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How's your dandelion crop?

Everybody should keep on the alert.

Home weddings are the most popular.

The slacker and grafter are the same.

It's better to eat corn dodger than be one.

Sometimes if you give the stranger rope enough he'll string you.

This is a free country to all who respect the constitution and Old Glory.

A girl is always wondering who her husband will be and a woman is always wondering where he is.

Some of the thermometers about town got a little wheezy the past week. Suffering from heat prostration.

Kaiser Bill must have changed his mind about the American army being a joke, else why does he try so hard to submarine transports?

The chautauqua has been boomed an integral part of America's defense in this war. That is very true, but how are you going to get the Germans to attend?

Probably the railroad presidents don't care much whether they have lost their jobs or not. What's the fun of being a president if you can't ride around in a private car?

There are happenings in every town every day which cannot be published for various reasons and yet we get cussed because we do not make some poor mother weep. But we can stand it.

Not only are American soldiers pouring into London in great numbers, but they are arriving in such numbers that the London newspaper reporters have found it out and written pieces about it.

A patriot is a fat man who falls out of a cherry tree instead of a hammock at this season of the year. And only the difficulty of making other folks believe his story keeps him from being a popular hero.

Lieut. John Philip Sousa has promised to compose an American wedding march as soon as an inspiration strikes him, to replace those in common use, both of which were made in Germany. And so he asks, "Don't propose till I compose."

Frank J. Libershal, who has served so competently for the past four years as county clerk has filed again for the same position. Mr. Libershal has been very attentive to his duties, is a good, clever gentleman and if anyone deserves re-election it should be Frank Libershal.

While we don't know what else the advertising writer can do about it, but there is a sort of unpleasantness about the way he winds up a straw hat ad with the blunt characters, \$5, \$6, \$7. Its implacable abruptness reminds too many people of the way a police judge says "\$10."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Keep the home liars squirming.

Have you got your coal bin filled yet?

The only way to get the best of the Germans is to beat hell out of them.

The "lightning trained" Yankees are raising thunder with the Hun hordes.

They say it is the sun spots that cause the heat. Has Old Sol got the small pox?

It takes but one-twentieth of a second for a wireless signal to pass from Washington to San Francisco.

"United we stand—divided, we fall." There is a good deal of genuine philosophy in that saying, don't you think?

While it is true that 3-cent railroad fare now is in effect, you hear it said quite often that "we hadn't intended to go anywhere this summer, anyway."

He has given up all—home, mother, sweetheart, ambition and perhaps life—to fight for you. Help him by giving him the food he needs and must have.

The marriage of Andrew Gantling to Miss Lida Gun in New York last week caused a dreadful clatter among the metropolitan society editors, it is said.

There is a little girl in San Francisco 2 years old who can read and tell time. Everybody out there, except her parents, says it is that wonderful California climate.

Attorney General Reed says that all who desire to become candidates for political honors at the state wide primary on August 20 must file on or before July 29. After that date it will be too late.

Have you turned in your excess flour? A few pounds from every family will keep thousands of soldiers in fighting trim and feed other thousands of hungry French and Belgian children. This is no time for selfishness.

Men exempted from the draft because they are married should go slow about getting divorces, as a Vancouver man discovered a few days ago, when the draft board put him in a less favored class because he was no longer married.

Remember that National War Savings Day is June 28. Pledge yourself on or before that day to save to the utmost of your ability and to buy War Savings Stamps that there may be more money, labor, and materials to back up those who fight and die for you.

After several weeks' deliberation, a war board has decided on poker chips as the first item in the list of non-essentials. There are more substitutes for poker chips than for almost any other commodity. May each subsequent decision of this board be as easily borne.

The Washington dispatch reads that the draft age may be raised to 49 years, "after a campaign of education." But why the campaign of education? asks the Atchison Globe. If the country needs more soldiers Congress should raise the draft age immediately. The country knows what it wants—to get this war through to a victorious peace as soon as possible, and is willing to furnish the soldiers and workers to do it. Further than that, action, not education, is what the country wants now, the Globe believes.

### THE NEW PENSION BILL.

The veterans of the Civil war are tardily coming into their own—the few of them who yet survive. The pension bill just passed by congress, and which is sanctioned by the president, provides payment which the union soldiers and their friends years ago sought to have allowed them.

But we are now realizing more fully what is the real worth of a soldier to his country. We understood during the Civil war, but forgot when that conflict had been won by the heroism and sacrifice of the men whom now we are seeking to requite—half a century after we should have done them justice.—St. Joseph Gazette.

### PUSHING ON TO VICTORY.

Thus far there has not been much time for congress to consider measures that would prevent profiteering, but it seems that the senate, at least, is determined to perfect legislation of that kind. A resolution was passed the other day calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General to furnish all information in their possession concerning profiteering. There is no doubt that nearly all of the manufacturers have done their very best to furnish supplies and if some incidentally made larger profits than in the former times no one will cause trouble over that. But those who have deliberately planned to make fortunes out of the war and charged the people excessive prices because of their needs and their distress, will be brought to an accounting. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The resolution was introduced to obtain information upon which legislation could be founded to stop profiteering in the future. This is not only an economic movement to reduce the cost of war, but one of the greatest political importance. The psychological effect that would be produced by a general belief that the rich were marking enormous profits while the common people were offering their all to save the nation and democracy for the people of the whole world, would be most disastrous. On the other hand by the general belief that all people, the rich as well as the poor, are doing all that they can to win the war, an enthusiasm will be created which will push the nation on to certain victory.—World Herald.

### PRO-GERMAN ACTIVITY.

Recently it was reported that fourteen German spies had been quickly executed in this country and the story gained such wide currency that an official denial was deemed advisable. This is one of the wild rumors that would have done no harm and might have done much good. In fact, it is to be regretted that the report was not true, for there are very many more than fourteen spies dangerously at work in this country and the execution of a few would have a wholesome effect, not merely as a deterrent, but as a satisfactory sign that our secret service is accomplishing a part of the needed work.

We hear very frequently of enemy activities in our midst. Only the other day it was disclosed that a Philadelphia factory of machinery for our navy was German-owned and operated by secret agents of the kaiser. Since then a German named expert chemist, a member of the United States geological survey, has been taken into custody as a dangerous enemy alien. Following this came the arrest of a German named judge of the municipal court of New York City charged with conspiracy to obstruct our military operations. But so far there seems to have been no punishment more severe than residence in a comfortable detention camp in the baby south. Perhaps no spies actually meriting the death penalty have been caught; perhaps also there is reluctance to impose the extreme penalty. However that may be, it is evident that the spy menace is great, and that resolute measures for the country's protection are imperative.—Fremont Tribune.

### THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

Much has been written to the detriment of the senate. Writers have said that the quality of the personnel has dwindled until it is now ordinary. The fact is that there are some singular individuals in the senate.

Prejudiced and unreasoning as he seems frequently to be, there is not a more courageous man in public life than Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri and few more able or eloquent ones. He is accused of being merely a politician. The same can be said of every man who has sat in the senate and most of all of those whose statues now adorn its corridors. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, is a credit to the body. Were the Hitchcock intelligence, the Hitchcock fearlessness, the Hitchcock independence the average intelligence, fearlessness and independence of the senate, there would not be a more admirable legislative body in the world. The pity is that Hitchcock and a few others like Chamberlain, of Oregon; Johnson, of California; Lodge, of Massachusetts; Knox, of Pennsylvania; Cummins, of Iowa; La Follette, of Wisconsin; Borah, of Idaho; Smith, of Georgia; Thomas, of Colorado, and Underwood, of Alabama, stand out in bold relief from the remainder of the body.

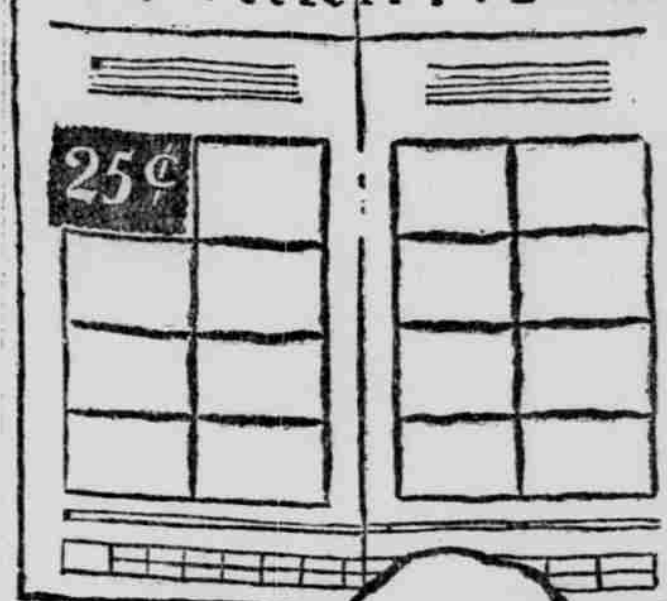
This little group of men represents the varying shades of American public opinion, except the extreme radical group, unrepresented in congress save by Meyer London in the house. Senators Lodge, Knox and Pease may be expected at all times to speak for the high-tariff protectionists and to fight to the last ditch for the principles of the Payne-Aldrich tariff act, repeated when the democrats, such as Hitchcock, Chamberlain and Thomas gained the ascendancy in congress. Cummins and Borah are progressive republicans, quite independent and powerful, with independent opinion in the national legislature. Hiram Johnson is rapidly outstripping progressives on both sides of the chamber for advocacy of progressive legislation. He is a relentless fighter for government ownership of public utilities, and although some of his notable addresses on this subject would have gained for him the opprobrium of "socialist" a few years ago, he is now heard with deep interest, for in his eloquent appeals that the people be given control of the means of communication and travel are disclosed a rapidly growing sentiment throughout the country.

Robert M. La Follette has been absent from the senate now for several months. In the city all of that time, he has refused to go to Capitol Hill even to vote on legislation. The reason is that he would not leave the side of his son, who has been critically ill for a long time. For nearly a month the boy was said to be at death's door and the Wisconsin senator then refused to talk with any one over the telephone.

A quaint figure on the floor of the senate is that of Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, reactionary republican, of Illinois. Mr. Sherman seems literally to hate people who differ radically with him. His assaults upon the president and many of his advisers, all of whom he called "economic fakers and socialist freaks, firebrands and pestilent friends of sedition," are utterly unlike anything that has been heard in the senate for years. A man is a socialist to him if he suggests government ownership of the telegraph lines.

Those whose memory goes back to the days before the war started will no doubt recall the names of Tillman and Culberson. The first of these is the senior senator from South Carolina. Ben is his first name and "Pitchfork" was the sobriquet attached to him in the palmy days when his propensity for strong language created the impression in the minds of folks who read the papers that he was a raging bull in a china shop. He was, more of less. He had a way about him that made his opponents look around for open doors. Ruggedly, healthy and and

### U.S. THRIFT CARD.



## He's Learning Two Great Lessons

One is the joy of self denial—the sense of real thrift. His little investment of 25 cents may mean as much to him as the first ten dollars you ever earned—or the first thousand you ever invested.

He can be made to help wonderfully in developing him into a substantial citizen. His early habit of sensibly saving will do as much as any other thing to start him on the straight road to success.

The other lesson is that of patriotism. He has learned "to do his bit." A country worth living in is a country worth fighting for. He is too young to fight, but he wants to help.

While you rejoice that he cannot go to the front, teach him to help end this war by loaning his savings to his government.

Thrift and patriotism—two great lessons at one time. All so easy. Just tell him to get a Thrift Stamp—and with it a Thrift Card. Then help him add to it until he has enough for a War Savings Stamp. With that he will get a War Savings Certificate—and his savings begin to draw interest.

If you will show him how money breeds money, he will be all the better for it. And every penny he saves and lends may help to save some other mother's boy—may go a long way toward bringing peace to all.

Encourage him to begin saving today. It's real patriotism,—but it is more. It is laying the foundation for his future—and it is helping to make him what you want him to be.

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