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The activities of the French and Italian war fronts for the past week have been confined chiefly to heavy artillery duels.

It has been aptly said that the chief business of 1918 is to win the war.

That it is expensive no one will say to the contrary.

The pay of the soldiers and officers alone now amounts to more than a hundred million dollars a month.

Cost will not decrease until the conflict is terminated.

About one-fifth of the passenger trains are to be taken off or discontinued under government control of the railroads.

It has been stated that people travel too much, which is no doubt literally true.

Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain last week and President Wilson this week have answered the Teuton peace challenge.

Both stated specifically the objects and aims of the war in a way that the Kaiser cannot misapprehend.

Whether their speeches will reach Germany as made by them is doubted, because it is the German policy to inform the people as little as possible of what is going on in the outside.

Both the Premier's and President's declarations have been received with the utmost approval by liberty-loving people everywhere.

Upon the recommendation of General Pershing commissions have been issued to several American citizens who have seen service with the Lafayette Escadrille of the French army.

Christmas mail this year was 23 percent heavier than ever before according to the Postoffice Department.

The congestion was less, however, because the packages were mailed earlier than in former years.

Vigorous campaigns are on in several States to increase the use of wood for fuel in place of coal.

In Virginia convict labor is employed to provide wood for fuel.

All wooden Christmas boxes for soldiers of the expeditionary forces received too late for shipment will be returned to the senders if postage is mailed to the superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, New York, N. Y.

The Department of Agriculture is urging poultry raising to increase the food supply.

A bulletin, "Back Yard Poultry Keeping," has been issued and may be secured without cost by application to the division of publications, Department of Agriculture.

The military service flag of the Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce, contains 126 stars, one for each officer and employee of the Lighthouse Service now serving in the Military Forces of the United States.

The Federal Trade Commission has granted to three American firms licenses to manufacture and sell drugs which heretofore have been controlled by enemy aliens under American patents.

War Demands Broaden Work in Chemistry, Says Secretary of the Interior.

From the annual report of the Secretary of the Interior:

"In this department we have during the past year had a glimpse of the expanding romance of chemical study. We have found adventure in the search for the hidden secrets of petroleum, natural gas, and coal tar, of coal smoke, and the refuse from a hundred furnaces and smokestacks.

We appear to have suddenly driven into a chemical age or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that we have suddenly realized that we are in such an age.

New explosives, new fertilizers, new sources of power, of food, new materials for construction and destruction, new preservatives of life, and new agencies for the sweetening and wholesomeness of life—these are to the credit of the modern chemist, and as a by-product of this war we are to have a higher appreciation of this branch of science, and our genius for discovery which has so greatly been applied to problems of mechanics will find in analytic and synthetic chemistry a field of opportunity subject to almost infinite expansion."

Germany's instructions to Luxemburg were in substance to tell to the Argentine government any kind of lie that he could "put over."

FEDERAL INCOME TAXES.

Collector Bailey Will Send Income Tax Officers to Alamance in Few Days.

In a communication received by this paper, Collector of Internal Revenue J. W. Bailey announces that a federal income tax officer will be sent into this county, ready and willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns without any cost to them for his services.

It will take a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law. The Collector announces that 21 officers started from his headquarters on January 1st and 2nd, every one of them on the job in the county assigned to him, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns.

The officer assigned to this county is due to arrive here on Jan. 21, and to remain until Jan. 26, both dates inclusive. He will have his office in Graham in the Court House, where he may be found every day of the dates stated. He will also be at Burlington Jan. 14-19, Mebane, Jan. 28 to Feb. 2.

It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1,000.00 or over, and every married person living with wife or husband whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000.00 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay.

The person subject to tax who doesn't make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The Government will get after all income tax slackers.

There's hardly a business man, merchant or professional man who won't have to make return of income. Farmers, as a class, will have to pay the tax. The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00, as the case may be, and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play it safe by calling on the income tax man.

The man in the field will have forms for everybody and persons who expect to call on him need not trouble themselves to write to the Collector's office for forms.

How many income tax payers will there be in this county? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000.00 or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000.00 or over this year, then you know. The Collector of Internal Revenue estimated that there will be a large number of tax-payers in this county.

Returns of net income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the Government is sending in this expert to do it for them. But the duty is on the tax-payer to make himself known to the Government. If he doesn't make return as required before March 1st he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20.00 to \$1,000.00, pay a fine or go to jail. So if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you better call on the income tax man.

If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

Of course, persons resident in other counties may, if they want to, come and see the income tax man who will be at the place during the time mentioned above.

The Collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

Federal Loans to Farmers Reach Nearly \$30,000,000.

Up to December 1, \$29,824,455 had been paid out to farmers 65 per cent long time loans, according to a report covering the operations of the 12 Federal land banks. The total of loans approved, including those closed and those awaiting verification of title and other formalities, is \$105,136,529.

The interest rate under the farm loan system has been increased from 5 to 5 1/2 per cent, to apply to all applications which have not yet been approved.

Borrowing is done through cooperative farm loan associations organized by farmers, each association being composed of 10 or more farmer-borrowers and each group borrowing at least \$20,000. Up to December 1 the farm loan board had chartered 1,839 such cooperative associations.

STEREOPTICON SLIDES BEING PREPARED TO SHOW AMERICA AT WAR.

To aid in supplying suitable material with which to illustrate sermons, lectures and school work, the division of pictures, Committee on Public Information, is preparing official stereopticon slides showing America's participation in the war.

These slides will be made available soon for general use, at a nominal charge to cover actual cost.

It is reported that the British uniform contains 14 percent more wool than the American. Let us find the goat—we mean the sheep!

Corps of Army Nurses Must Be Increased Nearly 1,000 Percent in A Year.

According to estimates based on an army of 1,500,000 men, 37,500 nurses will be needed. The present strength of the Army Nurse Corps of the Medical Department is about 3,800. To increase this number by nearly 1,000 percent in a year is the task faced by the corps.

Hospitals at Army Camps and Contonments still need nurses and bring the quota each up to the minimum of 65 considered necessary, although since the urgent need of nurses was made public in December nearly 3,000 requests for application blanks have been received.

In order to get the enrollments up to the needed number, the rounds of the requirement heretofore imposed have been waived. According to estimates there are between 89,000 and 90,000 registered nurses in the country and about 200,000 other graduate and practical nurses.

Plan Entertainment for Soldiers at Every Camp.

Reports coming from Southern camps show the vaudeville shows running in tents, are crowded seating capacities. With the 16 Government theatres at cantonments completed, the Commission on Training Camp Activities will soon start complete high grade theatrical companies on the rounds of the camps. Each company will be out about 15 weeks.

Local committees in cities and towns throughout the country will put on sale "family" books the week of January 28, containing coupons good for admission to the entertainments in the camps and cantonments. The books are made in two sizes, to sell at one and three dollars each.

Registered Men May Be Inducted into Air Service.

While men registered under the selective-service law are not being accepted at recruiting office for enlistment in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps, they may be inducted voluntarily into service by their local boards if they are physically fit, sufficiently skilled, and not required to fill the current draft quota. They will be sent to Camp Kelly, Tex., for distribution into squadrons, training, and formation into traditions, with ranks and salaries running from \$30 a month as private to \$81 a month as master signal electrician, food and quarters provided by the Government.

Liberal German Press Denounces Pan-German Aims.

A radio message from Lyons, France, to the Committee on Public Information, quotes an editorial from the Frankfurter Zeitung of December 8. The Frankfurter Zeitung is a Liberal organ with a large circulation throughout the German Empire. It is quoted as saying:

"The German people desire in no sense whatever that the opportunity presented by the present situation on the East front should be used for realizing on the West front the vain dreams of the annexationist fanatics of Pan-Germanism."

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO TAG COAL SHOVELS JAN. 30.

The Fuel Administration expects to change throughout the country, to do the tagging work on "Tag-Your-Shovel Day," which has been set for January 30, planning to make it a school holiday.

On the face of each tag are the words, "Save That Shovel of Coal a Day for Uncle Sam." On the reverse side are hints for saving coal.

EXAMINERS FIND BUT 15 PER CENT OF MEN WEAR SHOES THAT FIT.

Figures from examinations made army and civilian shoe experts at army camps show that only about 15 percent of the men wear shoes that fit properly. Of the several groups of men examined 23 percent wore shoes one-half size too short, 26 percent wore shoes a full size too short, and 3 percent wore shoes two sizes too short.

Reports ascribe the high proportion of misfits to the inclination of men to choose shoes too small, faults of method and supervision of fitting, insufficient numbers of larger and narrower sizes, and incorrect marking of sizes by the manufacturers.

Christmas gifts for the expeditionary forces aggregated 650 tons. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of turkeys, purchased in the kind markets and refrigerated on the ships, together with great quantities of cranberries, sweet potatoes and mince went to the forest over the seas. In the United States every camp was supplied with fresh turkey and the usual Christmas accessories.

A Good Friend.

A good friend stands by you when in need. Graham people tell how Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test. Mrs. Phillips endorsed Doan's over seven years ago and she can confirm the truth. Could you ask for more convincing testimony?

Mrs. R. C. Phillips, Guthrie St., Graded says: "I had a gradual back pain in the small of my back and dull headaches. I was nervous and my sight was affected. Used Doan's Kidney Pills and they soon made me feel better in every way."

Over seven years later Mrs. Phillips added: "There isn't anything better for backache than Doan's Kidney Pills. Whenever I have needed a kidney medicine or when I have had pain in my back a few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills have relieved the trouble."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills. Write Mrs. Phillips has twice publicly recommended Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y., adv.

JANUARY 14-2 WEEK TO MOVE FREIGHT

McADOO APPEALS TO PEOPLE OF UNITED STATES FOR ITS OBSERVANCE.

Will Clear Up Congestion

An Earnest and United Pull All Along the Line Will Achieve Wonders—Administration Subjected to First Attacks at Capitol.

Washington.—The administration bill to regulate government management of railroads was subjected to its first attacks at the capitol.

Resolutions were introduced in the Senate seeking to amend the section providing for indefinite continuance of government control by providing for automatic return to private control after the war. The basis of compensation on the earnings of the three years ending last June 30 was criticized in a hearing by the Senate interstate commerce committee by the executive committee of the Southern Pacific, who suggested the return of the railroads to private control on July 1, 1915, and December 31, 1917, arguing that earnings for 1915 were below normal.

The House interstate commerce committee will start hearings on the bill and will hear Interstate Commerce Commissioner Anderson explain the measure.

The railroad administration devoted itself to executive measures to clear up congestion on eastern railroads, and Mr. McAdoo appealed to the people of the United States to observe the week of January 14 to 21 as "freight moving week" through an organized movement to unload cars and turn them back from terminals. In anticipation of government assistance in railroad financing, roads were instructed to report immediately the amount of capital they need for the coming year.

Mr. McAdoo's statement on a concerted movement to clear congestion said:

"I wish to appeal to the people of the United States to observe the week beginning January 14 and ending January 21 as 'freight moving week,' and I earnestly request the governors of the various states, the public utilities commissioners, the mayor of the national defense, the federal and state food and fuel administrators, the chambers of commerce and other business organization, business men and shippers generally, trucking companies and all railroad employees concerned, to organize locally and make a supreme effort during this week to unload freight cars, to remove freight from railroad stations and to clear the decks for a more efficient operation of the railroads of the country."

"An earnest and united pull all along the line will achieve wonders in this direction. We can help ourselves and relieve an immense amount of suffering if we attack the problem vigorously and in the true spirit of cooperation."

SUPREME COURT HOLDS DRAFT ACT IS CONSTITUTIONAL

Authority of Congress to Declare War and Provide Armies is Power

Washington.—Every contention raised against the selective draft act was swept aside by the supreme court in an unanimous opinion delivered by Chief Justice White, upholding the law as constitutional. Authority to enact the statute and to send forces to fight an enemy wherever they may be found, the court held, lies in the clauses of the constitution giving Congress the power to declare war and to raise and support armies.

"As the mind cannot conceive an army without the men to compose it," said the chief justice, "on the face of the constitution the objection that it does not give power to provide for such men would seem to be too frivolous for further notice."

The opinion then proceeded to take up and definitely dispose of each of the many questions raised by counsel for the convicted persons whose appeals brought the law before the court.

No action was taken by the court in the several pending cases involving charges of conspiracy to prevent the carrying out of the purposes of the law. It is understood that these cases, which include the appeal of Alexander Berkman, Emma Goldman, Louis Kramer and Morris Becker, convicted in New York, later may be made the subject of a separate opinion.

ARMY CANTONMENT AT BEVOIR, VA., AUTHORIZED

Washington.—Construction of an army cantonment at Bevoir, Va., near the site of the training of 15,000 engineers for overseas duty, was authorized by the war department. Three months will be required to complete the camp, but troops will be sent there as soon as accommodations can be arranged for small units. Drafted men, who by training are qualified for engineering work, will be among those sent to the new camp.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

J. W. CHERRY & CO., Toledo, O.

Be sure you get the genuine. J. W. Cherry for the last 15 years, and believe him when he says that his medicine is the best and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 50 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Russia might take a lesson from little Portugal, who wages war strenuously and faithfully on two continents while pulling off a nice little revolution at home.

You might get a good start for the New Year by doing the figure 8 on your skates. You'll become accustomed to falling down anyhow.

Although the war has been in progress since April 6th, Germany has not captured a foot of Arizona, New Mexico or Texas.

WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Six

Billie and Jimmie Will Take Military Training.

"I am mighty sorry, Uncle Dan, that this is your last night with us. Can't you stay longer? We boys are having a peach of a time," said Billie.

"Well, if you get more out of it in the way of pleasure than I," said Uncle Dan, "you are going home."

"Billie, I have been talking seriously with your father and mother about sending you to a military academy and they asked me to talk with you about it."

"Whoopee!" Billie screamed, like a wild Indian.

"Now, hold your horses," said Uncle Dan, "and listen to me. You know I sent my boy, Howard, to one of these schools for a year when he was about your age. He was narrow chested, stoop shouldered, rather loose jointed; he had the big head and needed discipline and physical development. He was growing fast and I wanted him to be strong physically."

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "I believe your description of Howard fits me pretty well, eh?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "to be frank I think it does; you need the same thing. Howard did not like it at first. I am told for a few weeks he had 'rough sledding,' but after he found that the only way was to obey orders, he caught the spirit of the institution and liked it. We did not see him for about six months, then he came home for a few days. We were astonished at his appearance. He had gained about 20 pounds in weight, his muscles were as hard as nails, he stood as straight as an arrow, he was courteous, consider-

ationate and manly. His awkwardness had disappeared. The change was wonderful and it was all to the good. Here is a photograph showing 'before and after' taking, and I am sure no patent medicine advertisement could beat it."

"Well, mother and I were delighted. That was ten years ago, and Howard says the year he spent at the military academy was the best year of his life."

"Now," said Uncle Dan, with great earnestness, "when such training does so much good, makes better citizens and at the same time fits a man to defend his country, why should not Uncle Sam furnish this training at the government's expense? The government has the right to call anyone to serve in case of war, and without training, a man is worth nothing as a soldier. Uncle Sam has splendid new training camps that will soon be available for purposes, therefore, here is my suggestion: why the Chamberlain bill for compulsory military training should be passed at once, so that every boy physically fit may have this training and not leave it for his parents to pay for."

On account of the expense, not one boy in 50 can take the training now. I am sure that you can do so. These big crops and big prices, I find, make the farmers rather 'cocky,' and that the best is demanded by them."

Billie was up with the lark the next morning, more excited and enthusiastic than ever. He had a plan. He knew that he would make almost \$100 on his potatoes if they turned out well, and that he had from his previous savings, bought a \$100 Liberty bond. Billie's plan was to have Jimmie cash in and go with him. He was disappointed, therefore, when Jimmie would still lack about \$300 of having enough to see him through. His lip quivered, he said: "I'm mighty sorry to leave Jimmie."

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