

This is the American hospital ship Comfort which the war department intended to send across the Atlantic without protection to test the behavior of the Germans. Since the sinking of the Canadian hospital ship Llandovery Castle the plan has been held up and may be abandoned.

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

Most Glorious Independence Day In History of the United States Celebrated.

HUNDRED VESSELS LAUNCHED

President Wilson Declares There Can Be No Compromise With the foe—Secretary Baker's Heartening Statement—Confusing State of Affairs in Russia.

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With more than a million Americans in France fighting for the freedom of the world; with more than another million Americans in training for the same great contest; with the submarine menace finally overcome, the "bridge across the Atlantic" completed and its maintenance assured by the tremendous amount of shipbuilding accomplished and underway; with quantity and quality production of airplanes and artillery announced; with huge crops in prospect, and finally with the nation solidly behind the government in its plans for the prosecution of the war to a victorious finish, the people of the United States very properly made the celebration of the Fourth of July the greatest celebration in the history of the country. No task so great and glorious ever before confronted them, no more lofty idealism ever inspired them to perform the task, never was their confidence in their power so absolute.

With reason, too, was the national holiday celebrated by the allies of America, and especially gratifying was the fact that the day was made a national holiday by many of the Latin-American republics for that indicates that the unreasonable jealousy and fear of the United States some of them have entertained is passing away.

Though last Thursday was not so noisy as the old-time Fourth, there was one most glorious noise that, figuratively speaking, must have been distinctly heard in Berlin and Vienna. That was the "grand splash" when about one hundred vessels were launched at the various shipyards of the country. Between sunrise and sunset approximately half a million tons of dead weight shipping was added to the fleets that are defeating the submarine pirates, carrying our armies to France and transporting the food and munitions for them and our allies. This greatest ship launching in all history was the most significant feature of the day's celebrations.

In the fiscal year just ended 1,622 new ships were numbered by the bureau of navigation, their gross tonnage being 1,480,768. This was a record output and one-half of it was completed in the last four months. In the new fiscal year this record will be eclipsed, for many new shipyards are just getting started. The loyalty and devotion of the shipyard workers were justly recognized by the government officials from the president down, and by the people, and the praise for their efforts is shared by the railroad workers, without whose devoted co-operation the achievements of the vessel builders would not have been possible.

Beautifully dovetailing in with all this was the announcement by Senator Swanson, chairman of the naval affairs committee, that with the co-operation of the American destroyers the allied naval forces have destroyed 65 per cent of the submarines sent out by Germany, and that they are now destroying the U-boats faster than they can be replaced.

Secretary of War Baker's detailed statement to the house committee on military affairs was made just in time to give added zest to the celebration of the Fourth. He said the American army now consisted of 180,400 officers

and 2,010,000 enlisted men and that on July 1 practically a million of them were in France; that the death rate for disease among all troops in the United States was only 3.16 per thousand; that the number of combat planes delivered to June 8 was 286, the production for the week ending on that day being 80; that 5,315 training planes had been delivered to June 8, more than 2,000 Liberty engines, and 37,500 machine guns for use on airplanes. Between the declaration of war and June 1 more than 1,300,000 rifles were produced and delivered and enough are now being received to equip a division every three days. Mr. Baker told many other encouraging facts, and enlarged on the wonderful work of the American engineers who enlarged port facilities and built railroads in France for the landing and movement of American troops.

If the central powers would know the unwavering determination of the people of the allied nations, they have but to read President Wilson's Independence day address at the tomb of Washington, in which it was voiced most eloquently. "There can be but one issue," declared the president. "The settlement must be final. There can be no compromise. No halfway decision would be tolerable. No halfway decision is conceivable." He thus put our great objects in a single sentence: "What we seek is the reign of law, based upon the consent of the governed and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind." In less formal language, the Huns must be whipped to a frazzle, for until they are their rulers will not accept such a peace as the allies will grant, and the people of Germany and Austria, with too few exceptions, are like sheep.

In the absence of any great military operations on the French and Italian fronts last week attention was largely directed toward Russia. What shall be done to aid that distracted country is a problem still unsolved, and it is made more difficult by the lack of reliable information as to what is going on there. The reports of the downfall of the bolshevik and the re-establishment of the monarchy with Grand Duke Nicholas as czar, which came through the always unreliable German sources of news, were given little credit, but it appears to be the truth that Grand Duke Michael is co-operating with the Czech-Slovak forces in Siberia and that they are establishing their rule in that country. The Ukrainian telegraph bureau at Kiev says Michael has been proclaimed czar and is marching toward Moscow.

Washington received official reports confirming the news that the Czech-Slovak had whipped the bolshevik in a bloody battle at Viadvostok and taken over the administration of that port. It may be they will form the nucleus for the gathering of the elements that have revolted against the bolshevik and before long be recognized by the allies as a stable government and given aid. It is now admitted in Germany that the German and Austro-Hungarian war prisoners in Russia are fighting on the side of the bolshevik.

Up in the province of Archangel, which extends across northerly Russia in Europe, there is new trouble brewing. At Kola and along the railroad southward from that port are great stores of war supplies now guarded by American and allied marines and blue-jackets, and moving toward that region is a large force of Germans and Finns. Submarines already are reported to be in the White sea. It may be the allies will find it necessary to send troops up there. Delegates from the Murman and White sea coasts already have asked them for protection.

The Swedish press says the kaiser has ordered the Finnish diet to introduce monarchical rule without delay, threatening that if it does not comply Germany will set up a military dictatorship.

Having discovered extensive movements of troops and materials behind the German lines in the Chateau Thierry region, indicating a coming attack, the Americans stationed there took the initiative and, in the most important operation they had thus far undertaken by themselves, they captured the

village of Vaux and the Bois de la Roche, advancing their lines on a front of several kilometers and occupying strong strategic positions. Previous to the attack the American artillery utterly demolished Vaux, and the assault which followed was equally efficient and complete. The enemy lost heavily in killed and wounded and several hundred prisoners and considerable material were taken. All next day the new American positions were subjected to heavy bombardment and then the Huns made a fierce counter-attack, but did not regain a foot of the ground they had lost. The American machine guns and artillery mowed down the enemy in heaps, and our losses were comparatively slight. A complete American army corps of 220,000 men under command of Gen. Hunter Liggett now holds the Chateau Thierry sector.

The French started off the week with an important advance between Soissons and Chateau Thierry, capturing a commanding ridge and other points that the Germans had organized as the jumping off place for their next attack. The British moved their line forward northwest of Albert, but after several counter-attacks they were compelled to withdraw to their former positions. On Independence day the Australians, assisted by some Americans, took the town of Hamel and neighboring woods, and the French cut through the enemy lines near Autrech.

Observers at the front believed the Germans were about ready to launch another great blow, perhaps the greatest of all, despite their terrific losses since the beginning of the offensive on March 21, estimated at 800,000. The opposing forces there are now nearly or quite equalized by those losses and the arrival of more Americans, and the allied commanders and troops have not the least doubt of the solidity of their lines of defense.

The Italians continued their brilliant work last week, and the Austrians suffered accordingly. The latter were gathering their forces for new attacks in the mountain region, but General Diaz struck there first, and in a fierce battle won the formidable heights of Monte del Rosso, Monte di Val Bella and the Col di Chelo. These mountains on the northern edge of the Asiago plateau and just west of the Brenta river, are of great strategic importance. Their capture put the Italians in the strongest possible position to meet the expected offensive, in which German troops were expected to take part. The Italians also kept up a continuous series of attacks on the enemy along the Piave, and on Wednesday they forced their way forward across the partly flooded ground near the mouth of the river.

A characteristic piece of German brutality was the torpedoing of the Canadian hospital ship Llandovery Castle off the Irish coast. About 200 lives were lost, including medical corps men and nursing sisters. The commander of the submarine questioned officers of the steamship concerning American flying officers whom he mistakenly supposed to be on board. Berlin sought to evade responsibility for this new outrage by asserting that the ship was sunk by a British mine. It may be that the sinking of the Llandovery Castle will cause our war department to abandon its plan to send the hospital ship Comfort across without convoy or any attempt to avoid the enemy. It is difficult to see how Secretary Baker can find any excuse for trusting to the decency and humanity of the Huns, for they have repeatedly proved that they are wholly lacking in those qualities.

Holland has again aroused the United States and Great Britain, this time by making an agreement to sell 50,000 tons of potatoes to Germany in exchange for the right to purchase 50,000 tons of German coal. In Washington and London it was more than intimated that unless Holland canceled this agreement the breadstuffs promised the Dutch from America will not be provided.

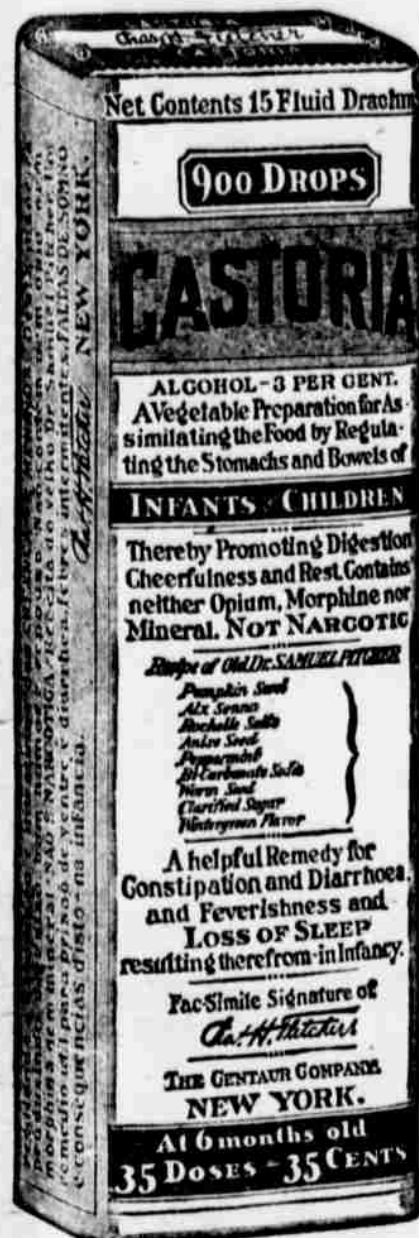
The sultan of Turkey died on July 3, but this is unimportant for he was but the tool of the Young Turk party.

A Great Responsibility.

THE responsibility attached to the preparing of a remedy for infants and children is undoubtedly greater than that imposed upon the manufacturer of remedies for adults whose system is sufficiently strong to counteract, for a time at least, any injurious drug. It is well to observe that Castoria is prepared today, as it has been for the past 40 years, under the personal supervision of Mr. Chas. H. Fletcher.

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The Piano at the Front.
Lieut. Reginald B. Jones, formerly organist at the Commercial Street Baptist Church, Newport (Mont.), writing from France, says: "The padre came along on Sunday evening, and our battalion had an open-air service while the shells were whistling over and the German planes hovering. We saved an old piano from a ruined cottage. It had seven notes missing and three holes from shells in it, but we mended the wires with telephone wire and string. I played it for the service, the fitter having 'tuned' it. In spite of the great discords we had fine, hearty singing."

KIDNEY TROUBLE NOT EASILY RECOGNIZED

Applicants for Insurance Often Rejected

An examining physician for one of the prominent life insurance companies, in an interview of the subject, made the astonishing statement that one reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease.

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"Where are you going this summer?"
"Don't know for sure," replied the young man. "France, I hope."

JUST HIS LITTLE MISTAKE

Of Course Soldier Could Not Be Blamed, but It Was an Unfortunate Error.

The anonymous author of "Nursing Adventures," tells an amusing story of a soldier brother of hers, who came to crave her hospitality for a brief period at a clearing hospital "somewhere in France."

He was caked all over with mud, so as a preliminary he was sent to wash in the kitchen. I left him (she writes) getting off layers of mud into a bucket of warm water. Later he joined us.

"Have you emptied your bucket?" I asked, as I had not heard the heavy door open.

"Oh, yes," he replied; I emptied it down the kitchen sink."

A horrid thought came to me. "There is no sink!" I exclaimed, "only the well of drinking water in the corner."

Sure enough it was there the dirty water had gone, and some one even murmured that the coffee that night had a flavor not its own.

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Goose Was a Fighter.

Fighting a goose a man had an exciting experience at Grand Lake, Newfoundland, the other day. The man was goose hunting, and it being after twilight he had a searchlight rigged upon his boat, when he came upon two geese in the distance perched upon a piece of ice. He fired and struck one of the birds. He hastened to secure it, when the other attracted by the light flew right on board the boat, and for a considerable time both huntsman and bird fought with each other upon the dark waters of Grand lake.

Automatic Water Pan for Furnace.

An extra large water pan, illustrated in Poplar Mechanics Magazine, is now being installed in furnaces of a certain make, which is equipped to fill automatically when almost empty. The pan holds seven gallons, and one end makes a contact with the fire pot, so that evaporation is very rapid. Water is supplied through a pipe, the flow being governed by a float-controlled valve.

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"Ah, sergeant," he said, in a peremptory manner, "please look sharp with my details; I have—ah—rather an important engagement."

The sergeant looked him up and down steadily as though searching for something he could not find. Suddenly he sprang to his feet.

"I have it," he exclaimed. "Heavens, man, you've forgotten yer bracelet!"

Most people who keep diaries for any length of time keep them for sale.

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