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FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1915.

Another misnomer in British warships names—Triumph.

Least you forget it, this is fine weather for the split log drag.

Another epoch in Georgia, the peach crop has begun to move.

The King of Greece seems to be the "sick man of Europe" just now.

What has become of the war which Japan declared against Germany last fall?

"Fast due notes are very unsatisfactory." Addressed to Kaiser Bill, signed Uncle Sam.

All this newspaper talk about the naval battle off the Atlantic coast makes us nervous.

Unless one is accustomed to the new steps he's apt to step on a lot of new feet at the ball.

We heard of a doctor who in prescribing for a patient for "loss of memory" required said patient to pay in advance.

Perhaps it's a good thing after all society is so shallow for a good many people who would about in it would get drowned.

With so much news of vast importance in the world today, the person who doesn't read a daily newspaper is to be pitied.

If South Carolina goes dry in the September election there'll be a lot of label saving in dispensary counties where the stuff is bottled.

The war locust has made its appearance on Georgia after an absence of 27 years. Which reminds us of our old friend the pine bark beetle.

Secretary Bryan was not invited to the wedding of Champ Clark's daughter. That doesn't add anything to his chances for the presidential nomination.

Notice where an expert on "the talk" advises throwing the books overboard. Let him advise the going the foot, tub and Col. Afton's cap or joy will be full to overflowing.

A bench chamber of deputies Tuesday and indulged in Italy. All of which may be true, but what's the matter with a few deputies at the front, accounting their enthusiasm and loss.

QUADRUPLE ENTENTE.

The entrance of Italy into the European war marked the beginning of the Quadruple Entente, the most powerful alliance ever affected. When she agreed with England, France and Russia not to concede a separate peace, another power was added to the combination which was formerly known as the Triple Entente.

England and France have officially committed themselves to the destruction of the militarism of Germany, so Russia and Italy must now therefore fight for the same end.

HELPING THE PEOPLE.

The agreement reached by the railroads of the State and the railroad commission in Columbia with reference to grain rates shows that the railroads are ready and willing to help the people. They became aware of the necessity of this lowering of the freight rates for grain if South Carolina was to increase her grain products and have met the situation fair and square.

In doing this the railroads have also done something that will be for their benefit. The railroads are always anxious to see new sections of country built up and larger and better yields of crops for it creates new possibilities for them.

STRENGTH OF RUMANIA.

Much is being said right at this time about the chance of Rumania entering the great World War. If she does it will of course be on the side of the Allies. A great many people are of the opinion that a little country like Rumania would not amount to anything, but this idea is erroneous. Owing to the location of the country, its well trained army and the fact that it is practically self sustaining, its entrance in the war might play a great part. Germany realizes this and, like Austria offered Italy concessions of land to keep out, she is doing the same.

In regard to Rumania and the possibility of her entering into the war, The New York Times has the following to say:

"The Teuton's next most dangerous neighbor, on the point of turning enemy, is Rumania. She, too, has national aspirations, a future to seek in war, an army more to be feared for its size than any other in Europe, and an understanding with the anti-German allies to whom Italy has just gone over. Rumania will almost certainly follow suit. It will be a very serious matter for the Germanic cause. Some critics who make no great difficulty of Italy's discounted and prepared for beforehand, are dubious about the effect of Rumania's joining in. If she acted promptly it would divide the strength of the German allies, who would then have to face all ways at once, being quite encircled.

"Rumania lies like a crescent on the east of Austria-Hungary, and if her 500 or 600 miles of frontier should change from neutral to enemy, then the combined frontiers of Germany and Austria-Hungary, all the way around, would be enemy frontiers, save for a few miles of contact with Switzerland, and the line between Holland and Germany. Switzerland hardly counts, as it occupies a place unique, entirely surrounded by combatants, touching lines with Austria, Germany, France and Italy, and herself at peace with all of them.

"The Rumanian Army is thought to be one of the most efficient in the world. The regular establishment in time of peace was so organized as to provide on call a field army of somewhat less than 300,000 men. Back of that were trained reserves, and back of those all Rumanian manhood of military age. They are a military people. Service in arms is compulsory, and its period is twenty-one years. The potential military strength of the country, therefore, up to the point of exhaustion, is limited only by the equipment available, and that has been rapidly increased. Probably Rumania is now in a position to release a highly trained, perfectly equipped army of more than 500,000 men, with a great reserve in waiting, out of a total population of 7-14 millions.

"The country is all the more formidable and efficient in war by reason of being self-sustaining in food. In normal times there is a large exportable surplus of grain. For some time after the beginning of the war Germans were wont to say that if the food problem became acute Germany would go over and take Rumania. But taking is not so easy now, and so far from Germany reaching out across Austria-Hungary to commandeer Rumania's surplus of food, it is not improbable that she fears Rumania even more than she fears Italy, not that Rumania is stronger than Italy, but that she occupies one of the world's most strategic places, physically, economically, and chronologically.

THE LAST ARGUMENT

(New York Times)

Competent judges of debate have always held that in the discussion with the wolf the lamb had the better of the argument. Upbraided for muddying the water of the stream from which the wolf was drinking, he replied, "Why, how can that be, since my drinking place is further down the stream than yours?" "But you insisted my father last summer," insisted the wolf, "Impossible, for I was not yet born." "Nevertheless," said the wolf, "I am going to eat you up," and he did.

Germany's forensic methods are these of the wolf. From the beginning of the war she has made a pitiful showing in argument, but her last word is so terrible that her opponents have learned to beware of it. Her apologists justified the invasion of Belgium by a variety of pleas. The reality treaty was not binding, the French wolf, her neutrality had been compromised by England, besides, she herself had made war preparations plainly aimed at Germany. These arguments all encountered destructive disproof. Meanwhile, Germany had devoured Belgium—the wolf's last argument.

So the agents and defenders of Germany have contended that we must stop exporting arms and munitions to the allies. It was unfriendly, it was unneutral, inhuman, and unworthy of a great nation at peace with Germany. Again the argument failed altogether, in law, in morals, in every way. Ger- around the world when the torpedo many's last argument was heard from her submarine exploded against the hull of the Lusitania. Our diplomats and our professors may have been worsted in the debate, she seems to say, but we will show you that we know how to take the award right in the teeth of the jury.

The German way with Italy in the same. Italy's justification for breaking the alliance and going to war is established by the acts of both Germany and Austria. The treaty of alliance did not call upon her to join her allies, since the war was of their beginning, and not for their defense. But if Austria was to secure gains or advantages in the Balkans, Italy was

BRITISH COALITION CABINET THAT WAS FORCED BY WAR

The British Coalition Cabinet is made up of the following members: Herbert Henry Asquith (Liberal), Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury. Lord Lansdowne (Unionist), Minister of Home Affairs. Lord Curzon (Unionist), Foreign Secretary. Lord Balfour (Liberal), Secretary of State for India. Lord Grey (Liberal), Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Lord Balfour (Liberal), Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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More than half the entire population of the world is at war since Italy has joined in the great European conflict, according to the figures compiled by expert statisticians. These show the entire population of the world as 1,721,426,000 and the population of the countries engaged in hostilities as 976,296,000. The composite strength of the allies is given as 817,216,000, and that of the combined Teutons is placed at 159,080,000.

How the various belligerent countries are giving their people to the war is shown in the following table: Allies. British Empire 422,000,000 France and colonies . . . 94,000,000 Russian Empire 171,000,000 Italy and colonies 36,800,000 Belgium and Congo 23,000,000 Japan 67,000,000 Serbia 2,900,000 Montenegro 516,000 Total 817,216,000 Teutons. German Empire 78,000,000 Austria-Hungary 49,500,000 Turkey 31,580,000 Total 159,080,000

Two and a half million pigs were marketed in Ireland last year.



SHOES

We're winners by big odds in the race for quality, style and comfort in shoes. When a shoe has been made as perfect as possible, good leather, skilled labor, dependable trimmings, then the all-important thing is the style. It's here. Here's a \$5 tan mahogany oxford that is sure to excite your admiration if you know style. Everything you can expect in shoes is built into these. And there are many other kinds and prices too; our assortments are as large as our values. Blacks and tans, button or lace. Oxfords, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, \$6.

WIT AND HUMOR.

A Perennial Cat.

It is really touching to go out into the garret, as we suppose the Duke of Westminster calls it, and see how the neighbors' cat loves her two hundred and eighty-seven kitten just as much as she did her first one."—Ohio State Journal.

Bad Time to Pray for Rain.

A drought number of prayer services for rain have been held in the drought section this year, which calls to mind a remark of the Rev. Levi Lee, a noted Primitive Baptist minister. When it was suggested by his membership that he invoke Divine Power to send a shower, he said: "Brethren, I think this a very unfavorable time to pray for rain; the moon isn't right for it."—Owensboro (Ky.) Inquirer.

No Good Men There.

We believe the Tennessee women and children are all right, but the testimony of the newspapers of Nashville is to the effect that all of the men are thieves, liars, and scoundrels.—Houston Post.

Piscatorial Humor.

The two vacationers had fished an hour without a nibble to reward them for their patience. "At a time like this," said the first man, "old Isak Walton would have indulged in philosophy. Have you anything philosophical on your mind that you might work off just now to relieve the monotony?" "Nothing but this," replied the other man. "I suppose it is by refusing to bite and compelling fishermen to philosophize that fish get the reputation of being brainfood."—Newark News.

Why Not Forget It?

Musicians and song writers have organized with a view of preventing hotel orchestras and the like from playing for it. But why copyright or play some of the music anyhow?—Atlanta Journal.

Cow With a Wooden Leg.

A cow with a wooden leg passed through the Chicago stock yards last week. Toothpicks furnished with tough beefsteaks.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Ought to Pay Something.

There is much controversy over the case of the Kansas woman who recently was fined \$14.80 for whipping a man. Eph Wiley says that, while the fine may have been exorbitant, he doubts whether the amusement of whipping a man should be entirely free.—Topeka Capital.

At the Reception.

"Alice is really her acquaintance girl among all our acquaintances." "Oh, I don't know. It's really neck and neck between her and Maud Simmons, I guess."—Boston Transcript.

Positive Proof.

"Is Stratton an intelligent, well-informed man?" "Unusually so. As a juror he is always rejected by the attorneys on both sides."—Judge.

Make Believe.

The sovereigns who pretend a pious aversion to bloodshed while ordering mobilization are like chicken thieves who hold family prayers before resorting to a henroast.—Louisville Courier Journal.

Champion Shooter.

Everybody interested in the State Trap Shooters' Tournament, which will be held here June 15-16, will be glad to know that Homer Clark, champion of the United States will attend. He will represent an arms concern, who has given him permission to come to Greenwood and exhibit his skill as a marksman.—Greenwood Journal.

Street Cleaners.

Hereafter the street department hopes to be able to keep the streets so clean that you can sit down on them with a white Palm Beach suit on without getting it soiled. The new sweeper has arrived, and so has a new sprayer. The sprinker has a modern steel tank and can be used much more satisfactorily than the old-fashioned sprinker. With all of this machinery on hand now, Commissioner Johnson says there is no earthly excuse for not keeping the city clean and attractive.—Florence Times.

PRESS COMMENT

The Return of Prosperity.

(New York World.) Of the rapid return of prosperity there is every indication in the reports from many industrial centres. The testimony everywhere points the same way. Naturally at this time the tendency is to emphasize the influence of war conditions abroad upon the revival of business in the United States. It is easy to lay too much stress upon this phase of the situation. So-called war orders affect directly only a limited number of industries in this country. Over stimulation of certain parts of the national system of production and exchange would be an uncertain way to the restoration of a generally healthy state of business. It is a broader business recovery than this which is recorded. The normal condition of this country is prosperity. It produces and consumes on a scale of its own that calls for the activity of most of its energies. It is one of the very few self-sufficing countries in the world, and its resources are still developed. Even in spite of the war, industry and trade, with their adaption to new circumstances, should regain their proper level in time. They may regain it more quickly because Europe as a producer is largely idle and is wasting its strength and wealth in war, but we have every reason to trust in the future, because as a people apart we are at peace and must feed and clothe and build for 100,000,000 Americans and their neighbors.

Respect For the Presidency.

(New York World.) No jury of American citizens, if it can find a way out, is ever likely to return a libel verdict against a former president of the United States. This sentiment probably had more to do with the decision of the jury at Syracuse than any evidence that was presented in court. On the whole, it is well that the American people feel that way toward the presidency. Men who have held the office of president of the United States sometimes abuse their privileges. They command by reason of the instances they once held. But the instances have been few. Mr. Roosevelt is the worst example since the Civil War, but even Mr. Roosevelt may have learned a needed lesson in restraint of speech by virtue of his experience at Syracuse. All American presidents have been honest. All of them have been patriotic according to their light. The country has a right to respect the office, and if a man who has once been president falls at times to respect it, there is no reason why the people should change their inspiring attitude toward the presidency itself.

Amphibian Traffic a Crime.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.) The business divorce court is somewhat less crowded than it was a year or two ago, but it has not been vacated by any means. The latest decree which separates those business partners tears from the fostering breast of railroads all their cherished steamship lines. It will be a crime for any company to carry a ton of freight part of the way by land and part of the way on water. There is no offense against a statute if a company carries that ton of coal 1000 miles by rail or 1600 miles by water, but it may not carry it 800 miles by rail and 800 miles by water. Therefore, the iniquity of this amphibian traffic being established, the law compiler railroad companies & divorce themselves from steamship lines which they have created as an adjunct of their transportation business. Perhaps the average man in America will derive some benefit from such a separation, but it is not yet apparent how he will do so. Not one of the great business dissolutions has resulted in any appreciable change, so far as the public can measure. Oil is as dear as it was before the Standard was smashed to thirty-three bits. Tobacco is quite as adulterated and just as expensive as it was before the American company was split into its constituent parts. Anthracite coal is not a penny better or cheaper since those celebrated divorce cases of the Luckawanna and Lehigh Valley occurred. It is costing no one a cent less to go to California since the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific were separated. Synchrostatic politicians hewed business and promising a trade millennium when all business should again be made little. The politicians got their offices, but the people have not yet been blessed by any fruits from that Utopian land where everybody receives a salary for minding the business of others.

The Silent Lusitania.

(Springfield Republican.) To the suggestion of The American Agriculturist that the word "Lusitania" be adopted into all languages to denote the "crime of human atrocity." The New York Herald replies that this would be "rather unfair to ancient Lusitania," the territory of which is now comprised in the new Republic of Portugal. If The Herald had gone farther into history, it would have found a parallel in the past that gives a certain kind of support to the Irishish, but well meant, suggestion. In the Encyclopedia Britannica, under the name Servius Sulpicia Galba, one reads that this Roman general and orator, who served as praetor in farther Spain in 151 B. C., "made himself infamous by the treacherous murder of a number of Lusitanians, with their wives and children." For his misdeeds he was brought to trial in 149, but escaped punishment by holding up his own