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WHAT HAVE LIBERTY BONDS DONE TO SMASH HUNISM?

Today's News Reports from Various War Fronts Furnish the Best Answer "AMERICA," said Wilhelm of Germany, "shall pay!"

That was almost two years ago, long before the first Liberty Loan. Wilhelm's vanity was at high tide then. He had actually frightened the world. The three words of his culminating boast still stand as the most foolish sentence ever uttered in any language.

Americans haven't paid. They have grown richer in all material and spiritual things. The Emperor of the Huns has helped Americans. He taught them to invest their money in Government war bonds. He helped to make thrift a national trait in the United States.

All sorts of people everywhere are beginning to realize that they have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars that otherwise would have vanished in foolish expenditure—as the money has always gone that we hoped to save but didn't.

But this is aside. What we started to talk about was the complaint of an earnest banker, who said: "I hardly know what to say about the fourth Liberty Loan. I seem to have said it all in trying to make people understand the necessity and the value of the other Liberty Loans."

Everywhere the systems of defense that shield despotism are crumbling like a rotten house in a storm. Oppressed peoples are looking upward to the light. Our own armies have gone forward superbly without any of the agonizing setbacks that France and Italy and Great Britain had to endure.

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General von Sanders, who quit in Palestine, is reported recalled to Berlin. Surrender experts could be assembled, nowhere more suitably than in the Hun capital.

STRANGERS to American ways have almost invariably marveled at two distinguishing characteristics of our life—the high indoor temperature in winter and the vast quantities of ice-water consumed in the same period.

SEVENTY-SEVEN TROLLEY FARES SUCH decisions as that just rendered by the Public Utilities Board of New Jersey, which has granted the trolley companies of the State a right to collect seventy-seven fares for at least a limited time, serve again to make it plain that the zone system of passenger rates will sooner or later have to be established on street railway lines in accordance with the principle always followed by the steam roads.

RECESSIONAL To be sung (with apologies to Kipling) on retreating homeward after a fuel turnout. [When asked if complaints from householders who have no coal were marked "P. P." by the local fuel administration, Francis A. Lewis, the Federal administrator for Philadelphia, declared that that might be the case, but that his staff couldn't answer all the complaints that come in.]

CONGRESS IS AFRAID OF THE VOTERS WORD comes from Washington that "bone dry" bill is not to be passed until after election. The House and the Senate cannot agree on its terms. This offers a very pretty excuse for delay.

THE TAGELBLATT VERDICT THE convicted Tagblatt editors deliberately dug the pit of loneliness into which they have fallen. Their pro-German falsification of news was committed while the country was at war. The merest child could have told them their writings were grossly unpatriotic and wholly indefensible.

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CANNED HEAT

IF a man is always eager for the morning mail to come in, you may be sure either he has not committed any serious crimes or that he has managed to get some one else punished for them.

Advice to Bulgaria If you have frontiers, prepare to shed them now. We learn from the dictionary that an optimist is a man who begins to learn things late in life. We nominate Hidenburg as the Grand Exalted Past Master of Optimists.

Self-Denial Week The Kaiser refrains from visiting the front-line trenches. Synthetic Poems Do So After the truth has been uttered There may still be time For you to escape Before it is understood.

Timidity There is always somebody Who will keep his umbrella up Long after The rain has stopped. Some people are still worrying. Let Mr. Roosevelt Should ever be President again.

Our Chance to Contribute to the World's Greatest Poem When a warrior is also a poet the enemy is in danger. A poet knows how to attack the enemy in his weakest spot, his imagination.

As a contrast, let us consider the greatest effort of a German poet in this war. It was Ernst Lassauer's Hassenauer gegen England, or Song of Hate Against England. That, too, touched the enemy in their weak spot: their sense of humor.

And the greatest act of poetry that the American people can commit just now is to oversubscribe the Liberty Loan. To oversubscribe it promptly, calmly, almost as a matter of course. An oversubscription at home will form the grandest possible rhyme with the great deeds of the men overseas.

There is a phrase, "poetic justice," which is supposed to mean justice so perfect that the punishment fits the transgression with the completeness and harmonious concord of a poet's rhyme. That justice is being written on the face of the earth.

Some Dose! Coming at just this exciting time there can't be the slightest doubt that the 17,000 draft capsules to be drawn in Washington Monday will all seem bitter pills to Germany.

Yes, He Will Talk Now that Bulgaria has asked for an armistice and the Kaiser has begun to rage, Berlin will experience some of the horrors of poison gas.

Straw hats that felt September's wind. Engagements sure to be a bore. Club dues for chess long left behind. Still stimulate fond favor for Procrastination's ancient pet—"File and forget, file and forget!"

Unanswered letters scatter gloom. Can dissipate insistent blues. And in a recess in his room. Long consecrate to claim and debt. "File and forget, file and forget!"

Coal calls of spring melt fast away. In drawer and cranny fades the fire. Of caustic kicks of yesterday. Now one with Nineveh and Tyre. What cheer, my hearties, wherefore fret? "File and forget, file and forget!"

The delay of the departure of more than 3000 selectives because of influenza unpleasantly suggests that the way to stay out of a draft is to stay in one.

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ADMIRAL ENDICOTT is on the job in Washington. It is due to just such officers that the navy enjoys its fine reputation for efficiency. Fifteen years or so ago Rear Admiral Endicott, a product of New Jersey, and a brother of Judge Allen B. Endicott, of Atlantic City, was chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. He was a capable officer in whom the navy had confidence, and established a permanent place in the annals of the department as the head of a board to locate naval stations, which subsequently adopted his name. In due course he retired, but like many of the other experienced naval experts, came back when hostilities opened and has since been doing his share of the work. When this cruel war is over and the social status is restored, the New Jerseyites who forgather in Philadelphia on stated occasions might bear in mind that the Endicott brothers are entitled to a front seat.

THE way the Government millions are being spent to house Government employees in Washington and vicinity might prove an interesting study to Miss Hannah Fox, president; Bernard J. Newman, M.P.S. Louis C. Madeira and Andrew Wright Crawford of the Pennsylvania Housing and Town Planning Association, if they had time to investigate it carefully. There is no doubt about the necessity for housing the thousands of employees who now crowd the capital city, but the work is going along with that same leisurely precision which has characterized much of the construction work thus far done since the war began. The number of "superintendents" is said to be ample for the number of employees on the building work covering many of the open spaces of Washington, and some people who have little to do but to look on say that haste is not the chief characteristic of some of the workmen who are paid by the hour. Meanwhile, signs are going up all over the city begging those who have homes here to report the amount of space they can yield up to room renters. The Department of Labor is also commanding vacant houses, some of them in the best residential sections, for men and women who come here to work and "have no place to go."

THE worker-fight order is getting around to the professional sporting men, the first golf player in Washington having just been ordered in. This man was engaged by the Chevy Chase Club, one of the most fashionable in Washington. He was given fourteen days in which to find an essential job. Golf, like cricket, baseball and other sports, must do its bit apparently, one way or the other. That is the essence of the new ruling. Philadelphia golf experts, like Alva B. Johnson, president of the Gulph Mills Golf Club, who still remain in the ranks of the "amateurs," may not be directly affected by this order, since they are already engaged in "essential" industries. We are hearing a great deal in Washington, by the way, about the American locomotives that have arrived, or are arriving in France, and we gather that many of them are the product of Mr. Johnson's tolling associates at Broad and Brandywine, and at Essington.

The dent in St. Quentin is bent in To stay there And play there What's gray there.

What Do You Know? QUIZ 1. What is the capital of Serbia? 2. Of what State is Henry Ford the Democratic nominee for Senator? 3. What city in Europe was, before the war, world renowned for its annual fair? 4. Who wrote the novel, "Great Expectations"? 5. What is an Oxford "don"? 6. What is another name for the Sea of Gallilee, which the British army has reached? 7. What is a proteolite? 8. What is the meaning of the word "clava" and from what language is it derived? 9. What is the name of a church? 10. What is the usual system of naming battleships employed in the United States navy?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. The flag of Serbia consists of horizontal stripes of red, blue and white. 2. Biennial means every two years. Semi-annual means twice a year. 3. Islam is the Arabic word for Mohammedanism and literally means "surrender—that is, to the will of God." 4. Fathlers was the predecessor of Polaris as President of France. 5. The Emperor of Abyssinia is called the Negus. 6. The top of a cone is the filler or sheet by which the cone is constructed. 7. The name of the chair, without back or arms. 8. Jack O'Neil was the dramatic leader of a boundary lawbreaker in England in 1840. 9. General Penhrynian, who fought on the southern front in the Civil War, was a Pennsylvania man. 10. The Mer... (text cut off)



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