King George leaked through from Sandringham today. It was during the king's recent visit to his country place. Unattended, one evening at dusk, the king went for a short stroll through the grounds. He was soon interrupted by a peremptory "halt!" "Who goes there?" demanded a sentry. There was no reply. The sentry repeated his challenge, sternly. "Who goes there?" he thundered. "The king," meekly answered the monarch. "Well, why in the hell didn't you say so," blurted the soldier. And then he tried to apologize. But the king was too prompt. Ignoring the offered apology, he quickly and smilingly commended the Tommy for his vigilance.

### POLICEMAN GOT SIX MONTHS

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Affirming sentence imposed by Superior Judge Everett Smith, the supreme court of the state today has ordered Paul R. Schuman, former Seattle policeman, to the penitentiary for six months for accepting the earnings of unfortunate women.

### Kidney Trouble Leads To Terrible Tortures

Hundreds of sufferers from pains in the back and sides, bladder and urinary disorders, indigestion, rheumatism, dizziness, puffy swellings under the eyes or in the feet and ankles, nervousness, tired or worn-out or headachy feeling, don't seem to realize that the greater part of all sickness today can be avoided by keeping the kidneys working properly. If you suffer from any of the many agonies that accompany weak, clogged-up or diseased kidneys you should not neglect yourself another day and run the risk of serious complications. Secure a package of Solvax, the wonderful new kidney remedy which is very inexpensive yet acts quickly and surely on the seat of the trouble. You'll be surprised how entirely different you'll feel in a very short time.

It doesn't matter how long you have suffered, how old you are, or what you have used. The very principle of Solvax is such that it is practically impossible to take it into the human system without some beneficial results. Solvax is pleasant to take, gives quick relief and has been so uniformly successful that Daniel J. Fry and other leading dealers in this vicinity will in future sell it under a positive guarantee of relief or refund the money. No other kidney remedy we believe ever had a large enough percentage of cures so that it could be sold in this manner. A guarantee like this speaks volumes for the merit of Solvax. There is no time like the present to do a thing that ought to be done. If anyone has kidney trouble today is the best time to begin curing it.

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### MUSIC IN CHURCH SPIRE

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 24.—When Vancouver people awake tomorrow morning it will be to the strains of organ music from a high church steeple. Reverting a century old custom, the English-Lutheran church has ordered a cornetist to be on hand at 6 o'clock.

### KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—Two persons were killed and five injured in a rear end crash on Lackawanna passenger trains at midnight. A hundred other passengers miraculously escaped death on the crowded holiday trains.

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