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TWO MILLION VICTIMS OF WAR

The latest estimates of the number of killed during the European war vary of course; but the lowest places the total above two million. That is a large number even in dollars, but how much larger when it applies to men who have fallen on the battlefields.

From Seattle to San Francisco is 960 miles by the railroad. To make the trip requires about forty hours. If these more than 2,000,000 bodies were laid under the rails in the place of ties they would reach the entire distance and considerably more.

If they were laid side by side as closely as they could be packed they would make a row more than 500 miles long. It would take a train traveling at the rate of 25 miles an hour 20 hours to make the run the length of the row of dead bodies.

Packed side by side they would cover a field solidly, a mile long and half a mile wide and placed head to foot they would reach a distance of about 2400 miles or from San Francisco to Cincinnati, Ohio.

These are a few examples of what that many men means dead. What would they mean living? What potentiality was theirs? What would their daily product have been worth to the world, and how much has the world lost in the death of these, the most virile and most intelligent of this generation? What will be the effect of their loss on the generations to come? How much will the splendid physical machine being evolved by civilization in man, be injured by their destruction?

These are the questions vital to humanity, but which only time can answer. History shows that wars, however, much they add to a nation's splendor for a time, eventually cause that nation to decay from the destruction of her most virile men. This is especially true of such wars as that which now appalls the world.

THE PEOPLE MUST PAY FOR THE RAKE OFF

Mayor Rolf of San Francisco sometime ago and shortly after work on the steamer Annette Rolf had started, sold the 10,000 ton vessel to T. B. Wilcox, of Portland, for \$900,000. Two months ago, owing to shortness of tonnage, Wilcox sold the ship back to Rolf for \$1,500,000. Thursday Rolf again sold the vessel for \$1,750,000. The men who built the ship did so under contract, receiving \$800,000 for her. Wilcox cleared \$600,000 on the deal, and Rolf \$350,000. That is big business. When the war is over and freight rates should be reduced, there will be a mighty howl go up from the owners of just such ships, that they cannot earn fair returns on their investment, and the consumers of products handled by them will be expected to pay the bill. They will be expected to pay interest on both Wilcox and Rolf's rake-off—or on \$1,750,000 instead of \$800,000—and they probably will do it. The shipping trust will see to that.

In the trial of Sir Roger Casement for treason, the defense should have no trouble in proving him insane, at least on the subject of Home Rule for Ireland. He is an intelligent man, and as such must have realized the utter hopelessness of accomplishing anything by his mad feat. The man who does such a thing as he did, is either a madman or a fool, and no one will say that this brilliant Irishman is a fool. Sane enough otherwise, he is utterly insane on this one subject; and being so, should not be punished.

There is evidently still great room for improvement in the handling of the flax crop, but this will come with experience. In Ireland and other flax growing countries the per cent of fiber is about .16 while with us it will not reach five. In other words about two-thirds of what should be fiber goes into the tow output. Next year the per cent of fiber will probably be much larger. Flax experts say the loss is due to the using of the grass system of retting instead of the pool.

With troops arriving daily at the French front from Russia, Australia, Canada and New Zealand it does look as though the whole world was arrayed against Germany.

The fighting still goes on around Verdun, though there is little left of either the place or its defenses. Its forts are gone and in their place are the trenches, which have proven far superior to them. If the Germans capture it they have arrived nowhere and the French have lost nothing worth fighting for, outside of the moral effect its loss would have on their armies. Its loss would mean but the falling back a short distance to a new line of trenches, and to the Germans but the attacking of new trenches instead of those at which they have been hammering for more than two months. The irresistible force has apparently met the immovable body.

The San Francisco officials who permitted the Roanoke to start on her fatal voyage are now going to "investigate" to see if her cargo was properly stored. It is claimed by the survivors that it was not. This is an investigation that should have been made before the vessel was given her clearance papers—and the department should do a little investigating of its own officials.

Perhaps the reason the Mexican leaders who can read and should know better, think they can so easily whip the United States, is, that they have read some of the arguments printed by the more rabid disciples of preparedness, and believe them. According to these any little gang of bandits could capture this country and hold it for ransom.

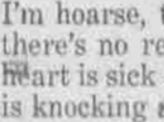
The war season is about on again and that there will be something doing in the near future along a thousand or more miles of front is certain. It is probable the next three months will pretty nearly decide how the war is to end, if not when.

After reading that letter of President Wilson indorsing Brandeis any one will admit that as a praiser Wilson can sure "sling the dictionary right peart."



MUSIC

Grief is brooding at my portal, woe is knocking at my door; I no longer sing and chortle, as I did in days of yore. I'm not whistling as I labor, no one hears my merry laugh; for, alas, my next door neighbor has a new cheap phonograph. It has got a tone tin-panny, and it makes me writhe and sweat, and I say to Gentle Annie, "It will drive me dippy yet." Now it roars, in tones of Stentor, some old spiel that should be canned, "Uncle Si at Punkin Center," with refrain by Batty's Band. And the songs it reproduces give me fantods in the toes; they are sung by cheap excuses who make music through the nose. And it's going all ways, all day long I hear it wheeze, till I rear and tear my galways, throw a fit and bite my knees. I have called on Bob, the copper, begged that peeler, till I'm hoarse, to invoke the law and stop her, but he says there's no recourse. So I suffer pain immortal, and my heart is sick and sore; grief is brooding at my portal, woe is knocking at my door.



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People who are overburdened with superfluous fat, know only too well the discomfort and ridicule that overweight people have to bear. If you are carrying around five or ten pounds of unhealthful fat you are unnecessarily weakening your vital organs and are carrying a burden which destroys the beauty of your figure. There is no need of anyone suffering from superfluous fat. If you want to reduce your weight in a simple, safe and reliable way, without starvation diet or tiresome exercise, here is a lost world trying. Spend as much time as you can in the open air, breathe deeply and get from any good druggist a box of oil of kaurin capsules; take one after each meal and one before retiring at night. Weigh yourself once a week so as to know just how fast you are losing weight and don't leave off the treatment or even skip a single dose until you are down to normal. Oil of kaurin is absolutely harmless, is pleasant to take, and helps digestion. Even a few days treatment has been reported to show a noticeable reduction in weight, footsteps become lighter, your work seem easier and a lighter and more buoyant feeling takes possession of your whole being. Every person who suffers from superfluous fat should give this treatment a trial.

BREAKING DAM FLOODS
SMALL IDAHO VALLEY
Boise, Idaho, May 12.—
News reached here today of the disaster which befell farmers of a little valley in Teton county when the big Park dam—the dam broke last Saturday and a great wall of water rushed down the valley. Farm houses were carried away and crops destroyed. The roar of the water warned the people and they escaped to the hills.

CAPLAN MAKES STRONG DENIAL

Says He Was Never In Los Angeles Until Taken There a Prisoner

Los Angeles, Cal., May 12.—David Caplan went on the stand yesterday and denied emphatically that he had ever conspired with any person or persons to wreck the Times building in this city. He said: "I do not believe I have read the Times since in my life. I never thought dynamite never was in the bunch 'Pastime'; know absolutely nothing of any plot against the Times; was at home during the month of September every day and every evening with my wife and children. I never came to Los Angeles in September, 1910, nor in my life, until I was brought here a prisoner." Caplan declared that he was never at the home of Mrs. Belle Lavin, where the alleged conspiracy is said to have been hatched. He denied he knows J. B. McNamara, and entered specific denial against every charge made by the prosecution. Caplan related in detail his relations with D. R. Moserve, the Burns operative, whom he said he wanted to treat as a father would a child. His examination will be continued this afternoon.

Arguments Have Begun

Los Angeles, Cal., May 12.—Final arguments in the trial of David Caplan, in the famous dynamite conspiracy case here will probably begin today. With Caplan himself as the last witness, final evidence was submitted yesterday. Deputy district attorney Asa Keyes began outlining the case to the jury, and he will be followed later by Nate Cogolan, for the defense. District Attorney Woolwine is expected to make the closing address late today or tonight. If arguments are not completed by tonight they will be completed tomorrow, Judge Willis' instructions given and the case will be in the hands of the 12 men probably not later than tomorrow noon.

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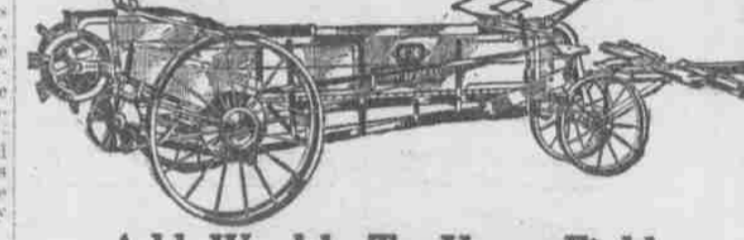
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DRY LAW DECREASES SUPPLY OF CONVICTS

Wenatchee, Wash., May 12.—Because the dry law is curtailing the number of able bodies convicts sent to the state prison, Superintendent Bowen of the honor road camp says today there will be an actual shortage of efficient honor camp labor at the penitentiary by able bodies convicts sent to the state July.

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