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WAR APPROPRIATIONS.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.
In the occupation and pursuit of happiness one must work by the day. None are permitted to draw upon the rewards or honors of yesterday.

Longer days and colder nights.
Every woman can keep a secret—going.

State candidates are a little slow in making their wants known.

No man can walk the straight and narrow path and carry a jag.

The meaner his habits the louder he will howl about "personal liberty."

Congress is again batting away, and the inning promises to be a lasting one.

It is a poor rule that won't work both ways, and it's a poor fool that is worked both ways.

The idea of Bryan supporting Champ Clark to defeat President Wilson. Ain't that funny?

Nobody ever caught Satan asleep in church, and at that he sets a very good example to others.

What has become of all the brown derby hats which you see no one wearing? They deserve popularity.

Though trouble cast their shadows before, it is a blessing that departing troubles rarely cast their shadows behind.

There are so many laws these days that sometimes a man is uncertain which one to violate and get off the easiest.

No knockers are going to stand it very long in Plattsmouth the coming season. The progressive, energetic people are going to move so fast next spring and summer that they must keep out of the way or get knocked down and run over.

Ida Tarbell, a well known writer, says girls ought to be trained for marriage. Ida may be all right in this suggestion. But no old maid who never tasted the sweets of marriage has got any right to advise the girls on the matrimonial question.

Another week and all will be settled down to routine business and then we will have time to glance into the future and see what we can and will do for progressive Plattsmouth the coming season. Let all be ready to begin the booming with one loud voice.

There is not a finer location on earth in which to build a residence than the surrounding hills of Plattsmouth. Retired farmers and retired business men of all kinds seeking beautiful locations on which to build a home for comfort and ease overlooking the Missouri river, and the beautiful scenery for miles over in Iowa.

There are quite a number who are anxious to see Charles W. Bryan the democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska. They have been waiting for a long time to get a chance at him, and even up scores of long standing. Dock Tanner can unlimber his heavy artillery on him in such a way that he will have to print his magazine on asbestos.—York News-Times.

That there has been an immense amount of grafting done by those who have furnished munitions for the army and navy cannot be truthfully denied. In armor plate and in the manufacture of shrapnel it has been proved. The government is today manufacturing shrapnel shells at one-half the price that it is paying manufacturers for them and the fact that the armor manufacturers, who now claim to be the great patriots of the nation, have been selling armor plate to possible enemies at one hundred dollars a ton less than they forced the government to pay, is not denied. They were able to do that by using that blessed thing they call a tariff. Government ownership of munitions and gun manufacturing would settle that question, but the fact is that war will always cost this government more in the ratio of the size of armies and navies than European governments, even if the government manufactures the munitions and builds the ships.

The people of this country will always insist that the men who fight for the nation shall not be allowed to die in poverty or their wives and children suffer on account of death or being disabled in the service. It follows that there will always be an immense pension bill to pay. The European nations pay no pensions or only a mere pittance. The cost of war to the United States is much larger than to the nations of Europe, if pensions are included. Without pensions it is not greater. In the year 1914 there were paid out for pensions \$173,440,231. That was almost exactly half of the appropriations for military purposes, in which pension appropriations are included. The second largest navy in the world, the army and the sea-coast defensive, aside from pensions, were maintained at as low a cost, notwithstanding the armor plate and other grafts, as that of any other nation. What congress ought to do is to cut out that grafting. If it were cut out, there could be an increase in the army without an appreciable increase in taxation. Munition makers and the steel trust will fight legislation of that kind to the bitter end.—World-Herald.

Colder weather the balance of the winter would decrease sickness.

Plattsmouth's population has increased 75 in 1915. If we can do as well in 1916, we will pass the 5,000 mark and then some. Come on, boys, and help us do it.

From the present indications Plattsmouth will do more in the building line in 1916 than was done in the past year. However, we may have to hump to do it. But that is easy when we take the notion.

The probabilities are that ex-Senator Bartling will get in line for some office this year. Henry is a rattling good fellow and the only objection we ever had against him was his republicanism. But that won't cut much figure this year.

There is no question as to Roosevelt taking the republican nomination for president, if he can get it. Not any more so than that Bryan will take the democratic nomination if he can get it. Wouldn't that be a dandy twister?

The naval board of this country think this an opportunity not to be missed and they all want to be in at the "getting." Wood of New York resigned because a half billion a year for the coming five years was inadequate and wanted it doubled. The entire board are agreed that by 1925 the navy of this country shall exceed the navy of this country.

A few filings are being made for state offices. Evidently the democrats at the state house are taking it for granted that they are safe so far as the nominations are concerned. But good men are plentiful in the democratic ranks of Nebraska, and some may come to the front yet who can be elected.

A Milwaukee man admitted he had eight wives, and was sent to prison for four years. He kicked fearfully because the time was so short. He says he should have been sent for at least twelve years, and by that time some other man will be keeping them in spending money, and he will have enjoyed a good long rest.

President Carranza of Mexico has forbidden the taking up of collections in the churches of that country. He evidently believes that religious services should come without money or without price. Of course a protest has naturally been filed in this country, but it will take some pretty hard explaining to prove that Carranza is wrong.

Governor Moorhead has reappointed Harley G. Moorhead of Omaha election commissioner for Douglas county. Owing to corrupt elections in Omaha the legislature passed a law providing for the appointment of an election commissioner for Douglas county alone. The appointment is for two years, dating from the first of this year. When Moorhead was first appointed there was much competition, but there was none for the reappointment because Governor Moorhead announced during his last campaign that if re-elected he would re-appoint the present election commissioner.

At a love feast at Indianapolis last Friday the Indiana republicans endorsed Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice president, for president of the United States. Edwin P. Morrow at the same time pledged to Fairbanks the delegation from Kentucky at the national republican convention in Chicago in June next. Fairbanks is an able man, and were it not for his cold-blooded nature the republicans might be induced to "warm" up to him.

The United States will be blamed for the loss of the European war, and the successful nations will say they won in spite of the United States. Director General John Barrett declared in Washington Friday before the educational section of the Pan-American Scientific Congress. All American must be prepared to resist European effort at territorial aggrandizement in this hemisphere, once the present war is settled. Barrett backed up the plan suggested by Secretary Lansing to combine the armies and navies of all the Americas by the statement that to aggression and violation of the Monroe doctrine the nations of this hemisphere must present a solid front in order to preserve their integrity.

EUROPE AND THE PRESIDENT.

Colonel George Harvey hurries home from London to tell us that "next to the Kaiser, President Wilson is "the most unpopular governmental head in the world." It appears that "there is no feeling against Americans but there is a real bitterness against the present administration," and we are all expected to be very low in our minds because the policy of the American government does not command the approval of London.

It would not be difficult for President Wilson to be popular in London. Indeed, he could easily be more popular there than any member of the British government. If he would simply let the British foreign office dictate the foreign policy of the United States government, the thing would be done. London does not ask us to come into the war. It would be satisfied to take charge of our diplomacy.

By a similar process the president could win a vast popularity in Berlin or in Paris.

Americans who are much more concerned about their social status in England or in Germany or in France, than about the welfare of the United States are much disturbed because the president has persistently put Ameri-

ca first. Abroad they devote much of their time to inciting foreign dissatisfaction with the United States government. At home they abuse the president and pose as the only people sensitive about the national honor.

Put in the meantime Woodrow Wilson is president of the United States. If he lives he will remain president of the United States until March 4, 1917. And while he remains president of the United States the foreign policy of the United States will be directed from Washington, D. C.—not from London or Berlin or Paris.

To one who knows the history of the American people, all this sniveling snobbery over foreign disapproval of the United States government need not be taken too seriously. We went through a similar period of foolishness in 1793 when Washington proclaimed neutrality in the war between England and France. In comparison with the abuse that pro-British and pro-French Americans heaped upon George Washington at that time, current criticism of President Wilson at its worst is almost flattering. Even Lincoln was never smeared with such vituperation as the frenzied partisans of the British and the French plastered over Washington, who roundly cursed the day that he ever became president, but who held the country firmly to the wise and sane course that he had charted.

What Europe thinks of the United States may be important. But what we think of Europe is far more important. Europe is always in a state of either hating us or despising us. Occasionally a surface friendship is professed for the United States when our interests happen to run parallel to the interests of some European country or we are patronizingly permitted to do them favors; but there is no love for us there, never has been and probably never will be. Nor is there any particular reason why there should be.

At the present time the cause for hatred is of infinite proportions. Blundering European statesmanship has plunged civilization in the greatest war of all history. American statesmanship has thus far succeeded in keeping us out of it without yielding any of our rights under international law. The belligerents are bleeding themselves to death. Future generations will be burdened with a load of debt that already staggers the human imagination. We are not bleeding to death. We are rich and prosperous, and we are likely to be the commanding nation of the world after the European powers have exhausted themselves in a war brought on by third-rate diplomacy. Naturally, feeling runs strongly against a government that thinks more about the welfare of the United States than it thinks about the interests of the countries that are at war.

In the circumstances we are unable to mingle our tears with those of Colonel Hervey or to lament the president's unpopularity in London. We should as soon think of lamenting his unpopularity with the Kaiser. The Declaration of Independence has never been repealed.—New York World.

It takes longer to earn a dollar than it does to forget a favor.

Any young man can paddle his own canoe if dad furnishes the paddle.

The saloons are out in Iowa, and the bootleggers can now get in their work.

Catching cold is like catching religion—every person must catch it for himself.

It snowed the other day at Pasadena, California, for the first time in ten years.

About 35,000,000 barrels of salt were produced in the United States last year.

The United States needs no conscription to get soldiers to fight for the old flag.

Young men crowd into the cities for excitement and amusement. In later life the most of them might want to crowd into the country for peace and quietude if they only knew how.

If enough people agree to it, anything is sport.

Let every citizen do the best they can for themselves, by boosting for Plattsmouth.

Uncle Sam made \$2,500,000 last year from the sale of wood from government forests.

We have come to the conclusion that a diplomat is a man who can talk the most and say the least.

Hard work never kills anybody. If it did we know several doctors in this town that would have been dead long ago.

There are plenty of new leaves yet to be turned over in Plattsmouth, and some people should get in on the turning.

Just about the time a jilted lover believes he can't bear the strain another minute, he sees another girl coming down the street.

If the standpat republicans come into power again will they attempt to help out the depleted European population by fathering "infant industries" in this country?

We don't pretend to know very much about it, but we believe the world as a whole is getting better all the time. We have an idea, however, that it is healthier to be optimistic than the other way.

While going down this shady vale of tears it would be well to remember to learn to amuse our friends before mourning for their burial. Postmortem kindness does not cheer the troubled spirit and flowers on the casket cast no fragrance over life's weary way.

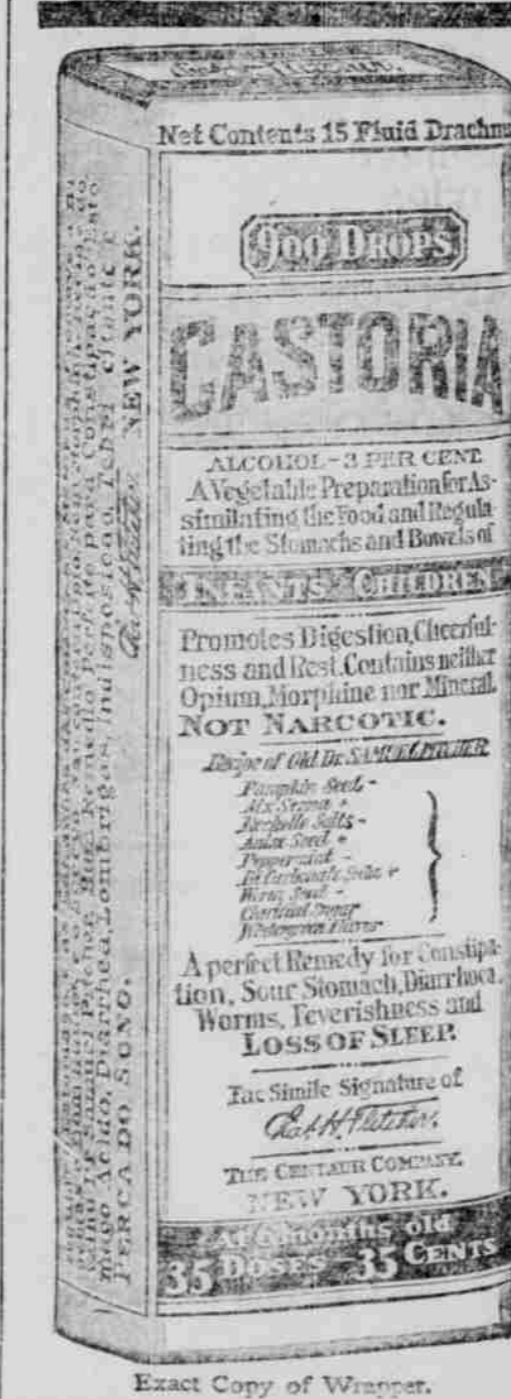
There have been many cases of the gripe in this community during the past month, and some of the victims have been dangerously ill. We heard an old gentleman describe his case to his physician yesterday, when he said: "Doctor, I am just a moving picture of pain," and from the looks of his face we easily come to the conclusion that he knew what he was talking about.

We have heard it said that Bryan is a coward. We are of the opinion that this is a great mistake. We don't admire the man's manifest ambition to become dictator of his party, and aside from this tendency, and his efforts to throw overboard good, reliable democrats for those who never were known to vote a strident democratic ticket in their lives, when favors are to be given to the worthy.

THE UNKNOWN QUALITY.

This is the time of year when the statisticians foot up their columns and give to the world the results of their work in many varied lines of investigation. In a general way the public is not endeavoring to estimate what have been the gains and losses accruing to commerce, science, art, literature, population and other valuable assets of the race during the most destructive twelve-month in this history of mankind. The statistics for 1915 now being published in the newspapers are of value and interest, but they fail in their entirety to give us the enlightenment we crave regarding the full price that humanity has been forced to pay for the cataclysm of a world war.

The race has lost in Europe during the past year potentialities invaluable to its future to a degree far beyond the power of the most expert statistician to estimate. Killed in battle have been the geniuses of the next generation, the poets, musicians, playwrights, scientists, the young men with creative imaginations, destined, had not war supervened, to throw the light of their inspiration upon the darkness that forever menaces civilization. "O, the pity of it, Iago!" Were this really an enlightened world, the nations, without changing their comparative numerical strength in war, would send their old men, not their striplings, to the battlefields.



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So many killed, wounded and missing, so many billions of money expended in the conflict, so many widows and orphans made by the war—statistics such as these stagger the imagination. But it is, after all, the elusive, unknown quantity in last year's mad destructiveness that appals us. The possibilities for advancement in all worthy lines of human endeavor that the world lost in 1915 on the battlefields of Europe can never be estimated, but must remain to future generations a subject for sad conjecture, a permanent reproach to that iconoclastic tendency of war-like races that destroy the most precious of all images, those that cannot be seen by the eye of man and are real only in his soul.—New York Sun.

Letter files at the Journal office.

From Saturday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hardnock, from near Alvo, are in the city for a few days' visit and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brinkman. Mrs. Brinkman is an aunt of Mrs. Hardnock. Mr. Hardnock is a subscriber of the Journal, and of course was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday, and although he has been a reader for several years, this is our first meeting. He is one of the prosperous and progressive young farmers from near Alvo, and we found him to be a mighty fine gentleman. We trust he will call often in the future. They will return home Monday.

From Near Alvo.

Yesterday Miss Gladys Hall received a well deserved recognition of her faithful attendance at Sunday school when she was presented by the Methodist Sunday school, with a handsomely engraved medal for eleven years of unbroken attendance at Sunday school and this is a record that there are few others can boast of. Not missing a single day in all this time the young lady has truly made a splendid record in her Sunday school work. While absent from the city several times Miss Hall has always attended Sunday school.

On Thursday, January 13th, Mrs. M. C. Stillman will show the full line of New Spring Models of Gossard Corsets and Brassieres at the store of E. G. Dovey & Son. Women desiring special fitting are invited to take advantage of this service.

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