

WAR-SUPERSTITIONS

(Literary Digest)

It is no wonder, perhaps, that a war whose horrors and heroism have run the gamut of all the human emotions, awakened slumbering passions, and aroused the brute instincts in men, should have revived superstition and prophecy along with other primeval propensities and medieval practices. Long-forgotten ghosts are reported by the credulous as having returned to their old haunts in the halls and towers of ancient English homes, and those who, before the war, would have laughed at these mystic manifestations are now lending sympathetic ears to visions of seers and giving willing credence to weird tales of the supernatural. And there are some who fancy they find coincidence in the deft manipulation of dates and figures, as is noted in the Milwaukee Free Press:

Among the favorite appeals to the superstitious temper of war-time, none is apt to be more unique than the prophetic combinations of dates and other significant figures with which the outcome or end of the conflict is variously pointed. Every war of modern times has produced such essays at mystical and symbolic arithmetic, and the present struggle is no exception.

One of the most startling of these appears to have an American origin; at least, it has been perfected by the Pittsburg Gazette. We herewith submit it to our readers as an example of clever mathematical juggling that may well mislead the superstitious:

President Wilson was born.....	1856
took office	1913
has been in office	4 years
has lived	61 years

3834

King of England was born.....	1865
ascended throne	1910
has reigned	7 years
has lived	52 years

3834

President of France was born.....	1858
took office	1913
has been in office	4 years
has lived	59 years

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King of Italy was born	1869
ascended throne	1900
has reigned	17 years
has lived	48 years

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King of Belgium was born.....	1875
ascended throne	1909
has reigned	8 years
has lived	42 years

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Emperor of Japan was born.....	1879
ascended throne	1912
has reigned	5 years
has lived	38 years

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King of Servia was born.....	1844
ascended throne	1903
has reigned	14 years
has lived	73 years

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King of Montenegro was born.....	1841
ascended throne	1910
has reigned	7 years
has lived	76 years

3834

King of Roumania was born.....	1865
took office	1914
has reigned	3 years
has lived	52 years

3834

It might seem that the equal sum thus yielded, by adding the principal statistics about the presidents and monarchs engaged

in the war against the Central Powers, was startling and significant enough. But the wonder is heightened when we are told that this sum must be divided because two hemispheres are represented by these rulers, and that one-half of 3834 is 1917!

The prediction based upon these figures may be anticipated. It is that the war will come to an end during the present year.

TOPICS IN BRIEF

A Liberty Loan that is oversubscribed in America will be understood in Germany.—Brooklyn Eagle.

If the recent King Constantine had not abdicated in the home he might still reign in the palace.—New York Sun.

Although the dispatches do not mention it, the supposition is that the Queen of Greece abdicated, too.—Kansas City Times.

Now the Italian War Commission is coming to Chicago. How things do conspire to embarrass our mayor!—Chicago Daily News.

Bethmann-Hollweg refuses to say how much territory Germany desires to annex in a purely defensive war.—New York Evening Sun.

Among other things, the American Commission to Russia will undertake to make democracy safe for the world.—New York Morning Telegraph.

The registration revealed the presence in New York of an alarming number of youngish but "totally dependent" parents.—New York World.

General Aguinaldo has subscribed to the Liberty Loan, thus proving that reconstruction in the Philippines has been complete and successful.—New York Sun.

The ovation given General Pershing at Paris was a tremendous one, but nothing like that which he will receive at the same place on his way back.—Savannah News.

A war correspondent says that the Italians hold the key to Trieste. They appear, however, to be experiencing some difficulty in locating the keyhole.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Secretary Baker says we can win the war up in the air, and Congress seems to think so.—Wall Street Journal.

The socialists refuse to help carry on the war, but they insist on dictating the peace terms.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

It is a pity that the Kaiser can not know the number of German names on the Liberty Loan roll of honor.—Boston Herald.

The World Peace Foundation has just issued its annual report. It seems to be one of this regret-to-report kind.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Russian crisis has been settled again. It should be remembered, however, that this is written as of 6 P. M. Thursday.—Savannah News.

Socialist opposition to the draft seems likely to have the effect of stimulating volunteer withdrawals from the party.—New York World.

Perhaps Senator Works, of California, would not be so crazy for peace if Germany were located on the other side of the Pacific.—Chicago Tribune.

A porter in an Atehison barber shop predicts confidently that the war will not last longer than two weeks. He says his brother has enlisted, and he never held a job longer than two weeks in his whole life.—Kansas City Star.

Did anybody ever hear of a conscientious objector objecting conscientiously or otherwise to anything that the Kaiser is doing?—New York World.

Great Britain will be finished in two months, according to a German admiral. This is a generous extension. The time was up June 1.—Chicago Tribune.

Saw Him First

A Quaker had gotten himself into trouble with the authorities and the sheriff called to escort him to the lock-up.

"Is your husband in?" he inquired of the good wife who came to the door.

"My husband will see thee," she replied. "Come in."

The sheriff entered, was bidden to make himself at home, and was hospitably entertained for half an hour, but no husband appeared. At last the sheriff grew impatient.

"Look here," said he, "I thought you said your husband would see me."

"He has seen thee," was the calm reply, "but he did not like thy looks and has gone another way."—Harper's Magazine.

His Credit Doubtful

First Credit Man—"How about Jones of Pigville Center?"

Second Credit Man—"He always pays cash, so we don't know how honest he is!"—Boston Globe.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF Washington, for King County.—In Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of William L. Jones, Deceased.—No. 21754. Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as Administratrix of the estate of William L. Jones, Deceased; that all persons having claims against said deceased or against said estate are hereby required to serve the same, duly verified, on said administratrix or her attorney of record at the address below stated, and file the same with the Clerk of said Court together with proof of such service within six months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the same will be barred.

Date of first publication July 7th, 1917.

JANNIE M. JONES.

Administratrix of said Estate.

Address: 7008 Aurora Ave.

ANDREW R. BLACK,

Attorney for Estate.

316 Pacific Block, Seattle, Wash.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF Washington for King County.—In Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Lulu Young, Deceased.—No. 21738. Notice to Creditors.

By order of said court made herein on the 13th day of June, 1917, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and to all persons having claims against said deceased or against said estate, to present them with the necessary vouchers to the undersigned administratrix of said estate, at No. 316 Pacific Block, the place of business of said estate, in Seattle, in said county and state; within one year from and after the date of first publication of this notice or same will be barred.

Date of first publication June 23rd, 1917.

JOSEPH YOUNG,

As Administrator of said Estate.

ANDREW R. BLACK,

Attorney for Estate.

316 Pacific Block, Seattle, Wash.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF Washington, for King County. In the Matter of the Estate of David Cole, Deceased.—No. 21679. Notice to Creditors.

By order of said court made herein on the 29th day of May, 1917, Notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and to all persons having claims against said deceased or against said estate, to present them with the necessary vouchers to the undersigned administratrix of said estate, at 315 Pacific Block, Seattle, King County, Washington, the place of business of said estate, in Seattle, in said county and state, within one year from and after the date of first publication of this notice or same will be barred.

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HATTIE BOWSER,

As Administratrix of said Estate.

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