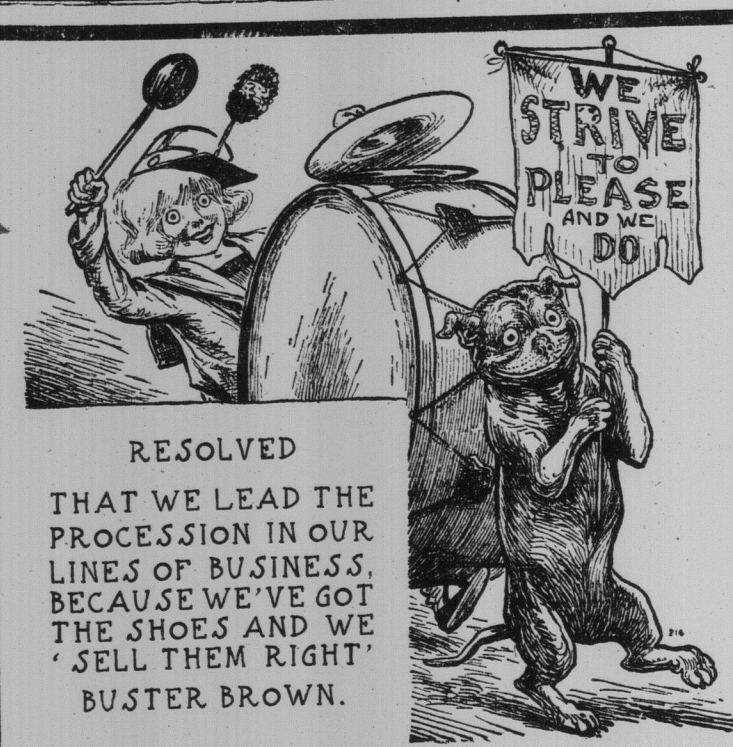


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Washington, D.C., May 1.—Responsible officialdom is literally sitting at the feet of the British and French missions that have come to Washington of recent days. It is quite noteworthy that the social aspects of such a distinguished immigration have been made very secondary, indeed. This, too, after a very gay social period at Washington. There is tremendous eagerness, on the other hand, for the serious and master of fact meetings which these commissioners are holding with the president, with cabinet officials and others. For the British and the French are throwing the doors of information wide open, as it were, and it is quite surprising to war department and navy department and to the government personnel generally to see how very much there is to learn.

For it is generally understood that the modern European war has become a highly specialized business. It has important scientific and professional developments day by day and almost hour by hour. Even those who have been in the thick of it realize, as one of the British officers said here the other day, that one may become stale by remaining away in America for a few weeks. We have had army observers and navy observers in Europe for the last two or three years. Our diplomatic officials have had opportunities to learn something of the secrets of mighty operations between the contending nations, but it remains that this government has not been entirely on the inside.

Ministers Balfour and Viviani are operating to put President Wilson and his war and navy secretaries in possession of all possible information necessary to efficient preparation. This information is forthcoming now in such profusion as to make it feasible for a much wider circle of men to be "in the know" and consequently enables this contingent to work much more intelligently.

Furthermore, the character and scope of the enormous war operations are being visualized to Washington as never before. The army and navy attaches of the two missions are mingling much with their professional brethren of the two services. The newspaper men have found the members of the mission tolerably accessible and this makes copy for picturing the country more about the meaning of the war.

The influence of all this is being demonstrated right here in Washington and very quickly. It seems that Washington, a community of 350,000 people, is waking up to a realization of the serious features of a struggle with Germany. Guests are being curtailed. The board of governors of the Chevy Chase Club have voted this week to discontinue Wednesday night dinners and dances, which have been in such popular social vogue for years as to have become almost one of the social institutions of Washington. There has also been a discontinuance of the a la carte service in the restaurants and the reason for both changes is understood to be that the management should be in keeping with similar curtailments of expense likely to be practiced by people throughout the country. The Army and Navy Club, which for years has had Thursday night dinners and dances, similar to those of Wednesday at the Chevy Chase Club, except that one was in town and the other in a Maryland suburb, is understood to be planning similar changes.

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that a combat in the trenches with Germany need not be thought of. Indeed, a prominent North Carolina politician, while here a few days ago, said, when asked why the Tarheels were not enlisting, that it was because they did not believe there would be any war. The British and French missions have done something to change this impression with people here. Although it may eventually that an American army will not have to face Germans on the battlefield, the folly of proceeding on such a theory is dawning fully upon Congress and the Washington contingent in general.

Presumably the same ideas are getting rooted in the claret, so that the interest in full war preparedness will spread. This would be a very helpful condition, because it is recognized that with all the great energy that the government is throwing into the war preparation, the great and unprecedented enterprises of the last Congress look very small. A year and more ago, it was assumed that the present Congress would have a dull and monotonous time, with routine en-

actments for its chief occupation. That outlook is proving very inaccurate. And even with all that is now being done with \$7,000,000,000 loans, an army of millions of conscripts and all that, the vista of important things ahead for Congress and the administration to do is most impressive. This session of Congress, in restricting itself to war measures, probably has a very great deal to do that has not yet been much thought

about. These days at Washington there is always something more important looming up ahead.

According to a German deserter, whose story appears in the Amsterdam Telegraaf, two U-boats exist for each number, so that it is very difficult for those unacquainted with that fact to estimate the losses of German submarines.

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administration has "stood off" efforts to let the Republicans, in an even footing of management, although they have been cordially welcomed in co-operation with the magnitude of things now being done during the life of this Congress, the great and unprecedented enterprises of the last Congress look very small. A year and more ago, it was assumed that the present Congress would have a dull and monotonous time, with routine en-

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