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Somewhat colder.

The cold wave arrived on time.

But we can expect any kind of weather in March.

That seed corn needs your attention.

This is the time of year when our money goes to seed.

Before the war is over it is hoped the kaiser will be just a little less ostentatious in his piety.

Virtue is a kind of health, beauty and good habit of the soul.

Berlin claims the Germans broke through the American line and penetrated five hundred meters. Well, the prisoners did.

Yes, this is the first spring month. How do you like it so far as we've got?

In case that well known proverbial paving in Hades needs any repairs, it can probably be patched up with ideas like Trotzky's.

The Wisconsin legislature condemns Senator La Follette by a vote of 52 to 32.

This year's dandelion crop is going to take its young life in its hands as soon as it pokes its nose above the earth and begins to look like greens.

Don't don your spring suit nor shed your winter underwear for a few days yet.

A man may gain a reputation for honesty in almost any line of business, but when it comes to a land deal he is as unreliable as a horse-trader.

Here, now! What was that you said about a paragraph being without humor even in his own country?

The organization of calf clubs to increase the meat supply continues steadily, and before long those calf clubs will be doing a lot to cow Germany.

Doing your bit does not consist in finding fault with the work of others who are putting in their besticks.

All the Eastern papers are full of articles urging their readers to get busy on war gardens. Most of the people out here know for themselves when garden times comes.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says Germany cannot be expected to discuss giving up Belgium until she has been driven out. All right. That will be perfectly satisfactory.

Which recalls that long ago he decided never to have his hair cut until something came to pass. What was it?

If the Russian proletariat can be made to realize that a made-in-Germany autocracy will take all soap box privileges away, perhaps there'll be something doing yet in Russia.

Paderewski has vowed not to touch the piano again until Poland is free. Which recalls that long ago he decided never to have his hair cut until something came to pass. What was it?

Russia's late czar has some real streaks of human in him regardless of weaknesses. He refuses to accept a battered crown as a gift from the blood-stained hands of his brother-in-law, the Kaiser.

"Does your son have to go to war?" asked one Cass county farmer of another yesterday. "Yes, replied the other meaningly, "and if he is shot he won't have to go to hell for lying."

Albert F. Kaiser of Omaha applied at the army recruiting office in Sabina, Kansas, last Saturday for the privilege of enlisting and getting the German Kaiser and was rejected because of flat feet. Maybe the recruiting officer didn't like the name.

There is no longer any doubt that a great number of very nice people would jump in and help win the war if they could only become sure that Russia is out of it and that the Allies need us.

It is said that this city has a citizen who has spent \$9.50 worth of time explaining to his friends why he should not contribute \$2.00 to the Red Cross. Would you employ this man if you were looking for an efficiency expert?

Those weary of the thankless task of guess-on when the war will end, might like their guessing proclivities to something better—how are we to get rid of the traitorous bands that infest our own country?

General Pershing was right in forbidding the soldiers to swear at the mules. The mules will never miss the cuss words. If the Sammies will just practice the French they are picking up, the mules will never know the difference.

Every day one finds reasons to be glad Mr. Hoover is directing the national diet, instead of certain magazine editors. One writer in a woman's magazine is trying to lead the public up to truffled tripe and liver dumplings.

It cannot accurately be said that the unexpected always happens—not always always. We expected that some of our exchanges this week would have something to say about the way March came in, and sure enough they did.

The Journal marvels at its patience when it considers that it has remained quite a whole winter while Chicago avenue has remained blockaded because a contractor has failed to comply with his contract. Now somebody is to blame for this. Who is it? Who is getting paid for this delay?

General Pershing has recently been presented with an album containing the signatures of many famous Americans. Just how this will be employed to break the Hindenburg line is uncertain, but necessity is the mother of invention, and the general will doubtless find a way.

A New Yorker has perfected a plan to increase phonograph volume by which forty-eight records are played at once. Rather a laborious process, and expensive, too, it would seem, when the same effect can be had by taking one machine into a hotel room and leaving the door open.

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The kaiser in his frenzy to keep his people interested in cultured butchery exclaims, "look at the map!" Why look at the map? If the frenzied monarch would but stop to think that three-fourths of the map is against him, with the other fourth growing weaker, he would hide all the maps he could lay hands on.

LUTHERAN WAR CAMPAIGN.

The campaign of the Lutheran church to raise a war fund of \$750,000 is an interesting phase of war activities.

That, taken as a whole, the Lutherans have been slow to respond is an outstanding fact. The German Lutherans, in particular, have been supporting parochial schools for the most part taught in the German language. They have also either been having preaching in their churches either exclusively in the German tongue, or with occasional services in that tongue. Naturally, therefore, they have been slower than the rest to enter wholeheartedly into the American cause when that cause has become directly and avowedly against the Fatherland. And many of these preachers and teachers were and still are aliens. This condition is of course irreconcilable to the spirit and the need of the hour. How much of deliberate design and purpose there has been in all this, "made in Germany," we cannot exactly know. There is reason to believe that Germany has been placing a good deal of stress on the Germanization of America as a help in her day of need. Meanwhile the spirit of America has been one of tolerance because it has invited the willing and deserving of all lands to come here and help to develop this great, virgin continent. In our present unprecedented situation we discover we have been too unmindful of our duties toward our country. We have not been strict enough with respect to our institutions. We have permitted and even encouraged too much foreign sentiment. Clearly no country doing that can have national ideals that are sufficiently cohesive. It is bound to remain a heterogeneous nation and thus be liable to disintegration when the supreme test comes. We are compelled now to adopt new methods. In adopting these some customs have to be abandoned. The Lutherans have been quite ready, as a rule, to conform to the new requirements. They are ceasing to teach in a foreign tongue. A very large portion of their schools have already done this. Whether preaching should continue in a foreign language remains more of an open question. That will be solved in due time.

The decision of the church to raise a great fund for the support of the war is a good sign of its acceptance of the situation and of a determination to do its patriotic duty. Considering all the circumstances of the case, the attitude of the Lutheran church may be regarded with satisfaction. But the American sentinels who are on guard must not abate any of their interest in the more perfect amalgamation of the heterogeneous elements of our citizenship.—Fremont Tribune.

LET THE TRUTH COME OUT.

A congressional committee comes forward just at this time and halts the interest in the world war to inform the country that 360,000 pages of the Congressional Record have been printed in the last forty-three years. Thanks. The United States had begun to have grave fears that it would never learn the truth as to this important situation.

The report still is incomplete and lacking in some of the more thrilling details which have caused many days of anxiety and many nights of sleepless care. It does not inform a waiting public how many lines to the page. Neither does it reveal the number of words to the line, nor the total number of words in the grand total of 360,000 pages. These are facts which the American people are in no mood to have kept from them, and the members of the congressional committee had as well put that in their pipes and smoke it. It is no time to hide such vital statistics. The evident attempt to cover up the number of pounds of white paper involved and the exact distance the 360,000 pages would reach if placed "end to end" might have been overlooked had the committee openly and fearlessly stated the other items.

LIBERALISM AND LOYALTY.

The news of the charge against A. C. Townley, president of the National Nonpartisan league, will be received with misgivings wherever informed liberals live in these United States.

Townley was arrested by Sheriff Carver of Martin county, Minnesota, on a warrant charging him with discouraging enlistments and obstructing the draft. Yet Washington and the federal authorities had nothing to do with the arrest. On February 11, the warrant was issued. The county authorities seemed for a time to be uncertain as to whether they should serve it. The New York Evening Post announced ten days ago that the federal department of justice had allowed the word to go out that Washington was not involved in the action. The Post suggested that a local political quarrel was the cause of the attack on Mr. Townley. It would be more correct to say that a national economic issue was in the background.

The arrest of Mr. Townley, according to his adherents, is a part of the anti-union, anti-organized farmer fight which is dividing the north-west. The Nonpartisan league is hated bitterly because it is a successful experiment in self-government for farmers. Essentially it stands



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for principles which are commonplace in every civilized nation. The practice public ownership are its distinguishing characteristics. Economically A. C. Townley is a follower of Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the Irish convention and one of the most respected men in Great Britain. In international politics Townley is a follower of President Wilson. As a leader of the farmers, Townley has stood for the application of the economics of Sir Horace Plunkett and the politics of President Wilson. In so doing he has made enemies.

The farmers compare the prosecutions which they have had to contest with the deportation of the copper miners from Bisbee, Ariz., last July. Then the Arizona autocrats announced that they were deporting disloyal members of the I. W. W. The president's mediation commission found that the pretended patriots were doing nothing of the sort.

The men they denounced as disloyalists were actually select men of the national army, members of the Red Cross, buyers of Liberty bonds, property owners, taxpayers and, in general, good citizens. It is to be hoped that Minnesota is not following in the footsteps of Arizona. Certainly when liberal statesmen are in charge of the allied governments, liberalism in politics and in economics is not prima facie evidence of disloyalty to democracy.—Chicago Herald.

UNBALANCED CRITICISM.

It is not enough for Senator Hitchcock to say that Secretary Baker's statement of war achievements is "preposterous and exaggerated."

The burden of proof is upon him. He must show in what respect our war policy has fallen down.

We have the heartiest sympathy with Senator Hitchcock's aim, which is the support of a supreme war council for the conduct of our part abroad. At the same time, we are unwilling to follow him in criticism of our present and past accomplishments, unless facts are produced. Criticism must be honest and intelligent.

Secretary Baker's statements in answer to the Chamberlain charges seemed to us to be reasonable, and certainly reassuring to the nation. That he purposely manipulated facts, or even permitted himself to be misled by subordinates, is inconceivable. Those who heard David Lawrence Saturday night were impressed by his description of our government as a "government by impression," and his urge that, before we criticize, we be sure of our impressions.

Senator Hitchcock's arraignment of the administration is likely to create false and unworthy impressions, combined in a structure that is flimsy and insecure, and in no wise a safe foundation for intelligent criticism.

That there should be a supreme war council we are firmly convinced its intelligent operation would have obviated many of the administration's errors of the last nine months. But our cause is not hopelessly lost because we do not happen to have such a council.

To Senator Hitchcock's statement "You cannot say that a machine that put 1,500,000 men under arms in so short a time, is a failure; you cannot say that a machine that has sent thousands of men abroad without the loss of a single life, has failed; you cannot say that a machine that is building enough airplanes to cloud enemy cities from the sun is a failure."

And Senator Reed is right. A machine that has done all these things cannot be called a failure; a policy that produced these results cannot be said to have fallen down. True, in lesser details the war policy of the administration has failed and therein may be found the license for a supreme council.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PLATTSMOUTH STATE BANK

Of Plattsmouth, Nebr.

Charter No. 786 in the State of Nebraska at the close of business on February 25, 1918.

| RESOURCES | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$76,726.78 |
| Overdrafts | 98.69 |
| Bonds, securities, judgments, claims, etc. | 7,282.59 |
| Liberty Bonds | 14,100.00 |
| Banking house, furniture and fixtures | 1,479.00 |
| Current expenses, taxes and interest paid | 1,555.61 |
| Cash items | 239.47 |
| Due from National and State banks | 70,121.57 |
| Checks and items of exchange | 45.40 |
| Currency | 7,400.00 |
| Gold coin | 2,595.00 |
| Silver, nickels and cents | 779.74 |
| TOTAL | \$176,936.87 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Capital stock paid in | \$50,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 19,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 5,213.09 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 145,558.72 |
| Demand certificates of deposit | 385.00 |
| Time certificates of deposit | 160,082.45 |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 5,289.81 |
| Notes and bills redimpted | none |
| Bills payable | none |
| Depositor's guaranty fund | 2,415.49 |
| TOTAL | \$376,936.87 |

State of Nebraska)
County of Cass) ss.
I, J. M. ROBERTS, President 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.

J. M. ROBERTS, President.
J. H. BECKER, Director.
H. A. SCHNEIDER, Director.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1918.
R. B. WINNHAM, Notary Public.
(Seal)

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK

of Plattsmouth.

Charter No. 1429 in the State of Nebraska at the close of business on February 25, 1918.

| RESOURCES | |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$121,211.59 |
| Overdrafts | 137.53 |
| Liberty Bonds | 2,150.00 |
| Other assets | 592.00 |
| Banking house, furniture and fixtures | 11,382.98 |
| Current expenses, taxes and interest paid | 1,452.93 |
| Cash items | 116.63 |
| Due from National and State banks | 41,941.32 |
| Checks and items of exchange | 150.32 |
| Currency | 7,192.00 |
| Gold coin | 10.99 |
| Silver, nickels and cents | 791.71 |
| TOTAL | \$191,243.91 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Capital stock paid in | \$50,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 1,634.47 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 92,558.66 |
| Time certificates of deposit | 14,637.79 |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 596.90 |
| Due to national and state banks | 29,926.99 |
| Depositor's guaranty fund | 2,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$191,243.91 |

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County of Cass) ss.
I, T. M. PATTERSON, President 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.

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