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THE WAR SITUATION

Today is the fifth since practically all news from the British front has been shut off, nothing but brief statements from General Haig having been received. Just what this means, if it means anything is a matter of guesswork purely. From German sources it is learned the British are active, many stabs at their lines being reported. It is the same from the French front. The Italians have started another offensive in which they have been highly successful, capturing fifteen hundred prisoners and gaining some strong positions. The Austrians realizing the importance of the positions taken by the Italians have made strong counter attacks but unsuccessfully. It is probably the situation on this front that is making the Austrians so desirous for peace that the thanks of the country were extended to the pope for his peace offer. Germany is situated in regard to Austria much as she is in relation to the war generally. Her territory is safe, and if the Italians drive ahead it is Austria that must feel the result of invasion, not Germany. The continued gains of the Italians in spite of the most desperate resistance Austria is capable of must be disheartening to the latter and set her to thinking of the final results of the struggle. She is fighting on defensive now, and from appearances that is the way she must fight during the balance of the war. More than all she realizes now that all hope of making some other country pay her war bill has vanished, and every day the war is prolonged her debts are growing by millions and they are already about as large as she can ever hope to pay. Continuance of the war means financial ruin to Austria more by far than to Germany, and it is only through the assistance of the latter she is able to continue the struggle.

To an outsider acquainted with methods in Spanish-American countries the action of President Irigoyen in refusing to listen to the demands of his countrymen that Argentine break with Germany, and his statement that Germany's explanation was eminently satisfactory, means that the president has felt the convincing effect of German gold. It is stated he will proclaim martial law as soon as congress adjourns which was to be at midnight last night. This will put an end to agitation and possibly assist in bringing the strike which is paralyzing the country to an end. At the same time he says he will call a meeting of representatives of the South American countries in the hope of reaching some agreement regarding their course in connection with the war.

The San Francisco shipyard strike is over and the men are back at work. It has cost them in loss of time probably nearly two millions of dollars, and it has cost the people of the entire country a delay of two or three weeks in work necessary to their safety and to the winning of the war. Labor has accomplished nothing for itself except to lose a host of friends and an amount of money as stated. It is claimed the strike in Portland is in a fair way of being arranged, and if labor can profit by anything except actual experience, it will take advantage of the results in San Francisco and go to work without further losses.

Mayor Mitchell is getting some powerful backing in the matter of entering the race for the mayoralty of New York as an independent candidate. Colonel Roosevelt, Charles E. Hughes, Oscar Straus, Alton D. Parker and Henry Morganthau are among those urging him to make the race. If he does so, it will be a fight to a finish with the Tammany tiger.

The weather is ideal for plowing though the ground is a bit dry yet and the crop of fall grain should be correspondingly large next year. Wheat will be \$2.05 in Portland next year so the farmers for the only time in their lives know just what the next year's crop will bring. The valley should double its grain yield next year.

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SUBSTITUTES THE MORE COSTLY

The cost of living is not growing less perceptibly, and perhaps it will not. It seems about the only thing that will conserve food in America is the cost, for the American accustomed to having all he wanted to eat, and of the kind he wanted, will continue to satisfy his appetite regardless of cost, so long as he can dig up the price. When he can't buy he will quit buying and not before. It is here however that the burden falls the heavier on the poor for the wealthy can always buy regardless of price. Another thing about the food conservation is that all the substitutes, or practically all of them, suggested by Mr. Hoover and others in authority, are of greater cost than the things for which they are substituted. For instance corn meal is more expensive than flour, yet this is what the American is asked to use in place of flour. Considering the price of the corn and wheat the corn meal should be considerably cheaper than flour but it isn't and Mr. Hoover might do the consumer a good turn by discovering why.

The second Liberty loan is on and the limit has been raised to five billions although but three are called for, so as to permit the accepting of all subscriptions. It is a popular loan the bonds being in denominations of from \$50 up. This makes them available for all classes, and it requires that all should take part in making the loan a success. It is the war of every man, woman and child in the United States, barring LaFollette and a few of his kind, and it is up to all of us to do what we can, and all we can. Our boys are steadily going to the front and it is up to us and all of us to see that everything that will lessen their danger, shorten the war and bring them home safe, is provided. This means money. No true American will stutter between giving every spare dollar to the cause and exposing the boys to any risk or depriving them of anything that will add to their comfort and safety. Ships and food, munitions and medicines, nurses and doctors, everything requires money, and we who stay at home can only do our part by supplying this.

Several petitions have been received by the senate asking that body to expel Senator LaFollette as a traitor and a spreader of traitorous doctrines. It is not likely the senate will take this course, principally because it is the one it should take. Before sending secret service men to arrest I. W. W. and other small traitors it should clean house and punish some of the big ones who disgrace the national capital. LaFollette should be put aboard a ship bound for Stockholm with a request for the Swedish government to forward him to the kaiser who owns him. In view of the Mexican incident Sweden would not hesitate about sending him through, for she has forwarded more than one evidence of conspiracy to Berlin though she never before sent such a traitorous document as LaFollette.

Gerard hit the target in the center when he said that if the Germans in this country who are sympathizing with the "fatherland" were told they would have to return to Germany that they would fight first. At long range the German position appeals to their feelings but when it comes to taking part in the war, or even getting any nearer it than the Atlantic coast, the view changes. It is noticeable that the rush to return to Germany since the war started has not crowded the outgoing steamers, nor has there been any rush to secure passports to the old country.

Judge Bushey thinks perhaps the bridge will be completed next week, it all depending on the success the contractors have in securing piling.

It has a real familiar sound, the story that Villa at the head of 700 bandits has captured a town in Mexico. It is rather good news too, indicating that German money is being used in Mexico, rather than the United States.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

ALWAYS SOMETHING

There's always something calls for brine, if one's inclined to mope and whine. The weather man provides a day that ought to please the carping jay; the sky is smooth, the breeze a peach that murmurs through the elm and beech. It is a day when normal men throw up their lids and whoop again, a day on which they grow and thrive, and thank their gods that they're alive. But you will see the mournful hick who says such weather makes him sick. He says the sweet and balmy breeze is spreading microbes and disease. "Unless we soon have snow and frost," he mutters, "we shall all be lost." It is so easy to be gay, in this old planet where we stay, so easy to discover good in any earthly neighborhood, it is a marvel there are gents who still are sulking in their tents. I go forth in the Autumn dawn, and loaf around upon my lawn, and see a world so bright and fair, I can't believe it's stocked with care. And then my neighbor yells across, "This country is a total loss! They're jacking up the income tax until it's bound to break our backs."



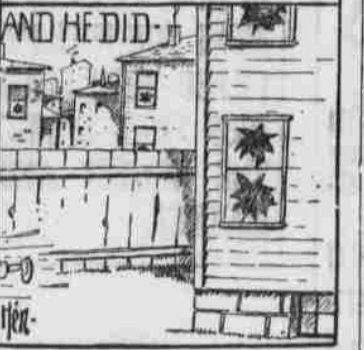
WALT MASON

The Daily Novelette

NO ACCOUNTING FOR TASTE.

(By the author of "A Thousand Steps to the Roof"; "The Girl of the Peanut Shell Factory"; "The Holly Hook Shop"; "Nothing in It or The Lost Purse"; "Pinkie Greene's Half Holiday"; "Hitting the Pipe or The Plumber's Fall"; "A Day Ago or The Life of Luigi Appatazzio"; "Two in a Hammock or Snack! Snack! Bump!"; "The Wislatteroff"; "Mr. Longacker or The Dentist's Revenge"; "Out of Sight or The Bird in the Cat"; "The Black Bass or In the Colored Choir"; "The Hindoo Zoo-zoo"; "Two Too Many or The Tiny Triplets"; "The Interrupted Shuffle or The Marked Deck"; "Speaks on the Potatoe's Eyes"; and several others.)

A black and shining object glittered in the muddy, crowded street. It was a pin!
"See a pin and pick it up, all the day you'll have good luck," muttered Oswald Butterbread innocently to himself.
As he bent down to pick it up, his spectacles fell off and broke in ten thousand pieces.
"Oh, dear!" happily murmured Oswald.
While he was rescuing the old rims from the thousands of pieces, his hat fell off, and rolled under a passing auto and was smashed to a wafer.
"Oh, dear, dear!" sighed Oswald.
In making a futile dash for the hat, a horse kicked him on the left leg and threw him into the track of a motor truck.
When Oswald Butterbread came to in the nice little wite cot and had a small conversation with the nurse, he was heard to exclaim joyfully, "Only one leg busted, four ribs-cracked and a bump on my bean-Gee, I'm a lucky guy!"
Such is life!



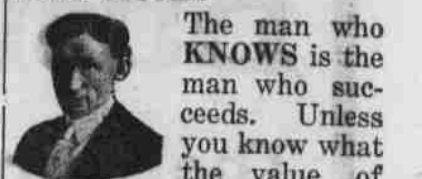
The Portland public service commission has perfected a plan for calling attention of auto owners to any violation of the traffic ordinances, by mailing such owner a card with the nature and time of the violation. If that plan was tried in Salem the postoffice receipts would get an unsuspected boost, and the members of the commission would go broke buying stamps. Traffic ordinances and state laws concerning autos are practically a dead letter in and around Salem. If anyone doubts this statement let him take a stand on South Commercial or South High any old time and see for himself. At the same time let him ride out on a street car and note how many autos stop instead of passing on the jump street cars stopped to take on or let off passengers.

Seventeen hundred men employed on the buildings at the aviation camp at Lake Charles, Louisiana, went on strike yesterday. They are getting 62 1/2 cents an hour for a ten hour day, but demand 60 cents an hour for an eight hour day, with pay for eleven hours if they work ten. As they would get less pay than at present, unless they worked ten hours, and if they did would get only 35 cents a day more, it looks as though they were striking just to keep up with the fashions.

Carranza's agent General Alvaro Obregon, is in San Francisco trying to negotiate a loan for \$500,000,000. As that means one billion "Mex", it shows that others than departmental clerks think only in billions.

Attorneys in the Oxman case yesterday openly accused each other of lying. It will not require any great amount of evidence to make the public believe each side was correct.

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If French ministers, French generals French journalists and the French people en masse continue long enough to insist that they mean to have Alsace-Lorraine back again the rest of the world may come to believe they mean what they say. The world did a lot of shushing so long as it was a matter of "Revanche!" but simple justice might prove another matter.

Margaret Garrett's Husband
By JANE PHELPS
A MARTYR TO HER CONVICTIONS

CHAPTER XX.
"You mean that you are going again next week?" I asked, in amazement.
"Why you have just come home and now are planning to leave me again. I hope you will reconsider," my cheeks were burning, but I tried to speak calmly.
"Of course I am going next week; we have made all our plans. If the weather is favorable we are going down to the club on Thursday night and so have all day Friday on the links. Tom has invited Homer and John to go with us, so we will have our own foursome. I anticipate a fine time," and he went on explaining what good players they were, but in spite of it, he and Tom hoped to win out.
"But, Bob!" I expostulated. "Have you entirely forgotten the duty you owe me, your wife?"
"I don't understand in what I have failed in my duty to you, Margaret."
"I have sat here alone ever since Friday night. You have been away having a good time, and now, almost before you are back you are planning to leave me again, and for a longer time!"
"For heaven's sake don't pose as a martyr, Margaret! You didn't have to stay alone unless you wanted to. Your mother and Elsie both would have been delighted to have had you stay with them over Sunday, and you know it!"
"My place is in my home, and yours is there also. You played tennis and golf all summer, now that I cannot go with you, you should be content to be at home with me. I shall remain here alone when you are away. When you are amusing yourself you can think of my loneliness, my unhappiness at being left alone."
Bob said something under his breath. Had he been a profane man I should have thought it an oath. But as he was not, I probably was mistaken. After a moment he remarked:
"You will of course suit yourself." He then took the papers and settled himself to read altho it was ten o'clock.
"Aren't you coming to bed?" I asked, as I laid my magazine aside.
"I haven't seen the papers, run along I'll come after I have run thru them."
"Had you remained at home with me we could have read them together."
I received no answer to this very obvious speech, and as I did not intend to go to bed and leave him reading, I again settled myself, this time with a book.
"If you're tired, Margaret, go on to bed. Don't think you are obliged to wait for me."
"I should think you would want me to," the tears were now very near.
"If I had left you for as long as you left me, I shouldn't think of leaving you."
"Very well," and he turned to his paper, an impatient look on his face, and save to answer a question he did not speak until the clock struck eleven. Then he asked:
"Is there anything in the ice box Margaret? I believe I'd like something to eat before I go to bed."
"Of course you would! How careless of me," my housewifely feeling at once excited. "Come on, I'll fix up something."
"Never mind fussing. I'll just take a bite of whatever there is. Being out in the air makes one so hungry."
"Where did you have your dinner?"
"At the club. And it was a corking good one too, but I am as hungry as if I had had none."