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I pledge allegiance to MY FLAG and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

MORNING TONIC (Ruskin.) THE thoroughly great men are those who have done everything thoroughly, and who have never despised anything, however small, of God's making.

UNCLE WALT MASON THE WEARY WORLD

THE war is breaking the world and making it sicker than an owl; the farthest nations are short of rations, and putting up a howl. I've just been readin' how poor old Sweden is one big snarl and kink; the Kaiser's war way has busted Norway, and Denmark's on the blink.

The good roads rally at the auditorium tomorrow night will be a meeting of great importance to Raleigh and there ought to be a large attendance.

A POOR WAY TO HELP IT is astonishing that a few United States Senators will continue to obstruct war legislation by needless and fruitless discussion of compulsory universal military training.

Spending in New York Monday Capt. Andre Tardieu, French High Commissioner to the United States, counseled the hastening of preparations in this country to deal the enemy "blow for blow."

LIFE IN THE COUNTRY

IN Oklahoma, primarily a rural State, more than one-half of the farms are worked by tenants who "own nothing but what they can put into a wagon and drive off with," according to the report of a study made by the National Child Labor Committee.

MORE SERVICE FOR THE DOLLAR

DISCONTINUANCE of freight and passenger traffic solicitation by individual railroad lines will be quite a blow to many deserving men for it is hard to see, certainly for a layman, how places in other lines of railroad work can be made for all those whose present position will be abolished by the order of the regional railroad directors.

HEED THIS APPEAL

THE appeal for second-hand clothing for the French and Belgians is one to which nearly every one can respond in some measure. The fact is we have a sort of feeling that we Americans ought to do our cast-off clothing again and send our best and next best to the French and Belgians.

FOR A STRONGER PEOPLE

THE Maryland Legislature is considering the question of compulsory physical training in the schools. That 70 per cent of the young men of the country are physically deficient and that this deficiency in the great majority of cases could have been prevented were among the statements made before the Senate Committee of Education recently by Dr. Joseph C. Bloodgood, of Baltimore.

"If, said Dr. Bloodgood, "the State is going to the expense of educating a boy, why does it not go to a little more expense and give that boy a constitution that will enable him to make the fullest use of his education after he gets it?"

WHEN TO START DAYLIGHT SAVING

A CORRESPONDENT inquires if clocks are to be set forward as a means of saving daylight or to be set back. They are to be set forward one hour. That is all.

A TIME FOR ACQUIESCENCE

A dispatch received in Ottawa, Canada, from London, says: It develops that the Germans are unlikely to gain a decision in the face of the maintenance of such splendid British resistance.

To what extent has public opinion reached a similar condition in the United States? This is a question which every man as one of those responsible for public opinion may well ask himself.

The world will agree with the Kaiser in a principle and that is that a few hundred thousand Germans, more or less, is no loss to the world at this time.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Only For Seasoned Veterans. Savannah News. "Representative Longworth vigorously criticized the administration." Nick should leave that game to his papa-in-law; it isn't a sport for amateurs.

IT MAY BE YEARS.

THE Kaiser congratulates his Chancellor on the peace the German sword has conquered in Russia, and we now know what value to attach to

BUTT YOUR HEAD OFF!



a German-made peace "without annexations and without indemnities." Beaten by German guile rather than by German arms, Russia is prostrate and her conqueror may gather what spoil he covets from her.

It is quite likely that Germany has bit off more than she can chew. Unless she can make the Baltic provinces loyal to her flag she would better have nothing to do with them, and there is nothing in the history of the German to give the slightest hope of such loyalty.

That was the way the Kaiser felt toward the House of Hapsburg in a purely religious war when religion and fanaticism were twin.

The Hohenzollern is even less capable of commanding the confidence and love of aliens than the Hapsburgs. It is all due to temperament. In many respects the German is admirable, but when it comes to governing a foreigner he is execrable.

A POEM FOR THE DAY

FOR THE MEN AT THE FRONT Lord God of Hosts, whose mighty hand Dominion holds on sea and land, In Peace and War Thy Will we see Shaping the larger liberty.

Germany made that "peace" with the Russian lunatics and traitors because Germany simply would be ruined if peace was made establishing the status quo ante.

RACY OF THE SOIL

"The Rat Tail Club." Cleveland Star. Dr. R. M. Gidney, farm demonstrator, surprised the editor of The Star with the announcement of the organization of a "rat tail club."

TAR HEEL BRAINLETS

Selfishness is a great handicap. The selfish person does not see it that way, but everybody knows how people despise this class and enjoy their discomfiture.

So, as the London war office states, the present situation is "serious but not alarming." It was not to be expected that the allied armies would go on indefinitely without a check when they are opposing the greatest military organization ever known.

AS I WAS SAYING

"The only thing that will prevent a record-breaking tobacco acreage in Person county," said Mr. T. H. Street, of that county, "is the scarcity of labor."

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE RATIFIES AMENDMENT

(By the Associated Press) Boston, Mass., Mar. 26.—The House of the Massachusetts Legislature late today ratified the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution by a vote of 145 to 81. The resolution now goes to the Senate.