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... This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war .....

**HOW MUCH MONEY.**

Money is a funny thing. A year ago there was in circulation \$45 of actual money for each one of us.

During the year we have each bought an average of \$100 Liberty bonds. We paid for them with money.

How much money is left? A little more than we had a year ago.

**FLOOD OF HUMANITY.**

Here is a startling fact! More persons now cross the Atlantic Ocean a week than ever crossed it in any one week prior to the war.

That is fact number one, but it is fact number two which has started over Germany a wave of terror. Fact two is this:

Nearly every person who crosses the Atlantic Ocean now wears the uniform of the United States.

This flood of humanity is headed for Berlin, and no wonder the Post-dam Gaing trembles.

**CONGRESS OF NATIONS.**

There are about seventy-five independent nations in the world. Each has a capital and a flag.

Since thirty-knot ships, mile-a-minute trains, telegraph, telephone, aeroplanes and wireless have woven the people of the world into closer communication than were the Thirteen Colonies during the Revolution, a congress to represent at all times these seventy-five Powers seems reasonable.

Such a congress would prevent any Teutonic bull in future from playing havoc in the china shop.

**BATTLES ON SUNDAY.**

It is a curious thing that many of the hardest battles of the present world war, as in former ones, were fought on the Sabbath.

The fiercest battle of the War of Roses was waged on Palm Sunday, 1451. Ten years later the Battle of Barnet was fought on Easter Sunday. Ramillies was fought on Whit Sunday, 1706. It was on Sunday that Wellington issued his famous order, "Ciudad Rodrigo must be carried by assault, this evening." Napoleon lost at Waterloo on the Sabbath. Washington won the Battle Monmouth on Sunday, June 28, 1778. Both the Battle of Bull Run and the Battle of Shiloh were waged on Sunday.

War knows no holiday and respects no holy day.

**GERMAN KULTUR.**

This is wholly true. It could be appropriately asked when there has ever been under the present dynasty a time when Prussia had a responsible civil government—a government not subservient to the military clique which has ruled with the mailed fist and the sword and finally plunged a score of nations into war to satisfy its military ambition and greed of dominion?

It is declared in the Reichstag that "everybody cheats, steals, grabs, from jailbird to Court Chamberlain, who cheats the needy home worker out of his scanty earnings and pockets millions; poor people can only buy clothes at the official clothing department by bribing the salesmen with tips or food." No one denied these remarkable statements, which were only a part of what was said concerning general criminality.

**THE LEGAL RUBE.**

Cesar said he would rather be first in a village than second in Rome.

Except when absent on official business Washington always lived on a farm.

For a little while Jefferson practiced law in a village, but like the Man of Mount Vernon the author of the Declaration of Independence was a farmer.

Madison, another Virginia President, lived on a big farm not far from his mentor, Jefferson.

Adams, Franklin and Hamilton were city men, but John Marshall, our country's most illustrious judge, never saw as big a city as Raleigh prior to the time he became Chief Justice of the United States.

Lincoln managed to become the country's foremost statesman of his century on a farm and practicing law in villages.

Gladstone loathed London and preferred to be known as a country gentleman.

But a few of our Presidents have come from large cities. McKinley went to the White House and so did Garfield and Hayes go there from Ohio during the last forty-one years and not one of the three lived in the biggest Buckeye towns—Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus.

President Wilson is not a city man, and "Any" Jackson preferred farming to any other business, and he died amidst his beloved fields at the Hermitage.

For almost half a century the most conspicuous men in the American Congress were Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun and Daniel Webster.

Clay and Calhoun were typical Southern farmers and derived none of their vast and varied abilities from the cities.

Of the big men in Congress during and after the Civil War a very large majority were from little towns.

—Turkey is now demanding possession of the Russian Black Sea fleet, which shows how little the Turkish hired man knows his boss.

—The conscientious objector who would rather go to jail than fight will probably regret his decision when he hears the victory jubilee parade coming up the street.

—As for sending that many soldiers an average of 4,000 miles by land and sea from their homes to the battlefield—well, it is another world's record for Uncle Sam.

—The kaiser may be rushing troops to save Austria, but the time has come when no matter how swiftly he runs from one gate to the other he won't be able to keep his Nemesis on the outside.

—The Navy Department says that no enemy submarines have been sunk off the American coast, but Mr. Daniels must admit that the fiction writers have done a nice piece of bombarding in that direction.

—This country is about to exchange prisoners with Germany, but it is quite likely that were the Hun troops given a voice in the matter in the matter they would vote in the negative.

—More than 69,000 masters, officers, and seamen on American merchant vessels traversing the war zones have been insured by the United States Government. This insurance totals more than \$115,000,000. Claims under the insurance are so far a little more than \$180,000.

Reimer R. Regan, an automobile mechanic of Greensboro, received injuries in a wreck Sunday that caused his death. In passing another machine his car went into a ditch and turned over, the steering wheel striking him in the stomach. He was about 20 years old and leaves a wife and two small children.

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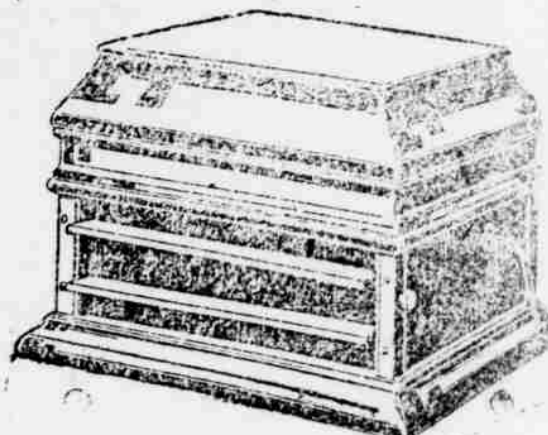
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