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THE AMERICAN TONGUE

The boys coming back from Eu-
rope have not caused us to be alarm-
ed lest the great American tongue
fall into disrepair. They continue
to speak the English language—at
least the American version of it. We
were a bit fearful that many of them
might come home speaking a lan-
guage unknown to poor, hard-working
newspapermen, and it is a comfort
to feel that we can understand what
they are talking about, when they
talk—for few of them have very much
to say. There seems to be a desire
not to talk but rather to try to forget.

The idea is, however, that one may
travel a pretty good distance without
calling into play a knowledge of for-
eign languages. While it is not so
much to the credit of the average
American that he evinces little desire
to add to his accomplishments the work-
ing knowledge of an extra language,
and that he is disposed to let George
do it—or rather leave it to Tony, or
Alphonse or Francois, and bide the
time when they can use the English
language—the fact remains that Eng-
lish has come to be understood in
many parts, and one may skip around
considerably and always fall into the
hands of some one who can under-
stand what one is talking about.

The men across the way might
have learned very many things about
France had they been able to speak
the French language, and those who
fell into the hands of the enemy, or
who later were detailed with the army
of occupation might have found out
other interesting things had they un-
derstood the language of the enemy.
But the American boy says, "I should
worry, let the other fellow do the
grinding."

It is said that Mr. Wilson's ability
to speak the French language is aided
to a considerable extent by the use
of an interpreter. Our diplomatic
men have no hesitancy in going abroad
to the countries to which they are
accredited without a speaking ac-
quaintance with those nations. Yet,
the Chinese, Japanese, Italian, French
and other diplomatic representatives
come to us with the ability to con-
verse in English, and we are not sur-
prised.

English, and largely the American
version, is spoken by more than 150
million people of the western world,
the language of the enemy follows
within 30 million, and then Russian,
French, Spanish, Italian and Portu-
guese. But if these people of the other
side are wise enough to master
English, why should not our men—
especially those who profess to be
commercial engineers—add a knowl-
edge of French or Spanish? It
would be a stroke of good business.

THE MONTH OF APRIL

April showers are productive of
many things. Likewise history has
a way of placing important events
within the bounds of the month of
April. Any day in the month may
be reckoned as a holiday, commem-
orative of some bit of history.
The Spanish war began in April,
and the civil war started and ended
in April. The United States flung
her hat into the world war in the
same month. April is the birth-
month of Shakespeare, and also the
month in which he died. The battle
of Lexington was fought 144 years
ago on the nineteenth day of April,
and the Halifax resolves were promul-
gated in this month.

The one important event scheduled
for April, 1919, is the Fifth Liberty
Loan—the Victory Loan. One has
every reason to believe that the
Victory Loan will live up to the preced-
ents and that it will go with a vim.
The whole country is filled with snap
and vigor, sunshine and invigorating
showers, the stuff that turns small
things into bigger and better things.
Why not take advantage of the op-
portunity to turn small savings into
permanent investments?

Well, you might be present at the
Chamber of Commerce tonight to say
when the celebration shall take place.

If conservative Bavaria, which is
reported to have come out under the
domination of the bolsheviks, can-
not remain more or less calm, then
we have little on which to base hopes
that the rest of central Europe will
behave. In Bavaria much depends
on the attitude of the Catholic clergy,
who are supposed to receive their
instructions from the pope, who is an-
ti-bolshevik, which is anti-religious.

What could be more glorious than
this weather? "One impulse from
a vernal wood" at this season of the
year, with the foliage shooting forth
in varied colors and the shrubbery
and grass and wild flowers bursting
out under foot, surely can teach us
more of moral good than shutting up
in our dens.

Some of the boys who are back
from France heard little English
for several months; that was the case
with wounded men who were sent to
French hospitals, and they had to par-
loze-vous in order to emphasize their
signs.

THE BOLSHEVIKS AND WOMEN

Manchester Guardian.
The bolsheviks have plenty of sins
to answer for, and it is unnecessary
to invent fresh ones. The charge
has of late been widely and persist-
ently made against them that they
have decreed the nationalization of
women. It appears that this is a
pure invention. Dr. Harold Williams,
who is as strong an antibolshevik as
need be, writes to the New Europe:

"I have made particular inquiries
among friends recently arrived from
Russia as to the alleged nationaliza-
tion of women, and they all assure
me positively that they have never
heard or read of such a decree. It is
certain that the central bolshevik
government has issued no order of the
kind, and if anarchists in Smolensk
or school boys in some other provin-
cial town have printed such abomi-
nable productions the central govern-
ment cannot be held responsible."

The New Europe, which itself some
time ago printed a translation of
such a decree by the bolsheviks of
Vladimir with the statement that it
had been published in the Moscow
official paper, now finds that the de-
cree was not published in the Moscow
journal. Being an honorable paper it
withdrews the imputation and ex-
presses regret for its mistake. We
could wish the Times would follow
this good example. Some time ago
it attributed to the bolsheviks of
Saratoff a decree for the national-
ization of women, though the text of
the document showed that it was the
production of local anarchists. Yet
within the last week the Times once
again referred to this alleged decree
as the work of bolsheviks. We are
quite sure that in both instances the
error was involuntary.

We are quite of Dr. Williams' mind,
that the case against the bolsheviks,
as weakened by imputing to those
crimes they have not committed. In
any case, everybody who takes a se-
rious interest in and wishes to form a
just opinion about this most impor-
tant question of Russia wants the
truth, and must resent mendacities
which conceal the truth.

WHAT IS NOT DEAD IN RUSSIA

Boston Evening Record.
"The czar and his family are dead.
That is positive." So says Gen. Robert
C. Paris, reporting officially to the
French government.
Yet we think that the only thing
that is positive—if even that is pos-
itive—is that Nicholas Romanoff and
his family are dead. The czar may
or may not be dead; for the czar was
more than an individual.
Nicholas was a weak and well-in-
tentioned man, who might have made
a good neighbor and club member.
He might have been a good workman,
possibly a good farmer. Yet, while
he sat on the throne of Petrograd
there were misery and terror through-
out wide domains. While this inefficient
and wobbling heir to autocracy trem-
bled in the darkness of his room at
night, Death stalked abroad through
glittering streets, and Tragedy was
familiar in Russian homes.

Now has come revolution and rev-
olution in Russia. The Romanoffs
have been destroyed; Nicholas, say
the reports, stood against a cellar
wall and shot his family mistreated
and murdered in a frenzy of horror.
Kerensky has come and gone. Prince
Ljoff we hear of no more. Milukoff
is forgotten. Lenine, sinister and
able, and Trotzky, brilliant and men-
acing, sit in seats of power and watch
from the corners of their eyes for the
beast which they loosed and did not
tame.

And the czar is alive in Russia—
alive whether he wears the ermine
robes of Nicholas, or the clothes of
Kerensky or Lenine or Trotzky or
the dress of a torch-throwing devil
roaring through the blood-marred
streets of Russian city. For the
thing that was the czar, the thing
that made the word "czar" a terror
in the years of centuries-oppressed
Russians, was greater and worse
than any man. And it is not dead
in Russia.

Greed and hate and arrogance and
envy and oppression cannot be
stood against a wall and shot. They
are of sterner stuff.

EXCISE TAX ON JUVENILE LABOR

Another weeding out of juvenile la-
bor in knitting mills already is in
progress for compliance with the re-
venue act of February 24, 1919, in or-
der to escape an additional tax. Sec-
tion 1209 of the act provides:

"That every person operating a
manufacturing establishment in the
United States in which children under
the age of fourteen years have been
employed or permitted to be employ-
ed, or children between the ages of
fourteen and sixteen have been em-
ployed or permitted to work more
than eight hours in any day or more
than six days in any week, or after
the hour of seven o'clock post
meridian or before the hour of six
o'clock ante meridian, during any
portion of the taxable year shall
pay for each taxable year, in addi-
tion to all other taxes imposed by
law an excise tax equivalent to 10
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is he who car-
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it is only cloudy.
Any man will
send for a doc-
tor when he gets
bedfast, but the wiser one is he
who adopts proper measures before
his ills become serious. During a
hard winter or the following spring
one feels rundown, tired out, weak
and nervous. Probably you have
suffered from colds or influenza
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MEN TOLD ME, LORD!
Men told me, Lord! it was a vale of
tears.
Where thou hadst placed me, wicked-
ness and woe
My twain companions whereso I
might go;
That I through ten and three-score
years
Should stumble on, beset by pains
and fears,
Pierce conflict round me, passions hot
within,
Enjoyment brief and fatal, but in
sin,
When all was ended then should I
demand
Full compensation from the austere
hand;
For 'tis thy pleasure, all temptation
past,
To be not just but generous at last.

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9:00 a. m.
11:20 a. m.
11:35 a. m.
4:45 p. m.
6:15 p. m.
11:50 a. m.
2:32 p. m.
Departs for
New York-Salisbury
New York-Salisbury
Asheville
Richmond-Salisbury
Asheville
Asheville
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11:50 a. m.

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