

**The Bamberg Herald**

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A good thing for Bamberg would be a canning factory. We notice that steps have been taken to have a cannery located at Spartanburg. If the people had a place to have all their surplus vegetables canned, it would be a great help if a food famine should come. Enough is wasted every year to feed the population for a good while if it were preserved for future use.

Now is a mighty good time to clear the country of vagrants. The loafer should never have a place in this country at any time, but especially now he should be put to work—either for himself or the State or county. With the impending food crisis, every able-bodied person should be required to earn his bread. If everybody should go to work this would indeed be a great country—in times of peace or war.

There is no law in this land which prescribes the death penalty for a man who invades the sanctity of the home of another; but public opinion, which is greater even than law, prescribes little if any punishment to one who inflicts the death penalty for such invasion. Last week, on the same day, Charles E. Vawter was acquitted of the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr., in Virginia; and in Georgia, Mrs. Mattie Adams was acquitted of the murder of Capt. Spratling. Whether direct or indirect, the "unwritten law" was followed by the juries.

The conscription law as agreed upon by the conference of the senate and house prescribes the age limits for service in the army at 21 to 30 years, inclusive; that is, all persons over 21 and under 31 are liable for service. The term "selective conscription" means that the conscription authorities will have large powers of exemption; and it is not at all probable that any man whose presence at home is essential will be called into the service at this time. But all men between these ages will be enrolled, whether liable to service or not, as we understand the matter. The conscription measure has not yet been enacted into law, and the provisions of the bill may be changed before it is presented to the president for his signature. The conscription machinery has all been fixed, however, and the measure will be put into effect immediately upon being signed by the president.

The seriousness of the situation arising out of war with Germany has not yet fully dawned on our people. We have always accustomed ourselves to feeling that America could easily defeat any nation on earth. This belief is founded largely upon the fact that we have never been defeated. But this optimistic view is not fully shared by military experts and other men who are in position to know the relative strength of the nations. Of course, America will win this war, or rather will help the allies to win it, but those who think it a before-breakfast job will probably be keenly disappointed. Hudson Maxim, one of the world's great scientists and inventors, has this to say:

With the u-boats Germany is rapidly getting a strangle-hold on England. The empire of the sea is fast passing from oversea to undersea—from Britain to Germany. If England is starved into submission, we are lost. With Britain out of the way, Germany will smash us like a puff ball with one swipe of the mailed fist.

The consensus of opinion among military men seems to be that to win this war many sacrifices must be made. The pinch of hunger will be felt, thousands perhaps must die. But win it we must. If the allies lose, America will be at the mercy of the greatest despotism the world has probably ever known.

**Why Didn't He?**

Jimmie giggled when the teacher read the story of the man who swam across the Tiber three times before breakfast.

"You do not doubt that a trained swimmer could do that, do you?"

"No, sir," answered Jimmie, "but I wonder why he did not make it four and get back to the side where his clothes were."—Awwgan.

**Two Viewpoints.**

A young English girl who had no love for the Stars and Stripes attended a fair at which the American flag was much in evidence.

"What a silly thing the American flag is," she said. "It reminds me of nothing so much as a lot of red and white checker-berry candy."

"Yes," answered a bystander, "the kind which has made everybody sick who ever tried to lick it."—Holland's.

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**"I'M FROM MISSOURI!"**

Genesis of Famous Phrase Given by Congressman Dyer.

Representative L. C. Dyer, of Missouri, in Congressional Record: Every person in Missouri and, for that matter, all over the United States, is familiar with the "I'm from Missouri" phrase, but few know its derivation. In the early seventies there lived in one of the wild Nevada mining towns an individual of such rare fighting ability that the whole country knew of his prowess and respected it. He was king of the community and was a reign of terror. Quick on the trigger, he had a row of notches on his gun handle, but his specialty was at rough and tumble. He was a native of Arkansas and was proud of the fact. He boasted of the superiority of his native State. So, as the name pleased him, he was called "Arkansaw." He was built like a puma and his punch was like the kick of a mule. "Arkansaw" enjoyed the role of champion and handed out his wares in large and severe doses: in fact there were few men in the vicinity who had not been licked by the bully. And once was generally enough for a man. After that he spoke in a meek and subdued tone of voice in the Arkansas man's presence.

One day there came into the saloon a stranger. A lanky, solemn-faced boy he was, in patched and faded blue overalls, and a great, floppy brimmed hat. He was a prospector from the hills, and not a particularly successful one—from his looks. "Arkansaw" caught sight of the youth, who leaned against a post mournfully watching the roulette and saw a prospect. He swaggered over to the stranger and tapped him on the shoulder.

"You kid," said he, "you want to be mighty blamed careful how you're actin' around here. I'm from Ar-

kansaw, I am."

Deliberately, the young fellow cast a lazy, expressionless glance at the half-drunk man and turned his attention again to the wheel. The miners moved up to see "Arkansaw's" latest victim.

"Say you!" roared the man. "I say I'm from Arkansaw!"

"Yes," drawled the stranger. "I heard you the first time."

"Arkansaw" went into a rage.

"Ya don't know me, huh? Well, I eats 'em like you every morning before breakfast. I'm an old she-wolf from Arkansaw, I am, and the best two-handed man in the country."

For answer the youth jerked off his coat and threw his old hat on the floor.

"Well, by gosh," he said, "I'm from Missouri; you got to show me or I'll show you."

"Arkansaw" handed his gun to a bystander and rushed. He was met with a smash on the jaw that stunned him. Then the lanky stranger proceeded to give the bad man a sound thrashing. When the combat ended the youth was a hero. The miners carried him in triumph through the town. Thereafter, if a person made a statement of doubtful veracity some one was likely to assert that he was from Missouri and had to be shown.

**DECLARATIONS OF WAR.**

Thirty-seven Made So Far.—Some Fight Without Declaration.

**1914.**

- July 28—Austria on Serbia.
- August 1—Germany on Russia.
- August 3—Germany on France.
- August 3—Germany on Belgium.
- August 4—Great Britain on Germany.

- August 5—Austria-Hungary on Russia.
- August 8—Montenegro on Austria.
- August 9—Austria on Montenegro.

- August 11—France on Austria.
- August 11—Montenegro on Germany.

- August 12—Great Britain on Austria.

- August 23—Japan on Germany.
- August 25—Austria on Japan.
- August 29—Austria on Belgium.
- November 2—Russia on Turkey.
- November 5—Great Britain on Turkey.

- November 5—France on Turkey.

**1915.**

- May 22—Italy on Austria.
- May 22—Italy on Turkey.
- June 3—San Marino on Austria.
- October 14—Serbia on Bulgaria.
- October 15—Great Britain on Bulgaria.

- October 16—France on Bulgaria.
- October 19—Italy on Bulgaria.
- October 19—Russia on Bulgaria.

**1916.**

- March 8—Germany on Portugal.
- March 10—Portugal on Germany.
- March 15—Austria on Portugal.
- August 27—Roumania on Austria.
- August 28—Austria on Roumania.
- August 28—Bulgaria on Roumania.

- August 28—Turkey on Roumania.
- August 28—Germany on Roumania.

**1917.**

- April 6—United States on Germany.
- April 7—Cuba on Germany.

To some declarations of war the nations declared did not reply with a declaration of war, considering one declaration between them sufficient. Example: Germany declared war against France, but France has not made any declaration against Germany.

The first tin refining plant in the United States, established in New Jersey in May, 1916, to handle Bolivian ores, has reached an output of ten tons a day of metal of remarkable purity, electrolysis being used.



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