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RIPPLING RHYMES.

By Walt Mason.

Rejuvenating.

The man who toils the long hours through goes home at close of day; he is so sore in every thw, so weary, all he hopes to do is just to hit the hay. He says to Ma and old dog Shep, when he has deached his chair, "My work has robbed me of my pep; I wouldn't take another step, to be a millionaire. Just hand me here the daily sheet, so I may scan the news, and then to slumber deep and sweet I'll drag my aching, swollen feet, now sticking to my shoes." He redas awhile and then he cries, "Great Scott, Maria Jane! The way we soak those Prussian guys! The fur of Kaiser Wilhelm flies! Hand me my hat and cane; I'll have to go and see the boys, and talk the war news o'er, and make a glad triumphant noise; a batch of news like this destroys that feeling tired and sore. I may be home by 10 o'clock, I may be home by one; 'twill take quite a while to talk about the way our soldiers knock the sawdust from the Hun." And then with blithe and springy stride he chases down the street, to talk with neighbors, far and wide, of how the tall goes with the hide when Yank and German meet. The kind of news we've had of late is better far than pills, to brace teeth worn and weary skate and make him keep his smile on straight, and banish all his ills.

SAFETY FIRST

A vote for the Democratic ticket Tuesday means a vote for a just and upright peace. It means a strong power upholding the hands of the President at this critical hour, when a divided nation may mean an injured nation. The most important days of the war are at hand. The recent victories of the allies must be coined into permanent adjustments before the war is won and President Wilson will be the chief representative of the American people. To defeat him, his party now would indicate to Berlin that America is divided, that the President is not endorsed and supported and mayhap lead to a weakening of the allied cause. There can be nothing lost by voting for the President, much can be lost in not doing so. American politics our way of doing things, what a voice at the ballot box means is not understood in Europe and it is better to be safe than sorry. The safety first policy would indicate a return of Democrats to support and aid the President in ending the war and reaping a full reward under victory at arms.

GETTING OUT WHILE GETTING IS GOOD

Bulgaria out, Turkey out, Austria getting out, Germany praying to get out. That is the situation at 9 o'clock this morning. The reader knows better at the hour of reading what a change the day has brought. They are all running to cover, getting out about as fast as they crowded in four years ago. In fact a wee bit faster.

GOODNIGHT

If you have any tears to shed, prepare to shed them now. If you have any last words for the dying Teuton say them quickly.

THE KAISER'S MACHINE AND OURS.

It took the kaiser forty years to build the war machine that he set in motion against the world. In less than two years the Americans, under the leadership of a wise and good man, built a better one, one that sent the kaiser's machine to the junk heap.

The war was begun and it will be ended during the Wilson administration. Peace will be dictated by the allies with the President representing and speaking for America.

Will we weaken that hand and weaken that voice because of some chronic faultfinders complaining about the minutest details?

We are not voting disapproval of Pershing in France and there is no more reason why we should vote disapproval of Wilson in America. We would not vote to hinder and handicap Pershing, why should we vote to hinder Wilson over here?

The military phase of the war is won. Pershing's task is all but finished, it is being wound up. The Wilson task is just begun. After the fighting has died down a firm, lasting and just peace must be established. It would be a shame for an American people to butt in at an election and paralyze the hand and voice of the man who will be depended on to finish the task that Pershing has so nobly and well begun.

We are daily appealed to send men and supplies to France to support Pershing; we are now appealed to to send men to Washington, who will support the President in the final details of the war. He, not Pershing, must and will speak for America from now forward in case the war is now won on the battle field.

COULD CRITICS HAVE DONE BETTER?

When a former President harshly and unfairly criticizes the Wilson administration, the question which naturally comes to one's mind is this—could he have done better than the Wilson administration has done since America entered this war?

What America has done during the past sixteen or eighteen months has been the marvel of the world, could any other man or set of men have outdone this record?

Two million fighters are in France, could any other men or set of men have done better?

Could any other man or set of men have done finer with the shipping board? Could any have equaled or surpassed the manner of financing the war and the various activities that ran along parallel with these war necessities?

They cursed Josephus Daniels some years ago, but they are silent on Daniels now. They are shutting up on Baker, too, and they will close their mouths for good on Tuesday.

Mr. Roosevelt might have done better, but he did not when he had the chance. Mr. Taft might have done better, but he failed to do half so much while he was in the driver's seat.

Look at the record and say if there are any who could have surpassed it? The record is a big American accomplishment to which all Americans set their hands and did their part. Republican and Democrats, and all others, except a few cowards and pro-Germans—and it is little and unfair and untrue and un-American for a few Republican leaders to be gesticulating about what was done, trying to attack the man who has been the big American leader in this big American task.

This spirit ought to be rebuked at the ballot box and America should and will place a hand of approval on the man who was the guiding spirit, the matchless leader of America at this critical time. No man could have done better.

W S S WILSON WINNING

Wilson is winning in Europe and we cannot believe he will fail in America.

Bulgaria is out, Turkey is out, Austria is running to cover and Germany is dodging the death blow.

The man who is recognized as the spokesman of the whole lot, whose statement is accepted as expressing the allied voice will win over there, has won over there, and will win over here as well.

Judging from the press dispatches of today it looks as if the American President is so far beyond the objectives that a victory will come before scheduled.

Let the President be supported at home as he is abroad, and with that done there will be no doubt about the issue.

W S S HARMFUL POLITICS

The average American is honest and may be trusted. The average official in county, state and nation is efficient and can be fully depended upon. While this true one unquestioned with American politics would believe that all men who have anything to do with public affairs, party management, or anything that touches public duties are crooks and grafters. Understanding as we do the temper of our own people Americans pay no serious attention to these things, and go ahead and do their work, assuming that this tendency is to be expected and altogether unimportant.

We have lived under both Republican and Democratic control of county, state and nation, and have never yet seen anything to sverve us from the position that so far as personal service goes the average man seeks to do his duty as he sees it and may be relied on to do this. They are not government principles at stake, but these are not one and the same with partisan politics and personal selfishness. Now and then a thief and a rascal may show his head, but he is quickly dispatched and his place filled by an honest man.

About election times, however, under the excitement of the hour we get down to a little mud slinging and not infrequently overstep the bounds of right. This is an American tendency and not at all due to some dark perfidy of one man or men or party.

The party that conducts the most open, frank and honorable campaign is likely to get the best of the argument. And the fact that our Republican friends in this state have spent the week in mud slinging; impairing the character of good men and seeking to make the voters believe that their opponents are crooks and "steal from the blind" does not argue that some terrible, dastardly wrong has been committed and the salvation of the state depends on throwing out all Democrats and substituting Republicans. It means rather that they who resort to such methods have little to solemnly speak to the reason of men and are flying off at a tangent to appeal to the prejudice of unthinking folks and let spite and feeling enter in where reason ought to prevail. It will get them no ways towards accomplishment of their purpose, in this case, the desire for the office they seek in sight the only purpose. Lacking real reason why Wilson should be defeated, why Simmons should be defeated, why the county officers should be defeated, the opposition seems to be out gunning with outlawed munitions and depending on arousing prejudices and personal feelings against some men over some wrong which boiled down amounts to nothing at all. We do not know all the facts, but we would be willing to wage a year's salary—whatever that may mean—that the cases of soldiers being robbed of votes, by either party, by any one in the state are about as scarce as the feathers that grow on a billy goat. Such head-on, loud lunged shouting under the shadow of the ballot box stands for little in this day, just as it has in the past. Men want facts, not fancies. Voters want service not promises made to influence voters.

W S S

It is a fact not generally known that Princess Mary is an expert on the typewriter and that King George frequently dictates letters to his daughter for her to write.

OVER-THERE LETTERS

Aug. 24, '18.

Dear Father: I am sending you a few lines today to tell you I am well and also happy things don't forget God but be faithful in all things for Jesus died to save us and we must love him to the end. I love Jesus because he first loved me and gave himself for me and Paul, the Apostle, says that when Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall we appear with him in Glory. Well father, you know I am in war, and I hope you will pray for me that God will keep me. I am praying for you daily. I want you to know that the Lord has taken care of me and kept me safe until this time. I have been over the top and returned safe, and want you to pray for me that He will leave for me always. Well father, I am sending you a present of \$62.63. This will help you out a little anyway, and when you write to me again, tell me if you get this money all right. Well dad we have the Germans on the run back towards home. I hope they don't get a chance to stop again until they get to Berlin and when we get there we will have a little house of getting home. Well I have not gotten very much to say just now, so be good everybody and look to Jesus who is able to keep you. God loves His children and our hope is to be with Jesus for Jesus says He thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life. We have a home with the Lord where there will be no more sorrow, nor tears, neither heartaches any more, so let us leave the world of sin behind, and follow Jesus all the way, so when we meet Jesus over there, we can say we have done our best. Well father I will close with love to all, and hoping to see you soon, the Lord bless and keep you all till we meet again. From your dear son, M. L. ELLIOTT.

Somewhere in France, Sept. 12, '18.

Dear Mamma and Papa: Your most kind and affectionate letter at hand. Was every glad indeed to hear from you all again, for there is nothing pleases us "lads" more than to hear from Mother, Father, Sweetheart and friends.

When mail arrives in our camp they all or rather we will drop everything even fall out of mess line for that is about the only thing which will cause us to evacuate this place, ha.

Mamma just three months ago today we landed in this place and I want to say that France is the most picturesque country I have ever seen. It is a land of beauty rare. The most fertile fields and the finest roads and "Gee whiz," the length of them is unmeasurable. At least it seems that way to us, sometimes when we are out for a little walk (hike) and we very often take these walks. Mamma I am quite away from the place when I wrote you the last time. Something like 250 miles or more. But was lucky enough to catch a "through freight."

It rains over here very often in fact most every day. The weather is quite cold, feels like Christmas is coming. Had a note from Walter today stating his safe arrival on this side. Haven't had the pleasure of seeing him yet but hope to do so soon. Have been putting out today as we call it before known as drilling and we have the praise and honor from our commanding officers of being the best drilled platoon in the 16th Engineers and the credit is partly if not all due to "Bob," our platoon Sgt. Guess you know of whom I speak when I say "Bob" (Robert Fowler). He is there when it comes to military tactics. All the boys seem to be happy this evening. The reason for that is the mail has just come in and Oh! those love letters. But at times it is not so. For we all have have those U. S. Blues, but that is a sure sign that we have a heart filled with love for those we left behind and under the protection of the red, white and blue we are being our halper we will win the victory and return home to you and love ones who are so anxiously and patiently waiting for that memorable day to come.

Will close by saying that this leaves me well and doing fine. Truly hoping that it will find you all the same. With love to all, I am as ever, Your obedient son, WILLIAM W. McSWAIN.

Another Letter Home Sept. 25, '18.

Dear Ones at Home: As I have the time I am going to make an attempt to write you people a little note. Since writing you last I have received three letters from you and sure you know I was pleased to hear. Yes I think my ship came in the day I had the letters from you. I only received 19 on that same day. Had quite a busy time for awhile, but all was news to me. I know you people are busy there now with the Autumn work. I think of all such things real often and I assure you that it would be music to me to hear the dogs tree one more o'possum. But here's hoping there will be plenty more to hunt hereafter. I had a letter from Foster at Washington a few days ago. He seemed to think that he might possibly have a chance to come over soon. Have not heard from Chas. since I have been here. Imagine he is as busy as I. We have been having much rain here lately. Makes it more disagreeable. The boys in my company have been good so far. I'm well and doing the best I know how. Trusting you all are well and enjoying things in U. S. A. the best kind.

Your loving son and brother, WM. H. BARRINGER.

A Letter to Mother Oct. 11, '18

I will write you a few lines to let you hear from me and to let you know that I am well and doing this will find you the same.

Mother I have been so busy for the last month that I have not had time to write for it is move all the time but we are giving those Germans all that is coming to them. Mother you remember the Hindenburg line, well the U. S. A. boys just took it and are going right on so you can im-

agine what we are doing. Mother we are going so far that we have captured prisoners that have been in the hands of the Germans for four years. One village had about three thousand civilians and they were so glad to get back to France that they were just like wild people. Well mother I am sending you a small souvenir from France. Hoping you will receive them all o. k. Well I will close hoping to hear from you real soon. Your loving son, SGT. GRADY NAIL.

A Soldier to His Sister Somewhere in France, Oct. 3, '18.

Dear Little Vera: I will tonight write you a few lines regarding myself. Am still well and in the best of health and so are all the other boys from home. Hope these few lines will reach you safely and find all well and enjoying life to the fullest extent. It's rather cold tonight sister but I'm sitting writing my coat and shoes off. I have not done anything today in the line of work. Never got out of bed till 12 today. Just got up in time to get dinner. We are back from the line now about 10 miles in a rest camp. The Germans have had this driven through here, but we have driven them back from here now.

We were up for four days guess you read in the papers about the big drive September 29, well I was in that drive and came through without a scratch. So did all the other boys from home. We did have some of our boys hurt but none of them were from home. Gee, but it was great to see those Germans come out of the trenches with their hands up hollering to us "Kamerad, Kamerad." We took lots o' prisoners. Some were boys of 17 and 18 and others were older men of 40 or more. I have just received some letters from home from Maude, Will, Sam and one from Lucy. She told me of Charlie Morgan staying at a hotel one night. Tell mother not to worry about me for I will get along all right, also tell Mrs. Bain that John is well. He was not in the battle, he has gone off to school. Will Canup and Will Dennis are both well. I saw them just a few minutes ago.

I am sending you two pieces of money you can keep for souvenirs, one is French the other German. I captured the mark of a prisoner, the francs are French. We got lots of souvenirs off the Germans. I have a belt with "Gott Mit Uns" on it. I mailed you some German money in a letter about a wee kago. Hope you got it all right. I have been up to the Australian camp. That's where I got this paper and those Australians are really good fellows. They give old Fritz hell—also well guess I will close now. Write me soon all the news.

Your dear brother, SAM.

J. M. Wagoner Writes France, Oct. 11, '18.

My Dear Father and Mother: Your letter of September 7th just received. Was, as you well know glad to hear from you again and to know that you were all well. I am out of the hospital now and back at my post. I will join my battery at the front soon. Am very anxious to do so. As you know from the news you get in the papers we have the Hun licked and he knows it. I really believe that the end is in sight. I am very enthusiastic over the way everything is going at present, both in the way our armies are fighting and over the way our diplomatic officials have answered the German note as to an armistice. The reply sent to the German note was the logical sequence of an analytical mind and to say the least I am very proud of the stand our government has taken in this matter of unprecedented seriousness, it shows that our president realizes and appreciates the true magnitude of the situation and will not be duped into the trap set by the treacherous German machievellians.

I had a letter from Myrtle the day before yesterday and her picture. She has grown up now and looks like a young woman, not the little kid I used to spank. I notice she is now wearing her dresses below her knees. Tell her I will write to her and Lena both real soon. I was in Paris a few days ago and sent them a book of the views of Paris. I will try and have some pictures made real soon and send you some of them. In regard to my individual Liberty bonds I had \$500 sent to the Davis & Wiley Bank or to you in care of the bank.

Tell Mrs. Stokely that her son is with me and is getting along fine. With love to all, Your son, JAMES M. WAGONER.

Lower Rowan

Several families have influenza in this community. W. A. Kirk spent Sunday at Coy Miller's.

Miss Belle Miller, of Altemarle, is spending this week with home folk. Miss Mary Miller spent Sunday with Miss Jennie Parker.

Mrs. I. B. Miller visited Mrs. M. L. Parker Sunday. Jason Parks horse ran a nail in its foot a few days ago and is in bad shape.

Mr. Jane Hill, of Gold Hill, is visiting in this community. Daniel File and family visited H. Whilly Sunday.

Lee Morgan of the U. S. navy came in Sunday. Walter Lick and family spent Sunday at home of M. L. Parker.

The Yadkin river took a sudden rise Saturday night. It rose 6 feet in just a few hours. W S S

One of the most enterprising of Parisian theatre managers has opened two cellar theatres, one for each of his two houses. The regular performance begins in the upstairs auditoriums. W S S

German scientists claim to have discovered that a fat resembling coconut oil can be obtained from plants that grow abundantly on waste lands in their country.

LIBERTY LOAN FAR OVERSUBSCRIBED

More Than Eight Hundred Million Dollars Past the Goal of Six Billion—Boston District Led in the Percentage Column (By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 1.—The fourth Liberty Loan was oversubscribed by more than \$666,000,000. Final reports announced today by the treasury show subscriptions of \$6,866,416,500. It is estimated that 21,000,000 persons bought bonds.

All federal reserve districts oversubscribed, the Boston district reaching 126 per cent. of its quota and standing first in the percentage column. Richmond made 123 per cent. and Philadelphia 119 per cent. W S S

COUNT TISZA IS ASSASSINATED

One of the Four Men Said to be Responsible for the War Falls Victim of Soldier's Bullet. A SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION TAKES PLACE IN BUDAPEST

Archduke Joseph Flees from Budapest and Emperor Charles Orders Conflicts be Avoided. (By Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, Nov. 1.—Count Tisza, former Hungarian premier, has been killed by a soldier, according to a Budapest telegram today. The count fell a victim of a revolver shot while out walking.

Count Tisza, whose life is reported ended by assassination, long has been one of the storm centers of Hungarian politics. It has been charged that the count was one of the four men responsible for the war and the acquisition is made that he instigated the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand.

Count Tisza was a pro-German and aimed constantly at the supremacy of Hungary over Austria within the dual monarchy. He was born in 1861.

Successful Revolution in Budapest. Copenhagen, Nov. 1.—A successful revolution has taken place in Budapest and the Hungarian National Council has taken over the government, according to a message sent to Count Michael Karolyi to the Berlin Telegraph. The message from Count Karolyi, who is head of the Hungarian independent party reads: "Revolution in Budapest and National Council has taken over the government. Military and police acknowledge the National Council completely. Inhabitants rejoicing. KAROLYI, President National Council."

Archduke Joseph Leaves City. London, Nov. 1.—After the proclamation in Budapest Archduke Joseph, representative of the emperor, left the city, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich. Emperor Charles, the dispatch adds, before leaving Vienna personally gave orders that all conflict with the population be avoided. He instructed the authorities to yield without resistance to the new powers. Organization Czech-Slovak State Proceeding.

Copenhagen, Nov. 1.—The organization of the new Czech-Slovak state is proceeding in an orderly manner, according to reports from Prague received by way of Berlin.

The National Council has appointed new railway, telegraph and postal authorities. There has been no special act of violence against Germans reported. The new state has seized all rolling stock of the railways and taken possession of the lines as far as Bodenbach near the frontier of Saxony. The Czechish cars bear the inscription, "Free Chechism Socialist Republic." German soldiers are being disarmed. All trains carrying food or material for Austria and Germany have been stopped and the exportation of coal is forbidden.

Jubilant Scenes in Austrian Capital. Copenhagen, Nov. 1.—Under the heading "A Republic on the March," the Berlin Tageblatt Wednesday gave details of events of that day in Vienna.

The demonstration began in the forenoon with a meeting of the students which was joined in by workmen in front of the parliament building. President Dinghofer of the National Council in a speech declared the National government would take over the whole administration on Thursday. "But without the Hapsburgs," he shouted the crowd.

An officer in uniform then called upon the soldiers and officers to remove the imperial cockade. His appeal was obeyed with enthusiasm. The imperial standard flying before the parliament building was then hauled down upon order of President Gross of the Austrian lower house.

REVENUE OFFICERS MAKE RAID

Revenue Officer J. D. Kennerly and Deputy W. J. Hartness of Lexington Locate Stills in Stanly and Cabarrus Counties.

Revenue Officer John D. Kennerly of this city and Deputy W. A. Hartness of Lexington yesterday were on a raiding trip in Stanly and Cabarrus counties and captured three complete blockade stills, pouring out a large quantity of beer and confiscating liquor making paraphernalia. As a result of their work two cases for violation of internal revenue laws have been lodged against men. However, no arrests have yet been made.

Mr. James H. Ramsey has received word from his son, 1st Lieutenant J. Graham Ramsey, stating that he has been wounded in the leg in France and is now in a French hospital. His wounds are not serious and he was getting along nicely when his letter was written.

MR. HUGHES IS IN WITH REPORT

The Aircraft Investigation Ended and Report With the President—One Man Cited for Court Martial—Progress Fine Since May

Washington, Oct. 31.—The long awaited report on the aircraft investigation, conducted during the last five months by Charles E. Hughes and Attorney General Gregory, was placed before President Wilson today by the attorney general, and immediately made public.

Delays and wastes of the production program, the report declares, were due chiefly to "the defective organization of the work of aircraft production and the serious lack of competent direction of that work by the responsible officers of the signal corps."

No fault is found with the management of aircraft affairs since the reorganization of last May which placed John D. Ryan in charge. The civilian personnel of the aircraft production board is exonerated of any wrongdoing.

Gregory in Accord. Attorney General Gregory, in a letter transmitting the report to President Wilson, says he is in "substantial accord" with the finding by Mr. Hughes.

The report finds no "graft" in the generally accepted sense but makes recommendation for proceeding against army officers held guilty of dealing with corporatists in which they were interested.

The chief waste from the original appropriations of \$691,851,866, the report says, was in the abandonment of two types of airplanes—one of them the Bristol—and a failure to salvage aggregating about \$24,000,000. The figures show that last May, of the great appropriation \$134,000,000 actually had been disbursed and that up to October 1 the expenditure had reached about \$140,000,000 for all aviation purposes. This did not include expenditures of the sales department which buys material and re-sells it to manufacturers, and for advances for building plants. Contracts let, however, committed about \$470,000,000 of the fund. The figures are given in answer to the general charge that the sum had all been expended with practically no results.

Charge of Bad Faith Not Justified. The attorney general concludes in his letter of transmittal that "no such profits have been allowed as to justify a charge of bad faith."

Col. E. A. Deane, the storm center about whom charged most of the charges which brought on the investigation, the report recommends, should be brought before a court-martial for sending confidential war department information on the aircraft situation to former business associates in Dayton, Ohio, and for being sponsor last February for a gross misleading statement to the effect that "the new American-built battleplanes are today en route to the front in France."

W S S

Rules of Health

The American commission for combating tuberculosis in France is circulating among children an excellent set of rules for health, of which the following is a translation:

- 1. Breathe fresh air at all times. Fresh air and sunlight destroy the germs of contagious disease.
2. Wear light, loose, and porous clothing.
3. Live as much as possible out of doors.
4. Sleep in a well-ventilated room.
5. Practice deep, slow respiration.
6. Avoid eating too much, especially of meat and eggs.
7. Eat a variety of food and chew it thoroughly.
8. Be sure the bowels move regularly.
9. Maintain an erect posture in sitting and walking.
10. Avoid drugs. They contain poisons.
11. Keep the body strong and clean. This will increase resistance to disease.
12. Work with energy, but take proper rest and recreation.
13. Keep a contented mind.

W S S

AMERICANS BECOMING SAVERS

First Year's Experience in Thrift Transforms Whole Nation—Thrift Work Should be Continued

Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip said a year ago that this country was a nation of economic illiterates. He meant that the American people knew nothing, or very little, about saving money. The banks of the country had figures to prove that they did not.

Today Mr. Vanderlip admits that the nation has come a long way and made rapid progress in becoming a thrifty people, but says that they are not yet ready for peace. He advocates at least another year of thrift-teaching that the best results may be had from the efforts that have already been put forth in the War Savings campaign.

As a result of one year's efforts to teach a nation thrift and economy, the American people have been lifted out of a quagmire of waste and carelessness to heights of independence, bank accounts and holders of government bonds. Extravagance of former times has been done away with. Millions of dollars have been saved, not only a shily were invested in Thrift and War Savings Stamps, but in savings banks as well. Persons who never saved before are saving today; in money, clothes, food, fuel and every department of life. Children are being taught the virtue of thrift, patriotism and sacrifice. They are being taught also the folly and crime of waste. Economy is becoming a habit. America is taking rank among the nations as one of the best savers. Switzerland has been credited with leading the world with savings accounts for more than 65 per cent of her population. Today our own Massachusetts has reached the level of 72 per cent. W S S

DR. BRADLEY IDA

At CARE WAREHOUSE

Former Salisbury Physician Has Services Case of Pneumonia, Slightly Better Today

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