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Vacation will soon end.

And then to school we go.

The pupils should be ready for it.

New wheat will not be cheap—just depend upon that.

A new superintendent will greet the girls and boys.

Rather cool Wednesday night. Hail northwest of us is what made the change.

What we want is the kind of food control that will feed all the people all the time.

An optimist is a man who invests in a gold brick every time the opportunity presents itself.

Peace in Europe is like contentment. Everybody wants it, but nobody knows how to get it.

Two men may live in peace and harmony, but it would be an impossibility for two women to do it.

If all tombstones told the truth, his satanic majesty would have a fire sale and go out of business.

The appearance of a drunken man on the street is a very good indication that some bootleggers are in our midst.

Preparedness is also found in cans—in cans loaded with green peas, string beans, ripe tomatoes, and old beer bottles loaded with catsup.

Apparently in the wide stretch of this country, there is no man with brains so dead that he has not evolved a sure and certain way to end the submarine activity.

Sensations come along so fast that the little ones fall by the wayside without hardly attracting so much as a passing notice. Even the big ones are being accepted as a matter of course.

The officer who led the recent air raid over London, in which the principal victims were women and children, has been decorated. Probably for his valor in subduing these formidable enemies.

In the midst of this grand melee let us recall a memorable epigram of a memorable man who said amid a moment of temporary gloom: "God reigns and the government at Washington still lives."

James B. Mann, of Illinois, was elected republican leader of the house. There are 290 republicans in congress, but the maneuvers of this gentleman from Illinois against the president have become so obnoxious that even the republicans refuse to stay with such intense partisans in time of war.

Says the Fremont Daily Tribune: "An investigation of the accounts of the republican congressional campaign committee, that had charge of the election of members of congress at the last election, is said to disclose the fact that commissions amounting to something less than 20 per cent were paid to those who tried the fat out of the contributors. Twenty-five per cent is usually paid to promoters of business enterprises for the sale of stock, in the light of which it cannot be said the republican congressional fat fryers of 1916 were either extravagant or grafters. Still, there are those who believe a greater part of the money raised should have gone toward beilers, and therefore, there is likely to be a reorganization of the committee."

THE SHALLOWS MURMUR.

Elihu Root, on his return from Russia, speaks with his accustomed wisdom. "I would not have the people of this country misled with respect to the various uprisings in Russia," he says. "From the press reports that were sent from that vast country the people of America would be led to believe that there was constant turmoil there. This is by no means the situation. If the startling headlines of happenings all over this country and nothing else were flung across the Pacific for the benefit of the Russians, they would gain an impression of the United States similar to the one that we here are obtaining in Russia. It is the exceptional thing that we hear about in Russia, not the daily occurrence."

Here is a warning that cannot be too often repeated, and it is applicable to conditions in the United States as Mr. Root suggests, as in Russia. "The shallows murmur while the deeps are dumb."

The newspapers are filled with reports and charges of treason and near-treason; with opposition to the draft and draft riots; with tales of slackers and the difficulties encountered in filling the ranks of the army. So yesterday there were the numerous reports of indifference and hostility to the Liberty Loan and the raising of Red Cross funds. So tomorrow there will be other stories of obstacles in the way of each new national endeavor and accomplishment as the fresh emergency arises. And the man from Mars, unacquainted with the general facts, reading them all could hardly do otherwise than conclude that our condition is hopeless.

But the Liberty Loan was oversubscribed and the Red Cross fund was oversubscribed. Since April 1, the New York Times shows, more than 1,750,000 men have volunteered for service in the army, navy and marine corps. Though many were rejected, the spirit that prompted each man who freely offered himself was the same. In spite of the many rejections, this country now has, equipped and under arms, more than 800,000 men, not including the men selected for the national army. "It must be borne in mind, too," says the Times, "that the recruiting has been conducted in the most businesslike way. The martial spirit has not been aroused by military parades and music. There have been no reports of military achievements or misadventures under the American flag to stir our young men to offer their services. They have gone to the recruiting offices as one goes to his office, shop, or factory."

The Times tells the simple truth when it says further: "The result of the selective conscription, which will increase our armed forces by next winter to nearly 1,500,000, is more satisfactory each day. We hear a great deal about the slackers, but in proportion to the stalwart patriots, there are very few of them."

So we hear a great deal about the other objectors and malcontents, but their number and influence, in comparison with the whole, is negligible. With all possible speed, at enormous expense and, taking it by and large, with great efficiency, the preparations for war move forward. And that the people are behind the government is proved, not by the noise they make, but by the money they furnish, the sons they furnish, the manner in which they submit to the laws, the calm and sober and orderly way in which they go about their business and conduct themselves as citizens. That many were bewildered and unwilling at the beginning was the most natural thing in the world. For three years we had believed that this was not our war and that we should keep out of it. It was not easy for the ordinary man to understand, on the

instant, that events had forced us in or to realize the stern necessity for our fighting. But daily the ranks of those who support the government not only as a patriotic duty but with understanding and enthusiasm find new recruits, while the number of those who continue hesitating and protesting is dwindling.

"It is an exceptional thing that we hear about." Keep that in mind. Keep in mind, at the same time, the obvious fact that this great republic, 100,000,000, burying past differences and divorcing itself from ancient prejudices, is rallying to support the Flag that symbolizes its rights, its ideals, its homes and its honor, and that not one tangible obstacle has been placed by its own people in the way of its far-flung war preparations and war activities.

The country we love is proving itself worthy to enjoy its blessings and to uphold the ideals that have been entrusted to its keeping.—World-Herald.

THE "PACIFIST" POSITION.

The usual argument of the pacifist is like the following which are the words of one of the most distinguished writers among them: "Every normal citizen capable of bearing arms is more than willing to defend his country from any attack; but the average man cannot be made to believe that the necessity exists for forcing the flower of American youth to sacrifice itself beyond the seas."

These men would wait until our cities had been shelled, a part at least of our land devastated, some of our women and children killed, before they would make any pretense of defense. They want our people killed and others mutilated before they will shoulder a rifle. Then when all chance of preventing an invasion had departed and the vandals were in our midst, they would begin to gather an army and try defending themselves, after giving every advantage to the enemy. That is the sort of bloody business they are advocating.

Such a man by a parity of reasoning, if he saw his wife and children in danger of attack, would wait until the attack had actually been made before he would raise his hand in defense, and after he saw his wife knocked down and some of his children lying bleeding on the ground he would begin to do something for their defense. The question which sensible men consider is when and where a defense can best be made. The pacifist who saw a hostile fleet approaching, would wait until some of the troops had landed and an actual invasion of the country was accomplished before he would arm a ship or make any movement to raise an army, and would use all his influence to prevent anyone else doing anything of the kind.—World-Herald.

NEED OF HOME GUARD.

Preliminary steps have been taken for the formation of a new National Guard for Nebraska, and talk has been heard of the organization of a home body guard. The need for some such provision is urgent. Withdrawal of troops soon to attend training camps will leave unprotected all the spots they have guarded. Their work in this line must be carried on and it is much better done by a body of disciplined men under control of responsible officers. Food warehouses and factories, bridges and the like are exposed now as much as at any time, and will need continual watching. The forces of the enemy have not diminished because of the departure of the troops; nor is it likely that these agents for destruction will cease activity simply because guard is no longer mounted over the property exposed. The home guard service will permit many who have been unable to enter the army for any reason to do their bit and in a way just as important as going to the front. The work of organizing this force should not be permitted to lag.—Omaha Bee.

Still cool, but no frost.

The corn is looking healthy.

Plattsmouth is booming right along.

Eggs are away up. But what makes them so?

Look out for some surprises in weddings, if Madame Rumor is correct.

Those draft resisters in Oklahoma are getting about what's coming to them.

The middleman will have to go sooner or later. There's no question about that.

Predictions as to the damage of the war might be reduced by a tax on excess profits.

One who was drafted claims exemption because he owns a Ford. But that won't pass.

Well, the oats crop is a bumper, and Cass county will have about twice as much wheat as expected.

American children are to realize the horrors of war. It is said that all-day suckers are to be reduced in size, or the price raised to 2 cents.

The only way to stimulate a faded appetite for any particular article of food is to spread a rumor that the yield promises to be a complete failure.

The mother of Colonel Tom Majors passed away at Peru last week, at the age of 97 years. She was born in Simpson county, Kentucky, March 18, 1820.

The performances of returned Siberian exiles in Russia lead to the conclusion that the czar didn't make any mistake in sending some of them to the mines.

"Let me make my husband's coffee and I care not who makes eyes at him," says a woman writer. She must think that she has a monopoly on coffee making.

Don't let the slackers try to make you believe that the draft is unconstitutional. They don't want you to go to war—that's all. No true American will put up such a plea.

Sweden is anxious to learn the plans of the United States to supply foods for neutrals. That country will learn that among other plans is one to prevent the food supplied to neutrals from going to the enemy.

One of the greatest questions which faces the young farmers of the country is whether or not the farmer will be exempted from the draft because of his occupation. This question cannot be answered until it comes before the district board of decision. Each case will have its own peculiar merits and demerits, and all such cases cannot be governed by one another. It seems to be the general opinion, however, that the occupational claim for exemption alone will not excuse one from service.

The agriculture extension service of the University of Nebraska is calling attention to the fact that with the passage of the pending food production bill congress officially recognizes a new instrument of national defense—the county agent. Under the provisions of this act, \$115,000 has been set aside for county agent work in Nebraska. This will be sufficient to put a county agent in every county organizing, and to provide a food emergency agent for each district where regular county agents are not employed. County agents and food emergency agents will be put to work organizing and mobilizing agricultural Nebraska for maximum production. The county agent is thus regarded by the nation's highest counselors as the best instrument of increasing production as a defensive measure.—Hastings Tribune.

WORTH PONDERING OVER.

Congress has provided severe penalties for any effort to escape the draft through falsehood or misrepresentation. In the act approved last May congress made the following provision:

"Any person who shall make or be a party to the making of any false statement or certificate as to the fitness or liability of himself or any other person for service under the provisions of this act, or regulations made by the president thereunder, or otherwise evades or aids another to evade the requirement of this act or of said regulations, or who in any manner, shall fail or neglect to perform any duty required of him in the execution of this act, shall, if not subject to military law, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, or, if subject to a military law, shall be tried by court-martial and suffer such punishment as a court-martial may direct."

From this dictum this provision seems to be directed exactly at the fellow who urges false reasons for exemption, or anyone who urges such false reasons in his behalf.—Lincoln Star.

ARE WANTED BACK HOME.

There are a lot of seafarers and congressmen in Washington who should come home long enough to find out what the wishes of their constituency are on matters which are now up before congress. The people are upholding the government in the war measures and our representatives should stop playing politics and get behind the president.—Bloomington Advocate.

FISHING FOR VOTES.

A demagogue in the senate does little harm in times of peace, but our present national calamity should teach the folly of electing men to that position who are unwilling to work in harmony with their colleagues. Nothing can be accomplished without "team work," and the man who insists on playing a lone hand is especially dangerous in positions of national trust.—Lew Shelley in Fairbury News.

Washington advises the west to raise more hogs—of course, the four-legged kind is meant. That recalls the advice of the late J. Sterling Morton, a number of years ago when he advised the farmers of Kansas to "raise more hogs and less hell."

All the world is sick of war. There is not a country involved but would welcome peace tomorrow, and there isn't one but is hoping that peace may come before civilization is bankrupt and wrecked. While our farmers are reaping the harvest now and money is floating into their hands freely, yet it would be a blessing if peace were declared and the markets return to normal.

The allies, it seems, are depending upon Uncle Sam to furnish the cash. Well, he can do it. Maybe they will be able to return the favor some time.

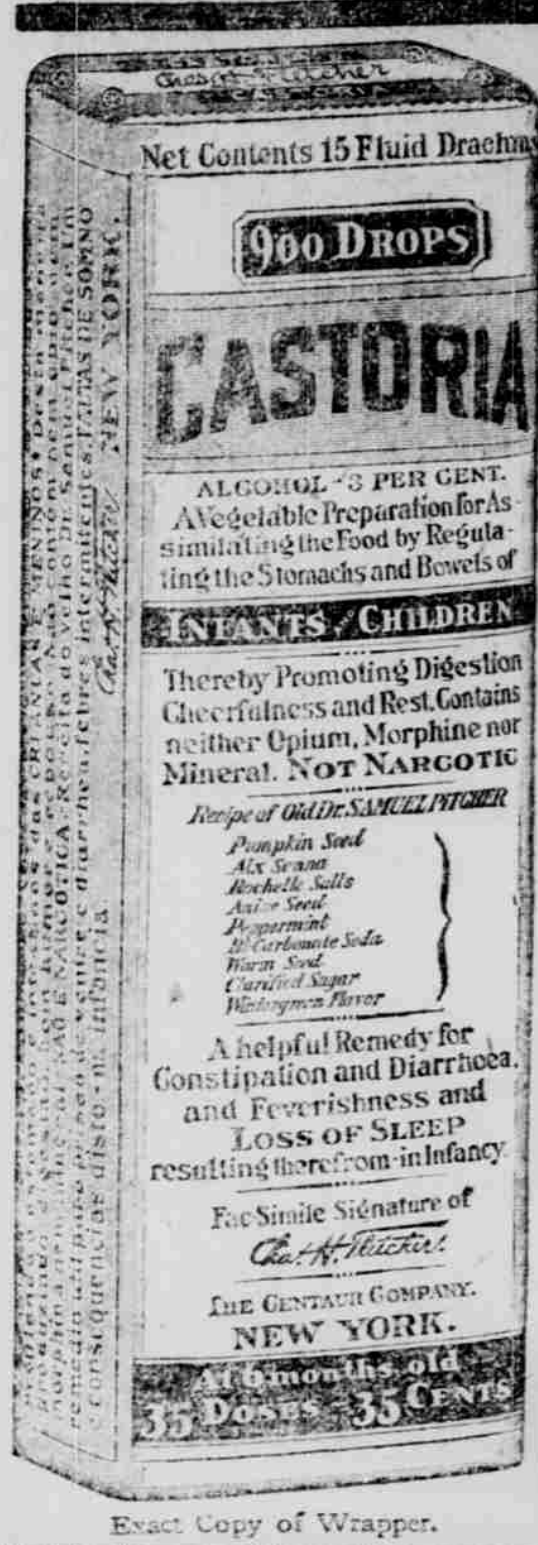
Have you selected your seed wheat yet? Better look after this matter.

THE NEW BANK BUILDING.

Work is now being rushed on the new bank building, which was formerly the Gering drug store, and it will, in a short time, begin to show the results, by presenting a much changed appearance. This building, when completed, will make an excellent place for the business which it will house. N. K. Peoples is doing the decorating, while John Rueland is preparing the foundation for the vaults, which are on the way.

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be observed by automobile owners: Do not allow your gasoline engine to run idle. Use kerosene, not gasoline, for cleaning purposes in the garage. See to it that the carburetor does not leak. Form the habit of shutting off the gasoline at the tank. By judicious regulation of the mixture of gasoline and air in the motor, both greater power and economy of fuel may be obtained. Automobile owners need not lay up cars but should use them either for trade or pleasure purposes thoughtfully and judiciously. If this advice is followed there will be an abundant supply for ordinary purposes.

DELCO LIGHT MAN.

Ivy Rosenthal, district manager of the Delco Light company, with offices at Omaha, has been doing much business in this vicinity, and has appointments with a number of the farmers hereabouts, who are expecting him to return to this neighborhood soon, but owing to the death of his wife's mother, Mr. Rosenthal has not been able to meet his appointments. He will be able to get down this way in a few days to look after his business.

Chronic Constipation.

It is by no means an easy matter to cure this disease, but it can be done in most instances by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and complying with the printed directions that accompany each package.

Mrs. Jane McDaniels of San Antonio, Tex., came in this morning from Omaha over the Missouri Pacific, and is visiting in the city for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Ruffner. Mrs. McDaniels was a very close friend of Mrs. Dr. Roy Dodge, a daughter of Mrs. Ruffner.

COUNCIL ASKS FOR LESS "JOY RIDING" NOW

National and State Defense Organizations Request Motorists to Aid in Conserving the Gasoline Supply.

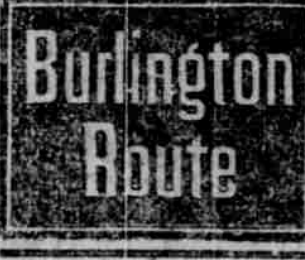
Lincoln, Aug. 12.—Gasoline conservation is now one of the problems which the National Council of Defense will try to bring about through the state councils of defense, which it asks to assist by promulgating a sort of educational campaign. Covering the matter the state council of this state is sending out the following:

"After a careful investigation of the present gasoline situation, Van H. Manning, director of the bureau of mines of the Department of the Interior, has issued the following statement: One-half of the gasoline used in the United States (1,250,000,000 gallons) is used in pleasure riding. It is estimated that the United States army will need 350,000,000 gallons for aeroplanes, trucks, automobiles, tractors and other machines. There is no other way of obtaining this in this country except by saving from the existing supply, and this economy may be effected by voluntary cutting down of pleasure riding (for instance the man who takes his family out on Sunday for a fifty mile ride can cut this in half.)"

It has been estimated that by economical use enough gasoline can be saved to supply not only the United States, but also its allies for war purposes. The following suggestions should

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