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The more snow the more wheat.

Take your medicine and don't kick.

It pays to be loyal to your country's flag.

If we saved what we spent on folly we'd be rich.

There are more calloused tongues than calloused hands in the world.

Many married men boast that they do as they please, but not one in a million does.

Apparently the Germans will be much more impressed with what we have to say after we have proved to them that we can fight.

Notwithstanding the severe winter weather we believe there has been very little suffering among the poor people of Plattsmouth for the real necessities of life.

Now, brother, just who do you think is the prettiest girl in this town? There are several who think they are, but fine clothes don't make a beautiful girl by a long shot.

"God help the allies when the mighty Hindenburg strikes!" That saying has a familiar ring, and come to think about it, we've been hearing it ever since the days just before Verdun.

A great many men encourage their wives' curiosity, either because they are curious themselves, or in the hope that the wives will be turned to salt like Lot's wife—there is no telling which.

Bill Maupin says if Uncle Sam contemplates the abandonment of any army camp, he hopes he begins with Camp Cody. Will Maupin ought to know, he has been down to inspect that rendezvous.

Also he may generally be put down as a good patriot who does not try to go all through the winter, on the reputation acquired in his neighborhood by shoveling the first snowfall from his sidewalk last November.

Every family has a skeleton in the closet, it is said. Leave it there, but take your "white elephant" to the ladies of the Council of Defense. They are going to sell these "animals" and use the money for war work.

Hoover is going to draw our national belt up tighter, and the real pinch is expected to come this spring. One may escape most of the pain of this operation by substituting suspenders for his belt. These suspenders may be raised in any back yard garden.

The fool administration has requested that all churches, lodges, clubs, etc to dispense with the serving of refreshments at their meetings. Now if the members of these various orders will cut out the "eats" and lay aside their fancy work and devote their time to Red Cross and refugee relief work they will be making a fair showing of their patriotism.

How's This?

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Wheat is looking good.

Criticism is all right in its place.

A war graft is something present-ed in the name of patriotism.

Too much politics in congress, and every fellow for himself.

It appears that not all the Bol-sheviki are located in Russia.

And thus we find it written again: That man shall not live by wheat bread alone.

The greatest shortage in this country during the war is the short-age of common sense.

Notwithstanding the adage, it is the pot and the kettle which are constantly wrangling.

The mail service has been on the bum for many weeks. Trains been running late and the usual good service is being badly missed.

High Schools in various parts of the country are debating the ques-tion, "Which is easier, to get a boy to bed at night or up in the morn-ing?"

It obviously was along in line with the popular feeling that nothing is too good for soldiers that the govern-ment decided candy was bad for them.

There is this comfort—Germany is as worried over the vagaries of the Bolsheviki as we are. And besides, we are in better shape to worry than Germany is.

The Breslauer Volkswacht has dis-covered that the Americans are com-ing. It had been suspected the cen-sorship couldn't conceal the fact from Germany much longer.

There must be something to that divine right business after all. No people on earth would go barefoot and freeze and starve to keep a self-made man on the throne.

The name of Bismark, North Da-kota, is to be changed to Wilson, but no movement has so far been started to change the name of German measles to Wilson measles.

The soldier reported recently from Camp Funston as sharing his tent with a mule has never been heard of since. It is sincerely hoped that this is another case of no news is good news.

Papers all over the state report that the political pot is beginning to boil. And since the candidates all are avowed patriots and conserva-tionists, it must be the burning of campaign cigars which causes it.

America is probably as pure a de-mocracy as there is, but even the American business man has no voice in the supreme council of cus-tom cutters. Why not overthrow a few style makers, and restore to the American his old trousers, in which he could sit down with perfect confi-dence?

"Keep silence. Hold your tongues." This is the terse command of Senator Ollie James to the members of the "greatest deliberative body in the world" Thursday. He deplored criti-cism of our war machinery, investi-gation into its workings, as calcu-lated only to help and encourage the kaiser. Leave it to the president, was his advice. Let there rest upon him all the burden, all the responsi-bility. Let him alone do the watch-ing, the thinking, the planning. If anyone else speaks it only "shakes the ropes;" it serves no other person but to "annoy" him.

THE POLITICIANS.

There are many members of congress who are merely politicians; that and nothing more. They have other trades. They are able to hold their places through politics, and their only hope is to hold that way. It seems many would have the war continue to give them political advantage. They would surrender—a few of them—if that gave them political advantage. The wrangle that has been going on the past month is evidence of the charge made. Mem-bers of congress seek to divert the attention of the people and to create dissatisfaction with the manner in which the war is being prosecuted. With some of them, democrats and republicans alike, they seem to care nothing about winning, or ending, the war. They support the presi-dent when it is popular to do so. They oppose him when they think it may be to their political advantage. Their criticism or condemnation is ventured only with the ballot box in view. There is coming a day of reckoning for the congressman or the senator who is playing politics. It will not make any difference whether the man is a democrat or a republi-can. When the people come to realize that he has been or is playing politics, he will "meet up" against a stone wall. The best time for politics is after the war is over—the politicians can too easily be "spotted now".—Fremont Herald.

WHAT KIND OF MAN.

Politics should not be considered in our choosing a man to succeed Senator Norris. What we want is a man to back up this government, whether he be democrat, republican or whatnot. Several candidates are coming forth on each side, the most conspicuous on the republican side is Congressman Sloan from our own district. From his past record we fail to see where we would be much ahead in exchanging Norris for Sloan. True, he has not been quite so outspoken against the administra-tion as has Norris but he was among the few congressmen to vote against the war program of the president and has failed lamentably to sup-port the administration in the whole hearted manner that we should ex-pect from a true American. No—there is a whole lot better senatorial timber in Nebraska than the Geneva statesman. Let's trot them out.—Garrison News.

SAFEGUARD OF DEMOCRACY.

Volunteers for an army has been the pet theory of the British for gen-erations. They gloried in it and de-clared that there was no conscrip-tion for an Englishman in any part of the world. They relied upon it when the present war broke out and pointed with pride to the hundreds of thousand of men who had volun-teered. The United States inherited the theory from England and Lin-coln tried to fight the civil war with volunteers. Both England and Lin-coln failed and had to resort to con-scription. It was found that the volunteer system not only failed to furnish the men, but made a very unfair distribution of the burden of defending the country. Of all the democratic countries in the world, France was the only one that main-tained compulsory military service, and that probably saved mankind from autocratic rule. The United States, while welcom-ing volunteers did not rely on that system, but provided immediately after the declaration of war for a se-lective draft. If England had had such a law as that when the war broke out, and which it was forced to adopt after heavy losses, the mili-tary situation would be far different today. When men declare that the selective draft is the first step to-ward Prussianizing this country it is pretty evident that they would Prus-sianize the whole world if they could, for without such a system in democ-ratic countries a military autocracy would soon conquer the world. When militarism is destroyed and there is a league of nations to preserve peace, there may not be any necessity for compulsory military service. Un-till that time it is the only safe-

guard for democracy.—World-Her-ald.

CODDLING THE TRAITORS.

In the humble opinion of a good many Americans, it is getting about time to make an example of German spies. The worst that has yet been done with them is to give them nice comfortable quarters in an intern-ment camp. This country is now at war, and the sooner we adopt the us-ual war methods the quicker the war will be over.—Fairbury News.

SOCIALISM AND MONEY.

From all reports, the bolsheviki are laying the foundation for a reign of terror similar to what occurred in France. For weeks there has been no reliable news from Russia. One copy of a late newspaper has come through from which the following is learned: The present amount of Russian paper money is estimated by the Izvestia at 18,000,000,000 rubles as against 1,633,000,000 before the war. The gold reserve, placed at 1,504,000,000 rubles before the war, is now much smaller. This paper also estimates that Russia's national debt is now about 80,000,000,000 rubles, of which 41,000,000,000 rubles represent war expenses. Prices of manufactured articles have in-creased thirty to forty times.

It is also said that the bolsheviki and the red guards are more feared than the police and gendarmes of the old regime. Domiciliary arrests and searches are carried out constantly, everything useful being appropriated. Checks cannot be cashed and banks are in charge of inexperienced clerks under command of the bolsheviki. Bank deposits are restricted to \$12-500 and proof that this sum was honestly obtained must be furnished. Loans are to be annulled and shares certificates are to be destroyed as so much rubbish.

The Russians generally are a peaceful people and there may not be as much blood shed as during the "Reign of Terror" in Paris, but something is going to happen before long. In all of the books on the so-cialist philosophy, there can be found nothing on the functions of money, banking or credit, beyond a proposition to demonetize gold and silver and issue labor certificates, and yet money is one thing that makes civilization possible.—World-Herald.

Plan your garden now.

Buy Thrift Stamps and be patriot-ic.

When in doubt, kick the doubt aside and push ahead.

The man who poses as a model citi-zen is usually the biggest fake in town.

Many a mother is like a candle, lighting the whole house, but con-suming herself.

An exchange says burial in flour will keep silver bright for a long time. If—If, take silver—we want the flour.

"Owner foils effort to steal auto during church service". Again demon-strating the virtue of staying awake in church.

Every true pessimist knew all along that the pleasant weather early in the week was merely the forerun-ner of something disagreeable.

Austria is said to detest Germany. However, as we understand it, Ger-many doesn't mind what Austria thinks so long as it performs.

Before starting to abuse your neighbor, hadn't you better take a little inventory and see what kind of a neighbor you are yourself.

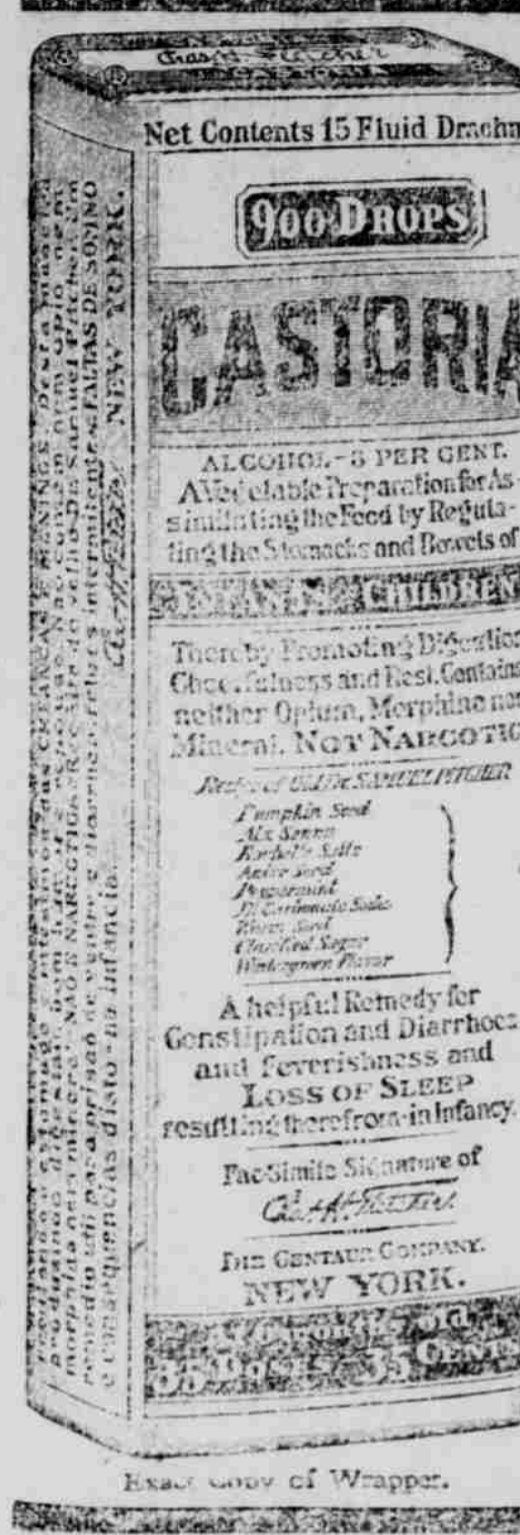
THE YELLOW PAINT PERIL.

We have been accustomed to think of the "yellow peril" in times past as referring to the Asiatics and the fear that this type of people were flocking to our shores in numbers too great for the safety of certain locali-ties and that their privileges should be abridged. In the present great crisis in the world's affairs we are confronted by the "yellow peril" in another form—that of the yellow paint peril. The danger does not lie in the paint itself, but rather in the minds of men who have devised uses for it that may imperil the peace and dignity and unity of entire communi-ties, and through the use of which perfectly good, upright and loyal citizens may be made to suffer humili-ation at the hands of individuals who do not measure up to this same standard themselves. Its use in a community, although perhaps right-ly applied from the viewpoint of those who do it, opens the way for irresponsibles to commit the same kind of act and feel secure in the apparent sanction of the popular voice. Such irresponsible action might lead to the most serious condi-tions, even in a law abiding commu-nity—and generally speaking, cannot lead to permanent good. Therein lies the peril; not in the fact that some one has been made a public mark by the application of yellow paint to their business house or home.

Aurora had its first visitation of the yellow paint peril sometime be-tween last Saturday night and Sun-day morning. The Sun has not the remotest knowledge as to who the parties are who applied this paint to the business houses in Aurora. We are glad that we do not know, be-cause we can express our views in the matter without having any par-ticular individual in mind and with-out the least personal bias in the premises. We do not approve of the yellow paint method—in the major-ity of cases at least, and in making our position known we feel that we have full right so to speak, since everything which we possess in the world, including our sons, is at the service of our country on call. And in this same connection we state just as emphatically that we do not apologize for nor condone the action of any physically fit and unincumbered young man in attempting to evade service to his country at this time. There should be full and ample reason and not merely a technical reason, before any able bodied young man should seek shelter from the responsibilities which his citizenship imposes. Financial reasons alone are not sufficient, because thousands of men everywhere are making the greatest of financial sacrifice that their country may be victorious.

Eliminating the principals at whom the act of Saturday night was aimed and dispensing with any argument as to the right or wrong of their position, let us consider the others who were indirectly made the target. In one of the cases the part-ner in the business is the senior member of the firm; he is a married man and is above the conscription age. His wife has been active in Red Cross and other war work, and so far as this paper knows this family has shirked no responsibility that has come to it. In the other case the partner is also the senior member of the firm and a man of unquestioned loyalty and devotion to the cause of his country. His only unmarried son is in the service of the country now and went into that service with phys-ical handicaps that might easily have exempted him had he chosen to ask for exemption. These men are not in line to merit discourtesy from their fellow men, much less to have indignity and insult hurled at them—because in a measure they share in the sting of such attack, no matter how well the public may understand what was meant by this action. These men do not deserve it.

Let us in the best of spirit and with only patriotic motive in mind, seek to correct those who may be trying to evade plain duty, but let us not in so doing commit any act that may bring regret or humilia-tion to those to whom these do not belong. As good Americans let us ob-



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serve those rules of "daylight" patri-otism that do not permit the strik-ing of innocent men in the dark. This is Aurora's first experience in this regard. Let us beware of the yellow paint peril in the future.—Aurora (Neb.) Sun.

DEMOCRACY IN GERMANY.

No doubt most of us have heard it urged that Germany was more democ-ratic than the United States, or that the president is a bigger auto-cratic than the kaiser.

It is a proposition that received frequent, vociferous and spiteful affirmation a few months ago.

When the strikes broke out at Ber-lin recently the world was given an object lesson in the quality of the democracy of Prussianism. The gov-ernment flatly gave it out that the strike must stop instanter.

"This strike is stopped," proclaimed the army heads. "If any of you have not found it out tomorrow morn-ing you will face the firing squad."

And so that strike, participated in as it was by a people made desper-ate by starvation, subsided in a night.

It is only by remembering the big strikes precipitated at critical mo-

ments in this country, involving war industries, and threatening the national welfare, and how the govern-ment patiently set about to allay the trouble by persuasive mediation between employer and employe, that one can understand the difference between the American and German brand of democracy.

Of course the American method of allaying threatening strikes in war time is not as efficient and expedi-tious as the Prussian method, but it did the business, despite German propaganda, and is eminently demo-cratic.—Lincoln Star.

We will excuse the Armenians if they fail to wear sack cloth and ashes over the death of old Abdul Hamid, ex-sultan of Turkey.

Bolo Pasha's first wife is said to be the only friend he has left. Only an idiot would expect all his wives to agree on anything.

There are charges of extravagance in building the Hog Island ship-yards. But what could you expect at Hog Island?

Of course, the efficacy of municipal ownership depends on who owns the municipality.



Don't keep your Money IN YOUR HOUSE PUT IT IN OUR BANK

THIS PICTURE TELLS ITS OWN STORY. THEY HAD THEIR MONEY IN THE HOUSE; THEY WERE SAVING THAT MONEY FOR THEIR OLD AGE, OR SOME OTHER PURPOSE.

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