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RUSSIA LOOKS BETTER

In the opinion of Albert Thomas, French minister of munitions, who is on his way home from Petrograd, the Russian situation has improved notably in the past two months. Mr. Thomas said there is no longer a dual government and that the provisional government is growing in power and effectiveness.

The government is determined to carry on the war there is not the slightest doubt. Its difficulties have been tremendous and the surprising thing is that it has been able to stand at all. Americans have begun to hope that it will weather the storm and that Russia will take its place in the ranks of the democracies at war with the governments of Germany, Austria and Turkey.

Even though Russia should not be able to render any effective military aid it will continue to serve the cause as long as it declines to enter into a separate peace with the central powers. Mr. Root's greetings to the young republic must have been received well and there is additional reason to hope that the influence of the United States, brought to bear in a spirit of helpfulness, will convince the people of that vast country, leaders already are convinced, that their freedom cannot be sure until they have overthrown the enemies of liberty on their borders.

**GOOD SENSE PREVAILS**

It has been explained satisfactorily to Japan, we are told, that the American note to China did not contemplate any action that was not to the best interests of the world. Britain and Japan have declined to join in the hope expressed by the United States that China will compose their differences, those countries believing that the internal affairs of China are in such bad straits as to make it impossible of solution, and they do not care to be placed in a position where they might feel it their duty to intervene. The United States, as the best friend China has ever had, could give good advice, however, without the slightest intimation of force. The point that Americans are interested in now is that the relations between the United States and Japan, threatened by the publication of a spurious text of the American note, are again normal, with no prospect of unpleasant negotiations.

**MADE THE RIGHT START**

Hickory has begun its campaign to raise \$7,000 for the Red Cross in a manner that assures its success. Everybody in Hickory is interested in the campaign, because the funds will aid American soldiers most, and probably friends and relatives of our people.

To save the lives of any number of men we would be willing to mortgage everything we have, but it will not be necessary to do that. We can help as much as we can. Everybody needs money, but all of us can strain brains and their friends in France, a point or two in the interest of America.

If we can run the fund above \$7,000, so much the better. At any rate, we should be listed as among the thousands of cities throughout the country that are glad to help. And Hickory has made a good start.

The Record, published in a rural community, naturally wants the farmers to receive high prices for their products. Good prices for produce mean better living conditions and more money everywhere. But we are in sympathy with the food control legislation. We don't want the farmer to sell his stuff for half or two-thirds what the consumer is forced to pay. The food control legislation would prevent that. It would prevent robbery.

According to correspondents writing from New Bern, commission merchants of that town have purchased the Irish potato crops of farmers in the neighborhood at about one-third the retail price. The buyers, it is said, told the farmers that the spuds would be low and thus induced them to sell at a sacrifice. If that is the case, and the story has not been denied, tar, feathers and the single rail should be fashioned in New Bern.

Collier's pointed out that those congressmen who opposed Mr. Wilson in his efforts to make the world safe for democracy are the same as those who framed the war revenue bill in the hope that it would be so obnoxious to the American people as to make them tired of war doing.

The Dick Carter arrested for murder in Springfield, Mo., is no relation we hope, of Nick Carter, our school-boy friend.

The treasury department has more than a billion dollars in its vaults. (Republican papers please copy.)

**PERSHING ABROAD**

Kansas City Times. Just imagine "Black Jack Pershing of the Texas border having afternoon tea in London. We'll bet he would rather have been drinking alkali water out of a Chihuana sink-hole.

**NO LONGER A MEMBER**

Brooklyn Eagle. At last, after all legal forms have been complied with, the Atlantic yacht club has expelled the kaiser of Germany. Yacht experts and U-boat enthusiasts can really have nothing in common.

**A REAL CONTRIBUTION**

New York Evening Post. The frightful cost of winning the war is brought home afresh to the French and British people by the news that Americans in the entente armies are introducing the habit of chewing gum.

**IT IS UP TO US**

Brooklyn Eagle. President Wilson in his message to Russia blasts the way through. "And unless we pour out blood and treasure now and succeed, we may never be able to unite or show conquering force again in the great cause of human liberty. The day has come to conquer or submit. There is the whole issue. 'Der Tag' has arrived for us—the day that we either conquer or submit." The president whose patience often burdened us becomes the unwearied fighter. His tenacity for peace is still great although the path leads through blood. His people will not desert him.

**BILLY SUNDAY IN NEW YORK**

New York World. Tonight in his tabernacle Billy Sunday ends what has doubtless been the greatest revival of modern times. For three months the baseball evangelist has denounced sin and anatomized the works of the devil in two performances daily, and certainly, from whatever angle his campaign is regarded it has proved a prodigious thing. Whatever may be thought of the evangelist's theology, there is no division of opinion about his patriotism and his Americanism. In that respect he has preached the truth. He has inspired a love of country in his hearers and, tested by the number of men he has moued to hit the trail to the recruiting station and the bond counter, his missionary work has well justified itself, and this quite apart from what it has done for religion.

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