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Gilbert M. Hitchcock.
New York World: Defending his record in a letter printed elsewhere, Senator Hitchcock does not trouble himself to deny the gravest charges that The World brought against him. These were, in brief, that for years past he has made a habit of obstructing democratic measures and assailing democratic officers, just as he is doing today, sometimes with German applause.

Mr. Hitchcock does not deny that he almost wrecked the tariff and currency bills, or that he helped kill the first ship purchase bill, or that during all our period of neutrality he persistently attempted, as the German propaganda did, to put an embargo on munitions of war, or that as late as March, 1916, he fought any increase in the army, or that his attitude toward many administration measures was that of a filibuster. What he does claim is that the federal reserve banking law, amended in some respects to suit Wall street, is largely his law, and that, instead of "fighting the Panama canal tolls repeal to the end," he actually supported it from the first.

With these bills, as with those named above, everything depends upon what is called the end. It is the habit of some politicians to bolt nominations and platforms and afterward undertake to square themselves by saying that they voted the straight ticket. Mr. Hitchcock belongs in this category. Acting with republicans, he bolted the democratic caucus and helped hold up the tariff and bank bills for months, but when he had done all the mischief he could he finally voted for them. Then he, with others, prevented the confirmation of the federal reserve board for weary weeks until war in Europe compelled action. As to Mr. Warbury, Mr. Hitchcock was one of his principal opponents until on July 18, 1914, the senator came to New York and had "a most satisfactory conference" with the banker. In this as in other cases the "instrumentality" of which Mr. Hitchcock speaks—a time-destroying instrumentality—came at the very end. It is hardly possible that the senator does not know that there were two ship purchase bills. He and others talked the first one to death in 1915. After more than a year of precious time had been lost, the shipping act of 1916 became a law, with his approval, of course, when all means of wrecking it had failed. In the matter of the Panama tolls his performance was the same. The president had asked that the discrimination in this respect, which was clearly in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, be done away with "ungrudgingly." Mr. Hitchcock and others showed just how generous they could be when, after

long delay and failing to submit a question of honor to arbitration they added a shuffling proviso to the bill "reserving all treaty rights," and then passed it, grudgingly.

On reexamining the senator's record we find nothing warranting a revision of the opinion already expressed. Why shouldn't such a man be the first of so-called democratic senators to make an argument in favor of an arbitrary war cabinet intended to depose the president and commander in chief? He was opposed to tariff and currency reform in peace-times except as they had hunker republican embellishments. He was so mindful of Germany's interests in neutral days that he was insistent upon sacrificing our rights and repealing international law. He had so little regard for treaties that he could not yield to our solemn compact at Panama without equivocation and suggestions of a licker. The very senator who two years ago insisted that a regular army of 75,000 men was ample is now the chief democratic critic of a president and secretary of war who have 1,500,000 troops under arms. For Senator Hitchcock's sake and for the country's sake, we wish he had a better defense.

Will Keep an Eye on Shindo

After swearing allegiance to the American flag and agreeing to pay the cost of an inspector for thirty days in his place of business, S. Shindo of Grand Island was permitted to go back and resume his business on probation.

Shindo, who conducts a restaurant in Grand Island, was charged with violating the hoarding rule and buying flour without substitutes. He admitted, his guilt, when cited before the Food Administration here, but pleaded ignorance as the reason.

He agreed to the payment of the cost of an inspector, who will inform him as to his duties to his Government.

The Nebraska Farmer Expands

On and after April 1, 1918, the Twentieth Century Farmer, now published by the Bee Publishing Company of Omaha, will be owned and published by the Nebraska Farmer Company. The combined circulation of the two publications, as they now stand, is more than 170,000. What it will be after they are merged we are unable to say; but we may safely predict that the consolidation will make The Nebraska Farmer the strongest weekly farm paper west of the Missouri river.

Until April 1, the Twentieth Century Farmer will continue under the present management. From April 1 until June 1 it will be continued as a separate publication, but under the management of the Nebraska Farmer Company. According to present plans, the two papers will be consolidated about June 1, under the name of The Nebraska Farmer.

In this deal The Nebraska Farmer secures the entire printing and electrotyping plant used by the Bee Publishing Company in publishing the Twentieth Century Farmer. This consists principally of a sixty-four page, two color, Hoe perfecting press and a strictly modern electrotyping plant. These will be moved to Lincoln as soon as a building can be constructed in which to take care of the greatly enlarged business of The Nebraska Farmer.

No change in ownership of stock, or in personnel of the editorial and business management of the The Nebraska Farmer will result from this transaction. It is an interesting fact that when S. S. McKelvie, editor and publisher of The Nebraska Farmer left the farm, he began working for the Twentieth Century Farmer at \$15 per week. He remained with that publication three years, whereupon he became editor and later principal owner and publisher of The Nebraska Farmer.

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A War Savings Stamp Gets a Pair of Shoes.

If you have an idea that your quarters won't help win the war and do lots of service when invested in thrift stamps and war savings stamps, just look over this table. The little bonds are translated in terms of soldier equipment. Here's how they stack up:

- 1 Thrift Stamp—5 Bullets.
- 1 War Savings Stamp—2 Woolen Shirts.
- 1 War Savings Stamp—4 Winter Undershirts.
- 1 War Savings Stamp—1 Steel Helmet and \$1.12 over.
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Probably it is true that, if you sit tight, others will furnish the money to carry on the war, for the money must be raised in some way, but who wants to be a Slacker? When the boys come home from ["Somewhere in France" no excuse a man can offer will relieve him of their contempt, if one has not done their best.

Just think how little we are doing, compared with our boys with the colors. Get into the game! DO YOUR UTMOST! Its worth while to see how good you will feel about it

