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**McADOO AND THE TERMS**

The acceptance of the peace terms by Germany did not write "finis" to the story of European unrest, but it has brought one of the ugliest chapters to an end. It is, therefore, but natural to adopt a retrospective attitude toward that part of it.

In the heat of the dispute there has been the inevitable buncombe on both sides. That the German army was equipped and organized during a period of ten years before the war for the purpose of subjugating the world is perhaps an exaggeration. Germany maintained an enormous army principally because she lay between two hostile powers—Russia and France. There were other reasons, but this was plainly a compelling one.

Equally absurd, however, is Germany's contention that the war was forced upon her. It is waste of time now to recapitulate the incidents which immediately preceded the four years struggle. Germany provoked the war. She declined to refer disputed points to arbitration when entreated by the powers to do so.

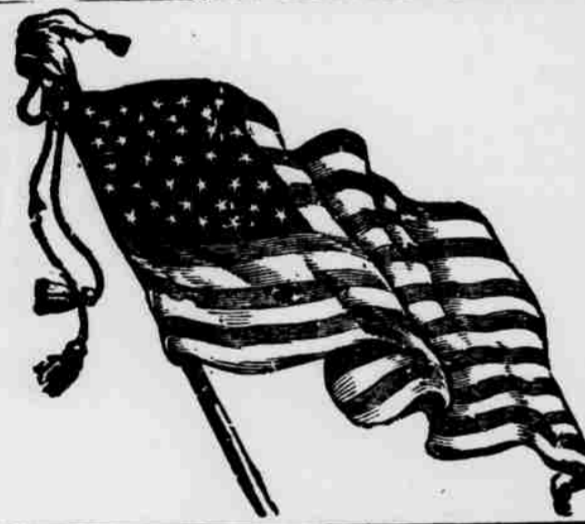
She must bear her full responsibility for her act, in the hope that the severity of her punishment will prevent any recurrence of such acts in the future, either on her part or on the part of any other nation.

One of the most clear headed and illuminating comments on the subject was lately made by William G. McAdoo in an address at the Methodist centennial exposition, in which he said:

"Germany may regard the terms as harsh, but of one thing the world is certain. That unless the consequences of a breach of world peace by any nation are made so serious and so formidable that they will exhaust every conceivable means for settlement of disputes before resorting to war, the peace of the world can not be secured in the future."

And it is even doubtful if anything will prevent future wars. When the veneer of civilization is scratched the beast will invariably roar.

Friday, July 25, 1919.



And now \$30 shoes are predicted. But not for editors, b'gosh!

In the absence of any other designation, the unspeakable Turk still remains unspeakable.

At Atlantic City recently the grand lodge of Elks adopted resolutions condemning Bolshevism. Good enough, but a Big Stick would be more effective.

After all, a victorious war brings its disadvantages. When the map of Europe has been re-adjusted the children will all have to have new Geographies.

Pointed paragraphs without points are becoming quite numerous in some of our daily exchanges.

**GRAIN AND RAILROADS**

We are told that the crops this year will break a few more records. It is fairly evident that they are going to be large.

But the farmer can not eat his own wheat. Not all of it. He may raise turnips, but he does not mean to live on turnips exclusively for the rest of his life. His idea is to sell his produce rather than to eat it himself.

These are fairly elementary truths, and we would apologize for expressing them if they appeared to be universally known. But they do not. They don't seem to be appreciated at Washington.

Wheat is not of much use to the consumer if it can not be transported to him. And the railroads do not at present look as though they could do it. Then how is it to be carried? In airplanes?

The banks have been preparing to finance the moving of the crops as they do each year; but just now it looks as though fiscal adjustments were going to be held up. The railroads seem unable to say anything definite about the prospect of repaying any loans. Congress was going to arrange some settlement which would enable the roads to confer with the banks on a footing of some certainty, but it has omitted to do so, with the prospect that the grain will remain in the elevators and food prices will soar to heaven.

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This the 12th day of July, 1919.  
B. F. Bowers, Administrator

**HERE AT LAST**

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