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Once more salute the soaring porker, who is out to break all former altitude records.

Japan is sending its army to Siberia again, which news ought to be welcome in California.

No more "sailing days" for local jobbers, a relief that will be welcome to all but the railroad.

April showers not only bring May flowers, but have a great deal to do with October corn fields.

It's not a bad sign when a railroad company is unable to sell a consignment of caskets at auction.

"Home-made hootch" is just as deadly as the other variety, and is getting to be far more common.

Whatever other effect the tornado had on Omaha's housing problem, it did not make it any lighter.

"Market Tuesday" is all right, but Omaha will serve customers on any other week day, just the same.

A Chicago judge has just decided that Mr. Burleson has no voice in fixing Illinois telephone rates. The end is not yet.

"Orderly" Germany exhibits a splendid picture of what happens in a country governed from the top when the top flies off.

That Council Bluffs boy may not have won a medal of honor, but he surely did not suffer in flesh by reason of being in the army.

Germany is to be asked to make an immediate payment of \$5,000,000,000 on indemnity account. This will show who won the war.

Thirteen specklers were fined in police court in one batch. They will have regard for the "hoodoo" number in the future, if not for the law.

Mount Lassen has resumed its interrupted eruption, or death of other news has admitted it to the front page again, whichever way you like it.

Egypt furnished many good models for mausoleums, but if Ak-Sar-Ben is going that far for ideas, why not keep on to India and copy the Taj Mahal?

Wealthy women are now accused of financing the bolshevik propaganda in America. After bolshevism is fairly established, there will be no wealthy women, here or elsewhere.

Red Cross relief is promptly offered in Omaha, where so much has been done in this line for others. It just serves to give our people an idea of what the institution stands for.

The senate has definitely disposed of the boxing bill, and Nebraska will have to put up with wrestling, foot ball and other similar forms of legalized manslaughter under the guise of sport.

Another industrial conference is about to be called, to meet in Chicago, its object being to clarify the present domestic situation, as if we had not already had sufficient talk. Action is needed now.

If some of those European strikers were to expend a little of their surplus energy in trying to help instead of hinder the work of rebuilding America's job of feeding them would not only be lighter but much more pleasant.

Estimating the winter wheat crop at this time of the year is harmless entertainment, if the Department of Agriculture cares to indulge in it, but the more reliable figures will be given out in August, after the crop has been harvested.

Le Matin is firm for France at all times, but hardly is helping the situation by its harsh criticism of America. Fortunately, the friendship between the two republics is too deep to be seriously disturbed by any one paper or group of men.

End of the Casualty Lists

At last the end of the American war casualty lists is in sight. After four and a half months the military records have been made as complete as possible. From time to time information may come to light that will require further corrections in individual cases. In the aggregate they will probably be relatively few.

The greatest difficulty has been in checking up the entries of missing men. Here have arisen what have seemed to many persons interminable delays. But to make a thorough search, in thousands of cases, of all available records, to run down every clue, has necessarily consumed much time. In every war many men simply disappear, never to be accounted for again. They may be killed in action and no means of identification be found. They may drop out of sight in ways unexplained. After the confusion of battle, others reported missing may be traced to distant hospitals or turn up with organizations other than their own.

Among the prisoners in enemy hands there are always a certain number who have been classed as missing in the absence of definite information.

The French alone have had between 300,000 and 400,000 missing. It is one of the worst tragedies of the war. What became of them nobody knows—whether they were killed in battle or died in prison.

With the closing of the war casualty lists the final count can be made. They are far lighter than might have been expected after the United States entered the war, and far more so than they inevitably would have been, if the armistice had not been signed last November, as certain noncombatants still deplore.—New York World

THE CONDEMNATION OF MAYFIELD.

After a grueling investigation, helped along by such investigations usually are, by discharged or dissatisfied employees, the legislative committee has brought in a severe condemnation of Commissioner Mayfield of the State Board of Control, coupled with a call upon the governor to demand his resignation.

Though our only interest in the matter is for a square deal for all concerned, analysis of the report and the evidence as published from time to time, discloses nothing to our mind reflecting upon Mr. Mayfield any more than upon the other two members of the board, or warranting picking him out for special displeasure. The charges which affected his personal conduct and integrity are dropped, seemingly as unfounded, and the indictment goes to solely questions of bad judgment or unbusinesslike methods on the part of the board as a whole; yet the other two members are practically exculpated because one of them has tendered his resignation to take effect next month, and the other's term will expire in July. This we maintain is unfair discrimination.

Commissioner Mayfield's chief misfortune lies in the fact that he was appointed as a republican by a democratic governor pursuant to the so-called "nonpartisan" plan of the law. This enforced nonpartisanship inevitably makes trouble when the political balance turns and creates a new authority to be answerable to. What has been accomplished in such cases for the public benefit—for Mr. Mayfield has admittedly done much good work—is entirely overlooked in the quest of a victim, and that is the plight Mr. Mayfield will be in without recourse, should the governor comply with the committee's recommendation.

Is the President Coming Home?

The report that the president has sent a hurry call for his transport may be accepted only as a good omen. If Mr. Wilson really plans an early departure from France, it must mean that substantial agreement has been reached in regard to the peace treaty, and that it will soon be ready for signature. We scarcely can believe the president would leave Paris in a fit of pique, nor that he would give over the task there in an unfinished condition. He had to choose, as he phrased it, between two duties on March 5, when he left America the second time for Paris. To him the call of the Peace conference seemed imperative and paramount. If he now finds he can be spared from that onerous enough to give attention to domestic affairs, the inference is plain that things are going well. Immediate departure of the George Washington and an equally prompt return might land the executive at the capitol in time to address congress in extra session on May 1. The outlook holds hope.

Japanese Pride in Evidence.

Baron Makino, head of the Japanese peace delegation at Paris, is before the public with a statement of the position of his country as to its relations with the outside world. He plainly states that Japan will no longer be content with a secondary rating. In his carefully phrased expressions, the baron makes a special plea for the abolition by the United States of restrictions against his countrymen. Classification with the Chinese, Hindus, and other Asiatics is very distasteful to the Japanese, who consider themselves not only a more progressive but actually a superior race.

What the baron overlooks is that while political equality may be readily granted, and in the case of Japan it has been, social equality is another matter. All that he says in support of his contention may be admitted, and the point is not yet established. American laws on the subject of immigration do not rest on racial prejudices, but on experience not altogether pleasant. If the Japanese merchants, students and others of that classification are at a disadvantage, it is because of attempts to evade the law by introducing coolie labor under guise of students. For that matter, the bona fide seeker for knowledge from Japan has little trouble gaining entrance to America, nor does the merchant on legitimate business encounter great difficulty when he wants to visit here.

Efforts by the baron and his associates to wipe out reasonable laws of the United States through the threat of holding aloof from the League of Nations, or by delaying the peace treaty, will come to naught. His threat that Japan is not too proud to fight, but is too proud to accept a secondary place in the league, carries little force with it. The traditional friendship for America he refers to has been recognized for its value, and will doubtless continue, the stronger perhaps because it does not rest on a false premise.

Uncle Sam to Enforce Prohibition.

The country is going dry on July 1, if the federal government can encompass the result. It behooves the bibulous, therefore, to prepare for the drought, and to accustom themselves to a great change in the way of living. Unless something unforeseen takes place, the war-time prohibition measure will become operative, and revenue agents are being especially trained to see that it is observed. This news is not welcome in certain circles, but the die is cast. It does not do to say that if the soldiers had been at home a different story would be recorded. Most of the states had voted for prohibition before the soldiers went away, Nebraska among them. Nothing that has occurred since then justifies a belief that the boys who went to war from this state would vote differently now than in 1916, when the dry amendment went through whooping. Michigan furnishes a straw in this regard, a proposal to modify the state law in favor of permitting the sale of light wines and beer being rejected by the voters there last Monday by an overwhelming vote. The signs all point to the retirement of the rum devil. He may be consorted with privately, and at considerable inconvenience, but his face will not be visible on the street corners after July 1.

You can find no occasion to complain of the law's delay in getting a suit started when you view the case of the victim of street accident, who was knocked down by an automobile on Monday afternoon and had his petition asking damages on file in the clerk's office on Wednesday morning.

The general staff says all American soldiers will be out of France by the end of summer; the secretary of war says some will be held there indefinitely. More bad team work.

Efforts to standardize prices, now in progress at Washington, are up against the anti-trust laws. It is pretty hard even for Uncle Sam to violate his own rules.

Was the War Won

New York Evening Post.

Foch, of course, may not be an impartial judge. Still, a year after Ludendorff plunged forward in the final attack, and Foch held down for a knockout victory, it may not be amiss to cite Foch's opinion of the outcome. "We signed the armistice in spite of the certainty of crushing the German armies, to avoid killing one more man, and because it gives us everything necessary to an allied victory." More than four months after the armistice the failure of the allies to secure a "military victory" is still deplored in various quarters. Yet "deplored" is not the proper word today. It did describe the feelings of a great many Americans last November who wished to see German defeat written in the most concrete terms possible; half a million German soldiers laying down their arms inside of a cordon of entire troops. There were other Americans who thought it necessary or desirable that the allied armies should have marched into Berlin. The man in the street is not a chess master. He can not clearly visualize victory with the king and queen and a good number of pawns still on the board. For him the board must be swept clean.

This feeling of disappointment has by this time worn away. The man in the street is no fool; and when he sees the German fleet shambled out to a shameful surrender, the German army demobilized, and the nation disarmed, the Kaiser a fugitive, and Germany prostrate in a military sense, for hundreds of years, according to her own Ludendorff, it is borne in upon him that, after all, something quite serious happened to the German armies before the armistice. Elsewhere than in the street there is still an unmistakable tendency to insist on the absence of an allied military victory, as in a recent book, "The Lie of the Armistice," by Foch. The Germans were defeated by themselves, or by the revolution at home, or by Lenin, or by allied propaganda leaflets, or by anything else except the hard fact. The assertion is made directly, or given out off-hand, as a matter of course, as in a recent book, "The Lie of the Armistice," by Foch. 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