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Spring is coming. Did you get a valentine? It will take some coaxing. Everybody that is anybody, belongs to the Red Cross. Precedent is a convenient peg to hang incompetency on. Headline: "All Women Kin in War." And they not only kin, but do. Austria is again reminded that "while the light holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return". Probably it is pretty hard for the young men to look wise in a country where shell-rimmed spectacles have not been introduced.

George Washington's birthday next—one week from Friday. The poor censor is to be pitied. He never knows where he is at. Suffragists are having a hard time to get through the U. S. Senate. Easy to buy, convenient to handle, no red tape—get a War Savings Stamp today. One of Plattsmouth's young lady's beau has gone to war and now she calls the cozy corner in the front room at her home "No Man's Land." One of the best ways to hammer the enemy is to hammer rivets in the ships the government is building to carry our armies to France and feed our allies.

Anyway the German militarists will never again be able to frighten the German people into giving them a gun by pointing to the "Slav peril". When a man says he had a hell of a time, and a woman says she had a heavenly time, the hostess will understand that they both mean the same thing.

We never have been able to make up our mind whether it does any good to call for "chief operator" after we've had trouble getting our telephone number. Don't kill your hens, the food manager says. It is a finable offense, and you have to pay in an amount more than all the chickens on your farm are worth.

Senator Thompson of Kansas, who announces that he will run for reelection, like Senator Norris, of this state doesn't seem to realize that the public doesn't care much for a joke after everyone knows it.

About half the time only does "Old Sol" let his smiling countenance beam upon us. He will perhaps make up for this next summer when we don't need his rays for comfort.

Some people are entirely too quick to take items in their column as personal to themselves, when nothing of the kind was ever thought of. When the editor wants to be personal he is not too cowardly to speak out in meeting.

What the Milwaukee police describe as "a fake counterfeiting machine" has turned out to be a powerful wireless outfit in the hands of an enemy spy. It's a dangerous time for spies to lurk when the police begin guessing wildly.

When paper clothing comes into vogue, the great trouble will be in rainy weather. Perhaps one should begin saving his highbrow magazines now to be made into suits later. Many of them are dry enough to be waterproof.

So many Americans have learned what is said to be the correct pronunciation of "Bolsheviki" that nobody will be surprised to hear of another revolution and a new government to be learned in Russia almost any time now.

Some of the preachers in the Oklahoma oil and mining fields have invested wisely, and have become millionaires. And now probably are realizing the ambitions they fastened when they were novices, and have fried chicken every day the year round.

Replying to Senator Hitchcock's speech assailing the conduct of the war, Senator Williams of Mississippi turned to his Nebraska colleague and said: "What do you know about running this war? You know less than I do, and I know nothing."

"We could not sign a peace," Trotsky's proclamation says. "Bringing sadness and oppression to millions of workers and we cannot and will not continue a war begun by the czar's capitalists." Especially they could not and would not continue the war.

The military party in Germany apparently wishes it distinctly understood that the only reason it will listen to is the reason that accompanies a smashing military defeat for the Central Powers. It is the one business of the United States to help furnish this reason at the earliest possible date.

That recent letter of the Nebraska council of defense to the officers of the non-partisan league loses none of its force from the fact that the national president and secretary of the organization are named in warrants issued in Minnesota to answer a charge of conspiracy to discourage enlistment in the army and navy. Minnesota is the state in which the national convention was held to applaud Bobo Bob. It is a serious charge and the public will await the proof with considerable interest.—Lincoln Star.

The Columbus Telegram, Lieutenant Governor Howard's paper, speaks our sentiments almost to a dot: "Senator Hitchcock is either wholly right or wholly wrong in the violent attack he has made upon President Wilson and his administration. He has made some very serious charges. If those charges are true, then the truth might justify him in making them. If they are not true, then no punishment can be too severe to fit the crime of making them."

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GERMANY'S DEPLETED ARMIES.

The statement reported to have been made in the Bavarian Diet that the German soldier dead now number 1,500,000 is probably correct. The imperial government ceased publishing the casualty lists at the end of last June. They were then behind the facts to some extent, but at that time they had counted up 1,105,760 dead, with 592,000 missing and about 3,000,000 wounded. It is thus within conservative bounds that the death-list has now reached 1,500,000 and as well that number of those permanently incapacitated is of an equal number, as is also reported from from Zurich to have been stated in the Bavarian legislature.

Germany, since the war began, has never had more than 7,000,000 men to spare for the fighting-lines. This is a war of munition and other essential workers as well as a war of soldiers, and Germany's "classes" of recruits yearly emerging from youth in the number of 600,000 or so cannot all or in most part have been available for the front; and there has been the further offset of aging veterans retired from the ranks to productive industry as the war goes on.

These figures of permanent losses tend to confirm the current estimates of no more than 2,000,000 Germans on the western front after the Russian front has been combed of its best effectives, and this must be close to Germany's maximum possible power on the western front. It is already outnumbered by the allied forces, and this preponderance of power is increasing right along.—New York World.

HOW TIRED IS AUSTRIA?

In his address of Monday President Wilson tells the people of Austria that the peace terms proposed by their Count Czernin are generally in accord with those favored by the allies, and that a pursuance of their proposals may very easily lead to a peace with the allies. At the same time he tells the liberal elements in both Austria and Germany that the peace terms of the German prime minister, von Hertling, are out of accord with the terms of the allies, destructive of democracy and utterly impossible.

The address is a thinly veiled invitation to the Austrian government to enter into negotiations for a peace independent of Germany's course if the junker party in Germany continues to hold the reins in diplomatic negotiations. It also offers proof to the liberal elements in Germany that the United States seeks no advantage for itself. That it wants nothing for this country and people that it is not willing every other country and people shall have and enjoy.

Just now, perhaps, it is too much to hope that this assurance from the president will stimulate the war-weary Austrians to a pursuance of the plain invitation. However, it is good material for the Austrians and liberal Germans to think over.

Meantime the war activities of this country will go on without abatement. They must go on, for democracy must win this war sooner or later. It cannot give up until the future peace of the world shall have been secured. Germany's peace with Russia, if it has been really effected, simply make more imperative, while somewhat greater, the task to be performed.—Lincoln Star.

REORGANIZING AFTER THE WAR

Lord Northcliffe has called attention impressively to the fact that this will be a changed world after the war and that the day of huge fortunes is likely to be over. Much that has happened since he was in Kansas City has added significance to what he said. In England there has been a steady growth of the power of the labor party, accompanied by the formulating of a radical platform. In France and Italy similar movements have been in progress. In Russia the Bolshevik government has gone the limit in radical experimentation with the economic foundations of society. In every country a new challenge has arisen. In pre-

vious wars the army has represented a small part of the population and industry has gone on as before. In this war the entire resources of the nations has been mobilized. Under the resulting stress the question has been put to the workers: "Is this country and its social order worth fighting for?"

The question may sound cold blooded. But it has been constantly present. So powerfully has it affected the national morale that it has forced itself on the attention of every government. Men who have profited conspicuously with the old regime have wondered whether it was not imperative to bring the war to a close before the foundations of social order were overturned.

Certainly with the coming of peace every country will be confronted with demands for social reorganization that will secure for every human being a more nearly equal opportunity to develop and share in the gains that civilization has accumulated. Even in America it is apparent that there is an element in the population that has had such defective early training and consequently has been so handicapped in the struggle for existence that it is out of harmony with the national aims and ideals. There are warped and dwarfed and blunted men who have to be dealt with for the present by repression. But their existence is an index of the defects of the social order.

The United States as well as other nations will be called on to see to it that such derelicts do not develop. A whole set of social problems will have to be dealt with in this country. There will be programs of social and industrial insurance to consider; scales of minimum wages, the protection of women in industry and the exclusion of children, the more efficient use of education, the improving of the public health, the problem of decent housing, the safeguarding of society from the multiplying of the feeble minded, humane dealing with those naturally incompetent to sustain themselves in the struggle for existence, and a general revision of features of the industrial system to obtain more efficient distribution and to do away with the tribute levied by special privilege.

These are matters which will absorb the statesmanship of all nations in the period of taking stock that peace will bring.—K. C. Star.

MUST BE A WORLD SETTLEMENT.

The German and Bolshevik negotiators who have arranged things so satisfactorily to themselves may regard the settlement they have effected as final. The Russians quit fighting and go home and the Germans take what they want and keep it.

But world democracy happens to be a party to this war and the settlements that will follow it. Democracy went into the war to prevent the very thing they are attempting to do. The question is not one between Russia and Germany and cannot be settled by them. It is between world democracy and Germany. The nations fighting for a peace of justice which shall insure stability to the new order they are determined to build on the ruins of the old cannot permit German militarism, with or without the consent of Russian pacifists, to seize territory containing a population of perhaps 20 million people as a spoil of war. It makes no difference that that territory is in Russia instead of in France or Belgium. It makes no difference that Russia is indifferent to the seizure. It would make no difference even if the people of the seized provinces thus handed over like chattels consented to it. In any case it is in direct contravention of the principles for which the war is being fought and must not be permitted.

Russia in arms was democracy's ally; Russia in anarchy and refusing to defend her own lands and people must be democracy's ward, must be protected against her enemies and against herself. We call this a world war not altogether because of the number of nations engaged, but the principles at stake in it are world wide, not merely national or racial. The settlement when it comes must be a world settlement, not a series of agreements between separate belligerents containing the seeds of a new war for time to ripen.—K. C. Star.

THE COUNTRY WANTS RESULTS.

The fact that the president and the secretary of war now realize the need of reform in the war organization of the country is the best possible answer to the diatribes hurled by Senator John Sharp Williams, Representative Carter Grass and others at the heads of those senators who have had the temerity to call attention to shortcomings which should be guarded against.

Now that there is agreement on essentials between the executive branch of the government and those in the legislative branch who have criticized, there ought to be an end to controversy, and, especially, to mud slinging.

It is apparent that the Chamberlain bills will not be enacted into law in their present shape. It must be apparent also that the Overman bill, with its blanket transfer of power from congress to the president, will not pass in the form in which it was presented. Even the World, which tries as hard as any well regulated organ could to follow the administration wishes, shies at that.

Assuming good faith all around, the situation resolves itself into one revealing all elements striving for the same end. All are desirous of seeing the war organization of the country changed in any way that may be necessary to assure the maximum amount of efficiency.

That being the case there is no good reason why all should not get together. Neither pride of place nor concern for power should be permitted to stand in the way of their getting together.—New York Herald.

MAKING EVERY MAN BEAR HIS SHARE

Idaho has accepted as good the plan adopted by one eastern state—West Virginia, as it is remembered—and the Idaho council of defense has appealed to the people of that state to see that the loafers and idlers, rich and poor, are embarked in some useful employment to help the nation in its crisis.

This plea of the council of defense is based upon the wise theory that when the nation is at war, no man's time is his own; that he owes something to his neighbors and his country, and that the least he can do is to lend a hand in the production of the things his country needs.

Men who keep at work are always the best citizens. There is aptness in the maxim that Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do. The hobo is never nasty nice about law observance. All of the hoboes are not bumming in box cars. There are some in every town, men who eke out a living in ways which their neighbors cannot discern or guess.

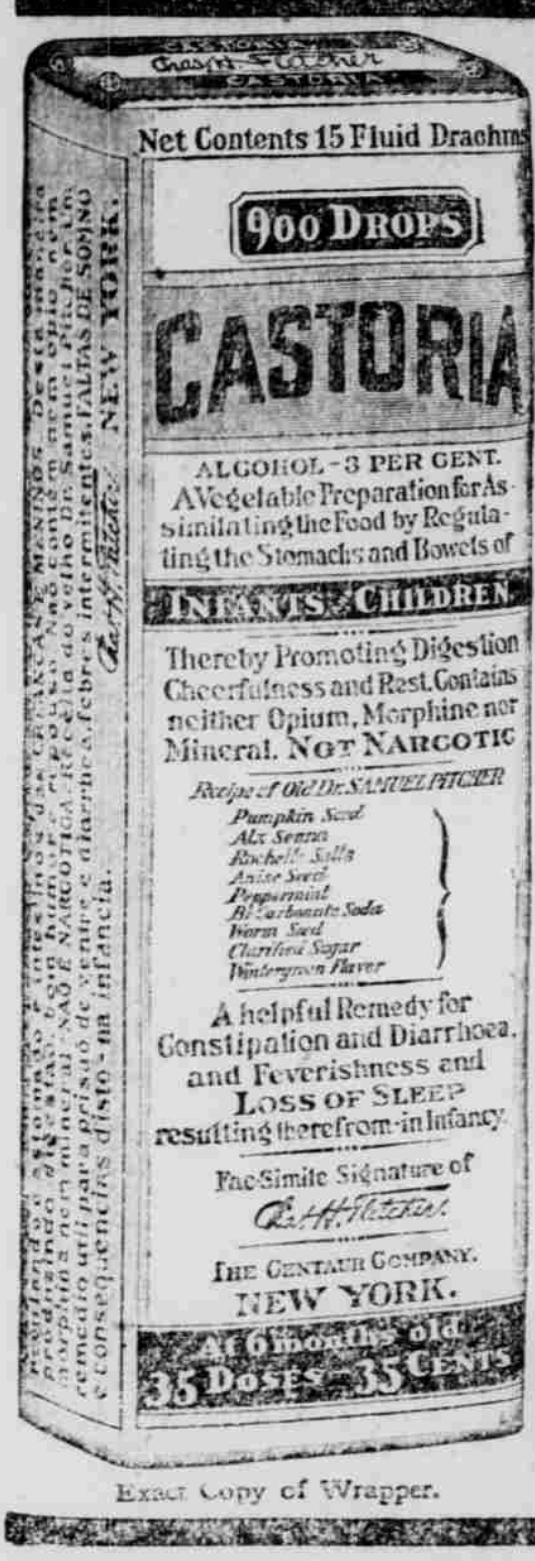
Some of the loudest opponents of labor regulations are men who labor chiefly with their mouths, notably the I. W. W. Put to work, they would be as restive as a fly in the milk picher.

Someone has said that it is not what one gets out of life, but what he puts into it, that measures a man's usefulness. Man was created if for anything, for service, and if that be logical, then it must follow that service must be mutual and universal or manhood is in some measure wasted.

War time is a good time to make application of a principle that no man is doing his duty to himself and to mankind who does not work always for human betterment, and no loafer is a benefit to mankind.—Lincoln Star.

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COMING PUBLIC SALES.

Dates of Col. W. R. Young for the Month of February. Tuesday, 19th—F. Rambout, Wyoming. Wednesday, 20th—Mrs. Joe Sans, Murray. Thursday, 21st—J. R. Vallery, Mynard. Friday, 22d—J. W. Marshall, Plattsmouth. Monday, 25th—Charley Creamer, Plattsmouth. Tuesday 26th—W. H. Heil, Cedar Creek. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 27, 28 and 28—at Grant, Neb.

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