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Spring is here.
No matter what zero says.
People have taken down storm doors.
Hunt up your fly-swatter—the fly next.

"Tennis has many advantages," says the enthusiastic reporter. It does if it's a close game.
If a wife looked as pretty as a widow does she wouldn't have much trouble in keeping hubby home.

The new style set by a Michigan woman, who wears her feathers with far, probably will not prove popular, and was not intended to.

Josh Billings made his hit by his eccentric orthography, but pretty stenographers are so plentiful nowadays that grotesque spelling is no longer funny.

Chicago juries have acquitted twenty-three women charged with husband-murder in the last three years. What is Chicago trying to do—push Reno off the map?

Mrs. Granger insists that when her husband hears of it he will hurry back from France and there will be a shooting. Mrs. Granger should not be so sure. Perhaps he will do nothing of the kind.

But here's news from the same place that looks like heartless profiteering: Springfield boys find marbles and tops scarce and much higher in price than in years past, and dealers say it is because of the war.

A Swedish naturalist says the intelligence and industry of the ant have been grossly overrated. Evidently there are no picnics in Sweden. No picnicker ever would discount the fabled achievements of the ant.

Kansas hens may be marketed after April 19, the food administrator has ruled. Also, the back yard gardener may defend himself and his estate with a shotgun after that date without running "afowl" of Mr. Hoover.

Are the roads between Plattsmouth and Union in such a desperate condition as to deserve the condemnation of people in neighboring counties. If so, would it not be well for the county commissioners to be looking after them?

Now, if we only had a law compelling all young girls under 25 years to be at home and in bed by ten o'clock, what a grand thing it would be for the parents. There would be no occasion then for the boys being on the streets then.

Dr. S. P. Crisp of Nebraska City, is a candidate for congress subject to the will of the democrats of Third Congressional District. Dr. Crisp is a most pleasant gentleman and possesses wonderful ability. A fine oratory and a true American, he has been for the past year putting in most of his time for the great cause of liberty and humanity. We think he will make a fine race, and the people will be for him.

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Decoration Day next—Thursday, May 30.

A little moisture would help out on a bumper war crop.

A stomach bothers a whole lot of men more than a lie does.

Keep up with the procession and keep your clock one hour ahead.

Politics are warming up and candidates are gradually coming to the front.

A year ago Cass county had a record for splendid roads. But no one seems to be bragging on them this season.

Several June weddings are rumored in this city, but we are not allowed to make them public for a short time.

Senator Greed will never be entirely successful as a politician until he quits wasting so much time talking politics.

Few women will admit that their homes ever were invaded by bed-bugs, but most of them can readily suggest a way to get rid of them.

There is joy in the heart of the layman when the doctor is forced to vaccinate himself, for it's a joke on him if it "takes," or if it doesn't.

It makes no difference how good a Christian you are or how close you come to living up to the code of moral law, there is a spark of infidelity in you.

Fire seems to have it in for Omaha hotels. The Savoy got it Tuesday. This hotel was put up by Peter Goos, now deceased, in 1889 and uncle of our Peter Goos.

Von Hindenburg says, "The Allies forced Germany into the war." We are a bit hazy as to who started it but he will find out who forced Germany out of the war.

"Lifelike Legs," offers an artificial limb concern, in an advertisement which should fall under the eyes of a great many whose scaffolding certainly do not look very natural.

The German army is reported to be out of morphine, which reminds us: What will happen when the Kaiser and Hindenburg run out of what they have been smoking in their pipes?

The wife of the Chicago University professor took the woman in the case with her in her house. She is said to be the founder of the Woman's Peace Society. Evidently a pacifist, all right.

There is not a patriotic able-bodied American citizen in Plattsmouth but that should be a member of the Home Guards. There are many who should enroll themselves without further solicitation.

The hope of labor lies in the opportunities for freedom; military domination, supervision, checks, bondage, lie in Prussian rule. It is not through a German regime, but through democracy, that labor is to receive adequate recognition and its realization of its rightful place in the world.

Patents and copyrights will no longer be issued by the United States to enemies of this country. Indeed, they no longer need protection, since about all they have been inventing lately seem to be lies about the army and the Red Cross, and no American cares to infringe on those rights.

A NEW THREAT.

President Wilson in his latest speech made it plain that the allies will seek no mollycoddle peace by a devious route, but only a decisive peace gotten by force, by the overthrow of the Prussian military power.

It becomes, then, the duty of every citizen of the allied countries to search out every element of force in order to bring about this victory. Though all suggestions are not practical, all are worthy of consideration. There is a power which has not yet been used and which might become one of the greatest forces for victory. It is the threat of subjugation and it might weaken the foundations upon which Germany's despotism rests. This threat is that of economic pressure to be applied to Germany after the war.

This new expedient is proposed by Lord Sydenham, according to the London correspondent of the New York Times. He strongly urges the announcement that "if within a fixed period of time the German government does not agree to suspend hostilities and to negotiate for peace on the terms laid down by President Wilson, then for every week that the war is prolonged no German vessel shall enter or leave any American port, including the Panama canal, for one year."

Such a decree would have either one of two effects upon the German people; it would instill greater allegiance to the military leaders, or it would hasten dissatisfaction with the present regime. In all probabilities the edict would tend to impress upon the German peoples the sincerity with which America has taken a hand in this struggle and the utter hopelessness of a victory by the Kaiser would be more clearly discerned.—Lincoln Star.

DUPLICITY UNMASKED

The resignation of Count Czernin, Austrian foreign minister, is an important and unexpected incident.

It has come about because the count was convicted of downright falsehood in connection with his statement concerning Alsace and Lorraine; rather, not on account of his falsehood, but on account of his disclosed attitude toward these former French provinces, for falsehoods are the regular thing in German and Austrian diplomacy.

When it was given out at Paris that Czernin and Emperor Charles had written letters setting forth their belief that Alsace and Lorraine should be restored to France it was immediately and emphatically denied that these two worthies had done any such thing. This was immediately followed with documentary proof, submitted by Prime Minister Clemenceau. Thereupon Czernin was selected as a "goat" and compelled to resign. That the compulsion came from Berlin is to be taken for granted, for Austria is now only a vassal state of Germany. And this compulsion was applied, it may be well surmised, not because Czernin was shown by Clemenceau to be a falsifier, but because Germany wants none of her vassals or subjects making any admissions concerning Alsace and Lorraine and German title to these provinces. Germany has no compunctions touching the reliability of any agreements or utterances. She has carried on her whole diplomatic course of late years upon the basest kind of deception and downright lying. Ambassador Whitlock told the truth about her when he said, "Germany disregards every sentiment of honor and integrity, everything we hold sacred and dear." Therefore the world will have no illusions concerning the Czernin incident. It is unfortunate for him because he was caught, and being caught involves the disclosure of a sentiment toward the territorial integrity of two German provinces that displeases the German war lords. For this the contemptible Czernin must vacate his post and give place to some one with Hohenzollern sympathies as well as professions.—Fremont Tribune.

Another unanswered question: Why are low shoes so high?

ONLY ONE RIGHT VIEW.

Military opinion in Washington is divided between two views of what will happen if the present German offensive falls short of any objective that the enemy could point to as a real gain. One view is that such a failure would convince him that a further attempt would be useless and that the hour for a peace parley had come. The other is that he would take up the strongest position he could find and prepare for a long defensive war.

The reasons for accepting the latter view are so much more numerous and weighty that they will seem to most observers of events to put the first proposition entirely out of the running. It is true that Mr. Lloyd George and others have spoken of the German command's undoubted purpose to throw everything into a desperate attempt to get a decision this summer. That purpose may be admitted. The strength of Hindenburg's attack, the numbers employed and the indifference exhibited to the huge losses amply support that view of his purpose. He believed there was a chance to destroy or isolate the British army, after which the French could be dealt with in detail. It was a chance, desperate as it was, that would only grow more desperate by waiting, for every week of delay brought nearer the support of America's reserves.

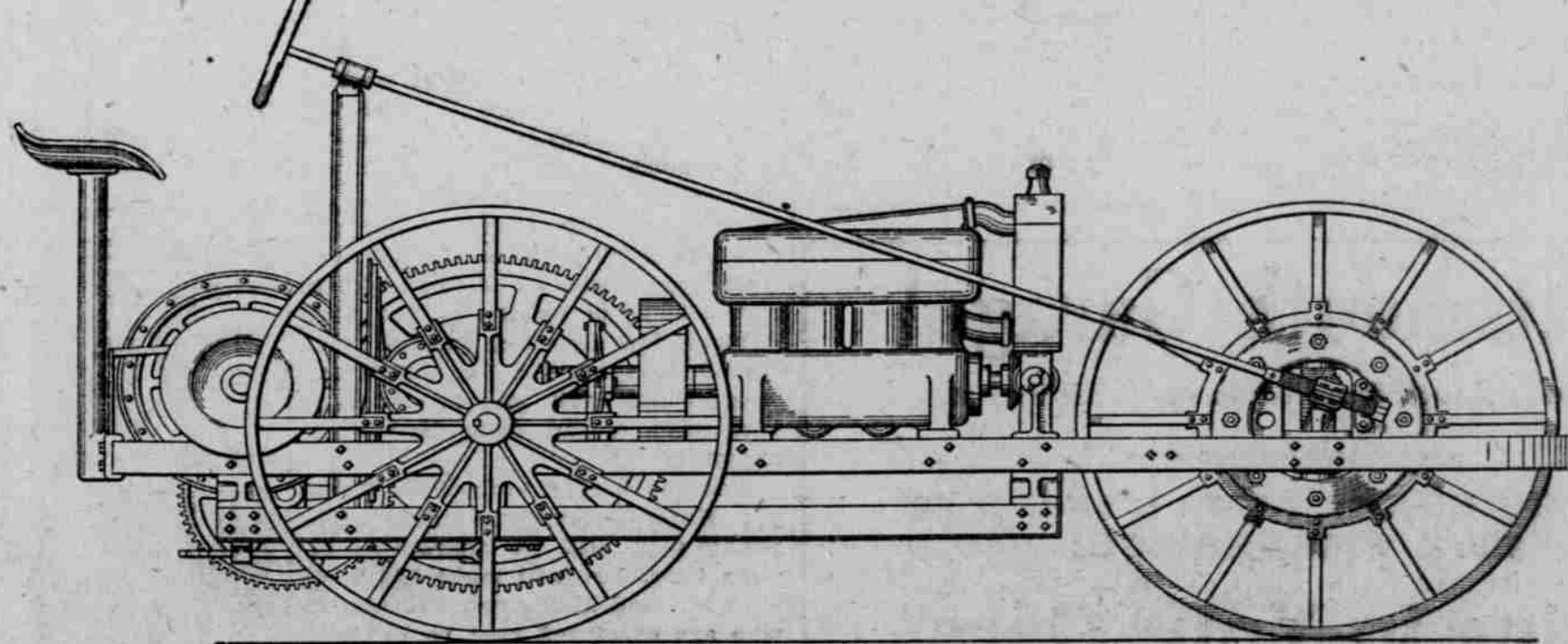
But to admit that purpose, or even to admit that Hindenburg believes the objective would be gained and with it a victorious peace, is very far from establishing that the Germans would have to quit and accept terms if the chance failed. They are trying for a decision. Of course. They have been trying for one for nearly four years. But when the Germans talk about a decision they don't mean that they are staking everything on a gambler's chance and are ready to accept whatever decision turns up. When they talk about a decision they mean a German decision. If they fail to get that kind—as they have several times failed—they content themselves with holding what they have gained until the time comes when another chance presents itself to snatch at victory.

There is nothing to show that Germany's military strength is exhausted or that a failure to win a decision that summer will leave her powerless to go on. It would be folly for America or the Allies to count on any such outcome of the battle now going on. Germany was never so strong on the western front as she now is. The Germans may have hoped for a quick result from that battle, they doubtless are disappointed.

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war the Yankee sea fighters have played an important role as traffic cops. U-boats sinkings have fallen off appreciably, much thanks to the American naval forces. The navy has indeed proved itself efficient and that department should be praised for taking this step in developing its power in accordance with the magnitude of responsibility that has been placed upon it.—Lincoln Star.

And now, they want to prohibit us from using flour altogether. Well, maybe, there is justice in this and maybe we can get used to it.

Party lines are going to be seriously severed this year. It is men who will get the offices, irrespective of former political affiliations.

"The mention of me becoming President is humorous," says Mr. McAdoo. There is a lot of grim humor these days, probably due to the war.

A Harvard historian has discovered that most of the great wars have started in April. How was it, then, that June became known as the bridal month?

Most of the bad coughing spells break out in church and at high-brow concerts. The tickling sensation in the throat rarely attacks a vaudeville audience.

Ireland seems to have missed Great Britain's compliment to her young men altogether. There are some subjects of Britain she has not yet deemed worth conscripting.

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