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A WARNING.

A dispatch to the New York Sun from London states that the British government intends to take immediate steps to restrict the sudden rush of able-bodied Britons to the colonies, to the islands of Jersey and Gurnsey and to Ireland in order to escape military service.

What can be expected of a nation where wealth accumulates and men decay?

Is it any wonder that Serbia is being throttled by ruthless and treacherous foes while the great British empire seems to be suffering from paralysis? Is it any wonder that "somebody blundered" at the Dardanelles, sacrificing 100,000 British and as many French lives for nothing? Is it any wonder that neutral nations have been antagonized and flouted at a crisis when their sympathy was vitally important? Is it any wonder that the Germans, who were supposed to have lost all cunning in diplomacy, completely outplayed the allies in the Balkans and actually succeeded in bringing Bulgars and Turks into an alliance? Is it any wonder that Great Britain now works itself into hysteria over Miss Cavell's execution, while remaining blind to the fact that the empire is tottering because its men are not as brave as Miss Cavell?

The world cannot agonize over a nation that will not defend itself to the best of its ability. For Belgium and Serbia and France and Russia the world feels sympathy and admiration; for Germany and Austria-Hungary there is at least respect for military ability and bravery. But Great Britain is cutting anything but an admirable figure in the war. Alternately boasting that she has raised 3,000,000 men and shrinking from conscription, talking much and letting advantages slip through her fingers, Great Britain has fallen far from the traditions of her glorious past. It may be that her government is responsible—that the people are as brave and devoted as ever; but the decamping of able-bodied Britons to avoid military service leaves room for doubt that the British empire is as vigorous in its heart as in its branches. Its colonies are strong, self-reliant, courageous and patriotic; its women are devoted, patient and energetic; but among its men is a huge proportion of "slackers," defectives and effeminate. The splendid bravery and ability of the British army officers and men in the field are offset by the cowardice of the great numbers that will not go to the front and by the astounding mismanagement of the government.

There must be an overhauling in Great Britain, from top to bottom. If the empire is to survive, it must cut away its dead wood with a quick and sharp knife. Its defectives must make way for its Drakes, its Marlboroughs and its Nelsons. The empire is in a deadly torpor. Its failure to prepare, its inability even now to realize its danger and the blunders of its government are all warnings to the United States. This nation must not permit itself to be overcome by the evils that now afflict Great Britain and which, if not overcome, will work her ruin.—Washington Post.

Those we expect to be candidates should remember that the primaries take place in April, nearly four months earlier than usual.

In praying that he may live long enough to see a woman president of the United States, Bishop Moore may really be wishing for long life.

"It is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all," doesn't always impress a divorced man as a bit of truthful philosophy.

Be on the lookout for the bad boy tomorrow night. Hallowe'en, you know.

Under the new constitution New York proposes to pay its governor \$20,000 a year. A poor man may afford to be governor of New York.

Since the vote was given to women in Illinois without the consent of the voters, they are trying to find out whether it is constitutional or not; but constitutions are ropes of sand these days.

Some democrats, it would seem, are endeavoring to prevail upon Congressman Shallenberger to come out for U. S. senator, for nothing more than to oppose Senator Hitchcock in the primaries. We hope "Shally" will see the scheme of a few enemies of Senator Hitchcock, and stay out of the race.

When the national democratic committee meets in Washington some time in December Omaha should be there with a big delegation in the interests of Omaha as the proper place for the convention. Don't be backward, gentlemen, and be ready for business when the proper time arrives. Have democrats from all parts of the state go with you.

July, August and September expenditures of all the state departments, the state institution and the university and normal schools totaled \$81,700, according to a report made by Auditor Smith. The figures have been gathered under a changed system in the auditor's office. They have never been available in this shape before, hence their value to the taxpayers at large is greater than the tables submitted at the end of either year, or biennial periods in different shapes than this. The Smith table shows that the amount, \$252,751, went for salaries for everybody from the chancellor of the university with his \$6,000 a year to the lowliest night watch at the smallest state institution.

"VERY WELL, THANK YOU."

"Progress in trade and industry continues of conspicuous proportions. In the larger lines cumulative expansion is the chief characteristic. Retail merchants show a stronger propensity to buy ahead. The steel trade goes on gaining ground. The long-predicted scarcity of railway cars is an actual fact. Labor is scarce in many lines."

With such crisp phrases a trade reviewer of accepted authority summarized the condition of American business. The generalizations are confined by accumulating details. For example:

Orders for steel rails to be delivered next year total 600,000 tons. Within the last few days orders have been placed for 15,000 new freight cars and about 200 locomotives. Our export trade is heaping the seaboard wharves with products. The cry is for ships—almost any kind of ships.

Ground is breaking for many huge new factories, even for the making of alcohol, despite the growth of "dry" territory. It is, however, for "industrial," not the kind taken internally; so the prohibitionists need not be alarmed. The car surplus on October 1—all the idle cars in the land—was only 88,061, or less than half that a year ago.

A western railroad which has practically no "war order" traffic broke its carloading record for the second time in two weeks on Friday with 6,136 cars in one day. Chicago wholesalers agree that business is good and getting better, with the basis for future trade "very sound." The details are necessarily fragmentary. But these straws show how the wind is blowing. They justify the summary of another trade observer:

"The biggest steel trade ever seen, and growing; the biggest export trade, and growing; the biggest crops selling at almost highest prices; railroad earnings getting toward maximum."

When asked, "How are you getting along?" American Business cheerfully answers: "Very well, thank you!"—Chicago Herald.

THE TWO GERMANIES.

There are indeed two Germanies.

This assertion, made more frequently in the early days of the war than of late, has been denied and resented by the Germans, but that is because they felt the assertion to be a hint of weakness in the great trial before them and an implied criticism of the very forces upon which their hopes of victory were sustained. The praise of old Germany by enemies of new Germany, the praise of South Germany at the expense of Prussia, was suspected with much reason not as the flower of sincere admiration but as the thistle of envy and hate.

Events have proved that Germany is unified in an imperial sense, and if there were hopes of schism and sectional division to the profit of Germany's foes they have faded out.

There are, nevertheless, two Germanies, whose opposition the war has not obscured but emphasized. The impassioned zeal of patriotic warfare has not fused them. The wonderful synthesis which the German genius has achieved in all else has not solved it.

There is a pagan Germany, fiercely bright as the naked sword, remorseless as the processes of nature, inhuman as logic. The rest of Germany is Christian. The one is the Germany of the Lusitania and the execution of Miss Cavell. The other, to take a homely symbol, is the Germany of the Christmas tree.

No country has given us a more rich and kindly heritage than Germany. There are no people who possess a warmer quality of human kindness or social virtues of a more wholesome and enduring nature.

But Germany also has developed a special caste whose code is not from the New Testament but rather from the Old. It is capable of the stern logic of Miss Cavell's execution, as it is capable of pouring out its own blood unstintingly for its duty and its ideal. The German military caste lives for one high purpose—to make relentless war for the Fatherland. In days of deepest peace it lives and breathes for this end. As the fish swims and the bird flies, the military aristocracy makes war for victory. They are Spartans of modern times, and their code is as simple and intense, as that of the implacable foes of Athens.

Before the bar of this Spartan conscience the offense of Miss Cavell and not the woman was tried. The judgment was logic, was law, was just in the narrow sense that, pathetically and nobly, even its victim seemed to acknowledge. Miss Cavell had fought the Fatherland, had broken the law. The penalty for this offense was death. Inexorably she was decreed to die. The irrelevant voice of mercy, of compassion for the individual, of chivalry for the woman could not prevail against that martial code.

The execution of the heroic nurse was a colossal blunder, illustrating and in a most tragic way symbolizing the limitations of imagination of the class to which the German system has consigned the specialty of leading in war. It points to a dangerous gap in the mighty and in most respects inspiring synthesis achieved by the German genius.—Chicago Tribune.

Time, tide and the automobile awaits for no man in crossing the street.

Cheer up. There is always something worse that might have happened.

Thomas A. Edison says machines will decide the next war. We were hoping that a number of influential men with souls would—and against it.

From reports foreign countries have taken more than \$70,000,000 worth more than ever before of American automobiles during the past year. Since there is very little joy riding going on in Europe it is plain that this increase is almost wholly for war purposes, and it indicates to what extent the automobile is becoming a military necessity.

Thanksgiving is drawing near, and the price of turkeys is soaring higher.

Pride of ancestry tends to keep the record high. That kind of pride is not without its uses.

Pumpkin pie is here; also ginger pie, with a little flour and pumpkin to hold the ginger together.

Keep your boy's old geography. The maps in it will look so queer a few years after the war ends.

Democratic candidates for congress do not seem to be coming to the front very rapidly. What's the matter?

Only five weeks till congress convenes. We may then expect active measures for the defense of our country.

The automobile has come to stay, and the knockers had just as well come to and shout good roads all along the line.

Ape-man at work in Topeka, Kansas. He binds girls' escorts there and attacks the girls. Governor Capper has offered \$200,000 for his capture.

A Lincoln judge has decided that an autoist without a license cannot sue for damages done to him, but can be sued, and that makes the moral plain.

McKelvie is working like a trooper for the republican nomination for governor. But he is frittering away his time. We are willing to credit the majority of republicans of Nebraska with having better judgment than to support McKelvie. We have several on the democratic side of the house who are in the same boat—their ability to fill the office is lacking.

If the last session of congress had passed the "shipping bill" the president urged, the U. S. flag would now be floating over numerous vessels laden with the surplus products of our country. President Wilson seems at all times to possess a wonderful fund of foresight. He is so far in advance of the times that it takes months for the common herd to catch up with him.

The state rural credits commission of California has issued a circular announcing that 90 per cent of the farming ventures in that state during the past five years have failed. If they will come back to Nebraska and even take up homesteads in the west part of the state and get busy. Coming back to grand old Nebraska will no doubt change their luck.

Lincoln Star: A rural correspondent wonders why boys do not take to school teaching, saying that it is remembered when only men were teaching school, while now the girls have the lead by about sixteen to one. An inspection of the scholarship records of any co-educational institution will disclose a hint as to the reason. It would show that the girls are skinning the boys to death as students.

Nebraska City has just opened its new hospital. This reminds us that Plattsmouth has been trying to have a hospital of its own, and we can't perceive any reason why we can't have one. Thousands of dollars are spent in Omaha every year that might just as well be spent at home. Who is it that opposes such an enterprise; and are they financially interested in some of the Omaha hospitals? The doctors know that to have a hospital here it would be less trouble to them.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY.
Do not think it is wasted time to submit yourself to any influence that will bring upon you any noble feeling.—Ruskin.

If you still feel warlike keep on killing flies.

Rabbits are ripe. And the man with gun and dog knows it.

The faster a town grows, the faster its two-legged wolves grow.

Unless it comes naturally to you, simplified spelling isn't any easier.

Occasionally a man with wheels in his head thinks he's the whole machine.

It is a pity there are no submarines at hand when Morgan starts to float his big war loans.

The Burlington people figure on the Nebraska corn crop making a very pleasing showing.

Dan Stephens is not going to give up a sure thing for an uncertainty in running for senator. Don't worry about that.

Greece and Romania will know a good deal better what their principles are in this war when they decide which side is going to win.

If Villa's troops cross the Texas border to attack Carranza forces, the United States will treat them as outlaws, just as they ought to be treated.

Some of the western republican papers insist that Aldrich is a "party wrecker" and they don't want him for senator. Our opinion is that Aldrich will never get to first base in the primaries.

Every man who took a part of that half billion dollar loan to the allies has as much bet that the allies will win. If they lose your money investment has gone glimmering among the things that were.

A lady friend of ours asks: "Did you ever know a henpecked husband to amount to anything?" No, and we never knew a man who did amount to anything that would submit to being henpecked. But there will be more of them when we get woman's suffrage.

Governor Morehead has almost decided to make a third term race. Well, why not? He has made a most creditable record, and it seems that the people are satisfied with an official as long as he makes good. And most certainly the governor has done all of this.

The democratic national convention should be held at Omaha, because it is centrally located, the citizens of all parties are unanimous for it. Another proposition is they have plenty of good hotels to take care of such a body of men as will attend. And then, again, they will donate as much as any other city to have it come.

The last time there was a circus in Plattsmouth we heard a man howl like a wolf because the circus, he said, took money out of town, but here the other day he received about sixty dollars' worth of goods, and Montgomery Ward didn't even give him a free street parade. Neither did he, because he went home the back way. He didn't even want those merchants to whom he owed an old debt to see him.

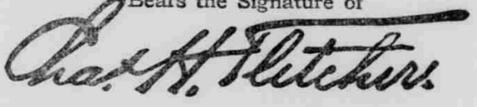
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The fine fall weather still holds out.
The boys didn't do so bad, after all.
A little moisture right now wouldn't hurt any.
There is always time enough if we begin in time.
Beginning to get the Christmas spirit? Good!
Some men are heroes while others are just zeroes.
Perhaps you cannot be rich, but you can be thankful.
If Villa gets too smart, they may have to hang him for luck.
Senator Hitchcock predicts the reelection of President Wilson.
As the Mexicans have not yet gotten on to the idea of dropping bombs on non-combatants, they can't be called exactly a civilized power.
Some of the present office-holders at Lincoln seem determined to have Governor Morehead try and pull them through once more. The governor is able to do it if anybody can.

Autumn Travel Features!

TO CALIFORNIA—November is the last month of the San Francisco Exposition. The Burlington's through coast sleeper service, in connection with the Rio Grande through Scenic Colorado, will be maintained. The usual nine-months' round trip rates to California will be in effect all winter.

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