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WHY AMERICANS FOUGHT.

The simple statement by Captain "Eddie" Rickenbacker as to the motive that actuated the soldiers of the A. E. F. is most convincing. Advocates of the League of Nations policy of President Wilson have assiduously sought to convey the impression that our country went into the war to pave the way for the adoption of the covenant without the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t" and for no other purpose. Four years ago in Omaha the president said Americans were willing and ready to fight, just as soon as they could find out which side was right and what they were to fight for. While the war was on he gave several reasons as to why we went in. On May 12, 1917, he said:

We go in because we believe that the very principles upon which the American Republic was founded are now at stake and must be vindicated.

How closely this expression of the president in the early days of the war squares with that of Captain Rickenbacker may be not by comparison, and they fairly indicate the line of thought that ran through the minds of all Americans. The captain says of the soldiers:

They went over to Europe and fought for their country—that is, the United States. I do not believe that any one of them over thought once that he was fighting to set up a League of Nations or to help establish a United States of the World. I know what Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cox say they did, but I do not think that these gentlemen realize what the fighting men fought for or the spirit in which they fought. They are both mistaken, that is all.

We believe that Captain Rickenbacker has hit the bullseye as accurately as he ever did while he was making his remarkable record as leading American "ace." No thought of the league as now proposed ever entered the public mind at the time. The safety of the United States was what all were concerned in, the deleat of Germany being looked upon as necessary to this. No one dreamed of a permanent alliance by which we would bind ourselves perpetually to fix boundaries, to determine internal as well as external policies, and attend to all the minutae of European political housekeeping.

Making the world safe for democracy was one thing; to perpetuate the determinations of the Council of Paris is quite another. Peace is as desirable now as it ever was, is just as much an American ideal now as at any time, but a considerable majority of the people do not believe the only way to peace lies along the route selected by the democrats. How great this majority will be determined in November.

Making the Wheels Go Round.

One of the encouraging signs is that wheels are turning faster just now in America than they have in a long time. Manufacturers report in a general way that labor is becoming more efficient; the output per man is getting nearer to a normal basis than has been the experience since the jazz days started right after the armistice. Likewise, the railroads are able to report that cars are moving faster. In 1914 the average movement of a loaded freight car in the United States per day was 26 miles. President Gray of the Union Pacific reports that for the month of July, 1920, the average loaded car movement on the Union Pacific was 83.4 miles, and for August it was 80.2 miles. This is going some. It means that one box car is now doing as much, so far as travel is concerned, as three did before the war. If the processes of loading and unloading have been similarly accelerated, the gain is to treble the efficiency of the freight car. When the item of loading is considered, and it is remembered that the service of the same cars was more than doubled during the war by increasing the minimum load to the capacity of the car, an idea may be gained of what has been accomplished, without regard to the expansion of business, which is indicated by the fact that with all the gain in speed and ton-nage, the transportation system of the country is still far behind demands. But the big men of the railroads are making the wheels go round.

City or Country Life?

Reports from the census bureau at Washington emphasize the fact that urban population in the United States is gaining at the expense of the rural. It is possible that the apparent rate of increase is but the reflection of a disturbed balance, incident to the general social aberation produced by the war. Young men were caught up from the farm and put into uniform, and have not yet found their way back to their original pursuits. Also, mechanical industries called for large numbers of workers and offered such inducements as led many to abandon the smaller communities and take their chances in the big towns. These influences are now losing something of their potency, and there is some reason to think the turn may be in the other direction. It is well to keep in mind, when considering this question, that the census was taken before recovery from the war

en one of the current magazines a writer, discussing the question, gives it as his opinion that when labor on the farms provides the same return as employment in factories, then a swing to the fields will be noted, because, he argues, the appeal of fresh air, sunlight, and the open is irresistible. Perhaps this is true. Other factors of the problem deserve equal examination. It is not easy for the man with small capital to get a start in business nowadays; he must

begin on a missor scale, is compelled to work hard, practice thrift and economy, and watch his step very closely in order to get ahead. Yet such a man has as good an opening in the country as he has in town.

For many reasons, all more or less obvious, farm labor will never be on exactly the same footing as that of the city. Wages, hours, and other conditions can not be so exactly regulated, for success on the farm depends on elements that do not enter into the factory calculation. Nature is whimsical, and her moods must be met by the husbandman. However, the farm does offer a sure living, a chance to save, and through industry and thrift to get ahead. The road is as clear from the corn field as it is from the work shop, lies in the same direction, contains the same bumps, and offers the same attractions. The call of chanticleer is no harder to answer than is the alarm clock or the warning whistle, while the drudgery of the farm is far less monotonous than is that of the modern systemize. factory. Men may yet come to realize this and so the balance between city and country population be restored in time.

Harding Has a Plan.

If the gentlemen who have complained so dolorously that Senator Harding has no plan for entangling the United States in an alliance with other nations to do things that are extraconstitutional in their nature, and admittedly azardous as well, will read his address to the women who heard him from the front porch at Marion yesterday, maybe they can get a little comfort. Senator Harding did not submit a plan for healing all the ills of a distressed and weary world, but he did submit some views as to what ought to be done in America.

Right off the reel he pledged himself to the enforcement of prohibition. That will, very likely, satisfy Wayne B. Wheeler, who has objected that the senator's stand was not satisfactory to him. However, that does not so much matter. What is more to the point, the candidate of the republican party discussed lucidly another and even more important feature of our national life, the care and protection of women. Contenting himself with the statement that he believed the majority of women are opposed to the League of Nations as outlined in the Versailles treaty, he took up for consideration woman's new relation to the national life. Deprecating too much interference by federal welfare boards with the social life of the nation, he pointed out that industrial abuses must be corrected. To secure this he believes a new department should be added to the cabinet, under which may be grouped the activities of various boards, commissions and bureaus now dealing with correlated subjects but independently of each other. To this department will be relegated such questions as the public health, child labor, woman's employment, and all the details in which the federal government may rightfully engage along this line.

Here is a concrete example of what Senator Harding has in view as part of his constructive program. Twelve million women engaged in the professions or industry, each a potential mother, demand the active and unremitting interest of the government, not in a paternal way, but that the security of our future may be made certain by safeguarding its base, that of the mothers of the nation. This is a program the women can understand, they know the value of.

The sane, rational appeal of the republican candidate to the common sense of the public is having its effect. Whatever his vision of a world without war may be, he is not pledging himself to any vagarious plan, but offers to do those things which are helpful and which can be accomplished for the good of humanity. Pledges that may be redeemed, not promises to be forgotten or dreams to be exploded, are his offer to the people. Americans can well afford to trust a leader like that; they can safely follow no other.

Softening Prices in Evidence.

The downward swoop of retail prices may not be as precipitate as was the upward flight. but it appears to have commenced. Advertisements that appear in the newspapers all indicate this, while announcements from time to time in the news columns of cuts made by factories in the selling price of their products support the belief that the peak really has been passed. It is not necessary to discuss the causes that have led to this. Many are suggested, but all finally lead to the same end. It will be some time, perhaps, before the full effect of the reductions made by manufacturers is reflected at the retail stores, but it is coming. Basic conditions are undergoing the readjustment that has been inevitable, and living will once more take on something that has been sadly lacking since the unsettlement that followed when the pressure of war was removed two years ago. As much of danger lies in the new condition as was held by that which was passing, and equal care must be observed in order to avoid the mishaps that follow injudicious action. With the exercise of ordinary prudence, prices may be safely brought down from the stilts on which they have moved for many months, and set on a solid footing once more. But we are not yet out of the woods.

What a Bird Can Do.

According to a legend, a cackling goose saved Rome. The ravens fed the prophet when he had fled before the wrath of an unjust and despotic monarch. The dove brought Noah . symbol that dry land had reappeared. All through history, sacred, profane, legendary or authentic, we find incidents of some feathered biped doing his featherless brother great service in emergency. Now from Kansas comes a most interesting tale of how a rooster saved the car in which Governor Cox is making his campaign journey from probable wreck. Pursuers of the fowl found him perched on the truck of the car. and in order to dislodge him were compelled to notice some defects that might easily have resulted in disaster. The fowl was removed. the damaged wheels replaced, and the journey was resumed, both Cox and cock-sure of the candidate's safety. As we noted the other day, the candidate's tour is not devoid of the spice of peril, aside from the hardship it entails, but how lucky it was that rooster sought out the place he did to hide.

Omaha is a noisy place, all right, but the ounds you hear are those of progress and not

"Hard Boiled" Smith says he did not want clemency, but he took it.

Taft and Hoover make a pretty good pair to

Here comes the foot ball warrior

A Line O' Type or Two

little girl.

I am the Sun little girl my doom

run away for I want you

I am the Moon little girl shricking silently my loneliness yearning terribly for a soul

run away - little girl or I will steal your soul and lose it with mine

I am the Stars fixed high in the night tearlessly winking despair

I look for you with a myriad hopeless eyes and I can't find you anywhere

why did you run away little girl

riquarius

"IN what directions," inquires a reviewer of a volume of native verse, "is American poetry moving?" Why, chiefly from left to right; although a few of the modern school run to zig-

BASE BALL'S APHRODITE.

Sir: I notice the headline in an evening paper. "Comiskey Bares All." Don't you think he's horribly unreticent? MARY JANE. WE knew there was a catch somewhere. In response to scores of requests for the name of

the place where he got that marvelous meal, W. S. wires that it was Wichita, Kan.

Outdoor Theatricals. (From the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune.) Mr. and Mrs. Jones state that their daughter, Mrs. Irmegarde Morrisan, was unable to come back with them, as she is just recovering from a severe attack of

"OWING to the constantly increasing cost of operation and the unusual advances in linens and other hotel supplies, all outside telephone calls will be charged at the rate of five cents per call."—Portland Hotel Co.

(From the Burlington Gazette.)
The bride wore a pretty gown of white voil with a hat of white georgette, and carried a book mark.

NEW YORK'S Evening Post recently in-formed the world that George Russell for-merly wrote his pen name as a diphthong, but dropped it for the separate letters "A. E." apparently the Post's proofroom does not read a paper, as the poet's nom de plume always ap-

TO PEGGY STUDYING HER HAND. Aged three months.

A tea-rose petal delicately pink,
The very sweetness of an English Spring.
Is not one-half so lovely, Dear, I think,
As the small hand you find so interesting.

With serious blue eyes, oblivious, You watch and turn it slowly o'er and o'er, Intent on your first problem ponderous Of three dimensions—first of many more.

And so, methinks, the little Jesus, too, Studied His new-made hand: but with calm

His Mother kissed it, knowing that for you A cruel nail would pierce the tender palm.

G. V. B.

"I HAVE been wanting to tell you some-thing for some time," said the fair ladye, "but, you see, we had never been introduced." We you see, we had never been introduced." We "2. How soon after birth of a replied that that should not have deterred her. baby should a nursing mother's We have been introduced to only a few of our contributors, and we do not know the names of some of the most intimate of them. "It was a sign, was it not?" said we. "Yes," she said. "It was a sign for motorists, just before we came to a church, and it said, 'Church. Slow During Service.' It usually is, isn't it?" she added

ONE DAY OF F. J. IS PLENTY. (From the Rocky Ford Tribune.) F. J. Cretcher arrived Wednesday from Scott City, Kan., and will visit here for sev-

eral days with his family.

Mrs. F. J. Cretcher and Mrs. J. A. Johnson left Thursday afternoon for Monmouth. Ill., where they will be the guests of relatives for the next couple of months. ONE hundred and twelve police recruits

were graduated in New York last week. class motto was "Ad astra." STICKING CLOSE.

Sir: All I wanted to say was this, that as I went through the Calif. desert places on the limited in August we passed Kelso, where the thermometer was hitting 125 in the shade, and there I noticed that H. Hotz & Sons sold gen-A READER of a literary review wants to

know whether anybody can put him on the track of a poem containing the lines, "O God," she cried in accents wild. "Take my life but spare my child!"

We once knew. And as we recall the poem, those two lines were the best in it. FOR THE CONVENTIONAL. (From the Negaunee Iron Herald.)

The Negaunee Steam Bath Resort continues to do a good business. It is supplied with public bathroom for men and women, also private bathrooms. AT the request of Dean Jet Wimp, of the

Immortals, we are admitting Miss Jetta Soppa of Joy, Ill., to the academic groves. SHOW HIM IN. Sir: The appointment of Julius Stemwinder

of Broken Bow, Neb., to the chair of chronology would, I believe, meet with the approval of all right thinking people. T. T. BEFORE dropping the subject, let it be noted that Nick Carter of Reno, Nev., is a candidate for sheriff.

THE ENRAPTURED UNDIE MAN. (Fro mthe El Dorado, Kan., Times.)
Now that the gold and brown of the big prairies proclaim the world is being hushed by the solemn sweetness of the passing summer, you should remember that Harry Logan has his store well filled with the best there is in good warm underwear.

FIRST call for brown October near-ale.

Japan's Naval Strength.

We are not among those who believe that the growth of the Japanese fleet represents any threat to our naval supremacy in the Pacific. When the superdreadnaughts that Japan has ouilt or now has on the ways, or, has proposed for construction, have been completed, she will have in dreadnaughts of the first class only a little over one-half the superdreadnaught strength of the American fleet when the three-year program of 1916 has been built. At present she has your of this class and has under construction four others, so that when all are completed she will have a total superdreadnaught tonnage of 350,000. Even if our superdreadnaught fleet is equally divided between the Atlantic and the Pacific, we would still have a great excess in strength in the Pacific over this Japanese fleet.—
From the Scientific American.

Further Grave Peril Ahead.

When suits of paper clothes come into vogue the constitutional cigaret smoker who is in the shabit of scratching matches on the basement of his pants will have to be careful not to set him-self afre. Thew Oricans States.

How to Keep Well By DR. W. A. EVANS

Questions concerning hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, submitted to Dr. Evans by readers of The Bee, will be answered personally, cubject to proper limitation, where a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. Dr. Evans will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases. Address letters in care of The Bee.

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hide and hair trade was most upset by the war. One hundred and fortyfive of these were reported after the outbreak of the world war. Some of them were the result of the use of infected shaving brushes. Anthrax is not only a serious disease, menacing domestic animals as

well as man, but once it gets a foothold in a county or state it is eliminated with the greatest difficulty. Pastures infected by anthrax are unsafe to use for 20 years or more. The reason for the great increase world war was the coming into trade of hides and hair from far inland, hitherto undrawn on sections of the almost uncivilized world. Almost

nine-tenths of the cases were cause by Asiatic hides and hair. In 1917 a new low priced shaving brush was put on the market and the shaving brush cases began.

To prevent the importation of anthrax, all hides, hair and wool should be sterilized. In an article

on anthrax in Massachusetts appear-ing in the American Journal of Public Health, Dr. S. H. Osborn says the Schattenfroh method of sterilizpers, the trade generally and the health authorities.

It consists of soaking the hides

for 40 hours, at a temperature of 60 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit, in a solu-tion of 10 per cent sodium chloride and 2 per cent absolute hydro-chloric acid in water. Dr. Slack showed that various combinations of strengths of salt, 5 to 10 per cent, and hydrochloric acid, 3/4 per cent to 2 per cent, killed anthrax spores, but that it was necessary to assay the hydrochloric acid used and know

its exact strength.

To disinfect the hair, the bundles should be loosened and steam run in. A temperature of 230 degrees Faren-Which vaguely recalls the barber who advertised: "Owing to the high cost of supplies, hair cutting will be 40 cents."

WARK. PERHAPS.

Just a word as to the treatment of anthrax. It is not necessarily a fatal disease. In fact about four-fifths of the cases get well. Lancing and cutting out the anthrax carbun-cles should not be done. It increases the chance of death materi-

Cootie Clings Like Bulldog. E. R. W. writes: "Can you suggest treatment to overcome 'nits'? REPLY.

Vinegar will loosen them from the hairs. They can then be combed away with a fine tooth comb. If the hair is greased with vaseline, any nits left behind will not hatch. When there is difficulty in getting rid of nits' it is altogether probable that lice supply a new lot when the old lot has been removed. This may different people. Body lice stay in the clothes rather than on the body. Therefore, unless the clothing is cleaned of them when the body is, a

Swimming Is O. K. Mrs. E. W. writes: "1. Can a mother of a 12-weeks-old breast fed baby go in bathing without any harmful results?

menstruation resume?'
REPLY 1. Yes. 2. Most mothers do not menstruate until they wean their babies. There is a good physiologic basis for this. However, a woman need not be disturbed if her menstruation



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In the last 13 years 190 cases of their devices will readily lead us to award the two latter the distinchuman anthrax were reported from the leather. More than one-fourth of these were reported in 1917, the year when the leather. of any substantial use or benefit to any one. The nearest approach he

ever came to this was the propaga-tion of the Burbank potato—a fairly decent spud—though not a first class one and it never came into general use. Our commercial seeds-nion have propagated many better ones which I could name and they lay no claim to being classed as scientists. Burbank's "wonderberry" was prolific but unpalatable and useless and no one ever grew it a second time. His "pitless plum" had no merit and never came into general use. His "spineless cactus," about which he shouted the loudest, proved absolutely worthless and was condemned by the United States Department of Agriculture in a special bulletin issued for that purpose to protect the public from fraud. In fact, after a careful search, I am unable to find a single useful tree, fruit, herb or vegetable to his

the propagator of the navel orange, grains which the Agricultural department has discovered as being especially adapted to our semi-arid regions, then he might well be classed with Edison and Ford. But Burbank, having repeatedly attempted by extensive advertising to foist his worthless productions on the public at fancy figures, I know of no reason why he should not be

Could Burbank lay claim to being

debarred from the use of the mails and classed where he belongs.

READER.

Going Too Far. An Alabama mob lynched a man for making insulting remarks to a woman. But this does seem like stretching chivalry as well as necks.

Add to the Scenery. The politicians would like to know what our "first, fair and fearless" voters are going to do this fall. -Columbus Dispatch.

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