

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

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OUR ORCHESTRA.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—[Editor of The Tribune.]—Those of us who are subscribers to the Chicago Symphony orchestra concerts would be lacking in a certain kind of civic patriotism if we failed to express our faith in the loyalty of the majority of the members of the orchestra and our hope that the sins of the guilty few shall not be visited upon the heads of the innocent many. To do this would be like punishing a whole company because a few traitors were found in its midst.

The Chicago Symphony orchestra is one of the greatest forces that work for the alleviation of woes that are the result of the war. People do not attend these concerts merely to fill up idle hours, but to gain the spiritual strength and inspiration with which to carry on their allotted tasks. Anything that threatens the life and usefulness of this organization strikes a blow at the hearts of a people already borne down by the burdens and sufferings of the time.

A. SUBSCRIBER.

MR. DENT AND THE DRAFT.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—[Editor of The Tribune.]—Thanks for the editorial on "Delaying the New Draft." Keep after the chairman of the house military affairs committee until you make either an effective dent in what he calls his brain or else force the house, for very shame to supersede him and put a rational human being in his place.

Don't restrain yourself so violently when writing about him. I don't know any polite way to tell this to Chairman Dent. Perhaps you do. But for God's sake tell it to him somehow. Tell him he can play his rotten game of politics with anything else he likes, but not with the lives of men.

HORACE J. BRIDGES.

ON LABOR DAY.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—[Editor of The Tribune.]—May I be permitted, through Chicago's leading newspaper, to suggest that the great band, when greeting President Wilson on Labor day, play "America," in common marching time—i. e., four beats to the measure?

Our flag is now a marching flag and every American is keeping step.

W. E. AURELIUS.

WIDENING HALSTED STREET.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—[Editor of The Tribune.]—The project of widening Halsted street is now revised. It was laid aside because of the great cost. If the expense is too great a good solution of the problem would be to open Green street from Harrison through to Taylor to connect with Newberry avenue.

Halsted street is congested because it is the only through street from Fulton to the river. Green street is only one block west and if that were made a through street most of the through traffic could be diverted or would naturally take that street to avoid the delays on Halsted street.

F. H. TUTHILL.

DID YOU SEE IT?

Galesburg, Ill., Aug. 13.—[Editor of The Tribune.]—Coming here from Mouth this evening I witnessed a rather curious sight.

It was just before dusk and a thunder shower was brewing. I looked up at the clouds and saw outlined with vivid distinctness three heads. They seemed to be familiar, but at first I could not distinguish a resemblance. After a moment's study, however, it came to me, and I recognized them, for McCutcheon could not have portrayed them any more accurately. They were the Kaiser, the crown prince, and Hindenburg.

For a moment the lightning played through them and in another moment they were obliterated, leaving only a mass of black angry clouds.

It was not the effect of the heat nor the fact that it was the 13th that caused this strange sight.

As I am not superstitious, I have drawn no conclusions, but, even so, it seems an odd coincidence.

I am wondering if any one else among your readers noticed this picture in the sky.

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"DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE."

Chicago, Aug. 15.—[Editor of The Tribune.]—The Salvation Army is doing a noble work. It should be supported, liberally and whole heartedly.

When, however, it is sought to be made to appear that the proper feeding of the soldiers depends on the efforts of any voluntary organization we are on dangerous ground. If the appeals being made for contributions to the Salvation Army fund shall have the effect of convincing the people that the troops are not being properly rationed immeasurable harm will be done.

MATCOLM C. HARPER.

A SUGGESTION FOR DRUG STORES.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—[Editor of The Tribune.]—I saw in a drug store a cigar box, half full of tinfoil, marked "For the Benefit of Red Cross."

As quite a few brands of chewing gum, cigarets, and tobacco are protected with this material, doubtless quite a considerable sum could be realized if all drug and cigar stores would display a sign for that purpose, giving their patrons from time to time an opportunity to help this worthy organization.

J. G. KAHN.

"AUGUST, 1914."

Chicago, Aug. 14.—[Editor of The Tribune.]—Even at this late date I am writing to express my hearty sympathy with the spirit of your editorial entitled "August, 1914." Your admonition is most timely, and I am convinced it is of the greatest importance that the people at large have in mind the attitude which you have emphasized. If that little editorial could be printed on a card and circulated broadcast I believe it could be the means of rendering a very distinct public service.

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