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## FAIR AND WARMER

THE office poet was beseeched to write something cheerful about the weather. He muttered deep and rumbling curses and said it couldn't be done. This shows that s poet can never be a philosopher. Because philosophy-even a little of it-on days like these is the next best thing to the Atlantic Ocean and a shade more of-Scient than an electric fan, and far more lasting in its effects than ice in a glass.

Worry about the weather if you wish to double your suffering. To be philosophic about the heat is to enjoy many of the benefits of a lower temperature.

Stop looking at the thermometer Make haste slowly.

Don't go from one place to another unless you have to Eat little.

Don't argue about the war or anything

Think of last winter, and if that doesn't cool you off let your thoughts drift to the empty coal bins and the winter that is to

Avoid poets. Poets are always in a fever of dissatisfaction. Nothing pleases them. They are a bad example on a hot

Think as little as possible about the heat and you will find it far more en

The reported Anglo-American pronunciation of Vesle as "Vessel" recalls the old saw about rats leaving a sinking one every time we hear of a further Hun retreat.

#### PRICE TAGGING TO ROUT FOOD PROFITEERS

REARFUL that price-fixing would carry its economic hardships, the food administration has devised a new and, it is to be hoped, an effective system to reduce the cost of the American meal. Once more the volunteer principle adopted by the public with such success during the last year to save food for Europe is to be observed. Price lists, specifying the correct charges for food articles, will be posted in retail stores, if their proprietors grant permis-

It is hard to see how many of them Afraid-of-a-Price-List" in something that must lack charm for even the most enthusiastic extortionist.

Furthermore, the purchasing public will be asked to patronize shops that harbor the Government bulletin, and may be expected to raise an indignant evebrow and pocket purses when the official prices and those of the man behind the counter fail to harmonize. The element of volition in this situation seems happily rather a strength than a weakness.

It is significantly added that the pricelist scheme will enable the food administration to secure a common-law definition of a profiteer and thereupon, if he he found guilty, to prosecute him.

The procedure commends itself to common sense. It is not so much high prices which gouge us as wrong ones. The cost of living is an inevitable war burden and should be patriotically borne with as little irritation as possible. The cost of sheer gouging is intolerable. Volunteers eager to suppress such an outrage should be legion. The Government seems to think so in inviting their co-operation.

"Finnish Liberty Medal Awarded Kaiser." a headline. Undoubtedly he has tried his best to, and even though his failure is certain this recognition of his intent may be appropriate.

# ANOTHER USELESS OCCUPATION

DECENTLY President Wilson wrote to members of the Senate an urgent appeal in behalf of the national suffrage ndment. Mr. Wilson argued with his sel eloquence and expressed the conon that women should have the vote and that the extension of the franchise grant them nothing but their just When the Senators, who have the ing votes, demurred at this, the esident wrote again more eloquently and greater length. He was accused then of pting to "boss the Senate as he ha seaed the House."

Yesterday a group of militant "pickets" ed opposite the White House at the where they used to stand and is the President in the early days of ear. They carried white banners, an ners bore various legends painted black letters. The banners de med to an astonished world that women uld have the vote "if it were not for

has been suspected that the milido not represent the rank and file fragists. They have never manid an ability to read the signs of the But it is rather startling to find do not even read the news

AUSTRIA ON THE VERGE

Substantial Evidence That She Is at Last Confronting the Revolutionary Crisis So Long Forecast

EVENTS in Austria seem at last to have caught up with forecasts made long in advance of facts. The Dual Monarchy's "desperate plight" was eagerly emphasized by optimists in Allied nations long before the United States entered the war. Quick conclusions were drawn from the Austrian failure to conquer Serbia in 1914. Furthermore, the disintegration of the hybrid and artificially composed State had been a favorite theme of writers on world politics for fully a century.

Austria was called moribund when Napoleon ruled Continental Europe. He administered to her three sound thrashings; but profiting by Waterloo, to which victory she contributed nothing, the mongrel nation was medievally reorganized and the sinister Metternich afterward, with some success, fortified anew the Hapsburg power.

In spite of a hundred reasons for crumbling to pieces the lumbering autocracy, refuting repeated prophecies of her fall, continued to exist. Surviving grueling defeats by Italy and her present ally, Prussia, the hyphenated empire kingdom became an anomaly, an anachronism, a contradiction. Yet a Hapsburg still sat upon the throne and a nation defying all ordinary definitions of nationality remained in Central Europe. It is small wander that her fall was proclaimed from the pens of so many recognized statesmen and publicists. By any reasonable process of historical interpretation Austria-Hungary seemed doomed. So, indeed, that realm was

But the point that we wish here to emphasize is that all the auguries were not fallacious just because they were advertised too soon. Cassandra foresaw Troy's fall a decade before it occurred. Yet she was right. Immediately before her justification, however, Greeks and Trojans alike were so weary of hearing her that even imminent shadows of the great event were chronically discredited.

It is folly, therefore, to disregard present significant clues as to Austria-Hungary's condition merely because the march of circumstances lagged so far behind the forecasts. The facts can no longer goose-step away from the prophe cies. By this time they are nearly abreast. The statement that "Austria is on the verge of revolution" is no longer a rague generalization. It is a condition the truth of which can be specifically proved. Even so recently as one year ago that phrase, though based on sane deductions, was also born of hope. Today in the columns of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER it is "news," supported as that commodity must be, by indisputable evidence.

The survey of recent history in the Dual Monarchy, presented in this newspaper this afternoon by B. F. Kespoth. our correspondent in Switzerland, is as succinct in detail as it is potent in interest. Mr. Kospoth, one of the best informed and most discerning journalists in Europe, does not generalize. He marshals his facts from documentary evi-

The page of history which he unfolds nomic situation in Austria at the tim when the last desperate offensive against Italy collapsed. Kaiser Karl, already sensing failure, was loath to begin the movement. Pressure from Berlin prevailed, however, and at the very moment when the economic crisis of her crippled ally was at its height. During that tragic week the reduction of the bread ration to two thin slices a day per person gave rise to a general strike throughout Austria and Hungary.

Mr. Kospoth calls this protest of labor revolutionary." His wording cannot be impugned, since the strikers organized into an "Arbeiterrat," startlingly akin in functions and pretensions to the Soviets of Russia, and actually dictated to a panic-stricken Government.

The powerful proletarian body, before which even the incumbents of high imperial offices were cowed, virtually held in its hands the key to revolution. The door was only left unopened because such drastic demands as a cancellation of the diminished bread-ration order, the convocation of Parliament and shorter hours of labor at the old wages were immediately granted.

The cries for peace in the historic manifesto were shiftily answered and Baron Burian's hypocritical assertion that "we shall do everything and leave nothing undone which promises even the slightest hope in the direction of bringing about peace negotiations" has been largely discounted by the clear-sighted proletariat

The insistence of its spokesmen, however, was unequivocal. "The council of workmen," asserted this emboldened Viennese Soviet, "declares its conviction that a real and durable improvement of the food conditions is not possible so long as the war lasts. The council of workingmen therefore declares that the Austrian Government may in the future not only show itself willing to begin at any time negotiations for a general peace without annexations or indemnities and the foundation of a league of nations, but may declare its readiness to invite of its own accord the Governments of the enemy countries as soon as possible to enter into peace negotiations on this

These are not the words of servants, but of masters. The workingmen of Austria, and of Hungary as well, are fast assuming the chief political power in a weakened, weary nation, sick of the start.

conflict which it began. The speed with which ministries and the Emperor-King hastened to placate the "Arbeiterrat" is conclusive evidence of its sway.

The repressive measures which Germany is still able to enforce against the proletariat are impossible in the hapless nation, in which cabinet changes have become chronic and where each new Premier finds himself confronted with an Augean task. The Austrian Soviet withheld its overthrow of a medieval monarchy in view of certain immediate concessions. The difficulties of granting further demands will increase. The present strength of the organized workingmen presages additional authority.

That Austria is "on the verge of revolution," which may come as suddenly as Russia's, and will be wholly beneficial to civilization, is a simple fact, not to be qualified. Even if the day of emancipation be still a little delayed, the critical situation of a decaying regime cannot be

Optimists for liberty who forsaw the crisis long ago were always on the right track.

### A CHALLENGE TO THE FUEL ADMINISTRATION

ANTHRACITE miners at Wilkes Barre A have formally charged the operators with a deliberate restriction of coal production. The amazing assertion was made by members of the United Mine Workers because it apparently cannot by any twist of argument, be blamed upon "union agi

The implication of the resolutions adopted at the Wilkes-Barre meeting is that the anthracite producers are apply that a proper investigation will show that the coal operators or their subordinates vidently, that the mine operators are still adhering to the old system of price stabil

that still needs official and authoritative investigation and analysis. The workers in the anthracite fields refer with resent ment to the elaborate publicity systems maintained by the operators. shortage. Can it be that the fuel admintant instances?

Everybody knows that the anthracite in Pennsylvania is plentiful and that, so far, the available labor has quickened production. The transportation systems have been cleared to make way for the essentials of war and the necessaries of life. Coal may particularly relates to the social and eco- properly be listed under either head. And expedient of turning out street lights and reducing power consumption, to skip-stops and limited elevator service, to "save

Until the fuel administration has for mally taken up the challenge of the 300 miners who assembled voluntarily at Wilkes-Barre the public will feel that it is not yet aware of the essential needs of the occasion. Those who are responsible for the coal supply cannot afford to let the question raised at Wilkes-Barre go unanswered. The matter demands attention

Coal mining is a peculiarily organized industry. In the past it was complicated by the railroads. It is not so many years ago that the mines were considered by certain railroad systems. Even at times when anthracite was most expensive in the cities mines were closed for days at a time. A shipment. The men who formerly ruled the coal industry knew of many other ways by which output could be limited. It is unbelievable that such practices have been or are to be revived in Pennsylvania. The fuel administration must now assure us that the Wilkes-Barre miners misrepresented the situation. Otherwise it will be open to an indictment of gross ignorance and neglect.

The Germans were very anxious to get possession of the Works champagne cellars of Rhelms and Epernay, but it seems they will have to get along with Rhine wines.

Amundsen's latest trip toward the Pole loesn't seem quite so foolish now as during the early part of the summer.

The best way to avoid the force of a governmental cyclone nowadays is to carry your little draft card to calm the atmosphere.

Realizing what we are forced to pay for it, it is impossible nowadays to characterize food as "fare." A cablegram asserts that "Jamaica is

firm for the war." And with plenty of ginger, General John J. Pershing, who has won the Legion of Honor, commanded it from the

# THE ICE BOX

IF THE secret of business success to to let others do the work for you, we know some office boys that will be great executives.

Some People Have All the Luck

Dear Socrates-Inclosed are some verses some folks think them very good. I always thought I would like to write verse; what do you think? They simply form themselves in my mind and I jot them down. Here is one: On a cot in a far-distant land

A wounded soldier lay, A Red Cross nurse hovers around that

helpless one Listening for all he has to say. Hark! A sound breaks forth-Tis a you distant call to arms. The enemy comes, they cry.

The soldier hears and rises on his cot, Full of ambition to rise and go; But his efforts are in vain. As he suffers such awful pain But a few weeks more he is well again And anxious to get into the fray

Composed and written by Mrs. E. A. M.

Camden, N. J. Undoubtedly Ludendorff will have to delay his retreat a few days so that his soldiers can have time to write those little

And make the enemy dearly pay

diaries of theirs up to date.

How to Keep Warm Having heard a number of complaints bout the difficulty of keeping warm, we are glad to refer the following suggestions to any authorities who can enforce them. On second thought, no authorities are needed as these things should happen automatically in any well-commuted com-

Dear Secrates-Take a string of railroad ars that have been standing in the sun all afternoon and back them into any railroad terminal

Take a commuter who is in a hurry catch the 5:32. Call him on the telephone at 5:24, when he is about to leave the office. Hold him in conversation until

erminal with 685 people carrying bundles They must all have plenty of time to catch their own trains and, therefore, are taking their leisure as they toil up the

As your victim wriggles and steams in his efforts to cleave the crowd, have his nose become slippery (it will), so that his glasses will fall off

Let him enter his train about the middle car, thinking to find an inside seat on the shady side. He finds them all taken, and concludes he will press on to the smoker. To do so he has to follow in the wake of a stout and leisurely lady through three cars, while he sees his rivals crowding into the smoker shead.

When he gets to the smoker the only eat is on the sunny side, on a pleasantly warmed plush seat strewn with cinders. Be sure that the car has no luggage racks,

Then let him put his hand in his trouser pocket to get his matches. His hand will stick there, and he will not be able to remove it. You will have no more complaints about

ot being able to keep warm. DUM PERSPIRO SPERO.

Will they call him a tracin Mexico. toreador? The only kind of line that is not the shortest distance between two points is

the waistline. There is a new Liberty Loan along, and every one can see Mr. Mc 1400's

handwriting on the weallet. Thirty-nine assassinations yesterday vere caused by persons saving, carelessly;

Directions for Taming a Wrist Watch The best place to wear a wrist watch is

n your wife's wrist. If you wear it yourself keep it on the shady side of your person. It is a friendly thing to wear it on the right wrist, then t will be upside down, and those you meet can see what time it is not.

It will be well to keep a timepiece with you in case you have important ap-It is better to remove the wrist watch

when you go in bathing and when strolling brough Frog Hollow. Wrist watches should be examined fre-

uently. If you find them correct it is ad form to betray surprise. In very warm weather it will be unnecessary to strap your wrist watch on to

your arm. Just place it affectionately against your pulse, and it will adhere. Wrist watches are at their best between midnight and sunrise, when they often run

Sleeping on the porch is often mentioned in books, but in actual life it requires great concentration of effort. Also coniderable concentration of sleep. Sometimes a whole night's sleep can be accomplished in two hours, if the morale of the mosquitoes breaks down on account of overindulgence.

Some day some crank will found a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Food, alleging that it is too inhuman to force beefsteak to associate with onions.

Months with an R are approaching, when oysters will once more become safety bivalves.

## The Proboscis Sisters

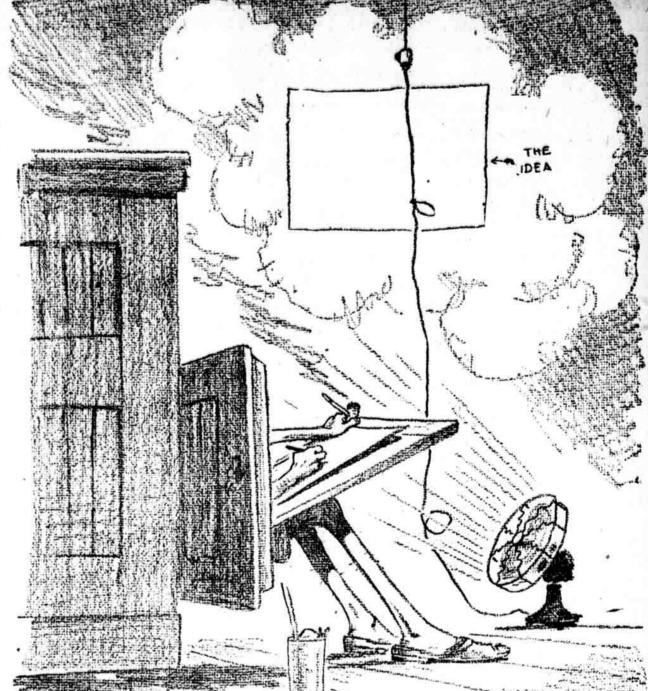
About this time of year some one always insists that it is only the female mosquito that does the biting. We propose to anticipate the annual question whether her voice is soprano or alto by stating that she reaches A gnatural with ease.

A Gnatural Death Having gotten away with the preceding. we here give the briefest biography of mosquito ever published:

SOCRATES.



BLAME IT ON THE WEATHERMAN



# JOURNALISM IN THE RANKS

The Newspapers Edited and Printed by Our Men Abroad Show That This War Is Being Waged Cheerfully

THIS is a young man's war. The light-1 heartedness that is the chief blessing and privilege of youth and the airy disregard of subtleties and perils that most of us outlive all too soon seem to make life for our soldiers abroad a good deal brighter than it is for some of those they left behind them. The conviction is inevitable after a reading of the newspapers and periodicals issued Mr. Ford is going to build motor tractors regularly by the various units of our army in France. There is no room in the pages of the army journals for anything but resclution, high confidence and good humor.

The newest of these soldier publications to reach this country carries the name of a youthful Public Ledger reporter in the exsouthful Public Leager reporter in the ex-alted place reserved for the cognomen of the editor-in-chief. This paper is now known in France as Over Here. The director of its destinies, Bartley D. E. Andress, was in this city a year ago, when, at twenty-one, he was busily acquiring the view of the world from behind the scenes which is the privilege of a He directed the publicity campaign for the second Liberty Loan. Then, equipped with a pipe, a tin of tobacco, two smileage books and a flery conviction that President Wilson had taken up the uncom-pleted tasks of Lincoln and that everybody should pitch in and help, he set out to be a soldier. Now he is serving with one of the transportation units and editing his paper at

Over Here adopts a stately editorial attitude toward the big issues of the war. But most of its pages are given up to raillery and the humorous expression of a violent contempt for all Huns. The editor has es-tablished a question box for the guidance of his readers and has appointed an unnamed ral in a motor company to give advice

These questions and answers are taken at andom from the question box:

Dear Cpl.-Since being in the army I ve gained thirty pounds. Do you coller that good? Signed. Pvt. C. Answer: Your question cannot Chandler. be answered, inasmuch as it 45 not complete. You neglected to state whether your gain was avoirdupols or sterling.

Dear Cpl -While driving my Ford on the Boulevard I ran over a nail, which punctured my tire. Can you blame me for getting sore? Pvt. Jesse Beards. Answer: Yes, we blame you for getting sore. What do you expect to run over with a Ford, a solid gold stickpin? Be consistent.

Dear Corpl.-Can you tell me how long this war will last? Signed Pvt. J. Bradley. Answer: I can best answer your question by asking you one. How long is string?

Dear Corpl -- I wrote to a friend of mine in Boston to send me ten dollars, was nearly three months ago. Ca tell me why the mails are so late and I haven't received the ten spot? Pvt. A. S. Johnson. Answer: There is nothing wrong with the mails, Albert. You neglected to send your watch as security.

The editorial tone of Over There may be judged by the following "leader" from the issue of July 14: THE "GOSSIPEERS"

Recently the Government has made life mighty uncomfortable for the "profiteers."
There is another class of mischief-makers
who ought to be handled similarly. They
might be labeled the "gossipeers." They are rather well represented in the army and, unhappily, there are a few of them here in our own base.

These men are easy to recognize. They

will tell you in whispered confidence that a certain officer they know well has just "got it straight" that such and such an American division has been "all sliced up" at the front; they know "from authorita-tive sources" that the submarines on the Jersey coast will draw the entire American navy from European waters : It's going to he a long war, they will tell you, because all of our cavalry and much of our artil-lery is to be sent back to the States to quell disturbances on the Mexican border; certain officers "whose word cannot be doubted" have told them that we will lose thousands and thousands of men before we earn even the rudiments of German warfare; they "have just gotten hold of

is the use of repeating such nonsense It is bad enough when civilians indulge in this kind of rot, helping to destroy the spirit of the folks at home. But it is reprehensible beyond description for a soldier in Uncle Sam's uniform to do likewise, thereby spreading apprehension and sow-ing the seed of discouragement among our fighting forces. Such men are rendering the Kaiser an invaluable service and should be recommended as first-class candidates for the Iron Cross.

Army humor as it prevails in France may be judged by the following rhyme of a sort that abounds in Over There and in soldier publications:

One little paycheck, One little Yank One little camerade One little tank; One little court-martial One little fine : One little guardhouse Should make a good time.

An Ohio man has in-Driver of vented a doorknot that, when grasped in an Ice Wagon? the hand, illuminates

an electric bulb placed just above the keytole. And one of our New York State conemporaries suggests that he should be rewarded by a seat in the United States Senate. But it seems to us that some pleasanter nirvana could be found for the benefactor of fuddled husbands.

The new draft will call nearly 3,000,000 men to the colors. And it will familiarize a good many Germans to the colors they need

most, black and blue. With the mercury at the century mark resterday it was hard to be enthusiastic over yesterday's news to the effect that the city was assured of its coal supply for next win-

Prince Henry of Prussia, who "sees no sause for alarm" in the German defeat, 'is at Homburg. That's where they take the cure. He needs it.

Rindenburg is said to favor a "fail" ffensive. Oddly enough, that is precisely the kind with which we intend to make him most familiar.

Contrary to the usual ethical principles, the lower the aim the better in a certain specific instance. We refer to the attempt to regulate food prices.

Indictments for "scorching" have been ssued for Old Sol. How do the boches like mustard gas

with their sausages?

War Economies It is time now to get last year's straw hat leaned again.—Boston Globe.

Maybe He'll Like Tame Things A ukulele is going to sound mighty tame any young American who has heard the ash of heavy guns at the front for two veeks in succession.—Grand Rapids Press

A Wish I wish I were a Hottentot, For though he wears What clothes he's got-He's almost altogether. And when I take off all I can I've still got on My coat of tan-

## PRAYER IN TIME OF HOT WEATHER

OUR little people faint and droop, The sky is pale and thick with death: Oh, send us gracious clouds to stoop And air to give our children breath-Let heaven gush and spill. Oh, sain And heal us with Thy cleansing rain!

The lusty and the bitter proud Thou doest well to visit thus: Thy arrows leave us still unbowed-We ask no pity, Lord, for us; But for these little folk in pain,

Great God of mercy, send us rain For tiny bodies, hands too weak

To fend and turn against the blows. For life too powerless to speak Or know itself before it goes-For such as these prayer is not vain: Strong God of pity, send us rain

> L. M. HEATH A War-Born Nation

Only one doubt as to ultimate victory ever assails the western front: that it may be attacked in the rear by the premature peace negotiations of the civil populations it deends. Should that ever happen, the western front would cease to be a mixture of French. Americans. Canadians. Australians. British nd Belgians; it would become a nation by itself, pledged to fight on till the ideals for which it set out to fight are definitely estab-lished. We get rather tired of reading speeches in which our civilians presume tha the making of peace is in their hands. The making may be, but the acceptance is it ours.—Coningsby Dawson, in "Out to Win."

Rolling It Up

Money wasted in propaganda work in the United States isn't the full measure of Ger-man financial folly. There's the money spent on the war, for instance.—Detroit Free

Teutonic Stew

If you find hoofs and horns in the hash, don't kick \* \* some one is trying to make both ends meat,—Don Marquis, in New

What Do You Know?

1. Who is the British Controller of Shipping

S. Where is Craonne? 4. Who is General Horvath? 5. What is the largest river in South America? 6. When was the Reisn of Terror?

8. Name the capital and largest city of Colo-9. Identify "Old Hickory."

10. Who said, "A monarchy is like a man-of-war —bad shots between wind and water hart is exceedingly; there is dancer of capaising. But a democracy is a raft. You cannot easily overturn it. It is a wet place, but a pretty safe one"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz Winston Spencer Churchill: British and author and now Minister of Mu Winston Churchill: popular America clist, author of "The Crisis," "The ing" and other important works of

ing and other important works of fiction, ordian knot: an obstacle or difficulty, Gordius. King of Phrysia, consecrated to Jupiter a waren, the beam and xoke of which were tied together in so intricate a knot that more could leosen it. An eracle having foretold that whoever could unrayed this knot would be master of Asia, Alexander the Great sundered it with his sword. 3. Camp Funston is at Fort Riley, Kansas.

The Hegira: the date of Mohammed's from Mecca. July 16, 611. The Mohe data compute their calendar from date. 5. The Greet Pyramid: located at Ghizch. Zaypt.
It is 484 feet high.

6. Iconoclast: a radical reference. The word comes from two Green words meaning "image breaker" or "idol smasher." 7. The Mississippi is the largest ... United States. 8. Madrid is the capital of Spain.

"For me it will be enough that a marbin att should declare that a queen, having reign such a time. Itsel and died a virgin" a said by Queen Elizabeth of England (15 1603), replying to a petition as to marring from the House of Tagenting Trans.