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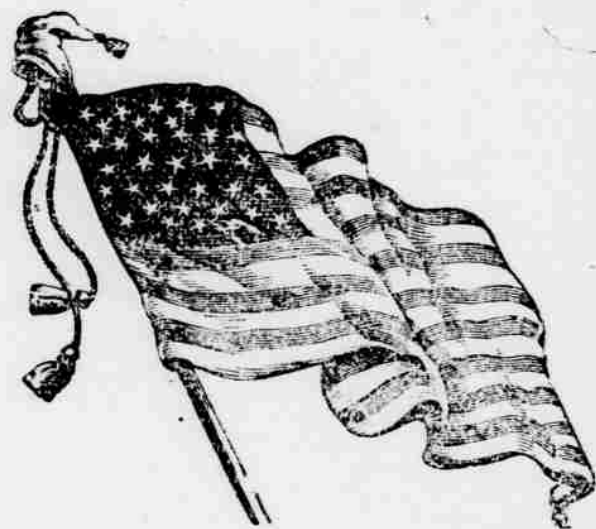
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The latest note to England was "couched in no uncertain language." It bore many figures.

Amidst the press of more exciting matters, don't lose sight of the fly and the tramp. Swat him and kick him.

If this talk of economy is kept up it won't be long before a fat man is looked upon with suspicion.

In enumerating the crops to be planted this year, it is significant that the authorities omit all mention of wild oats.

College athletes are debating the question of continuing their sports during the war. If they haven't brains enough to farm or arm, then the governors of their respective states should take them by the slack of the pants and kick them into the front rank of the first batch of conscripts.

LIBERTY BONDS

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RUSSIAN PROBLEM SOLVED

All who have been students of the world happenings, the vacarious willowings of various nations during the less than three years of the great war, the fear of this or that country, be it small or great, withdrawing from the alliance, to make a separate peace, and thus undo the work that has been done towards establishing an international democracy, has looked, with fear and trembling, at the internal dissensions in Russia.

Viewing backward in world history we know what France went through, after the monarchy was overthrown, before the republic became staple and on firm footing. In a lesser degree, also, the internal affairs of China, when

the emperor, was deposed, was in a state of chaos, until the firm hand of Japan took up the reins and we can well view with apprehension a nation like Russia when the cry 'freedom' is sounded throughout its realm.

Russia, country of the down-trodden, and the hotbed of anarchy. Russia the antithesis - the antipole, wherein the two extremes - the fabulously rich and the miserable poor, have never met wherein the serf-the slave alone is found of all civilized countries of the globe. What is there for such as these, to have liberty thrown at them in one great avalanche.

France went wild, but Russia is still bewildered, though woe unto the world if the Russian bear awakes in her hunger and snarls a menace to the world.

And still we are idle. We do not grasp the full importance of adjusting the conditions of Russia for her, for she is too ignorant to do it herself, or through her workmen or soldiers council, and so far no great man has yet arisen to lead his countrymen to the light. What have we done to aid, and what are her allies doing? Practically nothing.

It is true that the Root Commission is even now on its way and will, no doubt do much among the better class to advise, but this is not enough. What they need is leadership, some country to take the helm in the battle of protecting Russia from the ravages of a common enemy.

In "Commerce and Finance" there is an article that offers the best solution' and is written in masterly style by F. R. Serri, and all, who can get a copy, should read "all things considered."

A few words tells the entire story "call Japan to the rescue" but we cannot stop there, we must quite a little from the article, some of the sentences being taken at random, in order to bring out the strong points.

"It might incidentally save Japan to the democracy," writes Mr. Serri. "She has stood back, suspicious, uncertain of herself, restless, waiting, watchfully, nominally for democracy and yet so equivocal has appeared her position that in the Zimmermann note Germany turned to her as a possible friend in this war.

"Like the United States she too must be induced to make the great decision, not faintly, not dubiously, but whole-heartedly. Then only would she be pulled out of her isolation, hatching imperialistic dreams, into the swirl of the democratic nations fighting for the safety and peace of the world.

"The ordeal of that struggle, the baptism of fire, would purg her soul. It would irresistibly impress upon her mind that the safety of the world depends upon united action against the aggressor, the disturber of peace. She would, by her own act of effective co-operation, help to make such action more possible in the future. With Japan converted, there would be but one nation of consequence, outside of the league of democracy-Germany, and she could be lured into it after the war.

"The call to Japan would in itself be a frank recognition that she was a great power. It would shatter the bogey of the yellow peril. The division between the white and the yellow nations would disappear. The snobbishness of the white race, its jealousy, its narrowness, might as a result change to Sympathy friendship, and brood good will."

To the Russian soldier at the front it would mean everything. It would give him a vision a future goal-a steady nerve, and a reason why he was there, for if the Japan is anything at all, he is plucky, and aggressive, which has been sadly lacking on the Russian front.

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