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"Over there" they are calling to us for food. Keep this in mind.

"Clean up day" is set some time ahead, but that is no reason you can not begin at once.

To quote "Pudd'nhead Wilson," "this is the day on which we are reminded of what we are on the other 364."

Jerry Howard says the legislators have drawn every cent that is coming to them, and he might have added that some got all they were worth.

Probably, when the pressure on the cables lets up a little, we will get some further word of how the Armenians fared when the Turk occupied that country.

French soldiers are fighting the most wonderful fight of all time, and doing it on short rations because Americans did not make good on the promise to furnish them food.

The kaiser has promoted the crown prince for his "gallantry" in the present great battle. This probably being the reward promised him at Verdun, a pleasure long postponed, so to speak.

Expulsion of La Follette from the senate might please a majority of the people of the United States, but the removal of a few German spies from munition plants will be much more to the point.

John M. Parker of Louisiana, who played stalking-horse for the democrats in 1916 as Bull Moose candidate for vice president, announces his return to the democratic party because of "attacks by republican senators on President Wilson's administration."

What about attacks on President Wilson's administration by democratic senators? As if Parker was ever anything but a dyed-in-the-wool southern democrat!

The slow-moving processes of legislation are gradually reaching a point where we shall know if the War department's request for more men is to be granted; in the meantime the waiting public will be pleased to know that military legislation is being laid aside while treaties with China and similarly important measures are getting consideration.

Some day even congress may wake up to the fact that the country is involved in a regular man-sized war.

Universal Military Training. Rejecting the new amendment to the joint resolution extending the selective draft law, the senate has put over the question of universal military training to another day.

Some of the excuses offered by senators voting against the amendment must be considered as pretexts rather than reasons. The alternative to this is that the senators have little faith in the character of the American people, and do not want to trust them with a knowledge of self-defense.

These have learned but little from the experiences of this country. Devotion to the ideals of peace have not saved us from war. Again and again we have been called upon to defend ourselves from encroachment or threatened oppression, and whatever our hope for the future may be, back of it must lie the danger of war.

To be ready to defend our rights and our institutions does not require that we abandon any of our lofty conceptions of national destiny, but should rather tend to strengthen us in our devotion to the purposes of our government. The danger of a military caste in this country is so remote it may be dismissed without consideration.

The dangers of pacifism are far more real. Little harm can result from having the manhood of our country instructed in the art on which we finally must rely for safety, while much danger resides in unreadiness. This means that some form of universal military training finally will be adopted in America.

TO RATIFY OR NOT TO RATIFY.

It is already established by the preliminary voters that the resolution ratifying the national prohibition amendment will go through the house almost unanimously despite its exclusion from the subjects in the extra session call.

For our own part, we believe the question of ratification now has been given altogether undue importance by those urging it. The amendment can not possibly command the approval of the necessary thirty-six states for a year or two at the soonest, and it is not material whether Nebraska is listed as the eleventh state or the twenty-first state.

Under such circumstances no one need be disturbed or excited whether the extra session ratifies or refuses to ratify. It is, to use a lawyer's phrase, almost "irrelevant and immaterial."

Denominationalism and the Soldiers.

One of the singular debates now in progress among the religious papers of the country has to do with the question of which sect predominates in the American army.

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Here is something for the sectaries to ruminate on, something of vastly more importance to the church universal than an enumeration and classification of votaries in the service.

Death knows neither creed nor dogma, nor rubric nor ritual. The battle chants one magnificent litany, and soldiers who brave that song and live to tell of it will waste little time in undertaking to differentiate between claims of rival sects.

Government's Labor Program.

The program that has been submitted for control of labor during the war period contains some provisions that seem essentially sound. First of these is that labor agrees not to engage in any strike until after a mediation board has inquired into the grievance complained of.

Senator Williams is right when he says he is pro-American in this war, and knows no party. So say we all of us. But the senator ought to labor with some of his associates, who evidently are under the impression that this is a little private war, carried on under the auspices and direction of the democratic party.

Some excitable persons are worried for fear not enough "pep" is going into the spring garden drive. They should be patient; just wait until the time comes to start, which is near at hand. Then see the dirt fly before spade and hoe.

Nursery of Alien Disloyalty
German-American Alliance Revealed in Its True Colors

Prof. Max F. Meyer, University of Missouri, in Kansas City Star.

Congress is considering an act whose purpose is the destruction of the German-American alliance. The representatives of this society plead for its preservation on two main grounds: first, that it has never done anything prohibited by the constitution of the United States; second, that it is a society with patriotic aims.

Let me take up the second plea first. Being of German birth and education, I adopted, after due deliberation, the United States as my country. Ever since then I have regarded it as my highest patriotic duty.

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My humble view is that he is a true patriot who loves his country so that he would even renounce his constitutional rights if he could not otherwise preserve his country.

Granted that the majority of its members entered the German-American National alliance for perfectly desirable purposes. Granted further that the national society never did anything prohibited by the constitution of the United States.

Granted that it is a society with abstract patriotic aims, have the concrete activities of its branches demonstrated that it is a patriotic society? No one can answer this question in the affirmative without smiling.

If the honest and patriotic members of this society have more power than their leaders, they will by their own initiative dissolve the society and thus free themselves from their unpatriotic leaders.

"We Have Just Begun to Fight"
Colonel Henry Watterson Sounds the Slogan of the Nation

Louisville Courier-Journal.

If you are given to nervousness when you open your morning paper to the headlines of the war news; if the color of the news columns and reports of military successes exhilarate you with the conviction that the kaiser is at the end of his rope and the rope is already being noosed around his neck;

No one knows this better than the kaiser and his general staff, and in that knowledge lies one of the reasons of the present drive against Haig. For the kaiser and his general staff no longer underestimate to the extent that they formerly did the part which America will be able to take in this war.

There is no longer any doubt that the present movement of the Teutons is their master movement of the war; that they are risking their all on its success. They are making it in the consciousness that they can make it now better than later; that they are at the crest of their power, and that every day they may delay exerting that power to the advantage of their enemies.

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People and Events

Spades and hoes are weapons for home guards. Shoulder arms and dig in!

Preliminary figures indicate a budget of \$77,202,000 for the Empire state for 1918. Department job bosses want \$98,000,000, but the legislative financiers think the smaller sum represents all the fat that may safely be extracted at this time.

A New York magistrate laid down the dictum for the benefit of chronic offenders that street cars have the right of way on their own tracks and that auto drivers must keep off. This deliverance somewhat jars the autoist notion of road ownership.

A special court for the trial of auto thieves has started business in Chicago. The special object in view is speed and more speed on the road to Joliet. No matter what clip justice may strike on this highway, few complaints of breaking the speed limit are likely to come from gasoline society.

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The Bee's Letter Box
Talking of Patriotism. Omaha, March 29.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: It would sound a little more consistent for Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi to talk of non-partisanship in politics until the world war is at an end, if he did come from a state where the most intolerable conditions politically have existed for many years.

Recreation Centers. Omaha, March 29.—To the Editor of The Bee: My attention has been directed to an advertisement of a candidate for city commissioner who favors the establishment of "social centers and places of recreation for the young people in winter, as well as in summer."

Wants Boycott on German Goods. Troy, N. Y., March 25.—The Editor of The Bee: Organizations like our Chamber of Commerce are considering the advisability of discriminating against German manufacturers, some favoring such action, others opposing the same.

LET'S LAUGH AWHILE. "How much for an operation, doctor?" "Five hundred dollars." "Does that include the war tax?"—Judge.

"Just a woman wants to be divorced because her husband is too perfect." "Well, do you suppose any woman could be happy in the greatest of them?"—Baltimore American.

"What's all that about the Argonauts and the golden fleece?" "Just a little flowery stuff as a starter. The senator is discussing the wool schedule."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Don't you love our song, 'The Star Spangled Banner'?" "I do," replied Senator Boraham. "Then why don't you join the chorus?" "My friend, the way for me to show real affection for the greatest of them is to try to sing it."—Washington Star.

"Why don't you accept him if he has offered to have his life insured in your favor?" "Because if he was a good risk for the insurance company, he'd be a bad one for me."—Boston Transcript.

SPORT OF KILLING MEN. Don C. Seitz, in Leslie's. Far off in France the smoke clouds rise. As the cannons thunder when we go for the greatest of them.—In the sport of killing men.

Here is no place for gentle thoughts. No room for humane things. But blood and blows and sudden death.—The trump cards of the Kings.

Deal out to us who bear our share. In the middle of right and wrong. Yet thrill with joy at the battle cry. Though few against the strong!

With sword and song we join the host. Thin-spined in the fighting rank. To lend a hand in the desperate work. And follow the clanking tanks!

Across the fields where flowers grow. And lowing kine once fed. With steel and flame we do our bit. To multiply the dead!

The dead alone who count in war. As stakes in the royal play. Once men like us with hearts and souls. Now spurned and cast away!

So face the game with the best to match. As the cannons thunder when we charge and fall at the trumpet's call. In the sport of killing men!

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ODAY
One Year Ago Today in the War. British captured Savy Wood, three miles from St. Quentin, after fierce fighting.

The Day We Celebrate. Fremont C. Craig, accountant with the Union Pacific railroad, born 1862.

This Day in History. 1871—Reign of Terror in Paris, with city in hands of communists. 1872—White Star liner Atlantic wrecked off coast of Nova Scotia, with loss of more than 500 lives.

Just 30 Years Ago Today
Miss Minnie Collette and Miss Ines M. Haskell returned from the east. The two busiest men in the city today are the city clerk and the treasurer as 150 saloonkeepers have up their licenses.

When will Russia come back? Herman Bernstein, Petrograd correspondent of the New York Herald, answers the question in these words: "A century of creative work of all elements can hardly restore Russia's greatness."

Cyril Brown, American correspondent writing from Stockholm, says the birth rate in Germany decreased one percent in three years. Besides killing of stock on hand, war necessarily wrecks the future supply of cannon fodder.

"Over There"
When will Russia come back? Herman Bernstein, Petrograd correspondent of the New York Herald, answers the question in these words: "A century of creative work of all elements can hardly restore Russia's greatness."

Emulating the Chicago German who had to celebrate or bust, one Mrs. Frances Pegren of West Frankfort, Ill., cheered lustily for the "Hunk victory" last Monday, and slapped an American who objected. The latter retorted with a clinched fist which jarred a few teeth. Besides the cavity Mrs. Pegren was fined \$210 and given a joy ride on a rail. All these were local courtesies. Uncle Sam now plans to pay his respects.

Round About the State
Hope of winning a hero medal abounds in Fremont. "When they pass around the war decorations," says the Tribune, "the Fremont men who ate horse meat to help conserve the food of the nation shall not be forgotten."

Right to the Point
Louisville Courier-Journal: As a matter of course and as a matter of policy, Berlin will do quite as much boasting as fighting while the drive is on.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The United States and its associates cannot be thrown into hysterics at this stage of the war.

Washington Post: Anyhow, the 62,000 noncombatant officers in Washington are to have a fine contingent of "yes yes" boys to listen to Secretary Baker's remarks when he comes back.