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Four more days to do your Liberty bond shopping.

The question still is: Which will you do, enlist or buy? Uncle Sam needs you both ways.

If the country could rally its fake fabricators and rumor mongers on the front trenches the bet of L. V. Nicholas would be a cinch.

The published names of towns in the earthquake belt sadly reminds the reader that Russia has no monopoly of tongue twisters.

"Germans are dazed" runs the news story, but could you expect an army-blown sky-high by dynamite to alight on its feet with its head clear?

Ulsterites and South Irelanders fought shoulder-to-shoulder at Messines. Twas ever thus when "the fighting race" gets away from the miasma of the Boyne.

Omaha's business, as reflected in the bank clearings report such as to warrant the steadily increasing chest measurement noted by the visitors. Watch us grow.

"Everybody in the country," says Herbert Hoover, "eats more than is necessary." Not at all, Herb. Extra rations are necessary to assimilate the food dope coming out of Washington.

It is worth while noting as the war humps along that precious few royal hides get within range of the shrapnel. Millions go forward to death or mutilation, but royalty invariably plays safe.

Public officials of all grades secure exemption from military service under the draft law. Doubtless the authors reason that the high cost of election is all the sacrifice the nation can fairly exact.

The pressure of national problems must not cloud the fact that a modern passenger station at Omaha is a necessary architectural adjunct to an imposing, artistic bridge. Eventually, even if not now.

Irkutsk is reported to have received the Root party cordially, but more interest will be felt in its reception at Petrograd. By the way, its route is a reminder that the back door to Russia is wide open.

German socialists are represented as "furious" over France's demand for restoration of Alsace-Lorraine and reparation for ruthless invasion. The temper expressed plainly tags whose ox is getting gored.

Sporadic outbreaks of independence and separation are to be expected in Russia for awhile. Vast territory and limited sources of information tempt would-be leaders to action. The sudden and unexpected removal of the shackles evidently transfers the swelling from the limbs to the heads.

One big railroad company has announced that it will continue the insurance of all its employees who enlist. This is a sort of practical patriotism that deserves emulation. It will help the soldier on the battle front if he is assured that those he left at home will be looked after if he does not come back.

War charities in the British metropolis are huge in number and variety. The London Times carries from twenty-five to forty advertised appeals for various worthy causes. Usually all have to do with victims of the war at home and on the battle fronts. Thirty-two months of struggle made prodigious demands on public generosity and the end is not in sight.

Song On the Warpath
Philadelphia Ledger.

The War department is getting out a book of songs for our troops to sing in the trenches and on the march in France. General Bell is quoted as authority for the statement that singing shortens the weary mileage for the footsore, burdened infantryman. Every military camp has found itself sooner or later a nest of singing birds. So prone are the Italian soldiers in the Alps to "bel canto" that often they have to be warned in the face of the enemy that song, as well as the live thunder of the poet's description, leaps "from peak to peak the rattling crags among" and wakes betraying echoes. General Bridges, of the British commission, which came to this country, tells how he once had hard work to get some fatigued British stragglers out of St. Quentin, when an overwhelming force of Germans was approaching. Finally he had the inspiration (he was then a major), to procure a toy drum and a whistle, and to this music he and a trumpeter brought the men out of town singing the "British Grenadiers." The other day, addressing the training camp at Plattsburgh, General Bell said he wanted every company to have its own song. "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" has a swing to it that will put ginger and cold courage in the men of. Go to it. Sing and fight!

Canadians and Territorials marching through London on their way to the front are accustomed to lift their voices in music-hall ditties—not as a rule, those of the latest vintage, but usually the songs that have been gaining favor through several seasons. That is a striking fact about the songs the sailors sing. They are tenacious of the old and approved tunes. A modern ballad of a rhythm sufficiently taking may sweep the regiments like machine-gun fire; but for one "Tipperary" there are hundreds of modern mushroom growths that perish. The song a soldier carries in his mental kit must have a swinging simplicity of form and the sympathetic appeal of the elemental sentiment that makes the whole world kin.

June Crop Estimate Encouraging.

Crop estimates contained in the June report from the Department of Agriculture are much more optimistic in their nature than any sent out this season. The department experts now figure that the total wheat yield will exceed that of last year, although it still will be behind the five-year average. On the basis of 600,000,000 bushels for home requirements, which is admittedly liberal, the estimate shows 56,000,000 bushels free for export. When the Canadian surplus is added and due allowance for economical food administration at home is made the probabilities of meeting the European demand are appreciably brightened. Rye is to be considerably increased and barley and oats likewise show great advance over last year's crops, indicating general sowing and favorable start for these cereals, all available for food. Apples and peaches also promise to exceed in yield last season's return and other food crops are yet to be given consideration. Nothing in this must be taken as excuse for relaxation of effort to produce, but it does afford encouragement to those who have made such efforts to meet the food emergency. Give our farmers a chance and the world will not go hungry.

Emma Goldman a Modern Marvel.

Astonishing as it is that Emma Goldman should be permitted to utter her covert treason, it is even more astonishing she should have hearers. This disciple of and successor to Johann Most, apostle of free love, anarchy and disorder, has learned by experience just how far she can go in her tirades and still keep out of jail. Her less adept imitators are sure to overstep the bounds and encounter the grief that is avoided by the crafty woman. Her doctrine leads to destruction, to social and moral chaos as surely as water runs down hill. She is typical of the whole roster of "internationalists," or whatever they may call themselves, who pride of "human brotherhood" and undertake to seduce men from the path of duty. The physical safety of these men and women themselves depends utterly on the very law they so ostentatiously profess to scorn. Even Emma Goldman appealed to the New York police and scolded them for not having given her better protection from the soldiers who interrupted her meeting, while the most blatant of them never fails to run to the written constitution and the statutes of the country for his "rights" when brought to book by an outraged community.

Emma Goldman is a modern marvel, in that she has so long succeeded in evading even the mild rule of the United States. In Germany she would have been long ago suppressed as a public nuisance. Her present dupes are either unwise or selfish, whose hope to escape service will be dashed. The limit of toleration for this element of our citizenship has almost been reached.

Chinese Farmers and American Farms.

One of the proposed steps for relieving possible lack of farm labor in the United States during the war period is a removal of restrictions against the Chinese and the importation of a considerable number of farm hands from that country. In support of this is argued by one of the enthusiastic advocates that the Chinese farmer is far superior in ability to the American. This statement rests on the fact that the agriculture of China, fifty centuries old, is intensified to a degree unknown in this country, and results that would astonish our husbandmen are there commonly achieved as a matter of national preservation.

So much of the argument as rests on the ability of Chinese to successfully manage his agriculture on his own scale will be accepted at its face value. The trouble would come when he is asked to adapt his methods to farm operations of the magnitude familiar in America. The skimping of land, the crowding of crops, the attention given to individual plants or even to the separate stalks of plants, habitual with the Chinese, and possibly only because each farmer has comparatively few growing things to care for, would be ridiculous under the conditions that prevail here. It doubtless is true the farmer who has nursed his seeds and their growth so tenderly as is required in crowded China may have in the course of an hundred or more generations acquired a knowledge of plant life and habits beyond the grasp of his American compeer. But this is not all there is to farming, and the man who is accustomed to assiduously tending a procession of crops on a tract of ground the size of a half bedroom might find his experience and lore equally knocked askew were he asked to project them on the scope of a forty-acre lot, not to speak of the wide-spreading farms known in the west.

The Chinese farmer is entitled to great respect for the wonders he achieves at the expense of patience beyond Yankee ken, but it would take him too long to adjust himself to our distances, and the emergency would be over before his usefulness were developed.

Loosening Bonds on Export Trade.

One of the earliest effects of the entrance of the United States into the war is to loosen certain bonds that have restricted our export trade. Much inconvenience has been experienced by shippers because of delays in connection with regulations adopted by the belligerents, and which held up shipments, whether destined for neutral ports or otherwise. These regulations have been submitted to by American exporters with whatever patience they might summon, but now it is expected most if not all will be removed. In fact, quite a few of the most onerous have already been so modified that getting a shipment out of the country is almost as easily achieved as before the war. The fact that the United States is now as much concerned in preventing communication with the Germans as its allies will serve to guarantee the intent at least of the shipper, and thus relieve him of the additional supervision to which he has been subjected, and may operate to ensure that, barring submarine danger, goods will hereafter reach their destination. At any rate, better days are expected by those who are engaged in the foreign trade.

At last, after a ten years' struggle with private bankers, both houses of the Illinois legislature has passed a bill providing for state regulation and supervision of all banks without national charters. Selfish private bankers, organized and aggressive, defied the state administration and challenged its power to put the bill through. Leaving out of account a shameful record of public robbery under the guise of banking, the open threat of private bankers to prevent legislation constituted a challenge to honesty that could not be ignored. Honesty won.

Railroad men are inclined to raise the ante a little on the government crop reports, and they are not alone in that regard, either. Nebraska is going to be there when the returns come in from the fields and orchards next October.

The Eyes of War

By Frederic J. Hasan

Proverb for the Day.
Charity should begin at home.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Italian cabinet headed by Premier Salandra resigned. Russians forced Austrians back twenty-five miles over 100-mile front. Austrians attempted counter offensive before Tarnopol and lost 7,000 prisoners.

In Omaha Thirty Years Ago.

The following took part in the commencement program of Brownell Hall: Misses Cowdry, Kinger, Nelle Gandy, Flora Murphy, Corinne Elizabeth Hall, Eva Murphy, Corinne Thomas, Florence Murphy, Edna Underwood, Luise Burgess and May Joyce.

Madame Modjeska and her husband, Count de Bozena, attended the production of "The Naiad Queen" at the opera house.

George Canfield was around in the rain with his face a little more elongated than usual even in rainstorms. The occasion was the loss of a pocketbook containing about \$350, which he had drawn from his pocket and which was still missing.

The Life Endowment and Investment company of Waterloo, Ia., has compiled with the Nebraska insurance laws and a certificate of authority has been issued to them to transact business in the state of Nebraska. Charles H. Baker is the general agent, located at 209 South Fifteenth.

Mrs. F. Klenke was fooling with a revolver in her husband's saloon on Sixteenth and Mason when the weapon was discharged, the bullet narrowly missing her husband's head and burying itself in a fine mirror behind the bar.

Articles of incorporation were filed of the Plattsmouth Investment company, the incorporators being D. H. Goodrich, John Latenser, John Rush, Albert Dubour, W. E. Gratton and G. J. Fox.

Frank Colpetzer's house at Twenty-sixth and Douglas was struck by lightning, scaring the inmates, but not doing much damage.

This Day in History.

1741—General Joseph Warren, patriots born at Roxbury, Mass. Killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775.

1775—Patriots of Savannah seized the powder in the arsenal.

1776—Committee appointed by Congress to draw up a declaration of independence.

1782—Colonel Crawford, having been captured by the Indians, was put to death with great barbarity near Upper Sandusky, O.

1817—President Monroe, accompanied by Vice President Tompkins and General Winfield Scott, visited New York to inspect the military forces.

1822—Augustus H. Garland, United States senator from Arkansas and attorney general under Cleveland, born in Tipton county, Tennessee. Died in Washington, January 26, 1899.

1847—Death of Sir John Franklin in the Arctic region.

1863—Federals under Colonel Montgomery captured and burned Darien, Ga.

1882—Rising of Arab population against Europeans at Alexandria, Egypt; 250 Europeans killed.

1903—King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia murdered by officers of the army.

The Day We Celebrate.

Grand Duchess Tatiana, second daughter of the deposed czar of Russia, now kept prisoner with her parents, born twenty years ago today.

Marquis de Chambrun, grandson of Lafayette and member of the French war commission that recently visited Washington, born in Paris, fifty-two years ago today.

Mrs. Millicent Garrett Fawcett, president of the British National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, born sixty years ago today.

Kenyon Butterfield, president of Massachusetts Agricultural College and head of the Massachusetts committee on food production and conservation, born at Lapeer, Mich., forty-nine years ago today.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, celebrated English novelist, born at Hobart, Tasmania, sixty-six years ago today.

W. G. Dell, pitcher of the Brooklyn National league base ball team, born at Tuscarora, Nev., thirty years ago today.

Timely Jottings and Reminders.

Rev. John B. Harris, Catholic bishop of Little Rock, celebrates his silver jubilee as a priest today.

Major General Leonard Wood, United States Army, is to deliver an address today to the students of the Georgia School of Technology.

At the conclusion of the session today the supreme court of the United States will take an adjournment until October.

Delegates from every section of the country will assemble at Savannah today for the national convention of the Traversers' Protective association.

Final hearing on the recently submitted plan for reorganization of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway way is to be held today in the federal court at Chicago.

The convention of the National Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters, to be opened today at Chicago, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the war.

The Boy Scouts of America have agreed to visit 10,000,000 homes in the nation during the four days beginning today and to distribute subscription blanks in the interest of the Liberty loan.

New York City is to be the meeting place today of the annual conventions of the International Association of Masters of Chipping, the Music Publishers' association of the United States, and the National Sheet Music Dealers' association.

Rifts of gaiety penetrate the gloom of war on the other side, now and then. Guests at a London banquet heard some hot talk on the part of the German delegation.

The orators discovered that all present had been eating from plates marked: "Made in Germany." Every plate was dashed to the floor. It was a warm drive, but Germany had the price of the bacon beans.

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