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Crystallize the Will to Win.
Events are moving rapidly in the war just now and with the danger that may be read aright by our people. The campaign is at its critical stage, with the European combatants weary of fighting and eager for peace.

Claim Agents Camped at Washington
Government Determined to Cut Out the Leeches

Washington Letter in Boston Transcript.
Dependents of soldiers who give their lives to their country should beware of claim agents who have established their headquarters in Washington and who argue that beneficiaries under the war risk insurance act need their expert services.

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This is a typical letter being sent out from Washington. Two facts should be emphasized, one that the agent makes no mention whatsoever of the sum to be charged for the services rendered, and second, the statement that no agent of the government can assist the claimant. There is nothing to prevent agents from sending such letters to the next of kin of those who lose their lives fighting for their country; in fact, it seems to be legalized by the act itself.

The practical working of the case is this: Claim agents in Washington are watching announcements of soldiers' deaths. There have already been instances where even before the family of a soldier had received word of his death, they have received a printed form from a claim agent. Upon the establishment of a claim, payment is made over a period of 240 months or 20 years.

Teaching German in American Schools

According to statistics recently compiled by the bureau of education of the Department of the Interior, after numerous inquiries had been sent to the superintendents of many of the elementary schools in the United States, there are only 19 cities out of 163 of 25,000 population or over reporting to the department of education that teach foreign languages below the seventh grade.

Nebraska's Weather Record for 1917

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The weather in Nebraska for the year 1917, as shown by the state averages, was cold and dry, with an excess of sunshine and a slight deficiency in cloudiness, relative humidity and wind velocity. The deficiency in temperature for the crop season was large. There was a slight excess in July and September, but the other months were cold.

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March 1 has been fixed as the time for commencing a nation-wide campaign to raise funds for the Red Star, the animal relief work under the direction of the National Humane Society. This is quite as much of the humane work in connection with war as is the Red Cross.

Again the Grade Crossing

Council Bluffs has just contributed another victim to the unprotected grade crossing. The list of those whose lives have gone out as a result of this failure to guard against an ever present danger would be a shocking display were it presented collectively. But no good can be served by calling that roll nor does it seem that anything is to be gained by directing attention of the authorities to the situation from time to time.

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The Bee's Letter Box
Purity at the Theaters.
Council Bluffs, Feb. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: The young Catholic soldier's protest against the immorality of some theatrical amusements is to echo the protest that I have often wanted to cry out against this custom.

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hungry youngsters "Dreamland" is at that its name implies.
What is the Society for the Betterment of Boys and Girls giving them to take its place?
A FRIEND OF GIRLS.

Said in Fun.
This I hear you boy in college is opposed to the draft.
Jenks—Well, he did say it would be harder if I sent him the cash—Judge.

"Hindenburg's Dream."
Ho! Ho! quoth Hindenburg, how happy I'll be when once I set foot in old gay Paris; For this great victory, Oh, how I thirst— But I shall be there on April the first.

Easy to Make This Pine Cough Remedy
Thousands of families aware by its prompt results. Inexpensive, and saves about \$2.
You know that pine is used in nearly all prescriptions and remedies for coughs. The reason is that pine contains a peculiar element that has a remarkable effect in soothing and healing the membranes of the throat and chest. Pine is famous for this purpose.

They Are Getting The Habit
Says W. S. Wright, Well-Known Jobber.
"The war will not last forever," said W. S. Wright, Vice-President of the Omaha Loan and Building Association and member of the firm of Wright, Wilhelm Co., "and when it is over the people will have learned to save their money. Uncle Sam is teaching them how to save their pennies and their dimes, and is paying them a higher interest rate than he ever paid before—almost as much as our Association pays. Never in the history of the nation has it ever engaged in a campaign of education to such an extent as it is doing these days. Locally we have been working in the same cause for many years and have taught thousands to invest their dimes and their dollars in our shares. All this work is bearing fruit. We have opened hundreds of new accounts during the last year—more than ever before. We are feeling some of the good effects of the general propaganda work. Many of those who buy liberty bonds and war savings stamps at our office also buy our shares. They are getting the savings habit."

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TODAY
One Year Ago Today in the War.
The German ambassador, Von Bernstorff, left Washington enroute for home.
Norway, Sweden and Denmark presented an identical note to Germany, refusing to recognize the submarine blockade as legal.
The Day We Celebrate.
Victor Rosewater, editor of The Bee, born in Omaha 1871.
Bridgier General James Allen, United States army, retired, born at LaPorte, Ind., 69 years ago.
Joseph C. Lincoln, writer of Cape Cod stories, born at Brewster, Mass., 48 years ago.
Hal Chase, first baseman, born at Los Gatos, Cal., 35 years ago.
Edward C. Foster, third baseman, Washington team, born in Chicago, 10 years ago.
This Day in History.
1778—First recognition of an American flag by a foreign government took place in the harbor of Quiberon, France.
1822—James B. Beck, United States senator from Kentucky, born in Scotland. Died in Washington, D. C., May 1, 1890.
1891—General Weyler, as captain-general, proclaimed martial law in Madrid.
1916—Austin reported a defeat of the Russians north of Vietri.
1916—Austrian aeroplanes raided cities across Italian frontier, killing 14 and wounding many.

Just 30 Years Ago Today
A pleasant entertainment was given at the Paxton, the occasion being a dinner party under the auspices of Juan Boyle and his accomplished wife of Kearney. The dinner was in honor of General and Miss Wheaton.
The new ice company is filling its ice houses in the readiness for the summer campaign. The Union Pacific is handling about 20 cars per day.
The united assemblies are just now proposing to hold a joint ball, the proceeds to be applied to the building fund. Delegates from nine assemblies of the Knights of Labor met at Julius Meyer's room, corner Twelfth and Farnam streets and committees for the various duties in carrying out the arrangements were appointed.
Superintendent Bruner has established a new school district. It lies just west of the southwestern limits of the city and is a portion of district No. 6. It will be known as district 55. C. C. Belden of Thompson, Belden & Co. left for New York City on a purchasing tour.



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"March me round again, mother"
A piano in your home means enduring enjoyment for all—the youngsters included. Every day you postpone your purchase, you deprive your family of a great happiness. Why delay longer?
\$300 THE HOSPE PIANO costs only \$300. You may pay as little as fifteen dollars down, ten dollars a month.
A. HOSPE CO.
1513 Douglas St.
The Hospe Player Piano for \$475—Pay for it in thirty months