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MORNING TONIC

(Basil.) A good deed is never lost; he who sows clemency reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

UNCLE WALT MASON

AUTO SALESMAN.

I journeyed forth to buy a car, a modern car with seats and wheels; I went where auto salesmen are, and listened to their divers spleas.

There is a regular bumper crop of flags at this time.

It's all together for America now, both for pacifists and warifists.

This is paint up week for the United States-war paint.

It's only the women's cloaks that are yellow, for the women are true blue.

In some cases chickens are an asset, while in others they are liabilities.

Just think what a great time the Fourth of July orators are going to have this year.

The interned German sailors in Georgia say that it is so dry that they are not able to bear it.

And Easter weather gave the milliners a fine opportunity to advertise their offerings yesterday morning.

The young man who would prove of "First Aid" to his country should find the way to the recruiting office.

Of course the wicked punster is going to revive that old one about the women who enlist being able to face powder!

The British and the French are letting the Germans in the trenches know what the United States has to say about auto-annoy and democracy. And that is going to count.

Cuba lined up with Uncle Sam on Saturday. Brazil is expected to speak up today. Argentina may come along next and Panama is thinking about the matter. There is room for others.

In men, munitions and money the United States is preparing to throw itself into the war against the German government. It is to be no half-way war that is waged.

The Mexicans will find that this is a pretty unhealthy season for any attempt to start up a rucus with the United States. This country always has time to attend to matters right at its doors.

Shower Monday—Hat of Straw is thrown into the ring; How I wonder what you are, This year or of last spring!

HOW AMERICANS CAN SERVE.

(New York World.) Millions of Americans are impatient to know how they can best serve their country in this war.

This war is unlike any other war. It is only the privileged few who wear the uniform and bear the heat and burden of battle.

It is a war that must be won on the farms, in the factories, in the shipyards and in the counting-rooms.

Our government is in a position to profit by the mistakes that Great Britain made in the war, and the British mistakes are the most important to us.

The finances of the country can be easily mobilized, and so can the industries. It will not be so easy a matter to mobilize the man-power, but fortunately it is a task that need not be done in a hurry.

Co-operation with the Allies simplifies all our problems and immeasurably increases our effectiveness. We can at once provide them with money and credit.

Most of these things are not spectacular. They are get hercule in accordance with popular notions of heroism.

Not the least of the great lessons that this war has taught to mankind is that the most modest and humble service may be the highest duty that patriotism can exact.

ANSWER CALL QUICKLY. The war measures which are being presented to Congress, the vast extent of the preparations which are being made by the administration, are such as to give notice to the country that it is felt that the war with Germany will be a strenuous and hard one.

The immediate need is that the young men of the country answer the call to colors by enlisting in the Navy and Marine Corps. As we understand the matter this is the first thing which the government seeks to have done.

Enlistment in the Navy is the first need, and with the small number of men called for in comparison to the expected call for millions of men for the army; that matter should be quickly settled.

That the war in Europe is not to come to a close in the near future may be felt to be certain. Germany is by no means at the end of its resources, a matter admitted in England.

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Non more men were imperatively demanded before July. Germany, he declared, "is not yet beaten." And he went on to say that the German army is now numerically stronger than at any time in the war.

There is serious work ahead for the United States, and the need is that its young men get into service quickly. There is much training to be done.

NOT A MONEY WAR. The fallacy of the argument that it would be a money war offered by some in interposing objections and obstacles to the United States accepting the challenge of Germany and declaring that a state of war exists with that country ought to be very readily perceived.

Speaking against the resolution for a state of war in the debate in the Senate the declaration of Senators LaFollette and Norris was that it would be a Wall Street war. That was so specious a plea that the wonder is that men able to win place as members of the Senate should attempt to place it before the country.

ANSWERING the declaration in the Senate that war with Germany would be one of the interests and not of the people the New York World does this in a number of questions, these being: "Did Wall Street devastate Belgium and Serbia? Did Wall Street sink the Lusitania, the Arabic and the Sussex? Did Wall Street blow the American ships Headton, Astec and Misourian out of the water? Has Wall Street ever destroyed a hospital ship or a Belgian relief ship? When did Wall Street drop bombs upon women and children in undefended towns, and how long is it since Wall Street ordered the American people off the seas?"

Wall Street has not concerned itself about the interests of the people, for it has preyed upon them, but that we are at war with Germany is not to be charged up to it.

Wall Street—and our reference is to the great monied interests of the country—is to pay in great amounts for the war that is upon us. The coffers of wealth will have to be opened in the financing that must be done, for taxation for war revenue will lay a heavy hand upon them.

There is to be no class distinction, no money distinction, in the raising of the forces that will be needed. Left to itself we believe that Wall Street would have preferred to have remained undisturbed while it made huge profits out of the belligerents of Europe.

TRAINING THE TEACHER. The addition of a Teacher-Training Department to the course of study at the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering is a long step toward that fundamental training in good farming which is being emphasized as the great need of rural schools in North Carolina.

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transaction in Dare county revealing the possibilities for the manufacture of wood pulp in this State. Six million dollars is involved in the deal and a Dare lumber company enters into a contract to deliver sixty thousand cords of pine and gum pulp wood a day for a period of ninety-nine years.

Unfortunately the wood is to be shipped to the plant of a corporation which has its plant in Delaware. North Carolina furnishes the raw material. There is no reason why it should not manufacture the raw material into wood pulp.

It is said that the supply of timber for the purpose of the wood pulp concern is practically inexhaustible. Moore than that it is a class of timber that heretofore has been regarded as worthless or of very slight value.

As the deal means the addition of about five thousand dollars a week to the pay rolls of Dare county, it is to be welcomed as meaning increased opportunities for employment in the coast section as well as suggesting latent resources of the State capable of great expansion.

With promptness and firmness deserving commendation, the Government at Washington has fixed the price it will pay for certain war supplies and notified the persons with whom it is dealing that they can accept its offer or surrender.

Profiting by the experience of the European belligerents, the Sixty-fourth Congress conferred upon the Administration the power here exercised for the first time. War material is to be furnished the public at reasonable rates, profits being known and strictly limited, and refusal to enter into such engagements will be followed by Government seizure of the works and their operation on national account.

Speculators in food should take notice that excesses on their part will certainly lead to similar action. We have seen in time of peace how, by control of credit, warehousing and means of distribution, a few men were able to practice extortion.

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RACY OF THE SOIL

To Have Fairs. Chatham-Escort. For the first time "community fairs" will be held in this county and we hope that they will be well attended, and that our citizens will all take a lively interest in them.

Good Farmer.

Oxford Public Ledger. Mr. J. N. Elison has rented the Red Hill farm near Bullock. It contains 656 acres of land and Mr. Elison will diversify.

Farming Operations.

Oxford Public Ledger. Farmers in this section are badly behind in hauling guano, owing to the almost impassable roads. Quite a contract was let last year when the greater portion was hauled in January.

TAR HEEL BRAINLETS

It was a pretty close shave for the Third Regiment which was mustered out just fifteen minutes before the War Department order was received ordering that they be held in the service.—Rocky Mount Telegram.

Wonder how many more grave problems will be thrust upon Wilson before he can solve those already on his hands? He needs sympathetic support.—Wilmington Star.

Preparing to give the allies unlimited credit and to keep ammunition going to them, even if it inconvenienced the United States army, looks as though we too are preparing for a state of war with Germany as well as Germany has been making war on us, through her ruthless submarine warfare.—Rocky Mount Telegram.

The Man Who Helped Everybody



Uplift Talks By Orison Sweet Hadden. (Copyrighted, 1916.)

After a physician who had been called to see a sick baby had gone, the mother said: "I tell you that baby has character. He is wonderful. I know he is going to be a great man. Why, he would not even let the doctor look at his throat. We could not pry his mouth open with a spoon."

Many people imagine they have character when, like this baby, it is nothing but stubbornness. Stubbornness is one of the commonest human traits and is usually confounded with firmness or strength of character.

It is a strange paradox of human nature that many of us cherish a weakness as a virtue, and never dream that it is hurting us or holding us back from the goal we are trying to reach. We struggle hard to succeed while all the time doing things that tend to upset our very aim, to drive success away from us.

There are men who from impulse will take the savings of a lifetime in some wild-cat scheme with less investigation than a fifteen-year-old boy would be expected to make, and they not only frequently do this against the earnest pleadings and protests of the wives, whose intuition tells them it is all wrong to take such gambling risks, but they will often make these investments, at the chance with the capital which belongs just as much and often very much more to the wife, without even mentioning the matter to her.

I have known instances where men have mortgaged their homes to buy "blue-chip" stock, to invest in all sorts of foolish ventures, when their wives were advising whatever the transaction until they were asked to sign the legal papers. But for the fact that the signature was necessary they would have been obliged to suffer in ignominy.

Rashness in going headlong into an enterprise, without using calm, sober judgment in the matter, is no oftener cause of failure than its opposite—timidity, caution, or carried to excess

Most of us prefer a mediocre career with certainty to a possibly distinctive career on the condition of taking chances, which always precedes great achievements.

The men who stand at the top of their line of endeavor stand there because they had the courage to take chances. They did not make rash ventures, but they had the courage to climb. They trusted their own judgment and had the nerve to undertake, even against the advice of others.

SMILE AND BE HAPPY

IN COMFORT. I'll sing me a song of the winter time And the swirling, drifting snow, And the form divine of that girl of mine, As the frosty breezes blow And we sit content in the comfort of the brightly glowing fire.

Nothing Lost. Young Husband—Darling, I have a confession to make. My salary is 10 per cent less than I told you before we were married! Wife—Oh, that's all right, Arthur. I calculated on fifty.

Refined. Aren't the fashions this season less extreme? Oh, extremely less.