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Do your shopping early.
Only 21 days till Christmas.
At least you are thankful that it is no worse.
Lord Lansdowne may be licked but Britain ain't.
The Bolshevik appears to have been created free and loquacious.
One place where the kaiser can still look for victory is in the dictionary.
General Confusion has succeeded Kerensky in control of affairs in Russia.
When it comes to the manufacture of shells, the hen beats the munition factory.

If you must worry—just worry yourself, and not worry others. They are very apt to have troubles of their own.
"Business as usual" is a pretty good slogan, but "Business unusual" is a better one from now on until after the holidays.
Some fellows who fly the largest flags pass up the Y. M. C. A. war funds. Patriotism that runs mostly to show won't help win the war. Just now money talks.

Although passenger coaches are more expensive than freight cars, there never is a shortage of coaches when there is need of a football special.
Premier Lloyd George is authority for the statement that thirteen million men have crossed the ocean in the past three years and from that number only 3,500 were lost.
The Prussians stole everything the poor Germans possessed years ago, drove them out of the country, and are now spending their stolen millions to try and coerce others.

President Wilson is expected to issue a proclamation soon requiring every alien enemy within the United States to register, as a step toward ridding the country of spies and saboteurs.
If you have not discovered any way in which you can be helpful, anyway of doing your bit, surely it cannot be because of lack of good advice and suggestions on that subject.

The world has seen the documentary evidence that Germany was willing to spend money lavishly to corrupt public officials in this country and France. There is a general milk curiosity to know how much a separate peace with Russia is going to cost.

The Russian civil committee in Washington says the story of Miss Titiana Romanhoff's escape to America is a hoax. We wish we knew the straight of it, in order to know whether Tatiana we see in the movie news films before long is the real thing or not.

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Let Old Glory float everywhere.
The pacifist is passing, inept, un-honored and unhung.
The way some people become rich makes a bunco game honest.
One way to fill a soldier's Christmas sock would be to enlist.
Traitors are judged by their treatment of the Stars and Stripes.
The children are almost counting the hours from now till Santa's arrival.
The British lion seems to be more than a match for the Hindenburg line.
Forty thousand Philippino's have enlisted in the United States army. Good!

We can't blame the doctors for enlisting. Food conservation is about to cure all their pet cases.
And here comes another Christmas, and no likelihood of the kaiser eating his dinner in Paris.
We are rather in love with that British General Byng. It has a wholesome sound. And he seems to be living up to it.
A man never finds out just what he really is until he gets married—and then he is told more often than is comfortable.

If "Sin Fein" is pronounced anything like it reads, it's a misnomer. Seems to us its adherents have the genuine article, judging from their activities.
You bet this is a "rich man's war." When it comes to taking 63 per cent of a man's income that is digging pretty deep—and only rich men are caught in that act.
We still believe in Russia. When a nation gets tired of Lenine ministry almost as soon as we do it is natural for us still to have hope for it.

Anybody can talk Latin but it takes a freak to understand it. We apologize to all the students and teachers, who have it to do. The use of it in America should be abandoned.
If it is true, as stated, that America pays fourteen times as much for each soldier as the enemy, the boys have man-size jobs to measure up to the pattern cut for them. But they'll do it.

The merchant who thinks he can capture much holiday trade without advertising is not as wise as he thinks he is. Advertising is what captures the eyes of the Christmas shoppers.

Another step has been taken by government officials in winning the war. All railroads east of Chicago have been pooled and in future will be operated under a railroad war board. It is thought that this will relieve the congested condition of freight traffic now occurring in the east and will hasten the movement of war materials.

Funny how fate always gets the wrong man in the right place, or the right man in the wrong place or both, or vice versa, or some other darned kind of a mix-up. But what we wanted to say was that we have a man in our town who could have had the war fought to a finish and the Kaiser whipped to a frazzle if he had only been consulted. We know it, because he says so.

IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.

Now there is an insidious intimation in partisan republican papers that "one reason" for the president's recent trip to the convention of the American federation of labor at Buffalo, and his heartfelt address before it, was "his desire to aid Samuel Gompers' re-election as head of the federation."

And the question is naively put, "But suppose there should arise opposition to the re-election of a supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, or a grand master of the Masons, or an exalted ruler of the Elks—would the White house then respond to an S. O. S.?"

If President Wilson really did go to Buffalo and make his masterful speech to organized labor through any desire to help re-elect Sam Gompers, it is occasion for genuine applause. Sam Gompers has been a tower of strength to both the government and to union labor since the war involved us. He has stood like a stone wall against Bolshevism in this country. He has told the pacifist socialists in union labor "where to head in," and he has made patriotism stick as a chief tenet of the great order for which he speaks.

While elements that professed to be in some measure representative of the workman, the organized workman at that, were diligently nourishing the seeds of disloyalty, old Sam Gompers stood up like a dauntless giant and defied and denounced them. They did not speak for the rank and file of organized labor. They were rather agents of the arch enemy of America, and he wanted the whole world to know it. And by a vote that was so one-sided as to be almost unanimous, organized labor has endorsed the patriotic war activities of Gompers and his associates in the federation.

Organized labor has much for which to be thankful growing out of the patriotic leadership of Sam Gompers, and it knows it. The United States has also much for which to be thankful arising from his leadership of that great organization, and it knows it. Let us give the president the credit that partisan enemies have tried to injure him and their country's cause by according him. Although it does not now seem as if Gompers needed any boosting in that patriotic convention.—Lincoln Star.

The farmers raised a big corn crop this year, but it is such inferior quality that corn experts are predicting that seed corn will sell as high as \$25 a bushel next spring.

"Purchasing a Liberty Bond is not a test of man's patriotism," says an exchange. No, but it is a darned good indication.

Never take credit when you can pay cash.

Coal is scarce.

-WANTED!



Car Load of Live Poultry
to be delivered at poultry car near C. B. & Q. depot at Plattsmouth, Nebr., on Friday Dec. 7th, one day only for which we will pay in cash:
Hens170
Springs170
Old Cox120
Ducks, Full Feathered150
Geese, Full Feathered140
Cow Hides170
Horse Hides\$6.00 each
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LET STATES PROTECT THEMSELVES

In recommending the use of federal troops for the protection of certain property in Kansas, Governor Capper probably is acting upon reliable information which he has received regarding the danger to such property. It may be well, anyway, to act upon the old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and be prepared for any emergency.

It should be understood, however, that the only excuse for the federal government furnishing troops to protect property in Kansas, or in any other state, is because of the emergency created by the war preparations. The fact that all the state troops were called into the service of the federal government before arrangements could be made for a home defense army, affords a good reason for the co-operation of the government with the states, for a little while, in the use of federal troops for state purposes.

Congress failed to pass any measure for raising a home army to take the place of the National Guard when it was called into service. Such an enabling act will be needed before the states can organize an effective military plan.

No doubt Congress will pass such an enabling act early in the coming session. After that, it will be up to the states to take care of themselves. Special sessions of the legislatures will be necessary and Kansas and Missouri and the other states must make up their minds that they will have to equip their own state armies. The federal government has all it can do to equip its own army for service in France.

Two weeks ago in The Star, John Stearn, a Coffey County, Kansas, farmer, suggested the solution of the problem for home defense. It was for the organization of military companies in the small towns of the state, including farm communities, as well as in the cities. Every man qualified to fight, but not qualified for fighting in France, could be enlisted in such a state army. In this way every community would have its own army of defense and could take care of itself against the I. W. W. or any other treasonable organization of German agents. In addition, each man physically fit for military service would be receiving necessary training for any eventuality of the war, and such an organization would keep alive the military zeal and spirit and maintain the community loyalty that will be necessary until the last day of the war with Germany.

Such organizations the states themselves must equip, train, help to organize and officer. It is nothing more than the fair contribution of every state to the success of the war.—K. C. Star.

COMMIT THIS TO MEMORY.

This is the country of our birth, the fairest land on all the earth. Here freedom is a living thing, no fake invented by a king. No galling yokes are on our backs, we groan beneath no unjust tax, the government is all our own and not a ukase from a throne. The great republic of the west! The haven of the world's oppressed, the vital text of all who plan a world-wide brotherhood of man. Then thousand eyes are gazing where her banner flies, and countless hearts forever make plans to reach the freeman's shores. Besides the Ganges sullen flow, and by the winding, stried Po, wherever men are tired and worn, wherever life is sad and gray, the eyes of thousands turn this way. And that their eyes may to us turn, and that our beacons still may burn, informing all upon this sphere that freedom's still existing here, we take once more the sword and brand to battle for our native land. For freedom, in the people's sight, if we surrender what is right would be as dark and foul a thing as though invented by a king.—Walt Mason.

UNCLE SAM'S WAR AIMS.

All these feverish demands that the allies, each or all of them, shall more specifically define their war aims, such as that of our backward pulling United States senators, of the Marquis of Lansdowne and others, are futile except as they are mischievous.

When the time comes for the negotiation of peace the will of the United States is going to be the dominating factor. We know in a general way what the war aims of this government are. They are the same as those of the American people. They comprise such measures as may be necessary to make the world safe for democracy, with a league of nations to give them permanent force and affect. One of the prime essentials is that small nations shall enjoy the same right to regulate their affairs as larger nations, and without outside interference. Another is that they shall choose their own government as to form and personnel. Still another is the freedom of the seas. Militarism in any country that is a menace to the safety or welfare of any other country is not to be longer tolerated.

This program may not yet suit some of the allies, but they are bound to come to the terms. It certainly doesn't suit the central powers, but that is a matter of secondary importance. When the kaiser shall have been shorn of his power over middle European peoples not naturally his subjects the latter will like the program immensely.

Everybody will ultimately like this world program except the elements that comprise the kaiserbund, the pan-Germans, the German people will like it better than any of the others, because they have been the worst victims of the system found upon the doctrine that might makes right.

Uncle Sam may be trusted to utilize the establishment of peace in the world as the occasion for making the world safe for democracy, the democracy of the present central powers, the democracy of the subsidiary countries of the allies, as well as the democracy of the two American continents. Uncle Sam's war aims are the war aims that will prevail when peace comes.—Lincoln Star.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

FIRST SECURITY BANK

of Cedar Creek, Nebr.

Chart. No. 1295 in the State of Nebraska at the close of business on November 29, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 29,449.19
Overdrafts	481.16
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	1,000.00
Current expenses, taxes and interest paid	1,717.14
Due from National	628.16
and State banks	2,406.99
Currency	159.09
Gold coin	342.72
Silver, nickels and cents	3,526.88
Total	\$ 36,174.57
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 10,000.00
Individual profits	1,298.27
Individual deposits	8,308.18
Subject to check	11,055.25
Due certificates of deposit	509.76
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,041.33
Due to National and State banks	24,481.52
Depositor's guaranty fund	215.28
Total	\$ 36,174.57

(State of Nebraska)
County of Cass) ss:
I, Jos. E. Rau, Cashier of the above named bank do hereby swear that the above statement is a correct and true copy of the report made to the State Banking Board.
JOS. E. RAU,
Cashier.
WALTHAM SCHNEIDER, Director.
W. H. LOHNESS, Director.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 1917.
WM. J. RAU,
Notary Public.

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2-CENT CLUB PAYS	25.50
1-CENT CLUB PAYS	12.75

YOU CAN BEGIN WITH THE LARGEST PAYMENT AND DECREASE YOUR PAYMENTS EACH WEEK. THERE ARE ALSO FIFTY CENT, ONE DOLLAR AND FIVE DOLLAR CLUBS, WHERE YOU PAY IN THE SAME AMOUNT EACH WEEK. START TODAY. ALSO START YOUR LITTLE ONES. WE ADD 3 PER CENT INTEREST.

Farmers' State Bank

THE NEW BANK.

Americans Soon May Be On Duty On Italian Front

PRESIDENT WILSON TELLS CONGRESSMAN THIS, IN LARGE PART, WAS INDUCEMENT FOR DECLARATION.

Washington, Dec. 4.—It was learned tonight that in conversation with congressional leaders before leaving the capitol, the president said that the Austrian declaration was advised largely because it might be necessary at any time to have American soldiers aid Italy.

Italian Premier Pleased.
Paris, Dec. 4.—The Italian premier, Vittorio Orlando, sends through the officials the following message to the American people, in the course of which he says:

"The most alarming period of the crisis may be considered as past. Italy's soldiers with admirable heroism, have succeeded in opposing the barrier of their breasts to the invader, and behind her army stands the Italian people to a man, animated by one single will and overflowing with energy, now more than ever united in the struggle and confident in victory.

"It is with the utmost joy that I have noted the direct participation in the inter-allied supreme war council at Paris of authorized representatives of the United States. Their intervention can only signify the cordial and complete adhesion of their country to the theory of a single front, and can only affirm in the most tangible manner the harmony of our souls and wills, the union of our energies and means, the fraternity of our arms in the face of the common enemy."

TRINER'S CALENDAR OF HEALTH

More beautiful than ever before is the new Triner's Wall Calendar for 1918. A lofty figure of the Goddess of Health, with herbal ingredients of Triner's remedies in her lap, forms the centre, five interesting historical pictures illustrate the evolution of remedies, and two views demonstrate the modern equipment of Triner's Chemical Laboratory. Send 10c to cover mailing expenses. Jos. Triner, Manufacturer of Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine and other remedies, 1333-1343 S. Ashland ave., Chicago, Ill. 12-5-3td-3tw

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