



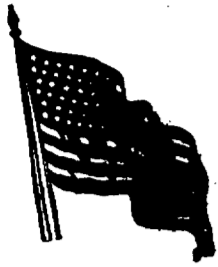


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**NEED OF GOOD ROADS.**

One very important result is certain. The United States will have waked up to the value of good roads. The realization of their importance would have come even without impetus from the war, but it has been brought many years nearer by the lessons learned during the past year. The inability of other means of transportation to take care of their unusual burdens has done much to bring home to the public the possibilities in highway traffic. The highly developed highway systems in the theater of war have proved their worth in both offensive and defensive warfare. And when the fighting has ceased those same roads will facilitate the gigantic work of rebuilding and reconstruction that will have to be done. It seems inevitable for several years after the war this country will have to provide much of the materials, food and manufactured products used on the other side of the Atlantic. If so, it will mean an era of great agricultural, commercial and industrial activity. That, of course, will bring a heavy demand for transportation facilities, and roads will have to be built, not only to serve as feeders to the railways and waterways, but to take from the railroads a part of their burdens, especially in short-haul freight. Motor truck transportation has come and come to stay. There is no reason to look for a decrease in the use of the motor in any kind of service. On the contrary, there is every reason to expect that it will be used more and more. Up to the present only a beginning has been made in road improvement in this country, even though the expenditures during the past few years have doubtless exceeded a quarter of a billion dollars annually. As the population and wealth of the nation grow larger, the demand for good roads will increase. Unless the efforts of the peace following the war are very different from what they can be expected, there will be an immediate demand for better roads, and that demand will have to be met. Road builders should be prepared to go forward with their part of the work. From Good Roads.

**GERMANY'S PEACE OFFENSIVE.**

There may be no connection or significant coincidence between the long lull in the mammoth German assaults in France which began on March 21 and the lull in peace interpellations and explanations such as occupied territory of the British House of Commons on Thursday. But the Baltimore Sun says, we are most assured that one of the fixed objectives in Germany's peace offensive was the postponement of a peace conference. If a peace conference is once begun and a truce declared, no power on earth could force the allied nations to the fighting line again. Such a conference would be fatal, if held while Germany is still unbeaten and still in possession of the spoils of war. We can take our choice between peace and war. But let us not deceive ourselves. Peace made now under existing conditions would be a German peace. And that means unspeakable calamity and woe in the years to come.

**PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.**

Makes Deep Impression Upon Representatives of Allies.

President Wilson's address at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York recently has made a deep impression on representatives of entente and neutral governments here and is hailed as the most timely and most significant statement which has come from any official spokesman since the temporary collapse of Russia brought the world conflict into a new stage.

Diplomats say the President's address might be epitomized as follows—win the war, spurn sham peace and rescue Russia. The reference to 5,000,000 men as the fighting force for the United States is regarded as in one sense secondary for the President makes it very clear that "the first duty is to win the war" and that there should be no self-imposed limit as to the military means to be employed in fulfilling this duty.

Particular interest centers about the President's references to insincere German peace proposals, not because there is time being wasted in thinking about premature peace now, but because the President, in this portion of his address, probably made public much that had hitherto been confined to the secret archives of diplomacy.

Careful scrutiny of the President's language leads to the inevitable conclusion that he knows much more about these German proposals than he is at liberty to tell.

25c Adv. in the Democrat Brings Quick Returns.

Last week the Democrat contained a small advertisement in which Mr. J. A. Kennedy, of Alexandria, sought to find a lost pocketbook, which contained a sum of money and a railroad ticket to Alexandria. The following has been received from Mr. Kennedy, which will speak for itself:

1009 Duke Street, Alexandria, Va., May 17, 1918.

Mgr. Democrat, Manassas, Va.

Dear Sir:

While in your city on Saturday, May 11th, I lost a pocketbook which I advertised in your paper. The pocketbook was returned to me today. I just thought I would drop you a line to thank you for the courtesy shown me in this matter. With due respects to you and your paper, I remain Sincerely and respectfully, J. A. KENNEDY.

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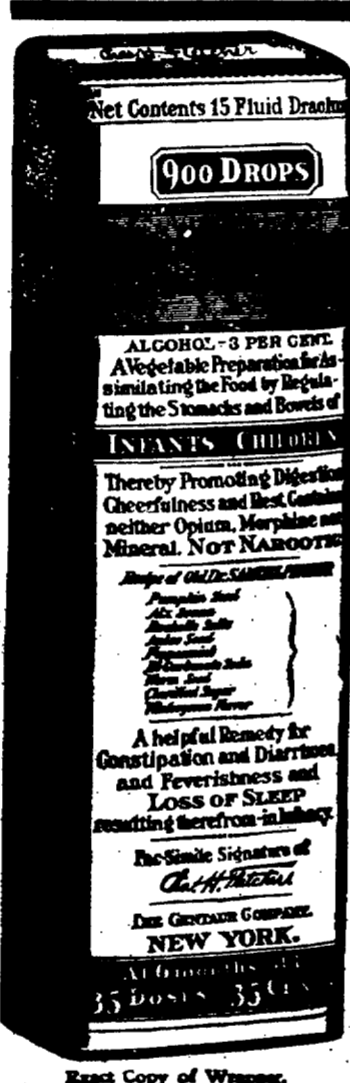
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ed a horse and galloped half way up the Capitol steps before the police stopped him. Gray explained to his captors that the country needed confidence and horse sense. He had the confidence, Gray explained, and added that the horse had the sense. The police agreed with Gray, but sent him to a detention ward for mental observation.

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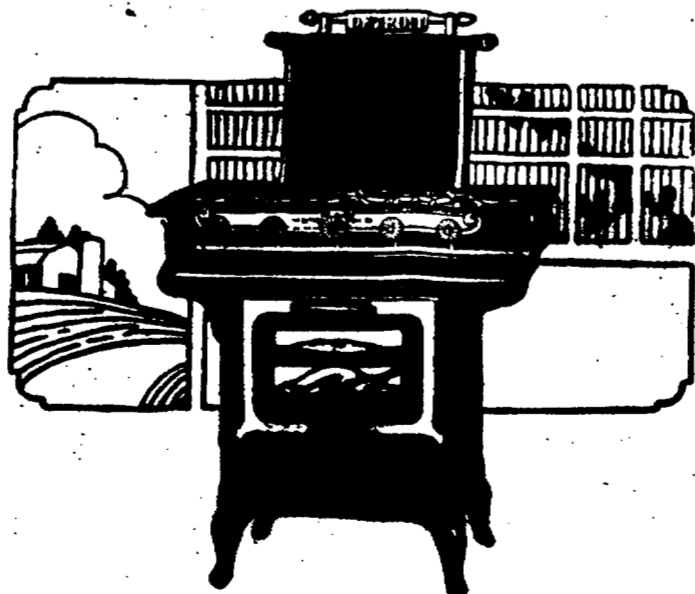
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an ocean of unrepentable pain"*

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**S**TRETCHING forth her hands to all in need; to Jew or Gentile, black or white; knowing no favorite, yet favoring all.

Ready and eager to comfort at a time when comfort is most needed. Helping the little home that's crushed beneath an iron hand, by showing mercy in a healthy, human way; re-building it, in fact, with stone on stone; replenishing empty bins and empty cupboards; bringing warmth to hearts and hearths too long neglected.

Seeing all things with a mother's seventh sense that's blind to jealousy and meanness; seeing men in their true light as naughty children—snatching, biting, bitter—but with a hidden side that's quickest touched by mercy.

Reaching out her hands across the sea to No Man's Land to cheer with warmer comforts thousands who must stand and wait in stench and crawling holes and watersoaked entrenchments where cold and wet bite deeper, so they write, than Boche steel or lead.

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It is today bringing relief to suffering humanity, both military and civil, in every War-torn allied country.

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