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WHAT ABOUT HOUSES?

NOW THAT THE HOLIDAYS are concluding, the attention of one of the most important questions now confronting it—the question of providing accommodations for the thousands of shipyard workers that are to be brought to the city during 1918.

As has previously been pointed out, numbers of dwellings must be provided through action on the part of the government to expand the enterprise of local investors.

Local property owners and financiers have expressed a reasonable and natural objection to extensive building until satisfied that the houses they now erect will remain occupied at satisfactory rentals for a sufficient period to assure an adequate return on the investment.

The government, for its part, has not yet worked out a feasible scheme for assisting local interests to such an extent that the latter will feel justified in entering upon a broad-gauged program of construction.

The federal authority usually moves rather slowly, even in war time, when issues are developed with astonishing rapidity. If its decisions are to be accelerated, those desiring it to speed up must be prepared to submit definite plans for meeting a given problem.

In this instance, it probably is up to Seattle to lay before Washington a complete plan of action to speed up the construction of these buildings either by the government or by combined private and public capital.

The officials in Washington, U. C., who are planning to expand the city's shipbuilding industry, naturally will expect Seattle to feel and display a lively interest in so vital an issue as the housing of the men brought here to work in the yards. A considerable amount of the capital invested in these structures must come from this community, which also must supply the labor.

In brief, then, this is essentially a local problem and it is Seattle that must act on it in the near future to get deal with it in this way.

KEEP UP THE CHEER, as a New GOOD WORK.

Chicago, as a New GOOD WORK. Year resolution, has decided to return to the extent of \$3,000,000.

There will be changes, some of a novel nature. This is admitted by competent authorities everywhere.

There is no disposition to regard the future with pessimism, whether the new year brings peace or marvellous ushers in still another year of war.

War, which is the condition for which all prudent men of affairs are preparing, will, it is contended, involve the necessity of greater governmental control over all industries.

Liberal government in demands never faced a more barren prospect than that which confronts today. Its ultimate triumph and the security of world domination can be assured only by the decisive Allied military victory over the armies that now are striving to impose the will of Teutonic autocracy upon all of Europe.

No young man need buy one of those swagger belted "overalls" that are a present of one.

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troubles, the port's trade continues large and continues to grow. The lumber industry has reason to anticipate a reasonably satisfactory twelve-month, with a promise of tremendous activity when the winter returns to Seattle.

Seattle's bank clearings for 1917 aggregated \$1,181,492,291 as compared with \$750,217,250 in 1916, a gain of \$431,191,351.

Strong and prosperous at home, America can and will furnish its soldiers abroad with everything they need for the winning of victories and while doing this, it will plan for the later and no less important commercial battles that will come after the dust of the autowar have been defeated in the field.

VALUELESS. So far as dependability of FACTS is concerned, there is nothing to choose between a treaty signed by Trotsky and one signed by the Kaiser.

WHY GERMANY IS HATED.

THE WANTON DESTRUCTION and injury of works of art by the German armies in Italy is characteristic.

Just as characteristic was the refusal of British troops to train their guns on the churches and shrines of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem was vital to the success of the English forces operating in Palestine as India is to the Austro-German armies vainly assaulting the Italian line on the Piave.

This latter city, a railroad center behind the Piave line, has been raided on three occasions by Teutonic planes. Each bombing expedition has worked havoc among the famous monuments and churches of this historic city.

History is piling up a tremendous score against these modern vandals, who do not hesitate to smash the precious relics of ancient art in order to secure a passing advantage in modern war.

The contrasting attitude assumed by the London troops when fighting around Jerusalem likewise explains the success of English colonial efforts and the failure of those of the Germans.

WAR-TIME. Ground guards is reported JUSTICE. Ground guards is reported in canned tomatoes sent to Camp Dodge, Ia.

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Autocracy unyielding. The Kaiser is yielding more power to his "chancellor" who, for his part, is displaying a greater willingness than the Kaiser, who has expressed through the Reichstag, safely can be classed as one of the myths of the great war.

Business in 1917. THE NEW YEAR opens for Seattle, as for the rest of the country, with a promise of extraordinary activity and abounding prosperity.

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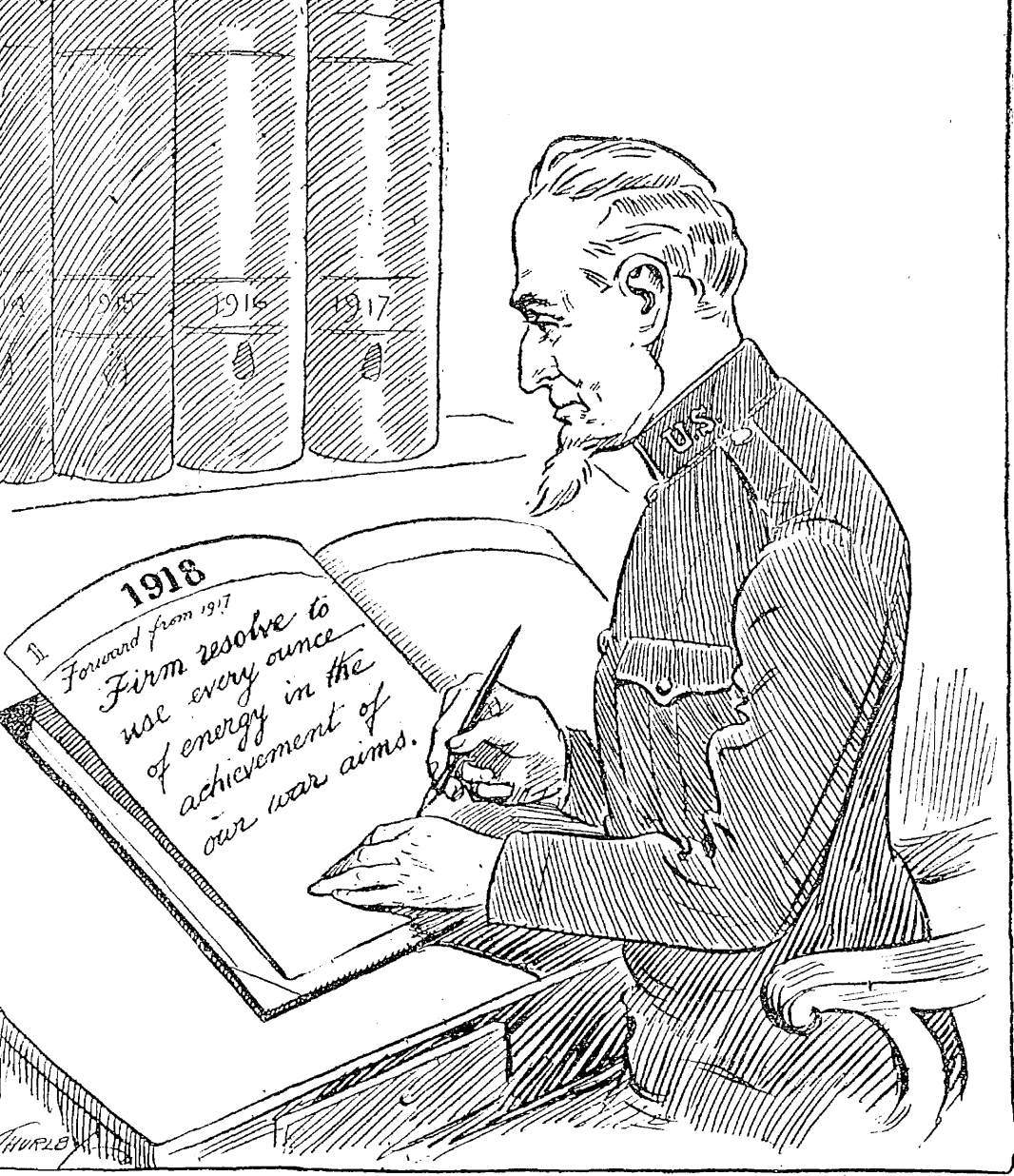
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Now, there is talk of a "standardized" shoe. What's the idea to simplify the problems of the chiropodist?

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Adele Garrison's New REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

HOW DICKY RELIEVED MADGE'S MIND OF ONE WORRY. I HADN'T the courage to tell Kate of the truth concerning my ignorance of my husband's attitude toward the war.

How to Help a Stutterer Speak Well in the New Year

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG, A. B., M. A., M. D. (Johns Hopkins University). IF your child stutters why not help him to turn over a new leaf in speech?

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By GENEVIEVE KEMBLE. Wednesday, January 2. An unusually pleasant aspect is forecast for today. Fines and smiling faces will be the rule. Good fortune and hopeful prospects for all directions. It is a particularly favorable time for those who are engaged in those seeking favors, honors, promotion or preferment from those in authority.

Centers for Women What to Wear and How to Wear It

By MME. QUI VIVE. There's a cunning new plot put forth by the mercenary critics of dress suits. It has to do with the jacket and it's a tricky little plot, too.

SOCIETY

THE New Year 1918 came in smiling and 1917 departed sighing last evening at the Arctic Club. A beautiful little spirit of the night, dimpled and brimming over with happiness, literally danced her way into the hearts of the members.