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Jack and Jill went up the hill
To get a pail of coal.
"I haven't got a single jot."
The coal man said, and smole.
Only twelve more days.
And the children are counting them.

Some property owners seem to be postponing their jobs with snow shovels in the hope that the snow will melt off.

The excess profits tax also overlooks those in motor stealing industry, which, this year seems to be enjoying business as unusual.

That armistice along the Russian front is now in force, having been instituted without the loss of a deal in the inter-trench pinocle game.

These dealers who sell revolvers so freely to other men's dissatisfied wives—do they ever become so careless as to sell revolvers to their own wives?

We have some poor children who may not know when Christmas comes, if some of the well-to-do charitable people do not remember them with presents.

The weather has moderated considerably and it seems to be a good thing for many who have no idea where they are going to get their next load of coal.

The coal prices fixed by the fuel administration a few days ago are explained to be "maximum" prices. This is one case where maximum and minimum are equal.

There is no pleasure so pleasing to a woman who is a good cook as to pretend that her dinner is a failure, when the guests know it is one of the finest meals they ever sat down to enjoy.

If you have no consideration for your own comfort while doing your Christmas shopping at least have some for the tired, overworked clerks who are doing their part to make Christmas a happy season.

The advertising merchants are reaping the benefit of the Christmas shoppers. From far and near those who buy holiday presents, always prefer to get their purchases from those merchants who show the right spirit and enterprise.

An Omaha writer urges us to send our Christmas greetings by telephone this year instead of cluttering up the mails with usperfluous Christmas cards. The Omaha writer seems to miss the point. A great many people send Christmas cards to those they would fear to face over the telephone.

On first consideration of the fact that the armistice Germany is selling Russia is no good, and that Russia is paying an enormous price for it, you are inclined to admire Germany's salesmanship. But on the other hand, any dub can sell to a concern in which he has planted a friendly purchasing agent.

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That's a fact. A whole lot of people are merely saying their bit.

Mr. Haller has resigned from the board of regents but merely as president of the board.

Some fellows are so determined to get all that's coming to them that if they were taking castor oil they'd lick the spoon.

To agree with the opinion of others is less usual than it is to applaud your own opinion when expressed by others.

The Tibetans, according to their chief, are the best marksmen in the world. How fortunate! We'll introduce them to the Turks, who are the best marks in the world.

Germany's grief at not having any hand in the Halifax disaster will be alleviated somewhat by the fact that a city hospital was among the buildings destroyed.

Chicago seems to be another one of those nice, sweet, sidewhiskeyed old towns which think it has solved the cabaret problem when it has ordered entertainers not to mingle with the patrons.

We are still saving our sympathy for the poor egg barons who told the government some time ago they would be ruined if Uncle Sam didn't take over the egg supply. They have not lost any money to us yet.

"Let the girls wear short skirts and low necks if they want to," says a New York judge, with the weary air of a man whose daughter has just told him he's a nice old daddy, but hopelessly behind the times.

Speaking of peace terms—Haig and Hague will have something to do with them. This is a Haig & Hague concoction that even our most ardent prohibition friends will not object to with any particular emphasis.

The people who are too lazy to clean off their walks after a snow storm, will wake up one of these cold frosty mornings to find that a damage suit has been filed against them for a broken limb, caused by the snow on his walk.

The news story about the capture of Jerusalem notes that the city is the "home of pestilence, filth and fevers," which is repetition, inasmuch as it already had been noted that Jerusalem had been occupied by the Turks for seven hundred years.

Uncle Sam may not be able to reach and punish all those who raise prices unreasonable because of the war, but if old Satan hasn't got hell to join the Hun war cabinet may have an opportunity to even up with the food speculators one of these days.

Except for the fact that most of the substitutes for gasoline are very costly, and do not do any of the things naturally expected of gasoline, they are very satisfactory and may be said to be revolutionizing our industries.

In a letter taken from an interned German we find, "It should always be ours to proudly wear the black, white and red, etc." Keep him in on short rations until the end of the war. We want no flag before ours, and neither do we want our infinitives split.

WHAT GERMANS THINK.

It is hard for Americans to understand the Germans. There is a widespread disposition to believe that only a few fanatics believe in wars of conquest. Public sentiment in general we assume to be reasonable.

For this reason one of the most useful documents the government has published in the war is the book, "Conquest and Kultur," by Wallace Notestein and Elmer E. Stoll of the University of Minnesota. Excerpts from this volume have already been printed in The Star. It is an extraordinary compilation. Passages are quoted from something like two hundred German writers, public men, college professors, clergymen, glorifying successful war as the highest expression of a nation's life. The compilers say there was no dearth of material. They had collected about three times as much material as was used, "and could find new passages of similar import as long as they had library facilities." In contrast to the feeling in Germany they say:

The German writers whom the compilers have read have sought again and again to fan the flame of German hatred by quoting English utterances of a similar character, three English utterances in all, and only one of them comparable to the passages in this collection. Of French jingoistic utterances German writers have much to say and little to quote. They talk with greater vagueness of the ambitions of America.

Consider this passage printed in 1913, the year before the war, in the Jungdeutschland-Post, a weekly paper for young people, and imagine anything like it appearing, say, in the Youth's Companion:

War is the noblest and holiest expression of human activity. For us, too, the glad, great hour of battle will strike. Still and deep in the German heart must live the joy of battle and the longing for it. Let us ridicule to the utmost the old women in breeches who fear war and deplore it as cruel and revolting. No; war is beautiful.

Here is a passage from a book by Adolf Lasson, professor of philosophy in the University of Berlin; contrast it with the teachings of William James of Harvard or of John Dewey of Columbia:

It is not alone that which it already has that a state defends by war; it is even more that which, as yet, it has not, but regards as a necessary gain from the war. It is absurd to inveigh against wars of conquest; the sole point of interest is the object of the conquest. The state which realizes the highest form of culture of the race can realize itself only by the destruction of other states which, logically, can only be brought about by violence.

Two years before the outbreak of the war a German officer, General Keim, wrote in Der Tag on the necessity of using offensive warfare as a means of state policy. It is possible to imagine an American officer like General Wood, for instance, talking in this strain:

The will to war must go hand in hand with the resolution to act on the offensive without any scruples. We can only deplore the fact that it has become official and parliamentary usage to speak exclusively of Germany's "defense," for which she ought to be armed for attack exactly as in 1870.

Or contrast this utterance of the kaiser at the laying of a cornerstone of a Berlin church with the utterances of any American President from Washington down:

It is the soldier and the army, not parliamentary majorities and votes, that have welded the German Empire together. My confidence rests upon the army.

Evidently Germany has been living in a different world from ours for the last generation. It is a world in which the state has been exalted as above law; a world in which might makes right on a national scale. That is why the German Empire has become a menace to



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all other peoples. That is why the war cannot stop until the German people have learned that these political theories do not pay and that in the international sphere, as well as in private life, morality is the best policy.—K. C. Star.

TEACHING BY CONTRAST.

Comment has scarcely yet ceased on the treatment accorded by an American destroyer to the captured crew of a German submarine two weeks ago.

When the disabled submarine came to the surface the crew lined up on deck and help up their hands in token of surrender. At that very moment several of the crew were below opening of the sea cocks so that the boat itself should not become our prize. All the men were taken aboard the destroyer. They were given dry, warm clothing. They were well fed. They were given new shoes made in Boston with which they were greatly pleased, remarking that these were much more comfortable shoes than those to which they had been accustomed. One of their number who died from exposure whole the rescue from the sea was being made was buried in the deep with military honors.

It was necessary for Americans to resolutely dispose of some spontaneous and surface impulses before they could be pleased with this account. They remembered, the world remembered, the crew of the destroyer remembered, while being thus magnanimous to the prisoners, the Belgian Prince. The Belgian Prince was sunk by a German submarine. Its crew were taken on board the submarine. They were arrayed on the deck. Their life belts were taken off them. The crew of the submarine then went blow, coiled the hatchway, submerged, and the prisoners were of course swept into the sea and drowned.

The crew of the submarine captured by the destroyer, many thought might not have been treated so considerably in view of the record of the atrocities committed by German submarines, the drowning of the survivors of the Belgian Prince being a notable example, but only one of a hundred examples.

But America is trying to teach the world something in this war and by this war. Especially is it trying to teach Germany something, and how far this lesson may go we can not tell. We can only hope, with a good deal of doubt, that it will not be entirely lost. We are reluctant to Prussianize ourselves enough to reply in kind or degree to the treatment of the prisoners of the Belgian Prince, just as England has been reluctant to Prussianize itself enough to go to killing women and children of Germany with bombs dropped by airplanes.

There is something to be said for reprisals. There is something to be said for fighting the devil with a fire. But let's give civilized ways a good trial. We may have to use a little barbarism in return for barbarism before it's over with, but the time does not seem to be here yet.—World-Herald.

The government needs your little donation.

Patriots are not pausing to ask the question these days, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Once upon a time there was a husband who kept asking his wife what she wanted for Christmas, and she kept saying "nothing," and that's what she got.

ARE CONGRESSMEN TO BE TAX DODGERS?

Congress might open its coming session auspiciously by attending to that little matter of detail by which Mr. Claud Kitchin slipped into the conference report on the war revenue bill a brain tax from which congressmen were to be exempt. This tax is nominally to be an excess profits tax on persons without invested capital who are earning more than \$6,000 a year. In addition to their war taxes on their income they are to be assessed 8 per cent on all income above \$6,000.

This is called a "brain tax" because it is a tax on ability and not on income from invested wealth. A doctor who earns \$10,000 a year, for instance, would pay a brain tax of \$320 in addition to his other taxes, whereas if he had inherited an income of that amount he could pocket the \$320. The earned income is taxed, while the unearned escapes. Obviously unjust.

In addition it looks bad for congress to exempt itself from paying the tax. The doctor, the lawyer, insurance man must be called on to make a sacrifice, but not the congressman. The members don't really wish to go before the country as tax dodgers, do they?—Kansas City Star.

THRIVING PLAN FOR THRIFT.

All hail the new war savings system! The quarter saved by denying oneself four ounces of candy, the two quarters and more saved by taking a street car instead of a taxicab need no longer jingle loose and purposeless in the savor's pocket. They can be set directly to work for America's cause in the war. At any of the numerous stamp stations, including all the United States postoffices, the economized quarters and dimes can be invested at once in the issue known as the "thrift stamps." These are on sale at 5 cents apiece and are redeemable, in lots of \$4 worth, for one of the regular "war savings stamps." The "war savings stamps" he it said, may also be purchased outright, but the point is worthy of notice that the little thrift stamps, in 25-cent denomination, afford a means by which one's little economies can be converted on the instant into an effective call-loan to the United States government.

So much for the service which the public's purchase of these stamps will do for the government. It is not inconsiderable. The secretary of the treasury expects it to realize an extra \$2,000,000,000 within the year for the United States in the war—an expectation which looks to Massachusetts to take \$78,000,000 of the total issue. In view of another attractiveness which the stamps possess, that of the service they will do for those who buy them, Mr. McAdoo's anticipations do not seem excessive. When a saver's thrift stamps have been converted into the regular "war savings stamps" or when these latter have been purchased outright at a base price of \$4.12 apiece they will begin at once to bear interest at 4 per cent per annum, compounded quarterly. This means that if a saver collects 20 of the war stamps, as he should if he wishes to fill the certificate upon which he may paste them, he will receive for them on January 1, 1923, a total of \$100 upon an actual investment of \$82.40. Even though he does not buy stamps to the full number of 20—if he only buys one of the regular stamps—he may redeem it at any time on 10 days' notice for the full value of his investment plus accrued interest.—Boston Transcript.

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ELECT OFFICERS.

From Thursday's Daily.
The Woodmen of the World held their regular meeting last evening at their lodge rooms. The annual election of officers was held at this time and the following officers were elected: Counsel Commander, W. T. Wassell; Advisor, Edward Ripple; Banker, P. J. Vallery; Clerk, W. B. Fisher; Escort, D. J. Lair; Watchman, Harvey Shipley; Sentry, George Becker; Manager, Wm. Weber; Physician, Dr. T. J. Flynn; Postman, Henry Klinger.

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