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Medicine Hat is going to upset our spring plans again.

Did the stuff you canned and dried and preserved last summer keep well?

This softening weather is another call to mobilize the plows and harrows of the corn belt.

Turkey is going after Armenia again, another of the concrete results achieved by the Trotsky triumph in Russia.

The cook who told General Pershing he wanted more green stuff can find a lot of company in the home land these days.

A German alien named Grady has asked for registry in Nebraska. Marshal Flynn balks at the name, but agrees to let it pass.

Colonel George Harvey says the spies should be shot, but asks if anyone can picture Newton D. Baker in the act of signing a death warrant.

Germany is trying out a "super" gas on the Americans in the front line trenches, with about as good effect as it had with its "superman" stuff.

Haig will have to start something pretty soon if he does not want the clamor of the critics at home to drown out the noise of the guns on the battle line.

Formulation of a definite program for labor during the war is a trifle late in starting and the sooner it is announced the better it will be for everybody.

The enemy is reported to have tapped American telephone wires at the front, but it is a safe conjecture that what the listeners heard did not encourage them any.

John Masfield says almost anything may come out of Russia. No reason to dispute this, for everything but order has come out of that distracted region within the last year.

Bolesivism seems to have done its perfect work in Russia. Starvation now threatens the mass who sought to reverse all human experience and may force a revival of orderly government and industry.

Closing dance halls is not the way to achieve social reform, according to a Chicago expert amongst us. We do not know what Chicago tried, but hope nothing will be done to bring Omaha to the condition of the Windy City.

Money for Good Roads. State Engineer Johnson's compilation of money to be expended in Nebraska in connection with the national good roads campaign is most encouraging.

Use the Substitutes. Many housewives have wondered what to do with the substitutes sold them along with their purchases of wheat flour.

The tale was told of the canny Scotchman who said, as he was going to buy war bonds, he thought he might as get in on the Tan Bank start.

Chicago is slowly waking up to the necessity of checking the crime wave. Various civic and religious bodies are prodding the police and pressing for greater energy in running down the highwaymen, safe crackers and crooks of minor grade operating boldly in the city.

Chicago experts differ much on the quantity of whisky in stock in town. The quantity in bond is deemed enough for two years, unless the demands of neighboring dry belts exceed expectation.

The battle against gas price reduction in Chicago, begun in 1911, moves with snail-pace through the courts. The present or temporary rate is 80 cents per thousand cubic feet.

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Labor's Responsibility in War. Two notable declarations addressed to labor, but holding also a message for everybody, have just been given to the public.

No body of men has the moral right in the present circumstances of the nation to strike until every method of adjustment has been tried to the limit.

Of the correctness of the president's conclusions in this matter there can be no doubt. One of the great principles involved in this war, and for which we as a nation most zealously contend, is the peaceful adjustment of all the international differences.

Samuel Gompers and his associates, who speak for organized labor of America, present a brief that should be pondered carefully by every citizen.

In these two statements is contained the call to capital and labor alike, to employers and employed, to give over individual ambitions or desires and get together for the war.

"Black Jack" and "the Boys." "Whoever saw a commanding general walking among the men?" inquired a private, skeptical of the information given him that the man with four stars on his collar was Pershing.

"The hope of the bolsheviks for a speedy revolution in Germany is an insane delusion," according to Vorwaerts, the organ from which the socialists of the world took their tune a few years ago.

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Long-Planned War on United States

"There is No God But Power and Prussia is Its Prophet!"

Prof. Albion W. Small, Chicago University.

In the summer of 1903 I was in Germany on business which gave me occasion to sample the opinions about our country of more different classes of Germans than I had ever interviewed before.

Up to that time I had firmly believed in the pacific intentions of Germany. I had regarded the pan-German agitation as a joke. I had interpreted the familiar grandiose utterances of kaiser, and professor, and editor, and Reichstag orator as the harmless word painting of an imaginative people who delight in setting national commonplaces in a heroic light.

On my return to Chicago I reported my experience in a newspaper interview, with the conclusion that we Americans would be living in a fool's paradise until we provided ourselves with a navy so strong that, even if

the creed which I had heard should proselyte all Germany, it would be too unsafe to follow it into practice. For two or three weeks following publication of the interview, at a signal from Consul Weaver of Chicago—one of the most efficient promoters of German interests in the United States—the German language press of America and not a few publications in English bristled with abuse of the ignorant American tourist who had insulted Germany by drawing such an inference from such data.

Up to the present hour the Germans have pursued the same policy of denying the significance of any and every fact which tended to fix on them the stigma of militarism in general or responsibility for the present war in particular.

We have always had a few men in American politics who waxed great in their own eyes by declamation of the manifest destiny of the United States to be "bounded on the north by the Aurora Borealis, on the south by the Southern Cross, on the east by the Pacific, and on the west by the Rocky Mountains."

Several native Americans have more or weightier reasons for gratitude to Germany than I have been accumulating for nearly 40 years. None can be more willing in every possible way to acknowledge the debt which can never be discharged.

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Gold Pours Into Tank Banks

London Letter in New York Times.

Perhaps taking the hint from the recruiting "battleship" in Union square, the British government has been with extraordinary success turning an engine of war to novel uses in raising money for national purposes.

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would roll along through the streets to fetch the check. This it had to do several times, and so the crowds in the busiest thoroughfares had the saving idea brought before them. Meanwhile in Trafalgar square itself the scene was a nearer approach to that of an old time country fair than London had seen for many a day.

Since then the great industrial cities of England have been visited and at the date of writing the amount collected has been not far short of \$100,000,000. This has been achieved partly by appealing to the local rivalry, which is so large a feature in the life of the English provinces.

The first week the Tank Bank was doing business it took in not much under \$1,600,000, but the second week it captured over \$15,500,000, and it had by this time so thoroughly established its power as a money maker that it was determined to send it on a provincial tour.

Some of the more important totals yet recorded are: Manchester, \$22,250,000; Birmingham, \$21,500,000; Bradford, \$9,600,000; Newcastle, \$9,000,000, and Southampton \$360,000.

Still more important, however, are the sums enticed from the hiding places of the less wealthy classes. The government, for sound financial reasons, would rather have the saver of \$2,500 invest it in the war loan than leave it in the savings bank, and there are still hoards of golden sovereigns tucked away in the proverbial stocking in the more remote districts that are doing no good to anybody.

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The Bee's Letter Box

For a Home Rule Charter.

Omaha, Feb. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: At the April primaries there is to be submitted to the voters of Omaha the question of calling a home rule charter convention.

I am interested in having Omaha come under the home rule provision of the state constitution. I know what a difficulty we must face every two years to grant to ourselves the legislature to grant to us needed legislation.

The former attempt to adopt a home rule charter was defeated because the charter convention introduced much new matter on which the people of the city were divided.

Stuart, Neb., Feb. 16.—To the Editor of The Bee: I saw in the Letter Box of The Bee dated February 11 an article written by V. A. Bradshaw of Geneva, Neb., urging us to write to our congressmen to have the federal law prohibiting spring shooting repealed in this state, setting forth in his argument that it is a good method to use in conservation of meat.

It is the best law ever enacted for the conservation of meat. Why, our food administrator has just passed a ruling forbidding us to kill any of our domestic hens this time of the year.

Deshler, Neb., Feb. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: Some years ago our great state of Nebraska says we can pursue and kill for our personal use said above birds up to April 1. Each spring I am begging you for advice—not for myself alone, but many others who do not want to do anything to engross our great nation.

Law Still in Effect. Deshler, Neb., Feb. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: Some years ago our great state of Nebraska says we can pursue and kill for our personal use said above birds up to April 1.

SMILING LINES. Tommy—This American fellow does not appear to be at all moved by the slaughter in the trenches.

Wife—How did Mr. Bilkins manage to pass that examination which you failed in? Husband—Bilkins took his two little boys with him and the boys coughed. They had only left school a few weeks.—Pearson's.

Agent—This vacuum bottle will keep anything hot or cold for seventy-two hours. Mr. Tipples—Don't want it. If I have anything worth drinking I don't want to keep it seventy-two hours.—Boston Transcript.

Winnie couldn't get her doll to sit up as she wanted it and after many vain attempts she banged it down, exclaiming: "Oh, I wish I belonged to a family that treated!"—San Francisco Chronicle.

"The labor shortage has given my nephew some new views on life." "Rub?" "He thought everything went by pull. But the other day he went out and got a job as street sweeper on his own merits, something he hadn't thought it possible to do."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"How does your boy like life in the army?" "Not particularly well. He says he's been in it six weeks now and hasn't been ordered to do something glorious."—Detroit Free Press.

Mr. Styles—My dinner coat needs a button, Julia. Please attend to it today. Mrs. Styles—But I can't tell your dinner coat from your breakfast jacket, dear. "Why, the breakfast jacket has eggs on it and the dinner coat gray."—Yonkers Statesman.

THE FLAG. Stars of white in a field of blue. Bars of white and red. Symbolic of our country.

Stars of white and bars of red. Stars in a field of blue. Do you know what it has done? Our people are reasonably united in support of the charter that we have.

Stars of white in a field of blue. Bars of white and red. In conflict will it enter. When only for the right: In the midst of combat, Surrender in battle—'Never!'—Omaha BELLGIVOR.

BALLAD OF THE UNSUCCESSFUL. We are the toilers from who God barred The gifts that are good to hold. We meant full well and we tried full hard, And our families were mantled.

We are the sinners, too, whose lust Conquered the higher claims; We sat us prone in the common dust And played at the devil's games.

A mighty army our full ranks make. We shake the graves for we go; The sudden stroke and the slow breakthrough They both have brought us low.

Itching Eczema CAUSED AGONY. Burning Intense. Face Disfigured. In Five Weeks Cuticura Completely Healed.

"I was troubled with eczema which started in a mild pimply form. It grew worse until my body, head and face were a mass of sore eruptions. The itching and burning was so intense that I irritated it by scratching, until my clothing aggravated the eruption. I suffered untold agony and my face was disfigured."

"A friend told me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and I began to use them. In five weeks I was completely healed." (Signed) F. M. Twissam, 316 S. Second St., Columbus, O.

Cuticura Soap cleanses and purifies and the Ointment soothes and heals. Sample Each Free by Mail. Address post-card: "Cuticura," Dept. B, Boston. Sold everywhere. Soap 25c. Ointment 25 and 50c.

TODAY One Year Ago Today in the War. American Red Cross issued an appeal for 1,000,000 new members.

Just 30 Years Ago Today The recent warm spell has started the geese north. A dispatch received from Jacksonville, Fla., tells of the arrival there

Around the Cities Chicago is slowly waking up to the necessity of checking the crime wave. Various civic and religious bodies are prodding the police and pressing for greater energy in running down the highwaymen, safe crackers and crooks of minor grade operating boldly in the city.

State Press Comments Hastings Tribune: Men don't smile as much in Nebraska as they did before the first day of last May.

Speedways of Communication The million and a half miles of wire in the Western Union System are the speedways of communication open day and night.