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CONCENTRATE OUR POWER

WE ARE NOT going to win this war by dissipating our resources and scattering them to the four winds. The people of this country, greedy as they are of sacrifices, are not ready yet to deprive themselves of virtual necessities for purposes of doubtful expediency.

The so-called Bolshevik Government is not a Government. It is bottled chaos. The while it stabs at the Allied cause, which is the very soul of democracy, by armistices with autocrats and contemplated surrender of great numbers of prisoners of war, many of whom will be returned to the Teutonic fighting ranks, it stabs also at the inherent power and might of Russia itself by its supreme indifference to property rights, its defiance of recognized institutions and its deliberate incitation of class feeling.

Never, we believe, in the history of nations have aid and comfort been given by one nation to another comparable to the aid and comfort given by us to democratic Russia. But we do not help democracy in Russia when we aid the Bolsheviks.

The event, indeed, may demonstrate that it was fortunate for the Allies that the machinations of the enemy stopped the long ocean caravan to Archangel, ended forever the dream of aid worth while from the East and taught the lesson that the war must be won in a straight, sure fight in the West.

As a statesman Hindenburg is a very excellent general. Lots of people who talk about a fair lease would spell it fare. The City treasury shows that Philadelphia as a corporation is lean for its size.

U-boats know more about the efficiency of the United States navy than we do. The Premier of Austria demands a world of free nations. His charity can begin at home.

America's diplomatic cards are all on the table. She can afford to turn them face up. They're all trumps. The public is informed that Mayor Smith is going to drive all the gamblers out of the city. We bet they're scared.

WILSON'S WARNING ON "PEACE" OF 1814
Congress of Vienna Planted the Seeds of a Century of War
IN September, 1814, there assembled in Vienna a congress of the Powers to establish permanent peace. Its deliberations resulted in a situation calculated to engulf the world in permanent war.

It assembled with an avowed purpose as apparently chaste as will be that of another peace congress which is to come together one of these days. This Congress of Vienna had upon its hands as gigantic a task as will confront the Congress of The Hague (let us call it); it was called to patch up a map of Europe which in twenty years of Napoleonic warfare had been mutilated far worse than in the present greater conflict.

Selfishness and compromise, a mad scramble for territory by the kings and privileged classes of the Ancient Regime, who thought they had conquered the French Revolution for all time! All the Powers did exactly what Germany and Austria would do in peace negotiations today. To understand that period's tragic war and more tragic peace, and the lesson of it all for us today, it is necessary to see exactly where the French Revolution gloriously succeeded and where it dully failed.

Failure of the Revolution
France in the decade following the fall of the Bastille in 1789, up to somewhat the same position that America has been in for the last eight months. We have tried to send to all the peoples of Europe, especially the peoples of central Europe, a message of popular rights, a message of plain people to plain people. It was this same tremendous message which the early French revolutionists tried to send out to the world.

Undeveloped Countries
Apply the same thought to undeveloped territory. Russia is considered undeveloped by those with an eye to industry. Would we permit a claim and an occupation of that no British or American goods should come in? We would not! Yet we cheerfully look at the colonies and dominions in the Black Belt of Africa and see no potentialities for the future.

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Secret Diplomacy
For the first thing that the kings did when they came to Vienna, after the fall of Napoleon, was to enter into secret diplomacy. No one knew what they were doing. Here von Kuehlinbrecht breathed that old spirit only the other day when he said:

League of the Nations
The elements of peace-talk are strangely conspicuous in the League of the Nations. The United States has pledged itself to co-operate with Atlantic Power with France and most notably with Britain is obviously the first of these. It does not mean that we put ourselves entirely under the protection of the League; it means that we propose to take our share in the protection of the world with that fleet and that therefore we make ourselves responsible for the peace of the world.

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TRADE POLICIES OF THE FUTURE

IN WORKING out economic principles of peace the world is either where it is in fact or considerably behind.

These two instances are mentioned because they indicate the totally chaotic state of opinion on economics. It has long been clear that the Germans had when they said that they would do a commercial war; it is nothing of the sort. But it has been made the occasion for an economic war which is absolutely certain to lead to another military war in the end.

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"NO GOOD SCOUT" CAN AFFORD TO NEGLECT THE BOY SCOUTS, COME THROUGH!"



A REAL POET OF THE PEOPLE

An Appreciation of Vachel Lindsay, His Humor and His Message

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—This week-end Philadelphia sheltered the blond head and vocal cords of Vachel Lindsay, poet, humorist and ex-tramp.

NEW TITLES FOR OLD
The official London Gazette records the assumption of new titles by the following members of the royal family to replace their former Teutonic-sounding styles:

What Do You Know?
Quiz
1. What are the chief characteristics of Jacobean poetry?

Tom Daly's Column

THE OTHER day while looking round For rags to make doll clothes I found A bundle very promising And so I went and took the thing To Mother and she opened it. She was surprised a little bit At what she saw that made her stare And say out loud I do declare I wonder how that got in there!

MOTHER'S WEDDING DRESS
Her eyes looked far away and queer And then she told me no my dear You can't use this you'd never guess What's in it it's my wedding dress And then she spread it out for me And held it up for me to see. It was a minuscule gown and quite A plain cheap thing that once was worn But it was yellow now a bit.

COURSE DINNERS IN HOTELS
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—The food administration has been urged to ask hotels to serve more course luncheons and dinners in a further effort to conserve the nation's food supply.

THEY didn't notice me at all And so I went out in the hat And climbed upstairs and looked around And in the attic there I found Some old lace on my last year's hat And made a doll's bride dress from that.

AT A MOVIE SHOW
No wonder we look sour! Before the show began We listened half an hour To a Four-Minute Man.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ
1. A "society" is the slang term in the southwestern United States for a low-caste Latin-American.

APPARENTLY one cannot depend upon anything Russian these days. In the full-page advertisement of a prominent retail grocery in "Plays and Players," we read: "We are for so long demanded Russian Cavalry to be served as an horse d'oeuvre with his Kummel, that he has come to believe that there is no other."

IF WE weren't sure of Joseph Wrodotatehfect Marshall's connection with an eve, contemp, we'd suspect him of having jumped to the Washington (D.C.) Democrat. In that paper recently appeared this paragraph: "The Bible says 'how sharper than a serpent's tooth is a diabolical child,' or words to that effect. But, after all, Joe knows his Shakespeare as well as credit the other..."