

# The Plattsmouth Journal

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Be ready for Decoration day.  
The gardens are growing nicely.  
Scatter flowers over the dead soldiers.  
They saved the Stars and Stripes and should not be forgotten.  
And most of the residents of Plattsmouth have a garden.  
Teddy should be allowed to take an army across the ocean.  
"Friendly" interest is too often only another name for impudent curiosity.  
The high cost of living does not seem to be coming down toward earth very fast.  
Some people are too fresh, but that can't be said of eggs at this season of the year.  
Lots of people every time they hear the alarm clock go off, are in favor of putting it back an hour.  
Brazil wants to send some of her own soldiers to France with Roosevelt. Good for our South American sister.  
The silent man should always be given credit for not having said unpleasant things that may have been in his mind.  
Seek the thing that you are best fitted for, physically, mentally and morally, and become an expert to keep your own self-respect.  
How many of us started out by saying all the new coins that came our way and then got financially embarrassed and have given them up.  
A Roumanian scientist says that old age is due solely to a decrease in the amount of water in the human system. That sounds reasonable. Did you ever know of a fish dying of old age?  
The American revolution was supplied with numerous traitors, and when caught they were punished. The north had many traitors in its midst during the civil war, and they met their fate, and thus it goes in all wars. And why should not traitors in the present crisis be punished?  
Next to the republican who opposes President Wilson because the president is a democrat, the efficient citizen is the democrat who blindly accepts everything the president says because the president is a democrat. In this crisis the real patriot is the man who accepts the president's leadership because he is the president of the United States.  
Even the price of patriotism is getting higher. The outbreak of war has created a sudden demand all over the country for flags and bunting, and the stocks in many places are running low, with the result that the price has advanced with remarkable rapidity. It may soon be a sign of wealth to be able to wear a sprig of Old Glory. Plenty of flags at the Journal office, of all sizes and grades.  
The printer's best friend is the man or woman who gives him items of news. There are people who are so timid that if they were going to die, they wouldn't say anything about it. If a baby is born to you give it in for publication—the item, not the baby. If you have a visitor, use the phone and tell us. If you have made a good deal and have money in your pocket give it to us—that is, the item concerning your speculation; we don't want the money. Send us the news by all means.

## THE BRUTAL TRUTH.

The time has come when the people of the United States should look the facts of the world war squarely in the face. It would be a very grave mistake if there should be a continuation of the present tendency to believe that the war is all but over, and that the recent successes of the allies in France are but a prelude to a German collapse. Nothing of the sort is true. Despite the recent considerable initial success of the allied offensives, the best military judgment is that it will be impossible now for the allies to get a military decision in the present year and that the war, judging by the military circumstances, must go on through a campaign of 1918.

There is a very general notion in the United States that Germany must soon surrender, because of starvation. This is possible, but unlikely. If Germany can last through the next two months, she will be able to go through many months more because the new harvest will begin to come in, and whether it is sufficient for another year or not, it will give Germany food for a long period of time.

The chance of a military decision by the allies this year was conditioned upon the arrival of Russia, remunited and reorganized, on the eastern front. Unless every sign fails, this will not happen. Russia, to all appearances, is for a long period of time out of the war so far as an offensive campaign is concerned, and the real question is whether Russia can help any considerable number of German troops on the eastern front, or will be compelled either to retreat or to make a separate peace.

Unless the United States shall win in the next six months, put a considerable body of troops in France, who will be able a year hence to take part in the campaign of 1918, there is a grave possibility that France will collapse, owing to her great losses and to her now steadily diminishing manpower. Unless the United States in concert with Great Britain, can either aid a method for dealing with the submarine or of revictualing England, and supplying France and Italy with steel and coal, respectively, there must be a great possibility not alone of the collapse of France and the withdrawal of Italy, but of a crisis in British food supply next summer which may make peace by negotiation inevitable and leave Germany, if not completely victorious, yet in a position to renew her attack upon civilization. What is even more perilous is that a peace would leave the control of the German empire in the hands of those who have made this war, and made it the kind of a struggle it has become.

Had Russia been able to perform her part, it would have been possible for the United States to have approached the war with some deliberation. It would have been possible to have given precedence to industrial organization and to have armed our millions and trained them more slowly. But this condition does not exist, and cannot be expected to exist for another year.

Let us face the facts as they are. Today, despite their encouraging military successes, the allies are facing a situation which is serious, and likely to become even more serious. The war may yet be lost unless the United States is prepared to send men to France promptly, to begin without delay the organization of ocean transport and a systematic conservation of the national food supply. Russia, at least temporarily, out of the war; France almost at the end of her resources; Italy still incapable of enduring successfully an attack organized by German high command such as destroyed Roumania and almost captured Verdun; Great Britain struggling with a submarine blockade not yet mastered and daily becoming more serious—this is the picture of the war situation as it now exists.

The United States can supply the decisive blow. It can supply the decisive blow only if the American people put aside all notions that their participation in the war is to be small or limited to contributions of money or of food. We can win the war if we are prepared to do in 1917 and 1918 what we did in 1863 and 1864, but the war itself may be lost if two years are consumed in organization at home in a foolish effort to train men imperfectly for a war such as the present. We cannot hope for success unless we squarely face the fact that our allies are likely to be beaten without help and that we shall lose the war, with all the future peril that that will mean for us, unless we act promptly, resolutely, and put no limit on our effort.

The collapse of Russia is the greatest single incident advantageous to Germany in the whole conflict. A change in Russian rulers saved Frederick the Great. Germany will be saved in the same way unless the United States can within one year take Russia's place on the firing line and at the same time abolish the real and growing threat of British starvation a year hence.

The present situation of the war does not warrant panic. But neither does it invite optimism. The hardest, bitterest, most dangerous portion of the struggle is yet to come, and unless the United States is prepared for sacrifices as great as the British and French people have already made Germany may yet escape that defeat which is essential to the restoration of justice and democracy in the world and vindication of international law now threatened with permanent repeal.

And if Germany escapes today, the danger for us tomorrow will be beyond present estimation.

We are in a war the issue of which is still doubtful and the outcome of which will infallibly be defeat, unless we are prepared to fight it as a war for our own existence, calling for our best effort and our ultimate strength.  
—New York Tribune.

## GERMS OF DEMOCRACY.

From the Fort Sheridan training camp in Illinois comes evidence that at least in that camp germs are being planted for the democratization of American armies.

The senior instructor has issued orders for the direction of the affair; within the camp. Here are some of the orders:

"Commissioned reserve officers are sent to this camp for instruction. Rank will not be considered, but all must (except as specified below) observe the rules of the camp as in the case of other members of the camp.

"Reserve officers will, when on detail as assistant instructors, etc., be accorded all courtesies due their position and rank while in the active discharge of such duties.

"Regular officers on duty at this post will be saluted by all members attending the camp of instruction (Exception to this made in the case of members who may be detailed to command companies, who then salute only their superiors in rank.)

"When not on duty, as on social occasions, all persons of the garrison are on equal footing. Officers of the garrison will be glad to have members of the training camp call on them."

In regular army life an officer who would regard all of his associates as his equals in social affairs would find official contact too hot to be tolerated. The regular army officialdom has been built up on the theory that it rains discipline for officers and their subordinates to affiliate socially.

Of course those attending training camps may not be regarded as privates. Why not concede officially also that all privates in the regular army are not hoboes?—Lincoln Star.

## YOU AND THE LIBERTY LOAN.

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The farmers are very busy.  
Wonder if Old Winter dug himself in.  
Many flags were in evidence Thursday.  
Molasses should be planted in warm weather.  
The government is hot on the trail of the food price boosters.  
The graduation days are here, the happiest days of the graduates.  
It is funny what a difference a few years make. The girl who used to let you chew her "wax" till recess now has a daughter who carries an individual drinking cup so she won't get any germs in her mouth.

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Sugar took a drop when the Fire King came to town. Watch us—flour will follow.

Several thousand dollars worth of merchandise yet to close out at greatly reduced prices at the Fire Sale.

A. L. Becker, of Union, was among those coming in today to be present at the session of the district court, being one of the members of the jury panel.

S. C. Boyles and Sam Cashner, of Alvo, were in the city today attending the session of the district court, Mr. Cashner being a member of the jury panel.

Nick Frederick and family of near Murray were in the city yesterday enjoying the day visiting with relatives and friends, returning last evening to their home.

### DANCE MAY 26.

The Woodmen of the World will give another of their pleasant social dances on Saturday evening, May 26, at the M. W. A. hall, and to which the public is very cordially invited to be present. The music will be furnished by the Plattsmouth orchestra. 5-21-tfd

### MEDICINE VS. FOOD.

Do not buy something which you already have. You have food which you feed your horses, cattle and sheep, but when you want medicine, buy only medicine. That is what you get in B. A. Thomas' Stock Remedy. We sell it and guarantee it to be medicine. We tell you that it will tone up the entire system of your stock and aids digestion, thereby causing them to get all the food value out of the grain that you feed them.

H. M. Soennichsen, Puls & Gansemeyer.

### FEELING SOME BETTER.

George Oldham was among those going to Omaha this morning, where he will spend a short time in that city looking after a few matters of business.

Plenty of American flag stickers for use in the windows can be found at the Journal office.

### RETURNS FROM THE HOSPITAL.

From Saturday's Daily.  
This morning T. H. Pollock returned from Rochester, Minn., where he has been for the past several weeks recovering from an operation performed at the Mayo Brothers' hospital in that city. Mr. Pollock is feeling better than for several years and his condition is constantly improving, and it is now thought that he has been cured of the stomach trouble that for several years has undermined his health. The many friends were delighted to welcome him back and to learn that his sojourn in Minnesota has been so beneficial to his health.

### CALLED BY ILLNESS.

From Saturday's Daily.  
Mrs. C. E. Martin departed this morning for Lincoln, where she was called by a message announcing the serious illness of her little nephew, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harvey, who has been taken with appendicitis and has been placed in the hospital for an operation. The condition of the little lad is quite serious at present.

### OUR GRANDFATHERS

drenched horses for colic. That was the old way, which was uncertain and unsafe. Faris' Colic Remedy does away with drenching—is applied on the horse's tongue with a dropper which comes packed in each bottle. Get it today. We guarantee it.  
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