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APPEAL TO HOUSEWIVES

In behalf of the national and state food administrations, the allies of the United States and the American boys who are fighting the battles of the people back home, the Record is addressing this editorial to its good women subscribers. They see that the table is supplied; they generally do the ordering of groceries.

The world is short of wheat and flour. This country produced just a fraction more than it consumes normal times. Some of us must save flour, meat and sugar. We can't deny our allies, who are already on short rations; we should not deny our soldier boys and the other soldiers boys who are helping them to win the war. Then we must deny ourselves.

Messrs. Hoover and Page want your cooperation. Everything is plentiful in this section except meat and sugar. But it is not plentiful in other sections; it will not be plentiful here unless we do our part. There are too many mouths to feed for there to be an abundance.

Mr. Page wants the cooperation of housewives and he will send out instructions. You may be given a pledge card. If you are not sent one, make up your mind to cut down, to substitute corn meal for wheat flour, to lighten up on the sugar. If you do it voluntarily, you will help a great deal even a few of you.

We haven't realized yet how serious the situation is. When the government urged farmers to increase their yields, many of us thought that too much might be produced, that prices would be low. That is not the case. The need to save certain staples was never greater, and the Record is sure the good women of this section will help.

IT LOOKS HOPELESS

The Russian situation today presents a parallel with the French revolution at one time, but we have about reached the point where we are unable to take comfort from parallels or anything else that is presented by history. It is interesting to note, however, that the French was about as badly discouraged in every way as the Russians are now and that Dornmouriez fought the battle of Valmy with two armies which before that fateful day had been notable more for their sprinting ability than anything else. The Prussians, Austrians and French nobles were nearing Paris, but the French rallied unexpectedly and gave them a tremendous thrashing.

With the Germans comparatively near Petrograd, the Russians are as bad off as the French ever were. There is a chance that the Teutons will find an inhospitable country before them, and that the Russians, remembering the Napoleonic invasion, might turn on the enemy with terrible results.

There is a bare chance but little more. The Russians do not seem to know that their land is danger of being spoliated; they do not seem to have that love for the fatherland that characterizes other peoples, and as a result the Germans probably will be able to do what they please.

The Liberty Loan will be subscribed, but Hickory people should not delay. They should decide the amount they can invest and then go to their banker and place the order for bonds.

Mayor Mitchel may not be re-elected, but he is causing all the candidates except the socialist, Morris Hillquit, to assert that they are for America first. And that is worth while.

There's a fine chance for large boys to earn extra money and at the same time help their country by working on near by farms this fall. The crops should be gathered.

The State Fair opens in Raleigh today and from all accounts it is to be better than ever.

AUTHORITATIVE DENIAL

Mr. Bryan's Commoner for October reproduces an interview with the Nebraska State Journal of Lincoln, in which this statement appears: "I read a statement which purported to have been made by Senator LaFollette in a speech in Minnesota to the effect that four days before the sinking of the Lusitania I had notified the president that there was ammunition on board the vessel. When I passed through Washington last Wednesday I notified the state department and also Senator LaFollette that the senator had been misinformed and that I had not known until after the sinking of the Lusitania that it carried ammunition in its cargo."

This is an authoritative denial Senator LaFollette could have ascertained whether Mr. Bryan made such a statement as to the Lusitania, but the Wisconsin senator preferred to make a direct charge in the hope that he would not be called to account. He knew he was fabricating, knew that he was prejudicing the interests of the land that had honored him, but that mattered not.

The senate investigating committee will be able to disprove Mr. LaFollette's alleged facts, and it will show that he deliberately deceived the American people to serve the kaiser's ends.

Those fellows who continue to bet on the National League are bound to win some time, since the junior league cannot win all the time.

The Flora McDonald College girls are made of the right stuff. It is not an easy job picking cotton.

SIGNS OF BREAKDOWN IN GERMAN?

Springfield Republican. The very report would have made to the German foreign minister's shifty statement in the reichstag concerning Alsace-Lorraine has swiftly come from the lips of Deputy Haussmann. "Apart from Alsace-Lorraine," said Dr. von Kuehlmann, "there is absolutely no impediment to peace;" and that was tantamount to saying that Belgium should be given up, replied Haussmann.

But the foreign secretary declined to go that far; nor would he concur in Haussmann's further statement that an undertaking to give up Belgium "should be heralded forth to all nations." To spread abroad the idea that only France's demand for Alsace-Lorraine stands between the world and peace is only another cunning expedient of the insincere diplomacy of the German foreign office. Its hypocrisy is exposed at once by Deputy Haussmann's reminder concerning Belgium; for neither in the recent answer to the pope nor in any other authoritative statement by the German government has one word ever been said to effect that an unconditional German retirement from Belgium could be depended upon.

Yet the tone of the speeches of Chancellor Michaelis and Dr. von Kuehlmann, as they are reported to the world, reveal an extraordinary and significant stressing of the idea that the surrender of German territory is unthinkable. It is not remarkable that the rulers of an empire who can prove by the military map that Germany is victorious on all fronts should face their own parliament with protests against yielding a foot of German soil? Can anyone recall a proud conqueror, in the flush of triumph, instead of dictating the terms of peace to the stricken foe proclaiming to his own people, as Von Kuehlmann did for his imperial master: "So long as one German hand can hold a gun, the integrity of the territory handed down to us as a glorious inheritance by our forefathers can never be the object of negotiations or concessions." Bismarck was not constrained by circumstances to declaim in that heroic vein after Sedan, nor was Castlereagh after Austerlitz. All that those triumphant foreign secretaries needed to say was "Sign here."

The internal situation in Germany is not entirely clear to us, nor are we yet sure of the precise relation between the recent mutiny in the German navy and the present difficulties of the government with the reichstag. That the astonishing mutiny took place at all is a fact of undeniable importance, and if we connect it with the growing fever of the masses of the German people for peace we shall not go far wrong. It may now be at least a plausible explanation of the government's course in disclosing the mutiny in the reichstag that, realizing the impossibility of keeping the secret indefinitely, it hoped immediately to utilize the occurrence as ammunition against the radical socialists, who are the most persistent assailants of its war policies.

But the government's effort to saddle these socialists with responsibility for the mutiny appears to have already reacted upon it to the extent that the majority socialists under Scheidemann have rallied to the defense of their comrades of the minority. It is a weak or cowardly government that dares not arrest and hand over to the courts, as the Berlin Tagblatt suggests, any members of the reichstag who are really guilty of instigating a mutiny in his majesty's high seas fleet, for the crime is one of high treason. Yet no deputy has been arrested and six weeks have elapsed since the mutiny.

No one outside of Germany, and perhaps no one inside, can say how far the mutinous spirit pervades the German people, but certainly we must now be prepared at least to revise our preconceived opinions of the possible effects of the cast-iron discipline which the world has assumed must make a strict and unswerving obedience among the German loyalty to the monarch and the ruling caste.

What may not Germany be capable of if the isolated crews of four or five warships have revolted on their very decks and even thrown a German captain into the sea to drown? If German military discipline has begun to crack, what may not happen among a whole people that is slowly but surely realizing the unspeakable failure of the German war lords to make the universal horror they had willed a

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The largest assemblage of spectators to witness any game of the series was on hand yesterday. According to the official figures 33,969 persons paid admission to the Polo grounds, their contributions totaling \$73,348. Of this sum, the stockholders of each of the two clubs will receive \$33,006.06, and the National commission, \$7,334.80.

The players ceased to participate in the gate receipts after the fourth game but they will receive \$152,888.58 as their share, this amount being divided 60 per cent to the Chicago team and 40 per cent to New York players. The total receipts for the six games amounted to \$425,878, and after subtracting the money paid to the players, the two clubs are each richer by \$115,200.81 and the National commission \$42,587.80.

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TAR HEEL SHERIFFS WILL AID LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN

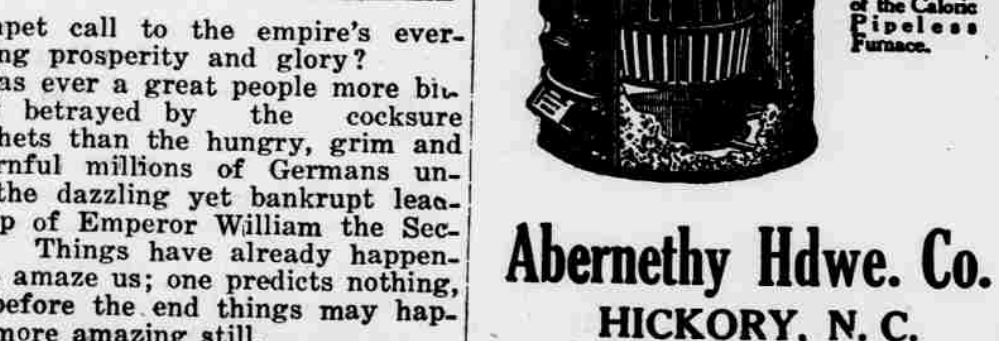
Raleigh, Oct. 16.—Eighty-nine of the hundred county sheriffs in North Carolina met here upon invitation of Governor Bickett to discuss matters of grave importance to the state and nation, and gave complete indorsement to the governor's proposal to carry the liberty loan bond sale in North Carolina to the remotest parts of the state, endeavoring to dispose of \$19,000,000 worth of bonds to men who cannot subscribe to bonds of higher denomination than \$100.

MARSHAL JOFFRE SPENDS DAY WITH AMERICAN TROOPS

American Training Camp in France, Oct. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Marshal Joffre, hero of the Marne, spent the entire day with the American troops. He reviewed Major General Sibert's contingent and inspected the training schools and the other troops.

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