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NO SHORT CUT TO EASY STREET... FORTUNES have been made by a few men through the rise in war shares and the sale of steel securities following the reported flotation of a new steel trust.

...but, he may consider himself a fool, if he realizes any profit out of it. It is much safer for him to have a supply of conservative dividend-paying stocks of which he can sell next year for at least as much as he paid for them.

...SAM IS DOING HIS DUTY... The Haitian independence will be a state of self-government, there will be some semblance of order and a measure of life and property under the representatives of the United States.

...OFFICERS FOR THE NAVY... 250 cadets to the corps at Annapolis as a palliative, not a cure, for the shortage of officers.

...LAUGHING AT THE VARES... Von Bernstorff is advising Berlin about the progress of the loan negotiations; but so long as he remembers what has happened to his friend Dumba he will refrain from giving advice to Washington about them.

...THE ENEMIES IT HAS MADE... THE keeper of the broiler does not want women to vote. The gamblers who live on the wages that ought to be carried to the home on Saturday night is against woman's suffrage.

...ON WRONG... It begins to look as if Bulgaria didn't have any neutrality on straight—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

on by his former enemies, who persuaded him that his political career would make good paving material for the highway to victory for the Gans. He was easy, so easy that it must have been difficult for those who were bawling him to keep from laughing in his face.

A MIGHTY BLOW... Aside from its direct objective, there are three main purposes to be achieved by the initiation of a vigorous and mighty offensive on the part of the Allies in the West:

1. The relief of pressure in the East at a time when the Czar's forces are just about to turn and present a fighting front. 2. The prevention of a Balkan campaign for the relief of Constantinople, to which an army of 500,000 men had been dedicated by the Central Powers.

The market yesterday showed plainly enough the meaning of this success of the Allies. War stocks advanced. That augurs the successful floating of the loan. The promise of a victor to pay is very different from the promise of a loser, and the events in the West since Friday have caused optimism, too much optimism, perhaps, to cease from every sympathizer with the Allies.

Bulgaria's hesitancy, when she had already put one foot into the fire, is significant. Yesterday two Bulgarian armies were reported to be moving, one to invade Macedonia and the other to protect the Serbian frontier.

THE ENEMIES IT HAS MADE... With all the ruggedness of his nature there was no roughness. He was a versatile man. He made hobbies of such things as ballads and chapbooks of literature. He was a frequent visitor to the art galleries of London and the Continent.

Mexico's corn king is not a chiropractor. Will it be any easier to recognize Obregon than Carranza? There were horses as well as society folk at the Bryn Mawr show yesterday.

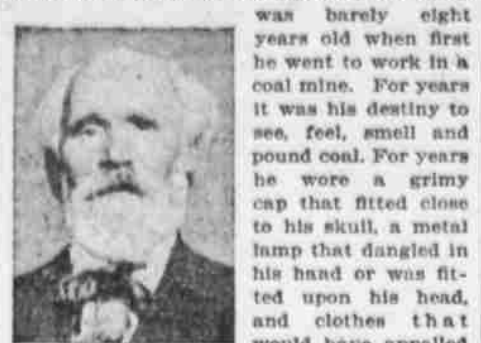
A Cottage in the Heart of London... For some years Keir Hardie lived, when in London, in a secluded court off Peter lane, Fleet street, and cultivated congenial company in a surrounding of books chiefly relating to politics, Carlyle, Burns and the ballad literature of Scotland.

THE LAST CHEEK... In refusing to arrange safe conduct for former Ambassador Dumba until the Austrian Government complies with his request for his recall, the American Government intimates that it has run out of checks to turn—Kansas City Star.

THE PROPHET OF THE COAL MINE

Keir Hardie, Whose Long Career in English Politics as Labor Leader Has Ended With His Death. A Picturesque Figure

By ELLIS RANDALL... KEIR HARDIE, "the prophet of the coal mine," "the pit-lad of politics," is dead at the age of fifty-nine.



Outwardly his career fulfilled all the requirements of a Smiles hero. He read Carlyle and John Stuart Mill, and came out of the pit at twenty-three with an idea, a purpose, a mission. He would be an Ishmaelite. He would create a party of political Ishmaelites, and with them would march into the fat pastures of Canaan and challenge the ancient tyrants.

A "Self-Help" Hero... Literary finish? Never sent to school he used the language like an Oxford don. In his teens he knew the Bible and Tammas Carlyle by heart.

Though he traveled all over the world he never acquired the cosmopolitan touch or lost the quaintness of his provincialism. He fought his fights in workingman's garb. He gave of his wares to feed the hungry. He more than once took off his own coat to clothe the destitute.

Similar to Warsaw Salient... Every one is familiar with the main circumstances of the recent Polish campaign; the Warsaw salient is still recalled by those who followed the campaign in the East.

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Situation at Lille Unchanged... About Lille and between Lille and the sea the situation is the same. The British have lost, not gained, ground since the battle of Ypres and have never made any progress since the first days of the fighting in Flanders.

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THE ONE CERTAINTY OF EITHER SIDE'S ADVANCE



ALLIES' STRATEGY IN WEST

German Lines Threatened at Vital Places—Important Railways Menaced by French Drive—Loss of Roads May Compel Retreat of Kaiser's Forces

AT THE outset of a discussion of the new military operations in the West it is well to bear in mind certain facts. There is always the possibility that any Allied "drive" may turn out to be the long-awaited grand offensive which will sweep the Germans out of France.

Accordingly, there is little reason to believe that the Germans will not be able to concentrate reinforcements behind the present breaks. They are outnumbered in the West, perhaps two to one, certainly three to two.

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the Alsace. It might imperil Lille so seriously as to necessitate a retirement here, too. Such an advance would be the maximum of present possibilities. But the possible local gain is not inconsiderable.

In Champagne... Turning to Champagne, the purpose of the French drive here is quite plain. The battlefield is a wild, open, rolling country with low hills, few villages and no obstacles.

Such an advance would probably compel the Germans holding the forts north and east of Rheims to retire, because it would threaten their rear and left flank. It would quite as seriously threaten the right flank of the Crown Prince's army, which has been attempting to crowd through the forest to the railroad from Rheims to Verdun.

BULLETS AND BALLOTS... Hoary with age, decrepit with infirmities, always a despicable and wizened little creature, it has at last received its death blow.

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it was Premier Asquith, the man who, more than any other man in England, has fought suffrage, who knocked it down and out. "This is a war of mechanism, organization, endurance," he said. "All that is needed now to complete the work is an adequate supply of labor. In this field none are more fitted for the work than women."

"PARTNERS" John D. Rockefeller, Jr., told the miners of his Colorado company that he and they were partners in the business.

AMUSEMENTS... The State Board of Censors Have Demanded Certain Eliminations IN THE FILM "THE FATAL CARD"

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