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Can we buy candy?

Poor Christmas without candy.

It is easier doing without meat than a cigar.

The German vision: If at first you don't succeed, spy, spy again.

The more the big fellows want, the less the little fellows get.

As the boy to knock the conceit out of the British lion, we vote for Northcliffe.

Are you a stay-at-home, or is your star going to be on a dozen club service flags when you go?

Gradually the horrors are being segregated from the army and saddled onto those who stay at home. The army chaps are free now to dance to real music—no jazz.

We love Russia and all that, but if we lived in the house with her we'd send her to bed without any supper tonight and make her wear her old dress to school tomorrow.

Fond parents will welcome with relief the coming of next Saturday, when the football season draws virtually to a close. Then nothing but the war will be left to worry about.

After due inquiry we find out there isn't a semblance of truth in the reports about the Red Cross—not one of them. And none but enemies are circulating these reports. So we reiterate—pay no attention to such reports.

It is estimated that Omaha saved enough meat Tuesday to feed 150,000 soldiers. This was the meatless day. Now the meat markets are seriously considering the policy of remaining closed on meatless days in the future.

The Tammany Tiger may be as hungry as ever, but it must also be admitted that the Tammany Tiger is wise enough to make its campaigns on platform terms that appeal to the common sense of the people. The "highbrow" stuff goes only in limited circles.

Terre Haute coal dealers have been arraigned before the United States commissioner for charging a price for coal in excess of that granted by the administration. When an American citizen will use the language credited to one of these men: "To hell with the government. I will charge my own price for coal;" it is time that his tongue be bridled, and he got it.

A wartime Thanksgiving, to be sure. But, thank God, we are able to furnish a million of the bravest and best boys in the world to fight for the preservation of democracy. And thank God, we are able to feed them and care for them; to strengthen and help our allies; to bear more than our share of the burdens, and do the most with the least sacrifice. Surely we have every reason for observing the approaching Thanksgiving with more than the usual amount of enthusiasm and devotion.

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LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S AX.

Lord Northcliffe has correctly appraised his own value to Britain in saying that he can do better work on the outside with an ax than on the inside where he would be gagged. Inside the government he knows there is dead wood which he does not care to drift with. Outside he can use his ax to help chop it away.

Any country is fortunate that has a man on the outside with an ax. Particularly one who will not give it up to come inside and be comfortable. Such men are not plentiful, but there are a few. They prefer the exercise of swinging an ax to the ease of chairs of state. They are men who believe that the possession of an ax—his newspapers in Northcliffe's case—involves an obligation to use it for the public good. To lay it down on any personal consideration, as for the prestige or power of office, is to be recreant to a public and patriotic duty.

The little ones are beginning to think about Santa Claus pretty seriously.

No man ever wants to serve on a jury himself, but many of them will fly in a rage at the suggestion of a woman juror.

After all, there probably is nothing sacred about a British ministry as doubtless it will find out unless it keeps abreast of its job.

McDill McCormick says, Germany is not winning the war and neither are the allies. Perhaps not, but can't he tell us which is doing it the fastest?

If the young movement to withhold all Christmas gifts from grown-ups becomes general this year, a lot of men will wear their first well-fitting socks next spring.

A lecturer says newspapers can sway the world. That's the general opinion of the outs. Ask the ins about it, though, and they'll say newspapers merely rock the boat.

Jess Willard says he will fight no more. Nobody is going to cry. Willard has been the poorest heavyweight representative the game has known. No man who ever gained the title fought so few times after annexing it, as has Willard. He lacked the popularity of our champion, yet in the two years he held the title, he earned more money than any of his predecessors. K. C. Star.

AWAKENING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Dark indeed was the picture of the war prospects as painted by Charles Edward Russell to a Lincoln audience Tuesday evening in St. Paul's church, but the cloud had a silver lining.

Mr. Russell gave a broad intimation that Russia is out of the war, that Italy is likely to be, that Germany will be able to attack France from the south in such a way as to render defense impossible, that the whole burden of the war must fall upon the United States, that its duration will run far into the future and that every resource of the republic must be put into the scales.

The silver lining lay in his optimism that whatever the American people seriously undertake to do will be done, but the people must be unitedly determined to do it.

At a time when politicians are under a great temptation to play for popularity it is refreshing to find the British premier speaking out with courageous frankness and with comprehension of the issues involved. Britain has been accustomed to a policy of isolation from European politics and it is going to be hard to recognize the need of concerted military action. Lloyd George is not afraid to defy traditions and bluntly state the truth. It is not the least of his qualities of high leadership that he recognizes so clearly the necessity of an aroused public opinion to back a democratic government and that he is ready to arouse that opinion by telling things that other public men, less able, might try to cover up. His Paris speech was international, he said. Well, he has made it talked about in the Missouri Valley!

The chief value of the lecture lay in the elucidation given of what democracy means to the workingman and how that best safeguard of all who toil now hangs in the balance in the decisive struggle between autocracy and democracy.—Lincoln Star.

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AN IDIOTIC KAISER FAKE.

It would seem as if it ought to be necessary for the secretary of the treasury, Mr. McAdoo, to deny so ridiculous a rumor as one to the effect that the government proposes to confiscate the money of depositors in the banks.

But that is just what Secretary McAdoo has had to do. He has been advised that that rumor has been in diligent circulation, and that some have actually taken stock in it.

That rumor has been in circulation right here in Lincoln. A German citizen was observed within the past two or three days putting away in a safety deposit box a pile of money which an observer said could hardly have contained less than \$5,000. He did not want Uncle Sam to confiscate it as a deposit.

Is there no way to run down such rumors and punish those who circulate them? If there isn't it is an evidence of deplorable lack of efficiency in government.

It must take fine concert of action on the part of a large number of agents of the kaiser to get these rumors into circulation and get them to the ears of the ignorant and credulous. This country manifestly needs a larger and more alert secret service.

HAIG'S DASHING SMASH.

Field Marshal Haig has just executed with startling success the most brilliant and important blow struck by any of the Allied armies since the beginning of the war. His movement contains all the audacious and dashing effectiveness of any of the fierce and sudden thrusts made by von Mackensen, who has earned such a reputation for terrible drives.

To smash through the vaunted Hindenburg line for a depth of from four to five miles along a front of 30 miles is an achievement excelling anything that has occurred since trench warfare was instituted on the western front in 1914.

The suddenness of the advance as well as its success emphasizes more than anything else can the complete passage of the offensive into the hands of the Allies. That was made without the usual artillery preparation shows something of the adaptability of the army under Field

Marshal Haig. He did not advertise his intent by thunder of great guns, thus permitting the enemy to mass troops for the reception of charging columns.

While German eyes were turned on Italy, and while Prince Rupprecht was watching the line between Passchendaele and Dixmude, Haig struck and the boasted defenses, so long ago prepared with utmost care, crumbled under his blow.

The value of this victory can not be magnified. It comes when it will do most to offset any losses in Italy. It will check any attempt of the Teutons at boasting of renewed invincibility. Until full reports of the engagement are available, its entire effect can not be estimated, but it has been a mortal blow to the Germans on the west front.

Their defensive there has received a shock from which it will not readily recover. The line may not be wholly broken, but it has been weakened, and will not again be re-established in its terrible formidable potency.

Haig's great work is appreciated

in America, because it is showing up what determined troops and skillful leadership can accomplish against the Kaiser's best armies.—Omaha Bee.

CALL AND ANSWER.

Lloyd George makes no bones about it. He says frankly it depends largely upon what the United States does in the way of furnishing ships and men, whether the war against German autocracy is to make headway. To quote:

"Assuming that the submarine situation does not get worse, the easing of the position of the allies depends entirely upon the date on which the American program of launching six million tons of shipping promised for 1918 comes into practical effect."

"The collapse of Russia, and the recent reverses in Italy make it even more imperative than before that the United States should send as many troops as possible across the Atlantic as early as possible. I am anxious to know how soon the first million men can be expected in France."

This call upon the United States comes with no staggering effect. It was expected and anticipated.

Lord Northcliffe has already told Englishmen of the progress this country has made, in a very few months, toward fitting itself to bear the big end of the load. Daniel Willard, one of the world's greatest experts in organization and administration, says we have made such a record as no other country has ever equaled.

Official figures show that this country already has more than 2,000,000 men under arms. The second draft call, to come in a few months, will add a half million to the total. Of this great fighting force, raised in little more than six months, approximately 1,400,000 represent voluntary enlistments. Here are the figures:

National army	616,820
National guard	469,000
Regular army	370,000
Special branches	200,000
Reserves	80,000
Total	1,735,820
Navy	147,871
Naval reserves	50,000
Naval militia	15,000
Marine corps	32,000
Coast guard	5,000
Hospital corps	6,500
All officers	15,200
Total	271,571
Grand total	2,007,391

As to ships, the up-to-the-minute figures, secured from Washington by the New York Tribune, are these: One hundred and fourteen yards have received contracts for ships as follows:

Kind	No.	Tonnage
Wood	375	1,330,000
Composite (wood and steel)	58	207,000
Steel	807	6,082,000
Total ordered	1,240	7,619,000
To be ordered	400	3,300,000
Grand Total	1,640	10,919,000

"According to contracts," says the Tribune, "practically all of this vast tonnage is to be completed in 1918." While not all of it may be completed in time, the shipping board is determined that the 6,000,000 tons promised shall be finished next year.

In two more years, at this rate, the United States will become easily the first maritime power in the world.

Meanwhile, the U-boat toll shows signs of a real and substantial diminution, and even Tirpitz now confesses that the submarine cannot be expected to win the war. And we are grateful to see, on the West front, in the latest achievement of the British troops, unmistakable signs that British grit and stamina are not exhausted. While Uncle Sam's men are on the way John Bull's men continue to push doggedly and steadily forward without them, on the front where the war is to be decided.

Russia is out of it, while still



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