AID SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

Curiously enough, England, whom we have never accused of appreciating and sustaining scientific work more than we do, has better learned the lesson of the war in this regard than we have. Perhaps she needed more to learn it. At any rate, England, seeing that Germany was able to make the formidable war effort she did make largely because of her aid from science, and seeing that the final overcoming of this effort by the allies and America was also largely due to a successful appeal to science, has already taken steps to keep science promptly available to her in all future time by a material encouragement of scientific research, writes Vernon Kellogg in Review. She has established a department of scientific and industrial research, with a beginning fund of $5,000,000 to enable it to stimulate and support scientific investigation for the benefit of the empire. In addition, the dominions, notably Canada and Australia, have independently appropriated funds for similar work on problems peculiar to their own conditions. Japan has also established a national laboratory for scientific and industrial research with a fund of $2,500,000 for use during the next ten years. Italy, despite, or perhaps because of, political and social difficulties, is also establishing a national research council.

When will the world learn that no two people think alike? People are as different mentally as they are in their looks, and that is saying a good deal. We do not complain when people do not look alike. Yet their minds are far more different than we can ever imagine. One man has ambition to be one thing. His ideals are non sense to the man that works next to him. What thrills one fellow is ridiculous to another. So the cause of friction is not hard to find. But it often happens that minds are so nearly alike that they both rasp on the same subject. Petty jealousy is the result. One word brings on another and trouble comes before we know it. It's the friction of life that makes families glad when part of it goes on a vacation.

The emigration which is planned from Germany to other countries may not be as easily put in practice as the Teutons think. It is proposed in England to forbid the entrance of enemy aliens for an indefinite period and some of the nations in South America may follow suit. The undesirability of Germans as emigrants with their dual allegiance and their readiness to betray the country of their adoption to the interest of the fatherland they have been forced to leave for their own good has been too strongly demonstrated not to make other nations wary of so dangerous a factor in their population.

An expatriated German gentleman, arrested for burglary in Chicago, asserts that it is much easier to burgle in this country than in Germany, which discovery will doubtless add another inducement for a visit to America by the downtrodden from other lands.

Socialists continue to be shot in socialist Germany because they are not of precisely the right shade of redness or blueness. The agitators who are trying to make the United States socialistic might visit Germany and see whether they have the correct hue.

The Philadelphia scientist who has discovered that American "pep" is merely nervous irritability would, however, probably not oppose the theory that it is induced, in part at least, by causes similar to those which give rise to an itching palm.

With wrist watches fetching $1,500 and the national jewelers in convention stating that money formerly spent for liquor is now going for jewelry, there is possibly a hitherto untouched field for profitable political profiteering.

The statute does not always gauge the predatory status of an act. For instance, the statute doesn't define profiteering, but a gouger, judged by moral standards, is just as dishonest as a shortweighter or a shortchanger.

Americans in England are identified by their big-rimmed glasses, which is a terrible method of revenge against the monocled Englishmen who have visited in this country.

The Hohenzollerns are provided with enough private fortune to prevent them from feeling very seriously the high prices with which they have burdened the world.

What sort of politico-ventriloquism is it when a man speaks at will from his heart or from his mind?

A shortage of labor is reported from every locality, but not a shortage of conversation.

In the course of time China will be wanting to grab off a slice of China.

COST OF DISTRIBUTION.

Stories are common nowadays of the note found in the basket of fruit by the purchaser telling how much the producer got for the basket and asking how much the consumer paid. There is always a great discrepancy between the two. On the face of it the cost of distribution is excessive. This much is easy to see. But when the question comes of reducing the cost—well, that is another matter. The president of one of the largest publishing houses in America was talking some time ago about the cost of marketing books. It was absurd, he said, that this cost should be so large. Its reduction would mean more money to the author and the publisher, and cheaper books to the public. But added that some of the smartest men in the country had worked on the problem of reducing the cost of distribution and had not solved it, says Kansas City Star. Some day a plan might be devised, but there was none in sight. In Europe various plans have been worked out to hold down the cost of distribution, particularly of food. There have been municipal markets, municipal slaughter houses, producers' co-operative associations and consumers' co-operative stores. Experiments on these lines in the United States have not generally been successful. The saving of the penny has not been the incentive here that it has in Europe.

The Leviathan and the Imperator are making their last trips as transport vessels. These giants of the sea have done gigantic work in transporting troops to the European battlefields and in bringing them home, and it must be one of the bitterest reflections to the German nation that they furnished unwittingly such powerful aid in these monsters of the sea to their enemies in bringing over the American army which settled the issue. Their destruction, ordered from the highest source, was vainly attempted, and their return to peaceful service will not leave their remarkable exploits forgotten.

In seeking to find out the best way for veterans of the war to develop waste lands and thus add to the wealth of themselves and the country, the American Legion is taking a course more statesmanlike, manly and worthy of America's war record than would be the seeking of special pensions for the heroes.

The old Latin saw, "So many men, so many opinions," derives new life from the methods of foreign propagandists here. To evaluate the worth of what America is being told about conditions in Europe would need the acumen of a lawyer, the knowledge of a historian and the patience of a saint.

The damage done to France by the acts of Germany is estimated at about $10,000,000,000. The Germans protest the terms of reparation are hard, but ignore the fact that this damage from which France is yet suffering was harder still.

Explain this: The runabout is supposed to save time in transacting business. Why is it that put a man on wheels, when he goes upon an errand, he doesn't care how long it takes him to perform his mission; let him go afoot and he burns the wind?

In planning to get around the peace terms by calling its reserve army a special police force the German government evidently has not figured on what would happen if the United States retaliated by mobilizing its deputy sheriffs.

No race has a monopoly of either virtues or vices. Every race has immense potentialities of good and evil. Which of these will flower and bear fruit depends upon cultivation. We sorely need to cultivate one another's virtues.

The exploration by airplane of Labrador by a party of Boston timber prospectors, and the discovery of enormous forests, would seem to prove the commercial uses of the flying machine pretty conclusively.

It is reported that the German government charges $5,000 for a passport enabling one to move out of the country and there is a pretty general opinion that it is worth the money.

The English are very much worried over the slang in the subtitles of American moving pictures. They can't understand why a bloke should be called a guy.

When women get to serving on juries it will probably be as hard to convict a good-looking man as it now is to convict a good-looking woman.

Investigations of high food prices are all right, but what the public would like is not more inquiries but a remedy or two.

How much profit should a profiteersman reckon compensatory for five years in the pen?

CHARACTER AND RELIGION.

You cannot separate character from religion. Sometimes we see men of no character who think they are religious. They are much mistaken. Belonging to church is not religion, though one may think it gives him character. Character is the truth that God sees in a man, says Ohio State Journal. It is the man's personality, the real, underlying, all ruling personality that determines character. The nation and the neighborhood are interested in a man's character and when they see his defects they feel the influence of them. No man can go through the world as a walking lie as many try to do. Their seeming may mislead. But in the end appearances crumble and the faults are disclosed. No man can live a double life. He cannot exist as a saint and a sinner, especially if he tries to cover up the sinning. All this is simply an appeal to people to be their own, sincere, real rational selves even if they don't appear as the best, for it is integrity of life that at last counts.

The department of agriculture has made an appeal to people to stop killing harmless insect-eating snakes. The reasons advanced are sound and scientific, but reason has always been powerless against prejudice, and it is not likely any amount of pleading or argument will overcome the prejudice against snakes and the instinct to kill them on sight. The crusade to save beneficent reptiles will have to be conducted on educational lines, and the education in the matter is going to come hard. There is neither sense nor humanity in killing any harmless thing, particularly when it is an agent of good, but prejudice, as the history of the world in more important classes of beings than snakes shows, regards neither.

There never was a finer tribute to the influence of religion on the soldier than when General Pershing asked for and secured the increase of chaplains to three for each regiment. In the course of his cablegram to the war department the general said: "I believe the personnel of the army has never been equaled and the conduct is excellent, but to overcome entirely the conditions found here requires fortitude born of great courage and lofty spiritual ideals. Counting myself responsible for the welfare of our men in every respect, it is my desire to surround them with the best influence possible. In fulfillment of this solemn trust, it seems wise to request the aid of the churches at home."

Spain is now representing the United States in the resumption of our trade relations with Germany. There seems to have been one war from which no bad feeling has permanently resulted. As a matter of fact, Spain has been prospering ever since we cut off her festering limb.

Don't you remember five years ago how the world was stirred? Now all that's changed and humanity is looking for the scoundrels who have stretched the barbed wire entanglements between its appetite and the pantry.

Every man, woman and child in Poland has been ordered to have a haircut and a bath by way of stamping out typhus. The inhabitants of the new nation are beginning to realize that independence has its penalties and its responsibilities.

The jazz dances, shimmies and other lewd and semi-lewd shuffles are to be barred, say the dancing masters. We might rejoice to hear this, except that generally the abolishing of an indecent dance means the introduction of something infinitely worse.

Another reason the Japanese can get along with less earnings than Americans is that the Japs have had their present fashions in women's attire for 2,500 years. The white people of the world haven't that much sense.

You can never tell by the patches on the seat of a farmer's pants how many bushels of corn he will make to the acre. The wife who patches the pants may be a rattling good field hand.

The latest account of the execution of the czar and his family is just as interesting as the other accounts, and adds another choice of material for the historian.

Every fight for higher prices is a fight to put more weakness into the dollar. The need is for a dollar that can stand up and do an honest dollar's work.

Sometimes, one of the last things a fellow absolutely learns beyond all dispute is that nature omitted to endow him with genuine talent as a singer.

There is still some dispute as to who won the war, but taking a look at Shantung it appears that Japan did.

She may take her bathing suit to water, but it doesn't mean that she's going to swim.

INTERNATIONALIZING SPEECH.

Nine of the world's principal languages are represented in the Marconi international cable and wireless code—English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, Dutch, Japanese and Russian. The code represents the labors of a corps of business, legal, financial and lingual experts, covering a period of three years, and it is said to cover every ordinary human need of readily understood and precise communication among the nationalities subscribing to it. Here we seem to have, at last, a practicable means of breaking down those barriers of strange speech that so long have set men by the ears, says Chicago News. The airplane, the wireless and the "flu" germ have made all men neighbors, brought them within talking distance of one another and inspired in them a yearning to talk over the back fence and establish borrowing and trade relations. The one thing needful was a system of clear, concise international speech, and this the Marconi organization may have supplied. It is boldly asserted that this or some similar code will soon be in everyday use. Commerce demands it. When men begin to talk understandingly to one another suspicions and jealousies, upon which autocracies and other abuses thrive, begin to disappear. Here is, in fact, a fifteenth point to be added to Mr. Wilson's famous fourteen.

"The typical American is no more a boisterous multimillionaire with coarse manners and only money ideals than the typical Englishman is the glacial, monocled, high society specimen who calls everything 'rippin' and ultimately marries a chorus girl." This was the comment of H. Y. Braddon, recently trade commissioner for Australia at Washington, at a luncheon given him in London by Australian and other officials. "Their home life in the States is charming," said Mr. Braddon, "and their conversation is directed to subjects of interest to the stranger in the most courteously considerate way. They have no special admiration for wealth as such, but only for wealth as wisely and generously used."

London bus girls are giving back their jobs to returned soldiers. This is real patriotism, and, in the end, will be best for the soldiers and the girls themselves. The employment of women in places regarded hitherto as exclusively men's was a war emergency, and as that is over the necessity passes, nor is it likely that women to any great extent will, in normal times, continue anywhere in the places into which emergency forced them. Still, the voluntary relinquishment of a paying job in favor of the nation's defenders is an act of praiseworthy sacrifice in the women.

Perusing the esteemed Congressional Record we are impressed with the feeling that the very best part of most speeches delivered in the august halls of the national legislature is the place where the presiding officer remarks, "The time of the gentleman has expired."

Now there is to be canned politics. The campaign committee announce a phonograph campaign next year that will carry the speeches of leading orators to the remotest towns and villages. Much political oratory would be improved by canning.

There is some little question as to which of them is the more interested in the approach of 1920, which is divisible by four, the young lady who has been keeping company with a bashful young man or the party candidate.

Instinct is a wonderful thing, and its value is almost beyond computation in some respects, but it generally breaks down when it comes to tipping it off to a chronic nuisance that he ought to go chase himself.

A good many thirsty souls who read the headline in the paper, "Gospel of Full Can Being Preached," were much disappointed when they discovered that the article referred to the preservation of vegetables and fruits.

A Frenchman has perfected an invention which makes it impossible to listen in on a party line. "Won't that make our neighbors mad!" chuckles everybody on a party line.

The little tin prophets who are predicting that wooden shoes will soon come into vogue are crazy. They haven't read the lumber quotations recently.

Economically, civilization seems to be a refined sort of scheme by which nonproducers frequently skin real producers out of the fruits of their toil.

Much of the discord and dissatisfaction of life results from the inevitable failure to beat the game of life without working.

Maybe the time is coming when apples will be more than a boyhood recollection to the average consumer.

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