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## Colonel Watterson's View of The War.

Marse Henry Watterson, looking backward at the fiftieth Christmas of the Louisville Courier-Journal, utters words upon the greatest of all wars that must be convincing even to those whose thoughts have not run along the fundamental lines with which he deals.

This old observer of men and events feels that we may stand upon the edge of a new descent into the dark ages. But he says:

"Surely the future looks black enough, yet it holds a hope, a single hope. One, and one power only, can arrest the descent and save us. That is the Christian religion.

"Democracy is but a side issue. The paramount issue, underlying the issue of democracy, is the religion of Christ and Him crucified; the bedrock of civilization; the source of resource of all that is worth having in the world that is, that gives promise in the world to come; not as an abstraction; not as a huddle of sects and factions; but as a mighty force and principle of being. The Word of God, delivered by the gentle Nazarene upon the hillsides of Judea, sanctified by the cross of Calvary, has survived every assault. It is now arrayed upon land and sea to meet the deadliest of all assaults, Satan turned loose for one last, final struggle.

"The Kaiser boldly threw down the gage of battle—Infidel Germany against the believing world—'Kultur' against Christianity—the Gospel of Hate against the Gospel of Love. Thus is the Satan personified—'Myself and God' merely his way of proclaiming it—for his 'God' is Beelzebub the Angel of Destruction, his creed the devil's own, his aim and end a hell on earth. Never did Crusader lift battle-ax in holier war against the Saracen than is waged by our soldiers of the cross against the German. The issues are indeed identical.

"If the world is to be saved from destruction—physical no less than spiritual destruction—it will be saved alone by the Christian religion. That eliminated leaves the earth to eternal war. For fifty years Germany has been organizing and laboring to supplant it with 'Kultur,' the genius of Infidelity. Her college professors have been obsessed with it. Her universities have seethed with it. In acclaiming 'Myself and God,' the Kaiser has put the imperial seal upon it.

When our armies have run it to its lair—when they have crushed it—naught will have been gained unless the glorious Banner of the Cross is hoist—even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness—and the misled masses of Germany are bade to gather about it and beneath it as sadly they collect the debris of their ruin for the reconstruction of the Fatherland."

—W. S. S.—

## Not the Man.

An old negro went to the office of the commissioner of registration in a Missouri town and applied for registration papers.

"What is your name?" asked the official.

"George Washington," was the reply.

"Well George, are you the man who cut down the cherry tree?"

"No, suh; I ain't de man. I ain't done no work for nigh onto a year."

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## 'News' Contained in German Paper.

New York March 1.—German newspapers have informed their readers that New York City, for its protection has girded itself with a wire fence 625 miles in length. The Germans also have been told that 30,000 soldiers are guarding the port of New York; that rigorous measures have been taken in Chicago and elsewhere, and that Hoboken is deserted. Under the caption "American War Fever," the Cologne Gazette of January 16, a copy of which has been received in this city, publishes the following dispatch under an Amsterdam date:

"It is reported from New York that a barbed wire fence of over 1,000 kilometers in length has been drawn around the docks and piers of New York. This gigantic fence encircles the whole of New York and also the adjoining cities of Brooklyn, Hoboken and Jersey City. No one is allowed to pass thru this fence without permission, especially no enemy alien.

"Fifty thousand soldiers have been detailed to guard the port terminals. Any person found loitering in the vicinity of the barbed fence is immediately shot. All Germans who either reside or work within the barbed wire zone must vacate the district immediately.

"In Chicago alone 23,000 Germans have been forced to move out of the harbor district. These rigorous regulations have caused great excitement among business men of the entire country because they are compelled to do without German employes if their places are near the docks. A delegation of master butchers have vainly pleaded for an alleviation of these regulations.

"The Germans who in Hoboken had built up a colony resembling a little German city have been forced to leave and that port, which already had suffered heavily from the war, is now absolutely deserted."

—W. S. S.—

## Produce Corn, Soybeans, Cowpeas and Sorghum.

West Raleigh, N. C., March—In increasing food crops this year, do not make the mistake of putting in too large an acreage, but try to produce more on the same acreage. It is not practical to greatly increase the acreage, except in the case of sorghum. In the opinion of Mr. C. B. Williams, Chief, Division of Agronomy of the Agricultural Extension Service, the absolute importance of a great production of corn, soybeans, cowpeas, and sorghum should be realized and more of these crops should be produced than ever before in the history of the State.

The scarcity of labor, however, will make a large acreage undesirable or impossible. Of course, where labor is abundant every effort should be made to increase the acreage as well as the yield per acre. If production is increased from 10 to 20 per cent and 50 per cent in the case of sorghum, this will be the most profitable plan for North Carolina citizens to adopt.

Farmers this year have every incentive to make them prepare their land well and work their crops more thoroughly than ever before. They have the incentive, also, to use special fertilizers and manures of the right kind so as to supply their crops with ample plant-food. They have the incentive to warrant them in paying the prices now asked for fertilizer, because these prices have not advanced to the extent that the farm products have. These things being true, it is doubly important and wise to use more of the right kind of fertilizers and produce larger crops per acre. Where this is done a marked increase in yield will be secured with but a small increase in the total cost of producing the crop.

## RELY ON CLASS ONE MEN.

Washington, March 6.—While a large number of men will be called out during the present year to fill up the army and complete its organization it was learned tonight that war department plans do not call for the creation of any additional divisions in 1918. The announcement concerning the second draft expected soon from Provost Marshal General Crowder than outline the manner in which less than 1,000,000 men—probably not much in excess of 800,000—are to be summoned gradually during the year to complete the existing organizations.

Delayed in the announcement as to the next draft is understood to be due to uncertainty as to which method of allotting quotas to the states is to be followed. The senate already has passed and the house military committee has favorably reported an amendment to the law to base the quota on the number of men in class one, instead of upon the total registration of a state. This change is regarded as certain to be made but to avoid further delay schedules of allotments under both systems have been prepared at the provost marshal general's office ready to go out as soon as final action is taken.

## Second Call in April.

As to the date of the second draft, members of Congress from agricultural sections have been practically assured that no withdrawal of men from civil life was contemplated which would embarrass harvesting. It has been indicated however that a relatively small number of men must be called to the colors prior to June 1 and the process may start in April, when equipment, clothing and quarters will be available. The men are needed to fill up to full strength divisions slated for early departure to Europe and also for field army and corps troops not attached to divisions. The replacement detachments also must go forward at an accelerating rate since American troops are now actually holding a sector of the French front and men are being killed or wounded in action every day.

The completion of the full program of the war department without creating any additional divisions probably will absorb in the neighborhood of 600,000 men. The extent to which it

has been necessary to increase artillery quotas throughout the army and to add special units of all sorts has surprised every officer and accounts for the existing shortage to a large extent.

## Replacement Troops.

The number of replacement troops necessary is working out in a scientific way, based on experience at the front. A fixed percentage for each army of the service is established. Among the non-combatant arms, this is very small; but it is quite high among front line troops. While official figures are not available it is estimated that something more than 200,000 will be necessary for the 1918 program, making 800,000 necessary to call out during the year.

The last increment of the first draft now in progress of mobilization totalling about 800,000 men, are being used to fill regular and national guard divisions shown by their efficiency reports to be available for duty abroad. Orders were issued today to local boards calling for 528 artisans sorts for noncombatant units.

Even with all of the first draft men mobilized there are considerable deficiencies among the national army and some of the national guard divisions. The first purpose of the second draft will be to make up this shortage.

—W. S. S.—

## Chinese Buy Gold Coin

Vancouver, B. C.—Chinese citizens in Vancouver are buying gold coins wherever they can get them, paying \$105 in currency for \$100 worth of gold. The coin they send to China. A number of employees in stores and other institutions of trade in this city have been adding considerably to their income by selling the gold.

## The Pneumonia Season.

The cold, damp weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indication of cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask anyone who has used it.

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