

ITALY'S APPEAL

There is nothing in the fact that the United States has not declared war upon Austria that would make it improper or unneutral for us to give Italy the aid she has asked in the way of coal and cannon. Such a course might impel Austria to declare war upon us, but in the end that condition is almost certain to arrive. While still altogether neutral, the United States, furnished munitions to all nations that had the power to come and get them, and was quite within her neutral rights in doing so. Technically we should probably be within our rights in supplying munitions to Austria, for we are not at war with her. Italy, which is at war with Austria, is our ally in fact, though not in law, and no formal treaty of alliance with any belligerent nation

has been entered upon at Washington. The situation is technically complicated. But we do not think that our relations with Austria should or will affect our readiness to extend help to Italy in her most promising attack upon the Austrian power. Just as for our boys to fight in France is the best possible defense of our coasts against German invasion, so assistance of Italy's campaign against Austria is today the most menacing of all assaults upon Germany. Italy asks no men. Her needs are coal to operate her factories and railroads, and heavy cannon to press her advantage over the retreating Austrians. The United States alone can furnish these supplies, and the United States should furnish them.

FEEDING YOUR SOLDIER BOY

You watched our soldiers march away. They looked so young and brave. There was a catch in your throat as you saw your own son, or your friend's son, off to fight for his country—for YOU.

And now you are wondering how you can serve your country.

Have you thought that every day of the year you can be doing something for those boys—your defenders!

How? You can help to feed them.

Buy less of the foods that are needed to maintain the army. Use foods that give just as much nourishment, but of which the country has a larger abundance.

They need meat, and wheat, and fats to keep them strong.

Every time you have a wheatless meal, you are feeding these boys. Every time you go without meat you are feeding them; each ounce of fat you save strengthens them.

Isn't it a privilege to plan using other foods instead of the food they need?

Use less candy and sweet dishes—give them the sugar you save.

It is easier for you to use fish, corn meal, butterless dishes, than it is for your soldier to do without meat, wheat, sugar and fats.

But where you can help Soldier Boy most is by fighting waste—fighting it in your kitchen and at your table. Eliminate waste as these boys are giving their lives to eliminate German autoocracy.

MASS AT ALTAR OF SNOW



In the shadow of the lofty mountains of the Carso at this impressive white altar of snow a priest is celebrating a military mass. His congregation is made up of Italian soldiers, who are battling in the snow-clad mountains to wrest lands peopled by Italians from the dominion of the Austrians. A broad ray of the sun was shot down through the snow-covered mountain peaks and has beautifully illuminated the altar in front of which the priest is praying.

War Weddings Decline in Glasgow.

War weddings are on the decline, if one is to accept the figures regarding irregular marriages in Glasgow as conclusive. In 1915 all records were broken, the number of couples whose weddings were legalized by the sheriff exceeding anything hitherto known. Last year there was a drop, though the total for the year was still considerable, and far in advance of normal times. The present year shows a further decrease. One day, for instance, there were 32 civil marriages in the county buildings, bringing the total for the year so far to 1,440. At the same date last year the total was 1,760.

No Prohibition on This.

Here's an old sentiment worth recalling at this time: The spirit of '78—Distilled by our fathers, may it never be diluted by their sons.—Boston Transcript.

The Workers' Intellectual Life.

We make this suggestion to any employer in any large establishment: Find out what your employees read, what newspapers and magazines they take regularly, what books they call for in the public library, what lectures they go to, or would go to if they had the opportunity. Make a similar study of the reading matter and favorite diversions and mental pastimes of the men immediately in charge.—Industrial Magazine.

Taking All the Smell.

Dolly and Dick had saved their pennies and bought their mother a bouquet. In carrying it home Dolly kept smelling it constantly till finally Dick said: "There won't be no smell left for mama when we gets it home."

Why the Weather Bureau?

Why the weather bureau? This question is likely to be asked, in more or less querulous tones, whenever the local weather prediction fails, as it often does, says the Popular Science Monthly. The inquirer overlooks the fact that the weather bureau has much more important things to foretell than ordinary changes of weather. It predicts with certainty great windstorms, destructive floods, severe freezes and other atmospheric visitations that endanger life and property on a large scale and collects climatic statistics for scientific agriculture.

Voter's Catechism

D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?

R. Yes.

D. What form of Government is this?

R. Republic.

D. What is the Constitution of the United States?

R. It is the fundamental law of this country.

D. Who makes the laws of the United States?

R. The Congress.

D. What does Congress consist of?

R. Senate and House of Representatives.

D. Who is our State Senator?

R. Wilbur P. Graff.

D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?

R. President.

D. For how long is the President of the United States elected?

R. Four years.

D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?

R. The Vice President.

D. What is his name?

R. Thomas R. Marshall.

D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?

R. By the electors.

D. By whom are the electors chosen?

R. By the people.

D. Who makes the laws for the State of Pennsylvania?

R. The Legislature.

D. What does the Legislature consist of?

R. Senate and Assembly.

D. Who is our Assemblyman?

R. Wilmer H. Wood.

D. How many States in the Union?

R. Forty-eight.

D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?

R. July 4, 1776.

D. By whom was it written?

R. Thomas Jefferson.

D. Which is the capital of the United States?

R. Washington.

D. Which is the capital of the State of Pennsylvania?

R. Harrisburg.

D. How many Senators has each state in the United States?

R. Two.

D. Who are our U. S. Senators?

R. Boise Penrose and George T. Oliver.

D. By whom are they elected?

R. By the people.

D. For how long?

R. Six years.

D. How many representa-

tives are there?

R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)

D. For how long are they elected?

R. Two years.

D. Who is our Congressman?

R. Nathan L. Strong.

D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?

R. Thirty-eight.

D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?

R. The Governor.

D. For how long is he elected?

R. 4 years.

D. Who is the Governor?

R. Martin G. Brumbaugh.

D. Do you believe in organized government?

R. Yes.

D. Are you opposed to organized government?

R. No.

D. Are you an anarchist?

R. No.

D. What is an anarchist?

R. A person who does not believe in organized government.

D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?

R. No.

D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?

R. One who believes in having more than one wife.

D. Do you belong to any secret society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?

R. No.

D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?

R. No.

D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?

R. The board of aldermen.

D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?

R. Yes.

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