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People shy on punctuation
Needn't go to smash.
You can save the situation
Always—with a dash.

Oysters (R) ripe.
Save the corn stalks.
Winter rapidly approaching.
Some men dream too much.
When will this cruel war end?
This seems to be Italy's defeatless days.

A great many women knit, but too many men "nit."
Additional profits is the idea some men have of doing their bit.
Don't mistake the "freedom of speech" for license to abuse.
Just telling a man you're his friend don't get you anything.
How many wives in Cass county have been classed as "dependents?"

No man feels quite so foolish as he who gets caught in his own trap.
Does the Kaiser really want peace? Or, is it his surfs that is suing for relief?
Will Cass county organize a company of Home Guards? Many counties are doing it.
The Russian married men have got a still better way to evade service. They make their wives fight for them.

The necessities of our European allies are indeed touching. France and Great Britain have each "touched" Uncle Sam for another loan of \$100,000,000.
"What is the I. W. W.?" asks the New York World. We hardly know, but if it continues to be the thing it is, the world will soon be asked: "Where is the I. W. W.?"
The ex-czar is now living on the second floor of an apartment house. He may learn from the janitor some points about czarism that he never dreamed of in his days of power.

Those Colorado mine owners who insist they will not operate their mines if the Government insist upon the maximum price for coal may be right about it. They may not—but Uncle Sam will.
John Sharp Williams says the people are tired of hearing statesmen gabble about nothing. Now that he has it we hope the Senate will put nuzzles on La Follette, Reed Gronna and their ilk.

This country is not going to the dogs, but the dogs may soon be coming to the aid of the country. Senator Weeks announces that he will introduce a bill imposing a tax of one dollar a head on every dog in the United States.
The government at Washington asks the American people to be saving in their use of sugar, that they may share their supply of sweetness with Europe. And why not? Europe is sharing her war bitterness with America.

A million women all over the land are proving they deserve the ballot by doing men's work, which is a lot more effective than hanging around outside the white house and trying to annoy the president with silly banners.

Blessing on thee, little man.
Barefoot boy with cheeks of tan;
Most any one would envy youse
The money you must save on shoes.

The soldier boys are moving.
Jack Frost is hovering around.
Ladies, be sure to register today.
School days are here, thank the Lord!

Limburger cheese is ripe. But where's the beer?
A new song: "Cousin Carrie's canning corn for conscripts!"
Every dog has his day, they say. Have you had yours yet?
If there were no dreamers there wouldn't be any dreams.
The farmer who fills his silo is swelling his bank account.

Nimrods ought to be able to get all kinds of sport during September.
Old King Coal is not such a merry old soul as he used to be, and he perhaps has cause for his down heartedness.
When a married woman begins to crow about the way she runs things, it's safe to bet her husband is henpecked.
Silver has advanced to the highest figures in many ears, 88 cents an ounce. Current prices are the highest since 1891.

The late czar was made to descend from the train and ascend to the upper floor of a rooming house in Siberia—a case of down and ups.
It is notable that in discussing German peace terms Chancellor Michaelis says nothing whatever about restoring the last provinces of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to Mexico.
The present war has produced 2-200 varieties of new postage stamps in the different countries engaged. This further stamps war as an unmitigated nuisance.

Chemists are experimenting with a scheme to make paper out of spinach. But spinach can be used for food, and food is getting scarce and valuable. Why not try to make it out of rhubarb?
We do not only agree with Senator Johnson of California, that the war profiteer ought to pay a big part of their coins in taxes, but we think that the food speculators ought to pay over all of theirs and all the additional coin they can scrape up as fines for past speculators.

Because they haven't the brains to invent something new and really attractive to catch American dollars, the "men" who make the fashions for women, in their recent convention, decided that bustles should be worn "the coming season." It now remains to be seen whether the women of America are such fools as to wear any old thing the money-mad arbiters of fashion suggest. The bustle does not make women more attractive and if they dress to please the men, as some of them claim, they will leave off the artificial hump. If men admired humps, they would marry camels.

When the curfew whistle blows, the kids break for home, unless they prefer to get "pinched."
The "Dandy Sixth" are ready to move.

NOT A TIME FOR FEUDS.

Already we hear the occasional rumble out in the woods to the effect that Nebraska's democratic candidates for U. S. Senator must not come from the Hitchcock wing of the party, or that they must not come from the Bryan wing of the party—all which talk is properly classed as tommy-rot. These rather-quarrel-than-eat politicians had better find something of more interest to the Nebraska democrat voter, if they are to have a very attentive audience next year. Nothing could possibly be more ridiculous at this time. This newspaper—without waiting for the aid or consent of any—wants to say here and now that the democrat party and the state of Nebraska are big enough for both Hitchcock and Bryan, and the little fellow who insists upon snapping at the heels of either of these gentlemen is making about the same impression that he would by firing upon the rocks of Gibraltar with a target rifle. Both of these men have rendered the state distinguished service and have done more toward keeping Nebraska in the world's eye than any twenty men who could be marshalled with the aid of a search warrant.

Both of these men have made what to some of us appear—mistakes, but that is because of the fact that they have always been doing something. Some men are always right on public questions, because they have not the backbone to take a stand on anything. After the battle is fought out they appear in the ranks of the majority and are "right." Some men never exercise enough candid energy to make a mistake; they lack the force of character to take the lead in anything; they listen around until they are satisfied that a thing is popular, then fall headlong into it. We have such men locally, as well as in national politics; men who never inaugurate anything until they have the assurance that everybody is for it.

Bryan and Hitchcock are both leaders; they are both originators of things; they have stepped to the fore and taken the initiative when other fellows were listening to the public pulse and "counting noses." Mistakes, of course; and who has not made them, except the man who does nothing? And, he is a mistake all the time. This newspaper has a wholesome respect for the man who is always doing something—even though he make at times what appears to us a mistake. But, what can be said for the jelly-spined fellow who is afraid to proclaim ownership of his own child in public, if such proclamation is going to cost him a vote or a dollar's worth of business? And ninety per cent of the faultfinders are men of this type. For twenty-five years this editor has had the privilege and the pleasure of claiming the personal and political friendship of both Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hitchcock. We still claim the right to have the friendship of two great democrats in the same state and at the same time. We claim the rights to say a good word for either without offensive reference to the other, and we are going to exercise that right at our own pleasure.

The question with this newspaper, when the senatorial issue comes on in earnest, will not be, is he a Hitchcock man, or is he a Bryan man? We would much rather that he be both, but we want to know is he a worthy democrat, an able democrat, a democrat for the people as against the corporations, and above all, is he an American to the Core—all wool, and dyed with made-in-America colors that will not run? That is going to be the test that will be applied by tens of thousands of voters. It's the acid test at this time, and the man who cannot stand it, must go to the scrap heap. This newspaper will be for the democrat who will represent the people of Nebraska and the government of the United States against all comers.—Aurora Sun.

THE RESIGNATION SEASON.

Demands for resignations in Nebraska continue to appear faster than the resignations are forthcoming. "I can call spirits from the vasty deep," said Glendower, the Welch magician, boastfully to Hotspur. "Aye," replied the prince, "so can I, and so can any man. But will they come when you do call for them?" If they would but come when called, what a lot of calls and what a lot of spirits and resignations and other products of magic we should have in a little while!

The demands are based on the supposition that this, that or the other official is no better than he should be. "The supposition in some instances is doubtless well founded. As the juror keeps saying, in Tolstoy's play, "The Resurrection," "We are none of us saints." There are very few of us that have led busy lives and been in the thick of things whose record is impeccable. We have all of us, privates the same as generals, made our mistakes and committed our sins. Some have been big and some little. Some have attracted the glaring spotlight of publicity and others have been carefully and successfully hidden from the sight of men, so that the sinner can hold up his head at all times except when he faces the mirror or in the solitude of his chamber spends a harrowing half-hour with his God.

Perhaps some of the officials whose resignations have been demanded ought to resign. Perhaps others ought not. Perhaps some whose resignations have not even been suggested are among the chiefest sinners. Men will differ hopelessly as to that, according as they differ in wisdom, philosophy, prejudice, conception of duty, judgment of what is best for the country, and their general attitude toward their weak and erring fellow-men.

There comes to our mind a line from some unidentified bit of verse that should, however, be helpful: "It is not what you used to be, it's what you are today." We can afford to be forgiving, we cannot afford to be intolerant and unbearing, toward the repentant sinner. We cannot afford it because all of us are praying "God be merciful to me a sinner" and "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us."

If he that was a culprit once upon a time continues to be a culprit today; if he is abusing the power of official position to do wrong to the people, or to bring danger and disgrace upon the state; if he is shameful and glories in his shame—then away with him! If we cannot have his resignation we can at the least send him to Coventry and hide our time, remembering that God is not mocked and righteousness is not trampled upon without retribution. In the hour when our country is in danger we have the full right, even those who are not without sin, to cast stones at the traitor and seditious in the determination that his mouth shall be stilled and his arm made impotent.

But if he that was once in our by no means infallible judgment, a culprit, is a culprit no longer; if he is willing to do his official as well as his personal duty and to co-operate with us in the great task we have in hand, then in heaven's name and for our country's good let us have peace with him! Let us prove that we deserve the blessings we claim as a right and the liberties we fight for by showing that we are big enough to forgive, wise enough to forget, and democratic enough to unite, regardless of past differences and ancient feuds, to fight the common enemy of us all.—World-Herald.

When those hungry Austrians smell the spaghetti cooking behind the Italian lines, they just naturally throw down their arms and surrender.
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UNMASKING AN ENEMY.

Disclosure that a German charge d'affairs in Argentina was guilty of communicating directly to Berlin information enabling, and in fact encouraging, the destruction of Argentine ships by German submarines, and coaching the German foreign office on how to deal diplomatically with Argentina with respect to the sinking of vessels, is primarily a matter between the Argentine government and Sweden because this German charge was allowed to send his stuff as emanating from the Swedish embassy.

However it serves to give the United States government a plausible hint as to where to look for hitherto aggravating leaks of information involving our own affairs. Possibly this discovery may afford a clue as to how German submarines were able to attack the ships that were carrying our soldiers to France. An American citizen regrets to suspect that any responsible representative of the Swedish government would seek to aid Germany to inflict any serious injury upon anything American. The relations between the United States and Sweden have never afforded any justification for such conduct.

However, the work done in the Argentina was done by a subordinate in the embassy. It may represent merely the perfidy of an individual, and the Swedish government may disavow any responsibility or sympathy by administering just punishment to him.

Until or unless it does that, this government will be justified in regarding the Swedish government as a secret enemy of the United States, and may hence conclude that it was Swedish diplomacy that put the German U-boats wise to the sailing of our soldiers.

The evidence is strong that this German officer, stationed in Argentina and enjoying the courtesy of a course of great perfidy toward a friendly and trusting government. The disclosures seem to call for an explanation from the government of Sweden and that of Argentina. Uncle Sam must know who are his friends and who his enemies as long as he is meeting them on terms of confidence and friendliness.—Lincoln Star.

The man who plays politics with his public position at such a time as this, or the man who for any reason whatever fails to stand four-square for America and the thing for which America is fighting, must be marked and marked so that he will be known in the future. Then the next time he asks for political preferment, the people will know what to do.

The fellow who is afraid he'll hurt himself working is usually looking for a job.

Georgia has a wild man running loose. The other one it keeps in the United States senate to obstruct war measures.



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"THE WHOLE TRUTH" Says Mrs. Eads, in Writing Her Praise For Cardui.

Circleville, Ohio.—"All I have said about Cardui, the woman's tonic, is the whole truth," says Mrs. Fannie Eads, of R. F. D. No. 6, this town. "I suffered with womanly weakness, and pains in my back and limbs for two long years. I was so bad off, I could hardly walk at all. My husband advised me to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I concluded to follow his advice. After taking Cardui according to directions, I now feel like a new woman, and can do all of my work. Before taking Cardui, I was a walking skeleton; now I weigh 150 pounds. I recommend Cardui to every suffering woman, for I know what it did for me. My dresser is never without a bottle of Cardui on it." There is no reason why Cardui won't help you, just as it has Mrs. Eads, as well as hundreds of thousands of other women in the past 50 years. So if you suffer from any of the many ailments so common to women, or need a good strengthening tonic for that tired, nervous, worn-out feeling, get a bottle of Cardui, today. At all druggists. NCB2

SWEDEN MUST MAKE AMENDS TO THE U. S.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Sweden's acknowledgement that her diplomatic service acted as a channel of communication between the Berlin foreign office and Count Luxburg, German charge in Argentina, but was ignorant of the contents of the dispatches, was received by state department officials without surprise, as was the declaration that steps will be taken to prevent a repetition of the incident.

But it was made clear that these simple declarations will not be enough. Sweden, it was said, is expected to go further and correct the principle. Readjustment of the conditions bearing on the situation must be extended, it was said, until the allied powers feel certain that military information cannot be sent to the enemy from any neutral country where agents of the kaiser may be taking advantage of the diplomatic privilege of the Stockholm foreign office and its representatives. Until officially advised, the state department will take no official cognizance of Sweden's explanation and it is not improbable that even then action may be delayed until a concert of opinion among the allied governments can be obtained. It was suggested, however, that any hesitation by Sweden to carry remedial measures far enough might result in representations by all the allied powers.

KERENSKY'S MESSAGE TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

Petrograd, Sept. 10.—Premier Kerensky has made the following statement to the American People: "In view of the fact that the cabinet is sitting uninterruptedly discussing measures, the premature announcement of which is impossible, I am obliged to withhold a general statement until later when conditions and prospects may be clearer than now. The situation with respect to the conflict between the provisional government and the revolting commander-in-chief is more serious than we earlier contemplated and it is impossible to predict what developments may ensue in the next few hours. But as regards the fundamental position there is no doubt. The fundamental position is that the Petrograd supreme government is absolutely unanimous in favor of all decisive measures which we have prepared and have been preparing against the present attempt by a military rebel in alliance with the reactionary elements of the country to exploit the fatherland's internal troubles in order to effect counter revolution with the design of robbing the Russian peoples of their hard won liberties. I have no doubt whatever that the mass of the population is behind the government in its new fight for freedom and, that being so, I have no doubt whatever about the triumph of our cause. In that triumph I have absolute and unqualified faith."

Rosenbergs goes to Chase county again on next Sunday evening. The trip is a dandy, and everything looks fine. Join the crowd and make the trip this time. See Rosey now about the date.
Jack Patterson and wife of Union, came up last evening in their car, visiting relatives and returned home later in the evening.

BARE GERMAN PLOT TO LOOT GOLD STORES

UNCOVER TEUTON SCHEME TO CARRY IT AWAY IN SUBMARINE BOATS.

Gigantic Campaign to Clean Out America of Faddy Needed Metal.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 11.—Reported activities of German agents here and in neutral countries to obtain possession of American gold, it was learned today, were largely responsible for the recent proclamation placing gold on the list of commodities requiring export licenses. With an enormously inflated paper currency and with a gold reserve that has been dwindling steadily since the war began the demand of the German government for gold according to reports received, unheard of methods apparently have been adopted to replenish the store. U Boats Ordered to Get Gold. One report reaching officials here is that German submarines in the area around Great Britain were instructed to remove gold from captured steamers, torpedo the vessels and bring back the gold to their bases. How far this alleged program has been carried out, if at all, is not known.

A plan for obtaining a part of the huge store of gold which has accumulated here since the war began, said to have been regarded with much favor by German agents is the exportation of gold to neutrals, ostensibly to settle commercial transactions, but in reality to establish credit to German firms operating in neutral countries. Advised of Sailing. Officials have been unable to verify the accuracy of numerous reports of this nature but the activity in gold exportations to neutrals for some months past aroused the concern of treasury officials prior to the president's proclamation. It is believed that on some occasions the Berlin foreign office has been advised of sailings and destinations of vessels carrying gold to and from the United States and was thus placed in possession of exact information as to when and where these vessels could be met most advantageously by submarines.

Neutrals Skirts Clear. The bulk of American gold has gone to South America, mostly to Argentina and Japan. Officials have been unable to verify reports that Germany was obtaining American gold through Mexico. Investigation has not disclosed official knowledge of any neutral government, it is said, of the plans of German agents in their gold campaign.

KILLING FROST VISITS SECTIONS IN IOWA

Des Moines, Sept. 11.—That killing frost had visited the vicinity of Waterloo and Decorah with a temperature of 32 to 31 degrees respectively and that Iowa City, Iowa Falls and in fact most of eastern Iowa had experienced frost although heavier in some places than in others, was announced by the weather department today. Heavy frosts in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin Sunday night caused damage to crops and gardens that will reach millions of dollars. Dispatches from Minnesota indicate that the corn was hard hit, estimates of the loss ranging all the way from \$1,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in that state alone. Losses in Michigan are estimated as high as \$30,000,000. In Wisconsin heavy damage to potatoes and corn resulted, some experts holding that half of the corn was ruined.

Mike Kime, the former representative from Cass county in the state legislature, and his son, George, both from near Nehawka, were visiting in the city yesterday, and while here called on this office spending a few pleasant moments with the editor.

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