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I pledge allegiance to MY FLAG and to the Republic for which it stands;

MORNING TONIC

(Nicholas Murray Butler.) THESE five characteristics I offer as evidences of an education—correctness and precision

UNCLE WALT MASON

THE WORKDAY WORLD

WHILE we are bent and sweating beneath our wartime cares, let's not be quite forgetting our everyday affairs.

No one is shy on food for thought. Have you bought that War Savings Stamp? Get ready for the next Liberty Loan.

Of course it will be a cold job but the ice administrator will make it hot for the consumer this coming summer.

"Now that the war is being fought with gas shells, why not send a lot of Congressmen to the front in France and Italy?"

PLAIN TALK; THERE'S A REASON

PLAIN talk characterized the discussion of the Social Service Conference. One of the plainest and most outspoken addresses of the convention suited the serious and intensely earnest purpose of the membership so completely

Recognizing and realizing the extent of an evil is an essential preliminary to combating it, and if public speakers and newspapers are debarrred by mistaken notions of propriety from discussing the evils resultant from social vice, the full facts will never be grasped by the people and the correction of the evil will never be attained.

In his speech before the Social Service Conference Governor Bickett called for the abolition of the double standard of morals. He is everlastingly right in his demand. Women should require of men the same high moral character that men demand of women.

All the proposals made by the Conference looking to the rearing in this State of a stronger, cleaner, saner race should have the most careful attention of the members of the next General Assembly.

MRS. BOOTH'S ADDRESS

THE size of the audience which greeted Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth last night was a compliment both to Mrs. Booth and to the audience itself.

Mrs. Booth came with none of the usual claims to attention. She did not come as a great singer or a great actress. She came merely as an apostle of service.

It was flattering to the speaker because it showed that although living in a distant State and with her activities confined largely to other sections of the country, her fame had gone before her and her life-work of unselfish service had been observed and appreciated.

The address of the famous prison worker was a fitting finale to the sessions of the Social Service Conference.

NEGLECTING NO POSSIBILITIES

LORD LANSDOWNE, England's leading pacifist, thinks the answer of Count von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, to President Wilson's address to Congress shows a perceptible advance in peace discussions.

Still it is possible—almost anything is possible—that Germany is disposed to start making concessions and keep on making them until the Allies are satisfied.

The German sword wielded by great army leaders has brought peace with Russia. With deep gratitude to God, who has been with us, I am filled with proud joy at the deeds of my army and the tenacious perseverance of my people.

This shows that so far as the Kaiser is concerned, he is perfectly content to continue to place his reliance in the German sword.

Of course the work of von Hertling is not unimportant. It is a part of a well-thought-out plan of campaign.

The German policy seems to be to use Hertling to cause the German Socialists and other pacifists to think that the German government is trying to negotiate peace when, as a matter of fact, the German government is as determined as ever to fight its war for conquest to the bitter and bloody end.

But no possibility that Germany will yield before being compelled by the arbitrament of arms to do so ought to be neglected.

that such is the case is not one in ten thousand. Germany's actions belie any evidence of fair play that may be supposed to be concealed in von Hertling's specious words.

THE COMING RUSSIAN CONGRESS

GERMANY'S troubles in Russia are not over. In fact, they have only begun. Instead of Germany swallowing the portions of Russia that it has appropriated to itself the Germans in those portions of Russia may be swallowed up by the Russians.

The Russians are, from all accounts, rather a dense lot, but even the Russians must understand the significance of the peace terms that Germany is striving to impose on Russia.

There is hope as long as there is life. Some good may come out of Russia yet. It is gratifying at all events that there is a respectably-sized element of the Russian people which will refuse to yield to the unrighteous German demands.

GOOD FOR WISCONSIN

THE Wisconsin lower House yesterday passed the resolution censuring Senator La Follette. The majority was decisive—53 to 32.

Wisconsin has partially at least demonstrated to the rest of the country that it is loyal to the government. The State will not completely clear its skirts until it retires Senator La Follette from further participation in the national councils.

NEW PRESIDENT OF SERVICE CONFERENCE

DR. HOWARD RONDTHALER, of Winston-Salem, the new president of the Social Service Conference, is a loyal, energetic and efficient public servant.

DEFENDING THE CONSUMERS

IT is to be hoped that Congress will give the Federal Trade Commission all the legislation it needs for the investigation of the meat industry.

The packers have extended their operations until there is hardly any limit to their power. Their own public service corporations, they have gathered in the cream of the industries allied with their own, they dictate prices of a large part of the food supply of the nation.

It is highly desirable that full publicity as to what they have done and what they are seeking to do in the direction of strengthening their grip on the food supply be available.

The Federal Trade Commission is fighting tooth and nail the powerful organizations which are growing fabulously rich at the expense of the people and without scruple as to the means employed.

INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT STRINGS

LITTLE Belgium repeats its conditions of just peace and they are conditions which might well be adopted by all the little countries which have been persecuted by Germany.

The integrity of the Metropolitan and colonial territory, political, economic and military independence without condition or restriction; reparations for damages and guarantees against repetition of the aggression of 1914 are the indispensable conditions for a just peace as far as Belgium is concerned.

The present indications are that the foes of Germany are quite strong enough to prevent it from limiting the independence of any country.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Chicago and Its Mayor. Brooklyn Eagle. Chicago's reputation of Mayor Thompson in the Aldermanic primaries was emphatic and decisive.

Why Aeroplanes Fall. Memphis Commercial-Appeal. Asked the cause for the falling of aeroplanes, an expert replied: "Defect in the aeroplane, error of judgment in flying, loss of head, brain fatigue or lethargy, fear, physical illness, unavoidable causes."

That Strangely Working Russian Mind. Philadelphia Record. In Russia the Bolsheviki tamely surrendered to the Germans, while in Siberia they are said to be destroying railroad bridges in order to prevent the anticipated advance of the Japanese.

"WHITHER ARE WE GOING?"



Bolsheviki mind, are too involved for the ordinary American brain. The new Socialistic statesmanship, as interpreted by Lenine and Trotzky, is a law unto itself.

The Navy Not the Senate

Louisville Courier-Journal. Solis Solomon O'Hanna is a Spanish-Irish Jew. He appeared at the United States Marine Corps recruiting station in Twenty-third street, New York, and said he wished to enlist.

L-Look here, d-d-d you w-w-want a t-t-t-tling m-m-man or a f-f-f-fighting m-m-man? I'm a f-f-fighting m-m-man, b-but I c-c-can't g-g-get my words out q-q-q-quick enough to s-s-s-say s-s-s-s-surrender if the whole d-d-d-d-H-h-hun army's on t-t-t-top o' me."

Solis Solomon's case was taken under advisement. Here's hoping that he passes. It should be borne in mind that he is trying to enlist in the United States Navy, not the United States Senate.

THE WORLD WAR IN PROPHECY

(By S. J. Betts.)

NO country in all past history ever had the colossal burden of responsibility hanging over it that America now has. We must feed our soldiers, and feed them well with nourishing food, while they fight for us and the rest of the world.

This prophetic war was to be world-wide; "all nations" are to become involved and it comes to a close. It is a battle of the nations that love liberty and the equal right of all men to live in peace with unhampered opportunities to develop the best within them, regardless of station in life, race or creed, in a free democratic country, against autocracy, governed by the most despotic, arrogant, militaristic ruler the world has ever known.

The Kaiser's purpose was to conquer the world at the cost, if need be, of the utter destruction of all peoples who presumed to oppose him, is generally conceded. First, Belgium threw itself before the onrushing wheels of the juggernaut, which in its blind rage ground beneath its weight innocent women and children.

This is a warfare of actual self-defense on the part of the Entente Allies. We are fighting only for the inalienable right to govern ourselves. We must not allow bitterness or hatred to enter our hearts during this conflict.

We would be at the mercy of the German Kaiser as Russia is today if he could deceive us by "peace" parleys as he has Russia. Let us not forget Daniel's words: "and by PEACE he shall destroy many" and be led into an armistice which was clearly demonstrated in Germany which was clearly demonstrated in Germany.

Who can doubt that we will lose thousands of soldiers through this artful trick of the enemy by his promise of a peace on fair terms with Russia? The armistice and promise were but another "scrap of paper." The whole world of intelligent thinkers has forever lost all confidence in the Kaiser.

Let every farmer who cultivates the soil realize the important part he is performing in the winning of the war, and the good house-wife also, as she taxes her brain in her heroic effort to conserve food for the starving people of Europe may have a little. The farmer, the mechanic, the merchant, and last but not least, the clerk, all have an important part in this gigantic struggle for the world's liberty.

RACY OF THE SOIL

One of the Old Guard.

Oxford Public Ledger. Capt. J. A. Davis, of Route 3, a veteran of the War Between the States, spent a few hours in Oxford Saturday.

Saving Meat in Warm Weather.

Smithfield Herald. The warm weather of the latter part of last week caused a little uneasiness on the part of those who had just killed pork.

One of the chief things this war is doing is this. It is bringing men of all conditions in life closer together. It is removing more than ever before class distinctions. It is taking down barriers that have been existing in the past and giving men a new sense of human brotherhood.—Winston-Salem Sentinel.

TAR HEEL BRAINLETS

The Russians may have been unusually well armed to have been able to lose all those guns to the invaders.—Hickory Record.

A POEM FOR THE DAY

NOT MUCH OF A MAN!

He may be as rich as a millionaire, Or a scion of noble name; No Sage with his wisdom may compare— He may shine in the blaze of fame. He may be the most marvelous thing in sight That our humble eyes can scan, But if his heart is not in OUR FIGHT He isn't much of a MAN!

AS I WAS SAYING

The difference between supervision which a county superintendent can exert with the means at his disposal and that which city superintendents exert without the howl of too much supervision, centralization and handing down of orders from the man higher up, is pointed out clearly by Mr. L. C. Brogden, State Agent for Rural Schools, who has closely investigated the situation to find out by comparison just what is possible in the way of supervision.

"In the fall of 1916," says Mr. Brogden, "we made an investigation in seven representative counties and the seven cities in those counties for the purpose of ascertaining the needs in each particular situation for the direction and the supervision of the work of its children; to find what was being done in each situation to meet its needs and also to find the per cent of its total school fund each was spending for the supervision of its schools."