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An ice famine would have no terrors these days.

The food hog has given place to the food hoarder. Dig him out and pen him.

Mr. Popocatepetl and Villa are bidding for notice in Mexico. We're betting our coin on the volcano.

A Russian writer claims his people are the most civilized on earth. The manufacturer of safety razors can disprove his claim.

The dodo is not the only bird to suffer extinction. There is also the "stand-pat Republican" and the "Yaller dog Democrat."

Married men should take warning from the fate of a grocer in an Oklahoma town, who dropped dead as he handed his wife a ten dollar bill.

We are assured by Washington officials that profiteering in food will be ended. May the end be soon, and may it also be the end of profiteers.

A "war comet" is coming this way at the rate of 1,134,246 miles a day. At that rate it can't equal the speed with which anticrazey is rushing to doom.

A news item informs us that women's dress styles for 1918 will effect a 25% saving in material. Wonder now, which end they'll economize at this time.

Ex-Czar Nicholas is said to have escaped from Siberia. Interesting developments are possible should he decide to make an effort to regain his lost crown.

Senator Vordaman, of Mississippi, reached the senate chamber in time to somewhat redeem himself by voting for the resolution declaring a state of war with Austria-Hungary. LaFollette, however, was "otherwise engaged." He should be "otherwise engaged," the remainder of his natural life, so far as the counsils of the nation are concerned.

Jerusalem is at least in Christian hands, and the preaching of the Hermit, has been vindicated. During the twelve hundred years in which it has been in the hands of the Moslem it would be hard to estimate the lives sacrificed in the attempt to wrest it from them. It should never again be desecrated by his presence, to say nothing of his control. The Holy City should revert to its rightful owners, and the entire territory of Palestine with it. They should have a free hand in rebuilding a Jewish nation if they so will.

And what if Senator Calder of New York did own some \$20 shirts? That's nothing to question a man's patriotism for. The senator is probably well able to afford them. When he bought them he enabled his merchant or tailor to make a payment on a liberty bond; the wholesale house also gathered in a mite of profit, and the manufacturers of the cloth, likewise the makers and the seamstress who sewed the pieces may have had a copper from the proceeds. If every man wore the shirts he could find the price one would mill the wheels and famine walk thru the land. Let us wear \$50 shirts if he is able.

## THE WORST TROUBLE-MAKER

Last Saturday night in many towns "housewives" were going from grocery to grocery in search of a pound of sugar. There wasn't a sillon that night where beer was not on tap. This business of saving by the spontaneous and wasting by the casual is getting on the nerves of law-abiding people. They would not say or do a thing which would make the task of the government more difficult, but they believe that the one thing in which are concentrated troubles of food administration, troubles of transportation, troubles of fuel supply, troubles of labor, troubles of army discipline is the traffic in liquors. No doubt the trade will bully Senators and Representatives, and Mr. Penrose and Mr. Reed will, figuratively speaking, hold their pistols to Mr. Wilson's head if he ventures to use the power Congress has given him to establish absolute war-time prohibition, but they won't pull the trigger. The people expect the President to act without fear. They are telling him so every day.

Our correspondent in Northern New York reports that in some villages union services will be necessary to save fuel. A press dispatch from Washington suggests that the public schools in the Northern states be closed thru January and February for the same reason. Yet the brevity chimneys are belching coal smoke, waving the black banner of waste from their stacks. Churches and schools may economize, but we may as well face the fact that the liquor business will shake its fist in the face of the public. Will it bow to Congress and the President, before it will desist from its waste of labor, grain, cars and shops. We have heard of scores of manufacturers who have placed their plants at the nation's disposal, but not one brewer. Say what they may, they serve Germany's interest, and they ought to be dealt with like any other public enemy. Don't shoot them, but make them shut up!

## THE HUMAN NEED OF RECREATION

There are many good souls who, in this hour of the nation's trial, would have the people eschew the light things of life and give undivided attention to the serious business at hand. This is all very well in the main, and we would not for the world attempt to discourage any in such a course. Still there are limits within which the human mind as well as the human body must work. There is a homely old saying that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." This is true, from the cradle to the grave.

The human mind is closely akin to the human stomach. Each, to do its best work, must have a ground-work of solid diet. The strength and virility of each comes from the heavier foods, and would not long survive on the frothy viands. Yet there is need of the latter, and they are as necessary in their place as the heavier.

It is a physiological and psychological fact that there is no rest to compare with the rest of change. The day laborer, with body tissues exhausted and spent with fatigue, requires absolute inaction to recuperate his force. The men of sedentary habits, confined within office walls, and to his chair or bench, finds greatest relief in physical exertion, ranging all the way from mild to strenuous. The student of heavy science or philosophy will soon go stale on a steady diet of these things, and is only relieved by a liberal dash of their opposites.

Close observers of men and events have noted that during the first few months of the war the people of France were absorbed by the more serious business of repulsing the invaders and amusements were given but little attention. Later on, however, when the tension began to tell on the nerves of the people, there was a gradual revival of the lighter phase of life, unit now all over that country the comedy of life is as much in evidence as the tragedy. The joke and the quip, the songs of the cabaret and the jaz tunes are as popular in the trenches as in the amusement centers of Paris.

universal in humanity is evidenced very strikingly in the life of a famous American humorist who, stated with his own wit, always found relaxation in a study of the heavy philosophies, while another was an accomplished student of Eastern mythology.

We are told that the lower animals have no sense of humor, yet from the least to the greatest of these the desire for recreation and play is prominent. To even their limited intelligence it is accepted as one of the necessities of life.

There is no escaping the fact that the bore, the pedant, and crank and the all round nuisance is the person who has gotten in a groove and has lost the ability or the inclination for change. Such a person must be a burden even to himself.

## PUBLICITY

While the matter of publicity or no publicity in the affairs of government relating to the war is engaging the attention of many, and various views are held, there is one side of the publicity question that should not be lost sight of—the financial side of local public affairs.

It is an unfortunate fact that the laws of the various states are very incomplete in this vital matter. Also it is unfortunate that what statutes are in existence are in many instances dead letters.

The very essence of popular government is that the ultimate power in such government rests in the people. Public officials are in truth but servants, and responsible directly to the people who place them in office, hence the public is entitled to and should have a full knowledge of their every public action.

But this knowledge can not be had without an efficient system of publicity. Mere access to public records, or knowledge gained by word of mouth, will not answer. Nothing like a correct knowledge of the financial condition of any public office can be gained by these means.

There are but two causes that contribute to dereliction in public office—ignorance and crookedness. Sometimes these are hard to distinguish one from the other. In either case, however, publicity is the only agency that will effectually protect the public. This is the ignorant but honest official who will welcome it. It is only the crooked who oppose it.

Every state in the union should have adequate publicity laws. There is no valid reason why any honest legislator should oppose placing these laws on the statute books. Every public official who handles a dollar of public funds should be required to render periodical accounting. Many an honest but ignorant official has become inextricably involved, when publicity at the right time would have saved him from a charge of crookedness and the public treasury from loss.

There can be but one reason urged against a thoro system of publicity of all public financial affairs, and that is the matter of expense. To this we will answer that, if all the losses to the public thru the ignorance or crookedness of public officials could be compiled, the total would without doubt be found to far outweigh the cost of publicity.

Every honest public official should not only welcome, but insist on, the fullest publicity of his acts. Every citizen who has the slightest regard for the interests of his state and community should insistently demand it, and every community should unite to see that this publicity is given.

Scientific research has ruined the lark's reputation for early rising, we are told. Now if science will assure us that the worm has no such objectionable habit it will lay a bogey that has pursued us all thru life.

Since the overthrow of the Romanoffs, things have happened so rapidly in Russia that the average editorial writer is forced to keep a stock of effusions on hand to insure getting the right "dope" and even their perfectly good editorial efforts have been dumped into the "hell box." If things over there ever stay "put," we may have something to say of them.

## KULTUR'S MORAL RECEIPTS

Geo. Ade in the New York World Gives the Following for Kaiserized Copybook

We must win the big war or else revise all moral codes, rewrite all proverbs and adopt a brand new set of rules to govern conduct. We have accepted certain time-honored adages as self-evident truths.

We found them in our early copy books and we grew up on them and repeated them so often that naturally we came to think that they could be relied upon.

Then Germany came along with an intensely modern variety of ethics bearing the label of Kultur. The new medicine is not taken internally or rubbed on as a liniment but you have it shot into you by a large gun.

Unless we refuse to take the treatment, everything that we ever believed in will be overruled, discarded and thrown into the alley.

If Germany is not linked to a standard we ought as well be gone to memorize and humbly accept the following:

Dishonesty is the best policy.

Be as mean as a skunk and you will be happy.

Blessed are the child-murders for they shall inherit the earth.

Be sure you are right, handy with firearms, then go ahead.

An evil reputation is better than riches.

Truth crushed to earth will not rise again if the crushing is done in a superior and efficient manner.

Be virtuous and you will be miserable.

Thrice armed is he who goes around picking quarrels.

Might makes right.

Hell on earth and hatred for all men.

Do unto others as you suspect that they might do unto you if they ever got to be as disreputable as you are.

God helps the man that helps himself to his neighbor's house and his fields and his unprotected women.

Those don't sound right, do they?

The old ones that we learned first of all are not yet out of date.

Suppos we don't revise them.

## CORNELL FLYER ARRIVES

Rocheater Boy in Charge of Class Cables From England

Ralph W. Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Armstrong of Woodman road, Rocheater, has arrived in Winchester, England, in charge of the first graduating class of the Cornell aviation school. News of his safe arrival was carried to his parents today. He was born in Andover in 1893.

Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of East High School. Later he completed a course at McJannet Institute and then attended the University of Rochester, where he was elected to membership in the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

He was one of the members of Troop 11, and saw service at the border. Later he enrolled for the aviation service and was sent to Cornell for training. His classmates elected him sergeant and he was placed in charge of the party for the trip abroad for additional training. The destination of the party has not been made known. Rocheater Post Express.

The "twice tired" people who do things the hardest ways should become readers and answerers of the want ads.

**Martin Hoyer "The Tailor"**  
Will open his shop again in Andover, January 2nd, for repair work. In the WILLIAMS BLOCK (as formerly).  
Save by having your Clothes Pressed and Repaired

## Among Our BAPTIST

Sunday morning worship 10:30. Preacher announced later.

Evening service at Seventh-day church, 7:30.

Bible School 11:45.

Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30; leader, Esther Northrup.

Mid-week service Thursday at 7:30.

## SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST

Rev. V. L. Eggleston, Stated Supply.

Morning worship 10:30. Subject Some New Year Reflections. Educated service 7:30; preschool announced later.

Bible School 11:30.

Mid-week service Friday at 7:30.

## PRESBYTERIAN

Hamilton B. Williams, Minister.

Sunday, December 30, New Year's Sermon.

The minister hopes every member of the church and congregation may close the old year's last Sunday by being present at the hour of worship. We will together plan a beautiful year in the light of the Light of the World. Bring the children. Sunday Evening. Seventh-day Church, 7:30.

Regular Communion—Jan. 6, 1918.

Announcement will be made in reference to preparatory meetings.

## THE CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Monday evening was children's evening and every one present was very glad of the opportunity of hearing our little folks sing and speak—and preach a gospel of truth. It was very enjoyable.

And it's all together for the coming year—To the fields outstretching wide To be a friend Because our Friend is a Friend.

## METHODIST

Rev. Chas. Collins, Pastor.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning, at 10:30.

Evening federated service in the Seventh-day Baptist Church, at 7:30.

Sunday School and Brotherhood at usual hours.

Watch night service Monday night beginning at 10:30 p. m. The program will consist of a half hour of song, a half hour of sociability with refreshments, and a half hour of devotions. The service closing promptly with the advent of the new year. Committees—music: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Earley; refreshments: Mrs. Pease, Mrs. Eggert, Mrs. Thorne. The people of the other churches and the public generally are cordially invited to join us in the watch night service.

Prayer Meeting Thursday night

of prayer in this church on Jan. the 6th. Christmas exercises attended and very happy as usual with remembrances.

## ENLISTMENTS IN NAVY

May Still Enlist in Navy After Dec. 16th by Sending Letter from Local Exemption Board

Selective Service Regulation Section 151, says "Except in following cases: No registrant may enlist voluntarily in the Army or Naval Service of the United States: (a) Upon presentation to a Navy or Marine Corps Recruiting Officer of a Certificate by his Local Board to the effect that his class and order number are so low that he is not in the current quota of his Local Board any registrant may voluntarily in the Navy or Marine Corps and thereafter upon presentation by the registrant to his Local Board of a certificate of a Commissioned Officer of Navy and Marine Corps that he has been so enlisted a certificate shall be filed with the questionnaire and the registrant shall be placed in Class V of the Service of the United States. Single men with no dependents are cautioned that if they are the Navy or Marine Corps they must enlist in one of the services before being called to the National Army as they will be in Class I and subject to the National Army even though their order number may be down the list."

It might be well to suggest other beautiful young boys that the gun method is not ways the safest in disposing objectionable husbands or husbands.

## GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR DAILY PAPER

Since the raise in the price of the Buffalo daily papers have felt forced to stop them are now without any daily paper. We have to offer a substitute the daily paper which we think is just as good as far as news issues are concerned. While you will get very little from it, local and Western New York news you will find that the national news is covered there. The great war in Europe, and National Government and very best of editorials, interestingly written on the question of the day.

This paper is the Thrice-a-Week, almost a daily at a lower than a weekly. We send it to you one year with extra for \$2.25 only 75c extra for this New York paper which comes to you three times a week.

When you want to sell it an advt. in The News

## GET

Start the Christmas

EVER at Christmas as much to Those who Fund a year of money didn't wish

THE is right in your Christmas keep adding next Christmas advice that wealth au

Christmas Ho

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Questionnaires a received by our men each day.

The Grange held meeting Wednesday with a program and

Mrs. Edith Snyder while crossing Monday evening, in slip and side seriously

There was a tin on our streets has a number of our 700 home for the

A daughter, Mary was a Christmas girl. Lever home, arrive so to be sur

A bill to increase of all veterans and Civil War month has been in Representative William of New Jersey.

Very thoughtful employees of the city just before Christmas by a shake purse to purchase mitterings for poor children.

As soon as a stock value-giving and begins to compete advertising. You statement by your with stores in this

Louis H. Moulton and Mrs. Charles (Mrs.) has been a member of the City, land, Ohio, at a year. It takes work January 1st.

Mrs. Fred K. Sunday for Bayou spend the holiday Mrs. Knox' daughter English. They will time.—Wellsville

Low Allen, of who has been the of the Board of S appointed clerk T word came to the death of Len Bon is a most capable position.

By special di over Lodge No. 3 conferred the E. Fellowcraft and Degrees. Christmas on Sergeant ardon, who was was forlough. As "one wedge so continued pu real estate for a ly being a buye a very few pub fieur.

**Billions of Dollars**  
That heretofore have been stored away in vaults and safety deposit boxes are being taken from hiding and loaned to our allies in this war.

**This Vast Sum**  
Will not be sent out of the country. It will be spent here for foodstuffs and the thousand and one other supplies that must be sold to our allies for the support of their armies and civil population. The articles must be raised and made in this country, by our own people.

**Millions of Americans**  
Will be employed in this work, with factories running over time and farmers utilizing every hour of the daylight. Much of that money will even find its way right into our own local community, and every citizen will be proportionately benefited.

**The Shrewd Merchant**  
Will heed the doctrine of commercial preparedness and will begin now to advertise his wares in this paper, for it is a self-evident fact that the spender will go to the merchant who makes the most attractive bid for his business, whether that merchant be local or foreign.

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