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Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

WASHINGTON AS IT REALLY IS

January 5, Washington, D. C.—There is nothing more interesting in war-time than human beings. Their attitude toward radically changed conditions keeps the character of the nation busy. The feverscent patriotism and slaughter mullagrubs distinguish individuals in every locality. But for the most part humanity looks upon war with Germany as a "job" to perform, a duty to meet and humanity tackles the proposition. Every German citizen was chased out of Washington during December, and in the chasing there were found many old residents who had accumulated property and wealth in the Capital City. The head waiter at one of the most prominent hotels was one who had to go. He had run away from Germany twenty-two years ago in order to escape military service, and he came to Washington, and had as many friends as any man in the city. But he had never been naturalized—and so he had to go. Similar cases in great numbers, have come to light.

The human beings of Washington evidence a peculiar state of mind. Apparently there is a cheerful acquiescence in everything that pertains to the war program. Washington "goes over the top" in the sales of liberty bonds, war stamps, and outward displays of loyalty to the Government. In these things—Washington has scored way ahead of any other city in the country. But! The other part of the story is told in the complaint of the Food Administration that the poorest response to signing the "food card" pledges is from Washington. The housewives are willing to knit, and they say they actually save food—but they don't like the food pledge. You ask why, and I answer I don't know.

Washington has suffered from cold, and a rich editor (there are a few of them in the world) announced that he will pay for coal for any who couldn't buy it. A thousand or more people availed themselves of the offer in twenty-four hours. The coal offices have had waiting lines of customers, who have had to carry home a bushel of coal at a time. There is a little complaint. But the Fuel Administration says that the coal dealers of Washington have not furnished them co-operation. And if you ask me why, I shall have to answer, I don't know.

The telephone company suddenly finds its business doubled, and it puts in new exchanges, takes new buildings, and piles up hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of expense in meeting the situation. Does anyone commend the company? They do not! On the contrary the public puts out its wrath upon telephones and telephone companies, and amuses itself in criticizing the service. The telephone company appeals to the administrative authorities for increased rates. And the newspapers and the public fairly roar their protests. The gas company finds that everyone starts burning gas for fuel, since there isn't coal enough, and the plant struggles to keep up with the demands made upon it. It goes to the administration with an appeal for help, and says it just has increased rates, and apparently proves its case. But does the public agree? It does not. In fact the public fairly snarls every time any suggestion is made in behalf of a public service corporation of any kind. There are tens of thousands of additional clerks doing war duty in the various Government departments. The cold truth is that these people came here for

adventure, experience, and more pay. But some of them haven't waited to get their first pay-check before joining the agitation for increased salaries. They are apparently all willing to do their "patriotic duty" at the biggest salaries they can abstract from Uncle Sam, and every mother's son and daughter of them took a "lay off" during a part of the holiday season.

Let us not forget the "Dollar Year-Man"—the rich men who "patriotically" serve the Government on the above salary basis. After exempting Mr. Hoover and a few other real generals from the list, it is safe to say that Arthur Brisbane, the great editor, was almost right when he printed in his papers a few days ago: "They should all be skunked back to Wall Street, where they came from."

Human beings are indeed interesting. I have attempted to tell about a few of them in the above. These Washington quirks of behavior should be known to the country. It is my business to help spread the truth.

And so, while I am writing a sort of "letter-back-home" instead of a mere newspaper story, a few more peeps under the cover may be entertaining. The trouble with us writers here in Washington is that we give so much attention to "news," and that being our work we grow to accept the standards that exist as commonplace and uninteresting. So I will saw away with my Mother-Grundy epistle.

At the top of the headlines this week comes Mr. McAdoo. You may have seen McAdoo, as he has been chasing about a good deal of late. McAdoo has been a long time adjusting himself in Washington. There has evidently been a good deal of reluctance in admitting that he is "a big man." But that has all been settled finally, in favor of McAdoo. He's a whopper; a tall, skinny fellow, with a big head and lots in it; and fists ready to smash anything McAdoo's speech has the honey-dew of his native South, but when he says "get busy" it means as much as the most ractous cowboy vocal triumph. McAdoo has set aside a few rooms in the Treasury Building, drafted some of his political allies like John Skelton Williams, and started in to run the railroads. It's the heaviest job that anyone has tackled since Atlas carried the world around on his shoulders. Congress and the Interstate Commerce Commission, and half the politicians in the country have made a failure of running the railroads. And so it was quite natural that McAdoo, who is regarded as a huge success in nearly everything, should have had the railroads wished on to him. Somehow one can't help believing that he will make a success of it. The result is in the future, and the editor who said that "McAdoo would be President if he got away with this job, and deadlier than a snail if he failed," was a mighty good guesser. Can McAdoo, working with a group of hand-picked politicians, bring greater efficiency into the railroad system than the trained railroad expert? It is an interesting experiment, but I say the last. But I'll be blamed if I am going to attempt to tell you how it is going to come out. If you know, tell me.

We also have with us of this auspicious occasion a whole flock of congressional investigations: food, fuel, sugar, and railroads; ships, the army navy, and nearly everything else is being probed. All these things are very interesting. The Congressmen are not really looking for trouble, as in the usual case, where there are investigations. The process re-

CORN WILL WIN DEMOCRACY'S WAR

America's Greatest Cereal Crop Is Now Moving to Market.

MAINSTAY IN NATION'S CRISIS

Surplus Wheat of the United States Has Been Sent to Famine Threatened Europe.

America's great corn crop, exceeding 3,000,000,000 bushels, will save the world's food situation, officials of the United States food administration believe.

Corn is the nation's best food cereal, housewives are beginning to realize. It contains all the elements needed to keep the body in a state of health and when used according to the scores of tried recipes, especially when combined with an added portion of oil or fat, will sustain life indefinitely. Indian warriors in colonial days baked parched corn alone for many days at a time, and at Valley Forge parched corn was at times the sole ration of the Continental soldiers.

Owing to transportation difficulties caused by the war the corn crop moved more slowly to market this year than ever before. Now, however, the cereal is reaching the millers and consumers. In the meantime the nation's surplus wheat has been sent to Europe.

Today there are approximately 30 bushels of corn for every American. This quantity is greater by five bushels than in former years.

Corn has become the nation's mainstay in the crisis of war.

Just as this cereal saved the three American colonies from famine on many occasions, just as it served as a staple food during the War of the Revolution and during the Civil War, King, Corn has again come to the front in the nation's battle with autocracy.

Corn meal is finding greatly increased use in the making of ordinary white bread. Hundreds of housewives and many of the larger bakers are mixing 20 per cent. corn meal with wheat flour to make leavened bread. This kind of a mixture is worked and baked in the same recipes and with the same methods that apply to straight wheat bread.

Corn bread—using corn meal entirely—is gaining a greater popularity than ever before. Housewives are coming to realize that every pound of wheat saved in America means a pound of wheat released for shipment to the nations with which America is associated in the war.

There are a score of corn products that today possess unusual importance for Americans. "Corn syrup for sweetening" corn cakes and buckwheat cakes and for use in the kitchen instead of granulated sugar is one of the leading products made from corn.

Corn oil, excellent for frying and for every other purpose filled by salad oils, is appearing on the market in large quantities. It comes from the germ of the corn.

MAKING MEATLESS DAYS PERMANENT.

In the meatless menu there is a fertile field for developing new and nourishing dishes, according to E. H. Niles, writing in the Hotel Gazette, who believes that the present shortage of meat and fats will not end with the coming of peace, but may grow more acute and continue for five or six years, thus making it worth while to develop menus of grain, vegetables and fish on a more or less permanent basis. Meat can be replaced by cereals and other protein foods, or may be served in very small portions, as a flavoring for other food. In making up meatless menus this author finds our American people and authors, customarily a bigoted foe of vegetarianism.

Owing to difficulty experienced in obtaining a person to undertake the duties of postmaster at Carwaba, Lake Keuka, the postoffice at that place has been discontinued.

Fees and fines are levied on the various state departments for the past fiscal year, and the report of the annual report of state departments is being prepared, which is expected to be published in the near future.

The war-time method of obtaining the most desirable class of information that is needed by Congress in carrying on its legislative plans. Incidentally, if some of the profiteers are smoked out, everyone will be glad because everyone wants the fugues to be exposed, and everybody wants to see the country protected against infiltration from within, as well as from the enemy without.

MADE-IN-GERMANY LIES CIRCULATED IN CANADA

Canada is also having trouble with Made-in-Germany lies calculated to hinder Canadian food conservation according to an official statement received from the Canadian food controller by the United States food administration.

The stories bothering Canada are of the same general character as those the United States food administrator recently denounced in this country, such as the ridiculous salt and blimey famine fakes and the report that the government would seize housewives' stocks of home canned goods.

The Canadian food controller estimates that when the people listen to and pass on such stories, each one has the power of destruction that lies in a battalion of soldiers.

"Stories without even a vestige of foundation have been scattered broadcast," said the Canadian statement. "Not have they come to life casually. They have started simultaneously in different parts of the country and in each instance have been calculated to arouse public indignation.

"They are insidious, subtle, peralant. Bit by bit they dissipate public trust, the great essential in the work of food control.

"It lies with every individual to forbear from criticism, to refrain from passing on the ragrant and harmful story, and thus the more effectively to co-operate in work which is going to mean more than the majority of people yet realize."

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Dated, November 10, 1917.
WILSON RA HAND,
JACOB HAND JR.,
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JESSE L. GRANTIER,
Attorney for Administrators
Wellsville, New York.

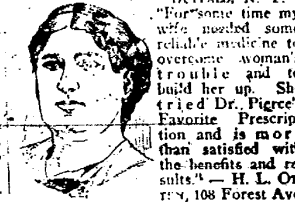
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Pursuant to an order of Hon. Ella Reynolds, Surrogate of the County of Allegany, N. Y., notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against Catherine Walker, late of Andover, Allegany County, New York, deceased, to present the same with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned Executor at the office of Jesse L. Grantier, Wellsville, N. Y., at 103 N. Main Street, on or before the 15th day of July, 1918.

Dated January 3, 1918.
DANIEL D. WALKER,
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