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Thieves abound.
Keep your guns well loaded.
No, Iowa ain't "wet" yet.
And the consumer still pays the freight.
Pretty near time to display Christmas trinkets.
Pride sometimes even causes a wise man to make a fool of himself.
The election in New York City resulted just about as we expected.
There are many ways to get into trouble, one of which is to call the strange lady's little boy a little girl.
The New York election probably did not attract the universal interest that attended the late world's series, but it wasn't for a lack of scalping.
Is the fact that the Wisconsin teachers' association, by resolution, "deplored" the ill luck of that state in having a La Follette in the senate affording Governor Phillip an available hunch?

Keep your cellar doors locked.
Not long now till we can return thanks.
Some men imagine they are a lion because they have a big roar.
There is some faultfinding to Teddy Roosevelt, but he don't care.
It is costing Uncle Sam \$30,000 a minute to make the world safe for democracy, but it is worth it.
President Wilson will take no vacation. The president we find is almost as busy as a newspaper man.
Some people's religion is like their patriotism. They never appear to have it with them when money is needed.
There isn't but slight difference between a buff cochin and some men—the buff cochin has feathers on its legs.
The declaration of a mutinous day from now on to the millennium would not start any revolution in this department.
Thank goodness, we do not have to wear gas masks here in Plattsmouth, and there is plenty of it going to waste, too.
It's a painful operation to pay a lawyer a big fee after he has lost the suit for you. We have an instance in this very town.
If you trace the source from which the stone came that hit you, you will probably be surprised to find that it was thrown by a pretended friend.
Another war feature nobody in the world could have foreseen or even suspected two years ago is the necessity of conserving the rabbit supply by canning.
"Don't worry," says the pacifist recalling Napoleon. "History always repeats itself." The trouble is that history never repeats itself only when it gets good and ready.
Regardless of what the Russian army is wondering about, the German navy is not wondering what the British fleet is doing. It knows, having found out again last week.

Another damphood motorist in the west part of the state tried to beat the train to the crossing the other day. But he won't try it again, and neither will the auto, as the pieces were so small they could not find them all.
A patriotic papa in Washington has named his triplets sons, Wilson, Taft and Roosevelt. This war is expected to start in ten years. Guesses as to when it will end will be barred from this column, along with those concerning other wars.
According to the federal shipping board's calculation there is but one chance in three hundred and twenty that a vessel leaving an American port for northern Europe will be sunk by a German submarine. At such a ratio one does not take much of a chance in making a trip to Europe these days.

Mr. Hoover has directed that no turkeys be killed for Thanksgiving this year. We really hadn't expected to kill any, recalling how many storage turkeys the housewives refused to buy last year, and knowing the same turkeys would be waiting this year.
What has become of the old fashioned merchant who used to "throw in" a pair of socks when you bought a pair of shoes? Maybe he has moved over into the block with the other dealer, who used to "throw in" a pair of suspenders with a suit of clothes.
Suffrage is badly defeated in Ohio, but the result between the "wets" and "drys" is very close. What seems strange in this election is the fact the election should be so close between the "wets" and the "drys" and woman suffrage be defeated, by such an overwhelming majority.

The news that the American soldier, on emerging from the trenches, first takes a gasoline bath, will be a great relief to many young knitters back here at home. The girls had been uncertain just how much shrinking their sweaters would stand and still be habitable, but this dry cleaning process puts the matter entirely in a new light.
While the United States department of agriculture has for a long time been conducting work of benefit to city folks, it is now undertaking, directly and for the first time, to help the city woman in the work of promoting food production, food conservation, and household thrift. To carry on this work thru demonstrations and thru other educational methods, congress made appropriations for women city agents of the department. The cities thru their various organizations help to support the movement, which is carried on by the department in co-operation with the state colleges of agriculture.

There is no intensity for any citizen who owns land or even a home in this country of being anything else but a true American. And everyone who is so situated knows this as well as we do. But traitors are bound to get theirs in the future if they don't mend their ways before this war is over. Mark that!

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The hardest thing for a pacifist to do is to hold his peace.
There is no such thing as any one man being right all the time.
Germany will no doubt be better off some day, if she will throw out fewer chancellors and more Hohenzollerns.
When something is distinctly wrong with the food, one frequently is surprised to look up in the front of the restaurant and find the sign, "Home Cooking."
Wives, poor things, have little enough fun in the world. So, after you have laboriously obtained her consent to stay downtown until 11 o'clock, and the game is called off and you get home before 9, you can't blame her for laughing at you.

THE FREE SPEECH FALLACY.

The demand for the retirement of LaFollette from the United States senate grows more and more persistent with each succeeding day. Public officials, men of prominence and patriotic organizations throughout the country continue to demand, not only that he be ousted from the senate by his fellow members, but that he be compelled by some means to discontinue his treasonable utterances. Just at present he is a greater menace to victory than the German army. The abuse of free speech by such as he will do more to promote sentiment for the revoking of the privilege than anything else. And there are still a few people who contend that LaFollette is a patriot. None are so blind as those who will not see.—Seward Independent-Democrat.

AN EXAMPLE WASTED.

"Silent Sentinels," as the women pickets are dubbed, who have been pestering the officials at Washington for some time, doing all they possibly can to embarrass the president, started in on the job again last week. They were immediately arrested however and placed in jail. They should be kept there at least until after the war, for keeping them out of sight will help the administration and also the cause for woman suffrage. Americans are becoming disgusted with the actions of a hand full of eastern suffragettes. The "militant" sisters in England have found more noble and patriotic labors since the war started, and have ceased their cries of anguish. Let the militant American women do the same and they will have done more for the suffrage cause than any amount of "silent sentinel" duty will ever do.—Albion Argus.

UNREPORTED CROPS.

The housewives of America who are saving food and curtailing the eating habits of their families are not doing it because there is any scarcity of food in this country, but that they may help feed the starving women and children in Belgium, France and other countries. Toward feeding the hungry in other countries they are bending every energy. The crop reporting organizations in this country tell us that the crops have been bountiful, but they report only on the great standard crops. There are millions of tons of food supplies that they do not include in their figure. The Review of Reviews gives much space to considering those unreported crops. It says:
"The increase in other food crops is not far behind. The backyard and vacant-lot garden movement, the first skirmish of this campaign, was started in March and was taken up by the State Councils of National Defense, State Agricultural Colleges, the National Garden Commission, hundreds of daily papers, and other agencies throughout the country, with the result that millions of families who had formerly bought all of their vegetables produced this year, a large part of what went on their tables, thus leaving in the channels of trade millions of dol-

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It is believed that these unreported crops will be much larger next year. Patriotic men and women are already organizing to push the garden crops. There will certainly be a very large increase in drying plants and if the good women interested in that can have their way, there will be a public drying plant in every neighborhood. The men who have been trying to figure out the values of these unreported crops are placing it high up in the millions of tons.—World Herald.

"SHOOT THE WAY YOU SHOUT!"

Says the Omaha Daily Bee: "Col. Roosevelt has given us another epigram worth remembering: 'Shoot the way you shout.' It does no good, says the colonel, to wave the flag unless you are prepared to back it up." Every citizen of the republic is included in this. Not all can go to the front as soldiers, but everyone has a chance to do something to help win the war. Stay-at-home duties are not spectacular in any sense, but they are vitally important. Each day each of us has opportunity to do something. Save a little food or a little fuel; do the task a little better and in a little shorter time and thus increase production—in short, contribute of what we have to the general sum of effort, and not only is the way to winning the war made easier, but we are all bettered because we have helped even in a small way. It is not necessary to shout to help, but if you feel that shouting will do any good you need not hold back. Only be ready to back up your noise."

THE NECESSITIES OF THE HOUR.

Now comes Frank A. Kennedy, in his Omaha Western Laborer, to say in his usual frank and open manner: Here is one registered republican who hopes Senator Norris will aspire for re-election. We are just spoiling for a chance to show him how much we disapprove of his LaFollette stuff. If he does not make the race it will leave a little balance to him unpaid. Please do run, Mr. Norris.
Senator Norris took occasion to say in Lincoln the other day "I've simply got to run again." Why this necessity is not apparent. The senator may know, but he doesn't candidly tell. It may be that he needs the job, or it may be that a sense of duty prompts him to test the popularity of his La Follettism.
It is undoubtedly the same sense of duty that prompts Kennedy to point out the crying necessity of the hour as he sees it. He will not be lonesome among "registered" republicans, either.

One of the grim humors of the day lies in the recent action of the Wisconsin veterans in Lincoln in sending to Senator Norris their resolution criticizing the official action of La Follette and asking the Nebraska senator to vote for the expulsion of his fellow solon of Wisconsin from the senate.
Nebraska is evidently to have put up to it the test which the governor of Wisconsin has been trying to dodge in a most cowardly manner. It is to be called upon to vote its endorsement or rejection of La Follettism in the senate.
Senator Norris will enter the fight with an assurance of kaiserite support of problematical power and the

loyal people of Nebraska will welcome the test.—Lincoln Star.

FAREWELL TO BACON.

How do you like yours—cut thick and blinking reflectively in its own comfortable grease or sliced into thin seductive curls of a dryness ineffable? Which ever be the choice, it were well to gratify that craving once more and have done, lest bacon the beloved vanish utterly from the knowledge of man. It is with alarm that the bacon fancier notes the inclusion of his dear desire in the list of things to be conserved; and his fears are not allayed by reading of a restaurant located in a stronghold of the Pennsylvania Dutch, which now requests its patrons, via the menu, not to order the delicacy—the inference being that they won't get it even if they should disregard the courteous request.
O Bacon, where may we find a substitute like unto thee? Our loss will be a soldier's gain, for which reason we kiss the rod and obey; but what a sacrifice! Down the long series of workaday mornings, silently snowy or musical with summer's bird-songs, we face a procession of breakfast eggs unrelieved, unadorned, unvaried, by a single curl of bacon. What campfires innumerable will burn and die, what picnic meals be eaten, at which fragrant memories of the dear departed will combine with the wood smoke to dim the vision and start the tears! If the war be prolonged, the coming generation may have to attain its majority without learning the palpitant joy of frizzling the elusive slice at the end of a stick, and then popping it between the wings of a roll for immediate use—repeat ad infinitum.

There is no fragrance like that of frying bacon. There never will be one that rivals it. It would call one back from the brink of the Styx, Charon's canoe in full sight. It can do more than that—it can get folks up in the morning. Therefore, when that enticing siren scent no longer wings its way from the kitchenette clear into the maternal dream, it is a safe bet that more than one person is going to roll over and go to sleep again. Then now will the world wag on?—Philadelphia Ledger.

DRASTIC MEASURES NEEDED.

A series of peculiar "accidents" warrants the War department taking drastic steps to protect every important point from German plotters. Little heed should be given the stories that German agents are engaged in such petty undertakings as the scattering of tetanus germs by circulation of quart plaster, or that they have been responsible for diseases that have become epidemic in isolated communities. But there have been some incendiary fires at places whose destruction would greatly cripple the United States in prosecution of the war. The United States knows what acts would be of great advantage to Germany as well as the directors of German spies do. Docks, ships, munition plants and every other plant engaged in making essential supplies; the sources of water supply of cities and cantonments, important bridges, packing plants, stock yards, milk condensation plants, arsenals and all public buildings are among the places that should be guarded by specially trained soldiers, equipped to kill skulking spies at sight and under orders to do so.
All the detective skill of the country should be directed to fixing the responsibility for offenses already committed and there should be no hesitancy about inflicting the extreme penalty of the law in every case. That penalty is death, as it always has been in time of war and as it necessarily must be. The worst crime a government can commit in such a crisis is that of feebleness. Summary execution of proven spies will have a deterrent effect. In dealing with spies the only question to be considered is specific. The issue

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of tolerance or leniency is not involved. A spy is the worst foe the nation can have and self-preservation demands that he be blotted out.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BRINGING THE WAR CLOSER HOME

The fact that Merle D. Hay, one of the three American boys killed in the German raid upon an American trench the other day, enlisted in Omaha from the neighboring town of Ghidten, that two of the five wounded were from the neighboring states of Oklahoma and Kansas and that three of the twelve captured by the enemy hail from Oklahoma, Missouri and Iowa, brings the war closer to our own homes in the comprehension of the people of Nebraska.

Deplorable as the loss is to our neighbors, it is but an incident when viewed as part of a bloody transaction that has involved the lives of uncounted millions and that seems to promise the wastage of millions more. Nebraskans will condole with the relatives of these sons of the neighboring commonwealths, and in doing so will not overlook the dread certainty that sooner or later tidings of similar dread import will be reaching the homes of this state.

But as an incident it can only be regarded as a guarantee that whatever is to befall us of weal or woe will only be hastened by this prodigal to the great part we have planned for our boys in the titanic struggle.

Perhaps the consciousness of the proximity of the sorrows precipitated by this incident may awaken the laggards among the American people to the fact that this war is our war, and that it must be fought out as quickly and determinedly as possible.

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