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 For This Issue

PEACE TALK

Now that President Wilson has shown the American people that the time for peace has not yet come and that the German notes are as yet subterfuge and trickery the talk of peace must stop.

With the allied armies advancing on all fronts and the German forces in headlong retreat it has been difficult for our people to see that peace is as yet long distant. Let us remember that our victories in this year are no greater than were the German victories of 1915, 1916 or 1917. Let us remember that our armies are not now as near to Brussels, Belgium, as were the Hun hordes to Paris. Three lines of defense project German territory today while only the valiant taxicab army of Paris saved France's capital from ruin.

Victory will come to the allied armies, of that there is no doubt, but it is still distant many hard and bloody battles. Even the most conservative war-writers see hard fighting during the summer of 1919. Secretary Tumulty's announcement that "the government will continue to send over 250,000 men with their supplies every month and that there will be no relaxation of any kind" shows clearly that our war-leaders, knowing conditions better than we, see the need for the continuance of vigorous fighting.

What red-blooded American would give peace to Germany at this time? Her territory is still intact while she ravages and destroys as she retreats. Indemnities can never pay for the outrages she has committed. Money can never bring back the lives of the countless non-combatants of Belgium, trampled out in the face of a neutrality treaty. Money can never bring back the lives of those Americans sunk on the Lusitania nor restore to those little children their mothers, shot as they struggled in the icy sea, toward the lifeboats.

A fifty-dollar bond may avenge the death of a Belgium mother; it may bring punishment to the slayer of a little child in France, while larger bonds will equip aeroplanes that may bomb Berlin as the German planes have bombed the Red Cross hospitals. Buy bonds and more bonds and STOP THE PEACE TALK!

BE SQUARE

Already the sparks are beginning to fly in the gubernatorial campaign. Leaders of both parties in Nebraska seem to be able to unearth about the same amount of scandal concerning their opponents and from now until November 5 some interesting reading may be expected.

The democratic party in the state will profit if it discards its plan of wholesale attack upon the republican party as a Kaiserite organization. It is undoubtedly true that some republicans from Nebraska have not supported many of our important war measures but to class every republican with these men is a practice obviously

unfair, and one denounced by democratic national leaders.

Recently a democratic organ in the state printed the following statement: "A democratic victory will mean continued and vigorous support for all patriotic measures. A republican triumph will bring rejoicing to every Hun sympathizer's heart." Every loyal republican will cast his ballot for a loyal democrat against a republican who has failed the "acid test" but will revolt at such a general indictment of his party as the above. The great party, now leading us through our most critical period will profit by singling out unworthy candidates in the republican ranks but it will certainly lose by a wholesale slander of the G. O. P.

A CALL FOR OFFICERS

Upon the shoulders of the men in the University training corps rests a real responsibility. With the announcement that the government will send 250,000 men to France every month comes the appeal for officers who are trained to lead these soldiers. According to a statement made some months ago by General Foch, the German line can be broken at any time America has 3,000,000 men in the field and it is probable that his master stroke will be held until that time.

Two million men are already across but only a part of this army is to be used for fighting at the front. Two hundred and fifty thousand men will be needed during each of the winter months if America is to have her 3,000,000 on the firing line at the opening of the spring campaign.

From every training camp comes the demand for officers. Many reports are that troops are ready to go but cannot be sent until there are officers to lead them. It is to its great "reservoirs," the universities, the government will look for these trained men and the universities must be ready to answer the call.

Officers' training camps will be kept running at full speed and calls will be received frequently asking transfers for members of the student army training corps. Every man should fit himself to go at the earliest possible moment. Nebraska answered the first call for officer candidates with one hundred fifty applications. She will be prepared to answer, in the same way, those to follow.

THE SUB FAILS

Of even more encouragement than the rout of the German army on the western front is the news of the recent allied successes against submarine bases on the Belgian coast. Ostend and Zbrugge are practically cut off from supplies by infantry and French cavalry. British monitors have approached within five miles of the coast held by Hun forces and it is rumored a major naval attack will soon be launched.

With the cutting of the Belgian railway lines, the only road by which Germany can send munitions to the coast bases is blocked. To reload their magazines Hun subs must now make their way back to territorial waters after every raid, thus lengthening the distance to their prey by over 500 miles and shortening the time they can lie in wait for trans-Atlantic shipping by several days.

The toll of submarines should increase greatly and allied shipping losses should decrease. The Kaiser's boast that America could send no troops to France while his faithful subs patrolled the seas will soon have gone the way of many of his other bright and happy dreams of success.

It is well to reflect, at times, on the saying that the war has taught us all one great lesson—"to value life itself but nominally and to set up at their true value those things more lasting and more vital to the world than mere existence."

While the University has closed its classroom doors as a safeguard against the spread of the influenza epidemic every student should make sure that he is doing his part in check-

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ing the disease. Delay in class work means delay in the government program and should be allowed no longer than is absolutely necessary. Protect yourselves accordingly to the physicians' rules of personal hygiene and protect others by avoiding crowds.

GERMAN YARNS SPUN DAILY

Moretown, Vermont, has heard the following picturesque yarn: "Mrs. J. J. S. — of Los Angeles, Cal., and her daughter called on an acquaintance one day and found the lady in tears. Her son, who had been drafted and sent to American Lake cantonment, had been inoculated with a poisonous serum, along with several others, and her son had died. The sequel was that four doctors were court-martialed and shot." No such incident occurred. No soldiers were inoculated with poisonous serum and no doctors were court-martialed or shot.

This is one of the rumors about epidemics in camps that were most fashionable last winter. Since that time, the army death rate from disease has been reduced as low as three men per thousand per annum. The best record hitherto has been the Japanese record in the Russian-Japanese war, where the Japanese death rate from disease was 20 men per thousand per annum. Our death rate from disease among men of military age in civil life is 6.7 per thousand per annum, so that our men in uniform have twice as good a chance of escaping death by disease as the same sort of men outside of the army.

Kinderhook, Ill., reports a story "that all sweaters that are knit by the Red Cross are taken from the soldiers when they embark for overseas duty." This is a falsehood, and it is one of a large company of similar falsehoods designed to discourage Red Cross work. Another comes from Dallas, Texas, to the effect that "members of the 133rd Field Artillery were recently ordered to burn their sweaters, socks, etc., other than regular issue." This being a specific lie, can obtain a specific denial. The quartermaster's office at Washington says that no such order was issued.

TWO DIE AT BASE HOSPITAL

Private Guy R. Elliott, Twenty-sixth Company, and Edward S. Stump, Twenty-second Company, died Wednesday at the base hospital.

The cause of Elliott's death was given as bronchial pneumonia and Stump's as nephritis.

The former's home was at Beaver, Pa., and the latter at Lonaconing, Md.

YANKS GET STARS' BATS

Bats that have been used by Ty Cobb, Eddy Collins, Happy Felsch, Joe Jackson, Buck Weaver, Tilly Walker, Bobby Roth and other American league sluggers, were in a collection of baseball equipment presented to Camp Funston Yanks by Charles Comiskey, president of the Chicago White Sox.

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