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Be careful.
Begin the New Year right—and stay right.

What is to be done with railroad lawyers?

Spend, but spend wisely! Save and save earnestly. Buy War Savings Stamps!

The income tax man will be after you before many days. Prepare to check up.

It looks now as the much talked of seventh regiment had a fighting chance again.

"Women to run cars soon" says a headline. But what is wanted is "Somebody to run them" sooner.

Some persons adopt New Year's resolutions and some have them adopted for them like the railroads.

One by one, the date lines on the soldiers' letters are changing from "An American training camp to 'Somewhere in France.'"

It is hard to understand Quebec wanting to secede from a country that has proved heroism in this war second to no other belligerent.

Hon. David R. Francis, ambassador to Russia, must be enjoying a hot time of it. But when he is not equal to the emergency he can come home.

Among other reductions in railroad operation the attention of Congress is called to the heavy expense of hauling congressmen under the mileage system.

The head and the body are called the vital parts of man, but if you would incapacitate him and crush his spirit at the same time, bruise his right thumb.

Trotsky prophesied a "reign of terror" for Russia. At present it is a reign of error, with no immediate prospect of relief.

A lot of railroad presidents who "learned the business from the ground up" are now about to have the opportunity of showing whether they remember any of it.

The holidays now being entirely over, we can all get down to solid business, and cut the cats that come at Christmas times in profusion to those who had the money to buy.

Sam Smiley says that he has no fear of the spread of the Bolsheviki idea in this country, as long as we have free schools, free baths and an Irish police force.

The old fashioned woman who put up jam without putting it up high enough found her old fashioned son streaked and daubed and stuffed with it in the old fashioned fashion several times recently.

Uncle Sam, in dispensing with the services of railroad lawyers, takes his place as the leading efficiency expert of the world. Germany can no longer dispute that title, for she still maintains a "minister of colonies."

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A RED CROSS SERMON.

The people of the United States did a fine and splendid thing when they devoted the week before Christmas to recruiting the Red Cross. In Omaha and Nebraska as everywhere throughout the country we have given our names as members of this great organization and our dollars to support it in its work.

It is appropriate to stop and ask ourselves, What does the Red Cross mean? What is its purpose? What does it symbolize? In the Red Cross Magazine for December is published a "war-time Christmas sermon" on the text, "On Earth Peace Among Men of Good Will" that goes right to the heart of these questions. The writer, Alva Martin Kerr, declares that the Red Cross "is infinitely more than simply a charitable organization. It is the nearest approach we have yet made to practicing the Christmas spirit of good will among all nations and races and peoples."

The World-Herald hopes its every reader will consider thoughtfully, and take to heart, these noble and illuminating paragraphs from this Red Cross Magazine Christmas sermon:

"The war in Europe was no accident. It was the inevitable outcome of racial antipathy centuries old, material ambition, international distrust and suspicion, and a perverted and utterly selfish idea of national relationships. The old order has utterly failed to find a basis for peace. It must be supplanted by something infinitely more sweeping and fundamental than a few peace schemes. Treaties, alliances, disarmaments—such programs will fail, as they always have failed, until there comes to be good will among all classes and peoples. Where this is lacking, friction and misunderstanding will increase and grievances will multiply until the final break must come.

"Just now all mankind is sick of this great blunder. The one great world-agreement today is that after this there must be no more war. It is America's marvelous opportunity. The superlative service which we can render the world in this war is, when it is ended, to emerge from it with absolute good feeling and the honest conviction that the heart of the common people of every nation is right toward us and toward each other. It is for us to show that there can be the meeting of force with force in genuine good will—truly seeking the good of those whom we fight because they are also included in the number of those for whom we fight.

"This honest conviction that the heart of the common people is right toward us is the larger and finer application of the Christmas carol. The Red Cross is pre-eminently fitted to interpret it to the world. It is the one universal organization. It is interwoven into the heart-fiber of every nation, down to its remotest hamlet. It has endeared itself to every people. It knows no distinction of race, or color, or class, or religion.

"These are days laden with destiny. They call loud for the big of heart. This is no time for littleness and meanness and class antipathy and racial bitterness. Let him who cannot bear injustice without growing vindictive, and suffer martyrdom in the spirit of forgiveness, and fight and fight hard without hatred, let him stand apart and give room to those of larger mind and finer heart in the fray. And when the sword is broken, and the cannon are stilled, and the storm of battle has ceased, the reign of peace on earth will be ushered in if ye shall have taught enough of the world to meet the

greatness of this hour with the greatness of good will!"

Here is an echo of the great-hearted and broad-minded sentiments of President Wilson. They are sentiments that are falling into fertile soil and taking root in every land. They sink into the hearts of the common people, who are giving their sons to fight this war with there may be no more war. They can understand, even if many narrow visioned statesmen and leaders and editors and politicians cannot, that hatred and rancor and vindictiveness are the seed of war and that so surely as we continue to sow them just that surely shall we reap other harvests of blood and agony. Good will is the foundation of enduring peace and without it there can be no such peace.—World-Herald.

GRAVEYARD OF REPUTATIONS.

The Balkin-Macedonian campaign is a grave of military reputations for Allied chieftains. The fame of several British generals was buried on the shores of the Dardanelles. When the center of activity in that region was transferred to Salonica, the British general command, having received a very black eye, stepped aside, and the French general, Sarrail, who had won an excellent fighting reputation in France, and particularly at the battle of the Marne, was put in absolute charge.

General Sarrail has had a little trial—since October, 1915. A little more than a year ago he operated a brilliant offensive at Monastir. He seemed to be the right man in the right place. He showed wisdom and firmness in the handling of the Greek situation while King Constantine was still on deck. But since Monastir he has not perceptibly advanced the Allied lines.

Whether it is the essential difficulty of a mountain country that has balked him, or whether he is inherently unfit for his difficult task, no doubt only the verdict of history can decide. But in any case his government has given him up. He has been displaced, and will go home a failure—perhaps an honorable failure, but a failure nevertheless. The painful paths of this war are now decorated with the ruins of another military reputation.

The man who takes Sarrail's place, General Guillemet, cannot be congratulated. He has a task that may prove insuperable. Military critics long ago agreed that the Allies cannot hope to force their way through the mountains into old Serbia or into Bulgaria. If Guillemet should ever succeed in doing this he will have proved his possession of military genius. Perhaps the Allies have reason to apprehend a great German offensive toward Salonica, and are preparing for a defensive campaign there only. In either case, they need the best ability they can get in the Salonica command.—Boston Transcript.

FOOLING THE FARMER.

It is announced that the non-partisan league will get behind Mr. Norris for senator. The Nebraskan suggests that the official emblem of the campaign should be an American flag with a big dollar mark, which the Nebraska senator said we would put upon that flag if we went to war with Germany.

But if these people imagine that they can get very far among Nebraska farmers with such a campaign they will yet have a day of awakening.—Omaha Nebraskan.

Don't write it 1917.

The holidays over.

"Clear the tracks for freight," is McAdoo's order.

Congressman Sloan will oppose Norris for U. S. Senator.

For all who long for a just, lasting and honorable peace, may this prove a Happy New Year.

It is evident that the planet Mars is not inhabited. The Germans have made no special effort to antagonize the Martians.

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Some railroad men are finding out that the government taking charge of the railroads, is no horseplay.

If you ever get acquainted with yourself the chances are that you won't find your company so agreeable.

A man may hurl thunderbolt arguments at his wife, but she can usually think of something to say in the last word.

The Ulrich Herald cheers us up with the reminder that the wages of sin remain the same and there is no prospect of a strike.

In China the American dollar is worth \$1.42 but you try to buy something here with it and it looks like thirty cents.

A certain citizen said the other day, "I am not losing my respect for law and lawyers. I lost that the first time I was sued, thirty-four years ago."

For forty years the German autocracy has refused to let the German people rule themselves and at the same time constantly assured them they ought to rule the rest of the world.

Some more of the Kaiser's Christmas speech arrived yesterday. If it had been interesting or instructive, or amusing, it probably would not have come at all. As it is, it strings along in sections, covering more than a week.

A great deal of the traveling seems to be done by mothers with six or seven children on the way to grandma's. Uncle Sam might save a good deal of railroad energy by fixing things so grandma can do the traveling until the war is over.

Furthermore, we don't believe 1917 was so loath to leave, or 1918 so eager to come in, as the cartoonists would have us believe. The earth carries a forbidding aspect these days, we imagine to those enjoying the proper perspective.

A Maryland law that compels all men to be engaged in productive labor during the war has been interpreted to call shoe shining as non-productive because people can shine their own shoes. And a band of gypsies was fined \$5 a person, notwithstanding that their chief said they were horse dealers. The law intends to reach out for the golf playing, motor driving loafer of the leisure class, also.

SOME FLAPDOODLE FOR REAVIS.

It is usually considered legitimate in politics to seize upon every opportunity for political advantage, but in times like these patriotism, and a sincere desire to be of service to your country in time of trouble, ought to place every statesman above the employment of petty political pettifoggery, and this paper confesses that it is disappointed in Congressman Reavis' attempt to make political capital out of the McConnell woman's letters in the Omaha Bee. Certainly no good can come to the republican party by being unfair with the democratic administration at this time, or in seeking by the publication of false statements to hamper its war preparations or impair the morale of the American soldier. This paper has always had an abiding faith in, and an abounding admiration for Congressman Reavis. But he is too big a man to allow himself to be duped by any person who exhibits a greater regard for notoriety than for veracity.—Fairbury News.

SOME FAULTY COLLABORATION.

Very properly the kaiser in his addresses to the German armies just prior to Christmas, indulged in characteristic flights of optimism, with especial reference to Teutonic valor and its achievement. Speaking to the second German army, he said, among other somewhat bombastic outbursts:

The most gigantic feat ever accomplished by an army and one without parallel in history, was accomplished by the German army. I don't boast. It is a fact, and nothing else. The admiration you have earned shall be your reward, and at the same time your pride. Nothing can in any way place in the shade or surpass what you have accomplished, however great and overwhelming it may be. The year 1917, with its great battles, has proved that the German people, has in the Lord of Creation above an unconditional and avowed ally on whom it can absolutely rely.

Speaking at Essen, the home of the Krupp gun works, four days later, Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, while not discrediting in any way the German valor extolled by the kaiser, unwittingly told how vain it all is and how gloomy is the prospect for the German empire. He insisted that a termination of the war without indemnity to Germany would mean Germany's ruin, and pictured in the following paragraph the plight in which the fatherland now finds itself:

Not only has England taken our colonies and Mesopotamia, but everywhere she has made deeper and firmer bases for her maritime and colonial supremacy. She has tarnished and trodden down the prestige and honor of Germany by unprecedented calamities. In the whole trans-Atlantic world we are considered as conquered and done for.

Evidently von Tirpitz leans toward the pan-German repugnance for the Bolsheviki "no annexations and no indemnities" program, and was trying to frighten the German people into a revolt against the separate Russian peace based ostensibly upon any such terms.

And in doing it he took a great deal of the lustre off the bombastic speech of the kaiser in which he offered the mailed fist and the shining sword to all who would not accept German peace.—Lincoln Star

No room here for the slacker.

Now go to work or to the army.

Every little Thrift Stamp has an income.

Plenty of money in the country, but you must have something to sell to get it.

If you can't carry a gun you can at least lick a stamp for the War Saving Fund.

Some women are naturally built for short skirts, others merely show their ignorance.

Will the Prussians ever understand that it is time for them to change pitchers?

Everything going up. Even the dudgeon used these days by indignant old gents in high dudgeon.

True the world loves a quiet man, but it gives a lot more attention to the fellow that gets up and howls.

Why wouldn't it be much sicer for the girls who go boy hunting now-a-days to call on the boys at their homes, instead of racing up and down the streets after night looking for them.

Germany had a fine chance of getting Spain into a war with this country. But Spain is too smart to be dictated to by the bull-headed Kaiser. Besides Spain tried a war with this country to its entire satisfaction.

Among other things the hour of low 12 did the night before New Years was to play a rather cruel joke on the prophets who had dug up scriptural proof that the war would in 1917.

INTOLERANT PATRIOTS. That enthusiastic patriots are becoming more numerous, more bold and less tolerant is evidenced by reports of warnings being given by the use of yellow paint and other drastic methods at different points in the state. At Keneasaw last week the store of Walter C. Schulz was given a coat of yellow paint. Friday night the Bee building in Omaha was treated to a coat of yellow though it was impossible to determine whether the paint was intended for the Bee or some occupant of the building. At Dewitt the home guards under the leadership of Captain Walter Scott marched to the store of Carl Niemeier a reported pro-German and after the captain had lectured him on his duty to the United States, retired. As the bugler blew the retreat an American flag was taken from the building and carried back to the hall, the guard evidently thinking the flag was in the wrong place. In each instance the newspapers have rebuked the perpetrators of the deed, as they should have done. No individual or company of individuals are warranted in meeting out summary justice or warnings to anyone, no matter what the reports or suspicions. The country and state councils of defense were created and organized for the purpose of investigating just such cases. However, these incidents should warn any slacker, luke warm patriot or disloyal element that they are "monkeying with the buzz saw" when they express disloyal sentiments or fail to respond as they should to any patriotic work in which the community is engaged. The great body of the people are in dead earnest in the prosecution of the war and on occasion are apt to do in their enthusiasm what they might be sorry for afterward.—Seward Independent-Democrat.

If it be true, as reported, that out of 200 young men registered at York, the only one expressing a willingness to go has but one eye, it demonstrates that with respect to finding excuses for slackerism two eyes are better than one.

It takes a mighty energetic man who can "nail" a lie without letting his own fingers get a rap.

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