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To the weather man: "Have a heart!"

Save food; save fuel; save money; thus you will help save lives that may otherwise be wasted in the war.

Chancellor von Hertling is now reported on the sick list, but his case is nothing compared to that of his imperial master.

Let us hope that Charley Wooster's estimate on the amount of seed corn in the state is nearer right than some of his other statements.

That Fremont conference must have been more of a success than its promoters anticipated, else why should Mr. Hitchbranch be so worried?

Secretary Lansing's man at Buenos Aires appears to have been right on the job. At least he made a cleanup of the kaiser's representatives.

Employees of the Union stock yards may feel they have a grievance, but they should remember that a strike there just now helps Germany more than it does them.

Health reports from Camp Funston are most encouraging and should bring something of comfort to a lot of home folks who have been worried about conditions down there.

"Soft drink" places are coming in for a little sadly needed regulation. Too much liberty has been accepted as license by some and the result is that all are likely to suffer because of the misconduct of a few.

Charley Pool is some fixer all right. He says the soldier vote can be collected by the simple expedient of appointing enough deputy commissioners. This plan will give ample employment for a lot of deserving democrats.

Score one for the marine corps. It was ready when the war broke out and has been ready ever since for any sort of duty. Moreover, its commanding officer has no difficulty in equipping his men with machine guns. This record ought to be posted in every army office in Washington as a reminder of what might have been.

Desperate acts on part of the Bolshevik leaders suggest that they also realize their rule is nearing its end. It was a sorry day for the Russian people when this crowd of smooth-spoken irresponsibles got the upper hand. Restoration of order and responsible government will come, but it is bound to be delayed because of the harm done by Lenin and Trotsky.

Major Gardner's Service.

Augustus P. Gardner resigned a seat in congress, where he represented a Massachusetts district, to accept a commission in the army. He declined the rank of colonel to take one as major in order that he might sooner reach the fighting front.

Stock Raisers and the Public.

President Hagenbarth of the National Wool Growers' association is credited with an astonishing statement at Salt Lake City. According to the news reports, he has advocated a more extravagant use of beef and mutton, because, he says, herds and flocks are increasing and it is too much to ask the live stock raisers to carry the burden.

For years the price of meats to the consumer has been steadily advancing and even during peace times we were urged to save because of the diminishing supply. Since the war commenced the drain on our resources has been tremendously increased, while prices have gone up to record heights. In the meantime a hungry world has turned to all sorts of strange foods, seeking a substitute for the beef and mutton to which it is accustomed.

Mr. Hagenbarth represents the sheep men, whose industry has been one of the most profitable during the last year. Wool that sold around 15 cents in January, 1914, is now selling around 80 cents and the call is for more wool than can be produced.

It is difficult to conceive that such an attitude can be assumed by anybody in America, where the efforts of all patriotic citizens are in the other direction. It is to be hoped that the stockmen in session at Salt Lake City will not be shortsighted enough to adopt the policy suggested by the president of the wool growers.

Extending the Selective Draft.

The bill to include in the operations of the selective draft law young men attaining their majority since the law was enacted is wise. It has been introduced by Senator Chamberlain at request of the War department and its early passage will do away with much that might otherwise have stood as an injustice.

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First Year of War in United States Broad International Business Recession from 1916

New York Journal of Commerce

When it witnessed our formal participation in the greatest of world's wars, the year 1917 at the same time saw the entrance of our country into the foremost rank of the great nations of the world.

Prices of securities have fallen with such violence as to merit surprise that financial failures on a comprehensive scale - institutional as well as private capitalists - have not been forced into conceded insolvency.

The year 1916 was one of accumulation of new wealth. In numerous ways 1917 was one of corresponding distribution. Before our entrance as a participant we were among the chief beneficiaries of the war.

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There has also been much misunderstanding as to what constitutes an enemy alien. Place of residence or business is the true test of enemy character, and not nationality or citizenship. A subject of Germany who resides in the United States and obeys its laws may continue in the possession of his property and in business, even though he has not declared his intention of becoming an American citizen.

Thus intensifying the activity and prosperity. Even some of our government officials came forward with specious arguments of this character. But it did not take long for the real conditions to assert themselves.

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Taking Over Alien Wealth in America

How German and Austrian Property Will Be Cared For

By FREDERICK J. HASKIN. Washington, Jan. 9.—In the Washington office of Mr. A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, 10,500 reports of enemy property holdings in this country have already been filed, and are now believed to have a total value of nearly \$1,000,000,000.

Almost daily unexpected holdings of enemy property are coming to light. Information was recently received at the custodian's office that a certain wealthy German living in Germany owns, within eight miles of the city of Alexandria, Va., much property of the city of Alexandria, Va.

For the ferreting out of holdings that are deliberately concealed the custodian has at his disposal an elaborate machinery. His own investigative department is headed by Francis P. Garvan, whose reputation for getting to the bottom of things was established when he was an assistant district attorney in New York.

The Bee's Letter Box

How to Save Coal. Omaha, Jan. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: I am surprised at the lack of prominence given article by "Loyal Citizen" in Saturday's Bee in regard to saving coal.

Scold Corn in Nebraska. Silver Creek, Neb., Jan. 13.—To the Editor of The Bee: On the evening of January 10 at the late Farmers' Union state convention held in the auditorium at Lincoln, with a view to getting a line on the seed corn situation in Nebraska, at my request I was granted about five minutes time in which to present the matter and to get a showing of hands in answer to questions.

When it is considered that there were present at that time upwards of 700 delegates coming from all over the state, each a practical farmer and each representing a separate locality, I think all should agree with me that that showing should be taken as a fair index of the seed-corn situation in the state.

Lines to a Laugh. "I don't like the taste of this lip rouge you are using." "The taste of your plug out is no treat to me either," retorted his better half.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Indignant Wife—What on earth do you do to your clothes to keep me sewing on buttons this way? Apologetic Husband—I don't know, my dear. I merely touch the button—I can't imagine what does the rest.—Baltimore American.

Belle—So your sister is engaged to be married? Beulah—Yes, she is. And the man she expects to marry is well known in all the town.—Youkers State Journal.

fair index of the seed-corn situation in the state. The article is a profit as well as to spare. The corollary proposition alone would indicate that we had over 700 carloads of surplus seed corn to every 10,000 farmers. If we had as many as 100,000 farmers, it would still appear that we have enough seed corn for Nebraska farmers and much for those of neighboring states.

Now we are going without meat and wheat two days each week in order to save coal for the government, and are suffering many other inconveniences and privations, without a murmur to assist the government, and I would like for you to ascertain who and by what authority any one is using the government mails to send the advertising matter of and for books at the government expense, and if one concern has a right to have the government carry its advertising matter free through the mails, why every advertising concern has not the same right.

Benson & Thorn The Store of Individual Shops Great January Clearance SALE OF Women's Coats, Dresses, Blouses, etc.

NOW is when you need a Piano most. These are times when no home should be without a piano. Music is restful - cheering - a solace for keyed-up nerves and anxious hearts.

TODAY

One Year Ago Today in the War: Anglo-French military council met in London. Crown council of Greece decided to accept allied demands without reserve. Switzerland called out 20,000 more troops as a measure of precaution.

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With State Editors

Shop shooting sticks proved too tame for Major R. G. Douglas, former boss of the Osceola Record. The major is taking his third lesson in active respect for the kaiser.

Peppery Points

Minneapolis Journal: The end of the war may beat the income tax blinks to it yet. Washington Post: It is somewhat difficult to tell which has undergone the greater depreciation in Germany - the mark or the truth.

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