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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—M. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

U. S. AIRPLANE SCANDAL.

For more than a year after the United States had declared war upon Germany, not an American-made fighting airplane was to be seen on the Western battlefield. Planes made in England or France were engaged in the service of Pershing's men, and when these facts came to the attention of the American people there was at once a demand for an investigation. The Department of the United States Government responsible for the production of airplanes had had more than a year in which to work and a sum in excess of \$500,000,000 to spend, but that department had failed to keep pace with the requirements of the country, and the President granted the request that the whole matter should be the subject of an exhaustive enquiry.

The commission for this important undertaking was entrusted to Charles M. Hughes, formerly Governor of New York State, member of the Supreme Court of the United States and Republican candidate for the presidency against President Wilson. Mr. Hughes has just issued his report, in which he places the chief blame upon members of the United States Signal Corps, and he recommends that the head of that organization, Col. Deade, be tried by court-martial, and that some of his subordinates shall face criminal prosecutions.

It is gratifying to learn that he reports the present stage of air-craft manufacture as quite satisfactory, and quotes British experts as saying that the Liberty motor, used in the American machines, is the best airplane engine ever turned out, and is now being manufactured in large numbers. It is not impossible that the appointment of ex-Judge Hughes as an investigator had something to do with the speeding up of the work on the airplane programme.

One of the most interesting paragraphs of the report is that which deals with the production at the Ford factory now operating for the Government. From this it appears that Henry Ford stands to make \$5,000,000 on his contracts, although the idea the Detroit manufacturer conveyed to the public was that he had turned over his plant to the nation and was a sort of dollar-a-year man. Mr. Ford is also condemned for the large number of alien enemies he employs, some of them in most responsible positions. When his attention was called to the fact that the head of his drafting department is a pro-German, he replied that "he felt it was a time for sacrifices—that in the next few years every man would be called on to make some sort of sacrifice, and that probably Mr. Emde, German-born, was making his sacrifice now when making drawings for the Liberty motor to be used ultimately against Germany."

Appropos of the report it is interesting to note that it was presented on the eve of the Congressional elections and that Henry Ford was a Republican candidate for State Senator in Michigan. Up to yesterday afternoon the Republican managers of that state claimed his election by a plurality reaching to 10,000 votes. If later returns show that his plurality is in excess of the normal Republican return in that state it may be questioned whether, after all, the people of any country pay much attention to political investigations.

THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS.

Whatever else occurred in the United States on election day, there was no landslide. Indeed, so close was the voting by states that the complexion of the new Senate was still in doubt at 4 o'clock this morning. The Republicans have elected a majority of representatives to the Lower House of Congress. With less than twenty seats in doubt the Republicans have 225 seats of the 435. The outcome of the election is far from satisfactory to President Wilson, who asked that a Democratic congress be elected to back him up in his war efforts. However, as the old congress will continue to exist until next March he will probably have little to complain of.

We are not criticising the United States electoral system, but we do recall what a fearful howl certain Post-terre newspapers set up when the Murray government held over a short time to clear up its business affairs. For the first time in history Massachusetts has elected a Democratic United States Senator, Hon. David I. Walsh, formerly governor. He defeated a prominent Republican leader, Senator Weeks, a Boston banker. It was reported yesterday that Hon. Champ Clark, a Democratic leader

and speaker of the House, had been defeated, but it develops that the Missouri was elected. Henry Ford's fate in Michigan is still in doubt, and there is considerable doubt as to the New York election, although it appears that Smith, Democrat, has probably defeated Gov. Whitman.

As a matter of fact, neither political party has much to boast about, although by controlling the next House the Republicans have certainly "piled one over." If the Senate continues Democratic, much of the advantage in the House will be offset.

THE LAST OF THE BLASPHEMERS.

Up to the time that the Allied forces commenced to take the measure of the enemy and defeat the best laid plans of Hindenburg and his associates, it was a favorite device of the Germans to blatantly announce to the world that they were the people chosen of God, that their success and development was solely due to their close affiliation with the Almighty, and that the war was being waged under an especial arrangement with Divine power and authority as a means of spreading the gospel of Kultur throughout the world.

Since the tide of battle turned against them the rulers of Potsdam have been less certain of their partnership with the Divinity and the slogan "Me Und Gott" has been less persistently advanced. But the extent to which the idea gained currency with the German people is remarkable when one considers that it was expounded by men who, by education and mentality should be able to indulge in rational thought.

At this time it should be interesting to recall the assertions made by intellectual leaders in order that they may not be forgotten. The Toronto Mail and Empire publishes a choice collection of some of these utterances from which the state of mind of the Hun may be gauged. They are worthy of the serious thought of all, and for that reason The Standard republishes some of the most extravagant statements made:

Pastor Philipp: "We have become a nation of wrath; we think only of the war. We execute God's mighty will, and the edicts of His justice we fulfil, imbued with holy rage, in vengeance on the ungodly. God calls us to murderous battles, even if we thereby fall to ruins. We are wroth; we flame aloft like the lightning; like gardens of roses our wounds blossom at the gate of Heaven. We thank Thee, Lord God! Thy wrathful face obliterated our sinful nature; with Thine iron rod we smite all our enemies."

The Allgemeine Evangelisch-Luth. erische Kirchen Zeitung: "It is England that has let loose the wild just of conquest of heathen Asiatics against the people of the Reformation, and thereby placed European Christianity in danger of losing its most sacred possessions. Verily, a German Christianity would not be worthy of the name if it did not flame up at this spectacle, if it did not burn with but one anger, and clench one fist, and that against England."

Karl Konig: "Forward to Paris! We must vanquish at whatever cost—not only for our own sakes, not only for the sake of our women and children and our unborn children's children—we must vanquish, because the downfall of Germanism will mean the downfall of humanity. The question at stake is the rise or decline of the spiritual life of Europe. Now we can all declare before God: Just this and nothing else was the guiding will within us, as a nation and a State. God does not will the war, but He wills that we, as Germans, shall win freedom, because otherwise we cannot fulfil our great task in the service of mankind, and be enabled to become a source of light and love, of truth, virtue and religion. And because they would not let us have that freedom, it was God's will that we should will the war. And thus we carry on the war in God's cause, in the cause of mankind, of liberty, and the dear Fatherland."

Dr. Preuss: "The German people are the spiritual, the religious parallel of the people of Israel, they are the 'true Israel' begotten by the Spirit." It was the hidden meaning of God that He made Israel the forerunner of the Messiah, and in the same way He has by His hidden intent designated the German people to be His successor. "The great and noble Chancellor, our Kaiser's Counsellor, has said in beautiful words that his politics are governed by a due respect for ethics. That is our German way. Our opponents despise

upon a structure of lies; we believe in the power of truth. They encounter us with all the frenzy of insane lawlessness and cruelty; we conduct the war with forbearance and humanity. When the Divine judgment of the war has been consummated, Germany will pursue, undisturbed, her mission in Europe. This will be the beginning of the new era. For humanity and the victory of free Kultur, we Germans are ready for every sacrifice. God will not forsake His Germans, so long as they carry on His cause."

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Now it is your turn—and you must take it—your part—and you must play it. You have no time to lose. Join the ranks of the patriotic investors. With all your money—all you have saved, all you can raise—back up your brothers in the fighting-line. Invest in Victory Bonds TO-DAY. Lend them a hand NOW.

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MONEY

Money is the effort, vitality, brain power, you expended to get it. How many minutes do you work for a little dime? How much do you do in those minutes? How much freight do you truck—how many movements do you make with your hands or feet—how much vitality and brain power do you expend for that dime? When you spend, ask yourself these questions. Then decide if you're getting the worth of your money. Wasting money means wasting effort, vitality, brain power. Think it over.

THE COST OF WAR

The cost of a seven days' bombardment by the British at the Wytschaete—Messines Ridge, in June, 1917, was \$63,791,235 for ammunition alone. The preliminary curtain of fire, laid down for six days, required 1,250,541 shells of all sizes, which cost \$43,166,535. On the seventh day, when the attack was made, 707,834 shells were fired, at a cost of \$20,424,700. A barrage laid down to repel a small raid may cost as much as \$500,000.

A BIT OF FUN

Just Whiskers. A Pittsburgh paper has been gathering a list of synonyms for human whiskers which will make a valuable addendum to Roget's Thesaurus. But its list isn't half completed. All our contemporary can think of is: Spinach, grass, flax, sedge, foliage, down-pour, geranium, cold sweat, curtains, portiers, plush, alfalfa, jungle, feather

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By LEE PAPE.

I was getting my hair cut this afternoon, me getting my hair cut whenever it needs it, and the barber charging it to pop, and all of a sudden I thawt of a grate ideaer to have a lot of things did to my hair and then go erround after supper to see Mary Watkins. And wen the barber got throo cutting it, I sed, I think I want a shampoo. Think you do, eh? All rite, Im willing, sed the barber. And he made a lo' of lather on top of my hed and rubbed it hard as anything, me saying, Hay, hay, not so hard. Youd make a fine soldier if you cant even stand a shampoo, if you was in a trench with Germun shells bouncing on top of your hed it would be worse than this, sed the barber. Wich it properly would, and the barber washed the shampoo off by sticking my hed in the washstand under the spikkit and leaving part of the wattr run on my hed and the rest down my neck, and then I got back in the chair agen, saying, I never had a singe, wat goods a singe do you?

It merely tickles your imagination, you dont want a singe, sed the barber, and I sed, Yes I do, and the barber sed, all rite, your fathers paying for it, it aint my funeral. And he lit a wax thing and started to look as if he was trying to see how near he could come to bearing my hair without doing it, and wen he stopped I sed, Is that it? and he sed, Thats it, and I sed, Wats in those bottles?

Tonicks, sed the barber, and I sed, I think I want some of one. Its not my funeral, sed the barber. And he left me smell about 4 kinds and I took the kind I could smell wite the bottle was the ferrest away, and he pored a lot on top of my hed and rubbed it some more, and I went home for supper, pop laying down his nife and fork, and saying, Paw, wat the dickins.

Thats tonick, I sed. If I smelt Tunknick, if I may stoop to make a pun in the mist of this suddin attack of poison gas, sed pop, and I sed, I got a shampoo and a singe too, pop.

Wat, wy, you brazen face pirate, you must of run up a dollar and a half barbers bill on me, suppose you remane in the house this evening and reflect on your sins, sed pop, and I sed, Aw, pop, aw, pop, I got a engagement tonick. Wich I had, only Mary Watkins didnt know it yet, and pop sed, Ah hah the plot thickens but the mistery cleers shershay la femm, I suppose?

Sir? I sed, and pop sed, O well, I was young myself wunts, wasent I mother?

You use to come erround smelling like a wawking barber shop, sed Ma. And after supper I skated erround to Mary Watkinses street on my skates, and she was out on hers, and after a wile I took my cap off as if I wasnt thinking of anything, and Mary Watkins sed it smelt perfectly wonderful.

No Slacker. Mrs. Pardee (looking up from news-paper)—Here's an account of an Englishwoman who has sent four husbands to the front and lost them all. Pardee—"Does the account say the lady has resumed recruiting?"—Chicago Herald.

Show 'Em!

Sergeant-Major—"Now, Private Smith, you know very well none but officers and non-commissioned officers are allowed to walk across the grass." Private Smith—"But, Sergeant-Major, Ive Captain Graham's verbal orders to." Sergeant-Major—"None o' that, sir. Show me the Captain's verbal orders. Show 'em to me, sir."—Livingston Post.

She Wins.

Tilly—"My uncle's got a wooden leg." Silly—"That's nothing. My sister's a Red Cross Nurse and she's got a cedar chest."

A BIT OF VERSE

BEWARE!

If influenza you would shun Make sure that when your work is done And home you go, you do not ride On cars by others occupied. If you must walk select a street Where other folks you will not meet. Desert the church to which you go And shun the moving picture show. Don't go to meetings, concerts, balls; Abandon making social calls. Exist, as far as you can do so, On lines laid down by one R. Cruso.

Don't drink. Of cough and sneeze be chary. Don't breathe unless it's necessary. Don't eat too much, don't smoke, don't chew.

Don't do a thing you'd like to do. Although existence may seem sorry, Above all else, don't dash worry! And when you catch it anyway, Just go to bed and stay and stay.

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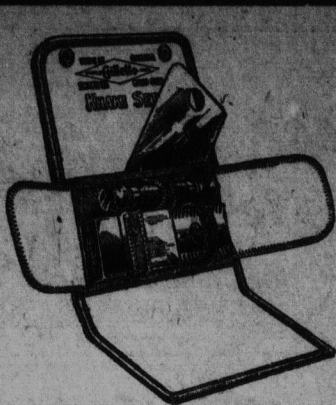
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