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Don't call a man a bonehead.
In your angry agitation;
Remember that your own head
Has some osseous formation.

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ENFORCE the curfew law.

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Keep your children at home.

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Stop the petty thieving at night.

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Hurrah for the Stars and Stripes—let them wave.

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The wolf at the door is often only an advance agent for other visitors.

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Only the Salvation Army folks know how the dough-boys fought on doughnuts.

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One-half the world seems to be trying to see how little the other half can live on.

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Save your dollars. The nickles, which won't buy anything, will take care of themselves.

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Restaurant caters say the "Victory griddle cakes" are shrinking until they look like a victory for the cash register.

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In the mean time we shall keep the home fires burning and the fighting men moving down on the tottering German line.

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Uncle Sam is going to run Federal boarding houses. But will he tolerate a star boarder, or must inmates be standardized?

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There are two kinds of people who are no help to America—those who want to run the war and those who want to run away from it.

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The Kaiser says "no enemy can shake the strong structure of the German Empire." Shaking isn't enough, William. We're going to smash it.

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With care says a government expert, there is timber enough to last the United States 444 years. "With care," but who will care in 444 years?

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South America is using alcohol to drive automobiles. We have seen automobiles that appear to have derived their motive power from the same liquid.

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Sixty million pairs of wool socks for the soldiers, and Sister Susie is still knitting. It is no wonder our boys have never had cold feet during the fighting.

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From the eager desire most small boys have to play with matches, fond mothers cannot be blamed for expecting them to set the world afire when they grow up.

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It is planned to give every soldier a farm and forty years in which to pay for it. And forty years isn't any too long, if it is to be paid for from the products of some of the government farms.

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What chance is there for a man to have any fun out of the morning paper headlines when his wife keeps saying, "It's just too good to be true, those Germans backing away like that—I just know they're up to something."

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Fine fall weather.

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Stock pasture is pretty good.

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Speedsters keep speeding.

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Enforce the law.

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Patriotism comes first.

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Duty to our soldier boys next.

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A citizen must be American or go.

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Is the smashing of the Wotan line a prelude to a real Gotterdammerung?

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We are giving our work, our time and our money, but "they" our dear boys are giving their lives.

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The idea that the war is all over but the shouting is incorrect. Its all over but some shooting.

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Generally speaking it is hardly safe for a man that drive an ammunition wagon to make light of his work.

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The conservative doesn't fear the revolutionist who plans to "abolish" property, but the revolutionist who plans to grab it.

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You can run a Ford into a railroad train, or do anything with it without discrediting it, except to paint it any other color but black.

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Statesmen of the defeatest type should have gained a great deal of satiesfaction from the recent primary elections. Defeat was what most of them got.

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The striking barbers in the east threaten to go to work in the ship yards, quite forgetting that their special training would make them more useful in the big timber.

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The weather prognosticators predict an early winter. But we will wait a while longer before we make any prophesies on the weather. Our coal bin is a little too low just yet.

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Another example of a strange coincidence is that the telephone girls have received no increase in salaries since the government took over the lines, and neither do all the states have equal suffrage.

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Another reason why the newspapers of the country have been compelled to save paper this year is in order that the government printing office could publish a 52-page booklet on the button industry, issued a week or so ago.

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Germany and Austria have agreed that the present is no time for a peace offensive, according to a news dispatch from Switzerland. The present appears to be a bad time for any sort of an offensive for Germany and Austria, except as to their conversation, which is always offensive.

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Germany has told her soldiers that the nation must have a big indemnity for her sacrifices in the war and that the soldiers must bring in the loot accordingly. Which is another hard job for the German soldier. He didn't leave anything the first time he went over the ground between the Hindenburg line and the Rhine.

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Every day or so somebody writes in to inquire whether "The Star Spangled Banner" is really the national anthem. Well, when it is played as such, and everybody stands, and all the men in uniform come to attention, and all the civilians take off their hats, it is safe to assume that it is, and highly advisable to govern yourself accordingly.

AMERICANS FIGHT IN BELGIUM.

America will be thrilled by the announcement that our troops for the first time are fighting upon the soil of Belgium. Certain large detachments have been there for nearly two months, although the news has been kept from the public. In fact upon July 4, when free peoples throughout the world were doing homage to the nation's birthday, our boys were crossing the border into the little remnant of the martyred kingdom. There a joyous welcome was accorded them by the Belgium people. Now, in conjunction with their British comrades, they have moved forward, capturing Voormezeele and several other strong positions near Ypres.

This news, when it filters through to the suffering Belgian people as sooner or later it must, cannot fail to give them renewed hope. It will bring home to them the realization that help from the great republic across the Atlantic is close at hand. Throughout the long years of slavery and oppression America has done much to keep the unhappy people from despair. American food and clothing, American sympathy and later American promises of military assistance have made them retain their faith that the cause of justice must eventually prevail. With the Germans giving up Belgian villages before the assaults of American troops, can they resist the hope that deliverance cannot much longer be delayed?

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NOT A RICH MAN'S WAR.

This is not a rich man's war as some of the I. W. W. continue to assert. The banks and the financial publications have furnished more men than any of the other industries in ration to their numbers. They did that before the draft was ordered and have been harder hit since that time, for those engaged in such occupations are generally young men. There is one prominent bank in the New York financial district whose president some two years ago replaced men past their best usefulness with younger ones. He has not a man on his staff, except himself, who is not liable to the draft. Besides that, hardly one of them could ask for exemption because their wives and children were dependent upon their work for maintenance, as they are well-to-do. When drafted there is no excuse for them and they must go, with very few exceptions.

Then there is another thing that must be taken into consideration. Taxes have been so arranged that the wealthy, notwithstanding they must furnish their quota of men, must also pay a very large part of the expenses of the war. Of course there are more of the wage workers in the war than there are bankers and bond dealers, but that is because there are so very many more of them. These rich men must not only do their share of the actual fighting, but they must do much of the important work at home. They must raise the money to pay war expenses, and immense amounts to assist the allies. The government has already loaned Great Britain, $7,092,040,000, and France and Italy have been assisted in like manner. The fact is that every class in the United States is doing its best to win the war.—World Herald.

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BOLSHEVISM IS WANING.

The announcement that long stretches of railway in Russia and Siberia are held by the Czecho-Slovak forces must hasten the revision of opinion that has been going on in this country about the Bolshevist movement. Testimony has been conflicting. Responsible observers have reported that the Bolsheviki really represent the vast majority of the Russian people. Others have insisted that the whole movement was on the point of collapse.

Evidently, if this comparatively small alien force can control the main line of communication for several thousand miles, the present government can have no great strength with the Russian people. Indeed, as was reported from Stockholm yesterday, a leading Social Revolutionist publicly asserted at the all-Russian Soviet Congress that the Bolsheviki did not represent more than 10 per cent of the peasants.

It is difficult to get at the facts in a country of such vast extent, with little training in self government and with dense illiteracy. In the general election held a year ago less than a third of the delegates chosen for the constituent assembly were Bolsheviki. That assembly was dissolved by force.

Kerensky was able to hold the supreme power for a few months without the use of bayonets. Lenine and Trotzky proved much more practical. They have used methods to retain power that would have put the old autocracy to shame. Opponents of their regime have been imprisoned by wholesale and there have been many executions. Men and women who had given their lives to the revolutionary movement have suffered the fate that might have been expected to be meted out to the adherents of the czar. By ruthless terrorism the Bolshevist government has maintained itself now for nearly a year.

In the same way the Moderates of the French Revolution were supplanted and pursued by the Terrorists under Robespierre. Analogies are deceptive. But may not the Russian reign of terror come to the same end as the French?

Apparently the bulk of the Russian peasants are not interested in the national government. Travelers report hundreds of miles of farming country in which the people are peaceful, asking only to be let alone. But one aspect of the situation is becoming intolerable. The breakdown in the economic life of the nation is so great that people are suffering from want of shoes, of clothing, of all manufactured articles. At the same time the deficiencies of the transportation system are causing famine in some districts, while others have plenty of supplies. The gravity of the situation was recognized by Lenine several months ago in the manifesto in which he announced a compromise with the bourgeoisie.

A government under which so much disorganization has occurred could not be expected to evoke any great enthusiasm. The success of the Czecho-Slovak movement indicates that this is the case.

Russia has still to find herself. Possibly the day of her redemption may come sooner than the outside world has believed possible.—K. C. Star.

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UNCLE SAM GETS OUT THE VOTE!

There were no hacks to haul the voters to the polls this morning. There were no precinct workers checking up the list to see who had voted and to send out to fetch in the fellows who were slack. The political machines weren't on the job. And yet the vote was out, all right. You can bet your bottom dollar on that. Men who were busy and might not have come to the polls for an election were right there. Nobody wanted to take any chance with Uncle Sam.

Why shouldn't elections be conducted the same way? Our whole national life is based on all the citizens electing the officials who are to run the government. Then why shouldn't it be made the citizen's duty to vote just as much as it is his duty to register?

Under our present election system the machine gets a good share of its power through its ability to get out the vote. That is why the machine controlled wards exercise an influence out of all proportion to their population. The machine brings the voters to the polls. The uncontrolled citizen is too often careless about voting.

The political organization is expensive. It costs money to hire cars and workers to bring the voters in. That is why the big corporations and the privileged interests have so much power with the organizations. They can finance campaigns.

Much of this influence would disappear if elections were modeled after the national registration and there were a penalty for failure to vote. A compulsory voting system would pull the teeth of the professional political organizations.

Why wouldn't such a system be both practical and just?—K. C. Star.

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GAUGING THE GERMAN FAILURE

As the result of the four years and more of the attempt of Kaiser Wilhelm and his military party to conquer the world, and dominate it, Germany is thus situated:

Dead, 2 million; wounded, 4,700,000; permanently disabled and a charge upon the state, 2 million.

Interest bearing war debt, 38,400 million dollars.

Commerce absolutely destroyed. 67 per cent of tonnage captured or interned.

A permanent annual bond interest payment of 2 billion dollars; pension roll annually, ¾ billion dollars; civil administration, 1¼ billion dollars; total, 4 billion dollars.

Income of German people before the war, 11 billion dollars annually.

Cost of after consequences of the war to German people nearly 40 per cent of their annual income.

Germany's rulers counted on such a large annual outlay, but figured with a fatalistic instinct that she would impose the entire burden on the nations she would conquer.

Germany has failed, and when the German people wake up to the fact that they and not their enemies will have to pay, will the kaiser and his militarists hold triumphant military reviews on the Field of Mars? Past history of like attempts on a smaller scale to put the world under subjection answers in the negative.—Financial World, New York.

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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 comformably 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.

Attest:
CHARLES W. POOL
Secretary of State.

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ABOLISH RENO?

Shall the Reno divorce mill be wiped off the map? This is one of the questions before the nation-wide conference of leading lawyers in Cleveland, August 22. The occasion is the meeting of the commissioners on uniform laws of the several states. One of the most important questions before these men is that of having all the states agree on a uniform divorce act.

The varied interpretation of the divorce laws, the commissioners say, involves serious questions with regard to the status of children and the ownership of property. While four-fifths of the states now recognize the same causes for divorce, the legal machinery for the granting of divorce has been made uniform in only two states. Neither is there anything like uniformity in marriage licenses.

The law on this subject which the conference has formulated would if adopted, have a radical effect, since it proposes to abolish the common law marriage, providing that there must be a license to marry and a duly authorized officiating person or recognized form of ceremony to make a marrige valid. Stringent laws forbidding marriages between parties of certain degrees of relationship are said to be flagrantly disregarded in some states by parties who step across the state line and marry, then return to the state where such laws exist and laugh at the authorities.

The conference has power only to formulate and recommend. The laws must be made uniform by the action of the state legislatures. One purpose of the forthcoming meeting will be to emphasize on voters the importance of impressing their state senators and representatives with the importance of enacting the uniform laws the national conference agrees on.—Omaha News.

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STILL REMAINS VERY LOW.

From Friday's Daily.

Little Janet Windham, daughter of Robert Windham jr., and Granddaughter of R. B. Windham, who has been sick since the Fourth of July, is still very low at the hospital at Omaha, where she has been for some months past. The little girl is greatly emanciated, and with the extreme seriousness of her case it seems as though it would be impossible for her to survive. Still she holds on to the spark of life which is truly wonderful, and while the friends realize the gravity of her case they still hope that she may recover.

HAD TO COME BACK TO REGISTER

From Friday's Daily.

Wood Rainey departed a few days since for Dalton in the western portion of the state and thought to go first to Roselie, and getting back as far as Fremont, he assayed to register there as he would not get to Dalton in time, but he would not be allowed to register at Fremont, except he should remain there for four days after. He thought that would hardly do so he returned home last evening in time to register and this morning departed again for the west going to Dalton where he will work in threshing.

Berlin might begin by giving up its Hohenzollerns.

The man with money began saving and putting it in the Bank.

THE BEST BOOK YOUR BOY CAN HAVE IS A BANK BOOK THERE'S LOTS OF KNOWLEDGE TO BE GAINED BY THE POSSESSION OF MONEY.

YOU SHOULD TEACH YOUR BOY THE BEST LESSON HE WILL EVER LEARN—"THAT HIS MONEY IS HIS BEST FRIEND" AND TEACH HIM TO PUT IT SAFE IN THE BANK.

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