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## THE GERMAN DRIVE IOR PEACE

There seems no reasonable doubt but Germany is mak ing the drive into Russian territory in order to annex
large slices of that unfortunate country. In addition to this indemnities will be exacted of the Slavs, either direct ly, or indirectly, by means of heavy taxation upon those portions coming under German control, It is evident that the kaiser and his advisers have duoided upon this course in order to meet the al
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If it is necessary to give up Alsace-Lorraine to France and pay heavy indemnities to restore Belgium and Northern France, it will matter lithe to Germany in territory lost in the West is gained in thast, the area of territory lost in the West is gained in the Recoss, and the Russians and
One of the United Press staff correspondents yester-
 that peace on this basis would not be a bad idea. It is
inconceivable that this thought should be for even a inconceivable that this thought suould be for even a militarism, since it would leave Germany stronger in a few years than ever before, backed by the almost limit-
less resources of acquired Russian territory and expanding trade to the eastward. The United States could never enter into a patched-up peace agreement without losing sight of the vital principle for which we entered the war
--the preservation of democratic government throughout the world. Autocracy and militarism must be crushed for all time in order to prevent a recurrance of the very
scenes now drenching the world with blood. That is what we are fighting for and when the war is over the menace represented by the Prussian idea rust no longer cast its shadow over civilization and human progress.
INSULTING THE FLAG

Not so very long ago a professor in a well known educational institution said that it is less of an insult to the flag to spit on it than to spill American blood on it. No if they possessed the courage.

Maybe this view is correct in the eyes of this professor Very likely he believes it would be a deep disgrace if it
became necessary for him to shed a little of his own became necessary for him to shed a little of his own
academic blood in defense of the f!ng and what it stands for. And very likely he thinks it no disgrace for the flag for him to spit on it--as he does,

## a statement.

But one ma
ticular thing is opinion doesn't prove whether any par matter of sentiment, and it's the sentiment of the man that determines the matter. Therefore, if any professo flag is an insult, let him take the flag out on the college
campus and spit on it in full view of his students, who $t$ a certain extent at least, represent the American public.
What happens to the professor will probably settle this question.
ject the star still, let this or any learned professor sul ment in the streets of any American city, with an ordinary American crowd looking on.

If we had our way about it every I. W. W., anarchist Bolsheviki agitator and radical socialist who spends hi time abusing the nation that gives bim protection, woul be sent to a front line trench in opened their mouths then, and naturally it would be often, they would have an opportunity to breathe the poisonou
gases their German friends are sending over the Amergases their German friends are sending over the Amer
ican lines in dense clouds at every opportunity ican lines in dense clouds at
keen thi naty. youth of America is fighting to keep this nation fre
while thousands of swivel tongued agitators (mostly lazy and worthless) are staying at home in safety abusing the aberty the blood of these solder buys makes sacred. Its a shame- $\rightarrow$ don thtern the traitorous gang
send them to the front lines in France!

## LADD \& BUSH, Bankers

On February 7th we received balance of Liberty Loan Bonds

Now prepared to make deliveries to those buying them.

## APATHY OF SALEM PEOPLE

The Red Cross meeting last night was a failure. Only half a dozen attended the meeting and it was impossible to take any action, sorely as the local chapter is in need of assistance.
This lack of interest is unexpiainable. Many Salem boys are already in France and more will soon be there of wounds or sickness. Why cannot their own people 'nd their friends here the point of it is possible we are never going to reach The boys who have war seriously? full measure of have gone to the front have given the behind ought to give our labor ana our money to sustain them, to insure all possible comfort and assistance, if for nothing more in order to make them an effective fighting
Salem, the capital city of a great state, is apathetic and
her people refuse to turn from the Grdinary her people refuse to turn from the ordinary occupations
of life, its business and ts recreations and amusements, to assist the Red Cross in the most important work for
winning the war that can be carried in behind the lines! How many of our people can say with a clear con-
cience that the yare dding their full duty to their country and to the Oregon boys they have encouraged to go to committee of one hundred gives an answer that no exuses can modify or soften. It is an appalling indictment
of the community. the community
Yesterday the American troop, had their first real taste of battle. They have made small raids and repulsed nemy raiders but these have been minor affairs. Yesterwith the most hellish of modern war inventions-- poisonus gas. Five soldiers were killed and fully fifty more ady gassed when the waves of poison rolled over the
renches. Correspondents report that the boys bore the rdeal like real soldiers and will be better able to with tand the next attack of this character, after their initial

the price of grain just as well as those of any care of art of the country. After its usual howl against the ad didn't know what it was howling abouts grudgingly that it Will H. Hayes, new g. o. p. national chairman, is evi-
dently trying to stir up something in politics, when he dently trying to stir up something in politics, when he
ought to be helping to win the war. The chief trouble ith this country is that it is long on politicians and shor n real patriots who make good soldiers.
Mexico is striving to get into the newspapers again, ut with poor success. Even Villa, the one-time Bolshe-
iki hero of cactus deserts south of the Rio Grande, is now nly an ordinary hunted bandit, weary, footsore and un-

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ould do to this country.

## Rippling Rhymes

 pathize, I weep for all their woes; but things like those. I go to bed at 10 o'clock, and feel na but I am snug and warm. Some soldier, onse may rock, moor, this night is stricken low; that I may rest in bed ecure, he's bleeding in the snow. He's wounded, dying, in the night, no loving voice he hears; I'm truly sorry fo his plight; I'll shed nine kinds of tears. But do not ask me, I beseech, to help the Red Cross cause; I'll gladly shudder, weep and preach, spring maxims and wise saws but when you ask me for a plunk, why, that's another
tale; I'm free with words and kindred junk, but cannot

## Walsh Will Represent

 Interests of Labor

## UNDER THE CAMOUFLAGE



The Woman Who Changed

## ATLANTA MAYOR

## The Daily Novelette

HANE COLOR IN CHEEKS
Be Better Looking-Take
Olive Tablets


A TWICE-TOLD TALE


