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LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE.

Not one American escaped the thought yesterday that, if the Germans were to win their mighty drive, the outlook would be dark.

This country of ours would be compelled to prepare for a long period of uncertainty, during which the military forces would have to be brought up to the standard of the great armies of Europe, where for years every young man had to undergo training at arms.

With a German victory, America would never during this or the coming three or four generations, be the same America of the past half century. There would be a yielding to the military everywhere. Great army camps would have to be established and the iron-hand of military rule would be felt, because the old condition of trust and confidence in human kind would give way to suspicion and an exacting stewardship. Enemy aliens everywhere in this land would be kept within prescribed bonds.

WAR AT A NEW ANGLE.

At last the war is coming home to all of us. In many ways we are beginning to experience the change from the old order of things. For instance, here is a statement from the Women's National League for the Conservation of Platinum, in which the women of the country are notified to prepare for a federal order commandeering rings, tiaras, bracelets, meshbags and other articles of jewelry which have platinum in them.

"As our normal consumption of platinum per annum is 165,000 ounces of fine metal," writes Mrs. Ellwood B. Speak of Cambridge, Mass., "and we have in sight for our war program 21,000 ounces of crude metal, I think it possible that later the government will have to call for tiaras, meshbags, bracelets, etc. If so, this league will do everything it can to help."

Women college executives, professors of science and wives of scientists form the majority of the membership of the council of the organization, which was organized to inform women of the platinum shortage and the need of this metal to carry on the war.

BROADENING THE AMERICAN.

American boys entering into the war are gaining an education and are being broadened. That is the view taken by the editor of the Butte Miner, after reading letters from western young men who have landed in England and France, and the editor makes these well considered observations:

"Our boys express absorbing interest in the old historical towns and renowned buildings that they have been privileged to visit, both in Great Britain and France.

"Some of their descriptions of these famous places are most enjoyable, even to those for whom these letters were not written.

"These accounts of some of the ancient towns in England and walled cities of France clearly indicate what a revelation this old world has been to most of the boys from a youthful country like Montana.

"Winston Churchill, the American author, in an article in the current number of Scribner's, although he has been a frequent visitor abroad, speaks of the thrill which the American in these days of war feels upon landing upon the soil of Great Britain, particularly when he encounters upon every side earnest and clean-cut young American soldiers and sailors.

"Travel long has been held to be one of the best methods of educating the individual and of broadening his mind and giving him a grasp of conditions through personal contact, which it is impossible for one to obtain to such an intimate extent through mere reading.

"These hundreds of thousands of young Americans, when they return to this country, will have replaced their restricted and provincial views of life with a far better and broader knowledge of the world at large and its people. The educational advantages which this war will impart to them will be very marked, and undoubtedly surprising to their friends who have remained at home. Fighting side by side with the French and British, these young Americans will have a clearer understanding of the characteristics and qualities of these people than the average person could possibly obtain by years of residence abroad in time of peace. Comrades in arms, who face death together every day for weeks and months, get to know each other as they really are, and penetrate beneath the veneer which the ordinary individual in his everyday life protects himself with against the soul-searching scrutiny of his fellow-man. It is al-



Spring Opening Exposition

After weeks and even months of preparation, it is our pleasure to announce the Spring Display and to summon all who appreciate the fine distinctions in fashions to survey these latest, authoritative modes.

With Paris no longer five safe days' journey removed from our shores, with almost incredible difficulties to handicap that shrine of style inspiration, with many of the designers in the trenches and fabric production limited, it has meant a very literal interpretation of the policy of this store to recognize only styles of approved excellence and so we have sought the masters of our own greatest Fashion center, who with Parisian co-operation have achieved a fashion leadership



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ready evident that the American soldiers returning from this war will come back with a wonderfully broadened vision and understanding that never would have been theirs had they lived and died in their own restricted community, or even within the confines of the United States, and in this respect this experience will have been well worth while. It is interesting to note that nearly every one of these young men, in writing to their relatives and friends, somewhere in their letters remark that they would not have missed this experience for anything, and although they expected to find much of interest, the realization has been greater than their utmost expectations."

HOW TO OBTAIN FARM LABOR.

On Saturday the farmers of Weber county fixed the prices to be paid for farm labor. The big problem is not the compensation to be offered, but the obtaining of the labor. Down in Chickasha, Okla., they have an original

method of getting men on to the farm. This story is related by a government official and is reliable:

The farm demonstration agent in Grady county, of which Chickasha is the seat, arranged with the chief of police and the judge of the city court to give him an "option" as it were, upon all the vagrants and idlers arranged. The county agent promised to use his best efforts to secure a job for every man who expressed a willingness to go to work on a farm. Transient vagrants and local idlers, alike, were unhesitant in deciding. Given a choice of jail or the county road or of hard farm work at fair wages, they became enthusiastic "back-to-the-farm" advocates.

The county agent has an arrangement whereby the city and county authorities feed these men until they are placed on farms. And that, usually, is very quickly. The agent is in touch with farm-labor needs all over the county and has been able to place all promising material without delay. In one day during the last harvest season he furnished farmers with 89 men, and

upon several occasions he has furnished sixty to sixty-five farm workers in one day. These men are free agents entirely. They work voluntarily for the wages agreed upon. They can leave if they desire. But there is one thing they can not do—remain in Chickasha, Okla., and not work.

REVIEW OF THE OFFENSIVE.

What are the great outstanding facts in the German drive?

On the German side:

First, the tremendous gun-power and man-power assembled by General von Hindenburg on the western front.

Second, the unbroken morale of the German soldiers.

Third, the dash of the German troops and their reckless disregard of death.

Fourth, the distance covered in the drive up to Sunday night, which is greater than any drive made on the western front by the allies.

On the side of the allies:

First, the heroic rear-guard fight of the British, proving that, in a hope-

less struggle, the British can yield up their lives with a courage unsurpassed by any other nation.

Second, the holding intact of the British lines.

Third, the terrific punishment inflicted on the Germans.

But the uncertainties are many.

Have the allied reservists, known as the "army of maneuver," been thrown into the river of blood?

What are the available reserves of the allies as compared with the German forces engaged?

To what extent have the gun power and munition supplies of the British been impaired by losses? When an army retreats within three days a distance of ten miles nearly all the heavy guns on the sector occupied must be lost, as a big gun, unless mounted on railroad trucks, cannot be moved in a day.

What are the losses of the British? How many large guns can the British bring up to the old line of the Somme, where the decisive battle of the war will be fought?

If the Germans are permanently

stopped on the Arras front, after suffering the colossal casualties reported, Germany will be a defeated nation, and gradually the Prussians will be forced to yield to the battering of the allies, for soon the full weight of the American forces will be felt in the war zone and then the allies will have a preponderance of man-power and equipment.

Asked to give a candid opinion as to the offensive, we would be forced to admit uneasiness and to confess to much doubt, and yet, within 24 hours, the whole aspect of the war may brighten, and a seeming defeat be suddenly turned to victory.

If the Germans have been severely punished, they will be unable to reorganize for another smashing drive.

ROY STEWART in "Faith Endurin," a big new Triangle picture in five parts, and Pearl White and Antonio Moreno in "The House of Hate" will be shown at the Cozy tomorrow and Wednesday,

CLARA K. YOUNG'S OWN BEDROOM

In "The Marionettes," a Select Star Series picture with Clara Kimball Young, she has used an exact replica of her own bedroom.

This is an exquisite French room done in pale gray and mellow old rose, its furniture of ivory-toned wood and golden-brown wicker, and its hangings bordered in rare old cream lace. It was personally designed by Miss Young, and every detail carried out under her supervision.

This beautiful set is only one instance of the elaborate gorgeous production with which Select Pictures has surrounded Miss Young. "The Marionettes" will be the attraction here at the Utah theater today and tomorrow.

Friday and Saturday, Lincoln pictures, "Down the River," and Stuart Blackton's production, "Wild Youth."

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