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THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1917.

The Teutons may know how to bot-tle-up Budweiser, but not Haig.

At least Russia seems to be waiting to see what America has to offer.

Bill Spivins opines that the weight of the world is powerful short these days.

It's true America was late in getting into the war, but better late than never to swat autocracy.

"America is dead right!" shouted an orator. Well—ahem—right, but not dead, nor apt to be.

Speaking about lumber, don't some of these summer collars, when you be-gin to tug, make cross-ties?

Certainly, you can't believe all you hear, but the most unfortunate part is that you can't hear all you believe.

While the gun and sabre are essen-tial, it is also necessary, back-homers, to use the hoe on the Hohenzollerns.

The fellow who "cussed" the Stars and Stripes should be given oppor-tunity to enjoy life under the bars and stripes.

By now we bet Charles Evans Hughes is ready to approve the judg-ment of the people at the polls last November.

The fellow in Richmond who regis-tered twice must have thought he was voting in an election—or was it double-barreled patriotism?

We suppose the word "chie" as ap-plied to one of the female of the spe-cies in the old days was an abbrevia-tion for chickens.

Having failed to "tame the bear that walks like a man" with gun and whip, Germany is now trying to do it with soft words and sugar.

"Do your bit." Sure. Take the bit between your teeth and don't let any one pull back on the reins hard enough to stop you.

What the Chinese are fighting about among themselves is about as compre-hensive to the American as the pro-verbial Chinese laundry ticket.

Not only does an army fight on its stomach, but also an army of other folks, as vigorous support of Bro. Hoover is plainly demonstrating.

Extremes are found everywhere. Over in Virginia a man was found vil-lifying his country, when the com-mander-in-chief of the country is a Virginian.

The health rate of the country is very apt to take a slump after July 1st, for on and after that date whiskey can only be ordered in dry States for medicinal purposes.

If Elihu Root can't show the Rus-sians how to standpat, hope may as well be deserted and the Russians abandoned to their sins of ignorance and recklessness.

The fellow who absorbs bug-juice may be filled with happiness but not with optimism, if he is sane enough to think for a moment about the morn-ing after the night before.

The Atlanta Constitution wants the proposal of Senator Gore to limit the presidency to a couple of terms to be "moth balled." Why preserve it? Why not let it be cannon balled?

It has been announced that Billy Sunday is going to write a "Who's Who in Hell." If he really has any au-thentic information on the subject, wouldn't it be a cinch to blackmail a lot of folks?

"Germany seeks a new national hymn." Will also need another kind of national hymn, if old von Hindenburg can't dig his toes in the ground and keep from slipping as he has been do-ing for the past couple of months.

ON THE BUSINESS WATCH TOWER

Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, is trying to awaken his home State to the importance of competing with New York in a business way and gets forth that while the nation is spending billions for war needs Chi-cago and the rest of the State should get a portion of it. "Chicago and Illi-nois make everything needed, but sell little of it to the government," he says.

Of course, the government if not diplomatic and feeling in a facetious vein, might set forth, as a rejoinder, recollection of what Chicago sold the government in the way of "embalmed beef" during the Spanish-American war. However, Senator Lewis is on the right track. Every city while de-veloping the extra heavy expense the country has to bear, in consequence of the war, has to be philosophical about it, realizing that it is going to be spent regardless of its wishes—because the necessity is here—and then be alert enough to endeavor to have some of the money spent with its business houses and industries.

"New York," says Senator Lewis, "is monopolizing the privilege because it has a committee of its business inter-ests permanently located on the ground. It is ready on a minute's no-tice to present a bid on any subject, and to show the goods. In this way it gets the contracts."

That New York should have a com-mittee on the scene will be hailed by some as a lobby. Perhaps, it is, but it is a legitimate lobby. New York simply has salesmen on the job—alert, well informed and with samples to display. The government is naturally looking for quick action. The press of the times is such as to demand quick response. So it hasn't time for dick-ering. What New York is doing other cities can do. Not on as large scale, but commensurate with the size of the town. There are many things that are constantly coming up that a city can get, if it is only alert and ready to show the government. But it is not a time to run novices up against veter-ans. The city must have some of its biggest and best posted business men at the fore, to explain and to guarantee. There is no time for a referendum. The government doesn't want to know if a city "will see about it," but will a city "do it." The delay in waiting may cause a greater loss than gain by obtaining a better bar-gain.

The government will spend billions, while the Allies will spend billions more in the United States. That not only requires work, to fill the orders called for by the huge expenditures, but will place giant sums in circula-tion, to flow into every sphere of trade. Wilmington must keep alert to the situation and its business men should be ready to answer promptly. Camps are to be established—not only can-tonments, but naval stations—ships are to be built and other things per-formed, and Wilmington should get a part of such. Take an inventory and post a lookout, with an army of business men, equipped with facts and guarantees, to respond at the first call and compete promptly with the best and readiest.

BAKER'S CANDID STATEMENT AT CHAPEL HILL.

Secretary Baker, along with Secre-tary Lane—and other cabinet mem-bers, we believe, even though they may not be so recorded—thinks the war will be of long duration. The statement, as harsh as it may sound, is by far better, by far fairer than at-tempt to fool the people. This is not the time to bamboozle the people. The personal comfort of the people and the welfare of the country are entitled to fair treatment. To give the wrong impression of the situation will mean greater suffering in the end; perhaps, disaster, because the person who de-clines to see danger, who shuts his eyes when danger looms ahead does not avert calamity. He may shut out, for a few moments, a horrible sight, but he does not stop or dodge the danger. This is no time for per-forming an ostrich stunt. America is a country of too much sense to stick its head in the sand; of too much forti-tude not to bear, with becoming grace, burdens that may be imposed in be-half of righteousness; of too much courage not to desire to know the truth; of too much pluck not to give battle when confronted by the wolf.

To sugar-coat the bitter but delays the real taste and the shock is greater. These are days of prevention and prevention is founded upon realization of the truth, as it takes enlightenment to rear prevention. Secretary Baker is not brutally frank in stating the truth, or what experts conceive to be the probability, but logically candid.

Some internal trouble in Germany or Austria-Hungary may hasten the end, but that is only a possibility. The probability is that these countries will be able to cling on for months—in hopes of something turning up to side-track the power of their enemies. It is with the probability rather than the possibility that the people must deal. Therefore, it is wiser to take for grant-ed and be prepared therefor, that the war will last for years, than to risk

possibility and be unprepared.

Secretary of War Baker's statement at Chapel Hill yesterday that the war is just beginning (for America, of course) is to be commended, in re-flecting what this statesman thinks, based upon chance to obtain intimate knowledge. It is not a call to shroud one's self in crepe, but to realize and so realizing prepare to wage a stouter fight. There is such a thing as abid-ing in a "Fool's Paradise," but the time of residence there is always brief and the sequel inevitably painful.

JUSTICE FOR BOTH.

Business men of the country, with the War Department acquiescing, we believe, are calling attention to the necessity of the government, either in an official capacity or as an instrument to focus attention and direct the gat-tering and distribution of funds through a call to the people and association with some organization, providing money for the dependent ones of those who go to war. The business men complain (merely setting forth their side and not in bitter terms, however) that it will be a financial hardship, if not an impossibility for the business concerns of the country to pay the salar-ies of their employes, who have joined the army, during their absence from work.

Their complaint is not cold-blooded, but practical in every way. It is mere-ly common sense, and while it should be understood that the dependent ones of the soldiers must be cared for, it should likewise be understood that the business concern cannot alone bear the burden. Not that it would not gladly do so, because the business men of the country have shown themselves to be patriotic, but because it would likely be financially impossible. The reasoning in this respect is very easy. The great majority of business con-cerns are not making swollen divi-dends. Yet they will contribute, from the ranks of their employes, many men to the army. These gaps, in order to continue business, must be filled. Now to pay both the absent employe and his successor would add extra expense that the business might not be able to stand, or if it did stand the addi-tional burden it would be at the expense of the people in general, which would force higher prices. This would interfere with business conditions, as well as cause discord. At the same time, the employe who goes to war must be assured that his family is going to be cared for. It is not alone a reward for the great sacrifice he makes, but it is justice.

In order to be fair to both employe and employe there must be a plan whereby neither will suffer. The only way to accomplish this is for the gov-ernment to create a fund or see that such fund is raised by popular sub-scription, and to which, we take it, the big business concerns, those who can well afford it, would make large contributions. It would be their duty to do so.

Just here, too, is where one of the strong features of the selective draft can be seen. Under the stipulations of the draft the government has a right to exempt those who have depend-ent ones, and it will, no doubt, exercise this right, so that the financial burden will not unnecessarily be heavy on the people.

Evidently it was not desire not to fight that prompted the Indians of some of the western States to decline to register, because they accented their declination with fighting antics. But Tar Heel Indians evidently under-stood the call, because of the sixty counties that had reported up to 10 o'clock last night, in North Carolina, Person reported a registration of fif-teen Redskins.

The government does not display as much leniency as common sense in stretching the time of registration, so as to give those who failed to record their names, making an unintentional mistake, chance to register. We be-lieve most of the omissions were those of misunderstanding rather than of intent to evade the law. This belief is strengthened by thought of the giant registration—beyond estimate—demon-strating the character of American patriotism.

The Lumina Season Begins Sunday. Big dance Saturday night. Concerts Sunday afternoon and evening.—Adv.

FATAL STORM IN PENNSYLVANIA.

(By Associated Press.) Johnstown, Pa., June 7.—One man was killed and three were injured late yesterday by a tornado-like wind storm that swept across the top of the Allegheny mountains in this section. The men had driven into a barn for shelter and the barn col-lapsed. Thousands of dollars of dam-age was done to orchards and growing crops.

Concerts at Lumina next Sunday afternoon and night by Kneisel's orchestra.—Adv.



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Jesse L. Lasky (signature)

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RAILROADS ARE TO OPERATE AS ONE

Atlanta, June 7.—Railroads of the South are to abandon competitive activities and operate their lines during the war as part of the one national transcontinental system under the direction of the Railroads' War Board for the benefit of the government. Steps to make this plan effective were completed at a conference of the executive officers of the different south-ern lines called to meet in Atlanta by W. J. Harahan, president of the Sea-board Air Line Railway and chairman of the southeastern department of the War Board.

promptly as possible in order to in-crease the car supply.

A committee of five will be ap-pointed to visit the Railroad Commissions of the different States and acquaint the State authorities with the facts as to what the railroads are trying to do for the success of the war.

Another Aerial Raid.

London, June 7.—Another aerial raid on Belgium is reported today by the admiralty. Naval airplanes drop-ped bombs on the airdrome at Neu-munster, near the coast, between Zeo-brugge and Ostend. All the machines returned.

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