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Winter wants to linger.
Let Miss Spring get to work.
The man with money is expected to do his duty.

Coal men still grinning.
The Bond Drive is on for a month.
The government wants all that can be purchased bonds.

Talk about silent patriots—there ain't no such animals.
There are but two kinds of people in this Land of Liberty—patriots and traitors.

Speaking of a million dollar rain—Well, it came last Friday night.
The man who falls to remove his hat when Old Glory passes is either a weak sister or a bold rascal.

Germany is opposed to annexations, because absorptions seem to be so much better.
Before Mr. Baker winds up his tour of the allied countries, he must not forget Siam.

It may fake Old Plattsmouth some little time to wake up, but when she does wake up, she comes along with a rush.
Only two things appear certain in this life—death and taxes. And a prudent man will give due consideration to both.

America's war bill for the first year is nine billion dollars, not counting last winter's coal.
Better blister your hands making garden than blister your tongue criticising the management of the war.

The constitutional guarantee of free speech does not mean that you will be allowed to talk too much of the wrong kind of stuff.
Every bushel of "spuds" produced this year helps to plant a dandelion over the grave of the kaiser's hope of being a world dictator.

About all the significance the day light system bears to some fellows is that it brings quitting time an hour sooner.
Most of the Seventh Regiment boys express themselves as being glad to turn from home guarding back to their home gardening.

Now is the time for the fellow who has been wanting to bet \$100 that war will end in September to buy \$100 worth of 4 1/2 per cent Liberty bonds.
Letting others, especially others, who have axes to grind at your expense, do your thinking for you is no way to get efficient city government at the minimum expense.

"America is no serious obstacle," a German military writer says. Also it is recalled that in 1914 the kaiser referred to the "contemptible little British army."
If you had cherished any hope of finding a stray \$5 bill in your old last spring's suit, your hope is pretty completely dispelled when your wife tells you she sold the suit to the old clothes man last week for thirty-five cents.

Have you purchased your fly-swatting yet? Better have it ready, and swat the first fly that comes along; and keep up the good work.
Having been notified that they would not be allowed to make public speeches in Walco, the officers of the Non-Partisan League proceeded to try it. They did not speak.

The difference between the Farmers' Co-operative Union and the Non-Partisan League is that the Farmers' Co-operative Union is helping to win the war, while the Non-Partisan League is throwing monkey-wrenches into America's war machinery.
These fellows who refuse to take advantage of the sunlight saving plan don't seem to realize that for once they are getting a great big something for nothing. For an extra hour of any other kind of service they would be forced to pay double for over time.

A 15-year-old Plattsmouth girl told her 13-year-old sister the other day: "I should think you were old enough to get you a bean of your own, now, and quit tagging us around."
The Wichita Eagle says Russia is one nation likely to have peace without victory. The absence of victory is unquestioned, but the quality of Russian peace doesn't measure up very high.

There is no room in the labor movement for disloyalists. The man who is disloyal to his country in the present crisis surely cannot be depended upon to be loyal to the union or anything else. He is clearly a traitor, and a traitor is never true to anybody or anything. To such a man the word loyalty has no meaning.—International Steam Engineer.
Victor Berger, a pronounced kaiser-erite whose sympathies are wholly with Germany, is allowed to run for public office in the United States. The worst we wish for Berger is that he might be treated in America like an American would be treated in Germany today in the same circumstances. That would be a plenty.

Amelia Galli-Curci is buying \$100,000 worth of new Liberty bonds. Chicago's musical organizations have a happy knack of keeping to the front artistically and patriotically at the same time.
"The face should be the center of attraction," says a Pittsburgh woman speaking about woman's dress. Perhaps the face would be, if she adorned it in silk as thin as that from which stockings are made.

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There are times when one feels that humanity is too stupid to be saved and when one feels like going away from here and leaving the world flat on its back. Only one doesn't know where to go.
If it is strange that no one has started a story that Von Hindenburg really did arrive in Paris April 1. There are persons capable of starting the story, and doubtless they would find some believers, also.
It probably will brighten the spirits of several thousand different women's war activities to know, in spite of the fact that only one airplane has been sent to France that thirty-three telephone girls have reached the war zone and are now on duty.

HYPHENISM AGAIN IN EVIDENCE

On the same day when the national conference of governors, in session at Washington, was calling attention to the necessity of stamping out kaiser propaganda in this country by stopping foreign language instruction in the schools and shutting off the German language press, the Nebraska state senate defeated a resolution intended to discourage the continuance of such language instruction in the schools of this state.

Under pressure of Governor Neville's patriotic recommendation and a strong public opinion, the senate had voted a day or two before to repeal the Mockett law, which made such instruction compulsory on public school boards, but it would not go so far as to put the stamp of its disapproval upon kaiserism in general as a part of the school course.

Voting with those who favored the kaiser's agents to continue their treacherous work in the public and parochial schools were such sweet-scented "reformers" as Sandall of York, Oberlies and Sawyer of Lancaster, and Beal of Custer.

This quartette has been held up before the public as the embodiment of all that is good and holy in politics. What will the eleventh-hour critics of the German-American alliance have to say about their conduct in this connection?

The people of Nebraska believe Lafe Young was right when he declared at the Washington conference that "the nest egg of treason in the United States is the German press and the German language."—Lincoln Star.

MINIMIZING ENEMY SUCCESS AN ERROR

Honest and sober thinking cannot admit the confident and somewhat airy claims being put forth by cheery commentators on the military situation in France that the great German offensive can now be disposed of by calling it a costly local success. It will be a grave error if mistaken optimism succeeds in imposing that view of what has happened.

It may well be that Hindenburg meant to go to Paris or the channel and that not having gone to either he has met a defeat. On that point it is enough to say that with a few more defeats like that he could go anywhere he wanted to in France. Where the enemy meant to go is not so important to the allies at present as the revelation that he could go anywhere at all. He was supposed to be held on the line to which he had retreated a year ago. He was not held there. He came out of his trenches and went through the allies for a gain of thirty-five miles. Two more advances like that and he would be before Paris.

But look at the terrible cost to him, we are told. How, it is asked, can Hindenburg explain to the German people that the 300,000 casualties of the great battle that was to have crushed the allies and brought a German peace have brought no more than the same few square miles of devastated territory which he had once given up as not being worth the price it would cost to hold it? The answer to that is simple. Hindenburg doesn't have to explain. If the autocrats of Germany had to explain anything to the German people there probably would have been no war at all. So far from explaining their losses the war masters of Prussianism are at this moment preparing another hecatomb to carry them a few miles further on the road toward their goal. What is it to them that it has cost twenty-five divisions of troops to recapture the old battle field of the Somme, since that ground was necessary to their purpose? Does anybody doubt that if by the sacrifice of twenty-five divisions more they could wage through the slaughter for another thirty-five-mile gain they would make it?

Let us not hug these delusions. What is engrossing Hindenburg's thought now is not the number of divisions he has lost, but the number of allies he has left. And that is what should be engaging our thought. For the battle has now reached the phase where it is a ques-

tion of reserves. Which side has them? During the opening days of the struggle it was apparent the enemy had them. The weight of numbers was his. They carried him to the advanced points he now occupies, where he is now digging himself in.

It would be the height of folly to assume that he has exhausted himself in this effort, and that he is incapable of further offensives. The only thing for the United States to do is to bend every energy to getting reserves across to back up the allied line. A preponderance of equipped fighting men is the allies' only guarantee for the security of Paris and the channel ports.—Kansas City Star.

THE FIRST YEAR.

No American poet, if one did live today, could say with truth as Wordsworth said of his countrymen a century ago, that "We are left, or shall be left, alone; the last dare to struggle with the foe;" never before, praise be to God, were England's hearts of oak less daunted or the souls of France more valiant. "And yet, indeed, 'Tis well," if at last, as we stand upon the threshold of "another year," distressed if not dismayed by the spectacle of "Another mighty empire overthrown," we know—

"That in ourselves our safety must be sought; That by our own right hand it must be wrought."

How blind we were this one short year ago! We had elected to keep out of the war. "All the while," said the president in his second inaugural address, "we have been conscious that we were not part of it," and even though we should "be drawn on, by circumstances, to a more active assertion of our rights and a more immediate association with the great struggle itself," the "shadows that now lie dark upon our path will soon be dispelled and we shall walk with the light all about us if we be but true to ourselves." As late as February 20, he had "thought that it would suffice to assert our neutral rights with arms" and on April 2 he felt that assurance had been added "to our hope for the future peace of the world by the wonderful and heartening" happenings in Russia.

War there needs must be, but it shall be an academic war and soon ended—this was the great illusion pressed, with utmost good faith, no doubt, for months and months, by the president and his associates upon the minds of the people. We say it in no captious spirit, but we say it is a fact which has been attended by consequences whose continuance and repetition must be averted in the future if the world is to be saved.

The year has been filled with wild and whirling words about driving a wedge between the German people and their military rulers, and about a German revolution against the Hohenzollerns. They have been as idle as they have been wild. The wedge has not been driven. The people have not revolted. With the scarcity of supplies measurably relieved and with the stimulus of victory all along the eastern line, the German people are today more united, more devoted to the house of Hohenzollern and more determined to prosecute the war to a successful German peace, than they have ever been before since the war began.

Happily, there is something else to be said. The spirit of this nation and of its allies is unbroken. Never were Great Britain and France and Italy more resolute than they are today. They are disappointed at our inefficiency and delay, but that means to them simply that they have got to hold out so much the longer before our aid becomes effective. They have no thought of weakening, and they would not have even thought they were left to fight the battle out alone. Equally resolute is the spirit of a saving remnant of our own nation. For we are not all asleep, we are not all profleeters, we are not all infected with the poison of Lafolettism. In spite of all our blunderings and delay, there are in this country millions of quiet, resolute, clearheaded and red-

blooded men, who believe in victory over the Hun as they believe in God Himself. They realize the awful cost, the needless cost, not only in treasure but also in human lives, that our follies have imposed upon us, and while they condemn the needlessness of it they unhesitatingly and steadfastly assume the burden and will bear it to the end.—North American Review.

THE BITTER FIRST COURSE.

Some one has suggested that Von Hindenburg has swallowed the first course of that dinner which he boasted he would gorge in Paris on April first. It consisted of American shrapnel on the half shell, and it was served up to him at Toul, over 150 miles from the Cafe de la Paix. He is just now getting his second course which is being served in much the same fashion by the English and is not a plenty. The dessert will be served to him in Berlin and it is confidently predicted that Hindy, Bill the Butcher, and his whole Potsdam family will expire with acute indigestion.—Stromburg Headlight.

PATRIOTISM VS. ADVERTISING.

When Kansas City learned that Douglas Fairbanks, who was billed to give a patriotic talk there in the interests of the new Liberty loan, demanded that the city officials provide him with a parade of fifty automobiles, Actor Fairbanks was informed that he need not bother to fill the date.

It is more than probable that the well known film artist is the victim of a fool manager. It is not conceivable that the star would himself attach to his supposedly patriotic act a condition which would make it the most flamboyant of publicity for himself. If Fairbanks really concocted the scheme, he is not the level-headed young man the country has been led to believe him.—St. Joseph Gazette.

"BEHIND THE PROGRAM."

The trouble with some people is that they thought it took Germany forty years to do and France almost as many to accomplish. Those nations put into the field within a few weeks after war was declared some millions of men and had them armed and equipped, ready to fight, but they had been engaged in providing the men and ammunition and equipment for years. These people had such a high opinion of American genius in organization that they imagined that this country could do all that in a few months—Bryan thought they could do it over night.

The United States not only had to create an army of a million or so men, but it was 3,000 miles away from the fields of battle with an ocean between, and had to build ships to transport that army, its supplies of war material and food to the fields of battle, while France and England had only to put their armies in the field near at hand. The worst of it was that some of the heads of government departments thought that this country could accomplish the impossible and carry out a program in accordance with their ideas while adhering to antiquated and inadequate methods. It was not long before it was announced that almost every department—clothing, rifles, machine guns, ships, aviation, everything was behind the program. The shakeup that the government got started things to moving and now that Uncle Sam has got his second wind as it were, it seems that the impossible will come near being accomplished.—World-Herald.

THE LOYAL BOHEMIANS

Chancellor Avery, writing from Washington, says there are instances of great injustice being done to the Bohemians in the United States through the working of rules and regulations respecting alien enemies. It is indeed unfortunate if these people are forced to suffer embarrassment, and some method should be taken to distinguish the loyal from the disloyal. Though many Bohemians are classed as alien enemies,

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through their geographical connection with Austria, surely they should not be looked upon as unfriendly citizens.

There is perhaps no class which has entered into the war against Germany as wholeheartedly and vigorously as the Americans of Bohemian descent. They have been leaders in responding to the call to colors, in the purchase of Liberty bonds and in aiding the Red Cross. The University Bohemian club, typical of the spirit of all Bohemians in Nebraska, sold more Liberty bonds than any other university organization and the club was the first to pledge money to the Red Triangle. Even before the United States had formally declared war, the Bohemian societies in this country sent out literature to its members urging them to financially support the American government in case war was declared.

The sacredness of democracy is uppermost in the heart of the Bohemian. The American of Bohemian stock shares with the love of democracy in this country, a kindred love for democracy in Bohemia. Prussianism has no more bitter enemy than the Bohemian. There is today an

army of 160,000 Czechs fighting in France. When the kaiser's brutal arm has been banded and the liberty of humanity assured the world will find that Bohemia has done more than its share.—Lincoln Star.

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