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Friday, July 26, 1918. Good News!

At last the tide has turned on the Marne front. The Allies have begun their offensive.

It would appear that the beginning of the end has come for the Kaiser and his Prussian cohorts.

But the end may be long in coming, it may not come in the 90 days the Wall street speculators have set.

It will not do to be overconfident. There may be many days of hard fighting and anxious waiting on the part of us over here.

Undoubtedly, many a brave American boy will make the supreme sacrifice. To these will come the hero's crown.

Still Stands.

Evidently, the Allies intend that no neutral sovereign or representative of a neutral nation and, especially, the Pope of Rome, shall have any part in the peace congress which is to follow the present war.

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States may take the position that whatever treaty obligations were entered into by any other group of nations prior to the entrance of the United States into the war, and to which the United States has not assented did not govern in the peace Congress which shall by majority vote decide who shall or shall not be represented and participate in the Congress.

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Wilson's answer. The British government associated itself with that answer and did not think my further reply was necessary. With regard to the treaty, he said that no neutral sovereign would be allowed at the peace conference without the consent of all the belligerents; that the clause excluding the Pope, if Italy wished, was as binding as any other part of the treaty and therefore remained in force and he held out no prospect of its repeal.

Then and Now.

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"William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-saloon league, declared himself at Saratoga as opposed to a prohibition plank in the republican platform. It is a moral issue, he explains, which each candidate has a right to decide for himself. This is tak-

ing it is inexpedient for the party to go before the state on a platform of moral issue though it be, for fear of defeat; and that it is more sagacious to allow the people to vote in the dark as to the position their elected officials will take. Put trusty men in nomination, is the Anderson idea; invite all citizens to support them; let them dodge or straddle the issue as best they can until after election and then let them show their colors and force the national amendment on the state.

"It is not easy to conceive of Wendell Phillips, Lloyd Garrison or any of the other great protagonists of another moral question, slavery, as equivocating on an issue they supported. There is a difference in reformers. They never considered it inadvisable that a party should take an open, fearless stand upon the issue for which they labored with all their hearts, through all the best years of their lives."

Why Find Fault?

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DOGS AND CATS ARE EATEN IN BELGIUM

Former Almost a Luxury, Says Prof. Carney of Louvain, Now in Washington.

Prof. Albert J. Carney of the University of Louvain, now attached to the Belgian legation in Washington, said that dog meat is almost a luxury in Belgium and that cats are being slaughtered for the table. Old people and children are dying in large numbers, and tuberculosis is rapidly spreading, Professor Carney says.

"Dog meat is very scarce in Belgium and is not obtainable under \$5 a pound. Eggs sell at 10 cents each. To get a hen, however, that kind of food is badly needed for the invalids, now so numerous in Belgium, the works of science provide a low priced food for the hens. Swiss cheese is obtainable at 87c a pound. Chocolate sells at \$1 a pound and cocoa at \$1.50. Olive oil is \$2 a bottle.

"This situation has led to the discovery of numerous substitutes. A seven test has been applied to imitation products and all that was harmful has been patiently excluded. What is more interesting to record is the use of strawberry leaves instead of tobacco, of strap instead of butter.

"Moreover, all kinds of native fruits, generally neglected, have now a market value. Dog noses bring 3 cents a pound, wild hazel nuts cost 10 cents, with primrose 2 cents, elderberries 4 cents etc. The Germans have regulated the exploitation of acorns and beechnuts, of which they send great quantities to Germany in order to extract oil from them.

"They also have commandeered fat cats in many places. Since a tax of \$1 has been imposed by them upon dogs, the number of those animals which their owners have killed and eaten is large. Dog meat is said to be commonly used."

FINE CHATEAU FOR BLIND

Art Dealer Rents Beauty Spot in Bois de Boulogne for Hospital.

The Chateau de Madrid, in the Bois de Boulogne, for many years one of the best and finest restaurants and summer resorts of Paris, has through the generosity of M. Jacques Seligman, the art dealer of Paris and New York and the suggestion of George Kessler, president of the British-French-Belgian permanent blind relief fund, been placed at the service of the blinded soldiers of the allied armies.

The \$150,000 a year rent, which M. Seligman guarantees, will enable the fund to the use of the whole house, with its 100 rooms, and the extensive gardens surrounding it. The whole domain forms one of the most beautiful spots in the Bois. The place has been rented for three years and will be opened in two weeks. M. Seligman made it a condition that the blinded American soldiers should also be cared for at the Chateau de Madrid.

DISCOVERS "COOTIE" BANE

Relief for Soldiers to Result From Professor's Experiments.

Discovery of a chemical solution that will prevent American soldiers in the trenches from becoming infested with "cooties" was announced recently by Professor Edgar Fahr Smith of the University of Pennsylvania. Provost Smith presided at a meeting of the class secretaries of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni in Philadelphia. In announcing the preventive Professor Smith refused to give the name of the university scientist who made the experiments. It is said, however, that the discovery resulted from a series of experiments by the scientist in treating his own person with various chemical solutions until he found one that, used as a wash, acted as a deterring agent and prevented "cooties" from attacking him. While experimenting he maintained a colony of "cooties" in a receptacle worn on his wrist.

GO BAREFOOT, SAYS GERMANY

Old and Young Urged to Save Leather Even at Church.

"Go barefoot this summer and help the fatherland!" is the latest patriotic catchword to be placarded in Germany. "In view of the alarming scarcity of leather, rich and poor alike should dispense with boots and shoes," says an explanation of the placard in the "Vossische Zeitung" of Berlin. The old are urged to set an example for the young.

FEAR SELECTIVE DRAFT

Mexicans of Laredo, Tex., Are Fleeing to Mexico.

As a result of war conditions and especially the selective draft striking terror to many of the Mexican residents of Laredo, Tex., and causing them to flee with their families from this country, or "hiding out" their children to prevent enrollment on the scholastic census, the number of school children of the Laredo Independent school district, according to the scholastic census, recently completed, has been reduced by 703. The scholastic census shows a total of 5,569.

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