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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 has done everything thoroughly, and who have never despised anything, however small, of God's

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. No land so humble, it does not grumble; ne country's so remote it isn't reeling, and madly feeling that it will lose its goat. In every dwelling some gent is velling that war's a frightful frost; in mountain cottage the peasant's pottage costs twice what once it cost. The lone Nyanzas, as well as Kansas, have felt the deadly chill; in Chinese Canton they get a slant on a vastly bigger bill. The shopherd lonely whose task is only to guard his wooly bunch, feels Wilhelm hitting when down he's sitting to eat his frugal lunch. The Arctic hunter, whose spear is blunter than any spear should be thinks war costs trying when he goes buying a brand new snickersnee. There is no tavern, no hale or cavern, no jungle dense and dark, no no gulf abysmal, where war's not

Henry Pages the Farmers' Union Bulletin.

Germany can cuse, but America and England have got the Dutch ships.

Do a thriving business by buying Thrift

The British while they are falling back are having a hog killing time.

The school of experience has no specific entrance or tuition fee, but it always exacts its cost.

The profiteer is doing all he can to keep every one from doing his or her bit.

The regulation for the American people to eat more corn is just around the corner.

The way the mob in Delphos, Ohio, went after pro-Germans reminded one of a lyching party.

The conservation of wheat is coming through

The man who goes into pig-raising new is the

man who will be able to hog things bye and bye Beauty is said to be skin deep and sometimes

the man who is taken in gets deeply skinned. Petrograd may fall, but it won't make any

The proposition to appoint a national juni dealer seems to have been sent to the junk heap Von Hindenburg and the German militariet

call it a bath of blood on the Western front. Yes and the British are furnishing them the bath tub

It is going to take some push to put the third Liberty Loan over, and it behooves every one to get ready to do the pushing.

When the casualty list of the big offensive gets back to the people of Germany those who have lost relatives will not feel as gleeful about the matter as the Kaiser.

Gen. Wood's opinion that America must raise an army of four or five million men should dispethe illusion that any one might have that Amer ica is going to get through this war with a small

The good roads rally at the auditorium tomor row night will be a meeting of great importance to Raleigh and there ought to be a large attend ance. Vigorous steps should be taken to make sure that Raleigh is on the route of the Bank head highway. The men who are trying to see to it that this is accomplished are doing a work that should command the support and coon of the Raleigh public.

A POOR WAY TO HELP

TT is astonishing that a few United States Senators will continue to obstruct war legisla tion by needless and fruitless discussion of compulsory universal military training. We have the spectacle of necessary war legislation such as the enactment of measures to facilitate the further operation of the draft held up while the Senate hears discussions by Senator New, of Indiana, on the reasons why the country ought to compel all its youth to undergo military training, while Senator Sherman, of Illinois, employs his time calling the Secretary of War a pacifist and denouncing him in general because he som months ago advised against a policy which would seem to Germany to contemplate for America the very thing America is condemning so strongly in Germany.

Speaking 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." That is likewise the message of the Archibishop of York, a distinguished visitor from England.

The Allies, staggering under the blows of the desperate and reckless Teuton military machine and calling for men now, hear in response arguments of New and others for steps to guarantee a supply of men two or three years from now.

It seems to be a settled policy with some Senatore to hinder war progress in various ways under a cloak of superior patriotism and then to take up more valuable time by long drawn out lamentations because the achievements of the executive agencies of the government are no what these illogical and unreasonable critics say they ought to be. This is a poor way of helping this country to "get on" with the war.

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 at the request of the University of Oklahoma. The report has just been published by the Labor Committee under the title of "Child Welfare in Oklahoma."

Oklahoma is leading the way in a very im portant forward movement. It is necessary to know not only the sort of chance the child has in the city, but also the sort of chance he has in the country. A little while ago a careful survey was made on child welfare conditions in Ral eigh. How about the same conditions in Wake county? How about child welfare conditions in all the counties of the State? There is undoubt edly a tremendous field for effort in both country and city. Oklahoma is the first State, we are informed, to gether information as to actual conditions in the rural sections as a basis for legis

The Governor of North Carolina has started movement to make country life as pleasant as city life and practical steps have been taken in that direction. It is a movement which will stand out in the record of the present administration.

What Oklahoma is doing affords a valuable suggestion to North Carolina and North Carolina's steps to improve conditions in the country should give some useful hints to Oklahoma.

Making the country more attractive for the people that are there is a much more feasible plan for stimulating the production of foodstuffs and other necessaries of life than the back-to-the farm movement.

MORE SERVICE FOR THE DOLLAR

DISCONTINUANCE of freight and passenger 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 directors. Yet the railroad business as a result of the war and of this country's participation in it has grown wonderfully and there are not, it seems, the men or the facilities for handling it with the promptness that the public would like. Accordingly there should be quite a large field in other lines of railroad work for those who have heretofore been occupying their time in solicitation.

In any event the step is necessary as a patriotic measure. The railroads being under a single control the reasons for meeting and overcoming competition that formerly existed do not obtain now. That is one of the benefits or government control. It reduces the expense of operation so that when the public pays its freight bill or buys a passenger ticket it is not helping maintain a whole retinue of men kept employed to make certain that some other railroad does not give more than its share of the business. Under the new plan the customer's dollar will buy less solicitation but more transportation.

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 w Americans ought to don our cast-off clothing again and send our best and next best to the French and Belgians. Certainly we ought to end the best and the most we can afford to send to these hard pressed people. Today they are hearing the thunder of the guns of the advancing Germans. Every hour is one of anguish lest the amateurs. news come that the enemy is on the road to Paris. The liberty of France and Belgium is trembling in the balance and if ever the sympathy of Americane is to go out warmly to those stricken people it is now.

There are but a few days in which to assemble the carload of clothing that is asked of Raleigh So there should be no delay. The call is one of the most touching of all the war calls that have been made. The plea of the needy families of bleeding France and Belgium will go straight to the hearts of the mothers of Raleigh.

Those who want to help in this work of mercy should telephone Mrs. Griffin at the Yarborough who has arranged to receive donations in one of the store rooms in the Yarborough Hotel building

The article on the question of the proposed chool tax for Wake county which appeared a few days ago headed "Cary School Teacher Discusses Tax Question," should not have been so headed. The writer of the communication, Mrs. W. H. Hall, is not a teacher.

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. Dr. Bloodgood is a major in the Medical Corps of the army and is in a position to speak with authority. He favors compulsory military training in the schools.

"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?"

Another speaker opposed the military feature but advocated compulsory physical training. This seems more practicable. There is staunch objection in the minds of a great many people in this country to anything that looks like a committal of the people to the policy of militarism, but compulsory physical training in the schools might be desirable. It could hardly be misunderstood as an endorsement of militarism and it would tend to halt the tendency to physical inefficiency which is such an alarming feature at the present.

The need for stronger physical equipment of the growing youth of the nation is one that must be met. The value of a sound body as a means of accomplishing the greatest general efficiency is now generally recognized.

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.

The time to start accommodating one's life to the new schedule is next Saturday night. The daylight saving will begin then, for one ought to go to bed one hour earlier. Before going to bed, however, set your watch or clock or both up one hour. Then if you have been getting up at seven by the clock get up at seven Sunday morning. You will have had the same period of sleep and you will have saved one hour's use of artificial light. It is simple enough.

Set the clock forward one hour Saturday night and forget all about it. Everybody else will do the same thing and the new regime should be ushered in without the slightest confusion.

A TIME FOR ACQUIESCENCE

dispatch received in Ottawa, Canada, from

It develops that the Germans are unlikely to gain a decision in the face of the maintenance of such splendid British resistance. Public opinion, which, though anxious, has never been duly expressed, is now bracing itself into a strong determination to acquiesce in whatever measures are necessary to meet an admittedly critical situation.

All contention has been silenced. Every where unshaken confidence is expressed that the undaunted front presented by the British

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

Undoubtedly there is too much opposition to the various measures that have been proposed for enabling this country to do its part in winning the war. There are still people who fusa and fret because they are required to eat less flour bread than they have been in the habit of eating. "Why things are worse than they were during the Civil War," a man said the other iv. adding that at no time during the Civil Wa was the population reduced to a corn bread basis. The reply to this line of argument is obvious. This is by all odds the greatest war in all history and it would be surprising if it did not be abolished by the order of the regional railroad bring unprecedented conditions. Submitting to a few changes in eating habits is surely one of the smallest of war services that could be rendered. It is hard to understand how any one can complain of that when for the future of the complainers brave men in Europe are daily meet ing death.

> The time is here "to acquiesce in whatever measures are necessary to meet an admittedly

> The world will agree with the Kaiser in one thing and that is that a few hundred thousand Germans, more or less, is no loss to the world at

More than fifty people were arrested in Chiengo for celebrating what they called the German victory in France. Strains of "Die Wacht Am Rhein" were heard from a house and the police went in, halting the festivities. It was found that the whole settlement was celebrating in various ways and before the drive was finished over a half hundred celebrants were asking themselves if they had not been a little too exuberant. Chicago is to be commended for taking vigorous action. Now the next step will be to impose a penalty commensurate with the offense

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Only For Seasoned Veterana

Savannah News. Representative -Longworth vigorously cized the administration. Nick should leave that game to his pape-in-law; it isn't a sport for

Kaiser's Plans And Our Plans Memphis Commercial-Appeal. Kaiser Bill is planning what he will do whe

the war is over.

By No Means Unresponsive ndianapolia News. How could von Hindenburg say that we were unresponsive to Germany's peace intentions? Haven't we got an army on the West front that

We are planning what we will

is growing larger every day? No Time to Look Sharp

Memphia Commercial-Appeal. Don't leave your feelings lying around loose to be hurt; these war times people haven't time o watch where they step.

IT MAY BE YEARS. By SAVOYARD

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. And the peace Germany has made with Russia is the only peace Germany would consider at the West front. She will sur render Alsace-Lorraine as readily as she will relax her grip on Belgium. That is manifest in the speech of the Chancellor in reply to Presi dent Wilson. That Germany is very anxious for a peace conference is certain; but it is in the tope that such a gathering would bring dissension to her enemies.

And so the war must be fought to a knockout, nd that may take years. If the morale of the American people, the English and the French, can be maintained at its present state, there is not one bit of doubt of ultimate victory, but the end is not yet in sight, and it is doubtful if the war is half over. Fortunately her enemies can stand the racket better than Germany can. Their factories are all busy, while the only industry Germany now maintains is that necessary to arm and equip her soldiery. She is making not an ounce of merchandise for export, and her hope is to levy upon and collect from England and the United States indemnities sufficient to reimburse her manufacturers for the losses due to her idle mills during the war.

It is quite likely that Germany has bit off more than she can chaw. Unless she can make the Baltic provinces loyal to her flag she would is nothing in the history of the German to give the slightest hope of such loyalty. Austria could never acquire the good will of an alien race under her dominion. She could not do it even when that superstition we may call religious fanaticism was a means she employed to that end

A case in point. The Thirty Years' War was fought in Germany, and it grew out of religious hatreds between Catholics and Lutherans. was the most devastating war Christendom ever saw. In those days soldiers took their families to war, and at the close of this war few of the surviving men who fought it had ever known any life but that of the camp and the march, of the siege and the battle. Austria was the pillar of the Catholic side; but even the Catholics hated her and would not trust her. Richelieu, prince of the Catholic church, invited Gustavu Adolphus, the Lutheran from Sweden, to enter the fight against the Catholics, and even the Pope of Rome himself, the head of the church, so feared and hated Austria that he sent money to the Swedish heretic and persuaded Catholi nobles to lend him the aid of their swords.

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

The Hohenzollern is even less capable of com manding the confidence and love of aliens that the Hapsburgs. It is all due to temperament In many respects the German is admirable, bu when it comes to governing a foreigner he execrable. He appeals to force and to fear while your Englishman appeals to the materia interest of his vassal, and the Frenchman to hi sentiments. That is why the German is such failure as a colonizer, whereas the English and the French are markedly successful.

Unless the Allies shall choke her off, Ger nany, at the end of the war, will have annexe tens of thousands of square miles of Russian ter ritory and tens of millions of Russian subjects aliens in race, in manners, in religion. If she car make these folks loyal—as loyal as the people of Alsace-Lorraine were and are to France-Germany will wax in military power and ma become as complete mistress of the world a Rome was when Trajan or Julian was Empero But to implant loyalty in the souls of these aliens Germany must change her nature. Shi must sheathe the sword, and if she does that shi must forego that world-wide dominion she so

Germany made that "peace" with the Russia lunatics and traitors because Germany simply would be ruined if peace was made establishing the status quo ante. The Kaiser is bound t have something tangible to show his people a spoil of the war. That is why he will have t be driven from Belgium at the point of the bayo net if he is driven thence. At this moment he has no more intention to surrender Antwern He is even pretending to make alliance with the Flemings, annexing Flanders to his empire There is a way to do that -overwhelm, beat, and capture the Allies in France.

That is his only hope, and that is why this wa s not yet half over, for at the close Germany wil be in Paris and at Calais, or the Entente will be Berlin and in Dresden. It is a fight to a finish. Washington, March 23,

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." Yes, he is actually receiving in mail and other-wise the tails of dead rats as evidence that they have been killed by the members of the club. Some people might shrick to find a package of ra tails in their mail, but Dr. ooks upon them with delight. He says the rate do two billion dollars worth of damage in the United States a year and in this day of conservation, when everything is needed to help win the war it is highly important that the boys open war on the rats. Aside from the amage in destroying grain, they carry diseases which play havoe when least expected. Prizes will be awarded in each township and if you want to become a member of this club, send in your name and address at once to Dr Gidney and set to work killing rate sending their tails to him to be counted The contest will close about the 15th of November next.

TAR HEEL BRAINLETS

Selfishness is a great handleap. The lfish person does not see it that way out everybody knows how people de spise this class and enjoy their disomfiture. The reputation of being close fisted and self-centered is not a good usiness or social asset.-Oxford Orphans' Friend.

One of the largest bits of German ropaganda is an effort to suggest to nent is permitting the Catholics unlue privileges. Loyal American citihe German agent.-Asheville Times.

So, as the London war office states, he present situation is "serious bu ot alarming." It was not to be ex perted that the allied armies would on indefinitely without a check when ey are opposing the greatest military rganization ever known. As remarked these columns vesterday, the Geran drive must and will be stopped .-Asheville Citizen.

A POEM FOR THE DAY

FOR THE MEN AT THE FRONT Lord God of Hosts, whose mighty hand Cominion holds on sea and laud. In Peace and War Thy Will we see

haping the larger liberty. Nations may rise and nations fall, Thy Changeless Purpose rules then

When Death flies swift on waves o field, Be Thou a sure defense and shield! console and succor those who fall,

And help and hearten each and all! O, hear a peoples' prayer for those

In weariness and agony-Come touch, and make them whole O, hear a peoples' prayers and bless Thy servants in their hour of stress.

For those who weak and broken lie.

For those to whom the call shall come We pray Thy tender welcome home. The toil, the bitterness, all past, We trust them to Thy Love at last. O hear a peoples' prayer for all Who nobly striving, nobly fall!

For those who minister and heal, And spend themselves, their skill, their zeal. Renew their hearts with Christ-like

faith. And guard them from disease And in Thine own good time, Lord,

send

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 searcity of labor.

"Because labor is so scarce there will be a tendency to plant crops that do not require as much attention as to bacco. I think there will be on this account appeals from the government considerably more than the usual acre-

age planted to foods in my county. "Big money was made in tobacco last year and there is a great temptation to plant largely again this year, but the labor shortage will interfere to some

extent." ored man in Person on whose land last year there was made by himself and his tenants tobacco that sold for thirty thousand dollars.

"Yes I am of French extraction." said Rev. John P. Bross, of Troy, with a touch of pride in his voice. "The name used to be des Brosses."

"There is a Des Brosses street in New York, I believe," a friend remarked. "Yes," Mr. Bross went on, "that street was named after some of my ancestors who came over with LeFavette."

It can be guessed from Mr. Bross' ancestry that he is watching with the deepest interest the mighty conflict in France and that he is doing all in his power to stimulate patriotic effort in North Carolina. He recently held a patriotic meeting in his church when a service flag was presented, nearly a core of stars on the emblem indicating the number of young men who had gone to the front from the households represented in the church. He is pastor of the Methodist church at Troy and is in Raleigh helping Rev. R. F. Taylor in a revival at Epworth Methodist church.

"Where two or three are gathered together you will find a Four Minute Man," said Mr. Santford Martin, Four Minute Men chairman in North Carolina, outlining the program which will send speakers throughout North Carolina with the call of the government for the various activities in connection

with the war. "We will not be satisfied in reaching the theatres in North Carolina." Mr. Martin continued. "We must go out to the schools, to the churches and to all other gatherings of men and women. Particularly is it necessary to earry the government's message into the rural Who fearless face their country's districts, into every rural church and every rural school. Essentially, the Four Minute Men are to be the mouthpieces of the government, they will carry straight to the people the needs of the various departments of the gov-

> ernment. "Thus far the bon men in the State have been Four Minute spenkers. We must extend the number of speakers so that practically every man who is able to raise his voice effectively for the cause of the nation shall be heard and the weight of his influence felt."

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 shall to 91. The resolution now goes to the