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 NO REASON FOR DICTATOR

While there is no doubt that the food situation in this country is quite serious, there is much doubt as to the advisability of appointing a food dictator for the United States, and we do not believe the government will find this necessary. However, Americans will submit to that if it is necessary to win the war.
 The feeding problem is different in the United States from what it is in Germany and England. Germany formerly produced about 80 per cent of its supplies and England less than 60 per cent, if memory is correct. The authorities in Germany believed that by controlling the price of food, they could limit the demand; but in this they failed. The law was violated everywhere, even in a country where the population is taught that the state comes first in everything. The Berlin government tried to fix prices.
 In England, on the other hand, the government has offered a stimulus to crop production. Farmers are guaranteed certain prices for their grain for a term of years; and they are given every encouragement to produce food crops. A farmer, like any other man, will respond to the call of patriotism with more heartiness if a dollar mark is tacked on it than if he knows he cannot make a profit if he produces much or little. That is human nature, and that is what the English have figured on. England will come nearer feeding herself this year than last or the year before. Germany probably will produce less. The people of the United States would do better to submit to high prices and an abundance rather than high prices and not enough. The producers of food crops should have inducements to plant; those inducements are afforded by the great demand that everybody believes will obtain this year and for several years after the war ends.
 In the south the production of food supplies has been stimulated and there is a prospect, according to persons who have traveled much, that farmers will grow their own supplies and have some to sell. They may not do this, but they will produce more than ever before.
 With the whole country aroused to the crisis that is confronting the world, there is reason for the hope that the United States will produce enough food stuffs for home consumption and to spare the allies.

AT WASHINGTON'S TOMB
 The flags of Great Britain, France and the United States flew over the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon Sunday. Washington fought as gallant a fight for liberty as the English and French are fighting today; then he was pitted against the reactionaries under George III; today his people have joined with the former foe in a contest against a government that is every whit as reactionary as the government that oppressed the colonies. The American Revolution probably was as wholesome in England as in the United States, and liberals like Balfour and democrats like Viviani can well afford to uncover their heads at the tomb of the first father of democracy.
 There may be a few men in West Hickory and Longview who are opposed to giving their own children more advantages, but they should stand in the light of other people's children. It would be better to move out of the community than to do that, though it must be borne in mind that a community that is not constantly going forward as these towns desire to do is hard to find. Moving day would come very often, unless all the opponents would found a town of their own. Make Longview and West Hickory go.
 Representative Webb came around handsomely in support of the administration in its fight for humanity and we are as ready as anybody to give him credit for it. Mr. Webb yet has a chance to make himself strong with his constituents, and he seems to be on the right track.

One thousand American surgeons will go to the war fronts to assist British and French surgeons in administering to the wounded. That is one form of aid that can be rushed to the front at once.

Mills Kitchin, son of Leader Kitchin, has volunteered as a private in the United States army, thereby setting a good example to young men whose fathers are in high places.

Criticise when you feel compelled to do so, but always criticise with a view to being helpful. Nobody minds that sort.

Wish we could induce good old Papa Joffre to visit Hickory for the opening of the white way.

Germany and the Revolution
 Springfield Republican.

From the outset it was clear that the revolution in Russia would either be a great help to Germany or a great embarrassment. Which it would prove was not so clear, and at present it seems to be both. On the one hand, the democratization which it has caused has put before the aggressive elements in Germany the temptation to play for even bigger stakes. Only hold on, they say, let England be wasted by submarine warfare, and smash Russia while it is weak. Then Germany can carry out virtually the full pan-German program and assure its predominance in Europe.

On the other hand not only has the revolution started sympathetic vibrations in Germany which are agitating to royalty and bureaucracy, but it has seemed to offer a chance for peace which must appeal intensely to the great multitude of Germans who are neither radicals nor annexationists but plain people with a profound craving for peace. The situation is engaging, yet it is a fair inference that Germany stands at the crossroads hesitating which course to take. As usual, the chancellor has avoided committing himself. He is certainly working for peace, and on terms obnoxious to the pan-Germans, but this far he has kept a free hand. If his efforts fail, so resourceful a politician can easily shift to the other camp as he did in the matter of unrestricted U-boat warfare.

It is possible however that the growing demand for a sincere offer of peace may compel the chancellor to take sides. There is interest in the report from Amsterdam that at the next meeting of the Reichstag he is to make a more explicit statement on peace terms. Though indirect, the report is made plausible by the confidential statement of terms lately made to neutral newspaper correspondents, and still more by the boldness with which Vorwaerts, now the organ of the government or Scheidmann wing of the socialist party, has been demanding a public pledge that Germany is not seeking annexation or indemnities. If Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg should flat-footedly take that ground it would mean a tremendous crisis in Germany, and apprehension that he is being driven to that ground is probably the cause of the fresh attacks of his opponents, the aim is to force him out of office before he commits the empire to a pacifist program which would ruin the hopes of the men and the parties who caused the war and have conducted it with patriotic energy for the aggrandizement of Germany. But their fears may be as unfounded as in the case of the U-boats; it is difficult to imagine the chancellor uttering words that cannot be swallowed again with the utmost ease.

The Russian negotiations, for example, present to the present time an ambiguous face. They may equally well be taken as a sincere effort for a general peace on fair terms or for an effort to exploit the revolution by intrigue while baiting the German liberals along with fair pledges of deferred reform. Till the German government with the utmost explicitness states its peace terms it must inevitably be suspected of the worse motive, and this fact must be coming home to the German people, who know less than the neutral newspaper men as to what the government is driving at.
 Nor should it be overlooked that for a great part of the German people the main reason for the war ceased abruptly with the coup d'etat. They know, because it has been dinned into them, that the czar caused the war by treacherously mobilizing against Germany; is plainly set down in the German "white book," therefore it must be so. But the czar is no more, and in his stead reigns the Russian democracy, which wants neither conquest nor indemnities, and is ever ready to let Poland go free. What, then, is the war about? German logic is slow, and when the premises are supplied from official sources it leads to wonderful conclusions. But in the present case the premises lead straight to the conclusion that if Germany, as its people have been told, is fighting a defensive war against a czar who no longer reigns, its government has no excuse for not reciprocating the frank declaration of free Russia. It is doubtful if after three years of the terrible sacrifices of war the German people as a whole is willing to continue it as a war of conquest.

ATTENTION, MOTHERS
 The Mothers-Teachers Association will hold their regular monthly meeting at the South building Wednesday evening at 8:30. The meeting will be addressed by Mrs. Longaker of Lenoir College. Subject, "Vaccination."
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