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LOOKING FOR ACTION

Many people believed that Great Britain had not waged a vigorous warfare at sea simply because one great disaster might upset her control of the seas, for it was more important that troops and supplies be kept moving to France than that the German grand sea fleet be rooted out of its protecting harbor and sunk at the risk of destruction to the British sea forces engaged.

With the entrance of the United States in the war, Britain can afford to take more risks. The two powers will cooperate and if some strategy is not attempted and carried out successfully, we may be sure there are better reasons against it. Nobody realizes more than our naval men the advantages that would accrue in destroying the German fleet.

The British in the last two weeks have wrought considerable damage at two naval bases, and they cause this damage at no loss to themselves. The American warships went across the Atlantic for action. The shakeup in the British navy indicates that our allies are desirous of doing something. In any event, Americans will watch the news from London with more than usual interest.

People who delight to quote the immortal words of Pinckney, 'Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute,' should bear in mind always the fact that Berlin junkers started this war with the hope that the bill would be paid by enemies and that Germany would gain more territory in Europe by annexation.

A fact that Englishmen, Frenchmen and Americans will hold in everlasting gratitude is the steadfast loyalty Japan has shown to the cause of the allies. That country has rendered incalculable service, and if it had done nothing else except destroy the German base in China, the allies would have no reason to complain. But as a matter of fact, the Japanese have helped to patrol the seas have financed Russia and placed their transports at the disposition of the British government for the carrying of Austrians to the front.

GOVERNMENT SYSTEM OF SUPPLYING LABOR

Washington, May 18.—Organization of a national government system of supplying labor for the country's farms this summer probably will be completed by the agriculture and labor departments within two weeks, and in a short time thereafter the government expects to be enrolling hundreds of thousands of men, women and boys for farm work.

The plan, outlined by W. J. Spillman, chief of the agriculture department's office of farm management calls for the co-operation of all state food organizations. In each state the government will name a board to direct the work, the boards to name county agents and they in turn community agents. Many governors already have named boards from their state food commissions. Community agents will register persons who can give a part of their time this summer to farm labor, and will register also the ordinary surplus of farm labor. In addition, they will ascertain their local farm labor needs and where possible, will place labor in their own communities.

Community agents will report to county agents any surplus of labor or labor needs, and county agents will report in turn to state boards. If a labor surplus or shortage exists in a state, the boards will report to the agriculture department and the labor department will assist in attaining the proper distribution. Railroads will aid by giving low transportation rates to laborers. Two hundred and fifty thousand posters will be sent throughout the country soon calling on persons to enroll for farm labor. The departments behind the plan believe cities and villages can supply a great deal of labor for short periods.

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A GREAT WAR IF WE DON'T WEAKEN

By Wallace Irwin of the Vigilantes. A few nights ago a public demonstration was held in Madison Square garden to honor the crews of visiting French warships. That night was truly inspiring to loyalty and to brotherhood in arms. The twelve thousand who beat the other twelve thousand to the door and stormed the auditorium were on their feet most of the evening shaking the gathered ceiling with Yankee cheers and kee-hee yells. At one dramatic point a French Lieutenant-Commander leaped over the ropes into the central arena and whipped out his sword, a tongue of flame, to signal many numbered French bayonets which spouted successively skyward, a cornfield of steel, raised to the glory of a new ally. The ensuing din was terrific and loud—on the tide of a young enthusiasm—helped knock off the hat of the only pacifist present. It was out of the contrasting silence which followed that I heard the warning spoken softly by the little man just behind me, "If we don't weaken, if we don't weaken—there's the point of a sermon! Nobody likes to preach on the elderly subject of patriotism; but we are now launched as a nation upon the business of killing and being killed and at such a time none of us can afford to trifle with the truth. We mustn't weaken and we must cut out the rotten roots of weakness. Sane America wants the manufacture of alcoholic beverages stopped for a reason that has nothing to do with sentimental twaddle. The manufacture of alcoholic beverages, if continued with us, would amount to a deadly German plot in our midst. This is a matter of plain business fact. The world is facing starvation, America must feed herself and the world, and she cannot sit by and see millions of tons of good, clean grain being poured into vats to make a rather expensive, somewhat poisonous, entirely useless liquid. Already they are talking of giving us war bread, your grocer has learned to say "food shortage" as he doubts the price of every edible and in the season next door the workman—who would surely serve our industrial army a little better were he sucking to cold water—is cheating somebody out of a square meal every time a glass of "the same" is snatched up and over the bar. As it is up to the bankers and the bankers, the pub and the club. We are struggling desperately to make food-stuffs, a large percentage of which are destined to feed Von Capelle's ravenous and cowardly sharks. War is becoming something hell never dreamed of. And if we're going to out-face hell we can't do it by getting drunk at the expense of soldiers abroad and children at home. Uncle Sam has got to go in training for the big night. If he's going to win he mustn't be starved or drugged. Patriotic brewers and distillers know this and are diverting their business into channels useful to the government. Those who are not patriotic must be compelled into decency—and your influence will help, if you don't weaken.

PROPOSED PAGEANT ON JULY 4 ABANDONED It has been decided by the program committee and education committee of the Community Club who had the Fourth of July meeting in charge to abandon the proposed pageant that had been planned for that day. This decision was reached to follow out the idea of conservation in every possible way. The July business meeting will be held at the regular time.

NO MORE FREE SEEDS Washington, D. C., May 18.—No seed for free distribution nor for sale is at the disposal of the United States department of agriculture. The department, however, through its committee on seed stocks, is receiving daily telegraphic and other reports as to available supplies of seeds of crops for late planting, and will assist in locating seed stocks for localities where shortages exist. The committee is cooperating with state, local and commercial agencies in an effort to secure better distribution of seed and to encourage plantings of all important crops. Information regarding shortages and surplus stocks should be addressed to R. A. Oakley, chairman, committee on seed stocks, U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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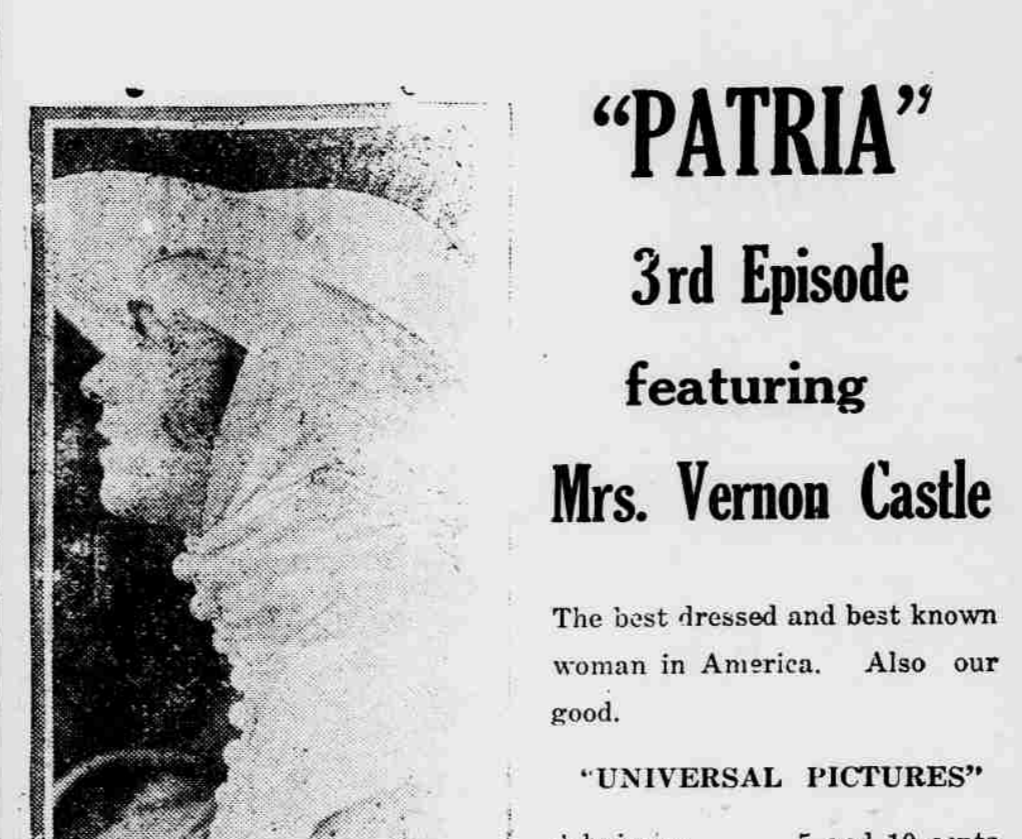
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