

The Andover News

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OUR KEYNOTE: If There is not a Way, Cut a Way.

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These are the days when the eagle on your letters reads "1917".

Every now and then that crown prince takes another lesson in the art of failure.

Vesuvius is again in a probably in an effort to keep up with the rest of the earth.

"Forward with God," cries the Kaiser. Which God, the God of the Christians of the war or the God of the Moslems?

John D. Rockefeller may have many sins to answer for, but \$70,000,000 given to war purposes should atone for a few of them.

Luxburg may be insane, as announced, but we'd rather believe the claim to be another piece of his peculiar brand of diplomacy.

If the prices of poultry and eggs continue to climb, Sambo may find his nocturnal occupation classed under the head of "capital crimes."

Congressman Ketchin thinks we should tax "till it hurts," yet we have noticed no great anxiety on the Congressman's part to take his own medicine.

Nick Romanoff is said to have plenty of cash in the bank of England. Uncle Sam might attach it as security for money loaned his government.

How it must strafe those haughty flyer crews to be compelled to take a siding while a battered old coal train crawls by and limbers up on a track before them.

There are a million soldiers in this country who would give six months' pay for the opportunity Dr. Law, the Kaiser's American dentist so carelessly threw away.

An Oregon man makes the statement in his questionnaire that he is 9 feet 6 inches tall, and weighs 123 pounds. Evidently swallowed a string and shrunk to it.

Fuel Administrator Garfield says the coal shortage was "largely psychological." We are glad to know it wasn't the dreadful reality the suffering poor imagine it.

"We wonder how the Kaiser is going to make peace with God," Detroit Free Press. He fully expects, after he has conquered the earth, that God will sue for peace with him.

The Kaiser is reported to be running short of man power. This country should help him out to the extent of about a half a million of his subjects for whom we have absolutely no need.

The Chicago Boy's Brotherhood Republic advertises for the "meanest boy in the United States" and guarantees that in six months he will be 100 percent good. They say he will be able to make good, but it's a safe bet they don't have no volunteers.

The suggestion is made that the Government let up on the prosecution of the "trusts" during the period of the war. And why not? We have declared a moratorium for all enlisted men. The "trusts" may not be giving their lives to the country, but they are giving their life-blood money by the millions. Let's forget the old scores for the time being, and perhaps time and the war will heal them.

THE FATE OF THE WAR

Of all the deep questions, involved in the conflict now raging the question of most vital interest to the people of the entire world is: What of the American farms this year?

But farms CAN NOT be operated without man power.

And man power is the one thing American farms now lack.

Then what is the answer? Man power MUST be applied.

Easy enough to assert, but far more difficult to accomplish. For years now the farms of the country have been gradually depleted of the busy young blood that should have stayed to enrich it.

And one of the main reasons for this has been the fact that the farms did not show as much profit for the amount of labor and capital required as most of the other enterprises of the nation.

The young men raised on our farms are as bright and as frugal as others and go where they can do the best for themselves.

The farms of 1918 years has not offered the advantage that other lines of industry have.

The army has now added the cap-sheaf of taking hundreds of thousands more.

It is plain to a blind man that the pieces of these young men MUST be filled if our farms are to be operated at their full capacity this year.

But there are no available sources of supply. Farmers now are offering unheard of wages just to get help to gather the corn crop of last year in the West, much of which is in danger of rotting in the fields in some parts of the country, and help is not to be had.

There can be but one answer—men must be drafted for the farms.

We are told by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson that the country is expected to produce an even greater crop of all staples this year than was produced last year. This demand, with the fact that the remainder of the army draft will be called in the spring, is liable to render the situation acute.

We confess our utter inability to see how the farms of the country are to be run successfully without the aid of those bred to the farm.

There are no more patriotic people in this country than our farmers taken as a class. But even their patriotism cannot accomplish the impossible. It may yet become necessary that the Government resort to the farms, the men taken from them and fill their places in the ranks with men drawn from other walks of life.

If the Government must take from the farms its labor, it may find itself in the same position it found itself with the railroads. In that event why not take over the farms of the nation and run them?

It may be necessary to inaugurate the Bellamy scheme of government yet before we are thru with all our difficulties. Was his book "Looking Backward," a prophecy after all. The year 2000 is not yet here.

An English legal decision says that butchers may not weigh feet with shoulders and legs of mutton. Over here it has been customary for butchers to weigh hands with cuts of steak, but we didn't know English butchers went us one better and weighed their feet too.

A good way to insure the defeat of the German armies would be to furnish them a few hundred thousand gallons of boot-leg "licker," such as is prevalent in some prohibition sections of this country. German liquid fire is mild in comparison.

CHAUNTAQUA CLUB
 The Chautauqua Club will meet with Miss Hallenbeck, Monday evening, Jan. 28th. The following lesson is planned:

Roll Call—Wit and Humor.
 Reading—"Life in Ancient Athens," Chaps. 13-14, Mrs. H. B. Williams.

Review—"Social Development of the Roman Empire," Miss Holtenbeck.

WOMAN A WORLD POWER

What is to be the status of the American woman when this war is over? This is a question that is exercising the minds of a great many people these days.

For a generation, now, she has been contending for equal political rights, and of late years she has been coming into her own in this particular.

For a number of years, too, she has been gradually invading the ranks of business and the professions, tho' not to any alarming extent.

But with the calling of the millions of men to the army, the call has at last come to woman to demonstrate that she is, as members of her sex have long contended, capable of shouldering the business load and bearing it manfully.

It is no uncommon sight now to see women doing what has always been considered "men's work." Not such as clerking, book-keeping and all forms of clerical work, but hard labor work that until lately it was not thought that women were capable of performing.

We see them on public works of various kinds, in factories and work shops, and just lately a great steel magnate was quoted as saying that he would not be surprised if before long he had to take on a thousand women to take the place of men drafted for the army.

And to the credit of the woman be it said that in the great majority of instances they are making good. They are not only developing an ability for work and business that a few years ago would have surprised the world, but they really appear to enjoy the work.

There may be at the bottom of their success the long expressed desire to show themselves independent of man for a subsistence. If this be the case they have reason to be gratified, as they are fast becoming a recognized factor in all the activities of life.

But, when the present emergency is past, will woman resume her old sphere of semi-dependant and home-body; or will she hold tenaciously to what she has gained and refuse to be ousted from her recently-won vantage?

In case she should consent to resume her old status, the world would soon readjust itself and human life would continue to flow on as before. But, in the latter event, the entire business fabric of the world will have to be remodeled and new adjustments and alignments made. The addition of a few million female workers will work a great change in labor conditions—a change that will call for careful handling.

But perhaps the most vital question in this connection is that of its influence on the homes of the land. The United States has always been pre-eminently a nation of homes. With us the home life has been enthroned above every other interest of life, and nothing was suffered to interfere with its highest possible development.

Will the home suffer in the years to come? Before the question of "the woman at work" is definitely solved, this one vital question will have to be answered and on its answer hangs the destiny of a nation.

LADIES AID SOCIETY
 The ladies of the M. E. Church met in the church parlors Tuesday afternoon, for business and the election of officers of the Ladies Aid Society for the coming year, which are as follows:

President, Mrs. Valencia Slocum
 First Vice Pres. Mrs. Hattie Conley
 Second Vice Pres. Mrs. Charles Tracy
 Third Vice Pres. Mrs. Mary Warfield
 Fourth Vice Pres. Mrs. Teasdale
 Treasurer, Mrs. F. L. Hann
 Secretary, Mrs. Augusta Hinchey.

FARLEY-SCOTT
 Married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Farley, Elm Street, Frederick A. Farley and Miss Myra B. Scott, both of this village. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Chas. Collins, in the presence of a number of friends, and after congratulations the company sat down to a bountiful wedding dinner.

Mrs. and Mrs. Farley will reside in Andover, and their many friends wish them every joy and success.

Ten Great Bagains

Friday and Saturday Only

- Large 20c cans Pond's Chicken Broth, 12c
- Ladies' 39c Black Cat Fleece Hose, 25c
- Chase & Sanborn's "Long Leaf" Tea, 39c
- 12c Celluloid Starch, 7c
- 6 Cakes Mascot Soap, 25c
- 3 lbs. Best Bulk Soda, 10c
- 30c cans Albacore Tuna Fish 17c
- Best 25c Percals, light or dark, 18c
- 10 Ladies' Coats, were up to \$15 [not this season's styles], your choice, \$3.50
- Boys' or Girls' 50c Fleece Shirts or Pants, 29c

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(The Burrows Store)

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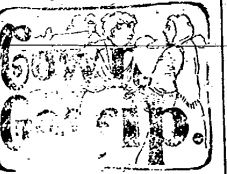
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(Name of Bank to)

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—Meet it smiling, life's too great To waste your time in cursing fate.

—Cuba Fair, Sept. 10-11-12-13.

—Help the Fire Laddies. Buy ticket for the Ball, Thursday evening, Jan. 31st.

—Lucius Ackerman died at his home in Wellsville, Jan. 20th, at eighty-three years.

—There were seventeen deaths at the County Home, at Angelica during the past year.

—Cannon Bros. Stores will be open until 8 p. m. Tuesday evening following the Monday closing.

—An attempt to rob the bank at Canaseraga last Saturday morning was frustrated and the robbers fled.

—John DeRemer has been appointed as regular carrier on R. D. Route No. 3, taking effect Monday, Jan. 28th.

—The Nuz's Daughters of the Presbyterian Church met at the parlors Tuesday afternoon and worked for the Red Cross.

—Andover Grange, at their meeting Wednesday evening invited to invite the County Poets to meet with them in March.

—Guy Wellman, formerly a resident of Friendship, sailed this week for Rio de Janeiro, South America, on a business mission for the Standard Oil Co.

—J. P. Crandall has sold his grocery business to Geo. Beebe, his residence on Baker Street.

—E. P. Rogers and left Andover Monday evening on a business trip.

—Thirty-seven sheep, owned by Fred Shear, on his farm, near Wellsville, were killed by a d last week, and five others injured so badly that they had to be shot.

—Mrs. Bledsoe, widow of the late Joseph Bledsoe, died at Wellsville, Pa., Jan. 10th, aged 78 years. Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe passed the greater part of their life on their farm near Whiteville.

—A card received by his father from Wm. Gallagher of New York tells them of his safe return in France on a transport. He writes that they had a fine across and suffered no inconvenience from sea sickness otherwise enroute. His boat is scheduled for immediate return to this country.