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A characteristic story is told of General Petain, the new Chief of the French General Staff. Hearing that a company commander in his own army was going to be court-martialed for having retreated from an advanced position which he had been instructed to defend, General Petain, to whom the case did not seem quite clear, went himself to question the culprit. He asked for his explanation of his withdrawal, telling him to speak without any fear. The officer had not said very much before General Petain exclaimed, "You were

right; I congratulate you." And, shaking him by the hand, he turned to the officers with him and said: "What he has done I want you all to do; he has acted as an intelligent man." The presence of the French troops in the position intrusted to the company would have prevented the French artillery barrage preparatory to the next advance. Hence the officer's retreat, and hence, a few days later, his promotion by General Petain's orders.

Butter will keep sweet much longer in a crock jar with a tight-fitting cover than in any other way.

We are Fighting the Whole German Nation

We should disabuse our minds of any lingering notion that we are fighting only the German Emperor and a little clique of militarists that stands around him. We are fighting the German people. At the beginning of the war the world found it hard to understand that the poison of Kultur had permeated the whole German nation. An honest effort was made to differentiate between the official advocates of "Right through Might" and the rank and file of the population. But this is no longer possible. The taint and aggressive militarism is in the German blood. Despite all its veneer of effective social organization, German society is at heart barbarian. There is, indeed, a certain realization of this fact even in Germany. Thus Alfred Weber in "Thoughts on the German Mission" (Berlin, 1915), says: "Measured by certain standards of civilization we are in fact barbarians, but in only because it is in our nature to see and act with so strong and complete a sense of reality that we break through all the bands of convention." What Herr Weber calls the bands of convention are, of course, the bounds of humanity and decency.

The German people have become arrogant almost beyond belief. Their deliberate utterances, the studied statements of their authors, students and clergymen as well as their military leaders offer the most remarkable testimony to this. They are politically and morally perverted.

Along with this national arrogance goes a startling frankness of brutality. In imposing Kultur on the world, any kind of credulity is permissible. General von Hartmann says that "when a national war is in progress-terror becomes a necessary military principle." Rev. Fritz Haun declares: "Let all that human hands have wrought perish; man is greater than his works." The Kolnische Volkszeitung exclaimed, three days after the Lusitania went down, "With joyful pride we contemplate this latest deed of our navy."

The German people are saturated through and through with a self-conceit and an immoral philosophy that shocks humanity. We are making war upon them, upon the whole German nation, in behalf of the sacred cause of freedom and righteousness.

Let no pussy-footing chicanery or maze of words bedevil the issue. We are at war with Germany—including the Kaiser, his Prussian military cabinet and the vast majority of the German people. They are all filled with the same poison, a poison which spread throughout the world, would spell death to civic liberty and democratic ideals.

Country and District News

Wallaceburg will hold a field day on July 1st.

J. J. Mathews, of Petrolia, sold five acres, part of lot 9 on the 11th concession, to John Smith, Petrolia.

T. J. Brooks has sold to J. M. Hartley, of Oil Springs, 181 acres in second concession of Enniskillen.

John Welsh, of Watten, is the owner of a goose that laid 28 eggs this spring, one measuring 9 x 12 inches.

Wm. Thomas has sold the north half of west half lot 28, concession 6, of Dawn, to J. P. Mark, of Dresden.

The road from Ravenswood to Ipperwash beach will be raised and widened in several places. G. Jones will do the work.

W. H. Harding has exchanged with J. S. Bullock, part of lot 4 in the 14th concession of Sombra, for the west half lot 12, 2nd con. of Enniskillen.

Wesley Hart, of Dresden, won third place in the shooting tournament at Buffalo. He also won the Canadian prize and was second in the handicap, 23 yards, breaking 45 out of 50.

The sum of \$50 was realized for a hundredweight of sugar at Ravenswood. The sugar was donated by J. H. Wallace to the Red Cross and tickets sold for the same. Willie Tedball held the lucky number.

Little Willie Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lee, of the Franklin House, Forest, playing recently, had the misfortune to fall on the cement sidewalk, inflicting a nasty cut above his eye, which required two stitches to close the wound.

Mrs. David Shannon, Uttoxeter, met with an accident a few days ago which has affected her hearing. While riding in an auto and turning a corner, her head struck the shoulder of a lady beside her with such a force that her hearing has since been defective.

A pinch of salt added to the flour used for thickening gravy before mixing it with water helps to keep it from being lumpy.

Swindlers' Ways

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

Successful criminals nearly always specialize in their work, and it is owing to this fact that detectives in many cases are able to track them down. Not only do criminals make a practice of committing one particular style of crime, but the methods professional crooks employ are practically always on the same plan.

One burglar, for instance, will always enter through the fanlight over the front door of a shop, another by breaking in at the back. Most burglars, too, will continually repeat a burglary in the same neighborhood.

It is by carefully observing and noting the special systems notorious crooks adopt that detectives can often effect their arrests. Many a time a burglary has occurred and the criminal vanished, leaving apparently no marks by which he can be traced, and police officials have been able to produce him in court within a few days, to the utter astonishment of all concerned.

One special trick of a well-known crook was eventually his undoing. Rushing with his hat in his hand to a grocer's shop, he would shout:

"I bet a man outside that his hat wouldn't hold three quarts of molasses, and he bet me it would."

"Now let's see," he would add.

Of course, the hat would not hold three quarts, but the grocer was interested. Thinking he would get paid, the grocer filled the hat, whereupon the crook jammed it over his victim's head, eyes and face, snatched his watch, ransacked his till and disappeared.

A specialist of another sort was convicted about twenty times, usually for the same offence—stealing a block of tar.

Another man's extraordinary whim was to smash the plate-glass windows of taverns. He would go around from one to another, drinking, and would refuse to leave at closing time. The proprietor would then have him ejected and, presumably as a revenge the man would pick up a stone and hurl it through the window.

"How is it you always do this thing in exactly the same way?" he was asked the last time he appeared in court.

"I don't know," was the reply. "I can't help it. I feel that I just have to do it."

It does not matter how subtle or careful a criminal may be, he always leaves some betraying sign behind for the well-informed detective to act upon. There is one case in which two men of unusual brains and daring, and of no small skill in concealing their methods of work, in spite of their cleverness, betrayed themselves by their bizarre tastes.

These men started a number of fraudulent get-rich-quick establishments, all under different names. But the one was very fond of oil paintings with large trees in them and these he had hung in offices under his control. The other also had developed a liking for carpets with a particular pattern in them, and selected them for the different rooms in which he worked. Knowing these two men's extraordinary tastes, a detective, after visiting the offices, obtained this clue, which subsequently led to the arrest of both criminals.

The New Recruit

The United States having entered the war for reasons of her own makes common cause with the veterans. She makes great preparations. Forty thousand young men are already in training as officers of a force of two millions. Although she has enacted conscription, it is said that voluntary enlistment will fill the ranks for a long time. To do as much as Canada has done in the proportion of numbers, she must send overseas five and a half million soldiers. Her support will be welcome to the French especially, whose lines are said to be wearing thin.

If you are very tired take a bath in soda water.

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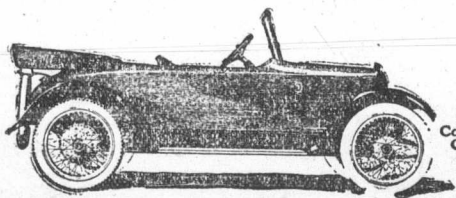
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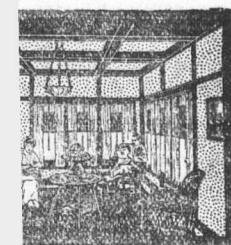
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