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Americans are fighters.

Everybody push—and push hard.

Pass the strawberries—only 60 cents a quart.

When in doubt, kick the doubt aside and push ahead.

Not a particular bright outlook for Easter. March came meeker than a lamb late from Wall Street.

A merchant can get along without advertising and so can a wagon without grease, but it goes hard.

In the meanwhile do not forget to chip in and aid in buying for some American soldiers in France and Flanders.

Presumably instantaneous glue is so named because when there is need for it you instantly discover that the cork is lost and glue is dried up.

Of course the real genuine farmers will test their seed corn before planting time without further reminders of it by bankers, editors, merchants and lawyers.

Farmers who object to receiving city boys as help on their farms seem to forget how graciously the cities have been making room for retired farmers all these years.

As soon as you have finished paying for this winter's coal, better begin saving for next winter's. It looks as though the fuel is going to be administered much the same this year as last.

The males are certainly getting the worst of it in this war. The federal order to stop killing hens until April 30, compels the roosters to sacrifice themselves on the altar of their country.

The scheme is to make the "stay-at-homes suffer as much as the soldiers," says an exchange. Of course, they should suffer some but none who know the hardships that a soldier goes through would thus express themselves, because it is an impossibility.

Farmers in many places in the state are buying incubators for the first time in their lives. They say they do not propose to allow the hens to quit their jobs of laying high priced eggs to set, but take charge of the setting business for the hens themselves.

There's some satisfaction in the knowledge that no matter who may be nominated for United States senator by one's political party, one doesn't have to vote for him. Any American citizen who is giving partisanship any attention these days ought to take something for his ailing patriotism.

Poll A. Barrows, Lincoln correspondent for the Omaha Bee is being mentioned in connection with the republican nomination for lieutenant governor. Mr. Barrows is so thoroughly well qualified for such a position. He was once a citizen of Plattsmouth, and we people down here consider him "all wool and a yard wide."

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for literature. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists.

The grasses whisper to the wind, The maples to the rain; Light-footed spring goes whispering In meadow and in lane.

And may she continue so to the end.

The last snow the best of the winter.

Paper from corn husks is the last proposition for making paper.

Get ready to give what you can to the Red Cross. Another drive soon.

More conservation and less conversation is the need of the present age.

Onion sets and garden seed on the market—some indications that spring is near.

Germany should understand that Uncle Sam is pretty near through counting one hundred.

"Dance in Sunday School? Why not?" asks a La Crosse, Wis., pastor. Well, probably the floor isn't any good.

"There is nothing more frightful than active ignorance," wrote Goethe, thus giving a perfect description of kultur before its arrival.

If the Germans had waited, and issued their no conquest declaration from Petrograd we would at least have credited them with a sense of humor.

It would almost appear that the Turks fleeing from Jericho ran clear into Trebizond. It is doubtful whether even a Russian ever set such a pace.

A landlord is a person who yields to your demands for decorations about ten days before it is time to begin showing the place to prospective new tenants.

The French patriots may kiss each other, but they don't put spies in comfortable jails on full rations. They give 'em ready punched tickets to Valhalla.

We hope Germany is depending upon the Russian wheat crop this year to pull her through another season of war. She's welcome to what little there will be.

The letters the packers wrote couldn't have come back to them with greater force if they had been superscribed with the fateful old words, "Be sure and burn this."

If wife can hate husband real good during a quarrel and for several hours after the quarrel is over, it is a sign she loves the old wretch almost as much as she did when she married him.

Red Cross workers are anxious to secure the assistance of every member to sew. The articles they are making are badly needed by the soldiers and all are asked to come and do their bit.

Merely as a gentle hint, we suggest that the list of duties devolving upon the shoulders of the members of the supreme court does not include selecting our candidates for state officers and for United States senator.

BEWARE THE LEECHES!

In ordinary times the purchaser of highly speculative and "blue sky" stocks was his own worst enemy. But today he is, unwittingly, the enemy of his country.

In ordinary times the concerns

that emitted such stocks, the shady agents that peddled them, and the newspapers that advertised them to their gullible readers, were preying on ignorant and unfortunate individuals. But today they are preying on the national strength and security, at a time when every dollar of wealth is needed for legitimate purposes.

The National Vigilance Committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, in a special bulletin, sounds an impressive warning. It says:

"As a means toward helping win the war, it is the patriotic duty of advertising mediums to discourage the exploitation of speculative securities.

"The government is asking that the public invest in Liberty bonds and War Savings stamps.

"Every dollar that is diverted from this course to the pockets of promoters of speculative enterprises at this time, is equivalent to a contribution to the cause of our enemies.

"Newspapers have a special opportunity to serve our country by refusing to publish the type of advertising which is now being used so largely in oil promotion.

"No advertising medium ought to be available for the promotion of securities that may not be regarded as 'compatible with the public interest.'"

"No purely speculative enterprise can be of help to the government at this time. The advertising of such concerns is usually misleading and ultimately proves to be an imposition on the readers of the publication in which the advertising appears.

"Owners of newspapers and other advertising media owe their co-operation to the government to the extent of declining to accept advertising about which there may be the least doubt."

In Denver, where by liberal advertising and persistent promotion the sale of fake stocks, particularly oil stocks, had attained the proportions of a public scandal, the city council has taken drastic action. It has enacted an ordinance providing fine and jail sentence for promoters or advertisers of fraudulent stock schemes. The ordinance is said to be the most drastic and sweeping law adopted by any American city to rid itself of the pest of fake stock peddlers.

It would be a mark of patriotism if councils in other cities would take similar measures to conserve the resources of the people. Where they fail to do it, enlightened public sentiment should make itself felt in a way effectually to discourage the promoters of swindling or gambling securities and their newspaper partners.

It is not only our government that needs the money these leeches suck from the people. There are legitimate industries, industries essential for our war strength, that need it also. There are industries and businesses long established, well and honestly managed, sound and prosperous, whose stock is a gilt-edged investment, and that require funds to extend their operations. They find it doubly difficult to place their securities. It is not only because the government is absorbing billions of our national wealth. But because the sellers of dubious stocks, by attractive and misleading advertising and by promising high profits, are duping investors and taking away from them the money that would otherwise be available for legitimate enterprise.

This newspaper urges its readers to be very careful and conservative in their stock investments. Remember that the Liberty bonds and Thrift stamps are safe and sound, and that every dollar you put into them is a boost for your country's cause. Remember, if you desire still other investments, to fight shy of fly-by-night concerns and irresponsible peddlers and glaring advertisements. Consult your banker, ask the advice of experienced and conservative business friends, go to any established and reputable broker, seek investment in enterprises that have a record for success and honest management. Put your money to

work where it will not only earn you safe dividends, but where it will strengthen your country, and preferably the community in which you live.

There was a time when the country did not suffer particularly if you chose stupidly to throw your money away. But that time is not now. There is work—honest work, clean work, profitable work—for every honest dollar. Every one of them is needed.

Be warned in time, gentle reader. Protect yourself—and help protect your unwary neighbor.—World-Herald.

WHY WE FIGHT.

It is the people who still do not know why the United States is at war who identify our cause with France's hunger for Alsace-Lorraine, or Italy's for her "lost territories," or Great Britain's disposition to hold on to some of the captured German colonies. It is a mistake to charge them with being "unpatriotic" because they raise this question, but it is entirely justifiable to charge them with ignorance. There is nothing unpatriotic about failing to sympathize with land-hunger, whether justified or unjustified, on the part of any of our co-belligerents. But if any American thinks that it is for Trieste or Alsace-Lorraine the United States is expending its blood and treasure, and spreads that belief among his neighbors he is, in his ignorance, doing great harm to his country by misrepresenting its cause.

It is the United States we fight for. It is for our own liberties, our own rights, the sanctity and safety of our homes, the happiness of our own people, that we are ending our boys to France.

Bruce Barton of "The Vigilantes" tells the story plainly in the publication, "Every Week." After citing the official documents to show the terrible indignities that were visited by the invading Germans, on men, women and children in both Belgium and France, he says:

"I do not often ask you to read unpleasant paragraphs like these. I do it now because, when it comes to writing about Liberty bonds, I feel like throwing aside all the fine words and telling you the whole truth as it appeals to me.

"And the truth is I am not buying a nickel's worth of bonds to give Trieste to Italy or one single added colony to England or Alsace-Lorraine to France.

"I buy Liberty bonds because there is a 2-year-old boy in my home—as there was in that nameless home in Malines.

"And because, so small has the world become, that Malines is only just across the street from where I live.

"I ask myself over and over again, what use to my youngsters are food and clothes, if the spirit that fired Malines comes out of this war unbeked?"

"What sort of parents are you and I if we send our children out into a world where children may still be bayoneted and women ruthlessly slain?"

"I hate war. If we were at war with England and France, I would fill this column so full of cries for a peace conference that they would put me in jail for doing it.

"But this is not a war of nations. It is a grapple of ideals.

"The ideal that respects pledges, and the lives of women and children, battling with the ideal that counts pledges and the lives of women and children as mere pawns in the game of empire.

"I do not know how it may be with you; but with me, this third Liberty loan will cut down through the luxuries into what we used to think were the necessities in our household.

"And we make the sacrifice gladly for the sake of the great necessity.

"The necessity for establishing safety in the world for little children.

"For making it clear once and for all that while women are being slain, no men can ever again with impunity continue to drink and sing."

Here is the truth as to why we fight.

President Wilson exhausted all resources trying to get Germany to respect the rights of non-combatant humanity and the rules of civilized warfare. He failed. To serve its own purposes Germany slew our own women and children, our own neutral citizens, on the highways of the world. When our president protested he was met for awhile, with promises, but finally with the bold challenge of unrestricted and wholesale submarine slaughter.

No nation on earth with an ounce of self-respect, no nation fit to survive, could ignore such a challenge and submit to such indignities.

That is why we fight. The deeds that have been done in Belgium and France, the wholesale plundering of a nation that we see in Russia today, would be in store for us if Germany could get at us. It is the thin, battered and bleeding line of French and British and Italian soldiers, it is the storm-worn British navy, that hold the enemy at bay and keep our own shores, our own homes safe.

It is to strengthen and support those who are fighting our battle as well as their own that we are sending our boys away, that we are feverishly building ships, that we are spending our billions of wealth. It is to make the world safe not alone for democracy, but for women and children—our own women and children first and foremost.—World-Herald.

HOUSTON CALLS ON CITY FOLKS TO HELP FARMER

Washington, March 3.—Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture today issued a call to urban people to study the farm labor situation and to render assistance to farmers during the coming crop season.

"If soldiers are willing to serve in the trenches and risk their lives," declared Secretary Houston, "many civilians can well afford to save a part of their time to serve in the furrows and in the harvest fields. In many towns and cities there are men who have had farming experience, who are able bodied men and who doubtless would be willing to serve the nation in the field of agriculture at this time. Especially for the seasonal strains of planting, cultivating and harvesting, it will not be too much to ask such men to aid the farmers in the necessary undertaking of maintaining and if possible, supplementing the food supply in order to feed the armies and to sustain the civil population behind the men."

GERMAN DEBT IS VERY LARGE.

Amsterdam, March 3.—Germany's national debt has risen to nearly 124,000,000,000 marks, the reichstag was informed yesterday by Count von Posadowsky-Wehner, the former vice chancellor.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF CASS COUNTY of Plattsmouth, Nebr.

Charter No. 412 in the State of Nebraska at the close of business on February 25, 1918.

Table with 2 columns: RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, Bonds, Securities, etc., and Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

State of Nebraska) County of Cass ) ss: I. E. Patterson, 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. I. E. PATTERSON, Cashier. CHAS. C. PARMELE, Director. JACOB TRITSCH, Director. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March, 1918. ANNE C. HANSELER, Notary Public. My commission expires Sept. 22, 1923. Journal Want-Ads Pay!

Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over thirty years, has borne the signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. What is CASTORIA? Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee.

HAS A NEW CLERK FOR OFFICE. WILL MAKE HOME IN THE WEST. From Monday's Daily. Miss Marie Novotny has just accepted a position with the coal office of C. G. Fricke, having resigned the position with Mr. Frank Gohelman which she has held for some time. From Tuesday's Daily. Peter Campbell who has been one of the pillars in the citizenry of the neighborhood of Rock Bluffs for the past half century and more is loading out a car today for Imperial in Chase county where he is to make his home in the future with his family.

Take Children Out of Danger. If you saw a child on a railroad track you would endeavor to remove the little one from danger. When a child is "snuffling" or coughing, isn't it your duty to get him out of danger of severe consequences? Foleys Honey and Tar gives relief from coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. Contains no opiates. Sold everywhere. SUBSCRIBES FOR THE DAILY. From Tuesday's Daily. Carl R. Cole and wife of near Mynard drove to this city yesterday afternoon to attend to some business matters and visit friends for a short time. While here Mr. Cole called at this office and had his Plattsmouth Journal subscription discontinued and subscribed for the Daily Journal in order that he might be kept posted on happenings every day. Service Flags at the Journal Office.

HAVE MONEY IN OUR BANK. THAT RAINY DAY DOES COME. WE HAVE ALL HEARD OF THAT "RAINY DAY," SINCE CHILDHOOD WE HAVE HEARD OF "PUTTING SOMETHING ASIDE FOR A RAINY DAY," THAT RAINY DAY COMES VERY SUDDENLY TO SOME PEOPLE. IF YOU HAVE PUT SOMETHING ASIDE, HAVE IT SAFE IN OUR BANK. FIRE CAN'T BURN IT, BURGLARS CAN'T STEAL IT AND YOU CAN'T LEND OR SPEND IT SO EASILY. BE PREPARED WITH A BANK ACCOUNT. WE PAY 4 PER CENT ON TIME DEPOSITS, AND 3 PER CENT ON XMAS SAVINGS CLUB. COME TO OUR BANK. Farmers' State Bank THE NEW BANK. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES 50 CENTS PER YEAR.