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### MORNING TONIC

(Nicholas Murray Butler.)

THESE five characteristics I offer as evidences dof an education—correctness and precision in the use of the mother tongue; refined and gentle manners, which are the expression of fixed habits of thought and action; the power and habit of reflection; the power of growth, and ficiency, or the power to do.

# UNCLE WALT MASON

THE WORKDAY WORLD

W/HILE we are bent and sweating beneath wartime cares, let's not be quite forgetting our everyday affairs. The spring will be arriv ing before we wist or not, and we should all be striving to have a garden plot. Oh, spade the garden under, spade every knoll and tor, and grow string beans like thunder, for beans will win the war. The spring is fast approaching, with mild reviving rain, and conscience should be breaching a cleaning up campaign. Oh let us. neighbors, rally, to bear the trash away; the load cat in the alley, the scattered leaves and have there'll be a plague to swat us, and mow our numbers down, if we don't hump, dod rot us, and brighten up the town. In language highfalutin we may, when work is done, denounce But such a course is dubbish when there work to do; we should be carting rubbish the noisome alleys through. Now comes the season versal, and we should all prepare to plant a seed or kernel, or raise a Belgian hare; to make two succeptashes grow up where one has grown, that is the stuff thats mashes the Kaiser from his throne. Oh, buckle down, fair neighbor, though toil you may abhor; get down to useful labor, for work will win the war.

No one is shy on food for thought.

Have you bought that War Savings Stamp?

Get ready for the next Liberty Loan

The war has proved a great stimulus to in ventive genuis.

The humble peanut in the food plan is shelling out as best it can.

In handing out a fine brand of weather March so far is outdoing the good record of February.

lapan would like to gather up some of the

The man who is drilling an oil well is also doing his part to help the army.

Having missed the mark, Trotsky and Co. will now shoot the chutes.

While the map is being changed Japan is of the opinion that she ought to have a little part in the game.

With so many authorities talking it is really difficult to understand just what one's supreme duty is in these days.

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

Pieces of Russian territory for the German formed the best part of the peace terms made with the Bolsheviki.

Senator Gallinger's assertion that there are men in the government service drawing \$6,000 a year who could not earn \$1,500 elsewhere really isn't news.

That New York man who is growing four kinds of apples on one tree has nothing on the marchant who was charged with selling three grades of cloth off the same bolt.

Probably one reason for the delay in the proposed German offensive on the Western front cause it is so offensive to the rank and file of Teutons who have got to make it.

"Now that the war is being fought with gar shells, why not send a lot of Congressmen to the front in France and Italy?" seks the Florida -Union. Would the Times-Union add to he horrors of the war?

### PLAIN TALK; THERE'S A REASON

Social Service Conference. One of the plainest and most outspoken addresses of the convention suited the corious and intensely carn-

will never be grasped by the people and the correction of the evil will never be attained. It is merely another incontrovertible argument for the "pitiless publicity" which is the greatest agent for reform known to men. Turn on the light so that men and women may see precisely what it is that they are trying to do!

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. This is done now to a greater extent than ever before. The growth of this sensible and wholesome sentiment will be accelerated in proportion as the public awakens to the truth of the Governor's statement that "practically every immoral person is a diseased person." There is no more excuse for impurity on the part of men than there is for impurity on the past of women. This is a day of woman's rights and the principle of woman's rights implies justice and the complete absence of any special privileges for men.

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. The legislator who undertakes to sponsor these progressive measures and will get them written into the statutes of his State will write himself down as a public benefactor in the eyes of all posterity.

### 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 claim o attention. She did not come as a great singer or a great actress. She came merely as an apostle of service. That so large an audience, one that practically filled the great auditorium seating several thousand people, should come out to hear a prison-worker was flattering to the audience, for it showed that its members were slort to the new conceptions of the purpose of life which are being ever more widely cherished, that they were abreast of the best thought of the me which lays the laurel of distinction only on worthy brows.

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

It is a fine thing for the State that such great gathering of people could be present to eceive the message brought by Mrs. Booth. North Carolina is dealing more sanely with the of the Social Service Conference will give him. prisoner than it has done, yet there is a long way to go before the prison problem will have been solved and solved right in this State. The inspiration of a message such as that brought by activities of the prison workers in the State and will take practical form in better conditions for the prisoners. A wholesoms, tender appeal such as that made by Mrs. Booth cannot be mad before a responsive, earnest audience of thousands without there being sowed the seeds of future substantial reforms.

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

## NEGLECTING NO POSSIBILITIES

ORD LANSDOWNE, England's leading pacifist, thinks the answer of Count von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, to President Wil son's address to Congress shows a perceptible advance in peace discussions. Most statesmen of all the nations under pledge to defeat German aims recognized in the speech the voice of Hertling but the purposes of Hindenburg.

Still it is possible almost anything is por sible—that Germany is disposed to start making concessions and keep on making them until the Allies are satisfied. This, however, is very unlikely. The Kaiser, after the signing of the Russian peace pact at Brest-Litovsk, sent this mea-

sage to Count von Hertling: 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. It is of especial satisfection to me that German blood and German Kultur have been saved. Accept my warmest thanks for your faithful and strong co-operation in the great work.

This shows that so far as the Kaiser is concerned, he is perfectly content to continue to place his reliance in the German sword. Looking at the quantity of territory that the sword has brought under the Kaiser's dominion, it is easy to see that from the point of view of a would-be world conqueror the Kaiser has some license to swear by his sword.

Of course the work of von Hertling is not unimportant. It is a part of a well-thought-out plan of campaign. The Kaiser tenders warmest thanks for Hertling's "faithful and strong cooperation in the work."

The German policy seems to be to use Hortling 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. The German government may come to its senses. The German rulers may have, even in the face of recent successes in despoiling helpless peoples, made up their minds to try to gain back the favor of a world which Count von Hertling enys is prejudiced against Germany. But the chance man government may come to its senses. The

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 lie concealed in von Hertling's specique warde.

### THE COMING RUSSIAN CONGRESS

the Covernor's stirring address of Tuesday night.

Recognizing and realizing the extent of an evil is an essential preliminary to combatting it, and if public speakers and newspapers are debarred by mistaken notions of propriety from discussions. The All-Russian and the special resultant from the speakers are debarred by mistaken notions of propriety from discussions. terms of the Germans is said to be very probable Refusal of the peace treaty would result naturally in the downfall of the Trousky-Lenine regime and the elevation of the section of the Bolshevik that is friendly to the Entente Allies develop ments which of course lend a more encouraging aspect to the situation.

> The Russians are, from all accounts, rather dense lot, but even the Russians must understan the significance of the peace terms that Cormens is striving to impose on Russis. The dullest Sismind must be able to comprehend what it mean when a country permits itself to be robbed of some of its territory.

There is hope as long as there is life. Som good may come out of Russia yet. It is gratify ing at all events that there is a respectably-sized element of the Russian people which will refuse to yield to the unrighteous German demands This element may muster strength enough to repel the invaders. It is a war of supprises.

### GOOD FOR WISCONSIN

THE Wisconsin lower House yesterday passes the resolution censuring Senator La Follette The majority was decisive-53 to 32. The Senate previously by a large mojority had passed the resolution.

Wisconsin has partially at least demonstrated o the rest of the country that it is loyal to the government. The State will not completely clear its skirts until it retires Senstor La Follette from further participation in the national councils. He is not, we believe, purposely a traitor to his country, but is so obsessed with the notion of his own infallibility and is so stubborn in an attitude the unnaturalness of which appeals to the veriest tyro in the nature of the relations that ought to obtain between the citizen of a country and the government of that country in time of war, that his usefulness long since has ended. La Follette, in view of the action of the Legislature of his State condemning his course with respect to the war, ought to get down and out. His voluntary retirement, now that the Wisconsin Legislature has acted adversely to his contentions, would be at least one step to his credit.

### NEW PRESIDENT OF SERVICE CONFERENCE

DR. HOWARD RONDTHALER, of Winston-Salem, the new president of the Social Serv ice Conference, is a loyal, energetic and efficient public servant. No man in the State is more enthusiastic in his devotion to North Carolina than he is and no one cherishes higher ideals for the commonwealth than he does. He has already sendered distinguished service as the president of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association and in other capacities, and he will make good use of the opportunities for serving the State that his position as head

## DEFENDING THE CONSUMERS

IT is to be hoped that Congress will give the Federal Trade Commission all the legislation

The packers have extended their operations until there is hardly any limit to their power They 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 t 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. The commission is a body that has the rights of the consumers of the country at heart. Few Federal agencies are of such great service to the general public.

# INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT STRINGS

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

The integrity of the Metropolitan and colonial territory, political, economic and mili-tary independence without condition or restriction; reparation for damage 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 o Germany are quite strong enough to prevent i from limiting the independence of any country.

The Bolsheviki in Russia have certainly proved "bull in a china shop."

## SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Chicago and Its Mayor.

Brooklyn Engle. Chicago's repudiation of Mayor Thompson in the Aldermanic primaries was emphatic and de Chicago may not be able to rid itself of cisive. a bad Mayor, but it has no hesitation in telling him what it thinks of him.

# Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Asked the cause for the falling of aeroplanes "Defect in the aeroplane, error in expert replies: of judgment in flying, loss of head, brain fatigue or lethargy, fear, physical illness, unavoidable causes." Outside of these we presume the falling is merely a matter of gravitation

## That Strangely Working Russian Mind.

Philadelphia Record.
In Russia the Bolsheviki tamely surrendered to the Germans, while in Siberia they are said

## "WHITHER ARE WE GOING?"



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

### The Navy Not the Senate.

Louisville Courier-journal. Solis Solomon O'Henna 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. The preiminary examination showed that Solis Sol stammered slightly and on that account, though a fine strapping fellow, he was about to be re-jected when, according to the Herald, he thus

'L-l-ook here, d-d-d'you w-w-want a t-t-talking 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-e-can't g-gget my words out q-q-q-quick enough to s-s-sy s-s-s-surrender if the whole d-d-d-d -hun army's on t-t-top o' me.

Solis Solomon's case was taken under advise-ment. 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

## 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. We have also the burden of feeding our Allies, who for three and a half years have sending their men from the farms by the mil lions, leaving, in thousands of instances, only the women to till the soil. When we realize that they have been as truly fighting for America as they have for their own native lands we can better enter into mutual sympathy with them and

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

That 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 jugger-naut, which in its blind rage ground beneath its weight innocent women and children. Until the curtain is drawn in the great day of judgment, and the horrible atrocities of this instrument of human slaughter, as perpetrated in Belgium, are revealed, the world can never form the faintest conception of its horrors. fered only the hundreds of thousands of bleeding hearts can know; loved ones separated and taken away into slavery of the worst kind, and their omes wantonly destroyed.

This is a warfare of actual self defence on th part of the Entente Allies. We are fighting only for the inalienable right to govern ourselves.

We must not allow bitterness or hatred enter our hearts during this conflict. It will require an effort on our part not to hate our oppopent in this life and death struggle, but we mus remember that the masses of Cermany are mis-led by their autocratic rulers through false propand are not allowed to know anything He may be as rich as a millionaire aganda, and are not allowed to know anything of the true motive that prompted America to

we would be at the mercy of the German Kniser as Russia is today if he could deceive us by "peace" parleys as he has Russis. Let us not forget Daniel 18:25. "and by PEACE he shall destroy many," and be led into an armistice which was so clearly demonstrated in German dealings with Russia, and by the Turks under German officers recently, who began hostilities before the armistice had expired, to be nothing more then a play for time to make better preparations for further carnage.

Who can doubt that we will lose thousands diere 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

Let every farmer who cultivates the soil realize the important part he is performing in the win-ning of the war, and the good house-wife also, as she taxes her brain in her heroic effort to benserve food that the starving people of Eu-rope may have a little. The farmer, the me-chanic, the merchant, and last but not least, the least, 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 vet eran of the War Between the States, spent a few hours in Oxford Saturday. Hale and hearty, he is one of the be

#### Saving Mest 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. Some say that there is no danger of losing meat if all the animal heat passed out before the pork is salted down. Mr. W. A. Lassiter, one of the county's best farmers, says his experience has taught him that there is not much danger in losing meat if it is dry. He says it is the damp days that cause to sour and spoil. Mr. Lassiter says that his grandfather who raised lots of meat used to say that there was no danger of losing meat if the nights were cold enough for water to get cooler during the night.

## TAR HEEL BRAINLETS

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 listinctions. It is taking down barriers that have been existing in the past and giving men a new sense of human brotherhood.-Winston Salem Sentinel.

And now with the coming of Spring the "plant a garden" drive is opened and lots of wise guys who don't know mustard seed from cabbage will tell us all about how to feed our families and the neighbors on a 10x20 plot of ground.-Favetteville Observer.

known as a real patriot, even by those who disagree with him on almost all public questions, and the Toronto soldiers only succeeded in attracting attention to their bad manners.-Statesville Landmark. The Russians must have been unus-

ually well armed to have been able to lose all those guns to the invaders.-Hickord Record.

Trotsky, Lenine and other Bolsheviki are putting up a pretty good bluff but there is evidence that the Russian masses will soon see through the mask and abserve the Kaiser's physiogomy.-Kinston Free Press.

## A POEM FOR THE DAY

NOT MUCH OF A MAN!

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!

And just in his every deal. He may seek the right and eschew the wrong And to gods of all ages kneel.

He may be a saint in his holy ways, Soul pure since his life began, But if out of HIS COUNTRY'S WAR he stays, He isn't much of a MAN!

man may be true to his shild and wife And loyal to all mankind; He may do no ill in his whole long And yet, to his horror, find, When no patriot fervor floods his bro At the threat of a foeman's clan, He lacks in that which, of all, is best, For he isn't much of a MAN! —Labana Sheldon in New York Time

# 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, whe 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 aituation 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 supervision of its schools."

These counties and cities, Mr. Brogden explains were Wayne, and Goldsboro; Robeson and Lumberton, Caharrus and Concord, Cleveland and Shelby. Forsyth and Winston-Salem, Buncombe and Asheville, Mecklenburg and Char-

What we found," Mr. Brogden cum-

marizes, "was that each of the se county superintendents has on the average approximately fifteen times the number of white separate schools, and more than twice the number of white teachers to direct and to supervise than has his city school associate; that each of the seven county superintendents has on the average 59 less of his teachers college graduates and 75 per cent more of them teaching their first terms than has the city su-In his own country Mr. Bryan is now perintendent; that each county superintendent has a rural school term thirty-three per cent less than that of the city school superintendent; that the average area of the seven county superintendents district is 571 square miles while the average area of city school superintendent's district is only 7 square miles; that while each of the county superintendents has on an average of fifteen times as many separate schools, more than twice the number of teachers to supervise and direct with a school term thirty-three per cent less with these teachers and schools scattered over an area more than eighty times as large-yet, netwithstanding these facts, not one of these seven county superintendents has a supervisor to supplement his work, while his seven city school associates have 19 whole time and 3 part time supervisors to supplement their work; and while the county is spending only 2.43 per cent or less than two and onecents out of each dollar of its total school fund for the direction and supervision of the work of its country children, each of the seven cities is, on the average, spending fourteen percent or fourteen cents out of each dollar of its total school fund for the supervision and direction of the work of its city children."

> "I am heartily in favor of the Governor's proposition for a heatless cam-paign," said Col. H. B. Varner. "The patriotic demands of the hour are sufficient to take up all our time strength. We have too big a job on our hands in helping conquer Germany to waste our energies in petty politica fights. In close counties the executive committees of the two parties should get together and put out a bi-partisan ticket and let that be the only ticket. This plan is perfectly practicable and I believe that the patriotic leaders of the political parties would cheerfully put it in execution. This is a time for patriotism, not partisanship. The more partisan affert we put forth the patriotic effort we will be able to put forth. The heatless campaign is the only sort that will be tolerable this