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The Many Liars Aboard.

Greensboro News.

There is a stupendous amount of vocal lying incidental to this war. It does not get much into print. A great deal of it is undoubtedly pathological lying, innocent lying; there are people everywhere who are constitutionally unable to get things straight. But more of it is careless, irresponsible repetition, without a thought of malice or harm. It is the sort of criminal carelessness, in the repetition of what one hears, from which all communities suffer, more or less, in time of peace. There is no thought of malice, or treason in its circulation. There is supposed to be a great deal of insidious enemy propaganda deliberately whispered about, and perhaps there is. All this sort of thing serves the purpose of the Prussian adversary, and there will never be any way of knowing how much of it is due to actual agents of Prussianism, and how much to the carelessness of people who consider themselves loyal, and who are merely following a confirmed habit, parroting whatever they hear, that is of a nature unusual enough to create an impression.

It would be a fine thing if every person who makes a statement of what may be called "sensational" nature, declaring what purports to be some curious fact connected with the war, could be asked to give authority for the statement, and if the statement could be run down systematically and its truth or falsity established. Eventually men would come to reflect upon the undesirable consequences of repetition for which competent authority could not be produced.

The mere utterer of patent disloyalties, of badly seditioned sometimes, is not going to do much harm thereby. In the average community he runs a risk of being roughly handled. He ought to be rebuked, of course, for several reasons. It ought to be done so that it would be realized that this sort of thing cannot be done and not away with; and he ought to be placed in the hands of the proper authorities in order to check any tendency to mob violence—which of all things is the very thing this country does not at this time need. Between a mere rapid fool uttering hatred of his government and its purposes, and a mob of tools engaged in expressing contempt for that government by lynching somebody, there is hardly any comparison, on account of the injury they do the government.

Forgot What He Needed.

From the Republican, Mt. Gilead, Ohio. The editor had an interesting experience some time ago, when a young gentleman came to this office and asked for a copy of the Morrow County Republican. He scrutinized it carefully when a copy was handed him, and then said: "Now I know, 'What is it you are looking for,' we enquired. 'My wife sent me after a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I forgot the name. I went to several stores and the clerks named everything in the line on the shelf except 'Chamberlain's.' I'll try again, and I'll never go home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." The Republican would suggest to the proprietors of stores that they post their clerks, and never let them substitute. Customers lose faith in stores where substituting is permitted, to say nothing of the injustice to makers of good goods and the disappointment of customers. Adv.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

How Potato Flour is Made

The pioneer marketer of the old Oregon trail, Ezra Meeker, is not satisfied with the laurels he obtained in the earlier days and he is now again serving his country by pioneering in the manufacture of potato flour.

Potato flour is not a new product to Mr. Meeker for he manufactured this product for the Alaska trade years ago. Mr. Meeker recently stated that a plant for handling potatoes can be easily constructed for a few hundred dollars from material obtainable anywhere in his section, which is in the extreme northwest.

"A ton of potatoes," says Mr. Meeker "will produce 500 pounds of flour." The process he describes is simple and inexpensive. First the potatoes are washed clean and then sliced with the peelings on and dropped immediately into clean water to prevent discoloration and to rinse them; then as soon as practicable they are either parboiled or steamed from 8 to 10 minutes—long enough to cook the starch—parent. The cooked slices are then transferred to a drier and for the first few hours subjected to a current of hot air not greater than 120 degrees F., after which the temperature is gradually increased to 170 degrees, but no greater.

The drying process is continued until the slices are brittle, though it is immaterial if a few here and there are not thoroughly dried. When taken on the kiln, the dried product is placed in a compact pile in dry room and handled over daily for three or four days until the pile "evens up," after which they are ready for the mill to grind them into potato meal or flour. A revolving washer—a long box partially submerged in a tank of water—can be cheaply built to easily wash a ton of potatoes in an hour. An ordinary root cutter costing \$30 or less, will answer to slice the potatoes, but is likely that a more desirable machine for slicing may be found on the market. The average mill will cost from \$150 to \$225 and up, but at present cannot be obtained on short notice.

Mr. Meeker mentions one potato flour plant at Yakima, Wash., that is producing 25 to 30 barrels of flour a day. In April this flour was selling at \$21 a barrel.

Rev. H. B. Johnson Writes

Though I am here in the eastern part of the state my heart is with the good people of Watauga. While the people here are very kind to me, there are none like home folks.

We were sent here by our good D. S. to Unaka charge. We have just closed a successful meeting at one of our churches of a few days service, resulting in eight conversions and three additions to the church with others to follow.

I wish to say to our boys who leave for the training camps, do your best while there and my prayers are with you.

H. B. JOHNSON.
Unaka, N. C.

TO ALL ABLE-BODIED AMERICANS.

The allied armies and allied nations are marching to VICTORY. All "Wheatless-Till-Harvest" citizens are enlisted with the VICTORY-MAKERS.

Get right on wheat—join the ranks. "Food Will Win the War"—wheat is the test.

—Uncle Sam.

THE SLACKER

Throughout North Carolina and the nation sentiment toward the slacker is crystallizing and the fine finger of scorn and contempt is searching him out.

There are several varieties of slackers. Here are some of them:

The service slacker—the man who should be in the ranks and is not.

The labor slacker—the man who is able to work and doesn't.

The food slacker—the male or female hog who refuses to readjust their diet so as to meet the demands of our Allies for those foodstuffs which may be exported.

The financial slacker—the individual who can but does not buy Liberty bonds and War Savings Stamps.

Slacking at home means more blood spilled by true blue American boys in France.

Slacking in America means starvation for innocent women and children in England, France and Italy.

Slacking at home is a menace to the success of the American, British and French arms in France.

THE SLACKER'S REWARD

The intelligent, observant, patriotic people of America will not forgive slacking.

The slacker is a marked man. Not only during the war, but as the war goes on and the casualty lists come in he will be more and more scorned and hated by decent citizens.

After the war is over he will be an object of contempt.

He will be without the regard of decent people in his community. His children and his children's children after him will pay a bitter price for his disloyalty—For his failure under test to do his duty by his country and by humanity.

Inexorable fate is setting him apart and he will not escape.

Every Bushel Saved Now Will
Supply a Soldier with Bread
Until Next Harvest.

Many Substitutes Are

Displayed at the Leipzig Fair

According to the Leipzig correspondent of a Christiana newspaper, the Leipzig spring fair showed exhibits of many substitutes and surrogates which have been placed on the market in Germany. Descriptions of some of these have been received by the United States Chamber of Commerce:

A surrogate for pepper is offered for sale, which, judged by the appearance, seems almost like real pepper. The color, odor, and taste have been surprisingly well imitated.

A tea is shown to which the name of "German tea" has been given. It is prepared from any one or a combination of a great variety of plants, from strawberry leaves to linden blossoms. It is said to taste very much like genuine tea, but even a half dozen cups will not produce the stimulation caused by a single cup of real tea.

There are any number of surrogates for marmalades. Most of them are prepared from garden vegetables instead of from fruits, with a minimum amount of sugar.

Substitute soap is offered for sale, which is said to have been prepared from the oil in berries and from pumice stone. It lacks, however, the one main characteristic of soap, that of working up into a rich, creamy lather; otherwise it is very good. Substitutes are also to be had for laundry blueing.

Substitute bicycle tires are sometimes made of two concentric iron rings with small springs between them. They are very serviceable on asphalt pavements but are not exactly as noiseless nor as easy riding as genuine rubber tires.

A large number of articles offered for sale had been prepared largely or entirely from paper—coarse working clothes for men and women, blouses, aprons and other fabrics. There were paper belts which seemed capable of driving heavy loads.

Many artificial and substitute leathers were noticed. Brass and copper articles were not seen

Letter From Camp Sevier.

Mr. Editor. Just a few words to let you know that much to my regret I have been rejected for overseas service. The old 30th Division is now in France and most of the 81st is here from Camp Jackson. I am to see the eager, stalwart soldiers here waiting for the call to join their comrades on the firing line of a country who rendered us so much assistance in the great struggle of years gone by.

I will again appeal to the people to do everything possible for the preservation of the lives of the loved ones who are gone. If there was ever a time in the history of the world when the people should stand for liberty and right it is today. If there has ever been a small spark of patriotism existing in your lives that now seems cold, you should cultivate it, and do your duty toward your country and your fellow men. Remember that this is a time of war and not of peace and we should be willing to sacrifice everything in order to win this war as soon as possible. I will again ask the boys of my old home county not to be slackers but to be men, and go into the service with a resolution to accomplish that which we must accomplish before it is over, over there.

With best wishes to all.
W. C. GREENE.
Camp Sevier, S. C.

According to a statement by the Department of Agriculture, there has been an actual shortage of more than 2,000,000 tons of sugar annually since the war began. Prior to the war practically all the belligerent countries except the United Kingdom and Italy exported sugar, the total amount being more than 3,000,000 tons. In 1918 it is estimated that the allies must import a minimum of 1,200,000 tons.

and attempts were made to put substitutes on the market in the form of plated wares.

Ordnance Equipment Ready for Soldiers Leaving for France

The Army Ordnance Department has thus far met every demand imposed by the new program for over-seas shipment of American troops, according to a statement by the department. Despite the great acceleration in the sending of American forces to France, no infantryman goes aboard ship without a United States Model 1917 rifle (modified Enfield), bayonet, belt, haversack, pack carrier, bandoleers, bayonet scabbard, and full mess equipment.

Tonnage is today a limiting factor in the shipment of ordnance materiel overseas, especially because of the present necessity of increasing the transport of infantry regiments.

Sufficient supplies of artillery—French 75-mm. and 155-mm. and American heavy railway artillery—are already in France to meet the present demand. Sufficient machine guns are also immediately available for American forces in France.

For a Bad Cold.

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LOOKING AHEAD.

In the minds of the citizens of a democracy the idea that service is due to the government from every one must be firmly implanted or the enfranchised cease to be representative of such a government.

The selective draft answers the purpose of this service, from a military standpoint, during the war we are at present engaged in, but largely because of the fact that we have time to prepare while our allies combat the enemy. We must look to the future and the possibilities of a war declared upon us when we will have no ally. Should this occur selective conscription would be of no avail. Accepting the fact that the citizen of a democracy owes his service to the government, is it not logical that we should organize this service, which shall be trained and equipped for an emergency and able to act immediately as a perfect machine when the necessity arises? Few citizens but believe that universal military training is absolutely necessary to the future safety of this country and that this system should be adopted by the government at the first opportune moment.

The speeding up of our plans to win this war should in no way be interfered with, and future policies must be held in check that they may not interfere with the winning of this war. But when our legislators feel that the speeding up of the war is accomplished a bill should be passed creating a system of universal military training and service which will amply provide for our country's defense in the future, thereby assuring us against the disaster of an attack which would find us unprepared and completely at the mercy of an organized foe.

Try This For Sour Stomach.

Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly. Eat but little meat and none at all at supper. If you are still troubled with a sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets before going to bed. Adv.

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