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The cheerful giver is usually popular.

What's the matter with the road drag?

Brain food is what fools feed their vanity.

Fried chickens are ripe. But oh, how costly.

If you can't be sociable, don't seek company.

There's nothing to be gained by holding a grudge.

Cowardice has kept many a fellow from being a slacker.

It does not pay to either cry or crow over spilled milk.

The fellow that can keep his mouth shut can pass himself off as a patriot.

The slogan, "business as usual," helps some. Remember, every little bit helps.

What a bonanza for gossip women miss by not being eligible to the barber shop.

If you can't march to the front, don't stay at home and knock on the government.

The fellow who is always trying to keep things under cover can have the pleasure of sweating it out.

Even if a person can't just recall how the story was told to them, they go ahead and tell it anyway.

Give the other fellow credit for being as honest with himself as you feel you are to your convictions.

Russia after more than three months of military inactivity, has again entered into the fight, for sure, and is getting right to the front with her army.

The man who deliberately hurts his good name, if he ever possessed one, for a few paltry dollars, deserves all the condemnation he receives—and then some.

When some men cannot find anything else to do they stand on the street and harass people with their slum gossip about the war, when they might be more thought of if they would attend strictly to their own business, if they really have any business to attend to.

Our soldiers in France are known as "Sammies." The French noted the letters "U. S." on the equipment and inquired what it meant. When told that it was meant to stand for "Uncle Sam," they soon learned the word "Sammy" in referring to our soldier boys, and our boys like it.

It was a grave mistake for the public safety commission of Minnesota to refuse Eugene V. Debs permission to deliver a Fourth of July speech in that state. We have always considered Eugene V. Debs a high class citizen, and in many instances his personal life is one to be commended rather than condemned. He does not belong to the anarchistic section of the labor party.

Exemption will be extended to four classes under the new draft regulations. They are those who are physically unfit, those who are engaged in essential positions in war industries, those with certain religious beliefs, and those who have wives or other relatives wholly dependent upon them for support. This exemption will cut the available material for draft considerably.

Forward, march!

The boys are getting ready.

Beware of heated arguments.

The slackers will go too, in time.

Don't forget that fly swatter, and use it.

Count the day lost when you fail to swat flies.

About one marriage in a thousand is a love match.

Cowards who lag in the rear are not respected anyway.

Taking things easy is what gets some people into trouble.

A good shower right now would be appreciated by the farmers.

Russia is demonstrating very distinctly that she can come back.

Don't be in a hurry to give a woman her way—she likes to fight for it.

There are those who think that honesty is the best policy—next in insurance.

Now is the time to enlist, before you are drafted. "Take time by the forelock!"

Many amateur gardeners this year will discover that they planted their beans upside down.

The food speculator is a highway robber, who uses a desk and office chair instead of a gun.

Those who say the least always talk the most. Whatever you have to say, be careful how you say it.

What has become of the old-fashioned girl, who complained because there was nothing to do?

Potatoes on the market are coming down, while those in the ground are coming up. We ought to be able to meet 'em half way.

The Russians are in it for keeps, and a battalion of armed women have gone to the front in defense of their country and its people.

Somehow dentists do not have much trouble in passing the army and navy tests. Now then, who is going to be mean enough to say, "It must be because of their pull?"

And it is to be "bone dry" in thirty days all over the United States, so far as whisky is concerned. We can still have wine and beer—that's all the most of us care for anyway.

The world at large has need of cool, even and clear-minded thinkers, who know how to state their opinions without antagonizing the very ones it is sought to win to the side of right.

If it is true that President Wilson will not exercise his power to prohibit the manufacture of beer and light wines, we may expect to see a lot of people throwing fits or righteous indignation all over their front yards.

While the administration at Washington is trying to cripple the press both by taxing it outrageously and then by muzzling it, the various departments continue sending out all manner of stuff that is to be published by the newspapers without expense to the government. And as a rule, the papers print as much of this stuff as they can. Because they realize that it is information that ought to reach the public. Being public-spirited, the newspapers do these things, despite the fact that only the thing they have to sell, is space in their columns.

UNJUST TAXATION.

Indications at Washington point to an extra burden being placed upon the newspapers in the matter of taxation. Now, the truth of the matter is that the newspapers of the United States have no desire to avoid paying their full and just share of the war's burden—and they will pay it gladly—but what they do protest against is an unfair and unjust taxation.

In commenting upon this matter the New York Commercial puts it up right when it says:

"Newspapers can be taxed out of existence by congress just as it taxed the banknote circulation of the state banks to death when it passed the national bank act during the civil war by imposing a tax of ten per cent upon such notes. Only a few newspapers in this country have made fortunes for their owners, and some of the best and most useful papers are run at a loss as it is. This war is not over and the federal government will need the services of the newspapers while it lasts just as it needed them while it was trying to float the Liberty loan. The newspapers are now engaged in promoting the campaign to raise funds for the Red Cross, of which the first call upon the American people is \$100,000,000. If the newspapers could not circulate freely the subscription list would have been confined to New York and a few other large cities. Without the free publicity given by the newspapers the federal registration of men of military age on June 5 would have been a failure. In the same way the special military census now being taken by the state of New York would be a fizzle were it not for what the newspapers have done. The state government neither advertised nor organized the machinery for taking this census, but left it to volunteers, and the most important of these volunteers are the newspapers of this state, which have told the people what they are to do. Some of our newspapers devote columns every day to advising citizens as to the law and the meaning of the law as it affects individuals.

"Newspapers are not making more profits; they are losing money on account of the war because the expense of collecting war news is so enormous as to be almost beyond conception. The war has undoubtedly increased circulation of the newspapers, but with white paper at its present price and other expenses on a higher scale than ever before, the more papers a newspaper prints the worse it is off."

And at no time should the government overlook the fact that it actually needs the service of the press—and needs it badly.—Hastings Tribune.

What are the ladies of Plattsmouth doing in the way of supplies for the boys in the army? A Red Cross society was organized several months since, and started out under the most favorable prospects of doing great work, and doing great service for the medical department of the army. We deter the work of this great benevolent society. We hope there is no occasion for a feeling against the work. Look what Weeping Water, Louisville and other smaller towns have done, and let everybody in this city come out and join the Red Cross in this noblest of work. It is the duty of every patriotic lady to join in this work. Come out to the next Red Cross meeting in the new apartment house; get acquainted with the ladies engaged in the work, and you will not only enjoy it, but you will be doing your duty in a noble cause.

If a list of those boys who have enlisted could be secured, we are satisfied that Cass county has furnished as near what they ought to as any other county in the state. Eighteen or twenty have gone to Glenwood, Ia., and joined the army; at least fifty have joined in Omaha, and many at other places, besides the sixty-five or seventy here at home. All of whom could have been held together if some man in whom the boys had confidence would have taken the lead. A leader was and is what is needed—a home man.

TRUTH AND THE WAR.

A New York paper recently published a letter written to Supreme Court Justice Townsend Scudder of Brooklyn, who had given it to the Brooklyn Eagle for publication.

The fact that Justice Scudder deemed it his patriotic duty to have the letter published is a point that should not be overlooked.

The letter was written by an American naval officer who is on duty in English waters. It follows:

May 5, 1917.

My Dear Judge:
I am taking the liberty of writing to you in order that, knowing the truth, you may be able to remedy the evil. A number of destroyers arrived in port yesterday after a ten days' trip. This proves that the boats of this type can cross—it had never been attempted before. What I am writing to you about is just this: The situation is really getting out of control. The American public has been fed on lies for so long that it will be doubly difficult to impress it with facts. The simple facts of increasing danger and importance are:

First: More ships are sunk per month than can possibly be replaced in the same interval of time.

Second: An insignificant number of submarines are being destroyed.

Third: Not one-tenth as many have been accounted for to date as we have been led to believe. A hundred American sea-going destroyers operating from this side may hold the situation in check long enough to enable the allied army to drive the Germans from France and Belgium. If the United States does not immediately embark on the construction of at least one hundred, and preferably two hundred destroyers, then it will have only itself to blame, for the handwriting on the wall is already too plain.

I cannot write in detail. The letter would not get through. The situation is so serious that I am writing to you directly to tell you how things stand and urge you not to believe the reassuring statements brought back by publishers and writers. I am where the submarine is operating most extensively, and, for us, the cards are now on the table. The American public must be scared into a realization of the truth, if its present isolation prevents temporarily the growth of the patriotic impulse.

It is urged that it is the duty of the American newspapers to give the people of the United States the truth, relative to the war.

That is as we see it. There is nothing but trouble to be gained by deception. The above letter should be read and thoroughly digested by every member of congress who pretends to be looking after the people's best interests.

The most patriotic duty the press of this country can perform is to tell the truth.

The only way the nation can be thoroughly aroused to its full fighting strength is by the newspapers letting the people know how real serious conditions are—and this can only be done by telling the truth.

Nearly all wars start and end through force of public opinion.

The democracy of the United States demands free speech, and a free press. How can we be fighting for democracy unless we uphold democracy?—Hastings Tribune.

DEMOCRATIC RUSSIA.

It is a reassuring and encouraging statement that Premier Lvoff makes of the progress toward political stability, military recovery and industrial strength in Russia since the revolution. The statement is borne out, too, by recent events, particularly the renewed Russian offensive, and by statements made by members of the American commission.

No one can overestimate the difficulties that have confronted Russia in these last few trying months. In a few hours the government of 150,000,000 people was converted from the most despotic on earth to the most democratic. And the new government, without any powers save such as it has assumed, depended for its exist-

ence on the tolerance of a newly-free people subjected to practically no restraint other than their own consciences and good judgment. The vast bulk of the population was illiterate, ignorant, and burdened by centuries of oppression. Such political leadership as was at the disposal of the new government was largely socialistic and ultra-radical. The national finances were disorganized, soldiers were deserting by the scores of thousands to go home and grab pieces of land, and the whole empire seemed on the point of falling to pieces.

But the important fact is it has not fallen to pieces. The severity of the storm is moderating, the ship of state is righting itself, and the future looks brighter than a month or six weeks ago seemed possible. Democracy seems really to be establishing itself in Russia, and a capacity for organized self-control is being made manifest.

The importance of all this is of the first order. One of the effects is clearly seen in Germany today. With Russia in a state of anarchy as a result of the realization of its democratic dream German autocracy was strengthened. But now that it seems democracy is taking hold in Russia, that it is gaining coherence and power, German autocracy is staggered and the democratic impulse within the German empire is tremendously forwarded.

Nothing, not even the help from the United States, can tend so surely to shorten the war and to make possible a just and enduring peace after the war, as a democratic Russia firmly on its feet.—World-Herald.

BUSINESS SANITY.

During these trying days, months—and it may even be years—ahead of us while this terrible war lasts, there must be no lessening of effort on the part of any one of us to keep the business of the country in a healthy, normal condition.

The business of a nation is the life of a nation. All men and women within the nation are in one way or another dependent upon the preservation of business and its development.

A busy nation is a prosperous one. And it is even more essential that business be sustained in times of war than in the piping times of peace.

From business comes the sustenance of the people—and the sinews of war. It is obvious that if we hoard our money and cease to purchase anything but the bare necessities of life, we shall hurt business.

All our industries of every kind must be kept going to their fullest capacity. Money must circulate. There must be no hysterical, misguided retrenchment under the cloak of economy.

Idle factories mean depleted pocket-books for the worker.

We must make "business as usual" our slogan—not using it as a mercenary motto, but in the broader and present sense that sees in increased business the provision of means with which to carry on the war in which we are deeply engaged and to which the energies of the nation must be directed.

Eliminate waste by all means. Conserve our resources—the products of our fields and gardens—certainly.

But let us make a sharp distinction between thrift and parsimony.

The former will help win us the victory. The latter will bring disaster.—Buffalo Evening News.

We thought Governor Neville had better judgment than to quit the governorship for the colony of the Sixth regiment. It would be a shame to lose him as governor at this trying time.

Of course it was all right to thwart the will of the people as expressed at the polls by securing equal suffrage by legislative enactment, but all wrong for the voters to insist upon sending the suffrage law to the referendum.

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These are the days when strawberries, as to price, are as cheap as beans.

The ladies who compose the Red Cross society need all the help they can get.

Free speech is guaranteed under the American constitution, but not free sedition.

Many a quarrelsome child is developed because of the turbulent home life which it sees every day.

An amateur gardener dug up a diamond worth \$500. This should stimulate us all to greater efforts.

The war taxes will not go up in smoke, but those schedules on cigars, tobacco and cigarettes are bound to.

Evidently Germany is in pretty bad shape if all reports are true. But reports are very conflicting these days.

This is going to be a big war and a long war. Let us get rid of inefficiency and useless talking in fighting it.

Nebraska is in the honored list of states that have furnished their full quota of volunteers. Nebraska always

does her duty, no matter what she goes at.

The young king of Greece said that he would carry out his father's noble policies. But when his father carried them out, the Greek people proceeded to carry out his father.

There is now said to be 200,000,000 gallons of liquor in bond. Gee! But wouldn't that supply a lot of booze joints in the country, and not a sip for famished Nebraska.

John Murtey, who is interested with Mr. Bucknell in the lumber business at this place, and also interested in a yard at Burr, but who lives at Alvo, leaves shortly for Washington, D. C. He expects to put in some time at the capitol, where he expects to get onto the ways of congress. Now it is just possible that he may have the congressional bee a-buzzing as he lives in this district, and no doubt would not be averse to holding down the seat in the lower house from Nebraska. When it comes to fireworks, John is a whole machine gun himself.—Sterling Sun.

EXAMINATION FOR UNSKILLED LABOR.

There will be an examination held at the postoffice in this city on Tuesday, July 17th, for the position of janitor and unskilled labor. This will pay a salary of \$600 per year and will be open to male applicants. This will be held at the local civil service office in the postoffice and will be conducted by the local secretary, Frank A. Cloidt.

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