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We hate to hear a man damning, but love to see a woman darning.

The editor should write for all; but not necessary to be right with all.

Now former Governor Hanly is what we call a prohibitionist of the first water.

Wilson's defense of the eight-hour bill was also an attack against the Republican party.

Washington society is dancing upon oiled floors, which gives one a substantial idea of oily ways.

From whacking each other William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt have gone to smacking one another.

A cow fell forty feet in Rochester, N. Y., the other day, and that is about the only way beef will go down.

The gent who tells that he doesn't like Wilson but can't vote for Hughes might cast his ballot for Bill Sulzer.

If they don't do something shortly in the Dobruja region it will look as if they were Rumanians for getting into the thing.

Wobbling undoubtedly, yet King Constantine is managing to keep his equilibrium upon the high swaying wire of neutrality.

This silent contempt business may be a form of sizzling, red-hot punishment, but the irate wife has no idea of adopting it.

Believe the world would wag along a little better if there was less attention to fashion plate and more to dinner plate.

Another strange thing is that man does not mind being called a lucky old dog, but woman can't stand being called a lucky old feline.

The wiseacres tell that cold weather is on the way. Well, in these days of high prices, most every fellow will welcome a little change.

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With the center of the booze shipment moved, after October 31, from Virginia to Maryland, and the price of flour going up, it looks as if it is going to be harder for a man to get a bun.

Either the newspaper press associations are treating him powerful badly or he's not the same old Bill Bryan, because the telegraph wires are not being made to burn and pop these days with his hot tirades against G. O. P.

THE END OF AVIATOR ROCKWELL

There is something wonderfully daring and daintily wonderful in the soul of a man that makes him court death as did the Tar Heel, Kiffin Rockwell, who died at his post on high in Alsace Saturday. Patriotism will spring the most latent fire of courage into fierce flame in the breast of a man; it seems often to create bravery. But it is the patriotism of devotion to country or love of family; seldom only the fascination of battle. Yet there is an outside magnet, as exemplified in the case of Kiffin Rockwell. It came to Rockwell first, no doubt, in desire for adventure; then in the excitement of battle, but admiration and devotion to the Allies cause were not lacking, as the young American aviator had written home, time and time again, in glorious terms of the Allies' cause and of his determination to fight for them. It was not wholly, too, excitement that kept him at the front. He had been away on short furloughs, when he had time to reflect and behold the result of the carnage and to realize that as other airmen had been sent to death, so he would likely be. Yet he went back; sought even a more active field—and died.

Kiffin Rockwell was a hero. Some may argue that he was foolish; perhaps he was, but no one knows the feeling that throbbled in his heart. At any rate he did noble part in cancelling the LaFayette debt. And there are, other Americans on the front in France that are making payments.

AFTER THE OYSTER CHEATS.

The Federal authorities are giving notice that they intend to be active in inspection of oysters to see that shipments in Interstate commerce are not of fraudulent character; that they are neither polluted nor of shucking type, soaked to increase their weight. But the work of the Federal inspectors can only apply to Interstate shipment of bivalves, and to the District of Columbia, of course. Would that it could go further. The danger of polluted oysters is not very great on the markets, which sell to the consumers, but there is frequently danger of selling oysters, so that the purchaser gets considerably less for his money. There is no excuse for this and it should not be allowed. It is plainly as fraudulent as short weight on scales or under measurement in a quart cup.

Washing oysters is probably necessary, but not to the extent of letting bivalves absorb water like a sponge. We have read of incidents where dealers would allow oysters to remain in water until sold, or pour a little water upon them from time to time. Of course, there are cases when dealers may innocently victimize the people by washing the oysters too long. But in view of information imparted by the Federal authorities there is no excuse now for that. Upon this point a bulletin issued by the governmental department handling this matter says: "Those in charge of this work report that the oyster trade in general have expressed a desire to co-operate with the Department in securing a grade of oysters which are free from adulteration of any kind. Many have asked the Department to suggest a method of washing oysters without swelling them to an extent that constitutes adulteration under the regulations. The Department believes that moderate washing is probably necessary and desirable, but objects to any method of excessive washing which increases the volume of the oysters to an appreciable extent, either by permitting the oysters to remain in the liquid and absorb the water by the so-called 'plumping' method, or by the introduction of an excess free liquid in the containers in which the oysters are shipped. The Department's answer to such inquirers is that oyster dealers are entirely able to determine for themselves whether or not any particular method of washing results in an appreciable increase in the volume of the oysters or in the amount of juice that normally should be present. Any method which produces appreciable increase should be discarded or modified. Any method that calls for soaking or washing for an excessive period, excessive agitation in water for a short period, or incomplete draining of the washed oysters should be avoided."

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successful battling almost to Paris, and then, with a wonderful power of combination, they beat back the Serbians and virtually crushed the danger on that front before the Allies could give the proper support. Now, with the same idea, they rush into the Dubrudja region, and if the Rumanians can be beaten back, can be thrown away from the big railroad artery it will pull their teeth and will make them of little use for sometime to come in case of a big offensive on the part of the Allies.

By such moves, resting on one front, while smashing into another, hitting from the center and in possession of an area over which troops can be speedily transported from one point to another, the Germans have succeeded in not only holding the enemy at bay, but in gaining ground. The Allies have had their overwhelming numbers too widely scattered.

Whether or not by now the Allies, with plenty of evidence before them for over a year, to act as a warning, made preparation in anticipation of such tactics, remains to be seen. Rumania has had ample time to meet such a move, and it has the help of thousands of Rumanians. But if the Rumanians failed to take into account the well known rush tactics of the Germans they are in a decidedly bad way. If they are hurled back from the important railroad line they are in a box, so far as rendering immediate aid, while they will be a terrible sufferer. Russia will also suffer, in that it will not obtain that easy entrance to attack the enemy that it had longed for and, no doubt, bargained for, as per the entrance of Rumania into the war.

If, however, the Rumanians and Russians can hold the road, Turkey will be menaced and the central powers will be beset upon a side that is important, and will be especially dangerous when the Allies begin to draw nearer, particularly if the offensive in the west is maintained and the Russians continue to hammer away in the Carpathians.

CONFESSION IN ORDER.

Who's wrong and who's right? It is announced that William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt are to forgive, if not forget, and publicly appear on the same platform, in behalf of the same cause—the election of Charles Evans Hughes. Yet as each has or did have views that were far from the other: views, too, that were not minor, but involved the entire government of the United States, as it was upon the presidency that they parted company, it is interesting to know who admits that he was wrong before.

Does the Colonel confess that the harsh language he used against Mr. Taft and that gentleman's cohort was wrong, and that his idea of government which he proclaimed was so different from Mr. Taft's (otherwise he would not be in the running), was wrong, or does the Judge admit that his position was the false one; that when the Colonel desired to run for the job four years ago he should have stood aside; that when the Colonel claimed that his (Judge Taft's) friends robbed Roosevelt of the nomination he was right; that he pleads guilty to everything Roosevelt charged and that he has reformed and is the same old Bill who eight years ago was willing to do what Roosevelt advised in order to get the nomination. This is an interesting question. Taft and Roosevelt may have been sincere in their views four years ago, but the views of each could not have been correct. One or the other must, or rather, should acknowledge the corn. But which

CLEARING HOUSE FOR PRISONERS

Village on The Danube Now Knows The Horrors of The War

Mauthausen, Austria, Sept. 25.—From a picturesque though little known village on the upper Danube, Mauthausen, has become the "clearing house" in Austria for Italian prisoners of war.

Its peace-time population of a few hundred persons has grown to the size of a small city, and each month there pass through it, with a three weeks' stop for quarantine purposes, several thousand Italian soldiers and several hundred Italian officers.

The town consists of a group of picturesque houses, a church or two and an ancient palace that clings to the edge of the Danube. What may be called the new city consists of acres upon acres of white-washed barracks, holding in all when full 42,000 soldiers.

There were only some eight or ten thousand Italian soldiers interned in the "city" when The Associated Press correspondent arrived to pay the camp a visit. Two days earlier there had been 25,000, but the greater part of them had been sent out along their way to permanent camps in eastern Austria and Hungary.

Daily there arrive at Mauthausen some 8,000 bulky parcels or "love gifts"



But the authorities find it hard to compel Italian tastes to accustom themselves to Austrian food. The few Serbian prisoners delight in the Austrian bread but the Italians loathe it and eat it only when their families have sent them none of their favorite Italian bread—which arrives to the extent of about twenty thousand packages a week.

Though the men are inclined to be moody at times, in keeping with their temperament, none of them seem to have lost spirit so far as to the war is concerned. The colonels laughed as they told of the marked change in the camp when the prisoners read of the beginning of the general offensives against the Central Powers. And in the course of the walk through the huge camp the correspondent spoke with no single soldier who did not express a firm belief in the eventual victory of his side.

Close to one of the exits from the camp lies a miniature cemetery, half full of prim little graves carefully marked for the benefit of relatives who after the war may wish to have the bodies of their loved ones exhumed and brought home.

School Time SHUR-ON EYEGLASS

Your Children's Vacation is About Over. You are preparing your children with comforts while gaining an education. They will need Books, Clothing and Shoes; they will get them. Now, seriously have you thought of your children's Eyesight? Is it not very important that you provide them Good Eyesight while providing other comforts? Let me examine your children's Eyes. I will advise you fully. Absolutely FREE OF CHARGE. Dr. Vineberg Masonic Temple.



Some one has said: A man is worth one dollar a day from his chin down. His sky-piece is the part that pays. The men who design such clothes as Strouse & Brothers, B. Keuppeneimer & Co., and College Cut Clothing get salaries that would make some local tailors dizzy. It's all in the designing—and if you would get the benefit of the highest paid talent in America you must come here. FALL Clothes are ready. J. M. Solky & Co. One-Price Clothiers and Furnishers. 9 North Front Street.

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Advertisement for Health and Hygiene. Includes text: 'Health and Hygiene HEALTH INSURANCE FOR WAGE EARNERS Adopted in Countries of Old World, Matter of Legislation for New World. "Health insurance for wage earners," says the State Board of Health, "will soon become a matter for American legislation as it is now in Canada and in several countries of the Old World. Six European countries have adopted compulsory health insurance already and so successfully has the measure worked benefits to the people that every civilized, industrial country in the Old World, with a few exceptions, is now confronted with this new type of social legislation. "Among the benefits derived from this system of health insurance has been noticed a check upon the increase of degenerative diseases among wage earners of middle life. Health insurance brings medical care within the reach of large numbers who are unable to afford this luxury on the present basis of payment. Medical care is paid for in advance on an insurance basis, calling for only small weekly contributions. Such conditions encourage wage earners to seek medical advice and treatment when suspicious symptoms occur, and not defer till treatment and cure are not to be had. "Health insurance" says the Board, "has universally proved a promising weapon with which to fight the premature diseases of adult life." Asheville, Sept. 25.—With about 175 cases on the docket Superior court convened here this morning with Judge W. E. Harding, of Carthage on the bench. Murder, arson, highway robbery and criminal assault will take up a major portion of the three week's session and some bitterly fought legal contents are expected.'