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In the handbook of efficiency there are no rules for making excuses.

The Machine Keeps Its Hands Off

THE best news that has come out of Harburg this week is that the Organization has decided to issue no orders on the local option question. The bill, it appears, is not to be treated as a political measure on which it is necessary to concentrate the party forces, either in opposition or in support.

A Livelihood for Every Man

THERE have been two years of Democracy. At all times during the sessions of the "Long Congress" it has been apparent that but for the influence of the President himself and a few sensible leaders the party would have rushed into legislative excesses from which the country could not have recovered in a decade.

Conditions Justify Business Courage

FOUR thousand men were put to work in the Homestead plant of the Carnegie Steel Company this week, and for the first time in nearly two years every department is in operation.

Maine Is Swinging Back Into Line

THE municipal elections in Maine this week show that the reaction from Democracy, which was noticeable in September, has lost none of its force. The Republicans made substantial gains in five cities, and they elected their ticket in Augusta for the first time in five years, and in Belfast for the first time in nine years.

Beware This Dangerous Policy

ENGLAND can make no greater mistake than to refuse to crews of captured German submarines the rights usually accorded to prisoners of war. These men are in the regular service of their country, the officers commissioned by it. They are not individuals responsible for acts committed under orders.

NEW CRISIS IN THE NEAR EAST

On the Fighting in the Dardanelles Hangs the Fate of the Hapsburg Power—Fall of Turkey of Little Comparative Significance.

By FRANK H. SIMONDS
Author of "The Great War."

There are too many bandits about the United States to bother with any one of them in particular. Carranza probably has his hands full holding on to what territory he controls. He will not try to capture our battleships, and it is altogether probable that he will make whatever promises seem to be necessary. Why not? He does not have to keep them.

The moral drive and humanitarian thrust have not redeemed Mexico. The reeking tube and iron shroud speak the only language the people of that stricken nation can understand. Let them shoot themselves into prosperity and happiness if they can and rob one another of their hearts' content. So far as American and other interests are concerned, there is nothing much left but ruin.

A Business Accelerator?

THE chairman of the new Federal Trade Commission and the President have consulted together as to the course to be pursued by the body as director general of the business of the nation. It was agreed that sensational attacks on business methods would not be attempted, as something in the nature of a soothing syrup seemed more necessary.

Sentence of Death

A generation ago Europe, sitting about the table at the Congress of Berlin, condemned the Balkans to misery, to agony, to servitude. The sentence of death was passed because the ambitions of the British, the Austrians and the Russians conflicted. Millions who had fought for liberty, who had deserved it, millions of Serbs, of Greeks and of Bulgars, were given over to the Turks, left Russia or Austria might unduly profit by their liberty, or England's pathway to her Indian Empire be imperiled by Russian possession of Constantinople.

The Poisoning of Europe

Today the fleets which are opening the road in Constantinople are also clearing the road for a new, a better Europe, since they are making possible the liberation of the races of the Balkans, whose misery has been like an infected limb slowly generating poison, which in the end was disseminated through the whole European body.

HO, FOR THE GARDENS!

Breathes there a man with soul so dead Who to himself hath never said 'I'd like to plant a garden?'

Eastern Question Moves to Vienna

Rather, it seems accurate to say that with the going of the Turk the Eastern question is removed to Austria. What the Allies are seeking to accomplish at the Dardanelles is not merely the overthrow of Turkish power in Europe, with the incidental liberation of the Balkan peoples, but the destruction of the foundation of the Hapsburg power, of the Central European Alliance.

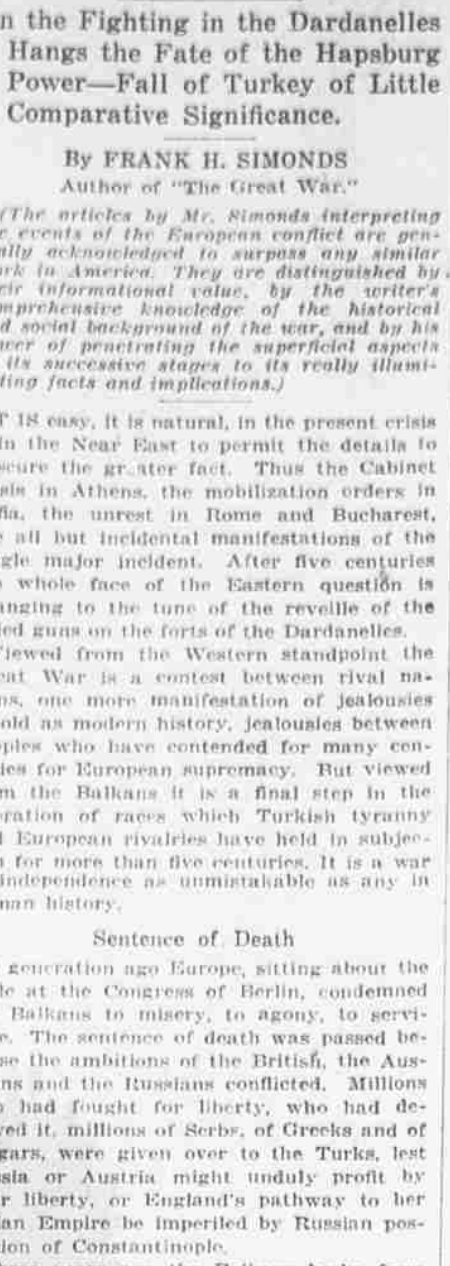
INCIDENT OF THE SIEGE

Turkish Fleet Took Land Voyage Into Golden Horn in 1453. Constantinople, for commercial, military and political reasons, is a natural capital. For 1100 years and more it was the governmental seat of the Roman Empire of the East.

A KING AND AN ANGLER

Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy, is a keen fisherman, and spends hour after hour with his rod, though the heat of July does not always attend his piscatorial expeditions. Once, after several hours' angling had brought him only three poor fish and he was returning to the castle, he was met by a peasant with a magnificent catch of trout.

STILL IN CHARGE



BEST THOUGHT IN AMERICA

DIGEST OF THE MAGAZINES

- (1) World's Work—"Do Wars Really Cost Anything?"
(2) Atlantic Monthly—"The Cost to Humanity."
(3) Metropolitan—"German France."
(4) Review of Reviews—"German Idealism and the War."

ON ACCOUNT OF WAR

THERE are so many debits to war's account, not only the obvious items of homes destroyed and cities burned and women ravished and men killed, but so many more subtle consequences which appear for reckoning only gradually that it is never possible to balance the account books with any accuracy.

Germany Discovers Her Enemies

One of the most subtle effects of war is its necessity for self-justification which it forces upon both sides. It is at first confusing to see the intellectual leaders of modern thought, arguing from identical premises to opposite conclusions, according as they are French or German born.

On the Debit Side

Mr. Price seems a bit arbitrary in his valuation of human life, generally admitted to be a considerable factor in the cost of war, when he dismisses it with the phrase, "Aside from the cost of human life." Herbert Horwill, an English journalist, takes it more seriously in his article in the Atlantic Monthly (2), which is really based on an acceptance of the spiritual values of men's lives and potentialities as being on a par with more material items, such as horsepower and explosives consumed in battle.

THE PILGRIM

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