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MORE COOPERATION

The Springfield Republican points out that the reply of President Wilson to the pope's peace note has served to clarify the military and diplomatic situation for the allies by providing a formula which all can endorse.

What the allies must do to win the war is to shift men and guns to those points where they will do the most good. It is apparent now that the Italians, unless the German armies reported as hurrying to the rescue of Austria are able to turn the tide, are on the eve of a big victory over Austria; France and England therefore should shift resources to meet the German menace.

We may be sure that the allied general staff, now that the war has progressed more than three years, will overlook no opportunity to win a decision. With the crumbling of Russia they have ceased to count on any help from that source, and they probably will have no sentimental objections to striking Austria in order to harm Germany.

Persons who are wont to complain at government regulation of food prices that a fair price was set for wheat and that the growers are guaranteed a minimum of \$2.20 in 1917 and \$2 in 1918. If the government had not acted, the Chicago gentleman who are in the habit of making money out of the nation's grain might have pressed the price down as low as \$1.50 and then proceeded to make a killing.

Persons who are hopeful that Dr. Alexander will say things in his Startown speech Friday that will make it harder for the government and therefore harder for the young men who have taken up arms for their country have overlooked the fact that the doctor has stated that he will utter no disloyal words while the war lasts.

Signor Arturo Toscanini, formerly musical director of the Metropolitan of New York, led his Italian band into the assault on Monte Santo and the musicians rendered national airs while the soldiers fought "with incomparable enthusiasm."

Henry A. Page, food administrator for North Carolina, has addressed a letter to the farmers of the state urging them to double the wheat production next year. North Carolina farmers will obtain about \$2.40 for this year's product and at least \$2 for next year's. There will be money in it.

North Carolina superior court judges, who have better opportunities than any other class of citizens to inform the people, are discussing the war in their charges to grand juries, and none can converse on the subject more entertaining than Messrs. Bond and Carter.

Those Chicago police who afforded "protection" to the pacifists jeered and sneered at them all the while, a Chicago special to the New York Herald asserts. A pro-German can find but few friends in this broad land.

WHO CAUSED THE WAR?

German newspapers are out of line with their government. All in Germany agreed at the outbreak of the war that Russia was responsible, but after England went to the rescue of outraged Belgium, the German statesmen and press jumped on their "only hate" for precipitating the war.

Now German newspapers have reverted to the first allegation, and it is likely that the government will follow suit—unless it is decided by the Prussians that the United States caused it.

People with memories, however, recall that it was Austria that made a series of demands on Serbia, that Serbia granted all but one and offered to submit that to a convention of neutrals, and that Austria, after the German war party had declared its readiness for the undertaking, flatly rejected the offer of the little country.

All efforts of the French and English to compose the differences were brushed aside by the German government—even after Austria, frightened at what had been done, showed a willingness to stop the awful affair.

To show how calm the Germans were, a Berlin newspaper published the fact that Germany was mobilizing, the Russian ambassador telegraphed this information to Petrograd—and the horror broke loose.

German and Austrian newspapers, which have agreed to "suspend truth during the war," cannot fool anybody except Germans, and it is doubtful if they are being fooled very badly.

The amateur colored yeggs who assaulted Cashier Ben Morris in a Mocksville bank several weeks ago have been sentenced to seven and six years in the penitentiary. They hit the cashier over the head, but unlike the gentlemen who pay periodical visits to the Mocksville Postoffice, retired with nothing except their clothes.

Persons who have glanced at headlines in the newspapers might have been led to believe that the Italian press has criticized the president's reply, when as a matter of fact, it was the Catholic press, the papers speaking for the pope.

If Germany should win this war, her statesmen would be as tickled to collect from pros the same as antis. They would tax the pros for not making more trouble and perhaps getting shot.

'Sephus Daniels scored again, the navy league admitting that its charges against the secretary were without warrant. The truth is your Uncle Josephus is on the job, and has been on it for over four years.

Those senators who are so insistent on taxing wealth to the limit are the same who have tried to thwart the president in his efforts to redress wrongs.

Bar Association Pledges Loyalty.—Headline. Everybody is loyal except the ignorant and vicious, and there is little excuse for the ignorant now.

These good tobacco lands of the piedmont may be used again to produce the weed that is making automobiles plentiful in the eastern part of the state just now.

If it is true that the truth hurts, anybody can account for the howl that is coming from the Prussians.

It is about time some of us big automobile owners are taking a crowd of fellows down to Greenville to call on the lads.

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