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These said Jews unto him. Put up with ye and let us go. For ye say that take the sword shall perish with the sword.—St. Matthew 26:52.

## THE WAR IS AT AN END!

The great day that many have hoped they could live to see has come. The world is once more at peace. The terrible agony of blood that has engulfed a great part of Europe for more than four years has taken its place in the dark pages of history, and now again humanity will about face and take up the work of reconstruction with renewed courage, high hope and an indelible optimism that guarantees better things for the future. The Kaiser and the crown prince and their ilk have had their day and the sovereign people are now in control of affairs in Germany, while the world looks on and anxiously awaits the great developments that are to come in the immediate future.

The war did not end as many had thought—and some had hoped—it would. The victorious armies of the Allies have not set foot on the Rhineland and the march to Berlin may never take place except in a figurative sense. German towns and the German civilian population have been spared the horrors that German imperialism visited upon France and Belgium. But this is well. The world has had enough of destruction. It is sufficient that Germany must pay the debt she owes the peoples of Europe and civilization. Her humiliation is complete and her armies are impotent. Her capitulation amounts virtually to an abject surrender and the Allies will dictate whatever kind of peace terms they conceive to be just and right.

Men are living through a great period of history and the destiny of all the future hinges about the readjustments that are to be made in Europe and the world in the next few months and years. This is no time for blundering and bullying. No people can be oppressed without a day of judgment coming. And to insure a future peace the political, geographical and racial factors entering into the polyglot conditions of middle Europe must be most delicately adjusted and adjusted. Free peoples must be given the right of autonomous development but this is not the high season for the birth of nations, and a multitude of independent states there all vying their petty jealousies and rivalries would be a most prolific source of future trouble.

The Allies have achieved a great victory—a victory of arms and of diplomacy that has no parallel in all history. Everything that we have fought for has been gained. Now we must await developments in the central empire, withholding criticism and reserving judgment, and offering friendly assistance where it is needed. And all will be well.

## THE WORK OF THE YEARS AHEAD.

The war has now reached the constructive stage. Up to this time all energies have been expended in a tremendous effort to destroy life and property. The world has been consuming, wasting and making way with whatever it could of things animate and inanimate. The turning point has been reached and henceforth the work of armies and governments will be one of reparation and reconstruction. It is said it will take a million men at least a year to remove the barb wire the Germans have placed in France and Belgium. This may be an exaggeration but it illustrates effectively the nature of the work that is ahead. Towns must be rebuilt and farms reclaimed.

America will have a prominent part in this reconstruction work. We must extend credit and help not only to those nations that have been allied with us in the fight against Germany but possibly to those who fought us. It is said our Government has an arrangement with France whereby America is to furnish that country with millions of feet of lumber to make up for the lumber we have taken from the forests of France for military purposes. We must supply food in increasing quantities until those countries are able to produce again for their own needs. It is probable that there will be a great demand for livestock of all kinds to restock the farms of France, Belgium and Belgium and other countries where the shortage

of grains and feedstuffs have made it necessary to slaughter great numbers of cattle.

The peoples of Germany and Austria must be given food and America will be called on to supply the greater part of this. It is said that in this way only can the gaunt spectre of hunger and starvation be driven from these countries and the people given an opportunity to again produce food in sufficient quantities for their own needs. In all these things America will contribute liberally of money, labor and materials, and in peace as in war, will probably supply the margin of safety that will keep the world safe for Democracy through the critical period that ahead when industry and commerce threaten a great part of the globe.

## WHAT IT HAS COST TO WIN.

Looking back a little more than eighteen months to the time when America entered the war one marvels at the achievements of that period. There were many who said America did not get in soon enough, but perhaps the majority are now convinced that the course ultimately pursued was the wiser one. We were slow to fight but once we got our dandruff up we did things. Of course we did not stop to count the cost and we were prepared for sacrifices and eventualities, many of which happily never came and which we will be spared. We got in just in time to save the day and at the least cost. It is no longer a question that America supplied the superiority of numbers and resources that the Allies needed to win. Against this Germany could not hope to endure. And in the light of this it is not to be wondered at that Germany collapsed as readily as she did.

They tell us that it will take America 50 years to pay for this war and that all that time we shall be paying tribute to Mars. But the victory is worth the price. The toll of life has been heavy enough but in comparison with what our brave Allies have suffered it is small. American soldiers killed in action and those who died of disease or accident will probably not exceed twenty-five thousand. Scotland county has lost only three or four boys.

Americans of all classes have given themselves and their means to the winning of victory and it was through the sacrifice and hearty and generous response of the people to the nation's call that our military leaders were able to conduct a successful campaign and contribute the balance of power which made victory complete. More than two million American soldiers have gone to France, but probably not more than half of these have seen actual service at the front. But those who got there in time to get in the big fight have won enough glory for all and have added a most glorious chapter to our military history. We were slow to fight and we love peace rather than war but the experience has given our nation a new position in world affairs and gains for us the respect of all nations as well as a most wholesome self respect which will do us good.

## POOR OLD KAISER BILL.

William Hohenzollern, former Kaiser, king and emperor of Germany, has given up his crown and is a fugitive in a strange land. "Useless lies the head that wears a crown," writes a wise old guy a few hundred years ago. But to expose the pun, Kaiser Bill could lie with ease and it was his lie that helped to bring about his downfall. It may be mean to say it but he was the champion liar of the world, and for his lies he must lie in the dust. In all the world it is doubtful if Bill Hohenzollern can find a welcome, and one shudders to think of the welcome that awaits him in another world. His fate is fixed and his life is in danger every hour of every day. It is not known what the Allies will do with him or how they will deal with the man who plunged the world in to war and who is in a way personally responsible for all the crimes that have been committed. But this man who was ambitious to rule the world and who unscrupulously sought to make the world serve him is in for all the remorse and punishment that is due—and we wouldn't be in his shoes for a thousand worlds and a million kingdoms.

## AN ERA OF GREAT PROSPERITY.

It is safe to believe that the coming years will bring a great measure of prosperity to the people of this country. America, by virtue of her commanding position as a military and economic power, will share in the world's trade as it has never done before. New markets will be open to us and with a great merchant marine to carry American products to the ends of the earth and with the removal of barriers and restrictions of trade there is every promise that a ready market and a high price may be had for everything that American farms and American factories can produce. It is to be expected that some time must elapse before the country's in-

dustries can adjust themselves to the new conditions of peace and in the interval there will probably be more or less of uncertainty attendant upon the processes of readjustment, but once the transition is complete the stride will be gained and America will be safely on the road to an unprecedented prosperity. It did not take American business long to adjust itself to the demands and needs of war and with the same facility we may confidently look forward to great achievements in the coming months and years.

Out of the experiences of war the country comes with new opportunities for expansion and development. With the markets of the world wide open for American goods and an abundance of raw materials at home we should not be long in perfecting the processes of production and distribution. There will be ample capital to finance the future and there will be employment for all who will work. If America does not capture the world markets now it will be because we are unable to compete with the world for them.

## WHEN WILL THE BOYS COME HOME?

This question naturally comes to mind now that the fighting is over. Of course it will be months and months before we may expect the boys to return. There is much to be done yet "over there", though the actual fighting is over for all time. A strong military force will be needed by the Allies for police and guard duties in the enemy countries. Then there is the great work of salvage and reconstruction which the army must aid in. The Selective Service act provides that men selected for military service by the draft boards are to be mustered out and returned to civil life within 90 days from the day peace is declared. But the formalities of peace are not yet here and it may be months before the peace conference completes its work. And the transportation of troops from France is a big problem. Nearly seventy-five per cent of our boys went to France in English boats but in all probability Uncle Sam must bring them home, as England will have other work for her ships now. But "our boys" are coming home and it's ours to be ready with as good a record at home as they have made "over there."

## SUBSTITUTES ARE TO BE REDUCED.

Raleigh.—According to State Food Administrator, Henry A. Page, a reduction in the proportion of cereal substitutes that must now be sold with wheat flour will be made within the next few weeks. This matter is now being considered by Mr. Hoover and by the Allied Food Council in London.

Recent developments in the military situation have resulted in greater safety of the Mediterranean Sea and other trade routes, and the increased accessibility of Australian, Indian and Argentine wheat supplies. This, it is hoped, should make sufficient wheat from these countries available during this winter to reduce the amount of substitution in the bread of Allied countries and allow the substitutes now being imported to the Allies to be used for dairy feeds, of which there is a great shortage. The same situation exists in feeds in the United States and would also be indirectly relieved by relaxing the use of substitutes in bread.

The altered war situation would thus enable us to secure a better adjustment between human and animal food. The change in the war situation, however, does not alter the totals of food demands upon the United States but in fact will increase our load and therefore there will be increased demands for economy.

We must now participate in the preservation of newly liberated nations in Austria from starvation, and it is anticipated that while some wheat may be needed from the United States, the largest part of our exports to that quarter will be corn, rye, barley, and oats. The Austrian merchant shipping must be placed in service before exports can be started to them.

It must not be forgotten for a moment that the proposed change is merely a readjustment of the food program, and that the need for food conservation is greater than ever. If America is to live up to its part, not only to feed its Allies but to save from starvation the millions of neutrals in Europe who are threatened with starvation, there must be intensified conservation, especially of pork and other meats, dairy products, fats and sugar.

## No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children treated with worm medicine have an opportunity to catch worms. Worm medicine is not a cure for worms. It is a poison that kills worms. It is a poison that kills the child. It is a poison that kills the child's health. It is a poison that kills the child's life.



# HORSES! MULES!

We will have to arrive  
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