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Save and win the war.

September 9, school begins.

A good motto: "Trade at Home."

Love is thin when faults are thick.

The only work some folks ever tackle is guess work.

By the way, when is McAdoo going to take over the newspapers and raise our wages?

A hard winter is predicted, which the prognosticators say usually follows a very hot summer.

If a man is his own worst enemy, it ought to be an easy matter for him to love his neighbor as he loves himself.

Time will change many things. For instance, just now Yankee Doodle Dandy seems to be the main attraction in France.

Some people believe everything they hear, while others only believe what they want to which no doubt is the proper way.

A great many patriotic office-seeking politicians are like the boy who washes his face. He always leaves proof on the towel.

Some day there will be a German republic that will gladly help us celebrate the 4th of July, and thank us for kicking the kaiser and his junkers.

Why not grab all the profiteers and put them in the front line of trenches? They might do some good there.

When the ultimate consumer is not pleased with the way things are going, it does not cheer him up any to reflect that it was not the intention to please him.

Lightning is very unlike politics. The great difference is that lightning seldom strikes twice in the same place, and if it is a man, there is no necessity of it a second attack.

There is no need for worry because the Atlanta prison is so full that federal prisoners must be sent elsewhere. We can build more jails and there are still enough enemies at large to fill a good many.

At last it has been thoroughly established that honesty is the best policy. A fellow stole a shotgun and tried to sell it. He was offered only a dollar for it, so he returned it to its rightful owner who rewarded him with \$2.

Maximilian Harden warns the Kaiser that defeat is certain. The fact has been known outside of Germany for some time, but we suppose Harden is entitled to some credit for disseminating it.

When a trades convention is talking about setting the price for haircuts at \$1, does it mean haircuts, or does it just mean these ludicrous looking jobs one gets when he pays fifty cents to have an ex-hedge trimmer jab a clipper at him a few times and then holler—Next!

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To love your neighbor as yourself—use plenty of chicken wire.

When the day breaks some men are too lazy to make use of the pieces.

Fishing might be called a "useful occupation" if the fish would bite.

The distribution of sugar is just a little matter of arrangement among friends.

Horse flesh is among the meats in Germany. Also, cats and dogs in some parts of that country.

War Savings Stamps—the answer of a great democracy for democratic form of government security.

When a public office costs more than it is worth it is a heap better to let the other fellow have it.

About election time one can most always distinguish between a careless friend and a careful enemy.

Spain keeps right on kidding herself that she can join this German propaganda or leave it alone at will.

Sometimes Austria is afraid Germany won't win the war, and sometimes Austria is afraid Germany will.

If four million soldiers in France is all it takes to do this matter up right, as General March implies, then let's go.

The recent primary cut the feathers wonderfully of some fellows who thought they were in the running and failed to even get to first base. But such is life in politics.

Ice is the customary shortage in summer, and in winter coal is the seasonal shortage. What are the usual worries in spring and autumn? Thinking about summer and winter?

A Maryland berry picker says he protects himself from snakes and reptiles by playing on a mouth organ. A man in almost any other walk of life would bring trouble on himself.

Both sides in the work or fight controversy before the House committee seem to forget that the men in the 1917 call were put under work or fight rule without any provision in the bill.

"Should a girl use powder?" asks the Baltimore Evening Sun. As to that, far be it from a newspaper paragrapher to say. But if she does she should observe the well known adage, and keep her powder dry.

It appears that the Germans, by their late withdrawals, have given up all hope of ever getting to Calais. But very likely the German people still read in the papers every night that "Paris will be at our mercy in ten or fifteen days."

It is the belief of Washington that General Foch intends to pound the Germans hard, all winter. And there'll be more of it in the spring, also. The weather indications are not very pleasing for the Germans. To recover from a love affair—wed.

The first of the new sugar crop will reach the market in October in the form of beet sugar. This harvest will continue the remainder of the year. Louisiana cane will begin to come in about the middle of November, and Cuban cane about the middle of December, although perhaps not in large quantities until January.

## WINDING UP THE GERMAN MIND

The processes of the German mind are revealed in everything the German does. They are as easily traced as the working of one of those mechanical German toys which always do exactly the same thing when wound up.

The German purpose in sending U-boats to operate off the Atlantic coast may not be clear to some Americans. They will say to themselves that the German must be aware that he can do no great damage with these boats. If he cannot sink troop ships in European waters, close to his own bases, how can he hope to sink them on this side of the ocean?

The answer must be found in the whole German reasoning about America, the reasoning by which he has deceived himself from the beginning of the war. Once on a wrong track the German never gets off till he finds himself in the ditch. He has to have a wreck to make him discover he should have backed up.

Let's trace that German reasoning back a little distance. Before America went into the war figures were laid before the kaiser to show that there were 10 million persons in America of German stock. A map of the United States was laid before him covered thickly with little crosses, each one representing a German church, society or other center of German influence. The Kaiser studied those figures and that map and made a foolish speech to his advisers, which readers may recall, in which he said America would not come into the war because the President and Congress would not dare go counter to this powerful German element. He said that nobody could be elected President of the United States whom he opposed. He said a number of foolish things like that and believed them. His German mind did that to him. It has been one all of the Entente the kaiser hasn't known about.

This is the way the German fool himself. He compiles figures to show a result he wants to be shown and when he sees it he forgets he made it up himself and it knock him off his mental perch.

About those submarines. The German knows that with two or three of these craft dodging about 3,000 miles from home and no place to roost, he cannot hope to strike an effective blow at American shipping. With his whole fleet of U-boats, operating practically under his own guns, he could not give England a death blow, and he knows he can't give one to America. But the German is acting on his patent system which can't go wrong. You see, he has studied America. He has bushels of reports, numbered and docketed and filed in order, which are just as accurate as those figures and the map which the kaiser counted on to keep America out of the war. He knows, from this expensive information, that Americans are a sordid dollar chasing people, without patriotism. That is the way they are ticketed in the intelligence department of the general staff in Berlin. It must be right. Knowing this the German knows that at the first sign of danger to his dollars, or his ships, or his business the American will be panic stricken and go straight up in the air. At the first sight of a periscope, or information of a stone barge or fishing schooner sunk in his own waters the American will begin to shriek to his government to bring his navy home from British waters to guard America's shores.

That is the result the German has expected to accomplish. That is what his reasoning tells him will happen. It makes no difference that all his former calculations went wrong. That is the track he is on and he is going to stay on it till he brings up in the ditch.—K. C. Star.

THE ENEMY WITHIN OUR GATES  
One hundred per cent Americanism is usually taken to mean Americanism without even a chemical trace of a hyphen. The hyphen

test is a good one, but not the only one. There's the test of how the individual or the community stands toward the issue of honest elections.

One hundred per cent Americanism will not regard with indifference the stealing of elections. One hundred per cent Americanism knows that once the integrity of the ballot is lost in America, democracy is lost in America. No American whose red blood boiled up at the insolent attempt of Germany to tell him what his rights were at sea, will permit an election crook to tell him what his rights are at the ballot box. The whole Nation rose as one man to hurl the German kaiser's challenge back in his face. Unless the same defiance meets the arrogant attempt of the ballot box thieves to control elections America will be no safer for democracy after the menace of kaiserism is removed than it now is.

Every intelligent man in Kansas City who read the returns in the primary knows that the figures in the boss controlled wards, were manipulated. Every reasoning man knows that the precinct in the Fifth Ward that cast 265 votes for Whitley and none for Folk was a controlled precinct. Nowhere in the world do men think with such unanimity, and certainly not in the Fifth Ward. In the First Ward 2,165 votes were counted for Whitley, the machine candidate, and forty-seven for Folk. In some precincts of that ward Folk was given no votes at all. In one he got two, in none more than ten. In the Second Ward Whitley got 1,366 votes and Folk 182. In the Fifth Ward Whitley got 2,395 and Folk 145.

Turn back to any election, any primary, and the same results will be found. The candidate with the endorsement of the bosses of these often borough wards gets the unanimous vote, his opponent being given a few scattering votes here and there, apparently by way of joke. Turn to the vote on the street railway franchise. It was the same. Always the same.

There is only one word to describe this sort of "election." It is theft. There is only one word to describe the indifference with which it has come to be regarded in Kansas City. It is anti-American.

Stealing an election has come to be a conventional crime in Kansas City. Actually it is high treason. The agent of a political boss who slips the padded vote into the bal-

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Nebraska, as hereinafter set forth in full, is submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska to be voted upon at the general election to be held Tuesday, November 5th, A. D. 1918:

A JOINT RESOLUTION to amend Section one (1) of Article seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Section 1. That Section One of Article Seven of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the following words:

"Second. Persons of foreign birth who shall have declared their intention to become citizens conformably to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization, at least thirty days prior to an election."

And inserting in the place of the words so stricken, the following words:

"Second. Persons of foreign birth who shall have become citizens of the United States by naturalization or otherwise conformably to the laws of the United States at least thirty days prior to an election."

Sec. 2. That at the general election nineteen hundred and eighteen (1918) there shall be submitted to the electors of the state for their approval or rejection the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution relating to the right of suffrage. At such election, on the ballot of each elector voting for or against said proposed amendment, shall be written or printed the words: "For proposed amendment to the constitution relating to the right of suffrage," and "Against said proposed amendment to the constitution relating to the right of suffrage."

Sec. 3. If such amendment shall be approved by a majority of all electors voting at such election, said amendment shall constitute Section One (1) Article Seven (7) of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. Approved, April 9, 1918.  
KEITH NEVILLE, Governor.  
CHARLES W. POOL, Secretary of State.

lot box is on an exact par with the agent of the German kaiser who plants a bomb in a munitions factory or undermines a bridge over which a troop train is to pass. Both are trying to destroy American institutions.—K. C. Star.

## LETTER FROM HENRY HIRZ

Aug. 3rd, 1918.

Dear Philip and Family:  
Just returned from the front. Received your letter when I came in and as usual was tickled to death to hear from home. I have been answering your letters and am at liberty to write at any time. We have been at the front ever since the first of June and of course, our packs are heavy enough without carrying writing paper. So we do not always have stationary and I think lots of mail goes lost. Nevertheless I am O. K. and am glad to hear that you folks are all well. We had a hot bath yesterday and received clean clothing, feel like a man again. Most all of us had creepers. We fight three armies, German, Mosquitos and lice. But we are getting away with all three of them. I suppose you read about the barrage the Germans put over on us the 17 of July. Barrage means artillery fire where they shot holes in the ground and try to dig you out of your dugout, and in many cases they succeed in doing it. This might not be the proper definition, but then it will give you some idea.

Well I was in that barrage, in a dugout. If I had not been in a dugout chances are I would not be able to write this letter. They shot everything at us from gas to brick bats, but must have put some over. I seen everything else. They thought they had us all killed and was going to come across the Marne and take up a position. But they were mistaken there were still some of us left and we made them do the hot foot and they are still going. I think we will get a rest for a few weeks and I hope it will be near an end by that time.

I just received your letter of the 8th of July. So I will answer them both in one. I am sorry to hear the sad news of Adam. If you see his wife, give her my sympathy. I wrote to you once before about a man named Hirz from New Jersey. He is wounded. Well I will explain about the Brown affair. I met her son in Omaha, started for Ft. Logan. He went broke, so I let him have a little money. He said he would write to his mother and her send it to me. So I gave him your address. I did not think he would send it, but I guess he did. Keep it and buy the girls something they need. I have no use for money over here. Well I am glad to hear that the crops are fair and the rain is bound to come, so you will get 100 bucks for your pig. It has been raining for the last few days. Wheat sure have some fine looking wheat over here, heavy as lead. And be-

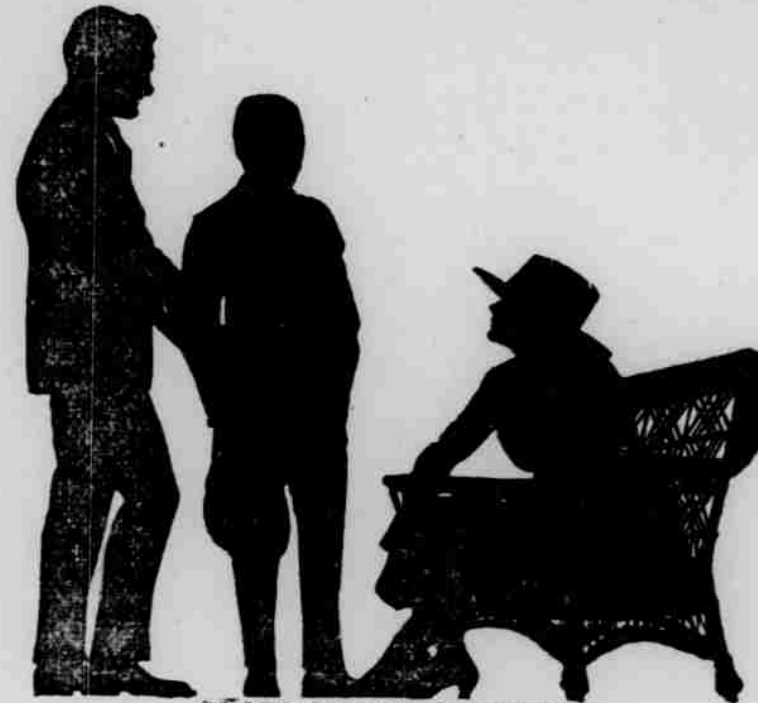
lieve me when we drove the Germans back they are getting busy and harvesting the wheat. Well I will close for this time. We got a little opening in woods where we are located and the boys are batting the ball around. So I will have to get in. So good luck to you all. Write whenever you have time. Tell Pippa hello for me, and that I would be back by Xmas to chew the rag with him. Good-bye,  
CORPORAL HENRY HIRZ.

## RETURNS FROM THE WEST.

From Monday's Daily.  
A. C. Davis and wife with their little daughter who have been visiting in the west and spending some time in the mountains, and the places of interest in the west for the past two weeks, seeing the sights, which the ever interesting mountains have to offer, returned home this morning. Having had an excellent time while away, they returned rested and refreshed to take up the work here again.

## PURCHASE FARM IN MISSOURI.

From Monday's Daily.  
E. H. Hybbell and wife who have been at Mountain View, Mo., for the past week, where they went to close the contract purchasing a farm near that place. They report, like here, the weather had been on the



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Philip Thierolf  
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dry order, but during the past week while they were there much rain had fallen. They will expect to move there as soon as they can dispose of their property here.



## Poultry Wanted!

A car load of live poultry to be delivered at poultry car near Burlington depot, Plattsmouth, Neb., on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, one day only for which we will pay in cash:  
Hens .....24c  
Springs .....24c  
Ducks .....15c  
Geese .....15c  
Old Roosters .....15c  
We will be on hand rain or shine to take care of all poultry offered for sale.  
W. E. KEENEY.

# Why Not?

Why not protect yourself against higher prices later on by buying now what you know you are going to need.

## Overalls

—On Sept. 1st all our standard Everett blue overalls in Detroit makes advance to \$2.50. We are now selling them at \$2.25. We also are selling a fast color blue, full cut, bib overall until Sept. 1st at \$1.85.

## Underwear

—You are going to need underwear this winter. It's going to be hard to get. We are going to give you some opening prices that speak for thrift:

- Men's fleeced union suits .....\$1.45
- " 2-piece winter wear ..... .95
- " summer suits ..... .65

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