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"THE HOUR'S NEED"

God give us men. The time demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and will-
ing hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will;

Men who have honor; men who will not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue

And damn his treacherous flatteries without
winking;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking.

—J. G. Holland.

THE WORK OF THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross is a society of the largest and most catholic sympathies and aims. Its work is universal or world wide. Its task is the relieving of suffering and distress wherever found. Its gracious ministries are exercised not only where war rages, but also where any calamity befalls humanity by fire or flood or tornado.

The American Red Cross is making an appeal for funds. It is appeal-for members. Memberships range from \$1.00 per annum or year, up to life memberships of 100. Every one who loves his fellowman, and wants to do what he can to alleviate suffering, should esteem it an honor to belong to the Red Cross.

We have been gratified to notice a goodly number of our people wearing the little button indicating their membership in the Red Cross; but there ought to be more. Next week the ration-wide campaign for membership in the Red Cross begins. Do your bit. Omaha is asked to give \$225,000. Spend at least a dollar and become a member of the Red Cross. And who can tell? Our boys are being called to the colors. Perhaps your dollar to put it on the lowest plane of appeal, may help alleviate the suffering of your boy or your husband in the blood-stained trenches of Europe or in some fever or plague-stricken camp in America.

But forgetting self, think of others and realize the blessedness of doing what you can to relieve distress and suffering wherever found. This is the work of the Red Cross. Become a sharer in its gracious work.
Join the American Red Cross.

CONGRATULATIONS

Boys and girls, in the grades and high school, accept our heartiest congratulations upon your promotion. And to the boys and girls, if any, who may have failed, we extend our sympathy and best wishes for better success next time. Success or failure in promotion should only make each one determined to work more diligently in the future. Pluck, patience and persistence always win. Congratulations and best wishes, boys and girls.

TO SENATOR HITCHCOCK

Nebraskans now realize what a mistake was made when they failed to send to the United States Senate that progressive pro-American, the Hon. John L. Kennedy, a man with pep, not pip, and predilection for his district, instead of Gilbert M. Hitchcock.

Where, oh, where has Gilbert M. gone,

Oh where, oh where, can he be?
For his Omaha district what has he done?

Besides planting a president's tree?

The regional bank has gone down the Kaw;

Fort's Omaha and Crook have been closed;

The Indian supply depot, over that we're still raw;

And the army cantonment away has been nosed.

Oh, Gilbert, dear Gilbert, awake and get busy,

Land something for Omaha where you were born,

If you don't, I'm quite sure you'll find yourself dizzy,

With wonder on next senatorial 'lection day morn!

ANOTHER WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS

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SKITS OF SOLOMON

On Easy Street.

Have you seen Charlie Chaplin in "On Easy Street?" The moral hung onto the picture is that no goop ever gets so big or so bad that there isn't some wop who can trim his green whiskers. Easy street had a boss whose head was so hard that a policeman's club lighting thereon was a mere trifle. Charlie became a policeman and Charlie got on East street. Charlie tried his club on the big boss's head until he was weak and when the effect was zero plus, Charlie got weaker. Thereupon the boss proceeded to demonstrate his Samsonian acquirements by pulling down the street gas lamp before making love to Charles. But woe is muh! The boss got his head tangled in the gas light door and Charlie turned on the gas. But the boss wasn't bossed. When he recovered he went after Charlie again and got training enough for seven marathons. Finally he run Charlie into a tenement and awaited his outcoming. But Charlie didn't come out. He tried the heft of various bits of furniture and finally picked up the kitchen range, raised it to the window and dropped it on the boss's head. The boss had nothing on Napoleon for this Waterloo. He resigned. A new mission started on Easy street and every evening on the way to services the Boss tipped his silk lid to the cop at the crossing who was the aforesaid Charlie. He was done. He became so nice that people half way suspected that he was an insurance man. It's a good moral. The safest place is in the parade and not the BIG BOSS before the band.

Yesterday news reached The Monitor that A. Crum, of Pensacola, Fla., who was on his way to Omaha, was arrested at Birmingham, Ala., on the charge of helping Colored people leave the south.

Obvious Observations

When it comes to a showdown, then and then alone can you find out who is really patriotic. In the N. Y. preparedness parade there were more silk hats than soldiers in the army, but now that there is sure enough war, not even Sherlock Holmes can run down the guys who wanted to fight so badly.

Heah they come! Colonel Johnson, Captain Turner, Genul Morris, Brig. Genul Peebles and Field Mah'shall Pinkett! Wow!

If somebody would ask for volunteers to take care of the ladies until the soldiers come back, you wouldn't be able to find a slacker in a million years.

Sugar and wheat are really going down. Wass ist?

Don't forget to knock The News every time you get a chance. And if you haven't a hammer, get a pile-driver.

As Solomon said when he fell off of Brooklyn bridge, you can never tell about weather and women. They are both as uncertain as the stock market.

If Russia makes a separate peace with der kaiser—watch out!

We thought that the draft would cause lots of trouble. It is hard to try to chain the liberty of a free people when they once broke the bonds.

Did you buy any liberty bonds? We started to, but when our fingers reached the bottom of our pockets we found only a thin dime, two Indians and a Mexican centavo with a hole in it.

Thanking you for your humble adoration, we will now give our corns a piece of our mind.

Negro registration in New Orleans and throughout the state was heavy, few claiming exemption.

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