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Cheer up! Farewell, Old Year. Out goes the old year. The days are getting longer. A model husband can't help it.

To understand how to manage a man, madam, is not to understand a man.

As creeds get more and more liberal hell becomes harder and harder to get into.

"Eandt Robs a Waiter" of His Tips," says a headline. A case of "dog eat dog?"

Apparently the Bolsheviks not only do not know what they want but don't want to know.

The autoists and farmers should begin to think about better roads as early in the spring, as they can be worked.

No, thank you, sir. We are ready for any reasonable task, but not the one of teaching the Turks the art of government.

After a man succeeds in printing one kiss upon a girl's lips it's an easy matter to run off a large edition. Ask your wife.

The flu has abated somewhat in Plattsmouth in the past week. And we hope it will continue in the god work, "until the last armed foe has expired!"

Remarkable, isn't it, the number of dolls that got into stockings this Christmas, considering that Germany was the only country that knew how to make 'em.

No room for slackers when our boys across come home. They will all get their old jobs if they want them, and the most of them will be very apt to want them.

It is officially announced that there will be no more Red Cross drives so let us make it our business to see that every person in Cass County enrolls as a member in the last drive. All you need is a heart and a dollar.

The Indianapolis Star suggests that the shipment of 119,000,000 cakes of soap to Europe "sounds as if we are preparing to get into contact with the Bolsheviks." No doubt the Bolsheviks may be hungry enough to eat it.

A model young man was Rev. J. M. Delezene, formerly of Louisville, who died from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. Death truly loves a shining mark in the passing of this young man. A bright and prosperous future awaited him.

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WHEN GERMANY WROTE A PEACE

In 1871 Germany wrote a peace and imposed its terms on France. In view of the estimates that the war expenditures of the allies have been \$120,000,000,000 what Germany did is of interest.

At the beginning of the war, in July, 1870, Germany had 384,000 then under arms, and by November by which time she had won decisive victories, she had 425,000. Later the enrollment in her armies was raised to 835,000. Of these she lost 28,000 in killed and 101,000 wounded and disabled.

According to Sir Robert Giffen, a high statistical authority, her direct expenditures on her military establishment were \$330,000,000. She handed in and collected a bill, no German property having been destroyed through invasion, for \$1,000,000,000. No wonder Maximilian Harden, in the days when he was inciting Germany to go to war again, exclaimed: "The most profitable achievement of the Germans in the nineteenth century was the war of 1870." Not satisfied with the seizure of two of the richest provinces of France, Germany compelled her prostrate enemy to pay her \$3 for every \$1 the highway undertaking had cost.

The pro-German remnant in this country speak of reimbursement for war expenditure as implying a punitive indemnity. It would not be punitive. To levy a punitive indemnity it would be necessary to do what Germany did in 1871, when, after deliberately provoking the war, she exacted three times as much as she spent.

OF INTEREST TO MR. HOHENZOLLERN

Discussion in England of the fate of the ex-kaiser, which is occupying a prominent place in the press of that country, has developed a division of opinion over the rather important point, as it would seem, of whether he should be tried and punished or punished without trial. The paradox of the controversy is that those who contend that there should be no trial assert themselves as sticklers for forms of law and present solid argument to show that those who are for what appears, on the surface of it, to be the orderly procedure are, in reality, urging a process outside the law.

Nor, their reasoning runs, is it necessary to go to these lawless lengths to execute justice upon William. His punishment can be accomplished as an act of war. For this they cite the precedent of Napoleon's punishment. Napoleon was not tried. He fell into the hands of the British government, and that government, without invoking any law against him or bringing him before any tribunal, military or civil—without even preferring any charge against him—shipped him off to Heligoland.

The story that the Czar is still alive has been a bit late in appearance, but it was to be expected. For the next fifty years the "late Czar" will turn up, here in Europe, in more than fifty-seven varieties of reincarnation, both as lunatic and plain fraud. The opportunity is greater than that of the "lost Dauphin," or even the famous Duke of Bilgewater.

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The point is an interesting one, and since both sides agree that the ex-kaiser must be punished, the outcome of the discussion can be awaited with equanimity. There is another point, however, that also appears to have a bearing. Charles and Napoleon both were in the hands of their enemies, while William has sanctuary. Before he can be punished, either with or without a trial, the Allies must get possession of him.

THE GREAT DELUSION.

The correspondent of the London Times with the British army of occupation on the Rhine reports that agents who have lived in England are at work disseminating bolshevik doctrines among the troops. The fact may be accepted without attributing any of the responsibility to the present German government, which is battling for its life against bolshevism at home.

Bolshevism is the one overshadowing issue which Europe now confronts. Everything else is secondary. German militarism has been destroyed, but it was not destroyed until Europe was exhausted economically, and bolshevism is the direct product of economic exhaustion. The Central Powers broke down before any of the allies except Russia went under, but the difference in time was not so great as it might appear.

Civilization cannot destroy all its accumulated wealth and wreck all its resources without paying the price, and bolshevism threatens to be the price. It will inevitably be the price unless there is enough statesmanship in Europe to deal wisely and sanely with a situation that increases in gravity daily.

Bolshevism cannot be checked by impassioned harangues about the sacredness of property. Millions of men have been engaged for more than four years in destroying both life and property under orders from their governments, and they are no longer impressed with the sacredness of either. No government anywhere has as yet presented a reconstruction program that makes any real appeal to them.

It was a desperate German autocracy which first invoked the spirit of bolshevism, aided and abetted, to be sure, by the diplomatic stupidity of the allies in dealing with the Russian revolution; but no German autocracy was needed to spread the fire. The danger has steadily increased since Junkerism was overthrown, and in resisting the advance of bolshevism in Germany the Ebert government is performing as great a service for the British, the French and the Italians as it is performing for itself.

There is not a responsible statesman in Europe who does not realize the gravity of the situation, but neither is there a responsible statesman who has yet formulated a definite program for dealing with it. Most of them are trying to convince themselves that if they can gain enough economic advantages out of the peace conference the danger will disappear so far as their own countries are concerned, and the rest of the world may safely be left to shift for itself.

This is likely to prove the great delusion of the peace conference.—New York World.

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THE MELTING POT.

Among the many post-war problems which confront the nation one of the most important is the Americanizing of America. The war has made painfully evident the danger which threatens from the masses of foreigners within our doors.

While there are many agencies that can be employed for amalgamation—the press, the rostrum, patriotic societies—the most powerful and natural agency is the public school. There, all children must in the future be taught what it means to be American citizens, the privileges that citizenship confers, the duties it entails.

TIME TO APPROACH MEXICO.

Lee surrendered in April, 1865; in November, 1865, Seward brought friendly pressure to bear on Napoleon III. to effect the withdrawal of the French from Mexico.

No sabre clanking was heard. All passed in an amicable spirit. But if Seward had made a similar move in 1863, when secession's successful armies stood between Washington and the Mexican border, would Napoleon have shown the same obliging spirit? Seward and Lincoln certainly thought not.

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Anyhow, the weather shows a helpful disposition toward the coal bin.

BEATEN.

The German people seem to rest under the remarkable delusion that when the armistice was signed their armies had not actually been beaten in the field. They still possessed, some speakers and writers say, many lines of defense to which they could have retired, and had not revolution at home forced surrender they could have fought on indefinitely.

All evidence tends to show, all military authorities agree, that the second week of November found the German army thoroughly defeated and facing complete destruction. The unending series of hammer blows which Marshal Foch had dealt it, one after the other, without cessation for four months, had mauled it into complete submission.

Had this not been the case, had it been true that Hindenburg was capable of keeping the field indefinitely, surely it would have been a strange psychology which made the German people see in this a matter of pride. To contend

that their army tamely laid down its arms, that it admitted that it had had enough, before it was compelled by defeat to do so, is to accuse it of cowardice, of the worst kind of cowardice, of that moral cowardice that never manifests itself in the hour of victory but cries out in fear upon the approach of adversity.

The world has never beheld a more pitiable spectacle than the tame surrender of the powerful German fleet; can the German people find comfort in accusing their army of a like craven spirit? Far better would it be to face the truth and admit that their boasted army, the military machine upon which their whole system of autocracy and imperialism was based, had been finally and decisively conquered.

An idea is not always to blame for the people who believe in it.

Next spring's hats, the milliners says, are to have wide, floppy brims and are to be "trimmed with striped pattern, or bearing a broad waving propaganda?"

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used."

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